

**APRIL 7, 2019**  
**5th SUNDAY OF LENT**

**FROM THE PASTOR**

**DIOCESAN PARISH ANNUAL APPEAL**

Thank you to all who have already pledged or have contributed to the Diocesan Parish Annual Appeal. We are still waiting to get solid numbers for some have pledged through the parish and others have done so through the diocese.

All money that comes in above the parish goal (\$45,900) comes back to the parish and is not subject to taxation by the diocese. One project that we would like to do this year is to add TVs in the parish hall that will allow us to do various education programs, as well as other types of social events (perhaps a Derby party, Super Bowl party, etc.). This project has been approved by the Finance Council and work on it will begin shortly.

If you have suggestions or ideas about some things that can be done around the parish that we can use the DPAA rebates for, please let me know.

**PARISH KITCHEN NEWS**

The following announcement was made last Friday, March 29, by Catholic Charities concerning the future of Parish Kitchen:

*To be loved and to be fed are the two most basic needs that we all share. At the Parish Kitchen, men and women find both—a hot meal and a loving friend. That mission and ministry will continue, uninterrupted, as we move the Parish Kitchen to its new location that we acquired today on the corner of 16th and Madison Avenue in Covington. The move is expected sometime later this year. The new location puts the Parish Kitchen in closer proximity to other government and social agencies—including Health Point, Kentucky Career Center, Life Learning Center and Rose Garden Mission—that could offer invaluable services to our guests. Together, at the new location, the Parish Kitchen will better serve the men and women who are in need of a hot meal and a warm heart.*

Mother of God Church, under the leadership of Father William Mertes, was instrumental in forming the Parish Kitchen. In fact, the “Parish” in “Parish Kitchen,” is Mother of God Parish, although we no longer are in charge of its operations. Some of the members of our parish still act as volunteers at the Kitchen and have a significant vested interest in its future. Some, I know, will be happy about the move, and others will not be so happy about the move.

Let us all try to offer the Parish Kitchen the support and assistance that it needs.

**UNPLANNED**

A new Pro-Life movie, entitled *Unplanned*, is showing in theaters. I have not seen the movie, although I plan to see it this week. The reviews from pro-life people have been very, very positive. And, surprisingly, it is getting a great audience turnout. Even so, it will probably not be in the theaters for very long, so I encourage you to see it as soon as possible.

*Unplanned* is the true story of Abby Johnson, who was one of the youngest directors of a Planned Parenthood clinic in the country. Through her position, she enabled over 20,000 abortions but had never participated in one. One day she was asked to assist in an ultrasound-guided abortion on a woman who was 13 weeks into her pregnancy. When she actually saw the baby in the womb, by means of the ultrasound, she was shocked and horrified, realizing that this really was a child. She immediately quit her job and walked down the street to become part of the Coalition of Life.

It is rare that a pro-life message gets this kind of profile, and it is important to support it, so that perhaps we will see more movies that promote the dignity of the human person.

**DEACON ORDINATION**

Next Saturday, April 13, Jordan Hainsley will be ordained a deacon. Next year he will be ordained a priest for our diocese. The deacon ordination will take place at 10 am at the Cathedral. All in the diocese are invited to attend.

There are two types of deacons within the Church. They are referred to as either permanent deacons or transitional deacons. Permanent deacons, like Deacon Tom Dushney, are called to the ministry of deacon itself. This is primarily a ministry of service as well as liturgical ministry. Some of them are married and have a secular career, although some will begin working full time within the Church.

Transitional deacons, such as Mr. Hainsley will receive, is one of the steps a man must go through in order to be ordained as a priest. There are three stages of priesthood—deacons, priests, and bishops. This "deacon year" is a time of preparation for ordination to the priesthood.

Please pray for Jordan as he enters into this new life of ministry to the People of God.

**NO SATURDAY CONFESSIONS AND MASS**

Because of the deacon ordination next Saturday, we will not have our regular 11 am Confessions or 12:05 pm Mass that day.

**FIRST CONFESSION**

This Tuesday, April 9, we will celebrate First Reconciliation with youngsters from the parish. This is an important moment in their spiritual journey, as they encounter Christ in this healing sacrament. It is also an

important step in their preparation to receive their First Holy Communion in May. Let us keep these young Catholics in our prayers.

### INVITE A FRIEND TO EASTER MASS

Who will you invite to join you for the Easter Mass this year? Is there a family member, or a friend or neighbor, who you know has not been attending Mass regularly? Or who is not Catholic at all, and is not involved in any faith community? Consider inviting them to attend Mass with you on Easter morning. Who knows? They may keep coming.

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Next Sunday, April 14, is Palm/Passion Sunday which begins Holy Week. This is the most sacred time in our Church's year, in which we not only recall the saving events of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection, but we are actually "plunged" into those events. As the Jewish people believe that they take part in the Exodus event with Moses and their ancestors who had been slaves in Egypt through the annual celebration of the Passover, so we take actual part in the events of Jesus' Holy Week through the Sacred Triduum.

Please plan to attend as much of the Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday), as possible. These are the most beautiful liturgies that the Church celebrates.

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Sunday, April 14 Palm/Passion Sunday**

9:30 am and 11:30 am Mass

**Tuesday, April 16 Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption**

7 pm Chrism Mass

**Thursday, April 18 Holy Thursday**

5:30 pm Holy Thursday Dinner

7 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Friday, April 19 Good Friday**

12:05 pm The Passion of the Lord

1 pm Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, April 20 Holy Saturday**

9:30 am Practice for the Easter Vigil

11 am Confessions

8:30 pm Easter Vigil

**Sunday, April 21 Easter Sunday**

9:30 am and 11:30 am Easter Mass

### PARISH NEWS

*We extend our sincere sympathy to Dutch Dickman and his family on the loss of his wife, Louise. The whole parish will miss Louise, and we pray for her eternal rest. God bless you, Dutch.*

**VIRTUS:** April bulletin posted April 7 and due May 7

**HOSPITALITY MEETING AND POTLUCK:** If you are involved in parish hospitality, or wish to be, please join us on Monday, May 6, at 6 pm, in the parish hall for a potluck and organizational meeting. BBQ will be provided. If you wish, bring a small side, salad or dessert, or just come! Please direct RSVP and any questions to Cindy Hassan ([chassan@fuse.net](mailto:chassan@fuse.net)) or Mary Ann Kelly ([kellymaryg@fuse.net](mailto:kellymaryg@fuse.net)). \*Please note that this is a new date, rescheduled from the original April 1 date.

### INTERNET SCAM

A few people have received an email from someone claiming to be me, asking them for eBay gift cards for some women going through cancer at the hospital. That request is not coming from me. I would never ask anyone for money by email or Facebook or any other social media. Another message is: I need a favor from you. Text me back as soon as possible.

This scam uses a made up [email-fathermichaelcomer.pastor@gmail.com](mailto:email-fathermichaelcomer.pastor@gmail.com). My real email is [mcomer@mother-of-god.org](mailto:mcomer@mother-of-god.org). Anything coming from any other email claiming to be me is fake.

I hate that we live in a world where we have to be so suspicious and so cautious, but unfortunately, that is the way it is.

I hope that none of you have been scammed by this.

*Father Comer*

### HOLY THURSDAY DINNER AND LITURGY:

Please join us on Holy Thursday for our annual dinner and Mass of the Lord's Supper. The hall will open at 5 pm, a pasta dinner will be served at 5:30, and Mass will begin at 7 pm. Cost is \$5 per person, \$10 per family. Donations of wine and soft drinks for the evening are gladly accepted and can be dropped off to the kitchen in the parish hall. Desserts to share are always welcomed as well. Hope to see you there!

**NOTICE:** Save the date: The annual Mother of God Spring Wildflower Hike at Highland Cemetery will be on Palm Sunday, April 14. More information later.

### TICKETS FOR THE EMMET CAHILL CONCERT

are on sale after both Sunday Masses in the back of church. The concert is slated for Wednesday, April 24, here at Mother of God. Tickets for the meet-and-greet (starting at 6 pm), plus the concert (7:30 pm), are \$45. Tickets for the concert only are \$30. You can also purchase them online at [www.emmetcahill.com](http://www.emmetcahill.com). The Contemporary Ensemble will be performing before the concert, starting at 7:10 pm.

### NORTHERN KENTON COUNTY DEANERY

**PENANCE SERVICE** Thursday, April 11, at 7 pm at St. Pius X Church in Edgewood, KY.

<b>SUNDAY COLLECTION</b>	<b>3-31-19</b>
Envelopes	\$5,637.00
Loose	\$ 549.00
Online Giving	\$ 327.98
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$6,513.98</b>

**One Time Gift: \$5,000.00**

## DIOCESAN NEWS

### INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS NEEDS

**COLLECTION:** 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 \$1,802. 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.

### CINCINNATI CATHOLIC MEN'S

**CONFERENCE:** ATTENTION men, fathers and sons! The Cincinnati Catholic Men's Conference is Saturday, June 15, at St. Maximillian Kolbe Parish. Get your ticket today for a faith-filled half-day where men from all over the Tri-state will enjoy Catholic inspiration and spiritual growth. Speakers include Super Bowl champ Matt Birk, Cooking Priest Fr. Leo Patalinghug and New York Mets coach Rich Donnelly. Get complete information on the conference and purchase tickets at [www.CincinnatiMensConference.com](http://www.CincinnatiMensConference.com)

**LENTEN HEALING HARP CONCERT** Saturday, April 13, from 3-4 pm, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 5876 Veterans Way, Burlington, KY. Performed by Dr. Diane Schneider, Catholic therapist and theologian. Visit [www.harpofofhope.com](http://www.harpofofhope.com) for more information.

**COVINGTON LATIN SCHOOL** invites all bright and motivated students in grades 5-7 to attend their final entrance exam of the year on April 13 at 9 am. To learn more about the unique educational opportunities at Covington Latin School.

### HYMNS FOR 9:30 AM MASS

205	God, We Praise You
Response	The Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with joy.
396	Be Thou My Vision
355	Seed, Scattered and Sown
487	Faith of Our Fathers

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, April 7

Fair Trade Coffee Sale between the Masses 10:30 to 11:30 am (Hall)

### Monday, April 8

7:30 pm Knights of St. John Mtg. (Hall)

### Tuesday, April 9

5 pm First Confession for Children

### Thursday, April 11

11 am and 6:30 pm Bible Study (Church)

1 pm Parish on the Same Page (Hall)

### Sunday, April 14 -- PALM SUNDAY

## MASS INTENTIONS

April 7	9:30 am	Tom Heidrich
	11:30 am	Chuck Legner
April 8	12:05 pm	William Reilly, Jr.
April 9	12:05 pm	Ken Hoxby
April 10	No Mass	
April 11	12:05 pm	Robert David Byrnes
April 12	12:05 pm	Michael Holliday
April 13	12:05 pm	Mary Margaret Tenkotte
April 14	9:30 am	Lois Hardin
	11:30 am	Ed Hunkemoeller

**SCRIPTURE FOR APRIL 7, 2019:** Isaiah 43: 16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11.

## LET US PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Les Miley	Hannah Donoghue
Ralph Kunkemoeller	Margie Huesman
Shirley Hensley	Tom Donoghue
Fr. Ray Hartman	Jill Felix
Fr. Ralph Hartman	Greg Scanlon
Kelly Bowman	Nancy Salzer
Robert Shircliff	Connie Gillum
Ed Salzer	Christy Egan
Rachel Hub	Jack Kearns
Pat Wiedemann	Richard Kearns
Marie Braun	Mary Lou Wilson
Joy Rolfsen	Jim White
Trudy Koehling	William Fredie
Carolyn James	Special Intention
Paula Schwarte	Bessie Plymesser
Baby Gunther	Vicki Brunner
Rita & Ron Hopper	Debbie Bartlett
Rose Manning	Marcie Arnett
Joyce Mesler	Jerry Gibson
Special Intention (2)	Archie Williams
Michael Carter	Jim Timon
Hattie Grace Sutter	