

# 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

*March 4, 2018*

*3rd Sunday of Lent*

## First of Two Lent Talks - A Deeper Look into The Last Supper TODAY! 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM St John Undercroft



For Catholics, the celebration of the Eucharist is the heart and center of our worship. The challenge: How can we deepen our participation in this Mystery? The talk will give fresh insights from the Scriptures. A light lunch will be served - no RSVP needed. Please join us! *Next Sunday - Lent Talk Two: Insights from Scripture into the death of Jesus.*



## 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



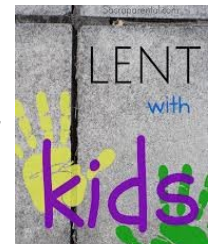
**St. John Undercroft**  
1405 FIRST AVENUE MIDDLETOWN  
**Fridays in Lent**  
FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup> - MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>

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

Visit [council1610.org](http://council1610.org) for more information or call 513-360-4760!

## Great Family Lent Events

*Why not plan to take the family to Stations of the Cross after a Fish Fry Dinner this Friday? Do Lent with Kids!*



## Stations of the Cross & Benediction

**7 PM Fridays in Lent Holy Trinity Church**

Join us this Friday night for Stations of the Cross and Benediction.

**Stations of the Cross**

**in Spanish begin at 5:30 p.m.**



## COMING EVENTS



Lenten Fish Fry .....	Fridays in Lent
Stations of the Cross .....	Fridays in Lent
Daylight Savings Time Begins .....	Sun Mar 11
Second of Two Lent Talks .....	Sun Mar 11
Baptism Preparation Class .....	Wed Mar 14
Donut Sunday @ Holy Trinity .....	Sun Mar 18

## HOLY FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday and Sunday - March 3 and 4

4:30 PM Mass SJ Betty Jackson - Birthday Remembrance  
 9:00 AM Mass HT Andrea Accurso - Anniversary Rem.  
 10:30 AM Mass SJ Derry Derivan - Birthday Remembrance

### NOTE: SPECIAL LENT SCHEDULE

#### Monday, March 5

12:10 PM Mass HT Docie Svarda

#### Tuesday, March 6

8:15 AM Mass J23 Ed Reardon - Birthday Remembrance  
 12:10 PM Communion Service HT

#### Wednesday, March 7

12:10 PM Mass HT Shirley Orth - Birthday Remembrance

#### Thursday, March 8

12:10 PM Mass HT Alan Nori - 50th Birthday Remembrance

#### Friday, March 9

8:00 AM Mass HT Kathleen Dineen  
 12:10 PM Communion Service HT

#### Saturday, March 10

8:00 AM Mass HT Alice Sprague  
 4:30 PM Mass SJ Bertha Murphy - Birthday Remembrance

#### Sunday, March 11 4th Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM Mass HT Michael Rocco - Birthday Remembrance  
 10:30 AM Mass SJ Faye Capozzi - Anniversary Remembrance

### Weekly Collections Stewardship

Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> \$14,904

*Thank you for your generous stewardship!*

### MINISTERS NEXT WEEK

Mar 10/11	4:30 PM SAT	9:00 AM SUN	10:30 AM SUN
Eucharistic Ministers	Ellen Krause 1B	Mary Ann Long 1B	Marcia Egelston 1B
	Frances Sack 2B	Don Accurso 2B	Cari Hellmann 2B
	Dan Sack 3B	Ginger Bruggeman 3B	Bridget Clark 3B
	John Lyons 1C	John Lyons 1C	John Lyons 1C
	Dawn Pickerill 2C	Marlene Ruwe 2C	Beth McGuire 2C
	Pat Montgomery 3C	Janet Chase 3C	Ken Beiser 3C
	Frank Pressler 4C	Kathleen Wourms 4C	Rosetta DiCristoforo 4C
Lectors	Paul Presta	Monica Cummins	Christine Whittington
	Valerie Cross	Bob Cummins	Rick Gregosky
Servers	John Soppanish	Hannah Dwenger	Gabrielle Volle
	Larry Nichols	Nathan Dwenger	Matt Volle
Greeters	Dan Sack D1	Al Heckler D1	Ken Allen D1
	Frances Sack D1	Jim Martz D2	Jennifer Robinson D1

## Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b / Lk 4:24-30  
 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: Hos 6:1-6 / Lk 18:9-14  
 Sun: 2 Chr 36:14-16,19-23 / Eph 2:4-10  
 Jn 3:14-21



**In Your Prayers Remember** Suzanne Amatulli and Gail Clarey in Atrium this week.

### Going into the hospital or hospice? Homebound or know a parishioner



**who is?** 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:

#### Go Ahead, Have a Good Cry: 5 Reasons Why It's Good for You



Researchers have proven what many caregivers have already figured out on their own: sometimes there's nothing like a good cry to make you feel better. Crying is cathartic.

1. It relieves stress. Unalleviated stress can increase our risk for heart attack and damage certain areas of our brain.
2. A good cry has been found to lower both blood pressure and pulse rate.
3. Tears actually remove toxins from the body. Tears help humans remove chemicals that build up during emotional stress.
4. The simple act of crying also reduces the body's manganese level, a mineral which affects mood and is found in up to 30 times greater concentration in tears than in blood serum.
5. Emotional crying means you're human. While the eyes of all mammals are moistened and soothed by tears, only human beings shed tears in response to emotional stress. Emotional expression acknowledges the feelings you're having. Emotions motivate us to empathize, coordinate and work as a unit to best survive. So, next time you feel those tears welling up or that lump in your throat, go ahead, have a good cry. *by Marlo Sollitto [www.aqinqcare.com](http://www.aqinqcare.com)*

## RCIA - Rite of Scrutinies - During the 10:30 AM Mass Today and the Next Two Sundays

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 and sacraments.*

### RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

**March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**

*March 4<sup>th</sup> - First Scrutiny*

*Reflection: Woman at the Well*

**11:30 PM St. John Rectory**

*Rite of Scrutinies use Cycle A Readings while we are currently in Cycle B; therefore the readings for 10:30 AM Mass are different.*

### Introductions to Readings

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

**4:30 PM and 9:00 AM Masses**

**First Reading - Exodus 20:1-17**

A covenant is a solemn agreement between two parties in which each promises something. The book of Exodus recounts how the Jews escaped from slavery in Egypt and made a covenant with God on Mount Sinai. The heart of that covenant is this: God promises to accept the Israelites as his people. On their part, they must promise to keep God's commandments.



**Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1:22-25**

Paul wrote to his Corinthian converts about the difficulty in preaching about a crucified savior: To *Jewish* people who looked for a powerful Messiah performing spectacular signs, it seemed unacceptable that the Messiah would suffer and die. To *Gentiles*, it seemed entirely absurd that someone who died such a humiliating death could be the savior.

**10:30 AM Mass**

**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.

### St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

The monthly SVDP meeting is set for this Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. - Holy Trinity Center.



### Gathering of Widows

Join other widows of the parish for support and community every first Tuesday morning of the month - this March 6<sup>th</sup> - at 11:00 a.m. - Holy Trinity Center. Please call Carol Bishop (937) 746-9090 for more details.



### Knights of Columbus Council 1610 Meeting

The K of C Council 1610 monthly meeting is set for this Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Knights Council Hall.



### The Men's Fellowship Group

Men of the parish are invited to join for prayer and study every second and fourth Saturday of the month. The next meeting is this Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m. in the St. John Rectory.



### Daylight Savings Time begins Next Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>!

Be sure to set your clocks *ahead* one hour so that you won't be late for Mass next weekend!



**SPRING AHEAD**

*Congratulations to these couples celebrating Special Anniversaries in 2018!  
 Many thanks to Angela Erhart and her family and friends for hosting another wonderful brunch!*



*Above photo front l to r: Bill & Marlene Ruwe (50<sup>th</sup>)  
 Fred & Jo Ann Cranford (50<sup>th</sup>) one step up Peggy &  
 Pete Dobrozsi (50<sup>th</sup>) and Vicki & John Sennet (50<sup>th</sup>)  
 back l to r: Ken & Marilyn Patrick (50<sup>th</sup>) Flavia & Fred  
 DeBiasi (50<sup>th</sup>) Mike & Pat Fulmer (50<sup>th</sup>) and Jeff & Sandy  
 Hughes (25<sup>th</sup>) Left photo front l to r: Lois & James  
 Conrad (65<sup>th</sup>) back l to r: Rocco & Teresa DiCristoforo  
 (60<sup>th</sup>) and Frank & Jeanne Long (60<sup>th</sup>)  
 Many thanks to Rob McCulley for these*



*great photos! Find lots  
 more in color on our website!*





**Thanks for 10 Great Years of Special Anniversary Brunches!**

For the past 10 years, members of the Obroek and Erhart families and their friends have so generously planned, prepared, catered, hosted, and coordinated the wonderful Special Anniversary Brunch.



*This year's team left to right:* Timothy Erhart, Ed & Claudia Opbroek, Tim and Angela Erhart, Leona, A.J. and Therese Bell.

**Baptismal Preparation Class**

**Wed, March 14<sup>th</sup> 7 PM St. John Rectory**  
 If you are expecting your first baby or want your first child baptized we ask that you attend a baptismal preparation class, held quarterly throughout the year. The next class is set for Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the St. John Rectory. Call the office 422-0602 to register.



**Communal Lenten Penance Services**  
**Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> Holy Trinity Church**

Join us for a Communal Lenten Penance Service after the 12:10 PM Mass and again at 7:00 PM in Holy Trinity Church on Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.



**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 424-2273.



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| <b>Tuesday Evening Group</b><br>6:30 to 8:00 p.m.<br>March 20 <sup>th</sup> - April 24 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Thursday Day Group</b><br>1:00 to 2:30 p.m.<br>March 22 <sup>nd</sup> - April 26 <sup>th</sup> |
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Both groups meet at 3909 Central Avenue - the building directly behind Central Connections.

**2018 Holy Family Athletics Football**

**Registration for the 2018 football season is opening on Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.**  
 We would love to field teams for grades 3-4, 5-6, and 7-8 this season. You are encouraged to register through the school website if you intend on playing. *You will not be charged a registration fee until we have enough players to field a team.* If you are even just considering playing football next year, please contact our Athletic Director, Evan Dobroszi [athletics@stjohn23school.org](mailto:athletics@stjohn23school.org) or Football Coordinator Michael McSorley at [MPMcSorleySR@gmail.com](mailto:MPMcSorleySR@gmail.com).



**YOU'RE INVITED TO**  
**St. John XXIII's TEAM TRIVIA NIGHT!**  
**Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**



**Pre-sale admission only! Please pre-pay to reserve your table by Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>!**  
 Doors open at 6:30 PM Trivia starts at 7 :30 PM \$20 per person / 8 to 10 person teams. Have a party at your team table! Bring your food and we'll provide snacks and soft drinks! Beer / wine cash bar available!  
**No Coolers Allowed - No one under 21 admitted.**

**Cincinnati Men's Conference**

**Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**9 AM - 4 PM Taft Theatre**  
 2018 Theme - Be A Man! "What it means to be a True Christian Man in Today's Society"  
 Purchase tickets @ [CincinnatiMensConference.com](http://CincinnatiMensConference.com).



**OUR DOORS ARE OPEN:** No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your age, race, background, personal history, etc., no matter what your own self-image — you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here at Holy Family Parish. Our doors are open!



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by Dawn Pickerill / Principal

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If you are interested in a Catholic education that provides a challenging, structured and thoughtful learning environment led by highly qualified and experienced teachers, contact Principal Dawn Pickerill at 424-1196 for a meeting and a tour of the school.

### UPDATES

Our Annual Father/Daughter dance was a huge success! We had our biggest crowd ever with girls from preschool through eighth grade in attendance with their dads. The theme this year was "country," and many dressed for the occasion wearing cowboy hats and boots as they danced the evening away.

While my stint as guest bartender at Gracie's was not as successful as Fr. Civille's, it was still a lot of fun to have so many of our supporters, parishioners, and parents out together! My "tip jar" raised \$175 which is incredible knowing my bartending abilities!! Thank you to all who attending and supported my efforts. We will not be having a guest bartender night in March due to spring break, but please mark your calendars for April 24<sup>th</sup>. The guest bartender for the evening will be announced at a later date.

### ENROLLMENT UPDATES

Our five-day and three-day morning preschool classes are full with waiting lists, and we only have two openings in our two-day morning class. We still have availability in our three-day afternoon class.

Our first grade class is at capacity, and our kindergarten class is nearing that point. There are limited openings at other grade levels, so if you or anyone you know might be interested in exploring our educational program, please reach out to us for information and a tour.

**American Association of University Women  
AAUW - 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Used Book Sale**  
Art Central Foundation Bldg - 4 N Main St.  
Donations Accepted Tuesday, Thursday  
and Saturday 10 AM - 11:30 AM!



*Park on the street, put on your emergency flashers,  
and an AAUW member will come out and help unload.*

This year's AAUW Annual Used Book Sale is located at 4 North Main Street - Art Central Foundation Building. Please bring gently used books to promote literacy, recycle, and raise money for area college scholarships.

**The last day for book donations is Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.**

For more information or to arrange for a book pick-up call 424-5168, 424-1120 or 424-7551. More details can be found at our website [middletown-oh.aauw.net](http://middletown-oh.aauw.net).

**This year's sale will be Thursday - Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>.**

Look for hours and special sales in upcoming bulletins!

### Lay Pastoral Ministry Program Info Sessions

The Archdiocesan sponsored lay ministry formation program offers courses in Catholic theology along with spiritual and ministerial formation. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend an upcoming information sessions. Topics include program options, formation components, time commitment, tuition and fees and the application process. All sessions are at the main campus in Mount Washington, 6616 Beechmont Ave, Room 114. All are welcome!

**Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

### Deacon Informational Meetings

Have you considered becoming a Permanent Deacon in the Catholic Church, but don't know where to begin to explore the possibility? The Office of the Diaconate of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will hold Informational Meetings concerning the Permanent Diaconate -

**Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 7 PM**

**St. Helen Parish, Riverside OH**

**Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 7:10 PM**

**St. Michael Parish, Fort Loramie, OH**

**Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 7 PM**

**St. Ignatius Parish, Cincinnati, OH**

For more information and to register, please contact Deacon Mark Machuga, Director of the Office of the Diaconate 513-421-3131 extension 2641 or [deaconoffice@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:deaconoffice@catholiccincinnati.org).

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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](mailto: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 - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Mondays 6:30 - 7:30 PM.

**St. John XXIII Catholic School** - Parish school for Preschool - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade - [www.stjohn23school.org](http://www.stjohn23school.org).

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