

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

HOLY THURSDAY PARISH DINNER AND LITURGY:

Please join with your fellow parishioners for a special evening of fellowship, food, and drink followed by our always wonderful Holy Thursday liturgy. We will be serving our traditional meal of pasta along with salad, desserts, wine, soft drinks, water and coffee. There is no charge for the meal, but free-will donations are always greatly appreciated. The Undercroft doors will open at 5:30 pm, and the meal will be served at 6:15 pm. The Holy Thursday liturgy will begin at 7:30 pm.

CHRISM MASS: The Most Reverend Roger J. Foys cordially invites you to the Chrism Liturgy on Tuesday, April 11, at 7 pm, at the Cathedral. The Chrism Mass is the only occasion when as many Catholics as possible celebrate the Eucharist together with their priests and representatives from every facet of Catholic life. We come together as one Church to celebrate the Eucharist. Please join us.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR HOLY WEEK:

Ministers are still needed for the Holy Week and Easter liturgies. If you are a liturgical minister, and are planning on attending any of the Triduum or Easter liturgies, please take a look at the sign-up sheets in the back of church on the credenza. Thank you.

APRIL LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Please check the Minister Schedule for the month of April on the credenza next to the Pietà statue in the church. Individuals can sign up there to fill in vacancies for Sundays in the month.

THE INTERNATIONAL MISSION NEEDS

COMMISSION: Thank you to all who have contributed to our Diocesan International Mission Needs Combined Collection. The humanitarian work of Catholic organizations brings the hope and love of Jesus to our suffering brothers and sisters throughout the world. Our parish family donated \$1,496. Your gifts will serve millions of men, women and children all over the world. Thank you for your generosity. If you haven't had the opportunity to make your gift, please drop your collection envelope in the offertory basket today or next weekend. You may also mail your gift to the parish or diocese.

EASTER FLOWERS:

Easter is Sunday, April 16. Today, there are envelopes in the pews to collect donations for Easter flowers for the altar. Please help us beautify our church.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday: 5:30 pm, doors open; 6:15 pm, dinner; 7:30 pm, Liturgy of the Lord's Last Supper. Eucharistic Adoration follows.

Good Friday: Noon, The Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday: 8:30 pm, Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday: 9:30 and 11:30 am Masses

40 Days for Life, the international program that encourages us to pray and fast for two 40-day periods a year, is heading into the second half of this spring session. The aim is to have at least two people praying outside Planned Parenthood on Auburn Avenue in Cincinnati from 7 am to 7 pm each day. The simple act of praying and offering some sacrifice has realized tremendous results: women have chosen not to have an abortion, abortion workers have decided to quit, facilities have been closed, hearts have been changed. Please call Carole Lonneman, 859-291-8935 or 859-479-6967 for more information and/or to arrange a visit.

TODAY ST. VINCENT de PAUL: During the past months, we have been able to help the sick, the poor, and the challenged with food, clothing, household items, rent, and utilities because of the generosity of your donations and support. You have been instrumental in helping people stay in their homes. On Sunday, April 2, St Vincent de Paul Society at Mother of God Parish will be collecting donations. Envelopes are in the pews, and we will collect your donations at the doors of church today. You make the good work St. Vincent de Paul possible, especially during the Lenten season of prayer, alms giving and sacrifice.

Congratulations to our newly married Pablo and Mayra (Guzman) Sidler. May you be blessed with much happiness!

Covington Latin School is proud to announce that Audrey Woodward and Adam Weckman, Mother of God parishioners, achieved First Honors for the third quarter. Congratulations!

Prince of Peace student and our parishioner, Carter Eckhardt, received 1st place in Art, 2nd place in Oratory, and 6th place in Social Studies in the Diocesan Academic Showcase. His parents Chad and Kellie are proud of him, and so are we!

SUNDAY COLLECTION	March 26, 2017
Envelopes	\$7,714.00
Loose	\$ 450.00
Online Giving	\$ 861.58 (2 wks.)
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$9,025.58

Congratulations to Leo and Laurel Greis on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Much happiness to you!

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 2

9:30 a.m. Mass – 50th Wedding Anniversary for
Laurel and Leo Greis –Congratulations!
St. Vincent de Paul Collection

Tuesday, April 4

6:30 p.m. Education Committee Mtg. (SAC)

Thursday, April 6

12:45 p.m. to 5 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 p.m. Social Concerns Mtg. (SAC)

Sunday, April 9 – Palm Sunday

DPAA: “Rise and do not be afraid.” (Matthew 17:7)
Throughout history, the DPAA has been able to continue to support the services, ministries, and programs that help so many throughout the Diocese. Your kindness and compassion to the appeal is a vital symbol of our unity in Christ as we reach out in faith to love one another in Jesus’ name. Support of this special appeal is also a meaningful way of expressing our gratitude to God for His many blessings. As Christian stewards, we are called to share the blessings we receive. Your loving response through both prayers and a financial gift has a great impact when done out of gratitude to the Lord. The DPAA is an eloquent expression of our love for God and our stewardship of His gifts. To date **73** households in our parish have given pledges totaling **\$39,665**. May God bless you for your generosity. If you haven’t made your gift, please do so today, or drop it in the offertory basket next weekend.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Bishop Foy encourages all the faithful to join him and the priests and deacons of the diocese for Solemn Vespers and Benediction for Divine Mercy Sunday at the Cathedral on Sunday, April 23, at 3 pm. Adoration will begin after 10 am Mass and continue until Vespers begin. Confessions will be heard before and during Vespers.

SILENT RETREAT: A silent directed retreat for women and men will be held the weekend of April 21-23, at St. Walburg Monastery Guest House. Private room for each retreatant and individual spiritual direction on all three days. Limited to 10 retreatants. Directors: Mary Jo Ruccio, Srs. Dorothy Schuette and Cathy Bauer. Fee: \$175. For information and sign up, contact Sr. Dorothy at dorothysosb@gmail.com. St. Walburg Monastery is located at 2500 Amsterdam Road, Villa Hills, KY 41017.

ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY FESTIVAL: Spring is finally here, and soon it will be time for spring cleaning! The Sisters of Notre Dame are in need of new and gently used items for their 95th Annual 4th of July Festival. This is a big celebration year for us! We are looking for services, sports items, jewelry, gift certificates, antiques, and anything you can think of. Re-gift to the sisters. If you have items that you would like to donate, please call Margie at 859-392-8229 or email mschnelle@sndky.org. Items can be dropped off during the day at 1601 Dixie Hwy. in Park Hills, or arrangements can be made for pickup. Thank you.

LATIN SCHOOL OFFERS EXPLOREMORE! an enrichment program for bright kids in grades K-12, in its summer program June 5-June 9. Visit exploremore.rocks for more information.

HYMNS FOR 9:30 A.M. MASS

Processional Hymn: #665 “Gather Us In”
Responsorial Psalm: “With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.”
Psalm 130
Offertory Hymn: #433 “When I Survey the
Wondrous Cross”
Communion Hymn: #738 “I Am the Bread of Life”
Recessional: #607 “I Heard the Voice of
Jesus Say”

SCRIPTURE FOR APRIL 2, 2017: Ezekiel 37: 12-14;
Psalm 130; Romans 8 : 8-11; John 11:1-45

MASS INTENTIONS

Apr. 2 9:30 a.m. Leo & Laurel Greis
50th Wedding Anniversary
11:30 a.m. Chuck Legner
Apr. 3 12:05 p.m. Bruce Haake
Apr. 4 12:05 p.m. Connie Rowland
Apr. 5 12:05 p.m. No Mass
Apr. 6 12:05 p.m. Barbara Schulte
Apr. 7 12:05 p.m. Tony & Mary Wirtz
Apr. 8 12:05 p.m. Sally Glockner
Apr. 9 9:30 a.m. Mike Holliday
11:30 a.m. Maury Price

LET US PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Les Miley	Hannah Donoghue
Tom Heidrich	Dan Ries
Jerry Bergfeld, Jr.	Beth Redwine
Mary Estelle Roesel	John Bowling
Rose Sketch	Bernie Ralenkotter
Richard Kerns	Susan Hodge
Darius Sheffield	Trudy Koehling
Pam Neal	Ralph Kunkemoeller
Robert Gander	Margie Huesman
Shirley Hensley	Barry Price
Michael Carlson	Nancy Groeschen
Father Ralph Hartman	Robert Schroeder
Greg Scanlon	