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WEEKEND MASSES

ST. JOHN CHURCH

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201 CLARK STREET SUNDAY 9:00 AM This Mass Live Streamed

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION ST. JOHN CHURCH SATURDAY 3:30 PM

First Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2021

The Stations of the Cross & Benediction Fridays in Lent 7 PM Holy Trinity Church

Join us at Holy Trinity Church at 7:00 p.m. Friday evenings during Lent for Stations of the Cross and Benediction. Wearing facemasks and social distancing will be observed.



Find interesting articles, suggestions for faith study and prayer, local to international news, and more!





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This year we're working with Hope House Mission, collecting personal care items for the men, women, and children staying in their shelters. Please bag up new products and drop them in the blue donation bins at the doors of the churches or call ahead, Monday - Friday 9 AM - 5 PM to let us know you're dropping items on the back porch of the parish office.

This collection will wrap up at the end of the month. If you'd like to continue to support the Hope House Mission with donations, please go to www.hhmission.org to see their Amazon Wish List and to sign up for a lunch or dinner donation.



HOLY FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday and Sunday - February 20 and 21

4:30 PM Mass SJ Julia Scearce

9:00 AM Mass HT Joseph Meehan

9:00 AM Mass live streamed and available on the website anytime.

10:30 AM Mass SJ Joe Lyons - Birthday Remembrance

The Catholic faithful who reside in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati continue to be dispensed from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass / Holy Day Mass. - ARCHBISHOP DENNIS SCHNURR

Monday, February 22

6:00 PM Mass HT Michael Manning - Birthday Rem.

Tuesday, February 23

8:15 AM Mass SJ23 Irmgard Szabo — *students / staff only!*

12:10 PM Mass HT Richard Capozzi - Birthday Remembrance Wednesday, February 24

12:10 PM Mass HT Carolyn Ridge - Birthday Remembrance
Thursday, February 25

12:10 PM Mass HT Chuck Trent - Anniversary Remembrance Friday, February 26

8:00 AM Mass HT Docia Svarda - Birthday Remembrance Saturday, February 27

4:30 PM Mass SJ Jack Wagner

Sunday, February 28 Second Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM Mass HT Rosemary Gall - Anniversary Rem.

10:30 AM Mass SJ Jerry Nardiello

Weekly Collections Stewardship

Sunday, February 14th \$13,310

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Educational Service

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Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19 Tues: Is 55:10-11 / Mt 6:7-15

Wed: Jon 3:1-10 / Lk 11:29-32

Thurs: Est C:12,14-16,23-25 / Mt 7:7-12

Fri: Ez 18:21-28 / Mt 5:20-26 Sat: Dt 26:16-19 / Mt 5:43-48

Sun: Gn 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18 / Rom 8:31b-34

Mk 9:2-10

Our Prayers and Sympathy are Extended

to the family and friends of Ron Loop, who died February 11th, and to Virginia Chartrand in the death of her son, Matthew.

Going into Hospital or a Rehab Facility? Scheduled for a Procedure?

While there are challenges due to the virus, please call or have a family member or friend call us 422-0602 and let us know!

We need *your* help in ministering to parishioners who are ill or in need!

Like the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist to which it is closely linked, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can be repeated as often as necessary.

Introductions to Sunday Readings

by Bishop Ken Untener, in collaboration with Catherine Haven and Fr. Bill Taylor First Reading - Genesis 9:8-15



Today's reading from the book of Genesis takes place after the story of Noah and the great flood. Israelite people of long ago saw the rainbow as a symbol of a Warrior-God hanging up his hunting bow as a peaceful gesture. The rainbow symbolized the solemn promise that God makes to Noah.

Second Reading - 1 Peter 3:18-22

This reading reminds us that just as Noah was saved through the ark, we are saved through baptism. Early Christians believed that those who died before the coming of Jesus awaited redemption in a shadowy existence described here as a prison. When we say in the Apostles' Creed that Jesus "descended into hell," we are saying that Jesus went to announce to those waiting in that "prison" that they had been saved.

Today at the 10:30 AM Mass — RCIA The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Rite of Election & Call to Continuing Conversion

Due to the ongoing public health concern, the Rite of Election & Call to Continuing Conversion will take place in parishes on the First Sunday of Lent, not in large archdiocesan celebrations. Archbishop Schnurr delegates the priests and deacons of the Archdiocese to celebrate this liturgy in their parishes, with preference being that the pastor celebrate the rite if possible. This replaces the Rite of Sending which would normally take place in the parish on this day.











Carol Garber

Ethan George

Jeff Johnson

Joe Kramer









Tim Walters

Emily Walters

Drew Crosby

Zach Walters



Mindy Webb

Who is responsible for the RCIA catechumens and candidates who are seeking to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church?

WE ALL ARE!

We are asked to pray for them, to give them good example and support.

Bringing new members into the Church is part of what we are commissioned to do by Christ through our baptism. Our faith is a gift, not for us alone, but for all. It is for us to share!

Readings for Saturday and Sunday

First Reading - Genesis 9:8-15

God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth." God added: "This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading - 1 Peter 3:18-22

Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel - Mark 1:12-15

The Lord be with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

And with your spirit. Glory to you, O Lord.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Cincinnati's Men's Conference 2021 Saturday, March 13th

This Year's Event is Completely FREE to Attend or Live Stream! Get complete information on the conference and register at www.Cincinnati Men's Conference.com. 2020 was one of the hardest years in the 21st century for many families. That's why the theme for the conference this year is "What To Do When Facing Adversity." Tony Maas will cover this year's theme from the perspective of work and being the best business leader or professional you can. Dr. Ray Guarendi will provide perspective of our Theme as a Father, providing invaluable advice on keeping the family strong during hard times, and of course, mixing in his renowned humor and hilarious personal stories. Fr. Mike Schmitz will inspire on how to overcome adversity with personal stories, pastoral wisdom and insight on what he believes will help anyone grow in Faith.

Mass Prayers and Responses

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow.

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Rite of Enrollment Ceremony February 8th

Parish 8th graders and their families took part in a special Rite of Enrollment Ceremony where parents blessed their 8th grade son or daughter by tracing the sign of the cross on their forehead (**Daniel & Dawn Hounshell pictured with their son Tucker**) and everyone restated their Baptism vows. This ceremony is part of preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation which will take place in April.







Hymns for Saturday and Sunday

Entrance

Hosea (Come Back to Me)

- Come back to me with all your heart.
 Don't let fear keep us apart.
 Trees do bend, though straight and tall;
 So must we to others' call.
 Long have I waited
 For your coming home to me
 And living deeply our new life.
- 2. The wilderness will lead you
 To your heart where I will speak.
 Integrity and justice
 With tenderness you shall know.
 Long have I waited
 For your coming home to me
 And living deeply our new life.
- You shall sleep secure with peace;
 Faithfulness will be your joy.
 Long have I waited
 For your coming home to me
 And living deeply our new life.

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Closing

These Forty Days of Lent

- These forty days of Lent, O Lord, With you we fast and pray; Teach us to discipline our wills And follow, Lord, your way.
- As thirst and hunger you have known, So teach us, gracious Lord, To die to self and only live By your most holy word.

Vs. 1 Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997; Vs. 2 Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838-1898; WLP Used with permission A702646; The Whole Book of Psalmes, London, 1562

Communion

On Eagle's Wings

 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, Who abide in his shadow for life, Say to the Lord: "My refuge, My rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the sun, And hold you in the palm of his hand.

- The snare of the fowler will never capture you, And famine will bring you no fear; Under his wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield.
- You need not fear the terror of the night, Nor the arrow that flies by day; Though thousands fall about you, Near you it shall not come.
- 4. For to his angels he's given a command To guard you in all of your ways; Upon their hands they will bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

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We have a choice, don't we?

We can live in the past. We can look forward.

Or we can live now.

Because we can't change what's happened.

We can't predict the future.

None of us knows what's around the corner.

That's the truth of it.

All we can do is keep a long view - hold a steady course.

You're just going to get on with it.

That's all you need to say.

Grantchester Vicar Sidney Chambers



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.

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Baptisms - Please call the parish office to schedule a baptism.

Becoming a Member of Holy Family Parish - Fill out a Census Form at the parish office or download it under FORMS at www.holyfamilymiddletown.com. Drop your completed form in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office.

Becoming Catholic - Please call the parish office to find out more about the RCIA process.

Bulletin Deadline - Submit announcements in hard copy or to monica@holyfamilymiddletown.com 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 - Due to the coronavirus, the 10:30 AM Mass Nursery is temporarily closed.

Parish Religious Education Program - Due to the coronavirus, Sunday Preschool is canceled and Monday K-8th Grade have an in home program. Contact Dee Golembiewski, DRE, with questions.

St. John XXIII Catholic School - Parish school for Preschool - 8th Grade - www.stjohn23school.org.



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