



ST. JOSEPH

CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 30, 2025

SPRING MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Monday - Friday: 8:30 am
(Communion Service
Monday)

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 am

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 pm
Or by appointment

First Friday Adoration

9:00 am - 4:00 pm



OUR LOCATION

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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<https://stjosephmarblehead.org>

Parish Office

113 James Street, Marblehead, OH 43440
Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

STREAMING MASS

Watch any Mass (including weekday and weekend Masses), adoration, or just 'pop in' virtually to church anytime to pray by clicking the **WATCH LIVE** button on our website.

Mass posted on Youtube:
Every Saturday after 4:00 pm Mass

Mass live streamed on Facebook:
Every Sunday at 10:30 am



OUR MISSION

Our Mission is to live and share our faith in Jesus Christ while providing a warm, welcoming spiritual home for parishioners and visitors. We encourage full participation in our parish life while maintaining a strong spiritual and moral presence in the community with the enhancement of the liturgy through music, religious education and outreach.

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SACRAMENTS

If you are interested in Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, or Holy Matrimony, please call the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS

2025 Mass intentions can be scheduled by stopping in or calling the Parish Office.

Prayer Chain

Wendy, Jim, Rose Marie Todd, Kimi, Debbie, Chris Menier, Jackie Gerber, Baby William G., Chandler Dunkle, Amie Woodard, Janet Monak, Max Griffith, Jeff & Susanna, Barb Wisniewski, Stacy, Fran Robel, Loree Ronk, Laura, Joan Schmidt, Dave P., William Murphy, Ann Mae Bell, Cassi, Suzanne, Lauren, Zeb Kessler, Janis, Mary, Carolyn L., James F., Jay, Pat Young, Sharon, Laurie Bailey, Elizabeth, Gene, Taylor Wilhite, Sharon Kobak, Nick & Jessie, Larry & Belinda, Joseph, Trey, Carl, Steven Grahme, Janet Davis, Jerry Z., James Nesser, Donna, Renee, Ben, Bob, Lori, Jim Rinaldo, Jason, Sue, Megan, Rosalie, Charlie, Janet, Ken, Bill Scheible, Clayton, Rick Laser, Diane, Ava Kessler, Peter Corrado, Special Intention, Bob B., Michael G., Heather, Rachel, Don Lallo, Joan Trem, Angel, Regina R., Richard & Linda Donich, CJ, Hazel, Patti Wood, Misty, Todd W., Eileen Kouba, Special Intention, Lisa, Margaret Kessler, Robert Sobocinski, Nancy, Martha Beverick

How Can We Pray For You?

To add a name to the prayer chain, call the parish office at 419-798-4177. You can also write any intentions you may have in our Book of Intentions, located near the confessional.

Respect Life Ministry of Ottawa County

The Respect Life Ministry of Ottawa County April meeting will be Wednesday the 16th at 4:00 pm at the K of C Hall. Our Respect Life group is always looking for new members to join together to promote life from womb to tomb. If you are interested in more information you can go to: equalitybeginsinthewomb.org.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE**Monday, March 31, 2025**

Isaiah 65:17-21 , Amos 5:14 , John 4:43-54

Communion Service: 8:30 am
Religious Education: 6:15**Tuesday, April 1, 2025**

Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12, John 5:1-16

Mass: 8:30 am - Celebrant's Intention**Wednesday, April 2, 2025**

Isaiah 49:8-15 , John 5:17-30

Mass: 8:30 am - Joseph & Bertha
Bronowski & Frank &
Marie FrencelOtterbein Mass: 1:00 pm
Grieving with Great Hope: 6:00 pm**Thursday, April 3, 2025**

Exodus 32:7-14 , John 5:31-47

Men of Jesus the Christ: 7:00 am

Mass: 8:30 am - Anna Koenig
OCIA - 5:00 pm
Choir: 6:30 pm**Friday, April 4, 2025 - First Friday**

Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22 , John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Mass: 8:30 am - Sharon Roach
Adoration: 9:00 am
Intercessory Prayer Group: 9:00 am
Benediction: 4:00 pm
Fish Fry: 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Stations of the Cross: 7:00 pm**Saturday, April 5, 2025 - First Saturday**

Jeremiah 11:18-20 , John 7:40-53

Confession: 8:00 - 8:45 am
Mass: 9:00 am - Religious Vocations
Confession: 3:00-3:45pm
Mass: 4:00 pm - For the Parish**Sunday, April 6, 2025**Ezekiel 37:12-14 , Romans 8:8-11,
John 11:25a, 26 , John 11:1-45**Mass:** 8:30 am - The Michael
Polone Family
Mass: 10:30 am - Eldon & Mary Hossler
Confirmation Class: 6:00 pm**April Food Pantry**
Tuna***LAETARE --- HOPE AND JOY***

This weekend is Laetare Sunday, more commonly known as Rose Sunday, the mid-point of Lent. The Church highlights this mid-point for two reasons. One, Lent is quickly passing by and as a result there needs to be a certain urgency about our Lenten efforts at repentance for sin and reforming our lives. Secondly, there is a great sense of hopefulness that our celebration of the resurrection of Jesus is drawing near --- there is great joy in our belief that sin and death give way to resurrection and new life!

In this Jubilee Year, Pope Francis addresses us as "Pilgrims of Hope" --- people of faith on our journey through the desert of this world to the Promised Land of heaven! Yes indeed, the challenges of Lent give way to the great joy of being in the company of the risen Lord forever in heaven. It is the virtue of hope that sustains us in this world and catapults us from waiting and struggling to fulfillment and joy.

At this mid-point of Lent, we may feel a sense of joy and satisfaction that we have made a strong start in our efforts at prayer, fasting, and good works. We had the opportunity to be infused with a new energy with our Parish Mission with Father Sichko, calling our attention to some simple things that we can often neglect.

Sometimes people, at this mid-point of Lent, may feel discouraged that they have not persevered in some of their good intentions for Lent. Laetare Sunday is a great opportunity to be reinvigorated! We still have three weeks of this Holy Season of Lent to make use of the graces that God has prepared for us, perhaps making a greater effort to come to Mass during the week, be more attentive to the Scripture readings, attend Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings, carve out some time to go to Confession, make a greater effort to respond to some charitable need, or renew our effort at fasting from our favorite foods or activities. Great things can occur in the last three weeks of Lent!

So, rejoice and be glad!
Walk with Jesus to a place of new hope!

Mid - Lenten Blessings!
Father Joe

Liturgy Spotlight

Laetare Sunday

- Laetare, Jerusalem! Laetare (Rejoice) Sunday is the traditional name for this Sunday. Today's entrance song presents the imagery of "Mother Jerusalem;" it is a progenitor to Mother's Day and in England is still called "Mothering Sunday." The ancient chant gives this Sunday its title and mood: *Rejoice, O Jerusalem; and gather round, all you who love her; rejoice in gladness, after having been in sorrow; exult and be replenished with the consolation flowing from her motherly bosom. (Is 66:10-11) Laetare Sunday customarily offers a foretaste of Easter, with flowers, additional instrumental music, and a softening of Lent's sober violet through the use of rose-colored vesture. The vesture of this Sunday and the veiling of statues next Sunday were once strong visual cues that Easter is quickly approaching. These cues mirrored the signs in nature heralding spring. We need these cues, if only to give expression to our anticipation for the greatest 50 days of the year.*

Offertory Report

March 22 & 23 Offertory

\$7,473.68

Tithing to St. Joseph the Worker

\$374.00

St. Joseph the Worker - Our own parish program to help area residents with financial assistance.



Thank you to everyone who has donated to this year's ACA campaign. To date we are at 88.12% of our parish goal. If you would like to pledge and have not had the opportunity, there is still time. To see all the ways you can pledge go to: <https://www.acatoledo.org/waystogive>

Weekly Prayer Intention

For Funeral Home Staff

Dear Lord, Today we especially lift up those who work in funeral homes, please lighten their heavy burden, Lord, as they console others in their time of loss. May they be strengthened by the Holy Spirit as they face each new day, and as they face each new death, help them see that they are doing your work, that they are the faces of compassion in the darkest of days. May they realize their value and be blessed and energized by your love. Help us remember to trust in you, with hearts of love and faith. Let us find hope and encouragement in your promise of eternal life. We ask this in your Holy Name, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Condolences

Please keep the family and friends of Joann Frisch and Joan Schmidt in your thoughts and prayers, as they recently passed away.



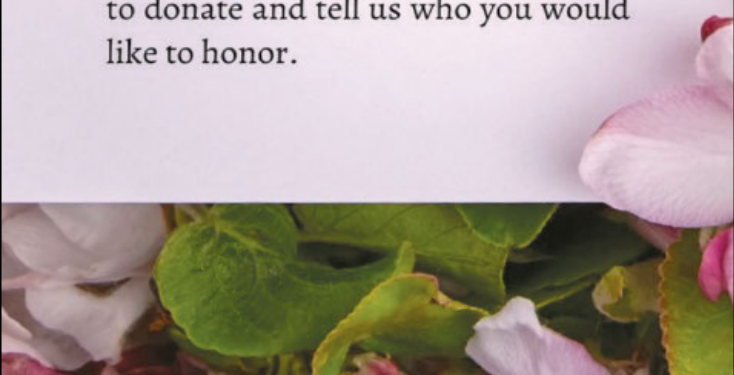
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may the perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



Easter Flowers

Help beautify our church for Easter by donating flowers in memory/honor of your loved ones.

You can find a special envelope in your packet or go to our giving page at: <https://stjosephmarblehead.org/> to donate and tell us who you would like to honor.



Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter

Join us for a free program!

The Empowered Caregiver: Communicating Effectively

Learn how dementia affects communication. Additionally, receive tips for communicating well with family, friends and health care professionals.

Tuesday, April 22, 2025
6:30 pm


Lakeside United Methodist Church
450 Central Ave, Lakeside

REGISTRATION IS REQUESTED

Sign up in church office, or call
419.537.1999 to register



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Game Day

Monday, April 7th
12:30 -3:30 pm.

Bring a friend, meet members of our parish, and play a game! Enjoy beverages, snacks, and lots of laughs!

JOIN OUR CREW!

Are you curious about becoming a catechist? We will be looking for catechists for the upcoming school year. If you think you may be interested, come and join us at a class this year to see how fun our crew is! Classes are Monday evenings, 6:15 - 7:30 pm.

Call Amanda in the Parish Office for more information, or to schedule a day to come observe a class.

Sorrowful Mother Shrine Pilgrimage

On Tuesday, April 1st, parishioners are invited to travel to Bellevue, Ohio for a pilgrimage to the Sorrowful Mother Shrine. We will meet at St. Joseph Church parking lot and depart at 9:15 am. We plan to arrive by 10:00 am so that people will have the opportunity to attend confession. The rosary will be recited at 10:30, followed by Mass at 11:00. Afterwards, weather permitting, we will tour the grounds which hold 32 grottos and religious statues. We will then visit the gift shop. With a 1 week notice golf carts may be provided for those who have trouble walking. Once we finish at the Shrine, we will be stopping in Bellevue for lunch. For those more information please call the Parish Office at 419-798-4177.



Please extend a congratulations to Mike Lane and Jeffery Bahnsen, new third degree knights for our Knights of Columbus Council, who were exemplified recently at Holy Angels Church in Sandusky. Thanks to the Sandusky Knights of Columbus Council for their hospitality. If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact or Rob Harrison.

The Hearts of Religious Souls

From the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska

Write for the benefit of religious souls that it delights Me to come to their hearts in Holy Communion. But if there is anyone else in such a heart, I cannot bear it and quickly leave that heart, taking with Me all the gifts and graces I have prepared for the soul. And the soul does not even notice My going (*Diary, 1683*).





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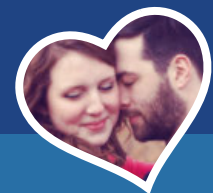
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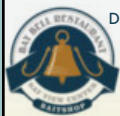
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