

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

A Catholic faith community called to serve God and others through Eucharist, prayer, education, and daily living of the Gospel values.

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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

ADORATION HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

MONDAY- FRIDAY 12:30 - 4:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

ST. JOHN CHURCH SATURDAY 3:30 PM

April 9, 2017

Palm Sunday

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday Mass

6:00 PM Holy Trinity Church

The alms boxes for Sr. Sarah Mulligan's clinic in Guatemala will be collected at this Mass. You can also return your alms box on Good Friday or in the regular weekend collection, or you can drop it off at the parish office.

Good Friday Communion Services

1:30 PM & 6:00 PM St. John Church

These services include the Liturgy of the Word and a special Holy Land Collection.

The parish office is closed on Good Friday and there are no Stations of the Cross or Benediction.

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass

8:45 PM Holy Trinity Church

Marilyn's Players and Singers

The RCIA candidates and catechumens will be baptized and received into the church at this service. A reception immediately follows in the Holy Trinity Center. All are welcome!

Easter Sunday Masses St. John Church

Be sure to arrive early and enjoy the Easter music preludes before each Mass!

9:00 AM St. John *Holy Trinity Choir*

10:30 AM St. John *Marilyn, Mike & Soloists*

You're Invited to the HOLY FAMILY PARISH EASTER EGG HUNT

Holy Saturday, April 15th

Holy Trinity Grounds 11 AM

Presented by K of C Council 1610 Ladies Auxiliary

Three Age Groups: 3 & under 4 to 7 8 to 10

Plus Donuts and OJ and a Family Basket Raffle!

Raffle tickets can be purchased at the Friday Fish Fry or at the Easter Egg Hunt. All participants must be accompanied by an adult and bring their own basket!



All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast TODAY!

9:30 AM - NOON St. John Undercroft

Come and enjoy ALL YOU CAN EAT fresh, homemade pancakes, plus eggs, sausage, juice and coffee. Adults - \$6 Kids under 12 - \$4 Max - \$25/family



COMING EVENTS



Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Good Friday
Annual Easter Egg Hunt Holy Sat Apr 15
Easter Vigil 8:45 PM Holy Sat Apr 15
Easter Sunday Sunday Apr 16

HOLY FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday and Sunday - April 8 and 9

4:30 PM Mass SJ John Hudson - Wedding Anniv. Rem.
 9:00 AM Mass HT Janet Marstall - Birthday Remembrance
 10:30 AM Mass SJ Al Niemer - Wedding Anniversary Rem.

NOTE: SPECIAL HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, April 10

12:10 PM Mass HT Connie Weser

Tuesday, April 11

8:15 AM Mass J23 Cliff McGuire
 12:10 PM Communion Service HT

Wednesday, April 12

12:10 PM Mass HT Margaret Elieff

Thursday, April 13 Holy Thursday

6:00 PM Mass HT Rosemary and Bridgid Lyons

Friday, April 14 Good Friday

1:30 PM Communion Service SJ
 6:00 PM Communion Service SJ

Saturday, April 15 Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil

8:45 PM Mass HT Nancy Rossi

Sunday, April 16 Easter Sunday

9:00 AM Mass SJ Frank Capozzi
 10:30 AM Mass SJ DeBrosse Family

Weekly Collections Stewardship

Sunday, April 2nd \$21,008

Thank you for your generous stewardship!

MINISTERS NEXT WEEK

April 15/16	8:45 PM SAT - HT	9:00 AM SUN - SJ	10:30 AM SUN - SJ
Eucharistic Ministers	<i>Easter Vigil</i>	Jim Martz 1B	Claire Puthoff 1B
		Don Accurso 2B	Jane Romer 2B
		Lee Ann Glick 3B	Roger Romer 3B
		Kathy Kraft 1C	John Lyons 1C
		Barb VonderHaar 2C	Sandra Pearce 2C
		Alice Brown 3C	Dominic Sberna 3C
		Mike Klapheke 4C	Suzanne Stickelman 4C
Lectors		Janet Chase	Bob Weaver
		John Herr	Stephanie Burk
Servers		Kara Jackson	Will Eiken
		Nick Stratton	George Puthoff
Greeters		Lee Ann Glick D1	Jane Romer D1
		Kay Faris D2	Roger Romer D1

Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: Is 42:1-7 / Jn 12:1-11
 Tues: Is 49:1-6 / Jn 13:21-33,36-38
 Wed: Is 50:4-9a / Mt 26:14-25
 Thurs: Ex 12:1-14 / 1 Cor 11:23-26 / Jn 13:1-15
 Fri: Is 52:13—53:12 / Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9
 Jn 18:1—19:42
 Sat: Ex 14:15—15:1 / Is 55:1-11 / Mt 28:1-10
 Sun: Acts 10:34a,37-43 / Col 3:1-4 / Jn 20:1-9



Our Prayers and Sympathy are Extended

to Biff Turner in the loss of his great grandson, Ayden Turner, Denise Lepe-Perkins in the loss of her father, Salvador Lepe, and to the family and friends of Julie Kalmus, who died April 4th.

In Your Prayers Remember

George Jeffery, Ann Fishbaugh, and Patty Enright at Atrium, Margaret Warmoth hospitalized in Florida, and Phyllis Nichols and Lucille Amatulli receiving hospice care this week.

Health Ministry: The Gift of Sacrifice

EVERY GIFT REVEALS GOD'S LOVE -
 BUT NO GIFTS REVEAL HIS LOVE MORE THAN THE CROSS.
 THEY COME, NOT WRAPPED IN PAPER, BUT IN PASSION.

NOT COVERED WITH RIBBONS,
 BUT SPRINKLED WITH BLOOD.
 HAVE YOU TAKEN THE TIME
 TO OPEN THESE GIFTS?



IF YOU DO,
 PERHAPS YOU WILL HEAR HIS VOICE WHISPERING...
 "I DID IT JUST FOR YOU."

Tiny gifts of sacrifice we can make daily:

Generosity: Resist gossip and negative comments. Share your time with others. Eat out less often and give the money saved to charity or a local cause you support. **Patience:** Do not complain. Make a sacrifice of waiting if another is late. Give up the need to control. Forget perfectionism, for nothing will ever be perfect no matter how much we try. **Humility:** Forgive and forget. Don't force your opinion on others, but do it someone else's way. Don't look for praise for the good we do. Give up the need to be liked. **Charity:** Make the effort to give a sincere, kind word. Give others the benefit of the doubt. Refrain from saying something if you think it will cause another pain.

Max Lucado/catholicdom.com/beliefnet

Note! Special Holy Week & Easter Schedules

Please double-check the Mass Schedule on the opposite page. You'll note that some regular weekday Masses have been canceled while special Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday celebrations take place. Know that your presence at these special liturgies is truly important.

Please Note

Please note: Adoration is canceled on Holy Thursday and Good Friday and the parish office is closed on Good Friday. Early bulletin deadline next week is Monday at noon. The 10:30 AM Mass Nursery is closed Easter Sunday and reopens the next Sunday.

The Little White Book

The Little White Book of six minute reflections on the weekday Gospels of Easter is available at the church doors this weekend.

Spend some quiet time with the Lord



Msgr. McNary 4th Degree Assy. Meeting

The K of C 4th Degree Assembly meeting is set for this Tuesday, April 11th at 7:00 p.m. - Council Hall.



Good Friday Special Collection

Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in every Catholic church to support the people and places of the Holy Land. Please use the special envelope included in the April packet.



St. Vincent de Paul Society

Thanks to everyone for your continued support and contributions, with which the SVDP volunteers were able to assist needy neighbors again this past month. Here are the March numbers:

SVDP Pantry Food Donations

117 Households totaling 296 people
48 senior citizens 172 adults 76 children

SVDP Help Line Utility Bill Assistance

4 households - Duke 20 households - Water

SVDP Furniture Ministry

12 home visits to assess needs
22 deliveries of furniture moved to new homes
13 donations of furniture picked up for new homes

SVDP Prison Ministry

10 Butler County and 25 Middletown City Jail inmates participated in Ministry Sessions.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND CONTINUED SUPPORT!
5TH SUNDAY SVDP COLLECTIONS OCCUR FOUR TIMES A YEAR.
OUR NEXT ONE IS LATER THIS MONTH - APRIL 29/30TH!**



Introductions to Sunday Readings

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



First Reading - Isaiah 50:4-7

Chapters 40-55 of the Book of Isaiah contain the message of a prophet who spoke to God's people during their exile in Babylon. Several times the prophet speaks about a servant who will one day deliver God's people. Because the servant is portrayed as suffering, Christians have traditionally identified Jesus with this suffering servant.

Second Reading - Philippians 2:6-11

In the years following Christ's death and resurrection, Christians began to develop the prayers and hymns that would become part of their rituals. In today's passage from the letter to the Philippians, Paul appears to be quoting an early Christian hymn celebrating the dying and rising of Christ.

SVDP Outreach Ministry

- A Personal Story

A husband, wife and their three children just moved into a house with nothing but beds for the two children and a pack-n-play for the 10 month old baby. He works full-time third shift and his wife struggles with medical issues. His aunt was able to get them a dresser but they needed everything else.

We provided them with a reclining love seat, lamps, various kitchen items, bed and bath items, a TV, end tables, a bedside table, an entertainment cabinet and kitchen table and chairs and a purchased bed for the parents. They were also able to get items from the St. Vincent de Paul store with the vouchers we gave them. All of these items (except the bed) were received as donations from our generous church members and friends.

The family was very appreciative of all that we were able to offer them. *Thank you!*

SVDP Outreach Ministry Featured Need for April COUCHES AND SIDE CHAIRS

If you can provide these items, please call the parish office 422-0602 and we will pick them up for distribution to the needy.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this request!



Church Photo Directory Appointment Sign-Ups at All Masses Today

3 EXTRA DAYS ADDED! Thursday & Friday, June 8th & 9th 2 - 7:30 PM

Saturday, June 10th 10 AM - 4 PM



WHAT: New Church Photo Directory

WHEN: Photography sessions Tuesday - Saturday, May 23rd - 27th
and Wednesday - Saturday, May 31st - June 3rd
and Thursday - Saturday, June 8th - 10th

TIMES: 10 minute photo session / 20 minute session for family of 6+
Allow 45 - 60 minutes for photography and portrait previewing.

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 before and after all of the Masses again this weekend or online at www.ucdir.com.
Find a direct link in the Menu Bar of the parish website www.holyfamilymiddletown.com!
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.

The online scheduling option is available Monday - Friday only.

Easter Home Visits

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



It's Bocce Time!

Registration April 2nd - May 5th

1. Kick off meetings: **Thursday, May 11th**

Early Birds meet at 5:30 p.m.

Night Owls meet at 6:45 p.m.

2. Fee is \$20.00 per person which can be paid at the meetings or first day of league play. Cash or check only - checks payable to Holy Family Parish.

3. Sign up as individuals or as partners.

The remainder of each team will be determined at the kick off meetings.

4. League play begins on **Thursday, May 18th** :

Early Birds start at 4:30 p.m.

Night Owls start at 6:45 p.m.

Games will be played every Thursday evening, May 18th through August 31st. The season will conclude with a banquet Thursday, September 7th.

5. Call the parish office 422-0602 to sign up.

Please be sure to specify which session you prefer and please give your phone number.



Month of April Baby Drive

Supporting the Community Pregnancy Center

Parishioner Emily McGuire is conducting a donation drive for the Community Pregnancy Center as part of her service project for Kettering College.

Baby items collected for the Baby Drive include

- diapers - all sizes needed
- baby wipes
- formula
- baby bottles, etc.



Donations can be placed in the blue bins at the church doors or dropped off at the parish office during the entire month of April. Any questions, please call Emily McGuire 513-571-5237. Thank you for your support!

Sponsored by the Committee to Renew the Senior Citizens Levy

Support Senior Citizens!

Spaghetti Dinner

Friday, April 28th 4:30 - 7 PM

Central Connections, 3907 Central Avenue

Spaghetti with marinara 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! Support Senior Citizens!

Vote YES to RENEW the Senior Citizens Levy on May 2nd!



How Much Do YOU Know About the Catholic Faith?

Special Holy Week Quiz!

Find the answers on the last page.



- When does Holy Week fall?
 - the first week of the year
 - the first week of Lent
 - the week before Easter
 - the last week of Advent
- What are the first and last days of Holy Week?
 - Palm Sunday / Easter
 - Holy Monday / Holy Saturday
 - Holy Monday / Good Friday
 - Palm Sunday / Holy Saturday
- Which day in Holy Week commemorates Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem?
 - Holy Thursday
 - Holy Wednesday
 - Good Friday
 - Palm Sunday
- What does Holy Thursday commemorate?
 - the crucifixion
 - the Last Supper
 - Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem
 - the Resurrection
- Celebration of Mass is typically forbidden on which of these holy days?
 - Good Friday
 - Holy Monday
 - Holy Thursday
 - Holy Tuesday
- On which of these holy days would you typically find the altar either stripped clean or covered in black?
 - Holy Saturday
 - Holy Wednesday
 - Holy Tuesday
 - Palm Sunday

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IN THE NEWS

Cincy magazine ran a beautiful article on our school this past week. It gives a wonderful overview of our program! As key stakeholders in our school, I want to pass along the link so that you can read the article!

<http://www.cincymagazine.com/Main/Articles/5242.aspx>

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The following artists from St. John XXIII won awards at the Creative Spirit Fine Arts Festival at the K12 / Tejas Center in Dayton on Tuesday:

PREK - MARLEY REMILLARD - ARTIST RECOGNITION

2ND GRADE - SIMON KLABER - HONORABLE MENTION

4TH GRADE - JORDAN PECK - THIRD PLACE

5TH GRADE - CALEB SCHWINNEN - SECOND PLACE

6TH GRADE - KAILEY VERDIN - FIRST PLACE

6TH GRADE - SARAH GIESEKE - THIRD PLACE

7TH GRADE - MAX LONGWORTH - HONORABLE MENTION

8TH GRADE - LILY GROVER - FIRST PLACE

8TH GRADE - GABE GILENE - HONORABLE MENTION

Thank you to art teacher, KAREN BENDER, for helping to mold such wonderful artists.

Additionally, our school choir was chosen to perform at the Festival. Under the direction of JOY FRIDAY, they sang four beautiful songs. We are certainly very proud of our Fine Arts program!

JOIN US

Please join us for Stations of Cross led by our 7th graders on Holy Thursday at 1:45 in the gym.

See YOU @ the K of C Fish Fry this Friday!

5 - 7:30 PM St John Undercroft



**NOW OPEN! Holy Family Athletics
2017 Fall Sports Registration**



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*	3 rd — 8 th grade	\$ 75
Golf	4 th — 8 th grade	\$ 75

Ladies Golf League Organizational Meeting

Friday, April 21st 1 PM Central Connections

Those interested in joining are invited to attend! Play begins on Friday morning May 5th at Warren County Armco Park. Players of any level are welcome. League dues are \$10 for the season and weekly course fees are \$10 - cart fee \$7. If you're interested but can't make the meeting, call Janet Zappia 424-8176.



Thanks from the Razor's Edge Guys

A big thank you to all of the parishioners who came out to see us perform last Saturday! We had a record crowd and a great show. Men who like to sing - join us! Call Jim VonderHaar 422-6590.



Falcon's Touchdown Club Mulch Sale!

The Mulch Sale runs until April 14th!



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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 turned in to the school by April 14th.

Holy Family parishioners who may be selling mulch - Jake Atkinson, Leo Bell, James Cromwell, Adam & Sammy DeBiasi, Henry Nenni, Alan Nix, Nick Stratton, Luke Swartz, Mitch Walsh, and Dominic Wyatt.

American Cancer Society Relay for Life F.R.O.G. Team (Fully Relying On God) presents



Sacking Cancer!

Tuesday, April 18th 6:30 PM Holy Trinity Center
\$20 gets you a bidding paddle, desserts and drinks. No additional cost for the evening and 52 chances to win cash: 50 drawings for a sealed sack containing either \$5, \$10 or \$15 plus two \$25 drawings and many door prizes. Call Cathy Howell 513-320-1550, Wanita Hatton 513-320-6455 or Mary Knedler 423-4303 for more info. Help us raise funds and awareness!

Answers to the Special Holy Week Quiz

1. (c) Holy Week is the last week of Lent, just before Easter, and focuses on Jesus' final days on earth before his Resurrection, celebrated on Easter Sunday. It is a time of preparation for Easter in which worshippers take an active part in the Gospel story through symbolic rituals and the hearing of pertinent scriptures.
2. (d) Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday and ends on Holy Saturday, just before Easter. It does not include Easter Sunday, which is the first day of a new church season - Easter Season - the fifty days from Easter to Pentecost.
3. (d) A typical Palm Sunday will usually include a reading of the Gospel account of how Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey to shouts of hosanna and worshippers will often be given palm leaves to wave. Some weave these palm leaves into the shape of the cross.
4. (b) Holy Thursday commemorates Christ's final Passover meal with his disciples, when he instituted the practice of the Eucharist. Some churches hold services that include foot washing, in remembrance of how Jesus washed the feet of his disciples at the Last Supper. Some churches also hold a Passover meal.
5. (a) Good Friday commemorates Christ's crucifixion and is generally observed in a somber manner. It is typically a day of fasting and Mass is never celebrated on Good Friday except in the special exemption of the Vatican or a local bishop. Holy Family Parish offers two Communion Services on Good Friday.
6. (a) The altar is typically stripped after the service on Holy Thursday and remains so until the Easter Vigil.

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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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