

Liturgy Schedule

Chapel

Monday, April 17

8:00am - *No Mass*

Tuesday, April 18

8:00am - Henry & Catherine Kantosky - Bill & Dorothy Kantosky

Thursday, April 20

8:00am - Phyllis Boden - Cindy Stanziano

Friday, April 21

8:00am - William Wracker - Family

Church

Second Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 22

3:30pm - *Confessions*

4:30pm - Dorothy Missig - Don & Diane Gates

Sunday, April 23

8:30am - Kevin Younglas - Family

11:00am - Jill Borowy-Gadke - Mom & Dad

Pray for the Sick: *David Blackburn, Betty Kuepfer, Jose' Magiste, Steve Fialkowski, Sandy Vasbinder, Leon Denomme, Mike Wilson, Pam Jenkins, Jim Hempling, David Myers, Kathy Borowy, Shirley Livchak, Dave Kleinhenz, Jerry Severns, Carol Cordy, Nancy Johnson, Tami Lynsky, Jeanne Kowalski, Dorothy Pondy, Betty Hempel, Ronald Seuser, Brooke Hokes, Gary Hewitt, Kathy Buckland, Kathy Quintiliano, Opal Clare Bowers, Peggy Farmer, Judy Squires, Dennis Younglas, Dorothy Buzas and Kim Stumphauzer.*

Please call the Parish Office 440-926-2364 to have a name of a friend or relative included in this list.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

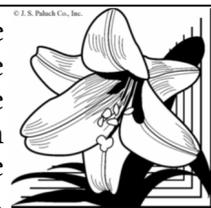
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

WELCOME to all visitors who are worshipping with us today. To those of you from out of town, we hope you find a faith community here rich in Jesus, our Risen Lord. For those who belong to this faith community, but because of sickness, work or personal challenges, have been unable to join us on Sunday, please know that we pray for you and entrust you to God's constant love.



CONGRATULATIONS: The following were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil:

Jane Kazmierczak

(Profession of Faith, Confirmation, Eucharist)

Daniel Lewis

(Profession of Faith, Confirmation, Eucharist)

Brittney McCallion

(Profession of Faith, Confirmation, Eucharist)

Amanda Passerello

(Profession of Faith, Confirmation, Eucharist)

Rick Wiedenmannott

(Profession of Faith, Confirmation, Eucharist)

Heather Abahazi

(Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)

Dennis Wilfong

(Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)

As we welcome them into the Church may we continue to support them with our prayers and actions. And may they be a sign to us of the Spirit of God active in our midst through the gifts and talents they offer to the Church.

EASTER MEAL BLESSING

God of Glory

the eyes of all turn to you

as we celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death.

Bless us and this food of our first Easter meal.

May we who gather at the Lord's table

continue to celebrate the joy of his resurrection and be admitted finally to his heavenly banquet.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Sympathy to the families of **David Rankin and John Smith** who died last week. May they rest in the peace of Christ.



Pastor's Corner: We made it! After 40 long days of fasting and praying and doing works of charity we have done it. We now have our lives together! Oh, if it could just be that easy! Turning away from sinful behavior and living a life fully committed to Christ as his disciple is not something that takes just 40 days and we are done. It takes a life time. Yes, there can be a lot that we can do in forty days and there are some things in our lives that we can get under control in that brief period of time. But for most of us, and for most things that we deal with in life, the days of Lent are just a beginning. Lent is that time to look at what needs realignment in our lives. What is happening in our lives that is causing us to get off the track of the spiritual journey to God? This time of interior reflection helps us to identify what we need to change (what our knots are) and then to seek ways of making the changes in the months and years ahead.

We are also at different points in our spiritual journey. For some this could be a time of great growth and happiness, for others it may be a dry time. You may find yourself with family obligations that prevent you from doing certain things or it may be a health issue that holds you down. This time could be a period of transition or of grieving. It could be a time of anticipation or a time of anxiety. Wherever we find ourselves after our Lenten journey, we stand on Easter Sunday to celebrate the Resurrection. We give thanks that God accepts us where we are as he did with the Samaritan woman at the well (3rd Sunday of Lent). He longed for her and desired to have her grow in relationship with him just as he longs for us. God desires us which is pretty amazing. He opens our eyes to see him in all that we do just as he opened the eyes of the man born blind (4th Sunday of Lent). God is always there in all that we do and with our eyes open to see we are given confidence and hope. Ultimately God has the power to bring forth life, a power over even death itself as we saw with the raising of Lazarus (5th Sunday of Lent). He calls us forth from the tombs of our lives and gives us the grace to throw off the death garments that we wear as a result of the battles of life.

At the end of 40 long days we may not have it all together but we come to the source of all hope. We renew our belief in the power of God who continues to call us forth from all that is holding us back from living the life he has given to us. Our baptismal promises we renew not because we fulfill them perfectly, but because we are trying to do so and with the help of God will ultimately succeed. This Easter we come together not because we have it all together, but because we know that with the power of God, nothing is hopeless, and so we keep moving forward on the journey to God.

Fr. John

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: Distribute communion at Mass as well as take communion to the homebound. All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion go through a training class required by the diocese for certification and then a practical training class on parish procedures. If you are interested and feel called to this ministry please contact Fr. John.

The Spring Training schedule is in. We are hosting a session here at our parish on Sunday, May 7th from 2:00pm - 4:30pm. Other sessions are listed on our website at:

<https://olqppgraston.org/eucharistic-ministers-1>

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN: The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present **suspected inappropriate behavior** toward children by priest, deacon, religious lay ecclesial minister or personnel associated with the Church, please

contact the **Diocesan Response Service office at 216-334-2299** or via email at:

response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org. You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: It's just spring, but we need to plan for the summer. Vacation Bible School is returning this summer. VBS will be Monday, June 26th through Thursday, June 29th from 6:30 - 8:00pm in the Parish Hall. Stay tuned for signup information and more details.

SPOTLIGHT MINISTRY: Next weekend the RCIA will be featured in the Gathering Area after all masses. Please stop by their table and see how this ministry prepares our adults to be welcomed into the church at the Easter Vigil.

HAPPY EASTER: The parish staff and I would like to wish all of you a very Happy Easter.

Fr. John.

Thank you for your generous support of our Parish, and your help with the needs of the community through your ongoing participation in our various ministries.

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Sunday, April 2:	\$ 9,842.51	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 842.51
Sunday Y-T-D:	\$373,071.03	\$360,000.00	\$13,071.03

SCHOLARSHIP: We will be awarding two \$500 scholarships to eligible parishioners who complete the application form by May 14th. To be eligible a candidate must be a parishioner of Our Lady Queen of Peace and active in the parish, or active in the church on campus were they go to college. Applications can be picked up in the Gathering Area, Parish Office or the parish website. To fund these scholarship there will be a second collection the weekend of May 6/7.

THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS: A bereavement group for parents, grandparents and siblings of child loss will be meeting at the parish hall 702 Erie Street, Grafton, OH, on Monday, April 24th at 7:00pm. If you or someone you know has experienced child loss this group is a supportive safe place for you and your grief to be surrounded by people who know and care. For more information contact Terri Zunis at 216-469-5311.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSION: Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the US are considered home missions because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support of this appeal help ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at : www.usccb.org/home-missions



PARISH FESTIVAL: Our Seventh Annual Homecoming Days will be August 3, August 4, & 5. There will be rides and games as well as great festival food. Watch for more details and ways to volunteer to make this a fun and successful annual event.

MICHAEL JAMES METTE will be in the area on April 25! He will be performing at St. Mary's Parish in Elyria at 6:30pm. If you missed Michael's performance at our parish this past summer, then this is your chance to see his (and his family's) blend of faith and modern music. If you saw the performance then you're invited to see it again. For more info about Mette and his ministry go to michaeljamesmette.com.

2017 FIRST STEP PROGRAMS: Attempting to pick up the pieces of one's life after the tragedy of divorce is an area that can impact a person's relationship with God and the Church. One of the significant issues that a person faces is their place in the Church. Does the Church still care about me even though I am divorced? Am I allowed to go to Mass? Can I receive communion? How can the Church help me heal? If I decide to marry again, what do I have to do?

The Tribunal of the Diocese of Cleveland offers its First Step Program to help individuals deal with these questions in order to renew and/or strengthen their relationship with God and the Church.

In any endeavor, taking the "first step" is always the most difficult. The First Step Program helps individuals to navigate the path of healing and closure. The schedule for the general meetings in 2017 is:

- Tuesday, 16 May 2017, at St. Mary Parish, Chardon, at 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, 16 May 2017, at St. Mary Parish, Chardon, at 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, 12 September 2017, at St. Paul Parish, Akron, at 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, 10 October 2017, at St. Ambrose Parish, Brunswick, at 7:00 p.m.

Note that the Diocese of Cleveland no longer requires any fees for this process.

For more information check our website: www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal
Or call the Tribunal: 216-696-6525/800-869-6525, ext. 4000

FAMILY PROMISE: Will be hosting families that are homeless in Lorain County the week of May 21st. There will be sign-up boards posted in the Gathering Area on the weekends of April 22/23 and May 13/14, if you can help, please come by and see us. We need your support of this wonderful program. On Sunday, May 21st at 1:00 pm in the hall, we will have an Open House and training for anyone who would like to check out the hall and see how it is transformed into their home for the week.



This Week in the Parish:

Monday, April 17

8:00am - Parish Office Closed

7:00pm - Our Lady's Guild Mtg. (Parish Hall Rm. 1)

Wednesday, April 19

7:00pm - Festival Mtg. (Parish Hall Rm. 1)

Thursday, April 20

5:30pm - Community Meal (Parish Hall)

Friday, April 21

1:30pm - Keystone Pointe Nursing Home Visitation

Saturday, April 22

2:00pm - Jr. Choir Practice (Church)

5:30pm - Couple to Couple Dinner Dance (Parish Hall)

Sunday, April 23

12:00pm - Rummage Sale Drop-off (Parish Hall)

PARISH INFORMATION

† **Weddings:** Couples need to make arrangements at least six months prior to the wedding date.

† **Baptism:** Baptisms are celebrated at a mutually convenient time. Please call the office to make arrangements.

† **Ministry to the Sick:** Please notify the office for visits to parishioners in the hospital.

† **New parishioners:** Are asked to register as soon as possible at the Parish Office or by phone.

† **Inquiry Classes in the Catholic Religion:** Persons interested in becoming Catholic are asked to contact the Parish Office for information about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, RCIA.



SCRIPTURE STUDY: SCRIPTURE STUDY: SCRIPTURE STUDY:

We are starting the study of "The Women of the Old Testament" on April 27th. Study Books are available in the Church Office for \$15 per set. Contact Rick Gallaher (440) 458-6335 for questions.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: The Holy Name will be hosting and all you can eat Pancake, Sausage and Eggs breakfast on Sunday, May 7th from 9:00 am - 12:30pm. Adults \$7.00, Children 12 and under \$5.00 and children under 3 are free. Coffee, juice and milk are included with the breakfast.



COUPLES DINNER AND DANCE:

The Couple to Couple Ministry cordially invites you to join us for a comfortable, casual evening of romantic relationship memories on Saturday, April 22th at 5:30pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$45 per couple and includes dinner and dancing. Tickets will be available this weekend after all masses.

KOC MASS: The Knight of Columbus will have the corporate mass on Sunday, April 30th at the 8:30am mass.

DANCING FOR JOY

The people say that the sun dances on this day in joy for a risen Savior.

—Alexander Carmichael

RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE: The Lady's Guild annual Rummage/Bake Sale will be held on Friday, April 28th from 9:00am to 5:00pm and Saturday, April 29th from 9:00am until 12 noon. Saturday will be \$3.00/bag. The Guild is in need of **CLEAN, USABLE** items for the sale. Drop off at the Parish Hall starts Sunday, April 23rd from 12 noon to 4:00pm, and Monday, April 24th from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Due to the large response last year, we are asking that you **PLEASE** utilize these two days and times as your drop-off since we will **NOT** be able to accept items after Monday, April 24th. Please do not drop off your items prior to 12 noon on Sunday for the safety of the children in GLFF classes. Anyone wishing to donate baked goods for the sale can drop them off on either morning of the sale or contact any Guild member. Thank you in advance for your support of the Lady's Guild.



Holy Name Society Golf Outing:

Please join the Holy Name for a 4-man Scramble Golf Outing on Saturday, May 20, 2017 starting at 9:00am 'shotgun start' at Pine Brook Golf Course.

Cost for the outing is \$65 per person, which includes; 18 holes of golf with cart, food, beverages, and snacks! There will be various raffles, and skills games. Sign-up in the Gathering Area after all Masses starting next weekend.

Can't Golf! Would you consider being a hole sponsor? Any parishioner who would like to sponsor a hole or would like to have their company or knows of a company or someone who would like to sponsor a hole, please contact Jim Andrews at the Parish Office 440 926-2364, Jim Lynsky 440 926-3389, Max Jalowiec 440 567-0201 or Dave Ward 440 926-3996.