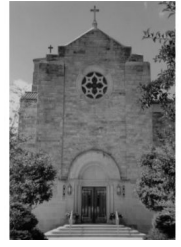


SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY
PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 25, 2018



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School ~ www.facebook.com/StAnthonyofPaduaColumbusGrove/

*The Passion of Jesus makes it clear, no one escapes suffering.
 Suffering is inevitable but no one should suffer alone.
 That is one of the primary roles of families, to stand with and support each other in suffering.*

Mass Schedule

March	26	Monday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Monday of Holy Week ~ {For The Parish}
March	27	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Tuesday of Holy Week ~ {Wilbert Roof}
March	27	Tuesday		Confessions, Exposition & Benediction After Mass
March	28	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Wednesday of Holy Week ~ {Richard Ellerbrock}
March	28	Wednesday	7:00 - 8:30 p.m.	Confessions
March	29	Thursday		No Morning Mass
March	29	Thursday	1:00 p.m.	Living Stations of the Cross
March	29	Thursday	7:00 p.m. Mass	Holy Thursday ~ {Sally & Butch Schroeder ~ Nicholas Schroeder}
March	30	Friday	1:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service
March	31	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rosary
March	31	Saturday	8:30 p.m. Mass	Holy Saturday ~ {Robert & Clara Siefker ~ Karen Vennekotter ~ Wilfred & Margaret Warnecke}
April	01	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Easter Sunday ~ {Joe Koch ~ John Schroeder ~ Urban Warnecke ~ Dick Schroeder ~ Ralph & Marie Ricker ~ Norman & Evelyn Utrup ~ Deceased Members of the Koch & Ellerbrock Families}
April	01	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Easter Sunday ~ {Jim & Jeanette Makley ~ Tom Siebeneck}

Servers

March	27	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Jerry Dickman
March	29	Thursday	7:00 p.m. Mass	Hanna Warnecke, Hannah Morman, Hannah Schroeder, Caleb Stechhschulte, Logan Stechschulte
March	30	Friday	1:00 p.m. Service	Renee Schroeder, Andrew Morman, Hanna Warnecke, Hannah Schroeder
March	31	Saturday	8:30 p.m. Mass	Tayte Langhals, Jevin Langhals, Josh Buescher, Brandon Buescher, Abby Buescher, Amber Michel, Chadd Martin
April	01	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Caleb Stechschulte, Logan Stechschulte, Ty Meyer, Grace Morman, Caleb Morman
April	01	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Levi Burkholder, Hallie Hermiller, Makena Doseck, Nathan Dunbar, Steven Dunbar

Lectors

March	29	Thursday	7:00 p.m. Mass	Karl Schroeder
March	30	Friday	1:00 p.m. Service	Judy Schroeder, Karl Schroeder
March	31	Saturday	8:30 p.m. Mass	Bruce Stephens, Rose Ellerbrock, Richard Warren, II
April	01	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Marge Tabler
April	01	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Gary Hermiller

Eucharistic Ministers

March 29 Thursday 7:00 p.m. Mass Don Siefker, Norm Schnipke, Jim Dunn, Mary Kay Koch, Judy Schroeder
March 30 Friday 1:00 p.m. Service Norm Schnipke, Don Siefker, Jim Dunn
March 31 Saturday **8:30 p.m. Mass** Norm Schnipke, Don Siefker, Jim Dunn, Beth Birkemeier, Judy Schroeder
April 01 Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass Don Siefker, Diana Kaufman, Pam Hummel, Dan Maag,
Amy Brinkman, Lisa Langhals - (Children's Choir)
April 01 Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mass Don Siefker, Bev Baxter, Marilyn Birkemeier, Dave & Christie Tabler

April Eucharistic Minister Coordinators

4:30 p.m. ~ Pat Birnesser - 931-267-2357 **8:30 a.m.** ~ Dan Maag - 419-659-2969

11:00 a.m. ~ Dave Tabler - 419-234-2676

April 01 **Hilty Home ~ 419-384-3218** ~ Denny Gerding ~ (List can be picked up in the Sacristy)

~ Hilty Home Residents ~

*Jean Stechschulte-Room 101; Agnes Friedel-Room 109; Bill Alt-Room 121;
Mary Margaret Bockrath-Room 125; Mary Jo Radebaugh-Room 206A; Kathy Sager-Room 210;
Jim Fischbach-Room 216A; Rita Wenger-Room 300; Jeanne Schulte-Room 401;
Rita VonderEmbse-Room 510; Margaret Stechschulte-Room 511*

Ushers

March 30 Friday 1:00 p.m. Service Dan Maag, John Siefker & 2 Volunteers
March 31 Saturday **8:30 p.m. Mass** Mike Kohls & 3 Volunteers
April 01 Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass Tom Dunlap, Gene Siefker & 2 Volunteers
April 01 Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mass John Siefker & 3 Volunteers

Greeter Schedule

March 31 Saturday **8:30 p.m. Mass** M - Pat Birnesser J - Judy Schroeder S - Kathy Buescher & 1 Volunteer
April 01 Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass M - 1 Volunteer J - Matt & Lisa Langhals S - Mike & Amy Stechschulte
April 01 Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mass M - 1 Volunteer J - 1 Volunteer S - Ken & Kathy Rieman

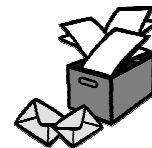
Parish Activities

March 25 **Preschool Bible School @ 5:30 p.m.**
March 26 **Creative 4-H Club @ 6:30 p.m.**
March 28 **Discipleship Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.**
March 29 **Living Stations of the Cross @ 1:00 p.m.**

For The Week of March 18th

Adult ~ Sunday ~ 218 \$ 8,569.00
Children's ~ Sunday ~ 32 38.20
8,607.20
Other Income 1,610.66
Total Income 10,217.86

Total Expenses \$ 2,259.76



Total Donated Toward 21st Century Fix-Up Campaign To-Date ~ 277 Donors ~ \$ 252,702.81

1st 300 Club Winner ~ March 24th ~ George & Butch Donaldson ~ Ticket #174 ~ \$100.00

Congratulations to Alex Barnhart, Steve Diller and Amber Phelan and her children who will be receiving the Sacraments and entering the Catholic Church on Holy Saturday, March 31st. If anyone would like to send a note supporting them on this very special occasion, put your note in an envelope with the individual's name on the outside, in the basket on the table in the back of church.

"Why do Catholics....."

Why do Catholics celebrate "Divine Mercy" Sunday? Join us in celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday at 3:00 p.m. on **Sunday, April 8th** at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. This began in 2000, when the Vatican decreed this day to be the Sunday after Easter each year as Jesus asked. Saint Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when she received private revelations from Jesus requesting this Feast to be observed including the use of the image she was shown with the words "Jesus, I trust in You". The image depicts Jesus with red and white rays emitting from His heart, symbolizing the blood and water that poured out for our salvation and sanctification. Jesus told her to tell the whole world about His inconceivable mercy. This happened in the 1930's when the evil of Nazism and Communism were taking shape and people began to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. Jesus gave her nine intentions for which to pray the Chaplet to begin on Good Friday and end on the Saturday following Easter. The feast is often celebrated along with Eucharistic Adoration. Jesus promises many graces to those who approach the Fount of His Mercy.

Scrip ~ The next Scrip weekend will be **April 7th and April 8th**. The helpers are: Ken & Connie Kruse, Joy Stechschulte, Shirley Goedde, Vonda Nemire, Christie Tabler and Jan Eversole.

Christian Formation Classes ~ CCD classes will be held this **Sunday, March 25th**, at 9:30 a.m. in the school. The next CCD classes will be held on Sunday, April 8th. **There will be no CCD classes on Easter Sunday, April 1st.**

Living Stations of the Cross ~ The St. Anthony High Fliers will be presenting the "Living Stations of the Cross" on **Holy Thursday, March 29th** at 1:00 p.m. in the church. All are welcome!

Word Among Us ~ Copies of the Easter *Word Among Us* are at the entrances of the church. The daily readings will now be included in our copies of the *Word Among Us*.

Penance Services ~ The remaining area Penance Services for this Lenten Season are as follows:

<i>Sunday, March 25th</i>	<i>St. Gerard's, Lima</i>	<i>3:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Monday, March 26th</i>	<i>Sts. Peter & Paul, Ottawa</i>	<i>4:00 & 7:00 p.m.</i>

Extra Confession Time at St. Anthony's

Wednesday, March 28th ~ 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. ~ 2 Priests Available

K of C News ~ K of C charity tickets have been mailed out. You should have received them or will be getting them soon. Early turn in is April 12th. Please do your best to turn in as many tickets as possible by this 1st early turn in date. Our biggest rebates come from this early turn in. Keep in mind that all rebate money goes to charity. The more we sell, the more goes to charity. Tickets can be turned in at a K of C meeting, dropped in the collection, or mailed to me, Ron Teders, ticket chairman, at 10732 Road P, Columbus Grove, 45830. Thanks in advance for all your continued support.

New Member Welcome Committee ~ Please consider helping with this new ministry to help welcome new members to our parish. These include people moving into our parish, newly married couples, newly baptized, etc. Assistance is needed to formulate ideas and carry them out in representing St. Anthony's as a welcoming, inviting and caring community. If you are willing to help or if you have any questions, call Pat Birnesser at 931-267-2357.

That Man Is You ~ Will be meeting on **Saturday, April 7th** at 6:00 a.m. with the topic being, *The True Man After God's Own Heart*. **There will be no class on Saturday, March 31st.**

Preschool Bible School ~ Will be meeting this **Sunday, March 25th** at 5:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

Discipleship ~ Will be meeting on **Wednesday, March 28th**, at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

Easter Flowers ~ If you would like to make a donation to our Easter Flower Fund, you will find an envelope in your contribution envelope packet. Please put the names of your deceased loved ones on the outside of the envelope. We will publish the Memorial List after Easter.

Spring for a Ticket to Ride & Casino Night ~ Tickets are on sale for "Get Your Ticket to Ride" being held April 14, 7:00-10:00 p.m. in the parish hall. The evening will feature casino games, raffles, auctions, and the grand prize drawing of the Club Cart Golf Cart. Tickets are \$20.00 per person which includes appetizers, two drinks and Casino money. Please get your tickets soon so we know how many to plan for. SAC will be selling tickets after the Masses this weekend. Tickets are also available at the school and parish offices or by calling Amy Stechschulte at 419-641-6280. All the proceeds from the evening will go to support the school.

Golf Cart Tickets ~ The drawing for the Club Car Golf Cart is just around the corner. Tickets are 1 for \$10.00 or 3 for \$25.00. The School Advisory Council will be selling tickets after the weekend Masses. Tickets can also be purchased at Tabler's, Carl's Hardware and at the school and parish offices.

Donations Needed ~ Spring For A Ticket To Ride ~ We are planning for our "Spring for a Ticket to Ride" event being held April 14th, in the parish basement. The event will include the Golf cart Raffle plus silent auctions, casino games and raffles. Student Advisory Council is asking for donations of baskets of "goodies" for the silent auction and or items to be raffled off. Please share your crafting talents to support this great cause. We are also looking for donations of any soda, cookies or money donations for food. If you have any questions call Amy Stechschulte 419-641-6280.

300 Club Update ~ We currently have sold **234** memberships of our goal of 300 memberships for 2018. If you haven't already purchased your 300 Club ticket, please consider purchasing a ticket this year. It has been several years since all 300 tickets were sold. If anyone would like to purchase an extra ticket, a form is available at the bottom of Father Tom's letter. **Tickets can be purchased until April 15th.** After April 15th, the final drawings for the rest of 2018 will be made. Thanks to all who have supported our 300 Club!

Faith/Food/Fellowship Night ~ Will be held **Saturday, April 21st**, after the 4:30 p.m. Mass in the Parish Hall. The topic of the talk is "The Immaculate Conception". Please join your fellow church family and bring a friend. Sign-ups for the pot-luck meal are at each of the church entrances for Entre-Salad/Vegetable-Dessert. Stay after the talk to visit and feel free to bring cards/games to share.

3x Your Impact! ~ Amazon is **tripling the donation rate** on your first smile.amazon.com purchase now - through March 31st! Go to smile.amazon.com/ch/34-4449845 and Amazon will donate to St. Anthony of Padua Parish.

Columbus Grove American Legion ~ The American Legion will be hosting their annual Fish Fries, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., every Friday through Good Friday. Eat in or carry out. Come and enjoy good food with family and friends!

Ottawa K of C Fish Fries ~ The Ottawa Knights of Columbus Fish Fries will be held every Friday through March 30th, Good Friday. Come out and enjoy good food and fellowship. Prices: Dine-In or Carry Out Adults - \$9.00, Kindergarten through 8th grade - \$3.00, Preschool is \$1.00.

Putnam County Right to Life ~ Putnam County Right to Life Garage & Bake Sale will be held at the Ottawa K of C hall located on Road H, **Wednesday, April 4th**, from 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. and **Thursday, April 5th**, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Bring gently used items and baked goods on Tuesday, April 3rd, from 9:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. Our April meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 3rd**, at 7:30 p.m. at the Ottawa K of C hall. All are welcome.

FIRST COMMUNION DRESSES AND VEILS!! ~ The Mustard Seed Gift Shop, located behind St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Glandorf, has a beautiful selection of First Communion dresses and veils in stock. For more information, Like Mustard Seed Gift Shop on Facebook or call 419-538-7220.

The Ark Encounter ~ The Fort Jennings Memorial Hall announces a one day bus trip to "The Ark Encounter" in Williamstown, Kentucky on **Wednesday, July 18, 2018**. The trip includes motor coach transportation, buffet lunch, admission to the Ark and all gratuities. The cost is \$150 per person: \$75 due at registration and the balance by May 31, 2018. Please call or text Judy Schroeder to reserve your seat at 419-303-7366. Judy's address is 21263 Road 23 T, Ft. Jennings, Ohio, 45844.

New Job Posting - Preschool Teacher ~ Accepting applications for part-time morning preschool teacher at Glandorf St. John's Catholic Preschool for the 2018-2019 school year. Minimum requirement of High School Diploma/ GED equivalent; experience working with children and knowledge of child development is preferred. Full detailed job posting is online at: <http://stjohnglandorf.org/>. For more information call Carole Schroeder at 419-538-6264. Submit cover letter, resume, and list of 4 references by April 10th to: St. John's Preschool, 103 N Main PO Box 48, Glandorf Ohio 45848.

St. John's, Glandorf, Quarter Auction ~ The Quarter Auction Fundraiser for Glandorf St. John's Preschool will be held on **Friday, April 13th** at 7:00 p.m. at Glandorf, St. John's Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$10 each or a RESERVED table of 8 for \$90! For more information or tickets call the Preschool at 419-538-6264 or Jeannie Verhoff at 419-538-6255. The Quarter Auction will feature items from Signature Homestyles.

Easter Service ~ St. John's United Methodist Church in Columbus Grove, will be having practices for their Easter morning service on Sundays, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. and Tuesdays from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Practice dates are, **March 25th** and **March 27th**.

Notre Dame Gold Game ~ The Serra Club of the Lima Area, which covers all the Catholic churches in the Allen, Putnam and Van Wert Counties, is hosting a bus excursion to the Notre Dame Gold Game on **Saturday, April 21st**. We want to invite Junior and Senior altar servers who have given many years of service to their parishes. We will leave LCC at 7:30 a.m. that day and stop at Delphos St. John's to pick up participants. We will ask the students to bring money for food. All other costs will be covered. If interested contact the parish office at 419-659-2263.

TV Mass For The Homebound ~ Is someone you love unable to join us at church during this holy time of Easter? For the faithful at home or in healthcare settings, the Heart of the Nation Sunday TV Mass brings spiritual comfort and the blessings of joy-filled hope in our Risen Savior. Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to tune in for the Catholic Mass on TV or watch online: **Easter TV Mass**, WTOL Channel 11 at 5:00 a.m., WNW Channel 24 at 6:30 a.m. and WTVG Channel 13.2 at 8:30 a.m. Online video www.HeartoftheNation.org.

Carey Healing Mass ~ The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey will be having a healing Mass on **Friday, April 6th, at 7:00 p.m.** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, individual praying and the anointing of the sick will take place after Mass. The next healing Mass is *May 11th - 7:00 p.m.*

Maria Stein Shrine ~ The Gifts Of The Holy Spirit ~ A Day Of Reflection ~ Sister of the Precious Blood, Joyce Ann Zimmerman, will present on the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit on **Saturday, April 7th**, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The day will begin with Mass at 10:00 a.m. followed by prayer, discussion and learning. The cost is \$20 per person which includes lunch. RSVP to Matt Hess at 419-925-4532 or m.hess@mariasteinshrine.org by Wednesday, March 28th.

Lost & Found ~ Recently, someone lost a gold, circular earring on the St. Joseph side of church. If anyone finds it, please contact the parish office at 419-659-2263.

A Note from Fr. Tom

HOLY WEEK: Holy Week is the most important week of the year. It's even more important than Christmas, regardless of what the stores say – or what your kids say. This week, especially its last three days, tell the story of how God freed us from sin, made us fit to be His sons and daughters, and won the victory over the death that we face. The Church calls it the Sacred Triduum, that is, the Sacred Three Days. It's better than Christmas because you don't have to shop for Triduum gifts, go to Triduum parties, or address and mail dozens of Triduum cards. It's just your quiet time with the Lord.

A good way to enter the quiet is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You can ask yourself, "Where is the anger, or the jealousy, or the lack of forgiveness that keeps me from appreciating what Jesus has done for me?" There are Penance Services at St. Gerard today (Sunday) at 3:00 p.m., and at Ottawa on Monday at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Another option is to go to Confession here at St. Anthony on Wednesday beginning at 7:00 p.m. Father Steve Schroeder and I will be happy to provide this sacrament for as long as people keep coming that night.

On Holy Thursday, the Mass of the Lord's Supper will be at 7:00 p.m. We remember Jesus' command to love one another as He has loved us when we witness the washing of feet. The reading from Saint Paul helps us remember how great a gift Jesus has given us – the gift of Himself in the forms of bread and wine. The words "Do this in memory of Me" call to mind the Sacrament of Holy Orders. The procession at the end of Mass and silent adoration time put us more deeply in awe of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist.

Good Friday is the only day of the year without a Mass. We do a service that is nearly identical with what the Church of Rome was doing in 150 A.D. All signs and symbols are to be removed or covered. There is not a candle to be lit, or a drop of holy water to bless yourself with, or a cloth on the altar. The service begins in deep silence because of the awesomeness of what Jesus has done, and our sorrow at our sins that made it necessary. Then there are readings (including the Passion according to John), solemn petitions, veneration of the Cross, and a Communion service, at which we distribute Hosts that were consecrated on Holy Thursday.

The Church spends most of Holy Saturday in silence. Then the Easter Vigil begins after dark. We will light a fire on the front sidewalk (weather allowing), light the Easter Candle from it and then the people's candles in the course of a procession into the dark church. The Easter proclamation will be sung, followed by an extended Liturgy of the Word, Baptisms, Confirmations, and the Eucharist. The Church sees this day as the most appropriate day for Baptisms, because as Saint Paul says, when people are baptized, they are baptized into His death, so that they may rise with Him to new life. Easter is truly happy when we reflect that Jesus has joined us in our death, so that we in turn may join Him in risen life.

Father Tom

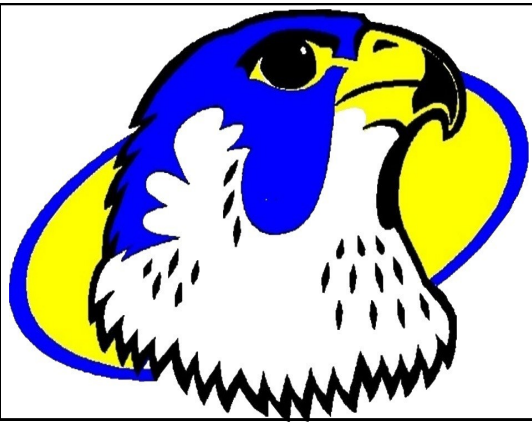
Time To Get Your 300 Club Membership! ~ The 300 Club is currently selling \$50.00 memberships to be entered into our weekly \$100.00 drawings plus special \$150.00 drawings held during 2018. All the proceeds will go to support our school. To help us achieve our goal of 300 sold tickets, please get your membership soon.

300 Club ~ 2018

Please find enclosed \$50.00 for each ticket purchased. Please return to the parish office by March 23rd.

Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____ Amount Enclosed _____



Saint Anthony Falcon News

Dear Heavenly Father from above,
Look down on Saint Anthony's School
with love.

Please guide them and teach them.

Fill them with your power
So that in everything they do,
They will be a delight to you!

Thanks to the **School Advisory Council & the Parent Guild** for sponsoring the field trip Tuesday to the **BiG Fab Lab** in Bowling Green for our 4th - 8th Graders at St Anthony School. Your support is deeply appreciated. You never know when a STEM field trip might inspire a child to Soar into a Passionate Life Career. Your the best! We still have tickets for our **Casino Night and Golf Cart Drawing!**



SAC Presents.....

"Spring for a Ticket to Ride"



- *Grand Prize Drawing of Golf Cart
- *Raffles, Auctions & 50/50
- *Games including Blackjack, Roulette, Slot Machines, and the Big Wheel

When-April 14, 2018 7-10pm
Where-St. Anthony's Parish Hall
Tickets-\$20.00 a piece includes 2 drinks, appetizers, and money to play! Tickets available at school and parish offices or contact Amy Stechschulte at 419-641-6280.

Come join us for a fun evening Supporting St. Anthony's School!



Lunch Recess Volunteers

Week of: March 25

Mon. Sharon Kamphaus

Tues. Jenny Pingle

Wed. Amy Stechschulte

Thurs. Kay Langhals, No AM Mass

Fri. No School, Good

Friday, Easter Break

Calendar Items:

March 24	Confirmation Gr. 7 & 8 @ 11:00 am Toledo Cathedral
March 25	Palm Sunday
March 28	All School Mass, Gr. 5
March 29	Holy Thursday, No AM Mass
March 30	Good Friday, No School
April 1	Easter Sunday
April 2	Easter Break, No School
April 3	First Day Back from East Break
April 11	All School Mass & Parent Breakfast
April 12	First Communion Parent/Student Mtg. @ 7:00 pm
April 14	Spring for Ticket to Ride ,7—10 pm

This Week's LIFE Skill : Initiative

The slack hand impoverishes,
but the hand of the diligent
enriches.

Prov. 10:4



Q: What happened to the man who crossed a cat with a canary?

A: He got shredded tweet!