

Liturgy Schedule

Chapel

Monday, April 25

8:00am - Special intention of the Tom & Jane Younglas Family - Herb & Betty Kuepfer

Tuesday, April 26

8:00am - Dominic Zunis - Dave & Terri Zunis

Thursday, April 28

8:00am - Claudia Slisko - Margaret Oliver

Friday, April 29

8:00am - John Rozga - Wife

Church

Thursday, April 28

7:00pm - Confirmation

Saturday, April 30

3:30pm - Confessions

4:30pm - Mark Pasadyn - Jackie Pasadyn

Sunday, May 1 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:30am - Mona Pleban - Family

11:00am - Frank & Wanda Magalski - Family

1:00pm - First Communion

Pray for the Sick: *David Blackburn, Betty Kuepfer, Jose' Magiste, Steve Fialkowski, Sandy Vasbinder, Tami Lynsky, Betty Kirsch, Leon Denomme, Mike Wilson, Jim Lynsky, Pam Jenkins, Jim Hempfling, David Myers, Dave Wilson, Renee Moss, Linda Bliss, Florence Piccinini, Antoinette & Tyler Smith, Amanda VanSchoor, Debbie Hutnyak, Henry Husk, Brandon Bommer, Larry Knepper, Robert Yunker, Kathy Borowy and Jason Thorman.*

Please call the Parish Office 440-926-2364 to have a name of a friend or relative included in this list.

READING FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

WELCOME! This weekend we are recognizing new parishioners. There are 14 new parishioners since our last Welcome Weekend in January. If you are interested in joining the parish, there are registration forms by the bulletin board in the Gathering Area, or you can register on the parish website (www.olqpgrafton.org) or call the parish office.

Welcome to: Joseph Carr, Kevin & Patty Dirling, Greg & Edie Dore, Abby Kastl, Sharon Mann, James & Sharon Matia, Kathleen Pijor, Ray & Michelle Saladonis, Kenneth & Kelly Stiner, Patrick & Earlene Tomzak, Lawrence & Gail Whitman, Stanley & Lark Willis and Randy Wrege.



RUMMAGE SALE: The annual Guild Rummage and Bake Sale will be held on Friday, April 29th from 9:00am. to 5:00pm. and on Saturday, April 30th from 9:00am. to 12:00 noon. Saturday will be \$2/bag. The Guild is in need of clean, usable items for the sale. Drop off the items at the Parish Hall on Sunday, April 24th from 12:00 noon to 4:00pm. and Monday, April 25th from 9:00am. to 4:00pm. Due to the large response last year, we are asking that you please utilize these 2 days and times to drop-off since we will not be able to accept items after Monday, April 25th. Anyone wishing to donate baked goods for the sale are asked to bring them to the hall on either morning of the sale or contact any Guild member. If you have any questions, call Marianne Carmichael at 440.458.4568.

SCHOLARSHIP: We will be awarding two \$500 scholarships to eligible parishioners who complete the application form by May 15th. To be eligible a candidate must be a parishioner of Our Lady Queen of Peace and active in the parish, or are active in the church on campus where they go to college. Applications can be picked up in the Gathering Area, parish office or the parish website. To fund these scholarships there will be second collection the weekend of April 30/May 1.

Congratulations to Chris and Becky Cagle whose daughter *Thea Marie* was baptized last weekend. May she grow as a daughter of God with the support and witness of our parish community.



PASTOR'S CORNER: Tomorrow, Monday, April 25, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 3:00pm until 8:00pm in the chapel. I would encourage you to come and spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, and to pray especially for our young members who will be Confirmed and make their First Communion during this coming week. I would encourage especially the parents and families of these candidates to come and pray together as a family in preparation for the sacraments. By bringing the candidates to pray before the Blessed Sacrament would help them to prepare spiritually for these sacraments. As a parish community coming together in prayer on Monday would also be a great sign to these candidates that the reception of these sacraments takes place within the context of a supportive and loving community. With that said, there will also be plenty of room in the church for members of the community to come in prayer for both Confirmation (April 28th, 7:00pm) and First Communion (May 1st, 1:00pm). These are not private Masses for just the immediate family but celebrations of the entire community.

Continuing with the theme of the importance of our youth in the community, next Sunday there will be a second collection with the proceeds going towards the Parish Scholarship Fund. Each year, we give out a scholarship to a graduating High School student and to a college student. These scholarships recognize the role the student has had in the faith community as well as encouraging them to continue their faith formation in college. Please see the announcement in the bulletin regarding scholarship applications.

As the academic year winds down our parish faith formation program concludes another year this weekend. On behalf of the parish community I wish to thank all those involved in the Grade Level Faith Formation program, especially our administrators Robin Duplaga and Nancy Johnson. And a great thank you to the teachers and aides who give up their Sunday morning as well as other time for preparation for classes. I wish to also thank the parents who ensure that their children come to class. If anyone is interested in being a part of the faith formation program beginning in the fall, please contact the parish office or myself.

Fr. John

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: Distribute communion at Mass as well as take communion to the homebound. All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion go through a training class required by the diocese for certification and then a practical training class on parish procedures. If you are interested and feel called to this ministry please contact Fr. John.

The Spring Training schedule is in. These two classes are those nearest to us. You can see the whole list of classes on our website under **NOTES OF INTEREST - Eucharistic Ministers Needed.**

Sunday, April 24 – St. Vincent de Paul – Elyria
2:00pm - 4:00pm. Check-in starts at 1:30pm

Sunday, May 15 – St. Francis Xavier – Medina
1:30pm - 4:00pm. Check-in starts at 1:00pm

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: We are in need of someone to lead the parish Vacation Bible School this summer as well as assistants to help for this one week experience. The date will be set by the person who

accepts the role of leading VBS. For more information please contact Fr. John.

EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS: As a part of our observance of April as the month of the Eucharist there will be Eucharistic Devotions on Monday, April 25 from 3:00-8:00pm in the chapel. Come and spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament in prayer.

CHRISTIAN LOVE is always “concrete.” Love, then, consists more in action than in words, more in giving than in receiving.

Love is not a kind of romanticism: either it is a selfless and solicitous love which rolls up its sleeves and looks to the poor, preferring to give rather than to receive; or it has nothing to do with Christian love.

“If we love one another, God remain in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us.” (1 John 4:12) The experience of faith is found in this double “remaining”

Vatican Radio, Pope Francis
Mass celebrated at the Casa Santa Marta, January 9, 2014
Pope Francis: Christian love is concrete

Thank you for your generous support of our Parish, and your help with the needs of the community through your ongoing participation in our various ministries.

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Sunday, April 17: \$	10,780.35	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 1,980.35
Sunday Y-T-D: \$	375,499.91	\$369,600.00	\$ 5,899.91

NEW PARISH WEBSITE: Well not too often can we say we finished ahead of schedule, but for the new website we did. The address is still the same www.olqpgrafton.org, but the look and feel are totally different. Please take a chance to browse through the site and let us know what you think. There are some areas that are not populated, but we felt it was not that big of an issue to halt the release of the site. Thanks to the members of Parish Council who have helped move us forward with this project.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL: is an opportunity to help strengthen the Church in the United States. Over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territories, affecting over nine million Catholics. Through annual grants, Catholic Home Missions provides funding for seminary formation, lay leadership training, catechetical programs, Hispanic ministries, and other essential pastoral programs. This appeal is an opportunity to support and strengthen the Church’s mission here in the United States. The Catholic Home Mission Appeal Collection will be taken up this weekend.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: Please turn in your special requests for the June - August scheduling period by Monday, May 3rd. Special Request Forms can be found in the St. Joseph’s room and on our website. You can fill out the form online and send it to the office.

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:

The annual 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration that will be held on Sunday, July 31, 2016 at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Bishop Richard Lennon will be the principal celebrant. Reservations are now being accepted for couples married 50 years (married in 1966). Couples who are celebrating other significant anniversaries (55 or over) or have missed previous celebrations are welcome to register and attend. Seating is limited in the Cathedral. The number of guests will be determined by the seating capacity and total number registered.

Date & Time: Sunday, 31 July 2016 at 2:30 p.m.

Mass Place: Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist All registrations should be handled through the parish office.

FAMILY PROMISE: Will have our signup board in the Gathering Area April 23rd & 24th and May 14th and 15th. We will be greeting our guests starting Sunday May 22nd for one week. If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity for yourself or with your family, please see Christine or Linda in the Gathering Area during these times to ask any questions or call Linda at 216-701-3954 or Christine at 440-315-7689. There are many ways you can volunteer, setup/takedown, making a meal, hosting a dinnertime, activities with the guest children, overnights and laundry. Over 60 volunteers are needed to make this week a success. Please consider donating your time. It means so much.

GLFF: As this year’s Grade Level Faith Formation comes to a close, we’re beginning preparations for Fall classes. Registration for Fall classes is available on Sunday, April 17th & 24th in the hall during regular classes. We appreciate your early registration to assist in our preparation for classes.

Sister Kathleen’s Corner

PARISH FAITH FORMATION: Christian love is the hallmark of Christianity. We see it lived in the witness of the martyrs. We see it in the example of the lives of the saints. We see it in the holy women and men who live and love daily, making small and large sacrifices for others. It therefore, is imperative that we enter a deep relationship with God who loves us. Every act of love is complete and a perfect showing of God in us, and God among us. The more it is offered, the greater it becomes. It does not diminish, it heals and transforms us.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION: Sometimes we can’t see any reason to love another. That is when we ask our God to help us see others the way He sees them. For we are not God. We don’t know, see and hear like God does. We are wonderfully human. Our human nature has limits that God doesn’t have. To love someone, we need to be connected to both God and them. Then we can move out of our “blindness” to see love’s object, to see a reflection of God among us. We connect when we communicate in some way. We see how the connection can be made and do it.

This Week in the Parish:

Sunday, April 24

8:30 & 11:00am - Welcoming Weekend (Church)
 9:30am - GLFF (Parish Hall)
 9:30am - Confirmation Practice (Church)
 12:00pm - Rummage Sale Drop-off

Monday, April 25

9:00am - Rummage Sale Drop-off
 7:00pm - Choir Practice (Church)
 7:00pm - Compassionate Friends
 (Parish Hall Rm. 1)

Thursday, April 28

7:00pm - Scripture Study (Parish Hall Rm. 2)

Friday, April 29

9:00am - Our Lady's Guild Rummage Sale
 (Parish Hall)
 1:30pm - Keystone Pointe Nursing Home

Saturday, April 30

8:30am - First Communion Practice (Church)
 9:00am - Our Lady's Guild Rummage Sale
 (Parish Hall)
 2:00pm - Jr. Choir Practice (Church)



PARISH FESTIVAL: Our Sixth Annual Homecoming Days will be August 4, 5, & 6. There will be rides, games, bingo, beer garden, 5K, entertainment, festival food and so much more. Our kick-off weekend will be May 7 & 8. A table will be in the gathering area for you to purchase your raffle tickets. We are in need of a publicity chair. If you can fill this vacancy for us please contact the parish office.



CHOIR THEME BASKET FUNDRAISER: This year TAKE TIME TO..... Stop by and take time to look at this years Choir baskets. Each one unique in its own way. Tickets can be purchased for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Tickets available after all Masses.

THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS: A bereavement group for parents, grandparents and siblings of child loss will be meeting at the parish hall 702 Erie Street, Grafton, OH, on Monday, April 25th at 7:00pm. If you or someone you know has experienced child loss this group is a supportive safe place for you and your grief to be surrounded by people who know and care. For more information contact Terri Zunis at 216-469-5311.

PARISH INFORMATION

- † **Weddings:** Couples need to make arrangements at least six months prior to the wedding date.
- † **Baptism:** Baptisms are celebrated at a mutually convenient time. Please call the office to make arrangements.
- † **Ministry to the Sick:** Please notify the office for visits to parishioners in the hospital.
- † **New parishioners:** Are asked to register as soon as possible at the Parish Office or by phone.
- † **Inquiry Classes in the Catholic Religion:** Persons interested in becoming Catholic are asked to contact the Parish Office for information about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, RCIA.

KID'S TOYS: Spring cleaning will have many of us wondering what to do with the kiddie toys that are still good but no longer needed at our household. Well, here is the answer! The Knights of Columbus members will have tables set up in our parking lot on Erie St. and we will be selling all kinds of kids toys and kid stuff (no car seats, please) that you will be willing to donate. All money collected from this sale will be donated to the local Birth Right chapter. Please hold onto all your kiddie stuff till the weekend of June 4th and 5th to bring them in.

CROSSES: The Knights of Columbus have received a new shipment of handmade, olive wood crosses that were fashioned by Palestinian Christian artisans. These crosses will be available this Sunday after all Masses in the Gathering Area. For just \$10. you will receive a beautiful, hand crafted, olive wood cross that was made in the Holy Land. The Knights will take all money generated from the sales of these crosses and send it to the Bethlehem region to help support over 800 Christian families. Thank you in advance for your support.

PARISH SINGLES! All adult parish singles are invited to get together for dinner at the Texas Roadhouse in Elyria (across from Home Depot) at 6:30 on Saturday, April 30th. Please contact Carrol Wilhelm at 440-371-8356 or proofit1@gmail.com to RSVP. Hope you can make it!



SPOT LIGHT: Our spotlight ministry this weekend is our Mass Coordinators. They will have an informational display setup in the Gathering area. Stop by and see how this ministry is a integral part of our preparing our Sunday Liturgy.