

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

4/07/2019: \$3,199.00 Fifth Sunday of Lent

PASSION SUNDAY 04/14/2019

72 Envelopes:	\$2,338.00
12 Loose Checks:	\$ 362.00
Loose Cash:	\$ 259.00
Total	\$2,959.00
7 Online Giving:	\$ 315.00

Last Year: \$3,554.00 Passion Sunday

SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

04/07/2019: \$7,184.50 Fifth Sunday of Lent

PASSION SUNDAY 04/14/2019

103 Envelopes:	\$4,715.25
8 Loose Checks:	\$1,200.25
Loose Cash:	\$ 576.00
Total	\$6,491.50
12 Online Giving:	\$670.00

Last Year: \$7,234.50 Passion Sunday

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS IMPORTANT FIRST COMMUNION DATES

Saturday, May 4, 2019: First Communion Brunch 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 18, 2019: First Communion Mass 10:00 a.m.

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY / SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Thank you to all of you who generously purchased our baked treats at the St. John Vianney Knights of Columbus Fish Fry events. We are that much closer to getting to Steubenville.

Movie Night - Sunday, April 28 from 6:00 pm to 8:00.

Six Flags Great Adventure Youth Rally Sunday, May 19

OPEN TO ALL YOUNG PEOPLE FROM 8TH GRADE AND UP. Cost is \$50 and includes an all-you-can-eat lunch, return ticket, and a Matt Maher concert after mass in the evening! Depart St. Thomas parking lot at 7:30 am, return by 10:00 pm.

Please register by May 1! Pick up registration form in the parish office, or email Alyssa at alyssa@ststthomasjohn.org

MORE YOUTH MINISTRY STUFF

Help our Youth Ministry get to Steubenville, Ohio for this year's Youth Conference

We are partnering with Yankee Candle Fundraising to help achieve our goal this year. To help support us, order items online using www.yankeecandlefundraising.com and enter Group # 999990516 in the "START SHOPPING" box. Order by July 10.

AN EASTER SUNDAY THOUGHT

Easter isn't just a feast.

It is a whole season. It's a 50 day season to celebrate something that can brighten our darkest day.

What is that something? Get ready for this: to place ourselves every day in God's hands.

It is not hard to do. God's embrace always enfolds us despite our failures along the way.

Then when we die, we continue to place ourselves in the hands of God, and God brings us through death.

It is true. Jesus showed the way.

HAPPY EASTER!



EASTER BUNNY (What does a bunny have to do with Easter?)

The rabbit was a symbol of new life and fertility in pre-Christian times. Even today, some cultures honor the hare as a divine messenger.

Its association as an Easter symbol is said to have originated in Germany, as early as the 16th century. It was based on the legend of the Osterhase, or Easter hare. The legend says that a poor woman hid eggs for her children to find. After they found the eggs, they saw a hare jumping away. German children believed if they were good, the Easter bunny would leave them treats, sweets, and colored eggs (another Easter symbol). Before children used Easter baskets, they would set their caps or bonnets as "nests" in the garden or home for the bunny.

The Germans who settled in Pennsylvania Dutch country during the 18th century introduced the Easter Bunny to the United States.