

**INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK****SUNDAY, May 2, 2021****9:00 am** Roger Hartinger (d)**11:00 am** Carl Armbruster (d)**7:00 pm** For the Parishoners**MONDAY, May 3, 2021**

ST. PHILLIP AND ST. JAMES, APOSTLES

**8:30 am** Marcelino and Vincent (d)**TUESDAY, May 4, 2021****8:30 am** Bette Moorman (d)**WEDNESDAY, May 5, 2021****8:30 am** Jeanne Dreiling (d)**THURSDAY, May 6, 2021****8:30 am** Paul Kleinberg (d)**3:00 pm – 5:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION****FRIDAY, May 7, 2021****8:30 am** Jim Dugan (d)**SATURDAY, May 8, 2021****8:30 am** Nancy Spraul (d)**4:30 pm** Angela Hofmeyer (d)**SUNDAY, May 9, 2021****9:00 am** Gus & Tony Rizzo (d)**11:00 am** Michael DiCorpo (d)**7:00 pm** For the Parishoners**Delhi Barber****Victor Fabro****402 Greenwell @ Delhi Pike****513-823-7132****Walk in Anytime****SERVERS****May 8/9**

No Servers scheduled.

**LECTORS****May 8/9**

No Lectors scheduled.

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS****May 8/9**

No Eucharistic Ministers scheduled.

**OFFERING****April 25, 2021** \$ 6,414.63**Additional Easter** \$ 225.00**Easter Grand Total** \$24,236.43*Thank You for your Generosity!*

**Vocation View** St. John Vianney spoke of the priesthood as the ‘love of the heart of Jesus.’ To be called to the priesthood and/or religious life is to love the people of God in a unique and dynamic way. (1 John 3) To talk about your discernment, please contact Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, Director of Vocations at [dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org).

**Thought for the Day:** “I have found the paradox that if I love until it hurts, then there is no hurt, but only more love.

*Mother Teresa*

**PLEASE NOTIFY US AT THE RECTORY** when a family member is hospitalized or homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion and/or the Sacrament of Penance.

# The Laurentian

**Catholic Ministries Appeal** (CMA) has reached the midpoint of its appeal and with the generosity of over 22,000 donors has surpassed its overall \$5 million goal. Archbishop Schnurr expresses his gratitude for your support of the six ministries sustained by the CMA. Thank you! Despite reaching its goal, the need of the CMA ministries is still great and your support could make this the best CMA year ever! If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so this week. No gift is too small and every gift makes a difference!  
For more information or to donate online, please visit [www.AOCstewardship.org](http://www.AOCstewardship.org).

A reminder that 50% of funds over our parish goal come back to our parish for our own ministry needs.

Thank you for your consideration and support!



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## **Major Church Beautification**

Over the years, thanks to the foresight of pastors, the goodness, talents and support of members and friends of St. Lawrence Parish (Church) many improvements have been accomplished without affecting the parish or school annual budgets. The Lord has blessed us in countless ways and as pastor/parishioners of this amazing parish, we continue to be custodians of the rich traditions and generosity of past generations. Once again, I have called upon a dedicated group of volunteers to help plan another major Church project.

The current worn and tattered carpeting on the aisle ways and under the pews has become a major concern. Though it has served us well, its deterioration has made it a danger with portions of high traffic areas buckling and threading causing concern for injuries. It needs to be replaced. In addition, after considerable evaluation, we have determined that a lasting benefit of this project is to install tile. In doing so it will maintain the architectural integrity of this magnificent holy structure, construction of which started in 1886 as the first Catholic Church to serve the residents of Price Hill.

The estimated cost of preparation and tile installation is \$400,000. I am pleased to report that, thanks to significant lead gifts, we are blessed to currently have over \$100,000. To help finance this project we will have a second collection.

The stone tile floor will be installed in sections. And, while this is being done, the pews will be refurbished. So, there will be some changes in seating arrangements throughout the project. I will keep you advised. This project is scheduled to be completed this summer.

*The new commandment*

*A new commandment I give you, that you love one another.* This commandment that he is giving them is a new one, the Lord Jesus tells his disciples. Yet was it not contained in the Old Law, where it is written: *You shall love your neighbor as yourself?* Why does the Lord call it new when it is clearly so old? Or is the commandment new because it divests us of our former selves and clothes us with the new man? Love does indeed renew the man who hears, or rather obeys its command; but only that love which Jesus distinguished from a natural love by the qualification: *As I have loved you.*

This is the kind of love that renews us. When we love as he loves us we become new men, heirs of the new covenant and singers of the new song. My brothers, this was the love that even in bygone days renewed the holy men, the patriarchs and prophets of old. In later times it renewed the blessed apostles, and now it is the turn of the Gentiles. From the entire human race throughout the world this love gathers together into one body a new people, to be the bride of God's only Son. She is the bride of whom it is asked in the Song of Songs: *Who is this who comes clothed in white?* White indeed are her garments, for she has been made new; and the source of her renewal is none other than this new commandment.

And so all her members make each other's welfare their common care. When one member suffers, all the members suffer with him, and if one member is glorified all the rest rejoice. They hear and obey the Lord's words: *A new commandment I give you, that you love one another;* not as men love another for their own selfish ends, nor merely on account of their common humanity, but because they are all sons of the Most High.

They love one another as God loves them so that they may be brothers of his holy Son. He will lead them to the goal that alone will satisfy them, where all their desires will be fulfilled. For when God is in all, there will be nothing left to desire.

This love is the gift of the Lord who said: *As I have loved you, you also must love one another.* His object in loving us, then, was to enable us to love each other. By loving us himself, our mighty head has linked us all together as members of his own body, bound to one another by the tender bond of love.

*by St. Augustine, bishop*



## The Laurentian

### *The firstborn of the new creation*

The reign of life has begun, the tyranny of death is ended. A new birth has taken place, a new life has come, a new order of existence has appeared, our very nature has been transformed! This birth is not brought about *by human generation, by the will of man, or by the desire of the flesh, but by God.*

If you wonder how, I will explain in clear language. Faith is the womb that conceives this new life, baptism the rebirth by which it is brought forth into the light of day. The Church is its nurse; her teachings are its milk, the bread from heaven is its food. It is brought to maturity by the practice of virtue; it is wedded to wisdom; it gives birth to hope. Its home is the kingdom; its rich inheritance the joys of paradise; its end, not death, but the blessed and everlasting life prepared for those who are worthy.

*This is the day the Lord has made* –a day far different from those made when the world was first created and which are measured by the passage of time. This is the beginning of a new creation. On this day, as the prophet says, God makes a new heaven and a new earth. What is the new heaven? You may ask. It is the firmament of our faith in Christ. What is the new earth? A good heart, a heart like the earth, which drinks up the rain that falls on it and yields a rich harvest.

In this new creation, purity of life is the sun, the virtues are the stars, transparent goodness is the air, and *the depths of the riches of wisdom and knowledge*, the sea. Sound doctrine, the divine teachings are the grass and plants that feed God's flock, the people whom he shepherds; the keeping of the commandments is the fruit borne from the trees.

On this day is created the true man, the man made in the image and likeness of God. For *this day the Lord has made* is the beginning of this new world. Of this day the prophet says that it is not like other days, nor is this night like other nights. But still, we have not spoken of the greatest gift it has brought us. This day destroyed the pangs of death and brought to birth the firstborn of the dead.

*I ascend to my Father and to your Father, to my God and to your God.* O what wonderful good news! He, who for our sake became like us in order to make us his brothers, now presents to his true Father his own humanity in order to draw all his kindred up after him.

*by St. Gregory of Nyssa, bishop*

