

## EASTER SUNDAY

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They found the stone rolled away from the tomb.

- Lk 24:2

## FROM OUR PASTOR



**Praise the Lord! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!** Brothers and sisters in Christ, today we celebrate **Easter Sunday!** We've journeyed with Jesus through the desert of Lent, we've walked with Him through Holy Week, and now we come to the great day of rejoicing that **Jesus has risen from the dead!** Since the first sin of Adam and Eve until the Resurrection of Jesus, all of creation was subject to the powers of Satan, sin, and death. But with the Resurrection of Jesus, **a new light has dawned**, and the kingdom of darkness has been overthrown by Kingdom of God. Now, in and through the life of Christ's Church, we can begin to experience the newness of life won for us by Christ. **Through the grace of the sacraments, we become partakers of the glorious Resurrection ushered in by Jesus, and we share in God's very life.** This year, we give thanks and praise to God for **bringing 10 people at our parish into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil!** Lauren, Shannon, Crystal, Luke, Emiliana, Alyssum, Ashlyn, Lola, Michael, and Izabella were fully initiated (meaning they received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist). And **nine people at our parish finished their initiation into the Catholic Church** through a profession of faith and receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Congratulations to Aubrey, Christi, Nicholas, Alexandra, Todd, Johnny, Elysia, Felicity, and Makenna! And, Shannon and Nicholas celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism for their two young children! **21 people received the Sacraments for the first time!** Praise the Lord! **Let's continue to hold all our "neophytes" (newly initiated Catholics) in prayer**, not only those who belong to St. Joseph's but all neophytes throughout the world!

As we move through the week, we'll be in the "Octave" of Easter. **The Octave is celebrated from Easter Sunday to the following Sunday (eight days)**, and liturgically speaking, each day is celebrated as a solemnity, the Church's highest ranking liturgical celebration. With the Octave of Easter, the Church wants us to realize how amazing and grace-filled this time is. This brings up an important question: **how are you going to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead?** The Resurrection literally changed history and life itself forever. You'll probably have a family get-together on Easter Sunday. But **how else can you continue to honor the gift of God's life shared with you in the Resurrection?** Maybe you can come to one or more Masses throughout the Octave. Maybe you can spend some time with Jesus in our Perpetual Adoration Chapel. Maybe you can do something special for each meal of the week. There are lots of ways to celebrate. But it's important to remember that if we've fasted during Lent, then we ought to feast during Easter!

**Fr. Andy Installation Mass next Sunday!** You are invited to come to my **Pastor Installation Mass on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am!** I'm so excited to celebrate this wonderful occasion with all of you! Not only will this Mass be a celebration to "install" me as the **seventh Pastor of St. Joseph's**, it will also be **Divine Mercy Sunday** (more info. below)...in a **Jubilee Year** (only once every 25 years)...and it's the same day/time that in Rome, **Blessed Carlo Acutis will be canonized** a saint! Blessed Carlo will be the first canonized millennial saint (he died in 2006 at the age of 15), and he had a profound devotion to the Eucharist. I'm so excited that God has graced our parish with this date for the Mass of Installation, and I think all the events surrounding this day speak to the awesome things that God has been doing for our parish and continues to do in His providential plan! This Mass will be celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Michael Woost, and there will be a **reception to follow in the HFC right after Mass!** I hope you can join!

**Divine Mercy Prayer Liturgy next Sunday! On Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm**, we will have our Divine Mercy Prayer Liturgy. Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Sunday after Easter, and it's a universal feast day in the Church that was instituted by Pope St. John Paul II in the year 2000. Devotion to God's mercy originated with the apparitions of Jesus to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s. The messages of these apparitions were recorded in St. Faustina's diary, and it was the request of Jesus that the second Sunday of Easter be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. St. Faustina recorded the words of Jesus in an apparition concerning this feast day where He said, **"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion [on Divine Mercy Sunday] shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow."** At our Divine Mercy Prayer Liturgy, we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and the Sacrament of Confession will be available. **Please join us if you are able!**

Please know of my continued prayers for you! And **happy Easter! He is Risen! Alleluia!** St. Joseph, illustrious son of David...pray for us!

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Andy

## Mass Intentions

## SUNDAY, April 20, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:00 am For Deceased Member of St. Joseph Parish (ACT)  
10:30 am For First Responders & Military Personnel (AJG)  
12:15 pm For the Sick of St. Joseph Catholic Church (GJO)

## MONDAY, April 21, Monday within the Octave of Easter

6:30 pm Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary

## TUESDAY, April 22, Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

7:30 am Mark Anthony Hawald—Billy Constantino & Nicole Dorocak

## WEDNESDAY, April 23, Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

7:30 am Virginia Peters—James & Sherry Kulway

## THURSDAY, April 24, Thursday within the Octave of Easter

7:30 am George Solloway—The Solloway Family

## FRIDAY, April 25, Friday within the Octave of Easter

8:05 am Kailee Mayher—Mom & Dad

## SATURDAY, April 26, Saturday within the Octave of Easter

4:30 pm Mass for All St. Joseph Parishioners

## SUNDAY, April 27, Divine Mercy Sunday

8:00 am Kathy Constatino—The Pavlik Family  
10:30 am Anna Borycka—Andrew & Agnes Cyranek

## WEEKLY OFFERINGS

*Totals were not available at time of publication*

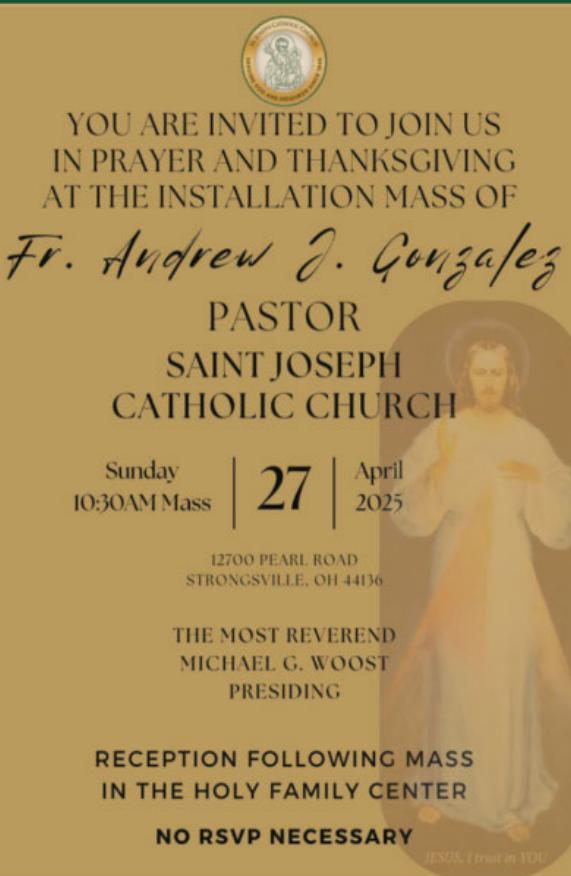
## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

**Sunday, April 20th**

7:00 am Feeding Our Family (K)  
 9:00 am Rosary for Peace (CHP)  
 10:30 am CLOW (Cave)  
 11:00 am AA Meeting (RMR)  
 6:00 pm Confirmation Faith Night (HFC)

**Monday, April 21st– Parish Office Closed**

6:00 pm Rosary for Life (CHP)

**Tuesday, April 22nd**  
 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl (NR)**Wednesday, April 23rd**  
 6:45 pm PSR Grades 1-8 (S)**Thursday, April 24th**  
 6:30 pm Evening Prayer (CHP)**Friday, April 25th**  
 6:00 pm Cenacle Prayer (CHP)**Saturday, April 26th**  
 3:00 pm Confessions (C)

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil** ..... 4:30 pm  
**Sunday** ..... 8:00 am and 10:30 am\*

\* indicates that Mass is live-streamed.

**Monday Evening** ..... 6:30 pm  
**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday** ..... 7:30 am  
**Friday (Sept.-May)** ..... 8:05 am  
**First Saturday** ..... 8:00 am

## RECONCILIATION

**Saturday** ..... 3:00-4:00 pm  
**Thursday before First Friday** ..... 6:30-8:00 pm  
 or by appointment.

## PARISH PASTORAL STAFF

<b>Pastor</b> .....	Fr. Andrew J. Gonzalez
<b>Pastor Emeritus</b> .....	Fr. Robert J. Sanson
<b>Parochial Vicar</b> .....	Fr. Gregory J. Olszewski
<b>Parochial Vicar</b> .....	Fr. Arnold C. Tiplaca
<b>Deacon</b> .....	Mr. Robert Lester
<b>Deacon, Retired</b> .....	Mr. Paul Kutowolski
<b>Director of Faith Formation</b> .....	Mrs. Linda Zvoncheck
<b>Director of Music Ministry</b> .....	Mr. Luke Massery
<b>Business Manager</b> .....	Mr. Dean Robinson
<b>Director of Facilities</b> .....	Mr. Al Lechler
<b>Office Manager</b> .....	Ms. Judy Rawlins

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

<b>Monday &amp; Wednesday</b> .....	9:00 am - 8:00 pm
<b>Tuesday &amp; Thursday</b> .....	9:00 am - 5:00pm
<b>Friday &amp; Saturday</b> .....	9:00 am -12 noon
<b>First Sunday of the Month</b> .....	9:00 am -12 noon

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

[www.sjohio.org/ppc](http://www.sjohio.org/ppc)

Mr. Jim Lechko (*Chair*) ..... 440.376.9191  
 Mrs. Jolyn Brown Redic (*Vice Chair*) ..... 440.665.4330

## STS. JOSEPH &amp; JOHN SCHOOL

Phone: 440.238.4877 • [www.sjjschool.org](http://www.sjjschool.org)

## NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Welcome! We would love to hear more about you.  
 Please call the Parish Office during office hours.  
 440.238.5555 | [www.sjohio.org](http://www.sjohio.org)

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

It is that time of year again to nominate members of our parish for Pastoral Council. Would you or someone you know like to work with fellow parishioners and Fr. Andy for the good of our community? All registered parishioners age 16 and older are eligible to be a member of Parish Pastoral Council. Nominations were in the bulletin last week and are available outside the Parish Office. Nominations are due Monday, May 5th.

## THE HEARING LOOP



To better hear at Mass, ask your audiologist if your hearing aids have T-Coils and if he/she will activate your T-Coils. Once activated, you can easily switch them on when at public places with Hearing Loops. Have questions? Call our volunteer at 440.487.0950.

# FAITH FORMATION

## For Adults, Teens and Children

The St. Joseph Parish School of Religion (PSR) supports parents in their role as primary faith educators of their children. With the resources provided in PSR, children grow in their knowledge and love of God and their Catholic faith. Additionally, children are prepared to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. PSR is for students entering grades 1-8 and should be attended yearly for proper sacramental preparation and religious education. New family registration will begin on May 1st. Visit our website at [www.sjohio.org/PSR](http://www.sjohio.org/PSR) for registration forms. **Families currently registered in PSR should return 2025-26 registration forms during April PSR classes.** Please register by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to our **CLOW (Children's Liturgy of the Word)** catechists for preparing great weekly lessons. CLOW classes are finished for the school year and will return weekly in September.

Please keep our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

- **Confirmation** – Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm
- **First Communion Mass** – Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am



Join us for **Holy Heroes: The Saintly Safari!** Kids entering grades K-6 will explore the lives of great saints on this faith-filled adventure.

Through games, crafts, music and prayer, children will discover how they can also be holy heroes! Let the safari begin! Registration is now open and will close when we reach our camper capacity.

Our older campers will be involved in age-appropriate activities and assist with our younger campers. VBS is June 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Forms can be found on our website at [www.sjohio.org/vbs](http://www.sjohio.org/vbs).

### IN NEED OF SACRAMENTS?

Are you interested in learning more about the Sacraments of Initiation for your child? Children who are baptized before the age of seven can make First Communion with their class in grade 2 and Confirmation with their class in grade 8. They must complete proper sacramental preparation and be enrolled in our PSR program or in a Catholic school. If you would like to learn more about baptism for your school-aged child, please email Linda Zvoncheck at [lvoncheck@sjohio.org](mailto:lvoncheck@sjohio.org).



**BY TEENS FOR TEENS** is a faith-based leadership program for students in grades 7-12. During the months of September—May we meet for faith nights, service projects, social events, and guest speakers. All teens are invited to attend, and no registration is necessary for most events. **Currently, openings are available for high school teens who would like to be trained as leaders in our BTFT program.** If you are dedicated to modeling your faith by example and would like to join our leadership team, email Linda at [lvoncheck@sjohio.org](mailto:lvoncheck@sjohio.org) for more information. You can make a difference!

Interested in joining “Holy Heroes: The Saintly Safari” as a teen VBS camp leader? Applications will be accepted until May 1<sup>st</sup> or until positions are full. Email [lvoncheck@sjohio.org](mailto:lvoncheck@sjohio.org) for an application and more information. VBS will be held the week of June 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 12:00pm.

**New Film on Carlo Acutis in Theaters April 27th-29th ONLY**  
Discover the incredible life of soon-to-be Saint Carlo Acutis in Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality. This powerful new documentary film explores his life, legacy and the impact of technology on young people today. Through firsthand accounts from family and friends, plus insights from Catholic leaders and tech experts, the film tackles urgent questions about technology's impact on humanity, holding up Carlo as a model for young people as they engage the digital world. Learn more at [CarloAcutisFilm.com](http://CarloAcutisFilm.com).

### Save the dates:

- April 27<sup>th</sup> – **Fr. Andy's Installation Mass** at 10:30am followed by reception.
- April 28<sup>th</sup> – Join us for the **Carlos Acutis Movie** – email Mrs. Zvoncheck for details.

### ST. JOSEPH'S MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

St. Joseph's Men's Fellowship is open to all men 18 years old and older. Our next meeting is Saturday, May 3rd from 8:00am to 9:30am in the Holy Family Center Room 1. We will be discussing the readings for May 4th, the Third Sunday of Easter. There will be refreshments and time for sharing our experiences. Drop by and enjoy the fellowship; we would love to hear your input! If you need information, you may call Tony Tesoriero at 440.572.2408. If would like to receive the meeting agenda, the readings and commentaries for the readings prior to the meeting, send an email to [ttesoriero65@gmail.com](mailto:ttesoriero65@gmail.com).

### MONTHLY EVENING CONFESSIONS

St. Joseph Catholic Church will offer Confessions once a month on a Thursday evening. Confessions will be available from 6:30pm until 8:00pm in the church. All are welcome. Our next offering will be on Thursday, May 1st.

### OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Guided by the teachings of Jesus Christ and inspired by the Holy Spirit, we are the Catholic community of St. Joseph Parish. We celebrate the Eucharist, worship God and use our God-given gifts to serve all of God's people.



## REST IN PEACE

## Paul Siedel—April 4, 2025

May all of our deceased parishioners live forever in the joy of the resurrection.

## WE PRAY....

## For the weak, the sick and suffering

Carl Alessandro, Greg Bartel, Marilyn Beauchamp, Elaine Blasko, Richard Boguski, Richard Carrara, Terry Colella, Bonnie Dembowski, Matthias Dost, Greg & Mary Elenburg, Baby Henry F., George Foderaro, Sue Galaska, Amy Gero, Alison Groleau, Betty Gromiak, Ashleigh Hamar, Lorrie Hamar, Ted Hamar, Kathleen & Mark Hambleton, Pat Hanis, Victoria J., Rebecca Johnston, Mary Kovacs, Don Krupa, Jady Lester, Shirley Libby, Dana Martin, Frank Mondock, Mel Mowery, Marion Nemer, Dorothy Parsley, Christopher Pawlak, Paul Petro, Alicia Pingatore, Tom & Billie Priebe, Melissa Rawlings, Julieanne Siford, John Springer, Terry Rinas, Dolores Risko, David Sah, Karin Stevens, Matthew Stevens, Sarah Stevens, Kristine Suhm, Christine Sulkowski, Marty Tesoriero, Tom Vavrek, Bill & Kristin Velioniskis, Dawn Vincek, Bill Walsh, Jim & Paula Weaver, Dennis Whitaker Jr., Diane & Don Whitecar, Michael Yantek, Linda Sue Zemback, James Zembala, Cindi Zygaldo and for all the sick and suffering of our parish.

*\*To keep our list accurate and up to date, our list will be updated every 30 days. Please inform the office if you or your loved one would like to remain on the prayer list.*

## PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY AND COMMUNITY



Brian Andes, Sara Andes, Owen Barta, Bryce Born, Andrew Branic, Kelly Branic, Joe Conrad, Zachary Hilko, James Johncock, Laura Nevel, Benjamin G. Radeff, Michael Regan, Joshua Stark, Link Terry, Mark Wilinski, Christine Wolk, Billy Yoakley, and those who serve in the safety forces, especially our men and women of the Strongsville Police and Fire Departments.



**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH  
ANNUAL GOLF OUTING  
MONDAY JUNE 30, 2025  
At Bunker Hill Golf Course**

Registration & Sponsor forms are available at [sjohio.org/golf](http://sjohio.org/golf) or at [birdease.com/stjoseph2025](http://birdease.com/stjoseph2025)

Dinner with Fr. Andy, Mini Golf with Fr. Arnold and Golf Ball Drop Raffle chances can be purchased at [sjohio.org/golf](http://sjohio.org/golf)

During May, golf committee representatives will be available after Masses so you can purchase raffle tickets.

## CRS RICE BOWL

Our Rice Bowl journey has come to an end. May the Eucharist continue to transform our lives and help us respond to God's call to serve our global family. Filled Rice Bowls can be dropped off at the Parish Office or brought to church on Sunday and given to the ushers. You can also donate at [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org).

## ST. JOSEPH CARPENTERS SENIOR GROUP

Join the Carpenters Senior Group on Tuesday, April 29th, for a fun time playing assorted games like LCR and PIG dice games. We will provide quarters, but you may want to bring a few extra dollar bills in case you want to play additional games with your table mates. Doors open at 2:30pm. Please do not arrive early since the school buses use the rear parking lot. Cost is \$10 for members and non-members and includes dinner. Payment (cash or checks payable to St. Joseph Catholic Church) are due to the St. Joseph Parish Office by Tuesday, April 22nd. Call Judy at 440.503.6229 if you have any questions.

## VESTIBULE GIVING BOX

St. Joseph Catholic Church collects essential food items for those in need in our area. For April we specifically request **peanut butter and jelly, canned meats, canned fruits and vegetables and toiletry items** (lotions, shaving cream, disposable razors, toothbrushes, cotton balls, Band-Aids, antibacterial cream, etc.) in both regular and travel sizes. Please place your donations in the designated giving box located in the Gathering Area. Your generosity supports our parish food cupboard and local food pantries. Thank you for your support!

The **Ministry of Assistance clothing bin** located outside Door A on the North side of the church accepts donations of in-season clothing and household items to distribute free-of-charge to clients of SVDP Ozanam Food Pantry, Southwest Pantry and St. John Paul II Pantry. We thank you in advance for your generosity!

## The Viking Voice



For more information  
[www.sjjschool.org](http://www.sjjschool.org)  
440.238.4877



Thank you to all of those who attended our 8<sup>th</sup> grade's presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross.



Congratulations to our Submarine Challenge winners! Our first-place team was made up of Wyatt H., Owen H., Clara G., Avery V. and Eloise S. Your hard work and creativity truly shined. A huge thank you to American Tank & Fabricating for their time, generosity and incredible prizes! This experience brought STEM to life, showing our 6th-grade students how engineering, problem-solving and teamwork make a real impact.

SJJ's Classroom of Champions team placed second out of 14 teams in the April competition at St. Edward High School. The theme for this month was geography. Our team was made up of Manuel A., Freddy B., Jonathan G. and Martin T.



Saints Joseph and John School would like to extend a big thank you to those who donated to our Angel Scholarship Fund. It will help provide a valuable Catholic education to our students.

SJJ wishes everyone a blessed Happy Easter!



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
**The Second Sunday of Easter**  
**Celebrate with us**  
**April 27th, 2025 at 3:00pm**

To properly celebrate this great day, Divine Mercy Sunday, we need to prepare well. Ask for mercy, be merciful to others and completely trust in Jesus. Pray the Novena to the Divine Mercy each day for nine days and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will pray together for guidance of the Holy Spirit and the Chaplet during the 3 o'clock hour of mercy on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27th. Pope John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina on Divine Mercy Sunday in 2000. He also established Divine Mercy Sunday as a feast day for the entire church.



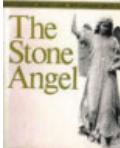
**DOG SHELTER DRIVE**

St. Joseph parishioner and SJJ alumni Kylie Guiher will be holding a donation drive on May 3rd and 4th for The Muttley Crue Rescue. Muttley Crue is a volunteer/foster rescue group in Olmsted Falls. St. Joseph parishioner and SJJ alumni Kylie Guiher will be holding a donation drive on May 3rd and 4th for The Muttley Crue Rescue. Muttley Crue is a volunteer/foster rescue group in Olmsted Falls that cares for dogs who are homeless, on death row or owner-surrendered. Many of these dogs happen to be pitbulls. There is much prejudice against this breed. Because of the history of dog fighting, many believe pitbulls to be hostile and unfit companions. This false idea has left many pitbulls without homes and proper care. However, these dogs would like to be loved like any other dog. Please consider donating some of the following items to help: puppy chow and dog food, chew toys, puppy pads, new or gently used crates, collars and leashes, new or gently used dog beds and any other dog supplies. You can drop your donations off in the Gathering Area before or after Masses. Your generosity will be appreciated by Kylie and all the dogs in the care of Muttley Crue!

**SUMMER BOOK CLUB**

**At SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Margaret Laurence



*The Stone Angel* is a novel by the Canadian writer Margaret Laurence. First published in 1964, it is perhaps the best-known of Laurence's novels set in the fictitious town of Manawaka, Manitoba. *The Stone Angel* tells the story of Hagar Currie Shipley. In the present, 90-year-old Hagar struggles against being put in a nursing home, which she sees as a symbol of death. The story switches with Hagar looking back at her life.

**Jean Margaret Laurence** (née Wemyss; July 18, 1926 – January 5, 1987) is one of the major figures in Canadian literature. *The Stone Angel* is consistently listed as one of the greatest Canadian novels ever written.

Join Fr. Greg Olszewski during June on Mondays at 7 p.m. in either the Holy Family gathering center on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of June and in the main church on June 16<sup>th</sup> (weather permitting, we'll try the courtyard!). Please call the Parish Office to register at 440.238.5555. Book copies available from public library or try [thriftbooks.com](http://thriftbooks.com).



**GRIEF SHARE**

St. Joseph Catholic Church hosts Grief Share, a 13-week support group series for those grieving the loss of a loved one. The group meets most Saturday mornings from 10:00 am to 12 noon. The next meeting is May 4th. All are welcome to attend any and/or all sessions. Each session includes a video seminar followed by group discussion. Registration is \$25 and includes a personal workbook with Scripture passages and daily exercises to help. For more information or to register, contact the Parish Office at 440.238.5555.

**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH  
 PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL**



*"I have risen:  
 I am with you once more."  
 Luke 24:34*

Our Blessed Lord has indeed risen and awaits our visit with Him during Eucharistic Adoration.

St. Joe's is blessed to be able to offer 24/7 adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our chapel. Please stop in and visit the Lord for 15 minutes or more. If you are new to adoration, please stop by the Parish Office to obtain the code and chapel procedures.

For more information, please contact Regina at 440.846.0055.

**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH  
 HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIP**

Applications are being accepted for the St. Joseph Catholic Church Heritage Scholarship now through May 31st. Over the years, St. Joe's has been able to award more than \$28,000 to college students from our parish. This year, we anticipate awarding three \$1,000 scholarships. May 31st is the deadline for applications for the 2025-2026 school year. All students who are St. Joseph parishioners and entering college or currently enrolled at a university can apply. Students who have been awarded a scholarship in the past are still eligible to apply again. Applications and complete information are available at our website [www.sjohio.org/scholarship](http://www.sjohio.org/scholarship).

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**ST. JOE'S PARISH PICNIC**  
**SUNDAY JUNE 22, 2025**

Join us for Eucharistic Procession after the 10:30 Mass with the picnic to follow.  
 Hamburgers, hot dogs, games, music and more!

## Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil

## THE SOLEMN BEGINNING

All are welcome to gather in the St. Joseph Courtyard for the Blessing of Fire. You may also remain seated inside.

## The Blessing of Fire &amp; Preparation of the Candle

## The Procession

## The Easter Proclamation

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Readings are Found at #901 in the Journey Song Hymnal

## 1. Third Reading, Exodus 14:15-15:1

R. Let us sing to the Lord; he has cov-ered him - self in glo-ry.

## 2. Fifth Reading, Isaiah 55:1-11

You will draw wa-ter joy - ful - ly  
from the springs of sal - va - tion.

## 3. Seventh Reading, Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28

Refrain  
Like a deer that longs for run - ning streams, my soul longs for you, my God.

## Gloria Pg 87 St. Joseph Hymnal

## Epistle Romans 6:3-11

Al-le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## Alleluia Response

## Gospel Luke 24:1-12

## Homily

## BAPTISMAL LITURGY

## Presentation of Those to Be Baptized

Luke Genesius Habermehl, Crystal Therese Miekle, Shannon Patricia Rizzo, Lauren Gianna Molla Torres, Izabella Rose Mary Burke, Lola Belle Cecilia Higgins, Michael Daniel Schoeff, Jr, Emiliana Kate Raphaella Siford, Ashlyn Cosette Bernadette Siford, Alyssum Hope Michaela Siford, Michael and Estella Rizzo

## Litany of Saints

2 Repeat each invocation immediately after the Priest or Cantor:  
Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.  
Invocations 2 Responses: Sing 1-5 four times; 6 two times  
(Saint Invocation) 1-4. pray for us.  
("Lord, be merciful,") 5. Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.  
("Be merciful to us sinners.") 6. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.  
1-4. pray for us.  
5. Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.  
6. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.  
1-5. All you ho - ly men and wom-en, pray for us.  
6. Christ, hear us. Christ, gra-cious - ly hear us.  
to Responses

## Blessing of Baptismal Water

Springs of wa-ter, bless the Lord; praise and exalt him above all for ev-er.

## Celebration of Baptism &amp; Explanatory Rites

## Renewal of Baptismal Promises

## Music during the Sprinkling Rite

Refrain. I saw liv - ing wa - ter flow, From the Temp - le's right-hand side,  
¶1. To the Lord give thanks and praise, Is - rael, shout with joy se - cure;  
¶2. Stone the build - ers did des - pise Has be - come the corn - er-stone;  
God's sal - va - tion to be - stow, And the peo - ple loud - ly cried:  
"His love lasts for end - less days, And his mer - cy shall en - dure;"  
This is won - drous in our eyes, By the Lord has this been done:  
Al-le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

## Celebration of Confirmation

Nicholas Carlo Acutis Rizzo, Aubrey Mary Cardilino,  
 Alexandra Louise Smolinski, Christi Catherine Walsh,  
 Todd Matthias Zmich, Elysia Faith Genevieve Siford,  
 Felicity Grace Flora Siford, Makenna Rose Antoinette Siford,  
 Johnny Joseph Nguyen

## Universal Prayer

V. (Petition...) † Be pleased to hear us: R. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## Offertory Hymn

1. I know that my Re - deem - er lives!  
 2. Christ lives to bless me - with great love;  
 3. Christ lives and grants me dai - ly breath;  
 4. Christ lives, all glo - ry to his name!

1. What joy this blest as - sur - ance gives!  
 2. He lives to plead for me a - bove;  
 3. He lives, and I shall con - quer death;  
 4. He lives, my Sav - ior, still the same;

1. Christ lives, he lives, who once - was dead,  
 2. Christ lives, my hun - gry - soul - to feed;  
 3. Christ lives, my man - sion - to pre - pare;  
 4. What joy this blest - as - sur - ance - gives;

1. He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
 2. He lives to help in time of need.  
 3. He lives to bring me safe - ly there.  
 4. I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

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## Sanctus

Pg. 95 St Joseph Hymnal

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and earth are  
 full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

## Eucharistic Prayer

## COMMUNION RITE

## The Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei 96 St. Joseph Hymnal

Communion At the Lamb's High Feast 407 JS

## Brass Solo

Hymn of Praise The Strife is O'er 408 JS

## Prayer after Communion

## CONCLUDING RITES

## Solemn Blessing

Recessional 401 Journey Songs Hymnal

1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day,  
 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, } Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3. But the pains which he en-dured,  
 4. Sing we to our God a - bove,

1. Our tri - um-phant ho - ly day, } Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2. Un - to Christ, our heav'n-ly King, }  
 3. Our sal - va - tion have pro-cured; }  
 4. Praise e - ter - nal as his love, }

1. Who did once up - on the cross, } Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2. Who en-dured the cross and grave, }  
 3. Now he reigns a - bove as King, }  
 4. Praise him, all ye heav'n-ly host, }

1. Suf - fer to re-deem our loss. } Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2. Sin - ners to re-deem and save. }  
 3. Where the an-gels ev - er sing. }  
 4. Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. }

## Organ Postlude

Happy Easter!

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## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

**Introit** I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia. (Psalm 139)

**Entrance** Jesus Christ Is Ris'n Today 401 JS

## Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**Readings** 902 Journey Songs Hymnal

**Responsorial Psalm 118** (at 12:15, see 902 JS)

## Easter Sequence Hymn before the Gospel

At the 12:15 Mass, the Sequence will be Christ is Arisen 398 JS

## Gospel

## Homily

## Renewal of Baptismal Promises

**Sprinkling** I Saw Water Flowing, 17 St Joseph Hymnal

At the 8am Mass, this is chanted by the Men's Choir

## Universal Prayer



**Offertory Antiphon** (*chanted at the 8 and 10:30AM*)  
*The earth trembled and was still, when God arose in judgment.*  
*Ps 76:9-10*

### Offertory Hymns

8AM: I Know That My Redeemer Lives 129 JS  
 10:30AM: Alleluia No. 1 413 JS  
 12:15 PM: Love Is Alive 55 SJH

### Eucharistic Prayer

### Sanctus

(at 12:15, see 95 St Joseph Hymnal)

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
 Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

### Communion Hymns

8 & 10:30AM: I Received the Living God 786 JS

Refrain  
 I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.  
 I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.  
 Verses  
 1. Je-sus said: "I am the Bread Knead-ed long to give you life;  
 2. Je-sus said: "I am the Way, And my Fa - ther longs for you;  
 3. Je-sus said: "I am the Truth; If you fol - low close to me,  
 4. Je-sus said: "I am the Life Far from whom no thing can grow,  
 to Refrain  
 1. You who will par - take of me Need not ev - er fear to die."  
 2. So I come to bring you home To be one with him a - new."  
 3. You will know me in your heart, And my word shall make you free."  
 4. But re - ceive this liv - ing bread, And my Spir - it you shall know."

At the Lamb's High Feast 407 JS (8AM)  
 Alleluia, Sing to Jesus 458 JS (10:30AM)  
 Worthy Is the Lamb 754 JS (12:15PM)  
 I Know That My Redeemer Lives 556 JS (12:15PM)

**Communion Chant:** *Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.* 1 Cor 5: 7-8

### Refrain at 10:30AM Mass:

Christ, our Lamb, has been sa - cri - ficed;  
 let us share in the bread\_ of truth.

### Hymn of Praise at 8AM and 10:30AM

VI  
 R E-gína cæ-li \* lætá-re, alle-lú-ia: Qui- a quem me-  
 ru- ísti portá-re, alle-lú-ia: Re-surré-xit, sic-ut di-xit,  
 alle- lú-ia: O-ra pro no-bis De- um, alle-lú- ia.

Translation: Queen of Heaven, rejoice, for the Son whom you merited to bear, has arisen as he said, alleluia.

### Recessional: The Strife Is O'er

Refrain  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Verses  
 1. The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;  
 2. The pow'r's of death have done their worst,  
 3. On the third morn he rose a - gain,  
 4. He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell;  
 5. O Ris - en Lord, all praise to thee,  
 to Refrain  
 1. Now is the Vic - tor's tri - umph won; O let the  
 2. But Christ their le - gions has dis - persed; Let shouts of  
 3. Glo - rious in maj - es - ty to reign; O let us  
 4. The bars from heav'n's high por - tals fell; Let hymns of  
 5. Who from our sin has set us free, That we may  
 to Refrain  
 1. song of praise be sung: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2. praise and joy out - burst: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3. swell the joy - ful strain: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4. praise his tri - umph tell: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 5. live e - ter - nal - ly! Al - le - lu - ia!"

Text: 888 with alleluias; Finita iam sunt praelia; Latin, 12th cent.; tr. by Francis Pott, 1832-1909, alt.  
 Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525-1594; adapt. by William H. Monk, 1823-1889.

12:15PM: Hallelujah Is Our Song

19 SJH

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