



SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

EARTH DAY AND THE SEASON OF NEW LIFE

The Easter Season begins with the celebration of the Resurrection of the Savior on Easter Sunday. Our joy at having been saved through the ultimate gift of love by Jesus’ dying on the cross like a common criminal, then rising from the dead to overcome our sins begins that day, and the celebration continues through Pentecost which will arrive on June 5th this year. Easter isn’t just the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord, but a season-long celebration of the new life given to us through the Lord’s resurrection. We rejoice, Alleluia!

QAC began the tradition of acknowledging the new life celebrations several years ago by organizing the New Life Baby Shower. That visible reminder of our own new life, and the new lives in and around our community is underway once again.

The Queen of Apostles Community has been exceptionally generous in supporting the efforts to meet the needs of Brigid’s Path and of the Stork’s Nest Baby Pantry, and we ask you to participate once again.

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We are very grateful to Martie Holda and Meghann Naveau who have organized this year’s effort to be Christ’s hands on earth and to love our neighbor as ourself through this wonderful effort. Your donations will be gratefully received through Pentecost Sunday. Donations can be placed in the bins available in the vestibule each week. Items that these two community support agencies need are listed on the next page.

Thank you for your continued support of our brothers and sisters who have less – especially the infants and toddlers.

Additionally, continuing our celebration of Earth Day, and our commitment to care for the Earth as part of our Marianist spiritual commitment, the Marianist Environmental Education Center (MEEC) housed on our home at Mount St. John’s will hold their Annual Native Plant Sale on Saturday, June 25th from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM. If you have time to volunteer to help at the sale, it will be greatly appreciated. I know I found it very rewarding and educational!

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Speaking of educational, if you want to learn how to get the best return on your investment in native plants, MEEC is holding a series of classes before the plant sale! Please register to attend! (<https://meec.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/meec/eventRegistration.jsp?event=316&>)



[Gardening With Native Plants - Session I](#) **Plants & Insects: Partners in Biodiversity** – Friday, May 6, 2022 - 11:00am to 12:00pm

[Land Service Volunteer Saturday - May](#)

Saturday, May 7, 2022 - 1:00pm to 4:00pm

[Gardening With Native Plants - Session II](#) **How to Create and Maintain a Native Plant Habitat Through the Year (and Years!)** - Friday, May 13, 2022 - 11:00am to 12:00pm

[Gardening With Native Plants - Session III](#) **What Goes Where? Choosing Plants and Patterns to Best Suit your Habitats** – Friday, May 20, 2022 - 11:00am to 12:00pm

Items for Brigid's Path

- Paper Towels (rolls)
- Bottle Brushes
- Bottled Water
- Antibacterial Hand Soap
- 8 oz. Bottled Hand Sanitizer
- Aveeno Sensitive Baby Lotion
- Desitin Maximum Ointment (purple box)
- Dry Snacks (granola bars, chips, etc.)
- Sturdy paper plates
- Baby grooming sets
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Copy paper (any brand)
- Postage stamps
- RTA bus passes or tokens

Items for Stork Nest Baby Pantry:

- Enfamil baby formula, all varieties
- Diapers - Sizes newborn, 5 & 6
- Pull-Ups - Sizes 3/4 & 5/6
- Baby wipes
- Baby wash/shampoo & lotion *
- Clothing & pajamas Size 2T - 5T
- Bibs, burp cloths, towels & washcloths *
- Blankets-all sizes, even living room throws *
- Gently used clothes accepted
- Lightweight jackets (all sizes)
- Socks & underwear for toddlers, sizes small & medium (not tiny ones)
- Sippy cups (the simpler, the better)*

*Often out of these items

By the way, Linda Murnane was in Washington, D.C. this past week and among other things, she participated in a march to the Russian Ambassador's residence where they planted plastic sunflowers and Ukrainian flags as a sign of unity to stop the aggression.



QAC Treasures

When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left and could say, "I used everything You gave me."

~ Erma Bombeck

Gary and Peggy Cashero have been members of QAC for over 30 years. When they moved to Ohio in 1989 they attended St. Luke's Parish for a couple of years. Their kids heard about QAC from their friends and, as they were already experiencing the rigidity of the RE program at St. Luke's, they were more than willing to give QAC a try.



They immediately felt at home with such a warm and welcoming community. It was so refreshing from any of the parishes they had experienced thus far on their military travels. One of Peggy's favorite things was the connection she felt holding hands and singing the Our Father. As an introvert, however, the Kiss of Peace was the most intimidating. Now, it just seems natural!

They both loved the music, so Peggy joined the choir right away. She found the music much more upbeat and inspiring than when she was a St. Luke choir member. She feels blessed to be part of the choir family and appreciates all the very talented musicians we have had over the years.

When their children were younger, Gary was a religious education teacher at QAC. More recently, he was assisting as Sacristan to help relieve the Herberts in the commitment of preparing and cleaning up after Mass each week. Currently, Gary and Peggy volunteer as "greeter" coordinators for Sunday Mass. They also volunteer to do set-up, provide donuts, bagels and drinks for our community fellowship gathering each month. And then, of course, they clean up afterwards.

In addition to their commitment to QAC, they also volunteer for the Family Promise of Greene County cooking team. This agency helps those experiencing homelessness and also low income families. After learning about how many hours they have devoted to helping others over the years, it is still amazing that they humbly say, "We don't do that much!"

THANK YOU, GARY AND PEGGY!



*When **Sharie McKenny** first joined QAC, she volunteered in the nursery, then later coordinated the volunteers for the little ones. She taught the preschool Religious Education program for a few years and eventually coordinated the preschool teachers. At one point, a craft group formed to make items to sell at the Christmas bazaar in order to raise money for QAC. Sharie had a glue gun and joined in.*

Sharie served as a QAC Day coordinator one year which led to her continued service to others. She has helped with funeral receptions, been part of a team that serves meals at Family Promise of Greene County, and volunteered in various projects like helping a woman clean and paint her home.

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She has served as the Liturgy Planning Committee Coordinator and continues to be a part of the Liturgy Planning Committee because her faith experience has always been focused around celebrating Eucharist with our community.

In addition, Sharie, along with Chris Sitko, are the current Coordinators for QAC's Community Ministry, which involves her creation of beautiful handmade cards that she sends to community members. She helps prepare and deliver meals, provides transportation for doctor's appointments and shares Eucharist for those who cannot attend in person.

Wherever there's a need in our community, Sharie can always be counted on to share her time, talent and energy.

THANK YOU SHARIE!

Hurry, Hurry...Read all about it! We are searching for our next Community Coordinator and it's YOU!

That's right...you are being called to serve as QAC's next Community Coordinator. Like Samuel, it may take you three times to hear God call you to this important position...so please listen carefully. We are praying that you will say "YES, here I am Lord, your servant is listening and ready to serve!"

We are so grateful to Terri Blanken who has served as QAC's Community Coordinator for the past two years but unfortunately for us, her term as coordinator will end on June 30th. As of the printing of this newsletter, no one from our community has volunteered to serve as our next coordinator. The Lay Community Coordinator is a volunteer position that is occupied by a member of the QAC community.

A full description of the Lay Community Coordinator's responsibilities can be found in the QAC Operating Procedures starting on page 3. These procedures are located on the QAC website at [QAC-Operating-Procedures-Mar-2020.pdf \(qac-ohio.org\)](https://qac-ohio.org/QAC-Operating-Procedures-Mar-2020.pdf). Please prayerfully consider submitting your name for this leadership role.



During the month of May we honor our Blessed Mother - Mary, the Mother of God, and our spiritual mother. Pope Paul VI wrote a short encyclical on the month of May, where he wrote that May is an occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance." May the Blessed Virgin Mary intercede for us and draw us closer to Christ her Son!



*For all the mothers and the mothers-at-heart,
thank you for your care and kindness.*

Happy Mother's Day!

***Long ago,
We proclaimed a willingness to build a community of love***



When one is ill
We give care
When one grieves
We come together
When one is hungry
We feed them
When one is cold
We share clothing
When one is lost
We hold their hand
When one succeeds
We all cheer
When one needs prayers
We pray

As long as there's a need for what we can offer

QAC will continue to be the people God calls us to be.

~ Terri Blanken



Memorial Day - May 30th. As we celebrate this year's Memorial Day, let us take some time out of our day to remember all those who died in the performance of their military duties while serving in the United States Armed Forces. On this day, we honor and mourn these military personnel.

As Mother

By Chris Bohmer-Stewart



As Mother's Day approaches, I got to thinking about what we pass on to our young children in terms of spiritual values through the generations.

I don't remember my mother talking to me about God. However, I clearly remember her sending me down to Mr. Eger in the studio apartment below to deliver a meal to him almost every evening and overhearing her discuss with my father that they should never raise his rent because he couldn't afford any more than the rate he'd signed on for many years earlier. I also remember delivering homemade cookies and fruitcakes (yes, they were appreciated "back in the day") to what felt like all of West Eighth Street.

About four decades later, a memory stands out from a time I was helping a kindergarten-aged Anna pick out clothes for a large picnic gathering. She excitedly grabbed her new dress socks with the ruffles and I said rather harshly, "I just got those for you! You'll ruin them already!" Her shamefaced reply was, "Yes, God wouldn't want me to ruin my dress socks." At that point I gasped, hung my head and said, "No, God only cares about things like whether you're honest and how you treat other people. Only a human mother would be petty enough to care about getting your new socks dirty..."

A decade or so after that, I was in the kitchen in my usual harried mode - supervising homework while making dinner and periodically working on progress notes, hoping not to splash them with homemade vinaigrette, when the phone rang. Sarah answered and stretched the cord all the way across the kitchen, past her father, handing it to me, though it turned out to be for my husband. After the call, I asked her, with more irritation than was warranted, "Why did you hand the phone to me? They wanted the parent who takes care of the gas bill!" Sarah replied, "Oh, I thought they wanted the parent who takes care of the Gospel".

A couple of decades later, I am now Grandma to two, soon to be three. Like my mother, my granddaughter Addi doesn't talk about God. Then again she's only four. (When I initially failed to sign Sarah up for RE when she was in preschool and Marilyn McCrate, who was the DRE at the time asked why. I explained Sarah was just starting to talk in sentences -much less talk about God. Marilyn's wise response was "What preschooler can? If she likes to color and be with friends, sign her up. It's about community!" A good point in view of QAC's current dilemma, but I digress, now back to Addi). Addi does talk a lot about heaven though. For example, she wanted to wait for a sleepover until her Grampa could come back from heaven because she wouldn't want him to miss it. I explained that Grampa's body wouldn't be coming back from heaven, but that his spirit was always around in the clouds and the trees and the birds. To that, she responded, "So even though he never met me, he watches me and he knows me and he loves me and I miss him." She also talks a lot about love...like the time she was drawn to and horrified by a story about the war in Ukraine on Spectrum news before I had a chance to change the channel to PBS Kids. "Oh, my! People are dying! That's bad. That's very, very bad..." After I briefly tried describing war in terms a child could understand, Addi replied, "When I grow up I'm going to be a queen and make sure everybody loves each other!" Disney Princess meets Corinthians...She may not know theology, but she's got the Spirit. It's not about clean dress socks. It's all about love. And so it goes...

♥ *It's All about Love* ♥

QAC STEWARDSHIP
A Way of Life

Send Me Out!

At the last Community Meeting, I was reminded that QAC is not merely a Parish, but a Community of Believers guided by the Holy Spirit. And that's so apparent in how we celebrate, pray and help so many others in need. I think you will agree that our liturgical celebrations really bring out the Spirit in all of us, especially during "Pentecost and Confirmation".



Kevin Skinner

I remember one of songs that we sang during a Pentecost Mass was "Send Me Out" by Steve Fee ([Send me Out With Lyrics Steve Fee - YouTube](#)). In addition to an upbeat rock rhythm, the lyrics really speak to what QAC is all about.

"I wanna be Your hands & feet.

I wanna be Your voice every time I speak.

I wanna run to the ones in need, in the name of Jesus.

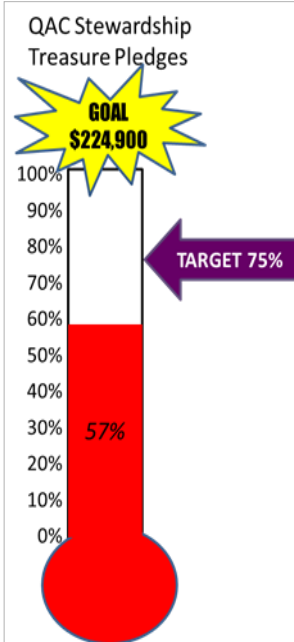
I wanna give my life away, all for Your kingdom's sake.

Shine a light in the darkest place, in the name of Jesus.

In the name of Jesus."

Isn't this what the Apostles did after the resurrection? They became the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus. When we embrace stewardship, we are invited to share our unique talents. So I ask you to prayerfully recognize what special skills and talents God might be calling you to share. How does the chorus of the song speak to you?

As we move to the next chapter for QAC, are we ready to answer God's call? Are you ready to say here I am send me out?



This scale shows our weekly offering (Sunday collections) and our planned budget (target) for the 2021/2022 fiscal year, which started July 1st. Please remember that 10% our weekly offering goes to our Social Justice Ministry. Thank you for your support!

QAC FINANCIAL SUMMARY - MARCH 2022

	Monthly	Year to Date	Year to Date (Budget)
Collections	\$ 12,205	\$127,118	\$ 168,675
Other Income	\$	\$ 3,895	
Total Operating Income	\$ 12,205	\$131,013	
Operating Expense	\$ 19,757	\$148,705	
Income Expense	\$ (7,552)	\$ (17,692)	
Excluded Income		\$ 8,208	

Note: Excluded income and expenses are one-time items, not expected to repeat
Thank you for your generosity!

For those unable to attend Sunday Liturgy, please don't forget that we still need your financial support. Please mail in your weekly donations (address on front cover) or better yet, set up Online giving.

View the instructions to setting up online giving at

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dRMfgKncvhM&feature=youtu.be>

CORRECTION IN VIDEO—QAC Zip Code was changed, so please disregard the last four of the zip code



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Happy Birthday to...

May Birthdays



- 1 JULIA KEENAN
- 5 CARLISIANNA BERRY
- 6 BOB BUESCHER
- 6 JOAN IVORY
- 6 ANITA SMITH
- 7 JASON BIGLER
- 8 EVELYN ATKINSON
- 10 DAVID MERRELLI
- 10 KRISTINA STIEGER
- 12 RENAE SMITH
- 15 PARKER COX
- 15 SHARON DiLORENZO
- 15 CONOR HERNIT
- 17 MARY GUILFOOS
- 18 MARY JO PFANDER
- 20 CHARLIE BANE
- 21 PAT HALE
- 21 TRACY MORAN
- 22 MARY MARGARET ATKINSON
- 22 JOSEPH HAMILTON
- 23 KATRINA HAMILTON
- 23 JUDY RAMMEL
- 25 CAROL WEILAND
- 28 MARTIN HALL
- 28 CHUCK ORMSBY

Blessings to all those celebrating a Birthday this month!

Our prayers are offered on your birthday that God will bless you with infinite peace, love, prosperity and happiness.

Please let us know if we missed your birthday! And if we did, we sincerely apologize!



Seniors' Corner by Chuck Bauer

"April Showers Bring May Flowers", which incidentally is repeated from my last month's Seniors Corner. Snow on Holy Thursday just before Easter, just enough to cover the grass. Global Warming?? The cold weather has slowed the blooming of my Red Bud trees. I carefully checked the Red Buds on April 22nd nearly a week later than usual. Saturday after supper I wanted to gather several Red Bud branches. and after two days of near 80°F weather, the Red Buds were just perfect and on time. Note that in my last month's Senior Corner I said I would report on them.

Even with the cooler weather, Easter was great this year. My two families in the area came over for Easter Dinner. For the first time we had Leg of Lamb and the old standby - ham. The Lamb turned out GREAT, with a gravy sauce and Mint Jelly on the side. Yum! On Saturday night Ruby and I had my "Perfect Standing Roasts for Two". No wonder I can't lose weight. I have a bathroom scale below the computer table - did you just hear me scream!!

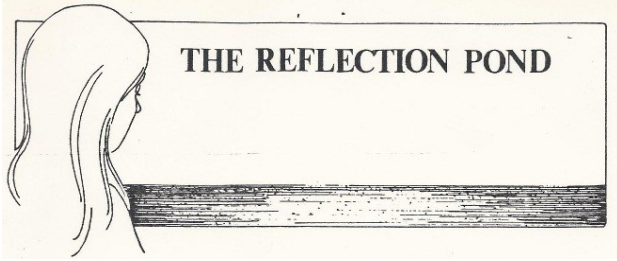
In May the area park districts bring out their Summer Concert Schedules, and I have included a list of some of the major parks below. I will have my work cut out for me collecting the info and posting it on the boards. Copies of course will be on the tables located just below the boards in the vestibule.

- ◆ Beaver Creek – Dominick Lofino Park; The Greene
- ◆ Centerville - Stubbs Park
- ◆ Dayton - RiverScape (My favorite is the Celtic Festival, last weekend in July); Levitt
- ◆ Fairborn - Main Street and Community Park
- ◆ Kettering - The Frazee
- ◆ Miamisburg - Riverfront Park
- ◆ Springfield - Summer Arts Festival at Veterans Park. Six weeks of continuous activities.
- ◆ Dozens of other area festivals

There are over 400 miles of area Bike Paths, River Trails, and Parks and Lakes. The first weekend in May brings out all the new growth. I will be checking on the White Bass Run at Caesar Creek. Let's see if I can get BB or DB or DH to join me.

Looking forward to a GREAT Summer! Keep Happy, Healthy and Positive!

Chuck Bauer



Our Community Spirit

By Steve Guilfoos

*Our community is not a building . . .
not a church . . . not a parish . . .
Our Community is us as a loving people.*

*Our community was active . . .
was caring . . . prayed and played together . . .
Our community continues to be us as a loving people.*

*Our community filled our life with joy . . .
filled our faith needs . . . was our focus for family . . .
Our community continues to be our faith and our life.*

*But our community seems different today . . .
our comfortableness has hidden our "spirit"
Which once defined us as community.*

*Maybe together . . .
We could look for that "spirit"
Maybe together . . .
We could renew that "spirit"
Maybe together . . .
We could build a new "spirit"
Maybe together . . .
We could be the "spirit"
Maybe together . . .
We could . . .*



*May the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places
through the Immaculate Virgin Mary*

Marianist Doxology

Our friends at **Puzzles Plus** created a special word search for this month's Spirit Newsletter. Using the word list at the bottom of the page, see how many words you can find!

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 O U R W I A C S I E L L I N M
 P G N E S P S O I T A T O B A
 U E I L D P A C M N E V O M G
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Puzzles Plus is owned by QACers Steve and Lisa Nordmeyer. There are two convenient locations to shop at and they are online too:

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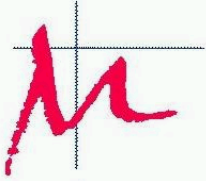
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| BAPTISM | HEAVEN |
| BEAVERCREEK | FRIENDSHIP |
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Welcome to our monthly section of The SPIRIT devoted to our youth

Building disciples of Jesus and true members of the body of Christ, grounded in his true presence in the Eucharist and ready to stand for the truth, that is the love of God, in any terrain of the battlefield

It's hard to believe that the Religious Education 2021/2022 program will come to an end for the season in just a few weeks. The classes met twice a month in Si Lounge from 10:30 AM to Noon and participated in a few service projects throughout the year. It's been a fun year and we'll wrap up the year this month with a few fun activities noted below.



May Crowning: A May Crowning is an old tradition in which a crown (usually a crown of flowers) is placed on the head of a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary to signify her honor as Queen of heaven and earth. During May, we honor Mary in a special way when we acclaim Mary, the Mother of God, as our queen and as the Mother of the Church.

On Sunday, May 8th, the RE classes will join together to honor our Blessed Mother by holding a May Crowning outside by the Chaminade Statue behind the Chapel (weather permitting).

Last Day of Classes/Mini-Retreat: Sunday, May 22nd is the last day of classes for this school year. The RE classes will join together for a mini-retreat and celebrate all we have accomplished through the year. We are asking all parents to ensure that students arrive by 9:00 so that we can start on time. The mini-retreat will begin at 9:15 AM and end at 10:15 AM. After RE, we will then walk to the Chapel to celebrate Mass. Immediately following Mass, join the QAC community for a QAC BBQ! More information to come!!!

First Eucharist News....



On Sunday May 15th, **Andrew Seibert will receive his First Holy Communion** during our 10:30 Mass.

We ask that you please keep Andrew and his family in your thoughts and prayers during these last two weeks of preparation.

A reception will be held immediately following the 10:30 AM Mass in the vestibule to congratulate Andrew. All are welcome! We look forward to celebrating with Andrew and his family on this very special day!



Special Thanks to all those who have been involved in the RE program this year: Joelle Martinez who served as DRE, Maggie Atkinson and Kathryn Tchorz who taught the High School class; Jose Martinez and Andi Eveslage who taught the Confirmation class; and Linda Skinner and Anita Smith who taught the 3/4th grade class. We also couldn't have had a successful program without the help of Nimfa Simpson and Jody and Neil Paris for handling the drop off/pickup process, Kate and David Chesar for bringing us Eucharist each class, Martie Holda and Dave Chesar for filling in as substitutes, and all of the parents who committed to our program.

And a very, very special thanks to everyone who helped out with the **Easter Egg Hunt**, those who helped fill the eggs, setup, cleanup and helped the day of the event with cookie decorating, getting the donuts, and so much more! There are just too many volunteers to list and so thank you to all!

QAC Spotlight

Holy Week





Easter Egg Hunt





May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 3rd Sunday of Easter 10:30AM Mass (Live Stream Available) Fresh Produce Collection	2	4	4	5 Leadership Team Meeting, 7:00pm - Si Lounge	6	7
8 4th Sunday of Easter 10:30AM Mass (Live Stream Available) 10:30AM Religious Education Happy Mother's Day	9	10	11	12 7:30PM Choir Practice	13	14
15 5th Sunday of Easter 10:30AM Mass (Live Stream Available) First Eucharist Celebration/ Reception	16	17	18	19 7:30PM Choir Practice	20	21 Armed Forces Day
22 6th Sunday of Easter 9:00 AM Religious Education Last Day of Classes 10:30AM Mass (Live Stream Available) QAC BBQ After Mass	23	24	25	26 7:30PM Choir Practice	27	28
29 The Ascension of the Lord 10:30AM Mass (Live Stream Available)	30 Memorial Day	31				