

Liturgy Schedule

Chapel

Monday, April 2

8:00am - *No Mass*

Tuesday, April 3

8:00am - David Rankin - James & Wendy Ohliger

Thursday, April 5

8:00am - Tim Zmuginsky - Family

Friday, April 6

8:00am - William Petkovsek - Jim & Jean Craig

Church

Second Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 7

3:30pm - *Confessions*

4:30pm - Joanne & Jerry Enzman - Mary Weimer

Sunday, April 8

8:30am - Living and Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

11:00am - James Harris Sr.

Pray for the Sick: *David Blackburn, Betty Kuepfer, Jose' Magiste, Sandy Vasbinder, Leon Denomme, Pam Jenkins, Jim Hempfling, David Myers, Kathy Borowy, Shirley Livchak, Dave Kleinhenz, Jerry Severns, Carol Cordy, Nancy Johnson, Tami Lynsky, Jeanne Kowalski, Dorothy Pondy, Bille Updegrove, Debbie Hutnyak, Robert Falatic, Aaron Hokes, Stan & Angie Debro, Frank & Ken Seufer, Kim Stumphauzer, Kathy Buckland, Grace Smith, Greg and Judy Simmerly, Amanda Sinegar and JoAnne Collins.*

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

WELCOME to all visitors who are worshipping with us today. To those of you from out of town, we hope you find a faith community here rich in Jesus, our Risen Lord. For those who belong to this faith community, but because of sickness, work or personal challenges, have been unable to join us on Sunday, please know that we pray for you and entrust you to God's constant love.



CONGRATULATIONS: The following were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil:

Kimberly Christensen

(Profession of Faith, Confirmation, Eucharist)

Kathy O'Reilly

(Profession of Faith, Confirmation, Eucharist)

Craig Praszek

(Profession of Faith, Confirmation, Eucharist)

Kimberly Wilfong

(Profession of Faith, Confirmation, Eucharist)

Vicki Praszek

(Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)

As we welcome them into the Church may we continue to support them with our prayers and actions. And may they be a sign to us of the Spirit of God active in our midst through the gifts and talents they offer to the Church.

EASTER MEAL BLESSING

God of Glory

the eyes of all turn to you

as we celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death.

Bless us and this food of our first Easter meal.

May we who gather at the Lord's table

continue to celebrate the joy of his resurrection

and be admitted finally to his heavenly banquet.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Sympathy to the family of **James Harris Sr.** who was recently buried. May he rest in the peace of Christ.



OUR LADY
QUEEN OF PEACE

Pastor's Corner: Due to early bulletin deadlines I am writing this on March 21, the morning after the snow event that closed area schools. Weather forecasters had predicted an inch or two of snow and we got over six inches, and we were the lucky ones compared to the Northeast. For as much as we know about weather patterns it is still unpredictable. Just like life!

Life is very unpredictable! We can make plans and prepare for events in our lives and there always enters the unexpected into the equation. However, the one thing we can hold onto in our journey of life is our belief that God is faithful. The unexpected can happen and does, but we can depend on God. Whether we acknowledge God's presence or turn to him, he is always there with us in our life's journey. We celebrate our belief that God did not abandon Jesus but rather raised him from the dead and that he will not abandon us either. God is always present in our lives raising us up from the events of our lives that hold us down. And it is our faith that we not only celebrate but that we share with others. Through our liturgies of Holy Week and Easter we are renewed and strengthened to share with the world our amazing faith.

Pope Francis has said: "One of the great challenges facing the Church in this generation is to foster in all the faithful a sense of personal responsibility for the Church's mission, and to enable them to fulfill that responsibility as missionary disciples, as a leaven of the Gospel in our world." Through baptism it is our responsibility to share the story of Christ and what it means to us. A few months, on Boy Scout Sunday, I had a young scout ask me, "Fr. John can you tell me the God story?" Wow, here was a young boy who was curious to hear the story of God and there are so many others, young and old, who are in need of hearing the Gospel message. It is not just something that I am to do but something that everyone who has entered the waters of baptism are to do. It is telling the story of why you have hope or why you live with confidence in the face of the unexpected events of life. We share with others how the story of God gives our lives meaning and purpose.

On Easter we renew our baptismal promises. The faith that we profess is then to be shared with others. Be attentive to how God is present in the unexpected events of your life and be prepared to share the God story of what he has done for you in those events.

Fr. John

VIDEO SERIES: The next video in the Video Series on the Pivotal Players of the Catholic Church will be on St. Catherine of Siena.

"Mystic, wonderworker, and confidant to popes and kings, St. Catherine of Siena exemplified the power of a life lived in relationship with Jesus. Her love for Christ was a love that cast out all fear and transformed her into a living expression of him. In her weakness, his strength was revealed, and through that strength, St. Catherine of Siena provided an example of faith that changed her culture and left an enduring legacy that the Church still resources today."

This video will be shown on Saturday, April 21st at 10:00am in the parish hall.

SPOTLIGHT MINISTRY: Next weekend the RCIA will be featured in the Gathering Area after all masses. Please stop by their table and see how this ministry prepares our adults to be welcomed into the church at the Easter Vigil.

BLESSINGS FOR BABIES: The Baby Bottle Campaign for Birthright of Lorain County is from April 21st to April 29th. Individuals and families may pick up a baby bottle at Mass on April 21/22nd, collect change in the bottle, and return it on April 28/29th. All donations will help Birthright, an all-volunteer, pro-life pregnancy support service that has served Lorain County since 1973. All services are free and confidential. They provide pregnancy tests, help with social services in the community, formula, diapers, baby food, maternity clothes, and clothing for infants and children. Thank you for being Christ for others through Birthright.

HAPPY EASTER: The parish staff and I would like to wish all of you a very Happy Easter.



Fr. John.

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, Mar 18:	\$ 11,870.75	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 2,870.75
Sunday Y-T-D:	\$374,219.79	\$342,000.00	\$32,219.79

SCHOLARSHIP: We will be awarding two \$500 scholarships to eligible parishioners who complete the application form by May 14th. To be eligible a candidate must be a parishioner of Our Lady Queen of Peace and active in the parish, or active in the church on campus were they go to college. Applications can be picked up in the Gathering Area, Parish Office or the parish website. To fund these scholarship there will be a second collection the weekend of May 5/6.



PARISH FESTIVAL: Our Eighth Annual Homecoming Days will be August 3 & 4. There will be entertainment, games, exhibits, festival food and of course fireworks. Watch for more details and ways to volunteer to make this a fun and successful annual event.

PRAYER SHAWL: The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be Saturday, April 7th at 10:30am in the Parish Hall. Anyone is welcomed whether you can knit, crochet, or sew. Join us for fellowship and sharing. Any questions, call Kathy Smeltz at 419-544-2491 or Sue Schneigenberg at 440-926-1610. See everyone Saturday.

THE VICTOR

Today the Victor o'er his foes
For human consolation rose. Alleluia.
—Surrexit Christus hodie, Translated by J. M. Neale

BE THE LIGHT: As we celebrate the joy of Easter and the light of the Risen Christ, mark your calendars and plan to join us this summer at The FEST – our 18th annual Catholic Family FESTival – Sunday, August 5, 2018.

Come and hear the best of Christian artists: TobyMac, Big Daddy Weave, Mandisa, and We are Messengers. There are plenty of Gospel-based activities and interactive displays, along with rock walls, BMX shows, and so much more. You will also want to check out the Marc's Mom's Relaxation Station. It's the perfect family day and a great opportunity to help your family celebrate the Light and Love of the Lord. The FEST is a great day of faith, family and fun – all for FREE. For more information, go to: www.theFEST.us.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER:

“Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.” - Colossians 3:2

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died and rose because He loves us. We celebrate and sing “Alleluia.” We can keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for God’s response within your heart on how you should use your God-given gifts and share Jesus’ love for you with others.

GLFF NEWS: Our next Family Mass will be April 15th at 11:00am. We are looking for families to participate in the various Mass ministries. Please go to the parish homepage at <http://olqpgrafton.org/> and select the "Family Mass Sign-Up" link. Embrace this rewarding opportunity to appreciate the Mass more by actively being involved. All parish families are invited to signup. May you experience the peace that the Risen Christ brings during this Easter season. Classes will resume on April 15th.

SINGING ANGELS: Grace Community Church 12365 Grafton Rd., Grafton, OH 44044, will be hosting The Singing Angels on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 6:00pm. Tickets are non-refundable at \$10.00 each. Call 440-458-6612 to purchase tickets. Tickets are limited so act fast.

THE ROCK: Do you love Catholic radio? Have you ever wanted to evangelize through the air waves? Volunteer at AM 1260 The Rock! There are a variety of opportunities; we’re sure there will be something to interest you! Opportunities include distributing literature at parishes and events, performing day to day office work at our studios, voicework, answering phones during our upcoming Spirit Drive (April 18th-20th), and so much more! Download the volunteer application here at am1260therock.com/contact! We want to hear from you!

THE RETURN OF EASTER

The return of Easter should be to the Christian life the call of a trumpet. It is the news of a great victory. It is the solution of a great perplexity. It is the assurance of a great triumph.

—Frederick Temple

This Week in the Parish:

Monday, April 2

8:00am - Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, April 3

6:00pm - Pack 152 Den Mtg. (Parish Hall)

7:30pm - KOC Mtg. (Parish Hall Rm. 1)

Wednesday, April 4

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

Thursday, April 5

7:00pm - Parish Council Mtg. (Parish Hall Rm. 1)

Friday, April 6

1:30pm - Keystone Pointe Nursing Home

Saturday, April 7

9:00am - Food Pantry (Parish Hall)

10:30am - Prayer Shawl (Parish Hall Rm. 1)

2:00pm - Jr. Choir Practice (Church)



A NIGHT OUT ON THE LANES:

Join us for a fun night out on the lanes sponsored by the Holy Name Society Friday, April 20th at Grafton Bowling Center. Bowling starts at 7:00pm with registration at 6:15pm. \$25 per person includes 3 games of bowling, shoe rental, food, drink ticket and prizes. Sign up after mass in the gathering area or call Bill Slisko(355-4138) or Max Jalowiec(440-567-0201).



PANCAKE BREAKFAST:

The Holy Name will be hosting and all you can eat Pancake, Sausage and Eggs breakfast on Sunday, May 6th from 9:00am - 12:30pm. Adults \$7.00, Children 12 and under \$5.00 and children under 3 are free. Coffee, juice and milk are included with the breakfast.



Holy Name Society Golf

Outing: Please join the Holy Name for a 4-man Scramble Golf Outing on Saturday, June 23, 2018 starting at 9:00am

'shotgun start' at Pine Brook Golf Course.

Cost for the outing is \$75 per person, which includes; 18 holes of golf with cart, food, beverages, and snacks! There will be various raffles, and skills games. Watch the bulletin for when sign-up will begin.

Can't Golf! Would you consider being a hole sponsor? Any parishioner who would like to sponsor a hole or would like to have their company or knows of a company or someone who would like to sponsor a hole, please contact Jim Andrews at the Parish Office 440 926-2364, Jim Lynsky 440 926-3389, Max Jalowiec 440 567-0201 or Dave Ward 440 926-3996.

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.

RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE:

The Lady's Guild annual Rummage/Bake Sale will be held on Friday, April 27th from 9:00am to 5:00pm and Saturday, April 28th from 9:00am until 12 noon. The Guild is in need of **CLEAN, USABLE** items for the sale. Drop off at the Parish Hall starts Sunday, April 22nd from 12 noon to 4:00pm, and Monday, April 23rd from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Due to the large response last year, we are asking that you **PLEASE** utilize these two days and times as your drop-off since we will **NOT** be able to accept items after Monday, April 23rd. Please do not drop off your items prior to 12 noon on Sunday for the safety of the children in GLFF classes. Anyone wishing to donate baked goods for the sale can drop them off on either morning of the sale or contact any Guild member. The Guild will be sorting and pricing items that entire week starting at 9:00am so if you have an hour or two to spare, we would love your help-just show up! Thank you in advance for your support of the Lady's Guild.



BAPTISM CLASS:

Our next Baptism class will be on Sunday, April 22nd at 12:30pm. If this is your first child or if it has been over five years since your last class, please contact the parish office to sign up for this class. If you cannot attend this class our next class will be July 22nd. Once you have completed your class contact the parish office to setup your child's baptism. Sponsors are also welcome to attend.

NEW REFRIGERATOR: After 15 years of faithful service our large refrigerator in the kitchen has died. A **BIG THANK YOU** to the Holy Name Society, The Knights of Columbus and Our Lady's Guild for funding the new unit.