# Liturgy Schedule

## Chapel

**Monday, May 13**
8:00am - Betty Kirsch - Bob & Jean Hutman
**Tuesday, May 14**
8:00am - James & LaRue Harris - Harris Family
**Thursday, May 16**
8:00am - Tammy Kazmierczak - Family
**Friday, May 17**
8:00am - Carl Seabold - Family

## Church

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**
**Saturday, May 18**
*3:30pm - Confessions*
4:30pm - Jim, Hilda & Gazella Quinn - Family
**Sunday, May 19**
8:30am - Lily Lawlor - Rick & Sue Wiedenmannott
11:00am - Steve Fialkowski - Family

**Pray for the Sick:** *David Blackburn, Herb Kuepfer, Jose' Magiste, Sandy Vasbinder, Leon Denomme, Pam Jenkins, Jim Hempfling, David Myers, Kathy Borowy, Shirley Livchak, Jerry & Lee Severns, Tami Lynsky, Jeanne Kowalski, Bille Updegrove, Robert Falatic, Al Machovina, Rick Spinks, Jim & Pat Wracker, Kathy Buckland, Don Gates, Ken Schroeder, Betty Stillwell, Bill Hempel, Shayne Reisinger, June Jacob, Judy Klingshirn, Tony Frantz, Dianne Nimtz, Dennis Frabotta, Angela Wrege, Renee Swanson, Wanita Grondin and Dan McDonnell .*

Please call the Parish Office 440-926-2364, or email us at ***info@olgpgrafton.org*** to have a name of a friend or relative included in this list.

## *Wedding Banns*

*II - Thomas Hobbs & Shelby Hemminger*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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| Monday: | Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10 |
| Tuesday: | Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17 |
| Wednesday: | Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50 |
| Thursday: | Acts 13:13-25: Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20 |
| Friday: | Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6 |
| Saturday: | Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14 |
| Sunday: | Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35 |

**MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING**

Loving God,
as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children,
so you watch over your Church.
Bless our mothers,
that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers.
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honor them always
with a spirit of profound respect.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**GRADUATION MASS:** We will be recognizing all the graduating High School and College students at the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, June 2nd. Please call the parish office if you will be attending. Graduates are encouraged to wear their cap and gown for the Mass.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

The reception of Holy Communion at Sunday Mass is such an expected feature of the Mass these days that it is surprising to realize that for many centuries, receiving Communion was a relatively rare event in the life of a faithful Christian. "Easter duty" means that Catholics must celebrate reconciliation if aware of serious sin, and receive Holy Communion during the Easter season. For a while, this was a requirement of Easter week, and later extended to the whole season of fifty days, and even beyond that by a few weeks. For the majority of people long ago, this meant Communion was a once-a-year moment. A rather complex bureaucracy grew up around this rule in the Middle Ages. Amazingly, people received a kind of token at confession admitting them to Communion in their home parish, which then kept careful records and reported them to the bishop.

Surviving records can tell us a great deal about our ancestors. In fact, people were encouraged to journey to the church of their baptism in order to fulfill their duty, and therefore the Easter duty includes in its origins a grateful pilgrimage to the font in which you were first embraced by Christ. If your "Holy Mother Church" is within a drive, why not make a pilgrimage to that font a feature of your Easter celebration of these fifty days?

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**MOTHERHOOD**

Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever.

—Anonymous

**PASTOR'S CORNER:** Although faith formation is a continuing process and does not end when classes conclude for the Summer or when one reaches a certain grade, I wish to take this time as the 'classes' end for the summer to thank Grace Ogonek our Parish Catechetical Director. For one who is only part time she works constantly overseeing all of our faith formation programs. I also wish to thank Robin Duplaga and Nancy Johnson who facilitate the workings of our Sunday morning faith formation classes. Our Sunday mornings would not run so smoothly without their dedication and time. And I wish to thank all of the teachers (catechists) and aides who have given of their time. Their names are listed below, so please personally thank them when you see them! I am also grateful for the parents who ensure that their children attend these classes. It is not always easy to get kids to come to class and your efforts reveal the importance you place on their spiritual formation. We are always in need of additional teachers and aides. If you would like more information please contact Grace or myself.

Today is traditionally called Good Shepherd Sunday. As such, it is a day that has developed into a day to pray for vocations to serve the Church. This includes praying for priests and religious and also the vocation of marriage as well as the single life. In our particular vocation we each serve the Church. What are some ways you can grow in your vocation, whether to marriage, holy orders, religious life, or single life, over the coming months?

To all mothers I wish a blessed Mother's Day. May your nurturing love never be taken for granted and may you continue to be a witness to us of the love God has for us.

*Fr John*

THANK YOU to the following teachers and aides in our faith formation program (GLFF):

**PreK/Kindergarten**
Michelle Denham
Sarah Hoover
Jen Kazmierczak

**1st Grade**
Liz Carmel
Michele Griffin
Danielle Scheetz

**2nd Grade**
Sally Bansek
Melissa Gruden
**Aides:** Amanda Bansek, Jeanie Johnson

**3rd/4th Grades**
Chad DiFranco
Natalie Smith

**5th/6th Grades**
Nancy Shaver
Sue Wiedenmannott

**7th/8th Grades**
Margot Calcut
Joe Filipiak

**9th Grade**
Troy DiFranco
Jen Filipiak
Greg Rowe

Walk in Faith. Give in Joy.

Next weekend, we will be participating in an important Follow-Up Parish Appeal for Catholic Charities. Funds raised through this effort will support improving the camp experience for campers with disabilities through camperships to help reduce financial burdens, programming and activities for campers with special needs, and cabin renovations that are adaptive for campers of all abilities. With your support, Catholic Charites will be able to serve more campers with special needs and enhance their experience once they arrive at Camp Christopher.

**DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT!** All **new, increased** and **additional gifts** returned in the In-Pew Envelopes next weekend, donated online at:
***www.CatholicCommunity.org/Camp*** or by texting CAMP to 41444 **will be matched up to $100,000.**

We hope you see the benefits that camp can have on persons with special needs. Prayerfully consider the impact you can have on all who attend Camp Christopher, and please give as generously as possible. Contact Karen Joyce at 216-696-6525 x 1910. Thank you for making a difference.

**SUNDAY GOSPEL:** *John 10:27-30* John's gospel gives us the beloved image of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who calls his sheep by name and leads them in safety along pathways of life. In today's gospel passage we hear only a fraction of Jesus' discourse on the Good Shepherd, and yet we are told what is most essential, we are untied to Jesus in an unbreakable bond of love. Jesus proclaims, "No one can take (my sheep) out of my hand." In the spiritual life we are called to attune our ears to the voice of our Good Shepherd showing us the way, and to fear not, nothing can separate us from the love of God.

*Living Liturgy 2019*

***Thank you*** for your generous support of our Parish, and your help with the needs of the community through your ongoing participation in our various ministries.

| | Actual | Goal | Difference |
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| Sunday, May 5: | $ 10,483.50 | $ 9,800.00 | $ 683.50 |
| Sunday Y-T-D: | $416,084.08 | $426,000.00 | ($ 9,915.92) |

**MEN'S FAITH SHARING:** All men are invited to a time of prayer and reflection on Sunday, May 19th at 6:00pm in the parish hall. This informal gathering is an opportunity to grow in our faith as well as experience support from other men of faith. The topic will be on the Eucharist and how we can make our gathering for the Eucharist more meaningful.

**FREE CATHOLIC RESOURCES on FORMED:** Have you explored FORMED? Discover a variety of Catholic content in one place. Entertaining movies, programs, talks, audio dramas, and ebooks—just a click away. Simply go to ***olqpgrafton.formed.org,*** select "Register Now" and create your account. Once on the FORMED page, select the COMMUNITY link to easily access recommended topics. If you have any questions, please contact Grace Ogonek at ***gogonek@olqpgrafton.org.***

**JOYFUL HEARTS:** As our Hearts have turned to joy this Easter, we can continue to show Christ's love to others through ***"Joyful Hearts".*** In the welcome area will be a display of paper hearts, each heart will have an item for you to donate. If you wish to participate please take a heart, buy the item and return it to the chest. This will continue though the Easter season until Pentecost. Items purchased will support programs that the Helping Hands Ministry run, along with programs that other church organization support.

The Helping Hands Ministry runs a food pantry that provides to 30 families a month, the Back Pack Club that provides weekend food for 200 Midview students, a Community Meal, monetary assistance and other programs.

**BABY BOTTLES:** Please return your baby bottles this weekend (May 11/12) in the Gathering Area. If you forgot to bring them, you may return them to the parish office during normal office hours.

**WOMEN - SAVE THE DATE** - Retreat Opportunity - Saturday, June 29th - Sunday, June 30th at our parish! Our Women of Faith group is planning an overnight retreat. More information will be available in the coming weeks!

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** We are all created with unique gifts. We have those gifts that have been part of us from birth and those that have been imparted to us by the Holy Spirit. God is counting on you to use what God has given you. If you don't, who will?

**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION:** Sunday's Gospel helps us recognize that we are part of God's family. Jesus says, "My sheep hear my voice." We are his sheep. He also tells us that he and the Father are one. We know God the Father because we know Jesus. Likewise, when others meet us, they should see Jesus in us. Question of the Week: How can you show Jesus to others through your words and actions? Family Prayer: Jesus, help us to be like you, so that when others meet us, they see you in us.

**PARISH MISSION:** Follow-up meeting - Wednesday, May 15th, 7:00pm, Parish Hall. Anyone who attended at least one evening of the parish mission, Joyfully Gifted, is welcome to attend our gathering to learn how to share your spiritual gifts with others, especially our parish community. If you have any questions, please contact Grace Ogonek at ***gogonek@olqpgrafton.org.***

**OFFICE OF CATECHETICAL SERVICES COLLECTION:** Each year in the Diocese of Cleveland a special collection is taken up in all the parishes to support the ministries of the Office of Catechetical Services. The Office of Catechetical Services focuses on supporting and enhancing the catechetical initiative throughout the Diocese and supports faith formation for all including adult faith formation, catechetical leader training and catechist formation for teachers of religion, PSR programs, media literacy, and the Newman Campus Ministry program. **This year the collection will be held on the weekend of 11-12 May 2019**. A contribution to the Office of Catechetical Services is an investment in faith formation and religious education throughout the Diocese of Cleveland. Please be generous.

**2020 MASSES:** Masses Intentions for 2020 can now be requested. Due to the large number of requests for mass intentions, we need to limit each parishioner to 8 total mass intentions for the year (this includes 4 weekend masses). To schedule Mass Intentions contact the office at 440-926-2364, email us at: ***info@olqpgrafton.org*** or submit online at ***olqpgrafton.org/mass-times***.

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**This Week in the Parish:**

**Monday, May 13**
6:30pm - Lady's Guild Mtg. (Parish Hall)
7:00pm - Choir (Church)
7:00pm - Holy Name Mtg. (Parish Hall Rm. 1)

**Wednesday, May 15**
6:30pm - Joyfully Gifted (Parish Hall)

**Thursday, May 16**
1:00pm - Diabetes Class (Parish Hall)
5:30pm - Community Meal (Parish Hall)

**Friday, May 17**
1:30pm - Keystone Pointe

**Saturday, May 18**
2:00pm - Jr Choir (Church)

**Sunday, May 19**
6:00pm - Men's Faith Sharing (Parish Hall Rm. 1)

**Holy Name Society Golf Outing:** Please join the Holy Name for a 4-man Scramble Golf Outing on Saturday, June 15, 2019 starting at 9:00am 'Shotgun Start' at Brentwood Golf Course.

Cost for the outing is $75 per person, which includes; 18 holes of golf with cart, food, beverages, and snacks! There will be various raffles, and skills games. Watch the bulletin for when sign-up will begin.

Can't Golf! Would you consider being a hole sponsor? Any parishioner who would like to sponsor a hole or would like to have their company or knows of a company or someone who would like to sponsor a hole, please contact the Parish Office 440 926-2364, Jim Lynsky 440 773-4831, Max Jalowiec 440 567-0201 or Dave Ward 440 926-3996.

**FREE DIABETES CLASS:** Were you just diagnosed or know someone who was diagnosed with diabetes? Come join us May 16th - June 20th for a free Diabetes Self-Management workshop, sponsored by Fairhill Partners of Cleveland. We will help you understand ways to control your blood sugar through diet and exercise; assist you in understanding you new treatments and ways to communicate with you doctor. Come join us Thursday's from 1:00pm - 3:30pm in Room 2 of the parish hall. Free material and snacks will be provided. To register call Sue at 440-926-1610.

## Parish Information

† **Weddings:** Couples need to make arrangements at least six months prior to the wedding date.

† **Baptism:** Baptisms are celebrated at a mutually convenient time. Please call the office to make arrangements.

† **Ministry to the Sick:** Please notify the office for visits to parishioners in the hospital.

† **New parishioners:** Are asked to register as soon as possible at the Parish Office or by phone.

† **Inquiry Classes in the Catholic Religion:** Persons interested in becoming Catholic are asked to contact the Parish Office for information about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, RCIA.

**PARISH FESTIVAL:** Our ninth Annual Family Fest will be August 2nd & 3rd. There will be entertainment, games, exhibits, festival food and of course fireworks. The website is now updated with the latest information about the festival ***www.olqpgrafton/festival***. This weekend is our kick-off weekend. Volunteers will be passing out raffle tickets as you leave. Stop by our table to pick up some flyers and to see what we have scheduled for this year's festival.

**TOYS, TOYS, TOYS!** Now that the kids and grandkids have outgrown the toys at your house, you can give these toys new meaning and use by donating them to the Knights of Columbus Toy Drive. The Knights will be selling the toys during the Grafton village-wide rummage sale June 8th. As in the past, all money raised will be donated to Birth Right of Lorain County. Toys can be dropped off at the hall after each Mass on the first weekend in June. If you need pick up, call 926-2469.

**SCRIPTURE STUDY:** Want a better understanding of how Jesus used Parables in the Gospel of Matthew & Luke? Our study of "PARABLES of the KINGDOM" continues on Thursday May 23rd at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall room 2. This session covers lesson 2 (pages 97-112) in the book and page 14 in the Part 2 study guide. Come and get closer to Jesus and the understanding of how he used parables to easily relate to all of us. Join this great scripture group to more fully comprehend the Gospels. Contact Rick Gallaher at (440) 458-6335 for comments or questions. Books are available from Rick or in the Parish Office for $17.25.