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WEEKEND MASSES

ST. JOHN CHURCH

1405 FIRST AVENUE
SATURDAY 4:30 PM
SUNDAY 10:30 AM

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201 CLARK STREET
SUNDAY 9:00 AM

ADORATION HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

MONDAY-FRIDAY 12:30 - 4:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

ST. JOHN CHURCH SATURDAY 3:30 PM

March 19, 2017

3rd Sunday of Lent



Second Lent Talk TODAY! 11:30 AM - 1 PM St John Undercroft



WHY DO SACRAMENTS MATTER? THE THINKING SINCE VATICAN II



The number of sacraments was not defined by the Church until the Council of Trent (1547). We know its definition by heart from our catechism: *an outward sign instituted by Christ to give grace*. True, but very limited, and leads to a mechanical understanding.



The Vatican Council (1961-65) has given us a much deeper insight of God's self-communication: Christ as sacrament of God; the Church as sacrament of Christ; the seven sacraments as the face of redemption turned visibly toward us, so that we are truly able to encounter the living Christ.



This talk will highlight how all this changes the way we celebrate the sacraments.



A light lunch will be served - no RSVP necessary. Please join us!



New Church Directory Appointment Sign-Ups After All Masses this Weekend!

WHAT: New Church Photo Directory

WHEN: Photography sessions Tuesday - Saturday, May 23rd - 27th
and Wednesday - Saturday, May 31st - June 3rd

TIMES: 10 minute photo session / 20 minute session for family of 6+
Weekdays 2 - 8:30 PM and Saturdays 10 AM - 3 PM

WHERE: St. John Center

COST: Free professional photography session + Complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and directory for every family who is photographed by Universal Church Directories.

OPTIONS: Enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options plus the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends. Pets are welcome!

SCHEDULE: In person after all of the Masses this weekend and next or online at www.ucdir.com. Our church code and password were included in the letter mailed to all registered families earlier this month. Please call the parish office if you need assistance. The online scheduling option is available Monday - Friday only.



Church Photo
Directory



COMING EVENTS



Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Fridays in Lent

Stations of the Cross / Benediction Fridays in Lent

Bob's Gang Trash Pick Up Sat Apr 1

Communal Lenten Penance Services - Holy Trinity

After the 12:10 PM Mass & 7:00 PM Thur Apr 6

HOLY FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday and Sunday - March 18 and 19

4:30 PM Mass SJ Rita Gough - Birthday Remembrance
 9:00 AM Mass HT Deceased Members of Holy Trinity Choir
 10:30 AM Mass SJ Tom Frebis

NOTE: SPECIAL LENT SCHEDULE

Monday, March 20

12:10 PM Mass HT Andrea Accurso

Tuesday, March 21

8:15 AM Mass J23 Kitty Frey

No 12:10 PM Communion Service HT

Wednesday, March 22

12:10 PM Mass HT Bob Rouster

Thursday, March 23

12:10 PM Mass HT Susan Opesky

Friday, March 24

8:00 AM Mass HT David Fenton - Birthday Remembrance

12:10 PM Communion Service HT

Saturday, March 25

8:00 AM Mass HT Anthony DiNardo

4:30 PM Mass SJ Don Steere

Sunday, March 26 4th Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM Mass HT Ken Angel - Birthday Remembrance

10:30 AM Mass SJ Markey / Kaiser Families



Weekly Collections Stewardship

Sunday, March 12th \$15,315

Thank you for your generous stewardship!

MINISTERS NEXT WEEK

Mar 25/26	4:30 PM SAT	9:00 AM SUN	10:30 AM SUN
Eucharistic Ministers	Frank Pressler 1B Franka Cope 2B Cecilie Ricke 3B Kathi Mangus 1C Ellen Krause 2C Dawn Pickerill 3C Carolyn Kraft 4C	Kathy Farler 1B Barb VonderHaar 2B Mary Anne Kelley 3B Mike Klapheke 1C Marlene Ruwe 2C Kathleen Wourms 3C Sherry Corrill 4C	Cari Hellmann 1B Claire Puthoff 2B Saundra Pearce 3B John Lyons 1C Joe Zappia 2C Linda Jester 3C Suzanne Stickelman 4C
Lectors	Paul Presta Jennifer James	Henrietta Nye Ed Combs	Janet Zappia Dale Gerber
Servers	Dick Montgomery Anthony Lococo	Hannah Dwenger Nathan Dwenger	Lily Knaley Sarah Volle
Greeters	Ann Fishbaugh D1 Ray Barger D1	Don Accurso D1 Kay Faris D2	Eric Troidl D1 Christina Troidl D1

Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: 2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16 / Mt 1:16,18-21
 Tues: Dn 3:25,34-43 / Mt 18:21-35
 Wed: Dt 4:1,5-9 / Mt 5:17-19
 Thurs: Jer 7:23-28 / Lk 11:14-23
 Fri: Hos 14:2-10 / Mk 12:28-34
 Sat: Is 7:10-14;8:10 / Lk 1:26-38
 Sun: 1 Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a / Eph 5:8-14
 Jn 9:1-41



In Your Prayers Remember Linda Lyons at Atrium Medical Center this week.

Family member going into the hospital?

Please call us 422-0602 and let us know!

We need your help in ministering to parishioners who are ill or in need!



Health Ministry:

Are You Spiritually Healthy?

It's interesting how seldom we talk about spiritual health. The daily habit of prayer leads us to spiritual health. Always take your first opportunity each day to spend time in prayer. Why not try **The Prayer Process?**



1. Gratitude: Begin by thanking God in a personal dialogue for whatever you are most grateful for today.

2. Awareness: Revisit the times in the past 24 hours when you were and were not the-best-version-of-yourself. Talk to God about these situations and what you learned from them.

3. Significant Moments: Identify something you experienced in the last 24 hours and explore what God might be trying to say to you through that event (or person).

4. Peace: Ask God to forgive you for any wrong you have committed (against yourself, another person, or Him) and to fill you with a deep and abiding peace.

5. Freedom: Speak with God about how He is inviting you to change your life, so that you can experience the freedom to be the-best-version-of-yourself.

6. Others: Lift up to God anyone you feel called to pray for today, asking God to bless and guide them.

7. Pray the Our Father.

Resisting Happiness/Best Lent Ever/Matthew Kelly

RCIA - Rite of Scrutinies

During the 10:30 AM Mass today and the next two Sundays, we will be celebrating the Rite of Scrutinies.



These ritual celebrations on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent are communal prayers celebrated around the elect to strengthen them to overcome the power of sin in their lives and to grow in virtue. To scrutinize something means to examine it closely. The community does not scrutinize the catechumens and candidates; the catechumens and candidates scrutinize their own lives and allow God to scrutinize them and to heal them. All of us are called to continuing conversion throughout our lives, so we can join with the elect in scrutinizing our own lives and praying to God for the grace to overcome the power of sin that still infects our hearts. We all need to approach the season of Lent asking ourselves what needs to change in our lives if we are to live the gospel values that Jesus taught us. Please continue your support for the catechumens and candidates with prayers and affection as they continue their journey to the Easter Vigil.

Ecumenical Lunch at First Presbyterian Noon - Wednesdays in Lent

Area pastors share an experience of God focusing on one of our five senses. Everyone is invited for a light lunch followed by the short talk.



March 22: Rev. Norm Coleman,
Christ United Methodist

March 29: Rev. John Wagner, First United Methodist

April 5: Chaplain Karen Fleming, Mt. Pleasant

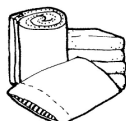
The Stations of the Cross & Benediction - Fridays in Lent 7 PM Holy Trinity Church

Join us at Holy Trinity Church at 7:00 p.m. every Friday evening during Lent for Stations of the Cross and Benediction. **Stations in Spanish begin at 5:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity every Friday in Lent.**



**SVDP Outreach Ministry Featured Need for March
BEDDING – SHEETS, BLANKETS, PILLOWS, MATTRESS PADS**

If you can provide these items - either new or used - please drop them off at the parish office and we'll pick them up for distribution to the needy. Thank you!



Introductions to Sunday Readings

by Bishop Ken Untener, in collaboration with Catherine Haven and Fr. Bill Taylor



First Reading - Exodus 17:3-7

The book of Exodus tells of the Israelites' escape from Egypt and their wanderings in the wilderness. Their trials during that time, the way they faced them and the way God responded, provided future generations with food for thought whenever they faced difficulties.

Second Reading - Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

In writing to the Romans, Paul is dealing with a community he had not yet visited. Many Roman Christians were converts from Judaism who believed they would be saved by how they lived out the Jewish Law. Paul stresses here, as he does frequently in his writings, that Christians are saved not by the Law, but by faith - faith in what Jesus accomplished by his dying and rising.



Annual Lenten Fish Fry Fridays

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Fridays in Lent
MARCH 3RD - APRIL 14TH

Dine In or Carry Out ~ 5 to 7:30 PM

Ladies Auxiliary offers baked goods for sale plus a Family Fun Night Basket Raffle - tickets sold at every Fish Fry with the winning ticket drawn at the Easter Egg Hunt April 15th!



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State Route #122 Clean Up Crew
Saturday, April 1st

8:30 AM Jacot Park

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Join Ann Hinkle and her sister Julie Kauffman and the rest of the gang as we do Bob proud - picking up trash along SR #122 from I-75 to Breiel Blvd. This is the main entrance to our city and we need your help to keep it looking good! Everyone's invited to join in the fun. We'll meet at Jacot Park at 8:30 a.m. and should finish up by 11:00 a.m. **Mark your calendar for three more Saturdays! July 8th September 16th and November 4th** Bring your kids and grandkids! **This is a great chance for kids to perform - and for the important adults in their lives to model - community service!**

Bishop Fenwick's 7th and 8th Grade Mixer
Friday, March 31st 7:30 - 10 PM

Admission - \$5

Enjoy an evening of light refreshments, music and fun! This is a great time to meet other 7th and 8th graders from different schools and make new friends. Each student needs to bring a signed permission slip from their parents. The slip can be found at www.fenwickfalcons.org under RESOURCES. Questions can be directed to Mrs. Tammy Longworth by email at tlongworth@fenwickfalcons.org. We hope to see you there!



American Association of University Women
61st Annual Used Book Sale!

Thursday - Sunday, March 30th - April 2nd

629B S Breiel Blvd (near Great Clips)

Middletown Shopping Center

THURSDAY, MARCH 30TH 5 PM - 8 PM **\$5 FOR PRE-SALE**

FRIDAY, MARCH 31ST 10 AM - 8 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 1ST 10 AM - 6 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND 12 PM - 5 PM **\$6 A BAG SALE**

The annual book sale is a fundraiser for college scholarships and promotes literacy and recycling. Find a large selection of mysteries, biographies, fiction, records, puzzles and children's books. More details can be found at the AAUW Middletown website Middletown-oh.aauw.net under FUNDRAISING.

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RECENT EVENTS

This week we hosted the Council on Child Abuse (COCA) who did presentations for our teachers and parents on Bully Prevention and Awareness. Trained staff from COCA will conduct workshops approved by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati for the students at the end of the month.

We also had our first ever **"Doughnuts with Dad"** event. Friday morning our school was filled with 56 dozen Milton's doughnuts and lots and lots of love!! We are already looking forward to our **"Muffins with Mom"** which will take place in April.

Finally, this weekend, we hosted an all day Lacrosse tournament. We enjoy taking every opportunity we can to show off our wonderful campus!

REGISTRATION UPDATE

Our kindergarten class is rapidly nearing capacity. At this point we have only five spots remaining, so encourage anyone who is considering St. John XXIII for their upcoming kindergarten student, to register as soon as possible. As we feel it is important to keep our class sizes small, we will only accept 50 students for our kindergarten classes.

Additionally, one of our preschool classes is at capacity, with the others having limited spaces available.

Healing a Heart ♥ Grief Support Groups

Offered by Hospice Care of Middletown

Six Week Grief Support Group for People Who Have Lost a Loved One



Hospice Care of Middletown is proud to sponsor Healing a Heart Bereavement Support Groups. These groups are free, open to the community and focus on peer support, grief education, and the development of coping skills. **Pre-registration is required.**

To register, please call 424-CARE (2273).

Monday Evening Group 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
March 20th - April 24th

Thursday Day Group 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.
March 23rd - April 27th

Both groups meet at 3909 Central Avenue - the building directly behind Central Connections.

Caregiver Wellness Workshop

Friday, April 7th 8:30 AM - 1 PM

Central Connections

3907 Central Ave, Middletown



Caregivers need moral support, stress relief, resources and networking. Spend the morning with us to get what you need. This FREE event has three presenters:

- 1) Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio**
"Burnout, Compassion Fatigue, Vicarious Trauma, & Self Care"
- 2) Vitality Cincinnati**
"Movement Intelligence"
- 3) ProSeniors**
"Helping Seniors Avoid Fraud and Scams"

Lunch is provided and 3.0 CEUs are available.

(Counselor: Provider #RCX049001; Social Worker: Provider #RSX028901). This event is co-sponsored by Hospice Care of Middletown, Central Connections, Haven Behavioral Hospital of Dayton and Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio.

Please RSVP by Friday, March 24th to Judy Vincent at jvincent@hcmiddletown.org or 424-2273.

There will be time from 8:30 – 9:00 AM and during lunch to browse information tables.

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Don't miss this great show!



Ladies Golf League

The 38th season of the Central Connections Ladies 9 Hole Golf League will begin in May. We play on Friday mornings for 19 weeks at Warren County Armco Park. The first tee-time is 9:00 a.m. (8:30 when the weather warms.) Foursomes are created by blind draw of those present that morning. League dues are \$10 for the season and weekly course fees are \$10 (cart fee \$7). *Players of any level are welcome to join.* **New this year, league members do not need to be members of Central Connections.** If interested, please call Janet Zappia 424-8176. Other Holy Family parishioners who belong to the league are Barb VonderHaar, Beth Kast and Margo Leeker. Watch the April bulletins for the league organizational meeting date and time.



Do You have a Home to Rent?

A young family is hoping to rent a home for six members - disabled husband, hardworking wife, college-aged children and blind mother-in-law. The home we currently rent is too small. The landlord is paid on time every month. If you can help us out, please call L. J. Bein 513-755-6998. Thanks!



Wonder What a Deacon Does?

Men of the Archdiocese: Have you ever wondered if you might be called to be a permanent Deacon in the Catholic Church? Wonder what a deacon does and what it takes to become a deacon? If so, find out more about informational meetings by calling Deacon Mark Machuga, 513-421-3131 extension 2641.

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Baptism Preparation Class - These classes are held quarterly: March, June, September and December.

The actual date, time and location will be announced in the weekly bulletin. Please call the parish office to register.

Baptisms - Please call the parish office to schedule a baptism.

Becoming Catholic - Please call the parish office to find out more about the RCIA process.

Bulletin Deadline - Submit announcements in hard copy or to monica@holymiddletown.com by noon Tuesday.

Hospitalization or Death in the Family - Please notify the pastor as soon as possible by calling the parish office.

Marriages - Couples wishing to be married must set the date with the pastor at least six months in advance.

Nursery - The Nursery is available in the St. John Center during the Sunday 10:30 AM Mass.

Parish Religious Education Program - Preschool: Sundays 10:15 - 11:30 AM and K - 8th Grade: Mondays 6:30 - 7:30 PM.

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