

ST. JOSEPH & MOST PURE HEART OF MARY PARISHES

April 3, 2016

Divine Mercy Sunday



My Dear Friends of St. Joseph and Most Pure Heart of Mary Parishes,

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable Easter celebration. Remember, the Easter season continues for many more weeks until we celebrate Pentecost.

I was overjoyed at the beauty of all of our worship services; especially last weekend. Both churches were smartly decorated. The aroma of the flowers reminded me of the beauty of new life this time of year. The music was heartwarming. We have great choirs and musicians! And, of course, our new Catholics really energized me spiritually. Thank you for your commitment to our communal, spiritual journey as 21st century Roman Catholics.

I pray that your Lenten resolutions have helped each of you to grow closer to Our Lord. This weekend is Mercy Sunday. Jesus was merciful with Thomas and his doubting. Let's be just as merciful with one another when dealing with difficult situations.

Have a blessed second week of Easter!

– Fr. Jim



MOST PURE HEART OF MARY is sponsoring an interfaith series of three lectures/discussions on Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si - On Care for our Common Home* April 3, April 10, & April 17 4:00-5:30 p.m. each Sunday
Parish Center - Lower level meeting room
Explore the nature of an Encyclical and how this topic touches everyone.



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

This Sunday, April 3rd we will have a regularly scheduled SLAM from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the youth room.

Youth Praise Team practices this Wednesday, April 6th from 6:00-6:45 p.m. in the church!

All 7th grade-college seniors are welcome!

Deeper continues this Wednesday, April 6th from 7-8:30 p.m. in the youth room for high schoolers! Bring some quarters for goodies! The youth room will be open for all 7th-12th graders from 8:30-9:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 10th join us for a tough topic. Mental Health is just as important as physical health....and yet the stigma remains. SLAM members--discover more about anxiety, depression, addictions, cutting, suicide and more as clinical counselor Mark Seitz tackles your toughest questions from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. All are welcome!



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: On April 3 the Sorrowful Mother Shrine (4106 State Route 269, 6 miles south of Bellevue) will have 2:30 p.m. Divine Mercy devotions with Eucharistic Adoration. Weather permitting they will Process, with the Blessed Sacrament to the Lourdes/St. Faustina area while singing the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. When they are back to the Chapel they will begin Benediction and Blessing with the Relic of the True Cross. Confessions will be held throughout the day. The Gift Shop and the Cafeteria will be open.

Sponsor of the Week

Buckeye

CHRYSLER-JEEP-DODGE

419-347-5222

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Mondays 10:00 a.m.

for the upcoming weekend.

Anything received after this time will be in the following bulletin. Watch for special deadlines during the holidays.

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Liturgical Calendar

Monday, April 4 -- The Annunciation of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Communion at MPHM (Parish Office)
Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Psalm 40:7-11; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday, April 5

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church

9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Communion at MPHM (Parish Office)
Acts 4:32-37; Psalm 93:1-2,5; John 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 6

9:00 a.m. Mass at MPHM Church
Prayers for Eileen Huggins
Acts 5:17-26; Psalm 34:2-9; John 3:16-21

Thursday, April 7 -- Memorial of St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest

9:00 a.m. Mass at MPHM (Parish Office)
Prayers for John & Helen Yetzer & Family

6:00 p.m. Holy Hour (church)
Acts 5:27-33; Psalm 34:2,9,17-20; John 3:31-36

Friday, April 8

9:00 a.m. Mass at MPHM (Parish Office)
Prayers for Gaylee & Steve Korbas
Acts 5:34-42; Psalm 27:1,4,13-14; John 6:1-15

Saturday, April 9

5:00 p.m. Mass at MPHM Church
Prayers for Howard & Mary Biglin, Ed Derowski
Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 33:1-2,4-5,18-19; John 6:16-21

Sunday, April 10

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church
Prayers for Edmond Schira

10:30 a.m. Mass at MPHM Church
Prayers for Sue Athy, Eleanor & Kenneth Takos
Acts 5:27-32,40b-41; Psalm 30:2,4-6,11-13; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19



New Sunday TV Mass for the Homebound Begins today!

TV Mass for the homebound will be on WMNT channel 48 at 9:00 a.m. every Sunday, beginning today. On WTOL channel 11, the Mass will be at 5:00 a.m. Please share the time and channel information with friends or family members who are unable to get to church because of age, illness, or other struggles.

NEW SUNDAY TV MASS

WMNT channel 48 at 9:00 a.m.
WTOL (CBS) channel 11 at 5:00 a.m.

Cable and Satellite Channels
WMNT at 9:00 a.m.
AT&T U-verse ch. 10
Buckeye CableSystem ch. 58

WTOL (CBS) at 5:00 a.m.
AT&T U-verse ch. 11, 1011
Buckeye CableSystem ch. 11, 611
DirecTV ch. 11
Dish Network ch. 11

Prayer intentions from viewers, uplifting homilies, a Prayer for Spiritual Communion during distribution of the Holy Eucharist, and closed-captioning make Heart of the Nation's My Sunday Mass on TV and online a time of spiritual comfort and hope. To watch the Mass online, please visit www.heartofthenation.org.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB: The next luncheon will be Wednesday, April 13th at 12:00 noon. It will be held at the Road House Brown Derby, 3985 Park Avenue West, Mansfield. All Catholic women in our Deanery are invited to attend. If you are new, we encourage you to join us and to know the Catholic women in our area. You may call Rosalie Cusic at 419-756-4604 or Sharon Houseworth at 419-347-1631 to make your reservation. Please call before April 8th for reservations.

TODAY'S PRAYER WITH THE POPE

Lord Jesus Christ, you were always filled with compassion for your people, particularly those with pain and hurt in their lives. Help me to have such a compassionate heart as yours. Let me not be consumed by my own worries and preoccupations, but be alive to your presence in everyone.



MONTHLY BREAKFAST: The Bismark Senior/Community Center, 5582 Bismark Road, Bellevue will be having our monthly breakfast from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 10. We will be serving ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, homefries, sausage gravy and biscuits, pancakes and waffles. There will also be a 50/50 drawing and donations will be accepted for the Food Bank. This will be our last breakfast til October, so come out and enjoy!!

St. Joseph's Parish News

April 3, 2016

Divine Mercy Sunday

Sacraments

BAPTISM: Contact Deacon Fred 1 month in advance.

RECONCILIATION: Sunday before Mass, 7:30 a.m.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Notify Deacon Fred or Fr. Jim to arrange.

COMMUNION: Contact Deacon Fred to be placed on the home bound lists.

MARRIAGE: Please notify either Deacon Fred or Fr. Jim 6 months in advance.

R.C.I.A.: Interested in the Catholic Faith? Contact the Parish office or Deacon Fred.

MASS STIPENDS: St. Joseph's always accepts Masses for the deceased and special intentions. Please call Sharon on Tuesdays between 9:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. to schedule your Masses.



Sunday, April 10 -- 8:30 a.m.

- Greeter:** Louis Lynch
Eucharist: Alana Sigg, Joe Runkle
Servers: Sara Heydinger, Elizabeth Heydinger,
Doug Reer
Lector: Ivy Smith
Ushers: Henry Phillips, Ed Kanney
Music: St. Joseph Choir
Collection Counters: Ed Kanney, Bob Riedlinger



- ✠ Thurs., Mar. 31st-Apr. 12th, Deacon Fred on vacation call Shelby in case of an emergency.
- ✠ Sun., Apr. 10th, A & R Meeting following Mass at St. Joseph.
- ✠ Tues., Apr. 19th, Finance (only) Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Fr. Conces Hall
- ✠ Sat., Apr. 23rd, Fr. Jim's 30th Year of Ordination Combined Parish Celebration, St. Mary's School McFadden Hall, following 5:00 p.m. Mass.
- ✠ Sun., May 1st Roger & Carolyn Carnahan 60th Renewal of Wedding Vows
- ✠ Sat., May 7th, 9:00 a.m. annual grounds clean-up & maintenance
- ✠ Sun., May 8th, A & R Meeting following Mass in hall
- ✠ Tues., May 17th, Pastoral Council (only) Meeting

FINANCIAL REPORT

March 20

Sunday Offering.....	\$ 1,788.00
Maintenance.....	\$ 5.00
Easter.....	\$ 20.00
Holy Land.....	\$ 10.00
Weekly Budget Needed	
For Year 2015/16 \$1,500.....	\$ 288.00
Year Over/Under Budget.....	-\$ 2,978.87

Attendance: 140

March 27 -- Easter

Sunday Offering.....	\$ 360.00
Easter.....	\$ 2,035.00
Holy Land.....	\$ 120.00
Weekly Budget Needed	
For Year 2015/16 \$1,500.....	-\$ 1,140.00
Year Over/Under Budget.....	-\$ 4,118.87

Attendance: 245

Greeters, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, Lector and Ushers are reminded to sign in at the sacristy prior to Mass to insure that we have all positions covered. Eucharistic ministers are reminded as well to clean vessels following Mass.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Camden Bond, Rita Floro, Elizabeth Smith,
Rebecca McKeehen, Edward Phillips



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BAPTISM: Call the Parish Office to set up an appointment.

RECONCILIATION: 3:45-4:30 p.m. Saturdays, anytime by request.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Available on request. Call the Parish Office/Rectory at 419-347-2381. Same for visitation of the sick.

COMMUNION: Contact the Pastoral Associate to be placed on the home bound lists.

MARRIAGE: Arrange with a priest or deacon at least 6 months in advance.

R.C.I.A.: Persons wishing to inquire about and/or joining the Catholic Church, call Parish Office.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: New parishioners--WELCOME. Please call the Parish Office to register. When changing address, please notify the Parish Office.



Saturday, April 9, 5:00 p.m. Mass

Lector: Lois Steele
Servers: Faith Gosser, Gloria & Julia Gutchall
Eucharistic: Mike & Christi Smith, Don & Laurie Metzger, Vincent Studer, Dave Yetzer
Ushers: Don & Will Metzger, Frank Hicks, Reed Castor
Greeters: Craig & Janet Studer, Chad & Liz Hicks
Music: Joy

Sunday, April 10, 10:30 a.m. Mass

Lector: Deanie Kehres
Servers: Ethan Eidt, Alex Bruskotter, Zeb Finnegan
Eucharist: Angela Yetzer, Theresa Fitch, Mary Fike, Bill Houseworth, Glenda Friebel, Julie Friebel, Todd Kehres
Ushers: Bobby Evans, Dave Walsh, Michael Caporini, Sam Logan
Greeters: Ann Hemmerly, Clem & Kathy Kanney, Volunteer
Music: Adult Choir

Collection Counters: Toni Anspach, Dick & Sue Kirkendall

JOIN THE TEAM OF FIRST FRIDAY ADORERS:



We are looking for people to spend time with the Lord during the First Friday hours of adoration. Contact Barb Pifher or the parish office to enrich your prayer life.

Biblical Reason For Wanting To Spend One Hour With Jesus In The Blessed Sacrament: For Peace in our country! "When My people humble themselves and seek My Presence... I will revive their land." (2Chr 7:14)

CALENDAR of Events

Monday, April 4

9:45 a.m. Bible Study--Lower Level
6:30 p.m. Bible Study--Lower Level

Tuesday, April 5

6:00 p.m. PTO Meeting--School Theology Room

Wednesday, April 6

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl--Lower Level
5:30 p.m. Religious Ed. Grades 1-6--School
6:00 p.m. Youth Praise Team--Church
7:00 p.m. Religious Ed. Grades 7 & 8--School Theology Room
7:00 p.m. DEEPER
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir--Church

Thursday, April 6

7:00 p.m. Disciples of Song--Church

Sunday, April 10

7:00 p.m. SLAM--Youth Room



War Room Bible Study begins April 4th at 9:45 a.m. and again in the evening at 6:30 p.m. Lessons are approximately 1 hr. and there are five lessons. Thanks to all who signed up.

Our next Bible study will be "Be Merciful". Reflections on the Spiritual & Corporal Works of Mercy. Watch bulletin for dates, times and cost.

--Barb Pifher

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Congratulations and welcome to Sawyer Jay Sherk who was baptized on Easter Sunday. Sawyer is the son of Scott and Sarah Weichman Sherk.



PARISH OFFICE SEEKING BOOKKEEPER: The parish office has an opening for a part time bookkeeper to assist the Business Manager. Must have accounting skills, and knowledge in Excel and accounting software preferably Quickbooks. Resumes may be dropped off at the parish office. Please contact Fr. Jim or Barb Studer for more information at 419-347-2381.



CHRISTIAN MOVIE NIGHT: The movie this month is *Faustina-The Apostle of Divine Mercy*.

This award-winning movie is a beautiful representation of the mystical life of St. Maria Faustina, who became the "Apostle of Divine Mercy". It tells the story of her mystical experience as a nun living in a convent in Poland in the early 20th century. It is to her that Jesus appeared and commanded that she be his instrument for promoting devotion to his Divine Mercy, and that the Feast of Divine Mercy be established and celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. You can view this movie on Thursday, April 14th at 10:00 a.m. or on Sunday evening, April 24th at 4:00 p.m. Popcorn will be provided. Please bring your favorite drink.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jodi McLaughlin, Steven Curry, Stephen Riley, Nadine Studer, David Hornung, Raymond Shaw, Angela Swackhammer, Lauren Schroeder, David Seitz, Kerry Shaughnesy, Heather Kemle, Phyllis Fort, Richard Greene, Nicole Fortman, Shawn Westmeister, Ziumara Diaz, Devon Murray, Brayden Burkhalter, Gavin Lamb, Mary Herman, Jennifer Carr, Kristen Durkin, Margaret Karl, Michael Biglin, James Carroll, Joshua Ensman, JoAnn Bishop, John Roth, Lisa Hiler, Stephanie Metzger, Judith Dull, Aaron Bueno, Denise Donnersbach, Romney Gregory, Reagan McCoy.



ALTAR & ROSARY MEETING: Tuesday, April 19, 7:00 p.m.; theme - "Cherry Blossoms". Members, have any of you visited Washington, DC, to see the beautiful cherry blossoms? Peak season this year is March 20-April 17. If you have pictures, please bring them to the meeting to share!

2016 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL DIOCESE OF TOLEDO

to meet the needs of our local church

The 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign is underway. The campaign goal is \$2,800,000. Our parish has currently pledged \$16,070.00 toward our goal of \$25,000.00.

We can assure the continued existence of many important programs that help tens of thousands in our Diocese each year; education of our seminary students, care of the sick and needy are among them. Please respond generously when you are asked to make your pledge. For more information, visit the Diocesan website at www.toledodiocese.org/page/finance#_annual_catholic_appeal_aca.



Sunday Collections March 19 & 20, 2016:

Offertory	\$	8,647.00
Religious Education	\$	10.00
Children's	\$	8.00

Holy Days:

Easter	\$	425.00
Holy Land & Good Friday	\$	55.00

TOTAL SUNDAY AND HOLY DAY COLLECTIONS \$ 9,145.00 up \$2,918.00 from 2014/2015

Total Sunday and Holy Day Collections to Date \$ 368,570.65 up \$274.00 from 2014/2015

Other Parish Collections:

Capital Improvement \$ 5.00

Youth Ministry \$ 84.00

Our Parish School News

Here are some upcoming dates to remember:

- 4/24 Blessing Cup Meal--(RSVP) for children making their 1st Communion
- 4/29 Spring Fling--Adults Only--5:30 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
- 4/30 May Crowning--5:00 p.m. Mass
- 5/1 First Communion--10:30 a.m. Mass



Recycle Weekend

The recycling bins will be here April 8, 9 & 10. Bring your aluminum cans, paper and #1 & #2 plastics to the bins in church parking lot.

2015-16 Excel Beyond the Basics School Fund Drive Our Goal \$67,500

Collected Mar. 19 & 20	\$ 1,580.00
Total Collected for 2015-16 Fund Drive	\$ 56,659.40
Pledged to Date	\$ 63,129.90

We're \$4,370.10 away from meeting our pledged goal for 2015/2016 school year.

Reflections on the Readings

Second Sunday of Easter taken from St. Joseph Sunday Missal.

First Reading--Acts 5:12-16

Signs accompanied the early Church's preaching. They indicated clearly what the impending kingdom of God was all about, namely, the defeat of evil, the healing wounds, and the advent of salvation. People held the early Church in great esteem. Can your community have a great esteem for your congregation? What does your congregation stand for?

Start by showing what Christianity really means in your conduct, and make creative suggestions wherever feasible! "Let the house of Israel (the Church-your congregation-you) say, 'His God's mercy endures forever'".

Second Reading--Book of Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Addressing seven local churches in Asia Minor, John uses the apocalyptic language of vision.

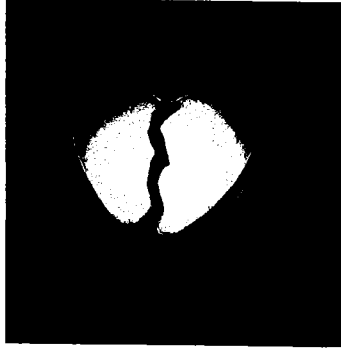
Since the Second Reading for the next six Sundays will be taken from the Book of Revelation (or the Apocalypse), we should keep in mind the very esoteric literary form in which this book is written and take special pains to uncover the true meaning underlying it. In the center of his vision, the author describes the Son of Man, Jesus Christ, who shares power with God.

Gospel--John 20:19-31

By relating the well-known tradition concerning the unbelieving Thomas, the writer of John indicates that even seeing, as Thomas did, is no guarantee of faith. Faith comes by hearing the word of the risen Lord who addresses Thomas personally. Christianity knows the golden rule: faith comes from hearing. It is God, personally addressing you in an "I-Thou" situation.

This intangible situation can never be fully explained, just as we cannot explain what exactly happens when someone falls in love! Respond when the Lord says "Shalom -peace" to you in any situation of your life and keep that faith alive!

-- Submitted by Barb Pifher



Grief: The Price We Pay For Love

Grief is a NATURAL and NORMAL reaction to loss...loss of any kind. It is a physical, emotional, spiritual and psychological response. The death of a loved one is perhaps the most devastating loss one may experience. Yet, grief occurs following any change in our lives. Even positive changes can bring a momentary grief response.

Grief is a complex process, guided by our past experiences, our religious beliefs, our socio-economic situation, our physical health and the cause of the loss. Love, anger, fear, frustration, loneliness, and guilt are all part of grief. It is important to understand that grief is NOT a sign of weakness or lack of faith. **GRIEF IS THE PRICE WE PAY FOR LOVE.**

Grieving may cause physical and behavioral changes such as sleep irregularities, changes in appetite, gastro-intestinal disturbances, heart ache, restlessness, spontaneous crying, irritability, sighing, muscle tension or memory loss.

Anger and guilt are common emotions. You feel angry with God, your spouse, your children or with others, either involved or totally separate from the death. You may be angry with yourself. Guilt feelings often accompany or follow anger. You may withdraw and be left alone.

Depression and feelings of emptiness or hollowness may temporarily overcome you. You may experience headaches, tightness in the throat or chest, muscle aches, or a burning sensation in your stomach. Grief hurts! You may "see" or sense your deceased loved one's presence. You begin to wonder if you are going crazy.

You can help yourself through grief. These feelings can come and go and be at different times throughout the grieving process. Use the following suggestions to help you.

- Acknowledge the loss.
- Accept the pain of grief. Try to live “through” it, not avoid it.
- Share your thoughts and feelings. Find enough compassionate listeners. You can talk more than one person can listen!
- Understand that each person has an individual time table for grief. Each person grieves separately and differently. We each move through grief at our own pace.
- Find your sense of humor. Try to hang on to it!
- Get some physical exercise. If nothing else, jog your memory.
- Learn to hug again.
- Accept yourself. Begin to understand you are someone new. Acknowledge that change.
- Begin to become the person you already are.
- Remember, though death comes, LOVE NEVER GOES AWAY!!

***BLESSED ARE THEY WHO MOURN, FOR THEY WILL BE COMFORTED.
(MATTHEW 5:4)***

Most Pure Heart of Mary/St. Joseph, Plymouth Comfort Care Team

Sharon & Bill Houseworth; Allison McNary; Stephanie Finnegan;

Mary Martin-Bandman and Barb Pifher