



Today, we begin Holy Week. This is the holiest time of the year because it can bring us very close to God as we allow Him to enter more deeply into our lives. This week we remember in a very solemn and prayerful way, the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. By participating in the liturgy of Holy Week, we can show our profound gratitude for all that Jesus has done for us.

Please make time this week to spend with Jesus and your faith community. This is time well spent; we cannot afford to take a break or vacation from our worship of God. This is too important to allow any other activity to be more important.

There are many opportunities during Holy Week for all of us to prayerfully enter into this final week before Easter. On Wednesday, we have Tenebrae, at 8:00 PM, in the church. This is a prayer service that uses the psalms and readings from the prophets to help us reflect on how Jesus' suffering and death were foretold in the Old Testament as the way that God would fulfill His promise to save us by sending us the Messiah. This service is done by candlelight, the psalms are chanted, and it ends in darkness as a contrast to the Easter Vigil, which then begins in darkness. Tenebrae is truly a beautiful and prayerful experience.

Thursday, we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper, at 7:30 PM, in the church. At this Mass, we remember Jesus giving us the sacraments of Holy Orders and Holy Eucharist. During the beginning of Mass, the newly blessed holy oils are brought to the altar in procession. After the homily, we have the washing of feet of 12 of our parishioners to remember what Jesus did for His apostles to teach them and us, that we are to serve one another in His Name. Mass ends with a procession with the Blessed Sacrament from the altar to the chapel, where there is adoration until midnight.

On Good Friday, we remember with great solemnity and prayer the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our commemoration of our Lord's Passion and Death will be at 2:00 PM. This is NOT A MASS as there are no Masses celebrated on Good Friday. Our commemoration includes The Liturgy of the Word with a reading of the Passion according to St. John, Veneration of the Cross, and a Communion Service. In the evening there will be Stations of the Cross at 7:00PM. Even if you are not able to come to church on this most solemn day, please take time at home to prayerfully observe this day on which Jesus died for us. Try especially to keep the hours between noon and three as a special time of prayer for you and your family. Because of the solemnity of what we are remembering, this day should be kept free of all unnecessary activity such as shopping or entertainment.

'The Easter Vigil is at 7:30 PM, in the church. This most solemn part of the Liturgy of Holy Week begins in darkness with the blessing of the new fire and the Easter Candle. After the homily, we welcome our community of faith, our new members in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. While it is true that this is the longest liturgy of the year, it is also the most beautiful and moving one. Don't let the length of this liturgy prevent you from being a part of this important and beautiful liturgy. We think nothing of spending hours at a sporting event or some other entertainment; can we not spend this time with the Lord and our parish family?

It is my prayer that we can fill our church to capacity for all of these Holy Week services, which should not be difficult for a community of our size. Please come and let us together worship the Lord who in His love suffered so much for us. He gave us so much; can we not give Him our time and ourselves in return?

Now that everyone has had a chance to see the chapel after its redecoration, I hope that it is to everyone's liking. I think it is a beautiful addition to our church and can be easily seen as the centerpiece of our church as it should rightfully be. The warmth and beauty to such a special place of prayer should be a help to all who visit our Lord in the Chapel of Divine Mercy. The expense was rather minimal, about \$12,000.00 for all that was done; it is a very small part of our budget that allows for such important improvements.

I pray that our Lord's presence among us in the Holy Eucharist will be the most effective invitation to come and spend some time with Him in prayer. Please consider signing up to make a holy hour each week or of sharing an hour with a friend or family member.

I am very grateful to Fr. Michael Woost for conducting our parish mission this Lent on the Holy Eucharist. Father's words were very inspiring and enlightening. As we reflect on the parish mission I hope that we can all grow in our love for and devotion to our Lord's presence in the Most Holy Eucharist. Thank you Fr. Woost, and may God bless you for all your work and efforts in preaching and teaching us about our Catholic Faith and the wonderful gift we have been given in the Eucharist.

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**THE LITURGY
OF
HOLY WEEK**

Saturday, March 19, St. Joseph, husband of Mary
 5:00 p.m. Intentions of Fr. Joe [Mlazovsky Family]
Sunday, March 20, PALM SUNDAY
 8:00 a.m. For Our Parish
 9:30 a.m. Jerry Crowley [Fr/Soph Retreat Team]
 11:30 a.m. Joseph Borsellino [Tom Witschey Family]
Monday, March 21
 8:00 a.m. Betty Baker [Rosa Owens]
Tuesday, March 22
 8:00 a.m. Maribeth Haller [John Puglisi Family]
Wednesday, March 23
 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 5:30 p.m. Ken Palmer, Anniversary [MaryBeth Palmer]
 8:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service
Thursday, March 24
 9:30 a.m. SHS Prayer Service

Easter Triduum

Thursday, March 24, MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
 7:30 p.m. Intentions of Fr. Joe [Haller Family]
Friday, March 25, GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION
 2:00 p.m. Passion
 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 26, EASTER VIGIL
 12:00 p.m. Food Blessing
 7:30 p.m. Ann Bechtold [MaryBeth Palmer]
Sunday, March 27, RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
 8:00 a.m. Erica Olis [Olis Family]
 9:30 a.m. For Our Parish
 11:30 a.m. Al Daigle [Frank & Arze Witschey]

“It is impossible to meditate on the life and action of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament and give more meaning to life than to Life!”
 —Nocturnal Adoration Society Newsletter



WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT -- MARCH 13
 [5% of our collection was given to the St. Joseph Christian Life Center].

Offertory	\$13,710.00
Support Our School	\$145.00
Debt Reduction	\$1,477.00
Easter	\$142.00
Easter Flowers	\$71.00
Bishops Overseas Relief	\$30.00
Number of envelopes used:	411
MANY THANKS for your generous offerings.	



BLESSINGS OF FOOD FOR FIRST MEAL AT EASTER

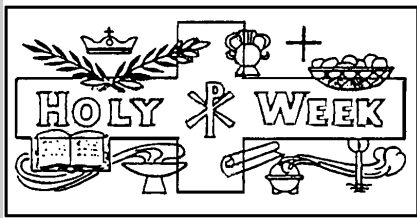
On Holy Saturday, at 12:00 noon, in the church, we will have the blessings of Easter baskets. This blessing has long been a custom in many churches. It is seen as an opportunity to feel relief from the fasting of Lent, as an outward sign of spiritual joy, and to strengthen the faith in the Resurrection. Start with a straw basket and fill it with the traditional food and cover with a white cloth. Put in the basket:



- **EGGS**-5 or 6 colored, hard-boiled eggs, representing the glory of the Resurrection.
- **BUTTER**-a pat or stick, representing the Innocent Victim.
- **BREAD**-a small loaf or round bread, usually with a braided top, representing the staff of life; the braid represents the Cross of Christ.
- **SALT**-represents the Truth of His message.
- **VINEGAR, HORSERADISH, OR SOUR CREAM**-recalls the gall given our Lord as He cried, “*I thirst.*”
- **MEAT**-ham, veal, sausage, or lamb, representing the “means of survival.”
- **CHEESE**-represents the old custom of abstaining from dairy products on certain days of Lent.



THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WILL BE REPOSED right before the Mass on Holy Thursday until after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.



MASS SERVERS SCHEDULE

Week of March 21

- 8:00 a.m. - **Monday - Wednesday**
 - Vince Pelini, Patsy Ford
 - Jake Pelini, John Schmel
- 5:30 p.m. - **Wednesday ONLY**
 - Kelly Flanigan, Alysse Illig
 - Allison Flanigan, Samuel Illig

Easter Sunday, March 27

- 8:00 a.m. - Alex Serfass, Ginny Gegick
 - Samantha Serfass, Caleb Busson
- 9:30 a.m. - Dianna Stafford, Sean Semrau
 - Megan Stafford, Samantha Gearhart
- 11:30 a.m. - Laurysa Rieger, Frankie Simon
 - Dylan Simon, Daniel Woods

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Thursday, March 24

- 7:30 p.m. - Gerry & Ann Wright, Frank Witschey
 - Ray & Tracey Arnone

Cup Ministers - *Cathy Anderson, Mike Gahan, Diane Bruce*
 - *Joe & Candi Weber, Debbie Mlazovsky*

Good Friday, March 25

- 2:00 p.m. - Chris Bott, Helen Jeglic
 - Tom & Annette Palecek

Easter Vigil, March 26

- 7:30 p.m. - Dave Hammerly, Molly Michney
 - Dave & Pam Armstrong

Cup Ministers - *Rich Michney, Helen Klaas, Russ Haller*
 - *Bob & Helen Smith, Fran Hammerly*

Easter Sunday, March 27

- 8:00 a.m. - Dorothy Pape, Bob Potts, Mark Smith
 - Dennis Busson, Rob Lewis
- 9:30 a.m. - Joanne Gahan, Zen Porchowsky
 - Judy, Pat, & Eric McNeill
- 11:30 a.m. - Bobbe Evans, Tim & Donna Bishop
 - Tony & Diane Agnesi

Altercare - Kauffmans

LibertyResidenc - Elliots/Wagners

Magnolia - Uhls/Hammerlys

Sterling Oak - McNeills

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, March 24

- 7:30 p.m. - Bill & Cece Bees

Good Friday, March 25

- 2:00 p.m. - Rich Michney, Cosmos Zimbardi

Easter Vigil, March 26

- 7:30 p.m. - Dave Hammerly

Easter Sunday, March 27

- 8:00 a.m. - Lois Potts, Fritz Kungl
- 9:30 a.m. - Michael Gahan, David Kennedy
- 11:30 a.m. - Dan Bellinger, Lane Edwards

RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES-The Jesuit Retreat House, a beautiful vast wooded oasis in the city of Parma, OH, is offering several retreat programs in the next few weeks. For further information, please visit the web: www.jrh-cleveland.org or call 440-884-9300.



RETREAT

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTIONS FOR THE HOLY LAND

The annual Good Friday collection for the Holy Land is to be taken up on March 25, 2005. The collection is utilized as it was in apostolic times. It is a concrete response to the need for aid felt by our brethren in the Holy Land, and at the same time, an expression of our spiritual communion with them, precisely on the day on which we commemorate the Passion and Death of the Lord. The Holy Father's desire is to provide for education and Christian formation and also assist the various dispensaries, health centers, and charitable institutions such as homes for the handicapped, aged, and orphans.

RUMMAGE SALE TIME! The semi-annual Altar & Rosary Society Rummage Sale will be held on Friday, April 8, and Saturday, April 9, in the school gym. You may begin bringing your items on Monday, April 4, using the ramp entrance to the gym off Humbolt. PLEASE, no encyclopedias or exercise equipment! For questions or for pick-up, please call Florence, 336-2598, or Becky, 335-9902.



YOUNG ADULTS IN THE CITY-[AGES IN THEIR 20'S & 30'S] On Saturday, April 9, from 9-1:00 p.m., there will be a wonderful opportunity to volunteer with Providence House, a crisis nursery for children ages newborn-five years old. Our work may include cleaning and organizing inside or out. Young adults from all over the diocese will attend, so please come to lend a hand. This event is sponsored by the Youth & Young Adult Ministry and CYO Office of the Diocese of Cleveland. To register, call Laura Whitkofski, 216-228-9516, or email to whitkofski@msn.com, or pekelly@dioceseofcleveland.org

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Turn a good marriage into a great marriage through a Marriage Encounter Weekend! Recharge your marriage; give your spouse the gift of yourself and your time. The next weekends are April 8-10, and June 10-12, at the Airport Hilton Garden Inn in Cleveland. Call Rose and Ken Breen for information and reservations, 440-899-9002 or register online: www.wmme.org/new.html

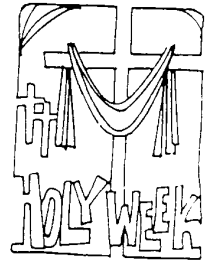


ST. AUGUSTINE SCHOOL AUCTION! Come enjoy an evening of fun, food, and friendship at the 5th annual auction to support the Arts & Humanity programs of St. Augustine School, Friday, April 8, at Guy's Party Center. Tickets are \$30 each or \$55 per couple. Raffle first prize is \$500. For more information, please call the school office, 330-753-6435.

ROSARIES FOR OUR SERVICEMEN! The Altar & Rosary Society would like to form a group of persons to make rosaries for our servicemen, the missions, or wherever they are needed. There will be an informational meeting on Tuesday, March 29, at 10:00 a.m., in the Andes Room. Anyone interested or who has questions, please call Carol Heim, 334-6746, or Lois Potts, 336-6262.



This Week...



SUNDAY, MARCH 20

- **Palm Sunday Procession, school to church, 9:30 a.m.**
10:00 a.m. - RCIA, Conry Room
7:00 p.m. - Youth Group

MONDAY, MARCH 21

- 3:00 p.m. - Confessions until 4:00 p.m., church
- 3:15 p.m. - Jr. Praesidium, Andes Room
- 7:00 p.m. - Confessions until 8:00 p.m., church
- 7:00 p.m. - Parish Council, Conry Room

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

- 7:30 a.m. - Breakfast of Champions, church/McMahon Hall
- Centering Prayer, 9:30 & 2:00 p.m., church
- 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts, McMahon Hall

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

- 10:00 a.m. - Bible Study Group, Andes Room
- 11:00 a.m. - Confessions until 12:00 noon, church
- 2:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross & Benediction, church
- 3:15 p.m. - Youth Choir, Conry Room
- 6:00 p.m. - Confessions until 7:00 p.m., church
- 6:30 p.m. - Young Adult Choir, church
- 7:00 p.m. - RCIC, Andes Room



THURSDAY, MARCH 24

- 11:00 a.m. - Confessions until 12:00 noon, church

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

- 9:00 a.m. - RCIC retreat, Andes & McMahon Hall
- 7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross, church



SATURDAY, MARCH 26

- 10:00 a.m. - Vigil Practice, church
- 12:00 p.m. - Blessing of Easter food, church

The St. Vincent de Paul Society gave assistance in February to 24 families totaling \$1,931 for rent, utilities, food, medical and miscellaneous needs. Thank you very much for your generosity.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY The K of C will have an all-you-can-eat fish fry on Friday, March 25, from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the K of C Hall. You can eat in or take it out. Come and enjoy the best fish in town!!



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER MONDAY! Bulletin deadline for April 3 bulletin is Wednesday, March 24, by 11:00 a.m.

“JOY” AND “FRIENDS OF LEGACY” will be having a concert on Sunday, April 10, at 3:00 p.m., at Holy Martyrs Catholic Church, Medina. This concert is presented by Legacy in Education Group, a Christian non-profit organization working to keep music education in our schools. Admission is free. A free-will offering will be taken to benefit Legacy in Education’s pilot program. For more information, call 440-846-0973.



QUALITY EXPERIENCES FOR CHILDREN WITH

CANCER Camp Quality Ohio is a non profit organization that provides free summer camping experiences and year round support programs to children with cancer and their siblings. 2005 Camp date: July 10-16, for ages 4-18. Volunteers needed, 18 and over. Contact: John Skipper, Co-Director, 330-784-

9967 or 866-364-1458, email: campqualityohio@aol.org, or website: campqualityohio.org



CAMPING

ANNUAL DAY OF REFLECTION The Summit Regional Council of Catholic Women is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon, North Jackson, OH, on Tuesday, April 19, from 10:00-3:00 p.m. Cost is \$15.00 The trip will include morning snack, lunch, guided tour of martyr’s trail, informational video, confessions, Divine Liturgy, a presentation and time alone for reflection. Also, the opportunity to visit the gift shop and bookstore. Deadline for registration is April 10. Please call Diane Batyko, 334-1738.



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from the PASTOR Sunday, April 3, is Divine Mercy Sunday, and we will again pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at the end of each Mass. You are encouraged to venerate the image of Divine Mercy, which will be placed in the sanctuary next Sunday. To venerate the image, all one does is simply bow before the image of Divine Mercy. One may gain a plenary indulgence on this Feast of Divine Mercy by receiving sacramental confession 8 days before or after the feast, receiving Holy Communion on the feast, saying an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be for the intentions of the Holy Father, and the above two things that we will do at all the Masses.

Please see the insert in today’s bulletin for the schedule for the Divine Mercy Novena, which begins after services on Good Friday afternoon. On the other side of the schedule you will find the novena prayers so that you can say them at home with your family.