

SERVANT OF THE WEEK—

PEGGY WILKIE



Peggy Wilkie and husband Don celebrated their thirtieth wedding anniversary this year! They have four children who are now spread throughout the country: a married son in Texas; a son in medical student in Columbus, OH; a daughter who teaches in Charlotte, NC; and son Dan who just graduated from THS and will attend Kent State in the fall. Peggy and Don hail from hometown Pittsburgh PA, so we can excuse them for being Steelers fans. Fifteen years ago, the Wilkies outgrew their Copley home, so they built a home and moved to Tallmadge. They also moved from St Hilary parish to OLV. Peggy said their children experienced a significant schooling change. "Our children had attended Catholic school at St.Hilary, but since there was no Catholic school here in Tallmadge, we decided to try the public schools and it was a great success!" Peggy's a caregiver by trade. "I am an RN at Akron City Hospital, currently on the Mother-

Baby unit. I love my job, helping new mom's become confident in caring for their newborns and sharing this special time with families. I have been a nurse since 1979, and have always been able to work alternate shifts with my husband, a good way to have a career and still have lots of time for family." Peggy has also been a caregiver in ministry in our parish. "When my children started getting older, and I was able to start working part time, I decided to become more involved in parish life. I became a Eucharistic Minister and volunteer at the Heather Knoll nursing home." Later she brought her care to younger children of God. "I have always been impressed by the dedication of the PSR teachers here at OLV and the wonderful job they do sharing their faith with the children. After some prompting by a friend I also became involved with the PSR program and have taught second grade for the past 4 years." Peggy just retired from PSR, but she's glad she's been active at OLV. "It is true that when one becomes involved in ministry, it is to serve others, but you end up receiving so much more than you give! I have met so many wonderful people through my volunteer activity and it has so enriched my own faith. Through teaching PSR I have developed a much greater appreciation of the beauty of our Catholic religion and what a blessing it has been in my life. Our Lady of Victory parish has been such a big part of my family's life. I especially remember all 4 of my children receiving the sacrament of Confirmation here. Our family from out of town have always been so impressed with our confirmation program. Another special memory is at the graduate blessing mass a couple of weeks ago. My whole family was in town and were able to attend the Mass together. I am truly honored at being chosen the "servant of the week" and would encourage others to be alert to promptings by the Holy Spirit and to get involved also--you will love it!"