

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 15, 2020

Third Sunday in Lent

First March Lent Talk with Fr. Civile - TODAY!

11:30 AM - 1 PM St. John Un

Today's talk includes about how to live our prayer traditions by Bishop Robert Barron and his series *Catholicism*. Those who attended last year's Lent Talks featuring Barron's *The Mass* found them entertaining and informative.

There will also be time for a brief prayer and reflection.

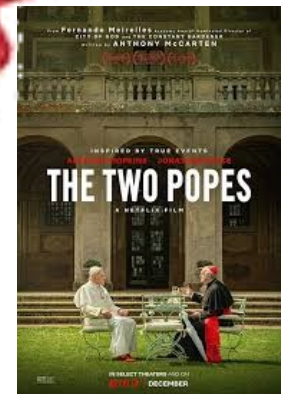
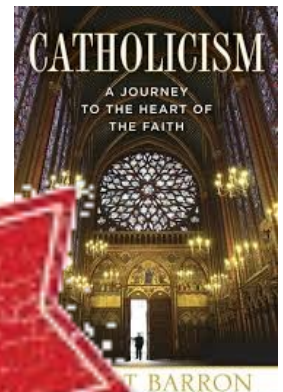
No RSVP necessary! All are welcome to join us in person or virtually!

Next week, Sunday, March 22nd, we'll show the first part of the

film *The Two Popes*.

This film has been very popular and easily provokes discussion.

We'll finish up the film at the third Lent Talk, Sunday, March 29th.



**SVDP OUTREACH IS ACCEPTING
FURNITURE DONATIONS
AND WE PICK UP!**



WE ARE ESPECIALLY IN NEED OF THESE ITEMS:

TWIN MATTRESS & BOX SPRINGS

KITCHEN TABLES & CHAIRS COUCHES

LAMPS DRESSERS END TABLES

CALL 422-0602 TO SCHEDULE YOUR PICK UP.

COMING EVENTS



Lenten Fish Fry Fridays in Lent
Stations of the Cross Fridays in Lent
Lent Talk II Sun Mar 22
Lent Talk III Sun Mar 29
SVDP 5th Sunday Collection Sun Mar 29
Communal Lenten Penance Service Thur Apr 2

HOLY FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday and Sunday - March 14 and 15

4:30 PM Mass SJ Walter & Mary Jane Diver
 9:00 AM Mass HT Elaine Pratt - Birthday Remembrance
 10:30 AM Mass SJ Kiesewetter & Meister Family

NOTE: SPECIAL LENT SCHEDULE

Monday, March 16

12:10 PM Mass HT Joan Hoffman - Birthday Remembrance

Tuesday, March 17

12:10 PM Mass HT Vivian McConnell

12:10 PM Communion Service HT

Wednesday, March 18

12:10 PM Mass HT Rita Gough - Birthday Remembrance

Thursday, March 19

12:10 PM Mass HT Joe Stugmyer

Friday, March 20

8:00 AM Mass HT Lou Rossi - Birthday Remembrance

12:10 PM Communion Service HT

Saturday, March 21

8:00 AM Mass HT Julia Huff - Birthday Remembrance

4:30 PM Mass SJ Stephen Sabo

Sunday, March 22 Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM Mass HT Vivian McConnell

10:30 AM Mass SJ Oscar & Betty Koeppel - Wed Anniv Rem

Weekly Collections Stewardship

Sunday, March 8th \$18,166

Thank you for your generous stewardship!

MINISTERS NEXT WEEK

Mar 21/22	4:30 PM SAT	9:00 AM SUN	10:30 AM SUN
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Bukosky 1B	Jerry Banks 1B	Marcia Egelston 1B
	Pat Montgomery 2B	Kathy Farler 2B	Jane Romer 2B
	Kathi Mangus 3B	Jeanne Higgins 3B	Suzanne Stickelman 3B
	Don Brooks 1C	Mike Klapheke 1C	John Lyons 1C
	Michelle Brooks 2C	Karen Dillon 2C	Ken Beiser 2C
	Carolyn Kraft 3C	Dee Golembiewski 3C	Sandra Pearce 3C
	Joy Rodenburgh 4C	Alice Brown 4C	Rosetta DiCristoforo 4C
Lectors	Bob Weaver	Greg Wells	Stephanie Burk
	Cathie Mulligan	Tami Wells	Rick Gregosky
Servers	John Soppanish	Nathan Dwenger	Sarah Volle
	Dick Montgomery	Grayden Dwenger	Gabrielle Volle
Greeters	David Schul D1	Tim Blashock D1	Carolyn Dorn D1
	Phoebe Pearce D1	Mari Lynn Thurber D2	Rosetta DiCristoforo D1

Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab / 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: 2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16 / Mt 1:16,18-21

Fri: Hos 14:2-10 / Mk 12:28-34

Sat: Hos 6:1-6 / Lk 18:9-14

Sun: 1 Sm 16:1,6-7,10-13 / Eph 5:8-14 / Jn 9:1-41



In Your Prayers Remember Helen Hoffer at Atrium Medical Center this week.

Did You Know That Both St. John & Holy Trinity Have A 'Cry Room'?



Parents with fussy children can still hear and see the Mass from the back of either church.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

Health Ministry:

Are You Spiritually Healthy?

It's interesting how seldom we talk about spiritual health.

The daily habit of prayer leads



us to spiritual health. Always take your first opportunity each day to spend time in prayer.

Why not try **The Prayer Process**?

1. Gratitude: Begin by thanking God in a personal dialogue for whatever you are most grateful for today.

2. Awareness: Revisit the times in the past 24 hours when you were and were not the-best-version-of-yourself. Talk to God about these situations and what you learned from them.

3. Significant Moments: Identify something you experienced in the last 24 hours and explore what God might be trying to say to you through that event (or person).

4. Peace: Ask God to forgive you for any wrong you have committed (against yourself, another person, or Him) and to fill you with a deep and abiding peace.

5. Freedom: Speak with God about how He is inviting you to change your life, so that you can experience the freedom to be the-best-version-of-yourself.

6. Others: Lift up to God anyone you feel called to pray for today, asking God to bless and guide them.

7. Pray the Our Father.

Resisting Happiness/Best Lent Ever/Matthew Kelly

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. Please continue your support for this year's catechumens and candidates.



RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

March 15th, 22nd and 29th

March 15th - First Scrutiny: Woman at the Well

11:30 PM St. John Rectory

If you're interested in becoming Catholic,
please contact the parish office 422-0602.

Introductions to Sunday Readings

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



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.



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

Eagle's Cash Bar - Weekly Special \$3

Eagle's Lodge

ONE BLOCK WEST OF ST. JOHN CHURCH
CORNER OF FIRST AVENUE & CLINTON

Fridays in Lent

FEB 28TH - APRIL 10TH

Dine In or Carry Out ~ 5 to 8 PM

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



SVDP Outreach Ministry Special Carry-In

Need for March FULL SIZE SHEETS AND PILLOWS

Please drop off new or used full size sheets and pillows at the parish office and we'll distribute them to our needy neighbors. Thank you for partnering with us in this Ministry!



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
Thursdays, March 19th - April 23rd

DAY GROUP 1 - 2:30 PM

EVENING GROUP 6:30 - 8 PM

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, call 424-2273.

NEW LOCATION! 4418 Lewis Street - Suite B - adjacent to the Performing Arts Academy!



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 the Family Eucharist Workshop last Saturday. The program included refreshments and a brief talk about First Eucharist with Fr. Civile. Many thanks to Pat Betts, Rosetta DiCristoforo, Flavia DeBiasi, Cheryl Landen, and Pat Montgomery.

Find photos in **COLOR** at www.holyfamilymiddletown!



Prayer Partners! Don't miss out on the chance to let your partner know you're thinking of them!



A Lent Check-In: Remember You Are Enough

If you are like me, you are running out of some of the steam and fervor for Lent.

Read Peggy Weber's entire article at Busted Halo. Just use the LINK at our parish website www.holyfamilymiddletown.com. Look for these great Lenten articles while you're there!

*25 Great Things You Can Do for Lent
Go Into the Desert this Lent*

**busted
halo** faith shared joyfully

You're Invited to the 2020 HOLY FAMILY EASTER EGG HUNT

Holy Saturday, April 11th

Holy Trinity Grounds

11 AM - Arrive early! It's over in minutes!

Hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights Council 1610

Three Age Groups:

3 & under 4 to 7 8 to 10

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



Bob's Gang Is Back for Another Season!

State Route #122 Clean Up Crew

Saturday, April 18th 8:30 AM Jacot Park

In honor of Bob Ryan, the guy who made it fun to wake up early and pick up trash!

Join the gang as we do Bob proud - picking up trash along SR #122 from SR #25 to Breiel Blvd. This is the main entrance to our city and we need your help to keep it looking good! Everyone's invited to join in the fun. We'll meet at Jacot Park at 8:30 a.m. and finish up by 10:00 a.m. **Mark your calendar for these Saturdays!**

June 20th August 22nd October 24th



Volunteer Training Offered at Hospice Care of Middletown

Friday, March 20th 9:30 AM - 4 PM

Hospice Care of Middletown 4418 Lewis St. STE B

Volunteers fill important roles in the hospice program. Candidates must be 18 years of age, have a heart for serving others, and complete the one day training. If you're interested in volunteering with us, please call Volunteer Coordinator Judy Vincent LSW 424-2273.



St. John XXIII

Catholic School

Pre-K to Grade 8

by Dawn Pickerill / Principal

TRADITIONAL VALUES. EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - PARISHONERS INVITED!

We will be holding Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday, March 24th in our chapel. Adoration will begin immediately after Communion (8:15 Mass) and will go until 2:30 in the afternoon. All of the students/classes will take turns attending Adoration, however, we invite parishioners to attend as well. **For safety purposes, we do ask that parishioners sign in and out at the office.**

THANK YOU - FIELD TRIP TO HOLY TRINITY & ST JOHN

On Thursday, March 5th, we took ALL of the K-8 students to each of the parish churches — St. John Church and Holy Trinity Church — for a field trip.

While at the churches, the students learned the history of the churches and of some of the items and paintings, etc. in the churches.

They also took part in a living Stations of the Cross led by the 5th graders and attended the 12:10 PM Mass. The field trip concluded with lunch in the St. John Undercroft.



Bishop Fenwick High School

Huge Easter Egg Hunt

Wednesday, April 1st 6:10 - 7:30 PM

Pre-K through 6th grade will enjoy Candy, Prizes and a special prize for the best or most creative Easter Egg! We hope you can join us and at least one parent/guardian be present for the event! Call 513-778-1155 with any questions. Sponsored by the BHS Student Council.

EASTER EGG HUNT



Bishop Fenwick's 7th & 8th Grade Spring Dance with a Decade Theme

- 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s!

Friday, April 2nd

7:30 - 10 PM

Please join in the dancing, games, refreshments and prizes! You need to complete a Permission Slip to submit at the door along with a \$5 admission fee. Please contact bturvy@fenwickfalcons.org for more information.



Bishop Fenwick High School

Summer Camps

Now OPEN for registration!

Camps run June 1st - July 2nd

We have many different camps to choose from - basketball, volleyball, soccer, lacrosse, softball - and you're sure to get a great week of fun and instruction! Visit www.fenwickports.org to register.



Cincinnati Men's Conference

Saturday, April 25th 8 AM - 2 PM

The Meyer Center

- St. Susanna Catholic Church

Faith and Leadership: Becoming a Leader for God!

Featured speakers:

Fr. Frank Pavone / Priests for Life National Director

Elvis Grbac / NFL Quarterback & Super Bowl Champ

Tony Maas / Founder, President of Ruah Woods

Purchase tickets @ CincinnatiMensConference.com.

Tickets \$45/person and include lunch. All are welcome to attend, no matter the status of your faith journey!

CINCINNATI MEN'S
CONFERENCE

Golden Anniversary Mass 2020

Saturday, August 1st 4:30 PM

Holy Family Parish couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2020 are invited to attend one of the following Golden Anniversary Masses:

Cincinnati: St. Peter in Chains Cathedral
with Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr

Dayton: Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception
with Bishop Joseph Binzer

Family and friends welcome! No RSVP necessary!



American Association of University Women

AAUW - 64th Annual Used Book Sale

East Side of Stefano's Café Building

2204 Central Avenue

Donations Accepted 10 - 11:30 AM

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday Mornings!

This year's AAUW Annual Used Book Sale will again be held at 2204 Central Avenue - the East Side of Stefano's Italian Café building with a large parking lot to the left. Please bring gently used books, puzzles, games, CDs, DVDs to promote literacy, recycle, and raise funds for area scholarships. **The last day for donations is Saturday, April 11th.** For more info or to arrange for a book pick-up call 424-5168. **The sale is April 16th - 19th.**



Butler County Crisis Hotline & Heroin Hope Line

Toll-Free Crisis and Information & Referral Hotline

1-844-4CRISIS (1-844-427-4747)

- o Available 24/7 - 365 Days a Year
- o HeroinHopeLine.org
- o Suicide Prevention & Information and Referral Hotline
- o Afterhours access to the Mobile Crisis Team
- o Help for those struggling with addiction and their families
- o Trained caring staff
- o Free Service

Operated by Beckett Springs Hospital



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!