

**LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS FOR TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,
SEPTEMBER 19/20, 2009**



(Follow this schedule only)

	Ministers of the Word	Ministers of Holy Communion
3:30 p.m.	Eric Givens	Debbie Kennedy
12:00 p.m.	Gary Schluep	Mary Lou Schluep
2:00 p.m.	Hispanic Mass	



Sunday, September 13
 12:00 noon Azalea Corwin
 (Gary and Mary Lou Schluep)
 2:00 p.m. Hispanic Mass

Monday, September 14
 8:00 a.m. Fr. Frank Klamet (Patricia Sciranko)

Tuesday, September 15
 7:00 p.m. Communion Service

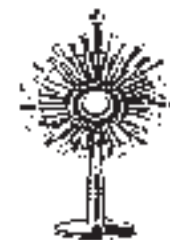
Wednesday, September 16
 12:00 noon Irvin Woycke (Marilyn Esterhamp)

Thursday, September 17
 7:00 p.m. Communion Service

Friday, September 18
 8:00 a.m. Jesse Spangler (Spangler Family)

Saturday, September 19
 3:30 p.m. Michael Petruska

Sunday, September 20
 12:00 noon Eric Quinlan (John Miller Family)
 2:00 p.m. Hispanic Mass



**BENEDICTION every Wednesday Morning
at 11:30 a.m.**



STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Weekly Need\$ 2,100.00

Collection Week of September 6th
 Envelopes & Loose\$ 1,092.00
 Variance-\$ 1,008.00
 (10 ☹☹☹☹☹☹☹☹☹☹) The holiday got the money.
 Hopefully it will come back.

YTD NEED\$ 21,000.00
YTD OFFERINGS (starting 7/5/09).....\$ 18,395.88
VARIANCE.....-\$ 2,604.12
 (26 ☹☹☹☹☹☹☹☹☹☹☹☹☹☹☹☹☹☹☹☹☹☹☹☹☹☹)

Collection Counters for today: Don & Sharyn Salzano
Collection Counters for next week:
 Richard & Debbie Neu



Happy Birthday!

September 14.....Fabi Taylor
 September 16.....John Baal
 September 20.....Daren Givens

FR. MIKE'S SERMON FOR SEPTEMBER 13TH

(No reading before Mass)

This past Labor Day, my family got together to celebrate my mother's 86th birthday. Thirteen humans, two cats and seven dogs gathered for the festivities. Several of the dogs left personalized presents for mom on the living room carpet. I will not discuss what it was.

We gathered for dinner under a large screened-in tent. My niece, who hosted, grilled some of the most juicy, succulent T-bone steaks I ever ate. She marinated them overnight in an Asian garlic sauce purchased at a high-end cuisine place at Jefferson Outlet. Mom liked it so much she ate all of hers and even stole pieces from dad's plate when he wasn't looking. That's what being married for 63 years does to you. What's mine is mine and what's yours is mine.

At the end of the meal, there was the cake with 86 candles. She said, "You know you're getting old when the candles cost more than the cake." She probably heard Bob Hope say that. Then she received her first present – a singing birthday card of the Beer Barrel Polka from Shine Frydryk. I said, "Mom, Shine is the President of the Hillsboro Polish Society of St. Mary Church." She was impressed to receive a gift from someone with such an important title. The next present was too big to wrap so we hid it under a bright red blanket. She lifted the blanket. Her eyes grew big and her face broke into a smile as she beheld a brand new LCD digital HD TV set. Various family members ceremoniously carried the TV to mom and dad's house that is located right next door to where the party was held.

I noticed dad stayed back in the tent and did not go over right away. He looked disconcerted and fearful about all the money spent on this gift, but he didn't want mom to know. He said, "I'm on a fixed income. That money could have been spent on so many more important things that we need right now. We didn't need a TV." My father grew up during the Depression when so many people lost everything and had nothing. That fear still haunts him today. I said, "Don't worry. You and mom scrimped and saved and managed to give us kids all that we needed. We will make sure you will have all you need. God has always provided for you and won't let you down. This will be mom's last TV and the enjoyment she gets is worth it." Dad replied, "If it makes mom happy, then I'm happy, too." I heard that by the end of the day they were fighting for the remote.

Jesus gave His all so that we can have all. Jesus gave up His life so we could all be happy with Him in Heaven. God wants us to spend our earthly life doing the same. We take up our cross every time we make a sacrifice for the happiness of another.

A few years ago, after giving an address in Melbourne, Australia, the famous psychiatrist Victor Frankl was given a boomerang as a gift.

Dr. Frankl thought for a few minutes and then said that he felt the boomerang symbolized human existence. People assume that the function of the boomerang is to return to the thrower. But this isn't true. The boomerang returns to the thrower only when it misses the target.

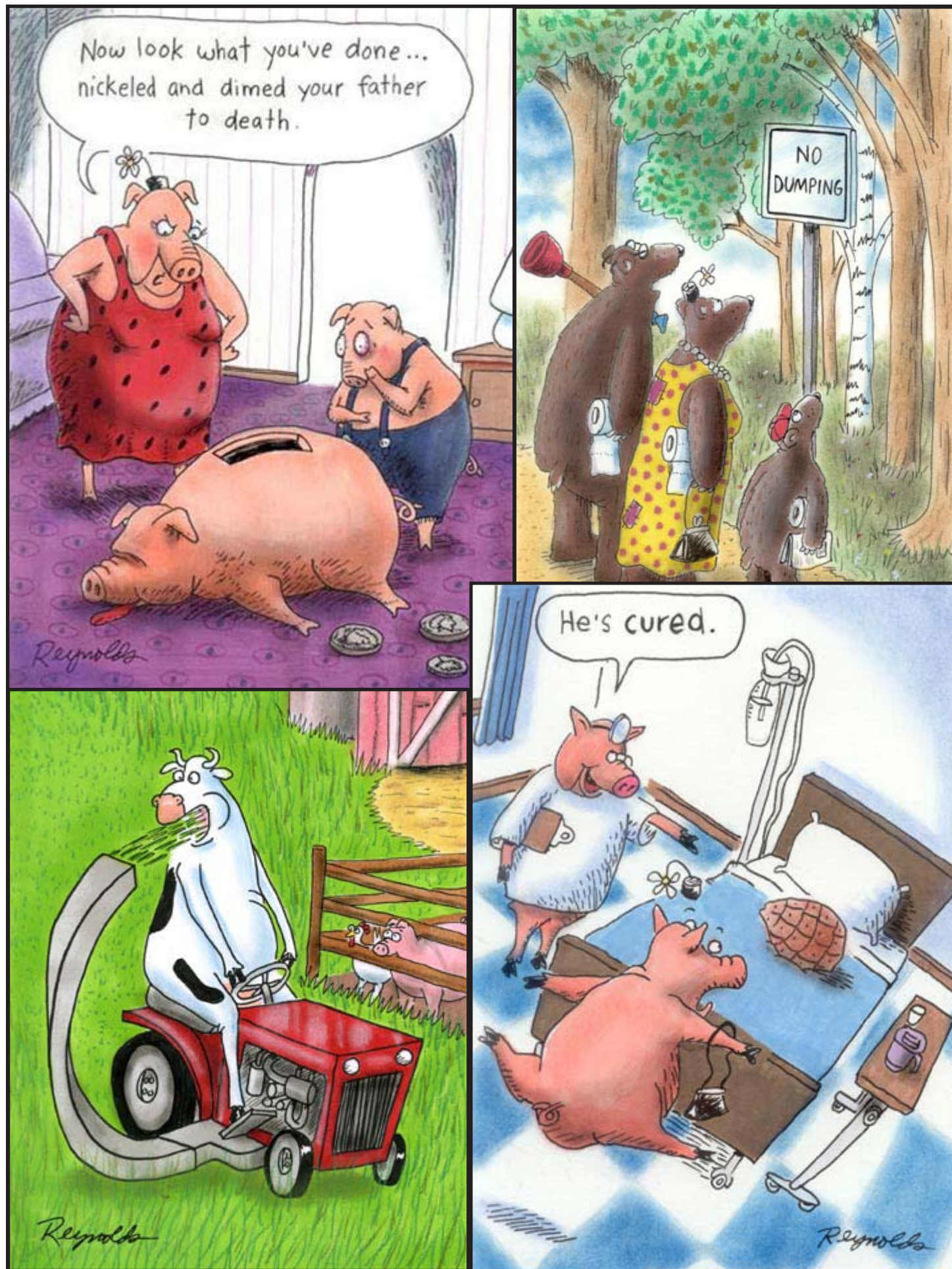


The same is true of life, he said. We return to ourselves to become self-centered and selfish when we have failed to find the true meaning in life. If we live for ourselves, spend our money only on ourselves, if we squander our time, and exert our strength only for those things that please us, we pay the price of a meaningless existence. Only in sacrifice for the well-being of another do we hit the target of why we are here.

Like a boomerang, what goes around comes around. What you give will be given back to you.

Blessings... Fr. Mike





September 15 6:00 p.m.....CHOIR PRACTICE
 6:45 p.m.....ROSARY
 September 16 6:00 p.m.....SPANISH CLASS
 September 17 6:45 p.m.....ROSARY
 September 18 9:00 a.m.....ROSARY



St. Vincent de Paul Society is open for business at these times:

1st Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
 3rd Thursday from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

If an emergency, call Fr. Mike at 937-403-2510.

Parish Festival

The St. Benignus Oktoberfest and the Parish Picnic have been combined to form the new **ST. BENIGNUS PARISHFEST**. It will take place Sunday, September 20th after the 12:00 noon Mass at the farm of Jerry Lee Parker. Mark your calendar.

St. Benignus Parishfest

Sunday, September 20, 1:30-5:00 p.m.

Parker Farm
 2093 Pricer Ridge Road
 South Salem, Ohio

Food, Fun, Fellowship

Cornhole, Fishing Tournament, Horseback Riding, Hay Ride, Music, Campfire

*Picnic place setting, food, and drinks provided.
 Please bring a small dessert. BYO adult beverages.
 Please bring a lawn chair. Plenty of parking,*

Directions: REVISED

1. Start out going **SOUTH** on **S. 2ND STREET** toward **SOUTH STREET**
2. Turn **LEFT** onto **SOUTH STREET**
3. Turn **LEFT** onto **S. MCARTHUR WAY**
4. Turn **RIGHT** onto **OH-138/OH-28/OH-41/JEFFERSON STREET**. Continue to follow **OH-28/OH-41**.
5. Turn **RIGHT** onto **OH-41**. Go 3.6 miles to Fruitdale
6. Turn **LEFT** onto **UPPER TWIN ROAD/CR-9**. Go 1.7 miles to top of the hill.
7. Turn **RIGHT** onto **PRICER RIDGE ROAD/CR-20**. Go 2 miles exactly
8. **2093 PRICER RIDGE ROAD** is on the **LEFT**.

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Archbishop of Cincinnati, Most Reverend Daniel E. Pilarczyk, is strongly encouraging all Pastors to protect parishioners from the rapidly spreading H1N1 Flu Virus. Students in several local Catholic Colleges, such as St. Xavier, have contracted the virus. A member of the St. Mary Church family who goes to this college has contracted the virus. Greenfield is not immune from this potentially deadly virus. **Therefore, I order the following changes in our liturgical practices at Mass to go into effect immediately until further notice:**

1. **The Communion Chalice will not be offered to the entire congregation. Only the priest shall consume the Precious Blood.**
2. **The Sign of Peace shall be shown by a nodding of the head or a wave of the hand. A handshake will not be permitted.**
3. **We will not hold hands during the "Our Father."**
4. **Communion can be received only in the hand, not the tongue.**
5. **We will need only one other Minister of Holy Communion during the weekend Masses.**
6. **The Priest and all Ministers of Communion will use the antibacterial waterless soap before distribution of the Hosts.**
7. **I grant a dispensation to anyone exhibiting flulike symptoms from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Therefore, stay home, drink lots of fluids and eat ice cream topped with some Kahlúa, Peppermint Schnapps, Amaretto, or Praline (a pecan based liqueur). Only 21 and over eligible for the toppings. All toppings can be purchased at Joe's Party Shop at 1080 West Jefferson in Greenfield. Proprietor Mike Moses is a devout Catholic and 4th Degree K of C member. If you can prove you attend Mass at St. Benignus, he will offer a small discount for all purchases above fifty dollars.**

I feel a responsibility to protect the very young and elderly of our Church who are most vulnerable to the flu. Many Catholic Churches throughout Cincinnati, including the Cathedral, have adopted these liturgical changes. These liturgical changes will remain in effect till the flu season is over, probably around Easter. Please pray that God spare our citizens from this life-threatening illness.





1. Saint Vincent de Paul Spaghetti Dinner – Saturday, September 19th at 4:30 p.m.
2. Saint Vincent de Paul meetings: September 13, October 11, November 8 at 10:30 a.m. Sundays
3. Parish Council meetings: None in September, October 13, November 10, December 8 on second Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.
4. Ladies Auxiliary meetings September 15, October 20, November 17 after Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Communion Service
5. PSR starts Sunday, September 20
6. St. Benignus K of C meets October 7, November 4, December 2 on First Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.
7. St. Benignus K of C Pancake Brunch served October 4, November 1 at 1:00 p.m.

Harvest for the Hungry

Saturday, September 19th

Share Your Surplus Garden Produce with those in need!

Drop off produce donations at St. Benignus Catholic Church in Greenfield.

Drop-off times at the Parish Hall (Religious Ed. Building behind the Church):
 Friday, September 18th from 2:00-6:00 p.m.
 Saturday, September 19th from 12:00 noon-2:00 p.m.

The community harvest will be shared with those in need on **Saturday, September 19th from 2:00-5:00 p.m.** at the St. Benignus Parish Hall.



A Spaghetti Dinner will be offered by the St. Vincent de Paul Society at 4:30 p.m. following the harvest. Cost for the meal is by donation only. Questions? Call 740-636-0073.

Spotlight on

The Fisher Families of fine children and grandchildren invite you to celebrate Henry Fisher's 90th Birthday Party. Come join them at the Wilmington Municipal Building Social Room at 69 N. South Street in Wilmington, Ohio. Party starts on Saturday, October 3rd at 2:00 o'clock till 4:00 o'clock. No gifts, please. Your presence is gift enough. (When the family goes to the lake, do the Fishers fish? Do the Fishers catch fishes? Say that 5 times real fast.)



One morning, a man comes into church on crutches. He stops in front of the holy water and splashes some of it on both of his legs, then throws away his crutches.

An altar boy witnessed the episode and runs into the Rectory to tell the priest what he'd just seen.

Without batting an eye, the priest says, "Son, you've just witnessed a miracle. Tell me, where is this man?"

"Flat on his butt, Father, over by the holy water."



Six retired Irishmen were playing poker in O'Leary's apartment when Paddy Murphy loses \$500.00 on a single hand, clutches his chest, and drops dead at the table. Showing respect for their fallen brother, the other five continue playing standing up.

Michael O'Conner looks around and asks, "Oh, me boys, someone gots to tell Paddy's wife. Who will it be?" They draw straws. Paul Gallagher picks the short one.

They tell him to be discreet, be gentle, don't make a bad situation any worse.

"Discreet??? I'm the most discreet Irishman you'll ever meet. Discretion is me middle name. Leave it to me." Gallagher goes over to Murphy's house and knocks on the door. Mrs. Murphy answers, and asks what he wants. Gallagher declares, "Your husband just lost \$500.00, and is afraid to come home."

"Tell him to drop dead!" says Murphy's wife.
 "I'll go tell him," says Gallagher.

