



The joyful season of Lent is drawing to a close as we begin Holy Week. This is a very solemn time for us as we enter into the most beautiful and meaningful liturgies that the Church has to offer us. Now is the time for us to enter more fully into the Paschal Mystery, the saving death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We should make every effort to make this truly a Holy Week filled with prayer and participation in the liturgies of the Church. We have so many opportunities through the week to spend more time with the Lord.

On Wednesday evening, at 8:00 p.m., we have Tenebrae, at which we anticipate the events of Holy Thursday and Good Friday by praying the Psalms and listening to the words of the prophets of the Old Testament who foretold the coming of the Messiah and the suffering He would endure for our salvation. The service begins in light and ends in darkness, which is the opposite of the celebration of the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening.

On Holy Thursday, we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper, at 8:00 p.m. On this night, we remember how Jesus gathered with His disciples to celebrate the Passover. During this sacred meal, He changed the bread and wine into His Body and Blood and gave it to them to eat and drink. At this sacred meal, Jesus gives us the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist and the Sacrament of Holy Orders so that He might always be with us and continue to shower His love upon us.

On Good Friday, we celebrate the Lord's Passion and Death, at 2:00 p.m. At this time, we reflect on the Passion of Jesus according to St. John. We pray for the many needs of the world and the Church. We venerate the Cross as the instrument of our salvation, and we receive the Body and Blood of the Lord in a communion service. There is no Mass celebrated on Good Friday. The Eucharist we receive was consecrated at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday evening.

On Saturday evening, we celebrate the Easter Vigil, at 9:00 p.m. During this liturgy, we remember the history of our salvation culminating in our celebration of Jesus' glorious resurrection from the dead. At this most solemn and beautiful liturgy, we welcome the newest members of our Christian community as they are baptized, received into the Catholic Church, confirmed, and receive Holy Communion for the first time. It is a time for us to renew our baptism and our faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord and God. Please make time to prayerfully celebrate the liturgies of Holy Week at home and at church. Don't let the beauty and meaning of this week be lost in the busyness of the world, but let us transcend the world and enter into a celebration of our faith and salvation.

There are also many opportunities this week to go to confession for Easter. See the bulletin for times.

You may have noticed last Sunday that our statues in church were covered in purple cloth. This is a tradition in the Church that reminds us that when Jesus went up to Jerusalem prior to the Passover and His arrest and crucifixion, He did so in a veiled and hidden way. So, the covering of the statues hides them from our sight as Jesus was hidden during the days before His death.

Please be generous in your Easter Gift to the parish. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and needed. Your Easter gift is a way for you to give back to God a portion of all that He has given you. As you prayerfully consider your sacrifice for Easter this year, please remember that your continued generosity makes it possible for all of us to continue to grow in our faith. May God bless you for your past and continued generosity.





**THE LITURGY
OF
HOLY WEEK**

Saturday, April 4, St. Isidore

5:00 p.m. Morfeo Giacconi [Jim & Kay Carps]

Sunday, April 5, PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

8:00 a.m. Robert Trease [Family]

9:30 a.m. Sam Patti [Tom & Lucy Hirschinger]

11:30 a.m. For Our Parish

Monday, April 6

8:00 a.m. Bob Kelly [K of C]

Tuesday, April 7

8:00 a.m. Michelle Alvord [Mlazovsky Family]

Wednesday, April 8

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

5:30 p.m. Dale Katzenmeyer [Tony & Diane Agnesi]

Easter Triduum

Thursday, April 9, MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

8:00 p.m. Intentions of Fr. Joe

Friday, April 10, GOOD FRIDAY OF

..... **THE LORD'S PASSION**

2:00 p.m. Passion

Saturday, April 11, EASTER VIGIL


9:00 p.m. For Our Parish

Sunday, April 12, RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

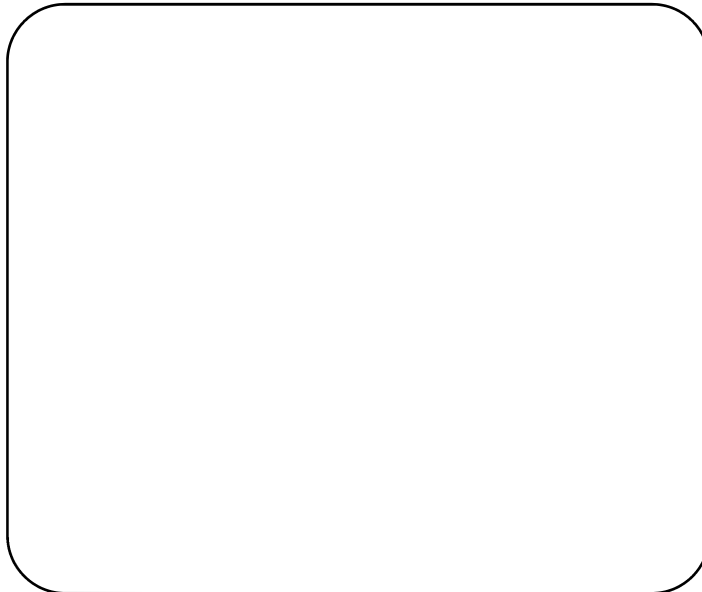
8:00 a.m. For Our Parish

9:30 a.m. Johnne Patton [A & R Society]

11:30 a.m. Jean Schick [Ann Downing]



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



WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT -- MARCH 29
[5% of our collection was given to the St. Paul Outreach].

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| Offertory..... | \$13,203.00 |
| Support Our School..... | \$63.00 |
| Capital Reserve Fund..... | \$365.00 |
| Easter..... | \$930.00 |
| Easter Flowers..... | \$170.00 |
| Catholic Relief Services..... | \$130.00 |
| Good Friday..... | \$10.00 |
| Number of envelopes used:..... | 400 |

MANY THANKS for your generous offerings.

PLEASE NOTE: There was an additional \$845.00 dollars to last weekends collection!

SCRIPTURE READING REFLECTIONS OF THE WEEK

PALM SUNDAY

[WEEK OF APRIL 5, 2009]

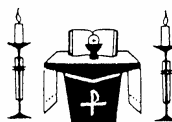
Question for Adults: How has your understanding of the Eucharist increased since you were a child?

Question for Children: How does Mass help you remember the events of Jesus' life and death?

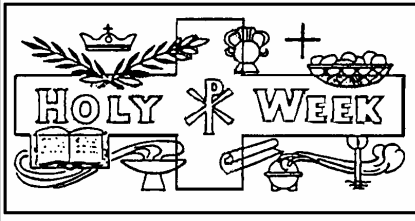


PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the family and friends of *Maria Porchowsky*, mother of *Zen*, *Suzanne Carlson*, sister of *Chris Carlson*, and *Ann Butcher*, grandmother of *Donna Sponsler*, *Millie Strausser*, and *Peter Mak*, who died recently. May our Lord grant them eternal rest in His heavenly kingdom.

THE TRIBUNAL OF THE DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND will be presenting a new program for beginning the annulment process. The Quick Start Program is meant to provide individuals with a simplified method for the initial presentation of a case to the Tribunal. The program will consist of two sessions. The first meeting will be a general overview of marriage as understood by the Catholic Church and an explanation of the Tribunal process. This meeting is also open to anyone who would be interested in deepening his/her knowledge of marriage in the Catholic Church and the annulment process. Individuals who would like to begin the Quick Start Program will be given the appropriate materials at the conclusion of the meeting. The second meeting will be an individual meeting, by appointment only, for the purpose of presenting the completed materials. Meetings will be held at St. Raphael Church, Bay Village, on April 14, at 7:00 p.m., and April 28, by appointment, at Holy Martyrs, Medina, on April 23, at 7:30 p.m. and May 7, by appointment, at Immaculate Conception Church, Willoughby. Pre-registration for the first meeting is not necessary. If you have any questions, please call Lynette Tait at the Tribunal, 800-869-6525, ext. 4000. Please see today's bulletin insert.



NURSING HOME MASS at Alter Care Nursing Home will be on Friday, April 17, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us in this very special liturgy!



MASS SERVERS SCHEDULE

Week of April 6

- 8:00 a.m. - **Monday - Wednesday**
 - Danny Bott, Bella Perry
- 5:30 p.m. - **Wednesday ONLY**
 - Thomas Kennedy, Philip Kennedy

Friday, April 10- STATIONS OF THE CROSS

- 7:00 p.m. - Anna Anderson, Nathan Greczanik
 - Samuel Illig, Alysse Illig

Easter Sunday, April 12

- 8:00 a.m. - Caleb Busson, Molly Fahey
 - Ann Fahey, Brian Race
- 9:30 a.m. - Jacob Frank, David Smith, Jr.
 - Peri Turk, Stuart Turk
- 11:30 a.m. - A.J. Hanna, Ben Hanna
 - Michael Muzilla, Will Ozbolt

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Thursday, April 9

- 8:00 p.m. - Cathy Anderson, Lisa Tomko
 - Maria Manning, Diane Bruce

Cup Ministers - Tony & Diane Agnesi, Pam Armstrong
 - Don Drouhard, Bob & Debbie Mlazovsky

Good Friday, April 10

- 2:00 p.m. - Bobbe Evans, Lois Foster, David Smith, Sr.
 - Marian Kauffman, Brian Madigan

Easter Vigil, April 11

- 8:30 p.m. - Dave & Pam Armstrong
 - Dave Hammerly, Helen Klaas

Cup Ministers - Diane Bruce, Sue Komjati, Debbie Mlazovsky
 - Don Drouhard, Paul Cottingham, Fran Hammerly

Easter Sunday, April 12

- 8:00 a.m. - Tom & Pam Eaton, Rosa Owens
 - Paul & Dolores Schafer
- 9:30 a.m. - Eric McNeill, David Smith, Sr., Loretta Turk
 - Frank Witschey, Jeff Witschey
- 11:30 a.m. - Tim & Donna Bishop, Elaine Daigle
 - Betty Ruppel, Beth Sobnosky
 - Cottingham/Hoffman

Hospital

Altercare

Liberty Residence - Ravettas

Magnolia - Hammerly/Uhls

Sterling Oak - Bees

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 9

- 8:00 p.m. - Pete Schafer, Keith Johnson

Easter Vigil, April 11

- 8:30 p.m. - Keith Johnson

Easter Sunday, April 12

- 8:00 a.m. - Fritz Kungl, Richard Day
- 9:30 a.m. - Angela Boland, David Kennedy
- 11:30 a.m. - David & Michele Muzilla

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 of 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.

K OF C FISH FRY will be every Friday during Lent, including Good Friday, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the K of C Hall!

PETIT'S "WORKS" AUTO WASH COUPONS AND SHARES OF STOCK to support the Youth Mission trip this summer are available at the Parish Office or by contacting Pete. Thanks for your support!

URBAN PLUNGE Are you up to the challenge? Community. Service. Solidarity. June 11-14, 2009. Follow in the footsteps of Jesus for four days. Contact Pete for more information.

SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITIES

Tutoring We will have a guest speaker at our next meeting concerning the possibility of creating a tutoring program for those in need of this service here in the Wadsworth area. Please join us to see what is needed and how we can all help.

Matthew 8:20 The number of people we are serving on Friday nights is increasing every week. As the weather warms up, the needs of those we serve changes slightly. Tee shirts, hoodies, and jeans become more of a need than warm coats or gloves. Socks, underwear and toiletries are always a need. Donations can be left on the stage downstairs. Cash donations can be sent to Springtime of Hope earmarked for Math. 8:20. Thank you for all that you have done, and I'm sure will continue to do, in support of those most in need. To help on any Friday call Jeff at 715-2282, or Dale at 417-1635.

We are in need of someone to represent our parish on the Wayne, Ashland, Medina Social Justice Committee. If interested call Dale.

If we can all just do a little, great things will get done. Our next meeting will be April 19 at 1:30 p.m. Your Social Justice in Action Group.

SACRED HEART PARISH ANNUAL SEDER MEAL

As you prepare for Easter, come share in fellowship and prayer with your Sacred Heart Parish family during a re-enactment of the Passover meal.

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2009

5:30 p.m.

MCMAHON HALL

RESERVATION DEADLINE is NOON, April 7, or the first 150 people!

Family Name _____

Number of Adults _____ Children _____
Ages: _____

Setup 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. April 8 _____

Would you be willing to be a Table Leader? _____

Would you be willing to stay to do cleanup? _____

[Cleanup is 9:00-11:00 p.m.] _____

Please circle one:

I will bring a Meat casserole

Potato casserole

Rice dish

Vegetable dish

Fruit bowl

Dessert

We also need people who are willing to prepare some of the main parts of the Seder:

- 10 lbs. of apples for the Haroset
- Wash and snip 3 bunches of parsley
- Boil 10 -dozen eggs

Please drop this reservation form in the Sunday Offertory basket or mail to the Parish Office.
Parish Office.



This Week... Holy Week

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

5:00 p.m. - Adorations for Vocations, church

MONDAY, APRIL 6

10:00 a.m. - Angel Food Ministries, McMahan Hall

3:00 p.m. - Confessions until 4:00 p.m.

3:15 p.m. - **NO!** Jr. Presidium, Andes Room

6:00 p.m. - Confessions until 7:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. - Angel Food Ministries, McMahan Hall

7:30 p.m. - Lay Apostle, Andes Room

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

7:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts, McMahan Hall

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

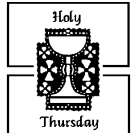
6:00 p.m. - Confessions until 7:00 p.m., church

8:00 p.m. - Tenebrae, church

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

11:00 a.m. - Confessions until Noon, church

5:30 p.m. - Seder Meal, church lower level



FRIDAY, APRIL 10

9:00 a.m. - RCIC Retreat, Andes Room

11:00 a.m. - Confessions until Noon, church

7:00 p.m. - Stations, church



SATURDAY, APRIL 11

10:00 a.m. - RCIA practice, church

11:00 a.m. - Confessions until Noon, church

12:00 Noon - Blessing of Easter Baskets, church



SUNDAY, APRIL 12

5:00 p.m. - Adoration for Vocations, church



EASTER EGG HUNT! The Youth Group will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 1-6 years after the blessing of the Easter Baskets, April 11, at Noon, in McMahan Hall.

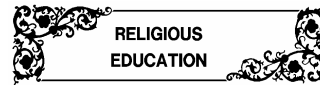
THE ANNUAL STAG FISH FRY at Ss. Peter & Paul Parish is April 17, at 7:00 p.m. All men are welcome to attend!



What are you doing this summer? Find faith, fun, and service with **Catholic Heart WorkCamp and Steubenville**. A few spots remain! Contact Pete if you are interested.

The Freshmen/Sophomore Retreat, "I am Yours," will run from 2:00 p.m., Saturday, April 25, until 3:00 p.m., Sunday, April 26, at the Rotary Camp in Akron. The cost of the retreat is \$40. Contact the Parish Office or Pete for the registration forms. **Deadline is April 15! Space is limited this year, so sign up early!**

Are you on the Youth Group email list? If not contact Pete @ osuodc@hotmail.com to receive weekly updates on these and other Youth Group events.



SEDER MEAL There are still seats available for the Seder Meal but time is running out to reserve. Please fill out the form in the bulletin as soon as you can if you wish to attend this year. **Families of Second Graders** are particularly encouraged to attend.

SECOND GRADE families wish to thank Maria Higgins for the outstanding job she did in preparing the banners for the Banner Workshop last weekend. The workshop was a great opportunity for the children and their parents as we draw closer to their receiving Jesus for the first time. Also, a special thanks to parishioners, especially Brian Thombs, for their donation of wine glasses.