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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 This Mass Live Streamed ADORATION POSTPONED

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

Second Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2021

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
February 28th

Anointing of Catechumens during 10:30 Mass

Gospel of the Transfiguration 11:30 AM St. John Undercroft

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

Pope FRANCIS





- ✓ Fast from HURTING WORDS and say KIND WORDS.
- ✓ Fast from SADNESS and be filled with GRATITUDE.
- ✓ Fast from ANGER and be filled with PATIENCE.
- ✓ Fast from PESSIMISM and be filled with HOPE.
- ✓ Fast from WORRIES and TRUST IN GOD.
- ✓ Fast from COMPLAINTS and contemplate SIMPLICITY.
- ✓ Fast from PRESSURES and be PRAYERFUL.
- ✓ Fast from BITTERNESS and fill your heart with JOY.
- ✓ Fast from SELFISHNESS and be COMPASSIONATE to others.
- ✓ Fast from GRUDGES and be RECONCILED.
- ✓ Fast from WORDS and be SILENT so you can listen.

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Annual Lenten Fish Fry Fridays



5 to 8 PM Fridays in Lent

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Stations of the Cross & Benediction Fridays in Lent

7 PM Holy Trinity Church

Personal Care Items February Collection for Hope House Missions
Thanks to everyone for the incredible response to this special one-month
collection! We delivered 18+ boxes of personal care items to the clients of the
Hope House Missions. THIS COLLECTION IS OVER - but - if you'd like to continue
to support HHM with your individual donations, please visit 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 27 and 28

4:30 PM Mass SJ Jack Wagner

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

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

10:30 AM Mass SJ Jerry Nardiello

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, March 1

6:00 PM Mass HT Marie Slezak

Tuesday, March 2

8:15 AM Mass SJ23 Patricia Purcell — *students / staff only!*

12:10 PM Mass HT Shirley McLaughlin - Birthday Rem.

Wednesday, March 3

12:10 PM Mass HT Beatty Family

Thursday, March 4

12:10 PM Mass HT Bob Weaver

Friday, March 5

8:00 AM Mass HT Joe Lyons - Anniversary Remembrance

Saturday, March 6

4:30 PM Mass SJ Bertha Murphy - Birthday Remembrance

Sunday, March 7 Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM Mass HT Andrea Accurso - Anniversary Rem.

10:30 AM Mass SJ Michael Rocco - Birthday Remembrance

Weekly Collections Stewardship

Sunday, February 21st \$15,613
Collection for Central & Eastern Europe Church \$1,428

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Educational Service

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Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: Dn 9:4b-10 / Lk 6:36-38

Tues: Is 1:10,16-20 / Mt 23:1-12 Wed: Jer 18:18-20 / Mt 20:17-28

Thurs: Jer 17:5-10 / Lk 16:19-31

Fri: Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a / Mt 21:33-46 Sat: Mi 7:14-15,18-20 / Lk 15:1-3,11-32

Sun: Ex 20:1-17 / 1 Cor 1:22-25 / Jn 2:13-25

Our Prayers and Sympathy are Extended

to the family and friends of Beverly Forsythe, who died February 14th and Irene Uleman, who died February 19th, and to Judy Prasek in the death of her sister, Rita Mackey, who died February 12th.

In Your Prayers Please Remember

Linda Weaver in Kettering Hospital this week.

Almsgiving Envelope in the March Envelopes Pack



In place of alms boxes this COVID year, we've opted for a special Almsgiving Envelope that will be included in the March packet. Donations will be sent to Sr. Sarah's clinic in Guatemala. Please make checks payable to Holy Family Parish. *Thank you!*

Introductions to Sunday Readings

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



First Reading - Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Events in today's reading took place approximately 1800 years before Christ. In that pagan culture, child sacrifice was common. That's why Abraham believed God wanted him to sacrifice his only son Isaac. Later generations constantly looked back to this event as an example of Abraham's great faith.

Second Reading - Romans 8:31b-34

Today's reading is part of a hymn that celebrates God's love and which concludes the eighth chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans. In our first reading, we heard how God spared Abraham's only son; in this passage we will hear how, out of love for us, God did *not* spare his only son.

Congratulations and welcome to these recently baptized children.



Emma Cheyenne Crawford and Natalie Maria Stuck, daughters of Ryan Stuck & Courtney Rochon Stuck



Ava Snow Tenkman, daughter of Christopher Tenkman & Mary Catherine Venturella Tenkman

Baptismal Preparation Class Wednesday, March 10th 7 PM St. John Undercroft



If you are expecting your first baby or want your first child baptized we ask that you attend a baptismal preparation class, held quarterly throughout the year. The next class is Wednesday, March 10th at 7:00 PM in the St. John Undercroft. Please call the office 422-0602 to register for this class. Social distancing and wearing facemasks will be observed.

How Much Do YOU Know About the Catholic Faith? Try this Special BAPTISM Quiz - Find the answers on the last page!

- 1. When we receive this Sacrament, we become members of the Church and members of Christ.
 - (a) Baptism
 - (b) Matrimony
 - (c) Anointing of the Sick
 - (d) Holy Orders
- 2. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of
 - (a) the desire to sin
 - (b) the ability to sin
 - (c) Original Sin
 - (d) the unforgivable
- 3. After telling Cornelius (a Roman soldier) about Jesus, Peter the Apostle his whole household.
 - (a) had dinner with
 - (b) visited
 - (c) blessed
 - (d) baptized

- 4. Through Baptism, we share in the of Christ.
 - (a) ordination
 - (b) priesthood
 - (c) litany
 - (d) holy waters
- 5. In the Sacrament of Baptism, _____ are chosen to help the newly baptized child or adult to live as a Christian.
 - (a) lay ministers
 - (b) godparents
 - (c) uncles and aunts
 - (d) spiritual guides
- 6. "No one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the $__$ "
 - (a) Word
 - (b) Spirit
 - (c) wine
 - (d) cup



Readings for Saturday and Sunday

First Reading - Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am!" he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you." When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the Lord's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am!" he answered. "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son. Again the Lord's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: "I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing — all this because you obeyed my command."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading - Romans 8:31b-34

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us, who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died — or, rather, was raised — who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel - Mark 9:2-10

The Lord be with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

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

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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!

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.



Scaffolding at St. John Church

After lighting was updated above the altar, painting and caulking the frames of the stained glass windows and replacing lighting there is the current project. Thank you for your patience with the scaffolding and thank you for your donations that help cover the costs of constant maintenance.

Hymns for Saturday and Sunday

Entrance

'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

- 'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
 Your glory fills the night;
 Your face and garments, like the sun,
 Shine with unborrowed light.
- 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Your beauty to behold, Where Moses and Elijah stand, Your messengers of old.
- Fulfiller of the past!
 Promise of things to be!
 We hail your body glorified,
 And our redemption see.

Lk 9:32-33; Joseph A. Robinson 1858-1933, alt.; Johann M. Speiss 1715-1772; Adapt. by William H. Havergal, 1793-1870

Closing

Glory and Praise to Our God

Refrain

Glory and praise to our God, Who alone gives light to our days. Many are the blessings he bears To those who trust in his ways.

 We, the daughters and sons of him Who built the valleys and plains, Praise the wonders our God has done In ev'ry heart that sings.

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Communion

Draw Near

Refrain

Draw near, draw near! Take the body of your Lord. Draw near, draw near! Drink the blood for you outpoured.

- Draw near and take the body of your Lord, And drink the holy blood for you outpoured: Saved by his body and his holy blood, With souls refreshed we give our thanks to God.
- 2. Christ, our Redeemer, God's eternal Son, Has by his cross and blood the vict'ry won: He gave his life for greatest and for least, Himself the off'ring and himself the Priest.
- Let us approach with faithful hearts sincere, And take the pledges of salvation here: Christ, who in this life all the saints defend, Gives all believers life that never ends.
- 4. With heav'nly bread makes those who hunger whole, Gives living waters to the thirsting soul: Judge of the nations, to whom all must bow, In this great feast of love is with us now.

7th century hymn, tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt. Steven R. Janco, Music, 1992 © WLP Used with Permission, A702646

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Answers to the Special Baptism Quiz

- 1. (a) When we are baptized, we are born into new life and become adoptive children of the Father, members of Christ, and temples of the Holy Spirit (see CCC, n. 1279).
- 2. (c) Baptism cleanses us from Original Sin and all personal sins (see General Catechetical Directory, n. 57).
- 3. (d) Peter baptized the people in the household of Cornelius even though they were Gentiles who didn't keep kosher or circumcise their male children (Acts 10). Early Christians saw this as a sign that the gospel was meant for everyone. It also showed that children, perhaps even infants, were baptized in the earliest years of the Church (CCC, n.1252).
- 4. (b) Through Baptism, a person "is incorporated into the Church, the Body of Christ, and made a sharer in the priesthood of Christ" (CCC, n. 1279).
- 5. (b) Godparents must be firm believers and able to support the new Catholic in his or her faith.
- 6. (b) Through Baptism, we become heirs to the kingdom; we are consecrated and made holy (see John 3:5).

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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.

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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