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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 8:30 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.
Sunday : 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Weekday: 6:30 & 11:30 a.m. Monday thru Friday,
9:20 a.m. Friday - School Mass
Holy Day: 7:00 p.m. Vigil, 6:30, 8:30 & 11:30 a.m.

BAPTISMS:

First-time parents must attend a Baptism
Preparation Class before the child can be baptized.
Classes are held every other month on the second
Thursday. Call the Parish Office to register.
Baptisms take place every Sunday at 1:00 p.m.
except during Lent.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA):

Persons wishing to inquire about the Catholic Faith
or seeking to complete their initiation Sacraments
should contact Paula Fritz at 431-1802 or
pfritz@saintagnes.com.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Confessions are heard on Saturday after the
8:30 a.m. Mass, after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on the
first Friday of the month or by calling the Parish
Office and making an appointment.

MARRIAGE:

Call the Parish Office at least nine months in
advance. At least one of the individuals must be a
registered parishioner.

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK:

For those who are homebound or sick and wish to
receive Communion, call the Parish Office.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Gather with fellow Brothers in Christ every Saturday
morning, 7:00-8:00 a.m. in the Saint Agnes Daily
Mass Chapel. Enjoy fellowship and the Word of
God.

GRADE SCHOOL CCD CLASSES:

Held on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. during the
school year. Contact Anita Dunn, 431-1802 or
adunn@saintagnes.com for more information.

PRE-SCHOOL RELIGION:

Held on Sunday during the 11:30 a.m. Mass from
September thru April. Contact Stacey Moorhead at
859-907-3667 or staceyscully4@aol.com for more
information.

MEETINGS:

Athletic Boosters-3rd Monday at 7:30 p.m.
in the Parish Conference Room
Board of Education-2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
in the Library/Media (School) Center
Finance Committee-1st Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
in Feb., May, Aug. & Nov. in the
Parish Conference Room
Parish Council-1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the
Parish Conference Room
Pro-Life Committee-2nd Monday at 7:30 p.m.
Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct. & Dec. in
Murphy Hall
St. Vincent de Paul Society-2nd & 4th Mondays
at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference
Room

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

calendar

Sunday, April 28

- 9:00 a.m. Rosary - Church
- 10:30 a.m. RCIA - Parish Conf Room
- 1:00 p.m. Baptisms
- 7:30 p.m. Rosary for Peace-Adoration Chapel

Monday, April 29

- 5:30 p.m. First Place 4 Health - Parish Conf Room
- 7:00 p.m. CCD - School

Tuesday, April 30

- 7:30 a.m. First Place 4 Health - Parish Conf Room

Wednesday, May 1

- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Murphy A & B

Thursday, May 2

- 11:30 a.m. Anointing of the Sick following Mass
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee - Parish Conf Room

Friday, May 3

- 11:30 a.m. Confessions after Mass

Saturday, May 4

- 8:10 a.m. Sung Morning Prayer - Church
- 9:00 a.m. Confessions - Church

Sunday, May 5

- No Coffee & Donuts
- 9:00 a.m. Rosary - Church
- 10:30 a.m. RCIA - Parish Conf Room
- 1:00 p.m. Baptisms
- 7:30 p.m. Rosary for Peace-Adoration Chapel

Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 28-Divine Mercy Sunday

- 7:30 a.m. Jane Menkhaus
- 9:30 a.m. Edward Schuh - 2nd Anniversary
- 11:30 a.m. Ann Dickman - 2nd Anniversary

Monday, April 29-St. Catherine of Siena

- 6:30 a.m. Rob Miller
- 11:30 a.m. Tim Gronotte

Tuesday, April 30-St. Pius V

- 6:30 a.m. Bill Poncer
- 11:30 a.m. Steven Bennett

Wednesday, May 1-St. Joseph the Worker

- 6:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 11:30 a.m. Intention of James Rahe

Thursday, May 2-St. Athanasius

- 6:30 a.m. Intention of Daniel C. Cetrulo
- 11:30 a.m. Special Intention

Friday, May 3-Sts. Philip and James

- 6:30 a.m. Peggy Wigger Brockman
- 9:20 a.m. Joan Zeis
- 11:30 a.m. Al Melching

Saturday, May 4

- 8:30 a.m. All Members of Clay Ministries
- 4:00 p.m. Martha Kaelin

Sunday, May 5-Third Sunday of Easter

- 7:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
- 9:30 a.m. Alice Lynch
- 11:30 a.m. Richard Cardosi

Ministry/Volunteer Schedule for May 4th & 5th

Gift Bearers

- 4:00 p.m.
- 7:30 a.m.
- 9:30 a.m.
- 11:30 a.m.

Special Ministers of the Word

- 4:00 p.m. L-J Stratman, C-M Witt
- 7:30 a.m. Ted Vogelpohl
- 9:30 a.m. Ken Jump
- 11:30 a.m. M Nienaber

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 4:00 p.m. J Bayer, D & K Bray, T & D Eilerman, D & J Rehtin, N Stratman
- 7:30 a.m. D & B Tepe, R & T Lonneman
- 9:30 a.m. M Brungs, A Dickhaus, K Fischer, C Jacober, T Fischer, C Mullen, MB Scott, C Smith
- 11:30 a.m. J Nienaber, S & R Averdick, C Ruwe, J Liauba, H Baker, Sr. Kenney, R Hoyt

Servers

- 4:00 p.m. J Bayer, J Graf, R Graf
- 7:30 a.m. VOLUNTEERS
- 9:30 a.m. L Hurst, R Hurst, S Fischer
- 11:30 a.m. H Thamann, L Thamann, L Cousineau

6:30 a.m. – Servers:

- April 29th-Steve Lorenz
- May 6th-don Mai

Rosary, Sunday, May 5th at 9:00 a.m.: Jesse Boone

Highland Crossing, May 5th:

Vocation Chalice Program Participants

- 4:00 p.m. Todd & Kathy Nienaber
- 7:30 a.m. Jack & Carrie Brueggemann
- 9:30 a.m. Todd & Marijo Fischer
- 11:30 a.m. Luke & Missy Hail

Greeters

- 4:00 p.m. F-David & Maria Kathman A-Eryn Thamann
- 7:30 a.m. F-Ronnie Mitchell A-Paul & Amy Kindt
- 9:30 a.m. F-Kate Michels
- A-Tom Jacober & Lee Stauber
- 11:30 a.m. Parish Youth

Staff Article

The Collapse of the Faith

Two weeks ago, we witnessed a truly tragic event. Notre Dame in Paris caught fire and much of it was destroyed. The footage was heartbreaking. Many people throughout the world expressed their sadness in seeing this iconic structure engulfed in flames. This great cathedral that stood for almost nine centuries was in ruins.

It is only natural for people to mourn such a loss. However, what we saw happen in Paris was merely a physical manifestation of a spiritual reality. For the past several decades, the faith has been withering away. Society has turned its back on God, and many of us have done the same. With each day, we see increased animosity towards those who hold fast to the faith. The teachings of the Church are continually attacked. Sin is promoted, while virtue is mocked. Churches are empty, lines for Confession are short, and receiving the Eucharist has – for many people – been reduced simply to “going through the motions”.

The fire in Paris mirrors the faith that has been slipping away from us. We have neglected it. We have gained other priorities. We have lost sight of the great gift that we have been given. While watching the spire and roof of Notre Dame fall to the ground, I couldn't help but think of how the faith has collapsed throughout much of the world. What was once the cornerstone of Western civilization, the Christian faith has become viewed as an outdated burden.

Everyone will agree that the fire in Paris caused invaluable losses. But the loss of faith is far greater. It is my prayer that, by witnessing the destruction of Notre Dame, people will begin to reflect on the great treasure that our faith gives us. Instead of turning away from God, we are invited to turn back to the Lord and experience the gift of everlasting life. As we celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy today, I hope that the world will experience a change of heart and embrace the faith with renewed vigor. The

teachings of Christ and his Church are timeless. By holding fast to them, we will experience suffering and persecution. But if we persevere through these trials, we will be rewarded with eternal life.

Father Jason Bertke



Parish Worship

Faith Sharing Questions

Theme of this week's Gospel: Jesus has risen and He comes through locked doors! He stands before His disciples and encourages them, strengthens them, and shows them the nail marks on His hands and sides.

Adults: Can you imagine what emotions the disciples felt when Jesus entered the room that had the doors locked...surprise...relief...maybe fear? Why do you think they had locked the doors?

Teens: Remember the apostle Thomas who had not been in the room the first time Jesus came and he doubted that Jesus had actually been there? Is there anything about your faith that you doubt? Ask your friends and teachers what they think.

Children: If Jesus were to come to your home or school what would you say to him? What questions would you ask?

Next Sunday, May 5, 2019

Third Sunday of Easter, Cycle C

During the Easter Season, the First Reading comes from The Acts of the Apostles and we read about the early, post-resurrection days of our church. In Cycle C years, the Second Reading is from the Book of Revelation. The Gospel Readings for the first three Sundays of Easter Season recount the appearances of the Risen Christ.

Gospel (John 21:1-19): This passage is from an appendix that was added to a prior version of the Gospel of John. It has a familiar Eucharistic theme to it: there is a need for food, and through a simple act of faith (throwing the nets on the other

Parish Worship continued

side of the boat) the apostles catch an abundance. (This is similar to the stories of the multiplication of the loaves and fish that are in all four Gospels and to the story of the call of Peter in the Gospel of Luke.) The meal that follows is composed of bread and fish. Though Jesus is recognized by the disciples in this meal, he is not formally acknowledged by them. There is no need to. This meal also provides the context for Peter's threefold affirmation of his love for Jesus (perhaps to show that he has transcended his previous three-fold denial). Jesus instructs Peter (and the other disciples, including us) that love for Christ will lead us to places we would not choose to go, but where a Christ-like presence is needed. The reading ends with an invitation (command?) from Jesus that has been stated several times before in the Gospel of John: "Follow me!"

First Reading (Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32,40-41): This reading recounts the disciples' first confrontation with the religious authorities after Jesus' death and Resurrection. They reply that they "must obey God rather than men."

Second Reading (Revelation 5:11-14): The Book of Revelation describes a great vision that John has. John's vision includes a vision of the "heavenly Liturgy" involving "every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, everything in the universe" crying out in praise of the Lamb. This glorious heavenly liturgy is indicative of the great and certain victory of Christ and His followers. The Book of Revelation tries to encourage its listeners to be faithful, so that one day they can take their place in this great Liturgy. (Our Catholic Tradition believes that our Eucharistic Liturgies here on earth are a manifestation of this eternal, divine Liturgy in heaven.)

Bulletin Picture

Last Sunday... a beautiful Easter in every way! The David and Moreen Nienaber family, after Mass.. with every child's favorite Dogwood Tree in the background.

Adoration Chapel: The Good You Don't Know

I recently received the following email from Theresa Gray, who helps coordinate our Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel:

"It is inspiring to know that our committed adorers have made it possible for many visitors to come throughout the week. Last week a businessman from Pittsburgh came in and was so grateful that he could find an adoration chapel. I also have had calls over the years from individuals looking for an adoration chapel, and I am sure there are others that we have no knowledge of since visitors normally do not sign in. I believe the Divine Mercy Chapel (Sat exception) and All Saints (Sat and Sun exception) are the only two chapels remaining that have all day and night adoration. A testament to understanding the True Presence, and commitment."

Thank you to everyone who has helped to keep the witness of our Adoration Chapel, now in its 22nd year. – Father Mark Keene

Adorers Needed

The Adoration Chapel is in need of adorers for the following hours:

Mondays at 1:00 p.m.

Wednesdays at Noon

Fridays at Noon, 5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

If interested call Don Able at 513-403-5242.

Adoration of Our Lord

"The Lord is close at hand; come, let us worship him." (Antiphon)

The Lord, is indeed, very close. He is present in His body, blood, soul, and divinity in our Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel for us to adore. Please commit to an hour with Him. Call 859-496-4149 for more information.



Weekday Rosary

The Rosary is prayed in Church every weekday at 11:00 a.m.

Stewardship

Status of Sunday Collection

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| Actual Collections (July thru 04/22/19) | \$1,062,549 |
| Budgeted Collections (July thru 04/22/19) | \$1,053,600 |
| Budgeted Collections for Fiscal Year (2018/2019) | \$1,258,000 |

2019 DPAA

Our Citizenship is in Heaven (Philippians 3:20)

Thank you to everyone who has made a gift and/or completed a pledge form for our 2019 Diocesan Parish Annual Appeal. As of this bulletin deadline, April 23rd, updated figures were not available. As of April 16th, Saint Agnes had \$95,046 in donations and pledges from 229 households (16% of parish) toward our parish goal of \$158,400. This leaves a balance of \$63,354.

If you need a donation/pledge card/envelope, there are some in the tables in the foyers of church, or call the parish office (431-1802).

– Thank you, Father Mark Keene



at Baptizing some of his friends when he was stopped and told that by using the correct words and form (water), he was actually Baptizing these children before they were catechized. The person who stopped the children began their preparation for careers in the Church. Many of his teachers were martyred in the last pagan Roman persecution of Christians. In this persecution the Bishop of Alexandria was martyred and his successor, Alexander of Alexandria, took Athanasius under his tutelage. Athanasius was ordained a deacon in 319. At some point after that he was ordained a priest, he also spent time with Saint Anthony the Great and some of the other desert fathers. He would write a life of Saint Anthony. In his writings Athanasius included quotes from Plato, Homer and Aristotle but always maintained his orthodoxy. He was a product of the Alexandrine school, which combined Greek and Scripture learning.

It was during this time that the Arian heresy began. This was a teaching promulgated by a priest, named Arius, who held among other things that Jesus was made by God, not begotten. This heresy attained powerful followers in both the Church and political hierarchies. Despite this support Alexander of Alexandria excommunicated Arius.

When Alexander was on his deathbed in 326 he called Athanasius to tell him that he was to be his successor. Athanasius did not want this but when the Bishops and the people shouted, "We want Athanasius!" he submitted. He became Bishop on June 8, 328 and served until May 2, 373. During this time he was exiled five times; four times as a result of his opposition to Arianism and one time because the emperor Julian, known as the apostate because he attempted to restore paganism to Rome, sent Athanasius away. Athanasius died on May 2, 373 at Alexandria.

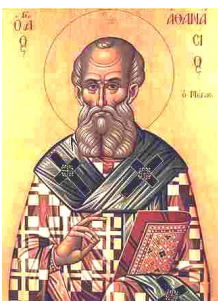
Athanasius was a prolific writer and wrote much in defense of orthodoxy and in opposition to Arianism. "Athanasius was the greatest champion of Catholic belief on the subject of the Incarnation that the Church has ever known and in his lifetime earned the characteristic title of "Father of Orthodoxy," by which he has been distinguished ever since." according to one church historian.

Please Recycle This Bulletin

In the spirit of concern for the environment and Pope Francis' encyclical letter, *Laudate Si - On Care For Our Common Home*, please recycle this bulletin. – Fr. Mark Keene

Saint of the Week

Saint Athanasius



Athanasius was born in or near the city of Alexandria, Egypt between 296 and 298 AD. His family was Christian and wealthy enough to send him to school where he mastered Greek, in which he wrote most of his works, but he also would later use the Coptic language as well. There was a story that as a boy Athanasius was playing

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This same historian also said that Athanasius shaped the events of his time rather than being shaped by them. He was also instrumental in solidifying the Biblical Canon (Books of the Bible) that we use today.

It was Athanasius who suggested the term "consubstantial" be part of the Nicene Creed at the Council of Nicaea, which was accepted and became part of the Nicene Creed. He is venerated on May 2nd, by the Roman Catholic Church and other western Christian churches and on January 18th by eastern churches. The Coptic Church venerates him on May 15th.

Parish News

Wedding Banns

I-Brooke Lantry, Saint Agnes &
Stephen Muck, Saint Agnes



Next Sunday: NO Coffee & Donuts



There will be no Coffee and Donuts next Sunday, May 5th due to First Communion.

No Blood Pressure Screenings

There will be no Blood Pressure Screenings next Sunday due to First Communion.

May Rosary - May 9th

Due to First Communion pictures on Thursday, May 2nd, Rosary will be on Thursday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m. Join others in asking Mary to intercede for us as we pray for the unborn, the poor and homeless, those defenseless against evil, and praying for all those who have left our faith. Please use the front annex door on Sleepy Hollow Road side. Come spend 30 minutes in quiet prayer.

Blue Sunday

Blue is recognized internationally as the color chosen to represent child abuse because it represents the true color of a child's bruise. We are asking that you join with churches from across the region to recognize April 28th as "Blue Sunday." On this special Sunday, people of all faiths will join in a day of prayer to demonstrate their support for children and families who have been touched by abuse, and appreciation to those who help abused or neglected children. Please join in saying this prayer:

Lord, thank you for our children.

For them we kneel and pray.

*Help us teach them of your kindness,
of your mercy and your way.*

Help us show them of your love,

Your strength and safety, too.

Help us show them who You are.

Help us treat them like You do.

*Let us pray, educate ourselves and volunteer
for the children of our nation.*

*Until black and blue are just colors
in their crayon box. Amen*

By Janet Magee (www.bluesunday.org)

Adult Confirmation at the Cathedral

On Sunday, June 9th at 10:00 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Bishop Foy's will Confirm adults who have missed the sacrament. This is meant for those older than 8th grade age. If you or someone you know has not been confirmed and desires to receive, please contact Anita Dunn at adunn@saintagnes.com. Registrations are due no later than May 9th.

May Crowning - May 7th

One of the special devotions we have is honoring Mary as Queen of the Heavens. On May 7th at 7:00 p.m. join us as we crown Mary with flowers. During the entrance procession all are invited up to give flowers to Mary. After a crown of flowers are placed on Mary's head, our 2nd graders will be enrolled in the scapular.



Parish News continued

Youth Group Is Back!!!

May 19th is the returning of Youth Group! Come meet our new leaders, John Griffin and Maddie Black. Help plan a special fun event! Meeting will be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Grades 7th thru 9th are invited, even those soon to be 7th grade. Members from grades 10th thru 12th are invited to help kick off a new group. For other information or to get on the email list contact Mrs. Dunn at adunn@saintagnes.com.



Congratulations to Matthew and Paul Allison

We congratulate Matthew and Paul Allison, the sons of Carl and Carol Allison of our parish. Covington Catholic High School recently announced that they are among seven Covington Catholic students who have been selected for the Governor's Scholars Program. It is also with pride that we acknowledge the additional three Covington Catholic Students who were selected for the Governor's School for the Arts. We congratulate all ten of these selectees and Covington Catholic for their success. – Father Mark Keene

Serra Club for Vocations

The Serra Club for Vocations, Northern Kentucky, is currently selling ticket vouchers to the Florence Freedom double header on Wednesday, June 5th. Honorary first pitchers for the June 5th game include Michelle Blevins, a Postulant with the Sisters of Notre Dame, **Rev. Mark Keene, pastor of Saint Agnes Parish**, and Barry Henry, a Serra Club member who is scheduled to be ordained to the Diaconate on May 4th. Ticket vouchers are \$10 and can be purchased through the Diocesan Stewardship Office or from individual Serra Club members. To purchase tickets, please call Mike Murray at 392-1500 or email him at mmurray@covdio.org.

Thank You's For Easter Flowers

We get many nice thank you notes from parishioners who receive the flowers our parish sends at Christmas and Easter. We send all of our homebound parishioners, and those over 85 a live flower (poinsettia or mum), colored cards from children in our school and CCD program and a letter from Father Keene. Among the notes received for the Easter flowers that were delivered by parishioners recently are the following remarks:



"Thanks to all for the beautiful Easter flower. I can't express in words how much receiving this flower meant to me. It's a great blessing belonging to a parish that cares so much for us shut-ins and older folks. I just wanted to say a big "thank you" to all..."

"Thank you for the spring flower. It's quite cheery. I'm most appreciative of your thoughtfulness."

"I'm sorry it's taking so long to say thank you for the beautiful flower. I didn't have a stamp. Thoughts of [my deceased husband] are with it."

"We thank you for the bright and cheerful purple flower that was brought here along with a nice letter and hand-colored card by a Saint Agnes Student."

"The Easter flower was especially colorful this year. My thanks to you and all the volunteers who delivered them. I also received a beautiful colored card depicting the joy of the resurrection from a student. Thanks to the students."

"Thank you for the beautiful plants...Your kindness has brightened our homes."

"Sincere thanks for the beautiful mum plant. I feel blessed to be in this Parish where everyone is so thoughtful and caring."

AND...a very BIG THANK YOU to all the wonderful volunteers who delivered the flowers!!

Parish News continued

Shrek the Musical Jr.

Saint Agnes junior high students will be performing Shrek the Musical Jr. at the Carnegie Theatre on Saturday, May 4th at 3:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each. If you call the box office or purchase in person you will only be charged \$10 plus sales tax. If you order online there is an additional \$3.25 online fee. The Carnegie Box Office phone is 859-957-1940, Tuesday thru Friday, noon to 5:00 p.m. or online at www.thecarnegie.com. Please come and see this fun show for all ages and support the junior high students!

Attention All Virtus Users

During the month of April, ALL accounts will be open or un-suspended. If you are not up-to-date on reading your monthly bulletins you can do so during April. If you have any questions please contact Beth at the Parish Office at 431-1802 or parishoffice@saintagnes.com.

For Those Interested in Volunteering Here is what you need to do:

1. Go to www.virtus.org and create an account.
2. Sign up for and attend a Live Training Session. Sessions are listed on the Virtus website.
3. Run a background check through Selection.com. Do this through your Virtus account by clicking on the Toolbox tab and click "Selection.com Background Check" in the upper left column.
4. Contact Deacon Bob Stoeckle at the Parish Office (431-1802) to set up a 15 minute meeting. He will give you two forms that you need to complete.
5. Once all of the above is done and the Diocese processes your forms, you will receive an email stating your account is now "active" and you will be able to volunteer.
6. To remain "active" you will be required to read a monthly bulletin and answer a question regarding the bulletin.

If you have any question about the process, please contact Beth at the Parish Office (431-1802 or parishoffice@saintagnes.com).

Covington Catholic Choral Group Concert

Covington Catholic High School's exceptional choral group under the direction of Jim Wolfe will be having a concert in Saint Agnes Church, next Sunday evening, May 5th, at 7:00 p.m.. All are welcome.

Faith Formation

FORMED

HAPPY EASTER! During these Easter days, we hear Jesus in Scripture encouraging the Apostles to go out and make disciples of all nations. Did you know that Jesus asks us to do the same thing by virtue of our baptismal call? Often the opportunity presents itself for us to share our faith with others. Maybe we feel we do not know enough about our faith to comfortably share it. **FORMED** offers us abundant resources to learn our faith so we can grow in our confidence to live as disciples of Jesus. Begin to learn more now by checking out the Symbolon series or enjoying any of the movies under Modern Day Saints, or reading books like Behold the Man by Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, or listening to presentations such as *Three Days That Changed the World* by Fr. Hector R. G. Perez, or watching *The Jesus Stories* with your children. If you have not registered for our **free** subscription to **FORMED** yet, go to www.formed.org and enter code **7CWP2N** and follow the instructions. If you are having trouble registering, please call or email the parish office at 431-1802 , pfritz@saintagnes.com

Word of Life Bulletin Brief

If you or someone you know has had an abortion, "be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation." Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is also available. Visit the "Find Help" map on www.hopeafterabortion.org to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,
"Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion"

Faith Formation continued

RCIA

Our new Catholics have reached the final phase of the RCIA process, Mystagogy. The word, Mystagogy, comes from a Greek word that means "to initiate people into the mysteries of Christ" (Catechism of the Catholic Church # 1075). From now until Pentecost, our new Catholics will continue to meet after Sunday Mass for post-Baptismal catechesis, to break open the mysteries of our faith. This is a time for deepening the Christian experience, for appreciation of the sacramental life, for spiritual growth as a Catholic, and for entering more fully into the life and unity of the Catholic community. They now share with Christ, and us, His Body, the intimate communion of the Eucharist. We, as their parish family, are called to help them grow and mature in the Christian life and to develop a genuine Catholic world view. Please pray for Cheryl and Larry as they join us on our pilgrimage to our Father in Heaven.

Calling All St. Agnes parishioners! During this Easter Season, live the Easter Alleluias by inviting someone to learn more about the Catholic faith. If you are interested in learning about the Catholic faith or if you know anyone who might be interested, please contact our parish at pfritz@saintagnes.com or call the Parish Office at 431-1802.

The Bible and Creation and Flannery O'Connor Education Opportunities

The Athenaeum of Ohio is pleased to offer two summer courses beginning this May: "Biblical Theology of Creation" taught by Dr. Matthew Genung, and "Preambles of Faith: The Writings of Flannery O'Connor" taught by Dr. Tracy Jamison. Classes will be held evenings from May 20th through June 20th.

"Biblical Theology of Creation" (Tuesday and Thursday evenings) will study selected passages from the Pentateuch, Prophets, Wisdom, and New Testament texts, in order to examine the



theme of creation in the Bible, its function within its immediate and canonical contexts, and its relation to salvation.

"Preambles of Faith" (Monday and Wednesday evenings) will study the compositions of Flannery O'Connor, which have attracted many people to Catholicism. The course will attempt to appreciate the inherent value of O'Connor's stories as works of art and to assess their instrumental value as preambles of faith.

The tuition cost for each course is \$870; for auditors, \$450; and for alumni auditors and senior citizen auditors (65+), \$250. To register, e-mail the Registrar at njobe@mtsm.org. Registration Deadline is May 20th.

Diocesan News

Cincinnati Catholic Men's Conference

ATTENTION men, fathers and sons! The Cincinnati Catholic Men's Conference is Saturday, June 15th, 2019 at St. Maximillian Kolbe Parish. . . Get your ticket today for A Faith-filled half-day where men from all over the tristate will enjoy Catholic inspiration and spiritual growth. Speakers include Super Bowl Champ Matt Birk, Cooking Priest, Fr. Leo Patalinghug and New York Mets coach, Rich Donnelly. Get complete information on the conference and purchase tickets at www.CincinnatiMensConference.com.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Fr. Kehoe Council Knights of Columbus, located at 828 Elm Street in Ludlow, has their monthly fish fry on Friday, May 3rd from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The menu consists of: home made beer battered cod, fried fish, shrimp, baked cod, fried chicken, ribeye steak sandwich, French fries, macaroni and cheese, onion rings, baked potatoes and a full kids menu. Costs range from \$2 up to around \$8 for sides, sandwiches and dinners. Desserts and refreshments are extra. Carryouts are available. There is plenty of free parking. Call 261-2704 for questions or for carryouts.

