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**April 11, 2021**



# Welcome!

Our sacred purpose at St. Jerome Catholic Church is to become Holy Disciples on the path to heaven. In the midst of a welcoming community we learn the teachings of our faith by celebrating Word and Sacrament as we grow in our personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

## **MASSES:**

Saturday Vigil: 4:30PM  
Sunday: 8:00AM and 10:00AM  
Tuesday - Friday: 8:00AM

## **RECONCILIATION:**

Saturdays: 3:30PM- 4:00PM

## **OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday: 8:30AM-12:30PM  
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## Membership in the Parish

We welcome each one of you who has come to worship today. We extend a special welcome to those who are new to the area. If you are a Catholic returning home after a absence, the church has missed you and warmly welcomes you back. Welcome packets and registration forms are available in the back of Church or please stop in to the Parish Office and register in person. We hope you will decide to make St. Jerome your Parish home!

**Sacrament of Baptism** Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

**Sacrament of Marriage** requires a six-month planning period and participation in a marriage preparation program. DO NOT book your hall until you meet with Father Anthony. Please contact the Parish Office to make an appointment.

**Homebound or Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick** is offered to anyone seriously ill or facing surgery. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are also available to bring Communion to the homebound. Please contact the Parish office.

**Religious Education Classes (PREP)** is offered for children who attend public school in grades 1 through 8 on Sunday mornings starting at 11:15am ending at 12:15pm. from September to May. Please contact the Parish Office.

**RCIA** is for anyone searching for a spiritual home or anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. RCIA is a Journey of Faith to encounter Christ and discover His teachings and way of life. For more information, contact Deacon Paul Nungester at [deaconpaul@stjeromewalbridge.org](mailto:deaconpaul@stjeromewalbridge.org).

**Prayer Chain:** Email, Call or Text Jean Momenee at [jimom777@aol.com](mailto:jimom777@aol.com) or 419-601-3118

**Crisis Pregnancy:** Call or Text 567-694-5576

**Project Rachael Help Line:** 1-888-456-HOPE (4673) [www.hopeafterabortion.com](http://www.hopeafterabortion.com)

**Bulletin Deadline:** All bulletin requests, including bulletin inserts, must be submitted by Noon on Wednesday the week prior to publication.

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## EMERGENCY INFORMATION

In the event of an Emergency, outside of regular operating hours, please call the Parish Office at 419-666-2857, and follow the appropriate prompts.



**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. “Mercy is the heart of God,” Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God’s mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God’s mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God’s mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

“Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope,” Pope Francis continues. God’s all forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ’s resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life’s imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn’t matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God’s mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God’s mercy, allow the wind of God’s presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace.

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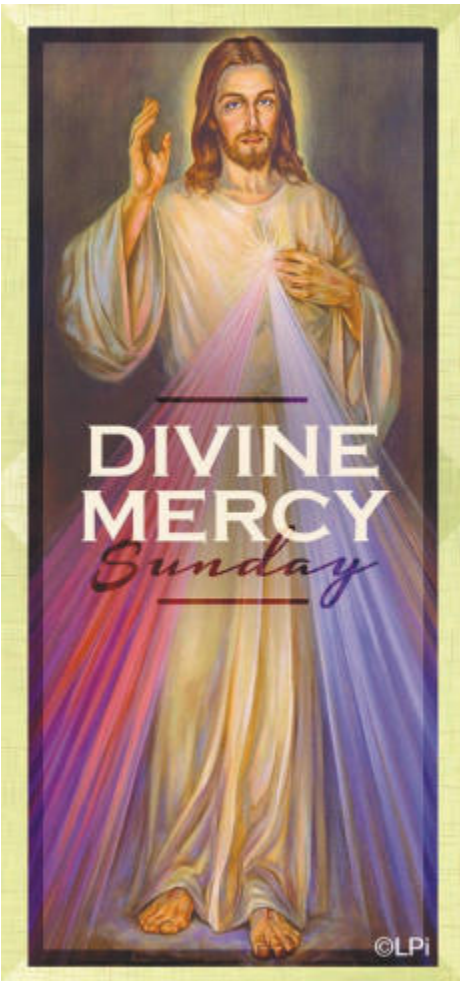


## Happenings at St. Jerome And The Community

### 2021 VIRTUAL RED & BLACK EVENT

Cardinal Stritch Catholic High School & Academy's 2021 Virtual Red & Black Auction will run from **April 16-April 17**. Proceeds help support scholarships and finance aid. Auction items range from gift cards to vacations and many great things in between! Registration for the auction is free and begins one week prior to the event at

[cardinalstritch.org/rb2021/](http://cardinalstritch.org/rb2021/), but bidding does not open until April 16. Donation and sponsorship opportunities are also available for this event. For more information contact the Advancement Office at Cardinal Stritch by calling 419-693-0465. Current sponsors include: Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Parish, Bill & Laura Berry, Genoa Bank, Wood County Hospital, St. Ignatius Catholic Church, St. Jerome Catholic Church, and Croak Asset Management. Thank you for our sponsorship and we look forward to everyone enjoying this event!



### HELP DEFEAT TOLEDO CITY COUNCIL'S ANTI FREE SPEECH ORDINANCE

On February 9, members of Toledo City Council (TCC) introduced legislation ("Patient Safety" Ordinance) that would make it illegal for Sidewalk Advocates to minister to those going into the abortion facility on W. Sylvania. The legislation sets up an eight-foot "buffer zone" around each individual seeking "reproductive services". Wherever we live in Northwest Ohio, we need you to reach out to TCC! If we do not, Sidewalk Advocates could be fined and even ultimately jailed if they offer help to moms and dads in need.

To make your voice heard: **1.** Pray that this ordinance is defeated. **2.** Email all the members of TCC (<https://toledo.oh.gov/government/city-council/council-members>). **3.** Call President of TCC Matt Cherry: 419-245-1050. **4.** If you live within the City of Toledo, invite your councilmember for a cup of coffee to discuss the issue.

When voicing your opposition: **1.** Tell Toledo City Council that the ordinance referred to as "Patient Safety" is unnecessary as current law safeguards one's access to abortion facilities as well as defends individuals to be free of harassment. **2.** Tell TCC that this is a waste of Toledo's limited financial resources and will result in the city wasting taxpayers' dollars defending lawsuits. **3.** Tell TCC that 44 moms have chosen life for their preborn children the last 7 years because sidewalk advocates were able to offer help at the abortion facility!

Direct any questions to Peter Range, Director of the Office for Life and Justice at [prange@toledodiocese.org](mailto:prange@toledodiocese.org)

## St. Jerome Calendar



### Monday, April 12

### Tuesday, April 13

8:00am Mass/Church  
 9-9pm—ADORATION/Church  
 1:30pm—Emmaus Charismatic Prayer Group/  
 Chapel  
 5-9pm—Excel Volleyball/Gym  
 7-9pm—Altar Rosary Sodality Meeting/PH

### Wednesday, April 14

8:00am Mass/Church  
 8:30am—Rosary Following Mass/Church  
 6:00pm—Traditional Latin Mass/Church  
 7-9pm—Knights of Columbus Meeting/K of C MR

### Thursday, April 15

8:00am Mass/Church  
 8:30am—Rosary Following Mass/Church  
 9-1:00pm—Threads of Faith, Hope and Love/St.  
 Anne MR  
 5-9pm—Excel Volleyball/Gym  
 5-10pm—Parish Hall Rental

### Friday, April 16

8:00am Mass/Church  
 8:30am—Rosary Following Mass/Church  
 2-7pm—Parish Hall Rental

### Saturday, April 17

3:30 Reconciliation/Church  
 4:30—Mass

### Sunday, April 18

8:00am—Mass  
 10:00am—Mass  
 11:15—Last PREP Class



### Weekend of March 27th & 28th, 2021

Sunday Collection	\$4,537.00
Online Giving	\$4,066.00
Total Sunday Giving	\$8,603.00
Weekly Financial Goal	\$9,700.00

Attendance: 320

### Weekend of April 3rd & 4th, 2021

Sunday Collection	\$5,367.00
Easter Collection	\$5,286.00
Online Giving	\$1,932.60
Total Sunday Giving	\$12,585.60
Weekly Financial Goal	\$9,700.00

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Attendance: 492

**Pastoral Council:** Angie Raglow (Interim President) Debbie Ekey, Frank Kiss, Matt Wise, Sonnie Bullock, Jim Halicek, Carman Tolles, John Smith, Thomas DeStazio and Emily Tajblik

**Finance Council:** Charles Rupp (Chair), Julie Pinciotti, Robin Kamann, Sue Trumbull, and Jim Lager

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

**Saturday, April 10** Saturday within the Octave of Easter; Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15

4:30pm Barbara Fritz

**Sunday, April 11** Second Sunday of Easter/Sunday of Divine Mercy; Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

8:00am Bill Castleman

10:00am Jerome Thies

**Monday, April 12** Easter Weekday; Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8

**Tuesday, April 13** Easter Weekday, Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr; Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15

8:00am Derrik Lawson #

**Wednesday, April 14** Easter Weekday; Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21

8:00am Bob, Dorothy & Tom Murray

6:00pm Charles White

**Thursday, April 15** Easter Weekday; Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36

8:00am Dwight Claus

**Friday, April 16** Easter Weekday; Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15

8:00am Living & Deceased Members of the Herman Family

**Saturday, April 17** Easter Weekday; Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21

4:30pm Rick Delvecchio


**Sunday, April 18** Third Sunday of Easter; Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

8:00am Barbara Brenot

10:00am William "Bill" Werner

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