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WEEKEND MASSES

ST. JOHN CHURCH 1405 FIRST AVENUE SATURDAY 4:30 PM SUNDAY 10:30 AM	HOLY TRINITY CHURCH 201 CLARK STREET SUNDAY 9:00 AM
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ADORATION HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
 MONDAY- FRIDAY 12:30 - 4:30 PM
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
 ST. JOHN CHURCH SATURDAY 3:30 PM

March 26, 2017

4th Sunday of Lent



Annual Lenten Fish Fry Fridays

HOSTED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



\$10 Adult / \$5 Kids
Fried Cod or Baked Tilapia

Plus Choice of Two Sides
 Mac & Cheese, Green Beans,
 Cole Slaw and French Fries

And a Drink
 Coffee, Tea, Lemonade or Water

Extras Include
 Soda \$1 Beer \$2 Weekly Special \$3



St. John Undercroft
 1405 FIRST AVENUE MIDDLETOWN

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!



Visit council1610.org for more information or call 513-360-4760!

Communal Penance Services Update!

The Communal Lenten Penance Service **after the 12:10 PM Mass on Thursday, April 6th** is still on the schedule, but due to the shortage of priests, we are **canceling the Thursday 7 PM Service.**



Other options for parishioners who cannot make the afternoon service on April 6th —

Monday, March 27th 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Sorrows - Monroe

Thursday, March 30th 7:00 PM

St. Mary - Springboro

Monday, April 3rd 6:30 PM St. John Church

PREP families invite parishioners to join them.

Thursday, April 6th 7:00 PM

St. Maximilian Kolbe - West Chester

St. Frances De Sales - Lebanon

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	
St. John 6:30 PM	Mon Apr 3
Holy Trinity 12:30 PM	Thur Apr 6
Palm Sunday	Sun Apr 9
Pancake Breakfast	Sun Apr 9
Annual Easter Egg Hunt	Sat Apr 15

HOLY FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday and Sunday - March 25 and 26

4:30 PM Mass SJ Don Steere
 9:00 AM Mass HT Ken Angel - Birthday Remembrance
 10:30 AM Mass SJ Markey / Kaiser Families

NOTE: SPECIAL LENT SCHEDULE

Monday, March 27

12:10 PM Mass HT Cecilia Cramer

Tuesday, March 28

8:15 AM Mass J23 John Huntsbarger
 12:10 PM Communion Service HT

Wednesday, March 29

12:10 PM Mass HT August F. Chupka, Jr. - Birthday Rem.

Thursday, March 30

12:10 PM Mass HT Andrea Accurso

Friday, March 31

8:00 AM Mass HT Mamerta Arsenio
 12:10 PM Communion Service HT

Saturday, April 1

8:00 AM Mass HT Eva Galeese
 4:30 PM Mass SJ Jacob Parks - Anniversary Remembrance

Sunday, April 2 5th Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM Mass HT Judy Walters
 10:30 AM Mass SJ Maurice DeBrosse - Birthday Rem.

Weekly Collections Stewardship

Sunday, March 19th \$13,371

Thank you for your generous stewardship!

MINISTERS NEXT WEEK

April 1/2	4:30 PM SAT	9:00 AM SUN	10:30 AM SUN
Eucharistic Ministers	Jennifer James 1B	Lee Ann Glick 1B	Ken Beiser 1B
	Vicki Hall 2B	Gail Clarey 2B	Bridget Clark 2B
	Paul Presta 3B	Mike Clarey 3B	Rosetta DiCristoforo 3B
	John Lyons 1C	John Lyons 1C	John Lyons 1C
	Marilyn Kowalczyk 2C	Bernie Driscoll 2C	Joan Gerber 2C
	Linda Weaver 3C	Jim Driscoll 3C	Dale Gerber 3C
	Linda Day 4C	Alice Brown 4C	Barb Luksic 4C
Lectors	Darryl Boothe	Greg Wells	Lois Allen
	Linda Gillaspay	Tami Wells	Joe Zappia
Servers	John Soppanish	Nick Stratton	Maia McCurley
	Larry Nichols	Kara Jackson	Sean McCarthy
Greeters	Franka Cope D1	Lee Ann Glick D1	Kathy Harden D1
	David Schul D1	Jeff Ferguson D2	David Harden D1

Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: Is 65:17-21 / Jn 4:43-54
 Tues: Ez 47:1-9,12 / Jn 5:1-16
 Wed: Is 49:8-15 / Jn 5:17-30
 Thurs: Ex 32:7-14 / Jn 5:31-47
 Fri: Wis 2:1a,12-22 / Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30
 Sat: Jer 11:18-20 / Jn 7:40-53
 Sun: Ez 37:12-14 / Rom 8:8-11 / Jn 11:1-45



Our Prayers and Sympathy are Extended

to the family and friends of Nancy Rossi and Rita Mandzak, who both died March 22nd.

In Your Prayers Remember Phyllis Nichols in Hospice of Butler & Warren Counties.

Health Ministry:

Seeing Beyond the Disabilities

For centuries, society had treated those with disabilities as objects of fear and pity. There has been a definite shift over the past few decades with emphasis on sensitivity training at school level and among the general public. Some people are still uncomfortable talking with people with disabilities because they are afraid they will say the wrong thing. Hints on how to interact:



1. Be respectful and patient.
2. Talk directly to the person and make eye contact...but avoid long drawn out stares.
3. Speak normally. Don't talk louder or slower or treat the person as a child.
4. Ask before you help and don't be offended if your offer is declined.
5. Don't assume you know what someone wants, feels or what is best for them.
6. Be aware of personal space. Avoid touching, moving, leaning on or playing with the equipment used to get around.
7. Don't play, feed or distract service dogs.
8. Remain calm if a young child asks questions loudly. Explain in simple terms, but don't use hurtful words like retarded, crippled, victim.

Remember, "Labels are for jars, not people!" and that "Inclusion is within everyone's ability."

Just Ask/wikihow/viaccess.com/disabilityetiquette

New Church Photo Directory Appointment Sign-Ups *Before All Masses* Today, April 2nd and April 9th!

WHAT: New Church Photo Directory

WHEN: Photography sessions

Tuesday - Saturday, May 23rd - 27th

Wednesday - Saturday, May 31st - June 3rd

TIMES: 10 minute photo session

20 minute session for family of 6+

Allow 45 - 60 minutes for photo / portrait previewing.

Weekdays 2:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Saturdays 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

WHERE: St. John Center

COST: Free professional photography session plus a 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 before the Masses today, April 2nd and 9th or online at www.ucdir.com.

FIND DIRECT LINK IN THE MENU BAR OF PARISH WEBSITE!

Our church code and password were included in the letter mailed to all registered families in March. Please call the parish office 422-0602 if you need assistance. **Note: The online scheduling option is available Monday - Friday only.**



Introductions to Sunday Readings

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



First Reading - 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

It is about 1000 B.C., 250 years after Moses brought God's people from slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land. It took a long time for these people from different tribes to unify as a nation. The turning point came when David became their king. The story of how he was chosen is told in today's reading. Samuel was a venerable old prophet. Jesse was a resident of Bethlehem and had eight sons, the youngest of whom was David.

Second Reading - Ephesians 5:8-14

The ancient city of Ephesus was located on the western coast of what is today Turkey. The Christians there existed in a society dominated by pagan values, which today's reading equates with darkness.

Easter Home Visits

Fr. Civile is making Easter visits to homebound parishioners again this year. If you or someone you know would like to be included, please call the office 422-0602.



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 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

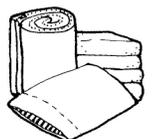
Join us at Holy Trinity Church at 7:00 p.m. every Friday evening during Lent for Stations of the Cross and Benediction. **Stations in Spanish begin at 5:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity every Friday in Lent.**



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!



RCIA - Rite of Scrutinies - Second of Three Scrutinies Today

During the 10:30 AM Mass today we will be celebrating the second of three scrutinies - *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. The gospel read at this Mass tells of the man born blind who was healed by Jesus and came to see Christ the Redeemer as the Light of the World. Please continue your support for the catechumens and candidates with prayers and affection as they continue their journey to the Easter Vigil and sacraments.



*** April Dates to Remember ***

Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry Fridays Fridays in Lent 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the St. John Undercroft

Stations of the Cross and Benediction Fridays in Lent 7:00 p.m. in Holy Trinity Church - in Spanish at 5:30 p.m.

RCIA Sundays in April at 11:30 a.m. - St. John Rectory *excludes Easter Sunday April 16th*

Bob's Gang Clean Up Crew Saturday, April 1st meeting at 8:30 AM at Jacot Park

Communal Lenten Penance Services

Monday, April 3rd at 6:30 PM at St. John Church
Thursday, April 6th following 12:10 PM Mass at Holy Trinity Church

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting Monday, April 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Holy Trinity Center

Gathering of Widows Tuesday, April 4th at 11:00 a.m. in the Holy Trinity Center

K of C Council #1610 Meeting Wednesday, April 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the K of C Council Hall

K of C Ladies Auxiliary Meeting Wednesday, April 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the Holy Trinity Center

Men's Fellowship Saturdays, April 8th and 22nd 7:00 to 8:30 a.m. in the St. John Rectory

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast Sunday, April 9th 9:30 a.m. - noon in the St. John Undercroft

K of C 4th Degree Assembly Meeting Tuesday, April 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the K of C Council Hall

Holy Thursday April 13th 6 PM Mass Holy Trinity *The alms boxes will be collected at this Mass.*

Good Friday April 14th 1:30 PM and 6:00 PM Communion Services at St. John Church. *The parish office is closed on Good Friday.*

Easter Egg Hunt Holy Saturday, April 15th 11:00 a.m. on the Holy Trinity Grounds
Three age groups: 4 and under, 5-7 and 8-10

Easter Vigil Holy Saturday, April 15th 8:45 PM in Holy Trinity Church. Everyone is invited to join in a reception after the Mass in the Holy Trinity Center.

Easter Sunday April 16th 9 AM & 10:30 AM Masses in St. John Church.

Coffee and Donuts Sunday, April 23rd after the 10:30 AM Mass in the St. John Undercroft

First Eucharist Group and Individual Photos Wednesday, April 26th in St. John's Church
PREP 7:00 p.m. St. John XXIII 7:30 p.m.

Sons of Italy Annual Garage & Bake Sale Friday, April 28th 8 AM - 4 PM Holy Trinity Lot

First Eucharist Saturday & Sunday, April 29th & 30th

St. Vincent de Paul Society 5th Sunday Collection Saturday and Sunday, April 29th & 30th

April Weddings at Holy Family Parish

Joshua Michael Bagley & Leah Dickinson
Saturday, April 15th 6:30 p.m. St. John Church

Bob's Gang Is Back for Another Season!

State Route #122 Clean Up Crew
Saturday, April 1st 8:30 AM Jacot Park

In honor of the guy who made it fun to wake up early and pick up trash!

Join 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!**



Easter Flower Offering

If you'd like to remember loved ones with an Easter flower offering, please use the envelope in the March packet and drop it in the collection basket. The list of names will be posted in both churches for Easter. *Please print names clearly and make your donation by Palm Sunday, April 9th.*



Bocce League Back in 2017!

Kevin Bruggeman and his crew are getting ready for 2017! Early Birds will begin at 4:30 p.m. Night Owls will begin at 6:45 p.m. **Registration APRIL 2 - MAY 5!**



A Reminder to Prayer Partners

April 29th and 30th are quickly approaching - the Saturday and Sunday when our parish 2nd graders will receive their First Eucharist. In addition to your prayers, a personal note or small gift lets your partner know that you are thinking of them and praying for them as they prepare to receive this sacrament.



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!

Holy Family Athletics 2017 Fall Sports Registration NOW OPEN!



Registration for all sports is done online through Blue Sombrero. You can find the registration link on the Athletics page of the St. John XXIII website, via the Holy Family Athletics link on the parish website, or here:

<http://leagues.bluesombrero.com/holyfamily>.

Find more details for the below sports there.

A \$25 late fee will be charged for sports registrations after Friday, June 30th.

Cheerleading	3 rd — 8 th grade	\$ 50
Football	3 rd — 6 th grade	\$110
Boys / Girls Soccer	4 th — 8 th grade	\$ 75
Girls Volleyball*	4 th — 8 th grade	\$ 75
Golf	4 th — 8 th grade	\$ 75

* 3rd graders are permitted to play on the 4th grade team if space allows.

Nursery Available During 10:30 AM Mass

Take advantage of our Nursery, located in the St. John Center. Babysitting is provided by parish preteens and the kids really have a fun! Come play with us!



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THANK YOU

Another payment was received from the One Faith, One Hope, One Love Campaign, and we immediately wrote a check to Bishop Fenwick High School that was applied to the principal owed on our amortization. The amount of this payment was \$59,688, and the application of this amount to our loan brings our balance on the loan down to \$558,179.14. Thank you so much for your generous support!! The sooner we are able to pay this debt off, the sooner we can start making some changes that will help grow St. John XXIII Catholic School. We are certainly blessed!

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

We are so very proud of 6th grade student, Eli Spencer, who won the State of Ohio Middle School Wrestling Title last weekend! Congratulations Eli!

Kaylee Phan, Therese Bell, Sarah Poland, Mark Brune, and Emily Miller moved on and competed in the Power of the Pen Regional Tournament on March 18th. Therese placed in the top 20 seventh grade writers which automatically qualifies her to compete at the State tournament in May! We will hear results of how the others did in a few weeks to see if they too qualify for state.

Finally, Jaina Hellman, represented St. John XXIII in the WCPO 9 On Your Side Regional Spelling Bee. It was great to watch her via WCPO's live stream. Way to go Jaina!

Falcon's Touchdown Club Mulch Sale!

We need your Mulch Madness Orders!
Please support Bishop Fenwick Football.

The Mulch Sale runs March 13th — April 14th



- 2 types of bagged mulch will be offered:
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Both mulches are color enhanced.
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 - Delivery Weekend is April 29th / 30th.
 - Orders of 10 bags or more receive free delivery within 20 mile radius of Bishop Fenwick High School
- Online: <http://fenwickmulch.com/home/mulch-madness-order-form/> Via Mail: Click the link at www.holyfamilymiddletown.com and make checks payable to "Falcons Touchdown Club." Completed paper order forms and checks should be submitted to the school by Friday, April 14th.

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

Dinner for Women Discerning the Consecrated Life R U Called?

Wednesday, April 26th 5 - 8 PM

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Dine with Archbishop Schnurr and women in consecrated life. Engage with vocation ministers of many religious communities. Be inspired by presentations by the Archbishop and young consecrated women. View the video: "The Face of Religious Life Today." Socialize with other women discerning the consecrated life.

Register at www.cincinnati.vocation.org/r-u-called.

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.

Support Senior Citizens!

Events Sponsored by the Committee
to Renew the Senior Citizens Levy



Paint It Forward Party

Tuesday, March 28th 6 - 9 PM

Includes (2) drink tickets for wine + hors d'oeuvres + all paint materials



Spaghetti Dinner

Friday, April 28th 4:30 - 7 PM

Spaghetti with marina or meat sauce, salad, garlic bread or breadstick and dessert.

Cost: \$10 / person \$5 / children 12 and under.

Soda pop, beer, wine and water - sold separately.

Dine in or carry out!

Both events held at
Central Connections
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The Razor's Edge Barbershop Chorus presents

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Saturday, April 1st 7 PM

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Holy Family members performing in the show:

Marty Mulhall, Director; John Bidwell, Paul Bruggeman, Eva Greer, Tom Hackett, Mike Kramer, Paul Mosko, Deb Silcox, Tom von der Embse, and Jim VonderHaar!

Don't miss this great show!

Ladies Golf League Organizational Meeting

Friday, April 21st 1 PM Central Connections

Those interested in playing golf this season are invited to attend the organizational meeting to be held in the Central Connections Conference Room at 1:00 p.m on Friday, April 21st.



The golf league begins on Friday morning May 5th at Warren County Armco Park. Players of any level are welcome to join. League dues are \$10 for the season and weekly course fees are \$10 - cart fee \$7.

If you're interested but can't attend the meeting, call Janet Zappia 513-424-8176.

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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.

St. John XXIII Catholic School - Parish school for Preschool - 8th Grade - www.stjohn23school.org.

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