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 11, 2018

4th Sunday of Lent

Second Lent Talk - The Death of Jesus (Good Friday) TODAY! 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM St John Undercroft

Why did God allow the Messiah to die a most shameful death on the cross? This was the burning question of St. Paul. This second Lent Talk will examine, in the scriptures, how the earliest Christians came to understand the significance of the cross. A light lunch will be served - please join us!

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, March 25th.

Holy Week Schedule Palm Sunday - March 25th regular Sat/Sunday Mass schedule Holy Thursday - March 29th 6:00 PM Mass Holy Trinity Church Good Friday - March 30th



RESURPCTION

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

Easter Sunday Mass Schedule Easter Vigil - Saturday, March 31st

8:30 PM Holy Trinity Church Easter Sunday - April 1st

9:00 AM St. John Church 10:30 AM St. John Church

Communal Lenten Penance Services

Thursday, March 22nd **Holy Trinity Church**

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

Easter Home Visits

Fr. Civille 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.

COMING EVENTS

Lenten Fish Fry	Fridays in Lent
Stations of the Cross	Fridays in Lent
Baptism Preparation Class	Wed Mar 14
Donut Sunday @ Holy Trinity	Sun Mar 18
Communal Penance Service	Thur Mar 22
Confirmation Retreat	Sat Mar 24



HOLY FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday and Sunday - March 10 and 11		
4:30 PM Mass SJ	Bertha Murphy - Birthday Rem.	
9:00 AM Mass HT	Michael Rocco - Birthday Rem.	
10:30 AM Mass SJ	Faye Capozzi - Anniversary Rem.	

NOTE: SPECIAL LENT SCHEDULE

Monday, March 12

12:10 PM Mass HT Don Schwab

Tuesday, March 13

8:15 AM Mass J23 Ralph & Frances Day - Wed Anniv Rem

12:10 PM Communion Service HT

Wednesday, March 14

- 12:10 PM Mass HT Phyllis Nichols Wedding Anniv Rem Thursday, March 15
- 12:10 PM Mass HT Tony DePalma Birthday Remembrance

Friday, March 16

8:00 AM Mass HT Pat Byrne - Birthday Remembrance

12:10 PM Communion Service HT

Saturday, March 17

- 8:00 AM Mass HT Marjorie Ann Herrmann
- 4:30 PM Mass SJ Walter & Mary Jane Diver

Sunday, March 18 5th Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM Mass HT Rita Gough - Birthday Remembrance 10:30 AM Mass SJ Oscar & Betty Koeppel - Wed Anniv Rem

Weekly Collections Stewardship Sunday, March 4th \$30,840

Thank you for your generous stewardship!

MINISTERS NEXT WEEK Mar 17/18 4:30 PM SAT 9:00 AM SUN 10:30 AM SUN Eucharistic Marilyn Kowalczyk 1B Linda Day 1B Dale Gerber 1B Ministers Paul Presta 2B Bernie Driscoll 2B Joan Gerber 2B Cecilie Ricke 3B Barb Luksic 3B Lorraine Sivy 3B Laura Eiken 1C Linda Weaver 1C John Lyons 1C Cort Eiken 2C Carolyn Kraft 2C Alice Brown 2C Lee Ann Glick 3C Dominic Sberna 3C Don Brooks 3C Michelle Brooks 4C Kathy Kraft 4C Joe Zappia 4C Dan Mabry Janet Zappia Lectors Dee Golembiewski John Herr Chris McCarthy **Beverly Mabry** Anthony Lococo **Bryce Pennell Cohen Nicholas** Servers Sarah Volle Will Grant **Zachary Paulus** Greeters Phoebe Pearce D1 Lee Ann Glick D1 Marcia Egelston D1 Don Accurso D2 Brad Egelston D1 **Ray Barger 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: Jer 31:31-34 / Heb 5:7-9 / Jn 12:20-33

Our Prayers and Sympathy are Extended

to the family and friends of Joe Lyons and Suzanne Amatulli, who both died March 6th.

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



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:

Last Week - Tears for Health This Week - Laughter for Health Laughter seems the opposite of crying, yet some of the benefits



are similar. Laughter, too, can *cool down our stress* response by increasing the intake of oxygen which stimulates the heart, lungs and muscles. Laughter can cause the brain to release endorphins, a hormone that can *ease pain and make you feel more calm and happy*. Laughter undeniably *improves the quality of life*. The Irish are well known for their brief, wise sayings which often capture love, *laughter*, life... and the truth.

- * All the world's a stage and most of us are desperately unrehearsed.
- * A kind word never broke anyone's mouth.
- * A GOOD LAUGH AND A LONG SLEEP ARE THE TWO BEST CURES.
- * A DIPLOMAT MUST THINK TWICE BEFORE HE SAYS NOTHING.
- * A HAIR ON THE HEAD IS WORTH TWO ON THE BRUSH.
- * MAY YOU LIVE 100 YEARS; WITH ONE EXTRA TO REPENT.
- * LAUGHTER IS THE SHOCK ABSORBER THAT EASES THE BLOWS OF LIFE.

God has blessed the Irish and the rest of us! WebMD/Mayo Clinic/Thinkexist.com

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

March 11th, 18th & 25th

March 11th - Second Scrutiny Reflection: Man Born Blind

11:30 PM St. John Rectory

Msgr. McNary 4th Degree Assembly Meeting

The K of C 4th Degree Assembly meeting is set for this Tuesday, March 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Council Hall.

Baptismal Preparation Class

Wed, March 14th 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. Please call 422-0602 to register.

Coffee, Juice and Donuts Next Sunday

Coffee, juice and donuts will be served after the 9:00 AM Mass in the Gathering Area next Sunday. We hope you'll make plans to join us!

St. Vincent de Paul Society



Thanks to everyone for your continued support and contributions, with which the

SVDP volunteers were able to help our needy neighbors again this past month. Here are the February numbers:

SVDP Pantry Food Donations

108 Households totaling 317 people

55 senior citizens 173 adults 89 children

SVDP Help Line Utility Bill Assistance

16 households - Duke 18 households - Water

SVDP Furniture Ministry

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

SVDP Prison Ministry

40 Butler County and 30 Middletown City Jail inmates participated in Ministry Sessions.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY & CONTINUED SUPPORT! 5TH SUNDAY SVDP COLLECTIONS OCCUR FOUR TIMES A YEAR. OUR NEXT ONE IS APRIL 29TH!

For your convenience, we'll included a



special "SVDP 5th Sunday" envelope in the April pack. You can give your donation directly to the SVDP member or place it in the regular collection basket.

RCIA 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 - 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

The second book of Chronicles is part of a series which traces Jewish history from its beginning down to the end of the exile in Babylon, five centuries before Christ. Today's reading is the conclusion of the book. It summarizes the reason for the exile and tells how it ended after 70 years. Second Chronicles was placed last in the Jewish bible. When we hear the final words of this reading, we hear how the Jewish Scriptures conclude on a positive note.

Second Reading - Ephesians 2:4-10

Ephesus is located on the western coast of what is today Turkey. The author of this letter to the Christians in Ephesus writes about the saving power of God that is available to both Jews and non-Jews. Today's passage reminds us that salvation is God's gift alone. "Gift" is the root meaning of the word "grace." **10:30 AM Mass**

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.

SVDP Outreach Need for March FULL SIZE SHEETS & MATTRESS PADS



Thanks for helping us with these special requests.

This month we find ourselves still in need of these full size sheets and mattress pads. These items can be either new or used



and they can be left at the church office. We'll pick them up for distribution to the needy. Thank you!

SVDP Outreach Ministry A Personal Story



Camila, age 31, moved to Middletown from Puerto Rico in December, displaced by the hurricanes. She brought her three children, ages 12, 7 and 5 with her. The family wanted us to know that one of the children was autistic, and since Camila spoke no English, she had great concern for that child. Her friend Maria was the one who called the Helpline for assistance and Maria was there for the first home visit. Upon entering the apartment, we could smell cake baking. The friend had brought over items for Camila to bake cupcakes for her child's birthday. There was no furniture and everyone was sitting on the floor. Even though the family had very little, as we were leaving Camila ran out the door to give us some bottled water. We were able to deliver two beds to replace their blow-up mattresses, along with linens, dishes, silverware, pots and pans, a dining room table and chairs, a couch, chair, several lamps, and a microwave cart with microwave. Thank you for supporting the SVDP Outreach Ministry!

SVDP FURNITURE MINISTRY IS ACCEPTING FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD DONATIONS,



CALL 422-0602 TO SCHEDULE YOUR PICK UP.

You're Invited to the 2018 HOLY FAMILY

AND WE PICK UP!

EASTER EGG HUNT



Holy Saturday, March 31st Holy Trinity Grounds 11 AM

Presented by Knights Council 1610 Ladies Auxiliary

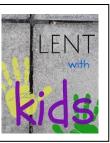
Three Age Groups:

3 & under 4 to 7 8 to 10

Donuts and OJ plus a Family Basket Raffle! Raffle tickets can be purchased at the Friday Fish Fry or the Easter Egg Hunt.

All participants must be accompanied by an adult and bring their own basket!

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.



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



St. John Undercroft **1405 FIRST AVENUE MIDDLETOWN**

Fridays in Lent FEBRUARY 16TH - MARCH 30TH

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

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

Cincinnati Men's Conference Saturday, April 28th 9 AM - 4 PM Taft Theatre

CONFERENCE

2018 Theme - Be A Man! "What it means to be a True Christian Man in Today's Society" Purchase tickets @ CincinnatiMensConference.com.

Holy Family Athletics 2018 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: <u>http://leagues.bluesombrero.com/holyfamily</u>. Find more details for the below sports there.

Girls Cheerleading	$3^{rd} - 8^{th}$ grade	\$ 50
Boys Football	$3^{rd} - 8^{th}$ grade	\$110
* Michael McSorley	MPMcSorleySR@	<u>gmail.com</u>
Boys / Girls Soccer	4 th — 8 th grade	\$75
*		
*	Ben Earls <u>bearls@</u>	<u>gbbn.com</u>
* Girls Fall Volleyball*	Ben Earls <u>bearls@</u> 3 rd — 8 th grade	-
		\$ 75

A \$25 late fee will be charged for registrations after Tuesday, May 1st. Holy Family Athletics, 201 Clark St., Middletown 45042. Contact Evan Dobrozsi <u>athletics@sj23school.org.</u>

Greater Cinti Catholic Women's Conference Parishioners Alice Brown & Geraldine Hughes attended the Conference last weekend, where Alice snapped photos of Geraldine with bestselling author, syndicated Catholic talk show host, and speaker Teresa Tomeo and Archbishop Dennis Schnurr.



Check Out the Holy Family Parish Website! Catch up on parish activities, view hundreds of photos in **COLOR**, check schedules, read the weekly bulletin and the children's bulletins, and explore a variety of links all at <u>www.holyfamilymiddletown.com!</u>

St. John XXII Catholic School Pre-K to Grade 8

by Dawn Pickerill / Principal

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St. John XXIII represents 150 years of Catholic Education dedicated to encouraging and developing well-rounded, self confident and compassionate children and young adults who lead successful, mindful, service-driven lives. Our school community is the foundation on which our core principles of faith and hard work bind us together as a family.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following students who made the second trimester honor roll:

Grade 6 <u>First Honors</u> – Bruce Bray, Ashleigh Cathcart, Rachel Fossum, Colin Guyler, Mara Hellmann, Drew Jackson, Beatrice Nenni, Emma Olson, Caleb Schwinnen, Kate Stephens, Lainey Stephens, Mathew Swisher, Elianna Uribe, Olivia Zwelling

<u>Second Honors</u> – Maddie Barker, Owen Duff, Gianna Frongia, Amy Joseph, Cooper Mulligan, Amelia Rizzo, Morgan Shibley, Lania Skinner, Tyler Woodrome

Grade 7 <u>First Honors</u> – Anthony Abata, Lily Brandenburg, Caroline Campbell, Avery Earls, Chase Hanavan, Elise Hubert, Samuel Hwang, Madeline Lawson, Mya Pledger, Felicity Rawlings, Natalie Rickard, Kailey Verdin, Heidi Willenbrink, Audrey Withrow, Jocelyn Wright, Paige Yager

<u>Second Honors</u> – Caitlin Augspurger, Sydney Deskins, Preston Duff, Sander Gerzema, Sara Gieseke, Deaglan Hellmann, Helena Januszki, Zachary Johnson, Abigail Lawson, Heath McMonigle, Emme Melton, Elena Mossman, Lorena Reich

Grade8 <u>First Honors</u> – Therese Bell, Aubri Campbell, Kate Hafer, Maggie Kurtz, Stella Nenni, Kaylee Pham, George Puthoff, Rylee Rosenbalm, Bradie Shibley <u>Second Honors</u> – Nathan Baker, Colt Bradshaw, Kate Clevenger, Emma Hansley, Kyndall Hensley, Beth Hobbs, Lily Knaley, Brooks Olson, and Maddie Ross

FAMILY EUCHARIST WORKSHOP

Parish 2nd graders practiced special hymns, rehearsed receiving Communion, made their very own Blessing Cups and learned more about the sacrament as part of last week's Family Eucharist Workshop. Find 220+ ROB MCCULLEY photos in COLOR on our parish website - www.holyfamilymiddletown!





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 of Middletown



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.

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

Thursday Day Group 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. March 22nd - April 26th

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

American Association of University Women AAUW - 62nd 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 28th. 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. This year's sale will be Thursday - Sunday, May 3rd - 6th. Look for hours and special sales in upcoming bulletins!



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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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 <u>monica@holyfamilymiddletown.com</u> 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 - <u>www.stjohn23school.org</u>.





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