

Parishes of
ST. AUGUSTINE
and
ST. PETER OF ALCANTARA

Congratulations to the First Communicants
at St. Peter of Alcantara and their families!

Alec Cariota
Son of Tony and Lori Cariota

Brendan Cariota
Son of Tony and Lori Cariota

Alec Clark
Son of David and Mary Beth Clark

Jade Clark
Daughter of Chuck and Renee Clark

Falisha Ebelhar
Daughter of Scott and Jennifer Ebelhar

Brittany Ebelhar
Daughter of Scott and Jennifer Ebelhar

Nikki Edelen
Daughter of Andy and Theresa Edelen

Bailey McKay
Son of Brad and Tammy McKay

Maggie Mitchell
Daughter of John and Cathy Mitchell

Aaron Wimsatt
Son of David and Tammy Wimsatt

Youth Group News

Server & Youth Group Appreciation Day at Mike
Coomes' lot on May 20. Start at noon, eat at
4pm. If you'd like to help in any way, call Mike at
993-0825.

Congratulations, Fr. Fid!

Today, Fr. Fid celebrates his 40th anniversary of
ordination to the priesthood! Congratulations,
Father Fid and shame on you for not letting us
know about this. But, luckily, the little birds are
out telling all their news!

May Procession

Wednesday, May 16, 6:30pm. See page three
for the rest of the CCD News.

Parish Council Meetings

St. Augustine: Thursday, May 17, at 6:30pm.

St. Peter: Last Tuesday's meeting had to be
canceled. The meeting has been rescheduled
for Sunday, May 27, after 9:30am Mass. The
meeting will be for May and June.

St. Peter: Finance Council is scheduled to meet
Sunday, June 3, after Mass.

New Church Directory at St. Augustine

The sign-up sheets for the Church Directory are
on the table in back of church. If you have not
yet chosen a time, please do so. Our directory
will not be complete without all our families. Pic-
tures will be taken May 18/19 in the Parish Hall.

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

We Catholics have been blessed in many ways, but the greatest of our blessings is the Mass. It is Christ's life, death and resurrection all in one perfect prayer. It is the source of our faith, and the highest achievement of our faith. It is a wonderful gift that we cannot begin to appreciate. It is Mystery—

not just any mystery, but *the* Mystery which gives our lives meaning.

One would think that being allowed to celebrate this perfect prayer, which gives meaning to all of our other prayers, would be something that no one would want to miss out on. Every Mass, one would think, would be packed by people who realized that this is Christ's true presence. Who among us would not drive untold distances if we knew that Jesus was going to be there to speak to us? We don't have to go far—he is here for us in a very special physical way at every Mass.

But we know that, in typically human fashion, we tend to forget just how special the Mass is, and we are more likely to go when we have to, or when it is convenient. When we go, we might look around to see who else is there with us—and how they are dressed, or how prayerful they look. We, as a people in general, have a tendency to judge others by appearances.

I knew a very holy man, in one of my former assignments, who quit going to church because he was told not to wear his old bib overalls—that it was disrespectful. The problem was, that was the only kind of clothes he owned. He was very poor, and could only afford clothes that would last a long time. He meant no disrespect, but thought that God would rather have him miss church than wear his overalls.

Some of the Jewish Christians in Paul's day also judged by appearances. They were not mean, insensitive people. They just genuinely believed that there was only one way to get to heaven, and that was through circumcision. It was the sign of the Promise made to Abraham. These well-intentioned people drove many away from the Church by their inflexibility and their poor judgment. They missed the point of what Christ's suffering and death was all about.

We still have people today who invest a lot of time and energy in judging other people's faith and prayer lives. Some people are acting out of their own ignorance—thinking that God is so narrow that they can speak definitively for him and tell others how to pray. Others are overcome with their own sense of power and authority. Whatever the reason, they tend to come across as some kind of "liturgical Gestapo", wanting to force everyone into the same confining mold that has warped their own spirituality.

In Paul's day the bishops convened in Jerusalem and decided that everyone did not have to become Jewish in order to become Christian. The people were exhorted not to cause scandal by their behavior and

practices, but that they were free to dedicate their lives to Christ without being circumcised. This decision was not popular with everyone. The first "heresy" in Church history was the movement to force Judaism on the Gentile Christians. These people were not mean, they were just too narrow in their focus, and instead of creating an environment where the love of Christ could be celebrated in a joyful community, they tried to confuse and constrict the Christian message and narrowly define it in ways that spoke only to themselves.

None of us will ever have the complete answer about how to worship. We know that the Mass is the perfect prayer, but we will probably always be tempted to see the Mass as something very narrowly defined. But it is beyond us, and it is our salvation. May we be bold enough to joyfully celebrate with the Catholic community Christ's real presence among them in Word, Sacrament and Community. Christ does not judge us—He forgives us. Hopefully we will learn from Christ's example and bring healing and peace to our communities through our greatest celebration: the Mass.

Thank You

The family of Margaret Purgeason wishes to thank all those who sent flowers, Mass offerings, food and sympathy. We appreciate your kind thoughtfulness.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bill Schartung, Joann Millay's brother, and for consolation for his family and friends.

Pray, also, for the repose of the soul of Ann H. McCallister of Morganfield, April Mitchell's grandmother, and for consolation for her family and friends.

Please continue to keep the following in your prayers:

Nathan Bach, John Blair, Debbie Byrne, Sr. Mary Ignatius Byrne, Lori Cariota, Virginia Clary, Bonnie Crabtree, Betty Davis, Sissy Embrey, Fizzie Fulkerson, Bill Gibson, Gene Girten, Mary Alice Grant, Elaine Hartle, Michael Head, Rachel Hobson, Dennis Howard, James Howard, Betty Dean Jones, Birgit Jones, Bill Kelly, Jan King, Nelda Klaserner, Ruth Lanham, Joe Layman, Evan Legate, Bernie Leonhard, Burnette Millay, Anita Mitchell, Ann Mitchell, Jude Mullen, Herbert Murphy, Lisa Neu, Dot Osborne, Bob Payne, Ryan Payne, Bonnie Potts, Dot Quinn, Hank Rains, Paul Raley, Virginia Raley, Boonie Ralph, Sheila Ralph, Tommy Ralph, Janet Schartung, Catherine Simon, Judy Simon, Silas Simon, Anita Skaggs, Judy Smith, Jaxon Stauffer, Eddie Ward, Wishy Wathen, Johnny Westerfield, Jessica Wilkerson, Bill Williams, John Young.

Welcome to Sts. Augustine & Peter of Alcantara Parishes!

We want to welcome our visitors and new parishioners! Please introduce yourself to Fr. Ray. If you have not registered, we ask that you pick up a form from the back table in church, fill it out, and return it to us. You may bring it to the office, mail it, or place it in the collection baskets. We really are glad that you are here to share the Liturgy with our community.

Mission Trip to Chile for one of our own

Gabrielle Murphy, daughter of Joe and Terry Murphy of St. Peter's parish will be traveling to South America this summer. Gabrielle will leave on May 29th, and for the next 18 days she will be visiting Chile, Argentina and Uruguay.

The deprived women at Casa Ursulina would very much appreciate any sewing items that you would be willing to donate. These items do not need to be new! Anything laying around your house that is no longer needed by you would be put to good use at the center. Some of the things needed are as follows: lace, thread, cloth, scissors, needles, elastics, patches, or anything else sewing related.



If you choose to donate money, the check should be written to Brescia University (Casa Ursulina fund)

Thank you so much for your interest in our project.

2007 Pitino Golf Classic

Friday, May 18, at Summit Golf Club. The entry fee is \$15 per person or \$500 per team. Tee time—Shot Gun Start at 9:30am. Questions? Call Charlotte Statts, 688-9000.

Card/Bunco Party

The Daughters of Isabella are sponsoring a Card/Bunco Party at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall on Tuesday, May 22, from 10am to 2pm. The \$6.00 fee includes lunch. The proceeds will be used to support the Newman Fund and the Glenmary Missions.

Mass for Graduates

On May 27, all graduates are invited to attend Mass in their cap and gown at St. Peter and St. Augustine—come to your own parish.

Our accounting of your stewardship of treasure (St. Augustine)

Sunday Collection, May 6	\$649.00
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Our accounting of your stewardship of treasure (St. Peter of Alcantara)

Sunday Collection, May 6	\$3,419.00
Children	17.80
Building Fund	300.00

Readings for the Week

MondayActs 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17
 TuesdayActs 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11
 WednesdayActs 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15
 ThursdayActs 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20
 FridayActs 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23
 SaturdayActs 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28
 SundayActs 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53

OCHS Boys Basketball Camp

The OCHS Boys Basketball Camp will be held May 29—June 1 for boys entering grades 4-9. Registration is due by May 15. Registration forms and additional information are available online at www.owensborocatholic.org or call the OCS office (686-8896).

CCD

The last CCD class will be Wednesday, May 16. The *May Procession* will be our closing ceremony.

Have you had a chance to vote for your favorite CCD teacher or youth leader? The money you donate will be used to help the Food Bank and the youth fund. Wonder who will get the pie in the face!?

Prayer Request for Brescia

Brescia University asks for your prayers during this next two weeks of May 13-25, as the Board of Trustees will make their decision of Brescia's next President. We ask that you pray for wisdom, understanding and peace to flood the decision-makers. Pray that God's sovereign will for Brescia be done during this crucial time in the University's history.

Mass Schedule (St. Augustine)

Mon.	8:00am	Mass at Stanley
Tues.	6:30pm	Mass at Stanley
Wed.	8:00am	Mass at Stanley
Thu.	8:00am	Mass at Stanley
Fri.	8:00am	Mass at Stanley
Sat.	6:30pm	Mass at Stanley
Sun.	7:00am	Gene Murphy

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 5:30pm at Stanley
or by appointment.

Mass Schedule (St. Peter of Alcantara)

Mon.	8:00am	Mary Allene Blandford Keller
Tues.	6:30pm	Ambrose Fromm
Wed.	8:00am	Mary Ethel Russell
Thu.	8:00am	John Young (surgery today)
Fri.	8:00am	Mitchell Johnson
Sat.	6:30pm	Fon Carmon
Sun.	9:30am	People of the Parishes

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 5:30pm at Stanley
Friday 7:30am
or by appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage

A couple wishing to marry must contact the priest at least six months before the desired wedding date. According to the guidelines of our diocese, you should not make absolute plans for a specific wedding date until after meeting with the pastor. The couple will be required to attend a marriage preparation course which will include at least one formal program such as an Engaged Encounter weekend or the Sponsor Couple Program.

Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism for infants is administered upon request. Parents and Godparents must attend an evening class on Baptism in the Catholic Church. Please contact the pastor and set up an appointment for this class at least a month in advance. At least one parent must be a practicing Catholic for their child to be baptized in the Catholic Church. Godparents must be at least 16 years of age, and at least one must be a practicing Catholic.



Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is celebrated upon request, and at least four times a year at all the weekend Masses. Please notify the pastor or call the parish office if you know of anyone who might need this sacrament, but may not be able to notify the pastor personally. Please inform the pastor or someone in the parish office if you or any of your family is in the hospital. If you notify us before surgery, we can celebrate this sacrament before you are admitted to the hospital. If your doctor is willing we can also have a blessing for him/her at the time of your anointing.

Sacraments to the Home-Bound

Please inform the pastor or the parish office if you know of anyone who is home-bound, so that we can insure that they are afforded ample opportunities to receive the Sacraments. We would rather be notified by several people than to not be notified at all, so please don't presume that someone else has already notified us if there is any question.

St. Peter of Alcantara Ministries

Servers: 6:30pm Kaycee & Dylan McKay
9:30am Allison & Taylor Fogle

Lectors: 6:30pm Dennis McKay
9:30am Brenda Millay

Eucharistic Ministers:

6:30pm Dolores Wathen, Marie Murphy, Cathy Mitchell
9:30am Ken & Edie McKay, George Schrecker

Gifts: 6:30pm Vince Fogle Family
9:30am Marty Mitchell Family

Ushers: 6:30pm Steve Murphy, Johnny McFadden
9:30am Pat Coomes, Bobby Alvey

Tellers: Ken McKay, Steve Murphy

Church Cleaner: Kathy Connor

St. Augustine Ministries

Servers: 6:30pm Mass at Stanley
7:00am Patrick Davis, Demi Stone

Lectors: 6:30pm Mass at Stanley
7:00am Tracy Miller

Eucharistic Ministers:

6:30pm Mass at Stanley
7:00am Larry Schwartz, Linda Evans

Gifts: 6:30pm Mass at Stanley
7:00am Jimmy Payne Family

Church Cleaner: Sheila Byrne (May 14-26)

