

# OUR ALK

September 2018





Well, here we go again! I am always amazed at how time flies and how the summer months come and go so quickly. As you read this, school will back in full swing and our families will be getting back into the routines that we know all so well – my family included.

As we begin this new school year, I ask that you keep our wonderful school in your thoughts and prayers. It is not easy to get the children back into the paces of school with having to get up early and be responsible for homework in the evenings – along with whatever else is going on. It is so important that all of our students get off to a strong start and we can all be a part of that by encouraging them to try their best right from the beginning. A good start is vital for a good ending!

Thank you all again for your support of our parish school!



Called to Respond:

### "CLEANUP PROJECT"

In partnership with the Great American Cleanup initiative and as a family of faith, let us put our faith into action in our local community of Cheviot by picking up garbage and debris!

Saturday, October 13, 2018 • 8:30 am-12:30 pm ALL ARE WELCOME!

#### **ITINERARY**

We will meet in Fr. Mick Hall 8:30 am - Morning Prayer and Continental Breakfast 9:00-11:00 am - Great American Cleanup in Cheviot, Ohio 11:15 am -12:30 pm - Lunch, Reflection and Closing Prayer

To register, please contact our Director of Religious Education, Laurie Huff, via email at hufflaurie@yahoo. com. Please indicate the name, age and T-shirt size of all participants. In the subject box include the words "Cleanup Project." We look forward to your presence.

"Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue."

(Laudato Si, no. 217)

As St. Martin's family, we proudly join the City of Cheviot in celebration of their Bicentennial Year at the

## 61st ANNUAL HARVEST HOME



## Thursday, September 6, 2018 at 6:00 pm



Parish members, students, parents, athletes and coaches, please march with us! Put on your favorite SMOT spirit wear and join us in pride and presence of gratefully sharing our time, talent and treasure with the Westside community since 1911!

We will begin lining up around 5:45pm. Our meeting location is still to be determined. Please note that the parade route ends at Homelawn Avenue near Harvest Home Park.

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teacher	or to	the	attention	of our	parish	DRE,	Mrs.	Huff.	*

Yes. my child.		

has permission to march in the Harvest Home Parade on Thursday evening, September 6, 2018. I understand that if my son or daughter is under the age of twelve, they are required to be accompanied by a responsible adult.

For the safety of all participants, those who are marching are asked to please leave scooters and bicycles behind.

Thank you for your kind cooperation.

\*Attention Terrific Volunteer Parents, Grandparents and Caregivers

### **ARE YOU VIRTUS TRAINED?!**





Your presence is a gift to our St. Martin of Tours community. We are privleged to partner in Catholic Education with you in a variety of ways such as chaperoning field trips, serving as athletic coaches, scout leaders, lunch room helpers and much more!

\* Please note that in an effort to keep our children safe, the Archdiocese of Cincinnnati requires that <u>ALL VOLUNTEERS</u> complete a ONE TIME child awareness training known as VIRTUS and a background check through SELECTION.com.

St. Martin's has scheduled two VIRTUS sessions:

Tuesday, September 18, 2018 6:00 pm Fr. Mick Hall Tuesday, February 5, 2019 6:00 pm Fr. Mick Hall

How do I register? You must preregister for VIRTUS online. No walk-ins can be admitted. Go to Virtus.org and follow the prompts. Please provide your title (Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss), full name as it appears on your driver's license, complete address, phone number, email address, last 4 digits of your social security number and the community in which you will be volunteering. Be sure to arrive fifteen minutes ahead of your session. Space is limited. If you cannot make St. Martin's VIRTUS training session, please go to virtus.org and sign up for another parish. Please be advised that "Protecting God's Children" Awareness Session is emotionally powerful and therefore, attendees must be out of high school and over the age of 18.

Now that I am registered for a VIRTUS training session, what is next? The Archdiocese of Cincinnati requires that all volunteers and staff who work with children must take part in a VIRTUS Protecting God's Children Awareness Session and a background check through SELECTION.com. GO ONLINE TO YOUR VIRTUS ACCOUNT AT VIRTUS.ORG TO DO THE BACKGROUND CHECK THROUGH SELECTION.COM (the link is found in the Toolbox Tab of your VIRTUS page). Prior to doing the background check through Selection.com please call the Parish Office at 661-2000 for a Fastrax Token worth \$25.00. For questions, please contact the Safety Environment Coordinator, Lois Sundrup or the Director of Religious Education, Laurie Huff. Thank you for your commitment in making the safety of our youth a top priority!

\* Already VIRTUS trained? Please note that to be in compliance as a VIRTUS trained adult, per archdiocesan policy, volunteers are kindly reminded that they should be no more than two bulletins behind at any given time.

Please Join Us for...

### **CATECHETICAL SUNDAY**

September 16, 2018 9:30 a.m. Mass St. Martin of Tours Parish

Each year, the Catholic Church in the United States designates the third Sunday in September as "Catechetical Sunday." On this day, we recognize the many men and women who generously give their time and talent in bringing the Gospel to those that they serve.



Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for reflection on the role each person plays by virtue of our baptism to serve as witnesses for Jesus Christ.

"The object of catechesis is communion with Jesus Christ. Catechesis leads people to enter the mystery of Christ, to encounter Him, and to discover themselves and the meaning of their lives in Him."

(National Directory of Catechesis [Washington, DC; United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2005], no. 19B.)

#### AN EVENING ON CREATION

St. Francis, Laudato Si and Sr. Caroljean Willie

This October, St. Martin of Tours Adult Faith Formation invites you to join us in celebration of St. Francis of Assisi with a special presentation on the landmark social encyclical, written by Pope Francis, Laudato Si on Tuesday, October 9, at 7:00 p.m. in Fr. Mick Hall.

Together, we will embark on a sacred journey with world-renowned speaker, **Sr. Carol Jean Willie, SC**, uncovering Pope Francis' invitation to embrace and care for God's creation as a common gift for all.



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## St. Martin of Tours Church

presents our second annual

### **Martinfest**

Saturday, November 10, 2018 6:00 p.m. until Midnight (indoors on our church grounds)

featuring our

"Lucky 11s" Major Award Raffle

## 11 Chances to WIN!

We will give away four cash prizes on this evening: \$3,011 Grand Prize Drawing held at 11:11 p.m. one \$1,011 and two \$511. Need not be present to win.

PLUS seven \$111 Drawings held on: 4-11, 5-11, 6-11, 7-11, 8-11, 9-11, 10-11

Ticket Donation \$20 each.

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## Martinfest 2018

#### 11-10-18

Back by popular demand...Our second annual **Martinfest** will be held indoors on our parish campus from 6:00 p.m. until midnight on Saturday, November 10, 2018. This adult-only event will showcase our "**Lucky 11s**" Major Award Raffle. Our Feast Day is on November 11 and our church was founded in 1911!

This evening will begin at 5:00 p.m. Mass where we ask parishioners and SMOT Alumni to join us in a special heritage celebration of our Patron Saint. After Mass, we will be serving a delicious dinner in Fr. Mick Hall catered by local favorite R&R Meats. Dinner tickets are being sold in advance on the form below and can be picked up at the doors to Fr. Mick Hall on the night of the event.

After dinner, head on over to the Parish Center for our Craft Beer Tasting! We have local breweries including; Brink Brewing Company, 13 Below Brewery, and Westside Brewing, bringing several of their brews for this tasting. Samples as well as full sized beers will be available for purchase. This will be an opportunity for you to see what the community has to offer as far as craft beer selection. There is NO admission charge for this event and entertainment will be provided by SMOT parishioner and alumnus, Tom Gilker's band "*Ripple Effect*". Beer tickets are also being sold in advance on the form below.

Throughout the evening we will be awarding prizes for our "Lucky 11s" Major Award Raffle, with the grand prize drawing held at 11:11 p.m. Winners need not be present to win Major Award Raffle. Be sure to return your "Lucky 11s" Major Award tickets now in order to participate in our remaining \$111 Earlybird Drawings held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of each month up until Martinfest.

At this event, we will also be featuring a Silent Auction, Split the Pot, Basket Bonanza Raffle and Rapid Gift Card Raffle. *PLUS*, our **BONUS DOOR PRIZE**--- Anyone in attendance on this evening will receive a Door Prize ticket for a chance to win "**Suds OR Suds**" for a year! One lucky winner will win a year's supply of laundry detergent (Suds) AND one lucky winner will win a year's supply of craft beer growlers (Suds)! Winner MUST be present to win Door Prize!



Please mark your calendars now and plan on joining us for this fun filled evening!

	<b>Martinfest Pre-Sale Dinner &amp; Beer Tickets</b>
	Dinner \$18 per person Craft Beer Tickets 4/\$10 or 10/\$20
Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zi	p:
Phone:	
	#Dinner Tickets# Beer Tickets
	Amount Enclosed \$
	Please return to the parish office by October 30, 2018.

**3720 St. Martin's Place 45211** 

### ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH

### **Laurie Huff, Director of Religious Education**

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### First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Preparations at a Glance

Catholic baptized youth in the second grade and beyond are prepared for the early sacraments of Reconciliation (the celebration of God's mercy and forgiveness) and Eucharist (the reception of Jesus' precious Body and Blood in Holy Communion).

- Tuesday, October 16 7:00 pm in Fr. Mick Hall
   Parent and Child First Reconciliation Meeting
- Sunday, November 4-Sunday, December 9 •
   8:00 am in Red School Building
   First Reconciliation Preparations for Parish School of Religion\*
- Tuesday, December 11 7:00 pm in church, followed by a simple reception in Fr. Mick Hall
   Advent Penance Service and First Reconciliation
- Tuesday, February 19 7:00 pm in Fr. Mick Hall
   Parent and Child First Eucharist Meeting
- Sunday, March 3 9:30 am Mass
   First Eucharist Investiture with Parents and Candidates
- Sunday, March 3-Sunday, April 28
   All First Communicant Families Attend 9:30 am Mass
   Together (with the exception of Easter Sunday, April 21st)
- Sunday, March 17-Sunday, April 28 8:00-9:00 am in Red School Building, no session on Easter Sunday
   First Eucharist Preparations for Parish School of Religion\*
- Saturday, May 4 10:30 am-1:00 pm, meet in Fr. Mick Hall
   Jesus Day and Rehearsal for First Communion Families
- Sunday, May 5 11:30 am Mass, following celebration portraits by Lifetouch First Communion Celebration



### Seventh and Eighth Grade Confirmation Preparations at a Glance

As a follower of Jesus Christ, during the Rite of Confirmation the candidate is sealed with Sacred Chrism, receiving the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, strengthening them in their Christian life. Candidates are baptized Catholic and have celebrated their First Holy Communion.

- Thursday, September 27 7:00 pm in Fr. Mick Hall Confirmation Candidates with Parents Meeting
- Sunday, October 7 9:30 am Mass
   Confirmation Candidates with Parents Investiture
- Saturday, October 13 8:30 am-1:00 pm
   Confirmation Candidates & Sponsors Service Project
   Keep Cincinnati Beautiful More information will follow.
- Sunday, February 24-Sunday, March 31 •
   11:30 am in Red School Building
   Confirmation Preparations for Parish School of Religion\*
- Thursday, March 7 5:30-9:00 pm in Parish Center
  Confirmation Candidates & Sponsors Evening of Retreat
- Tuesday, March 19 6:30 pm in Fr. Mick Hall
   Confirmation Candidates Evening of Discernment
- Thursday, April 4 7:00 pm in Fr. Mick Hall
  Confirmation Rehearsal with Candidates and Sponsors
- Monday, April 8 7:00 pm at St. Martin of Tours Parish with the Most Reverend Archbishop Dennis Schnurr
   Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation

<sup>\*</sup> The Parish School of Religion (PSR) is designed to assist families with children in grades one through eight, attending public schools with their religious education.

### Why Do Catholics Do That? By Angela Birkhead-Flight, Music & Liturgy Director

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

"Timmy, quit squirming around!"

"Mom, I'm bored!"

"Dan," Cathy said to her husband, "I'm not sure what good it does to bring Timmy to church on Sundays! He doesn't even pay attention to what's going on!"

You might remember, as a young child, squirming around at Mass, not really understanding what was being said from the ambo. Beginning on September 10th at the 11:30 Mass there will be a new program to help children aged 4 through 8 understand the Word of God in a prayerful, friendly environment. To give parents and grandparents an idea of how this program will work, I'd like to walk you through a typical "Liturgy of the Word for Children."

Families come to Mass as usual, and right after the Gloria, Fr. Terry will call the children to the front and give the adult leaders the Children's Lectionary which contains translations of the Sunday readings written at an easier reading level. This lectionary is approved by the Church. As we sing a short song to send them on their way, the leaders will process with the children to the rectory.

In the rectory living room, spilling over into the dining room if necessary, we will have placed a candle (on a high mantle for safety), the lectionary, and craft materials. First, the children will hear the Word of God. Then the leaders will lead a gentle conversation about what the reading was about and how it applies to their young lives. Next, the children will take part in some activity, often a simple craft. If time allows, the team will lead the children in simple Prayers of the Faithful. The children will be returned to Mass about 25 minutes after they leave, which will have them coming back into the sanctuary during the Prayers of the Faithful or Presentation of the Gifts.

Our goal in providing this program is to help the youngest members of our parish learn about God's Word, and develop a strong bond with our Church. We aim to create a very positive, loving environment in which to focus in on just one aspect of the day's Gospel reading so as to not overwhelm them. Because the children will be present for the Liturgy of the Eucharist, it is fine for children who have already made their First Communion to attend the Children's Liturgy of the Word if you feel they would benefit from the program.

Please share news of this program with your friends and family and encourage any children you know between the ages of 4 to 8 to attend. Anything we can do to bring the little ones to Jesus enriches our entire world!



For all the children of St. Martin's Parish who are beginning school, for our teachers, administrators, and staff, that they may receive many blessings throughout the year.

For the health and safety of Pope Francis, that he remains strong physically and spiritually in order to continue his leadership of the Church.

For all those contemplating learning more about the Catholic faith, that they will be open to God's call for them.

For our R.C.I.A staff and mentors as they prepare to instruct any who would enter the program.

For all of us, that we will be forgiving of others, and show Christ's love in all our interactions.

As we celebrate the birthday of Mary (September 8th), may we draw closer to our Mother and her Divine Son.

For all our parish volunteers to serve as the hands and feet of Christ, that their ministries will be blessed.

For blessings on our Vocal Ensemble as they begin rehearsing this month, that each member will remain in good health and be blessed by the music they create.

For all those who labor as we celebrate Labor Day this month, that their work will follow the will of God and thus be blessed, and that they will be justly compensated for their labor.

For our country, that our discourse will be civil and truthful. That our citizens will take their responsibility to be instruments of improvement in our society seriously, and will seek the truth through sources that are not purposely biased.

For the recipients of our parish healing/prayer blankets, for their physical, mental, and spiritual health, and for all those in our community who are sick.

For those who take part in the Ministry of Praise, bringing these petitions to God, for all their own special needs and petitions.

For the petitions of all members of our parish, and the intentions listed in our Parish Intention Book.

### **Memorial Mass Fund**

For the Memory/ Intention of:

Eva Cook Bernice Coliflower Bernice Coliflower Judy Gettler

### From:

Bob Hildebrand Bob Hildebrand Carol & Russ Umberg Judy Gettler

### **Deaths**

Donna Bucalo
Amy Littlewood
Luis A Santiago-Aponte
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Bernice Coliflower
Vincent Lambers
June Smith

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Mass of Healing



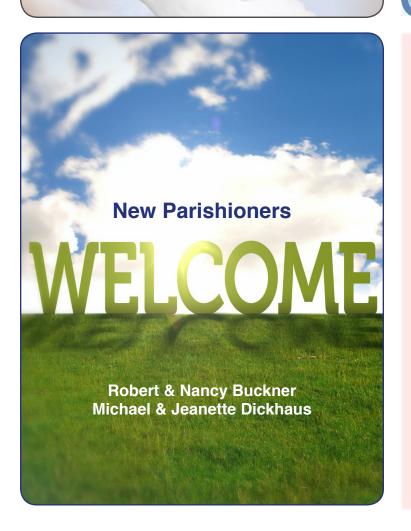
With the Celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick on

Sunday, September 23, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Anyong who would like to receive this special sacrament in which we pray for God's gift of healing in body, mind and soul is invited to this sacred eelebration.

Following Mass, a brief reception will follow.

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office at 661-2000.



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