

**APRIL 26, 2020**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**

	<b><u>MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK</u></b>	<b><u>WEEKDAY READINGS</u></b>
<b><u>Monday, April 27</u></b>	Students, Faculty and Staff of MC/NC School	Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
<b><u>Tuesday, April 28</u></b>	Liv. & Dec'd Amos Niese Family/ Liv. & Dec'd Fred Dible Family/No Exposition	Acts 7:51-8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
<b><u>Wednesday, April 29</u></b>	Putnam County Residents with COVID-19/ No Exposition	Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
<b><u>Thursday, April 30</u></b>	Alfred Wischmeyer	Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
<b><u>Friday, May 1</u></b>	Rita J. Singler/Mary Kathleen Barlage	Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
<b><u>Sunday, May 3</u></b>	Neil Balbaugh/Paul & Lucille Schroeder Frank Schnipke/Allan Brown/ Michelle Obarski/John & Rena Kruse/ Tom Deitering/ Liv. & Dec'd Members St. Nicholas Altar Rosary Society	<b><u>SUNDAY READING</u></b> Acts 2:14, 22-33 1 Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35

**FOLLOW THE DAILY AND SUNDAY MASS READINGS** on [uscgb.org/bible/readings](http://uscgb.org/bible/readings)  
**ALL PUBLIC MASSES** are cancelled up to and including Sunday, May 3, 2020. Our churches are open for private prayer throughout the day. Please use social distancing guidelines and hand sanitizer upon entering and departing church. **ALL EVENTS** that were to take place at either Church or Parish Hall are CANCELLED up to and including Sunday, May 3, 2020. Be advised, however, that an extension of cancellations may be possible. Check notices of such on our parish website <https://stnicholasholyfamily.org>

*From the Pastor's Desk*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It has now been one month since the lifestyle and patterns to our daily lives changed drastically. We have been assured by our state and federal officials that we will begin a measured return to normalcy in the coming weeks and months. It was saddening to me and Alex to hear that schools in the state of Ohio would remain closed until next fall (and that too has a big question mark behind it at this point in time). It's important for the safety of our children and our families, but not seeing the smiles and having the occasional visit to the lunchroom at Miller City New Cleveland School to see the students, teachers and staff is one reality that is going to be difficult. And then there are the Friday Masses with the school children which we won't be having this spring season. It's just disappointing, but a necessity.

I have tried to look at some of the blessings, or what many call the "silver linings", COVID-19 has caused in a positive way for many of us. As a pastor of souls, I have to think that we are all praying a little more these days, and certainly in ways we never thought. While I can't see all of you in the pews of our churches for the live stream Masses I offer on your behalf, I imagine seeing all of you in the pews where you sit for Sunday Mass. I can imagine, as Deacon Doyle mentioned in his homily last weekend on Divine Mercy Sunday, the crying baby or the rambunctious toddler who might need a time-out with a walk to the bathroom or vestibule during Mass. I miss your singing and your responses to the prayers offered. I know in my heart that all of these things will return eventually, but it is the longing and the ache in the soul to have our communities back together again that is felt now. That says something about us and what we

do together when we gather for Sunday worship.

One of our members recently expressed to me in a written greeting that when he and all of our parishioners are able to receive Holy Communion again, it will be like receiving it the first time. He was referring to the longing, the excitement, the joy and anticipation we all felt in receiving our First Holy Communion. It has been too long. That in itself is a lesson for all of us not to take the Holy Eucharist for granted. We can identify most clearly with the saints of old who longed to receive Holy Communion, but were not able to do so for multiple reasons in their time and circumstance.

I have heard more than once these past weeks the lifestyle change in many of our homes in having a meal together at the dinner table with everyone present. No sporting events, practices or competitions limiting lunch or supper together as a family. No dance lessons or recitals requiring our travel to and from such activities. At least for now. But whenever a parent relays this fact to me, there is a joy felt in the tone of their voice. It's something that doesn't happen much in our culture and time. Could it be that God is calling us to a different perspective on family life? Like bonding our families more tightly? Could it be that we are being moved to spend more time together as a family? Like praying more together?

While we are all learning to be creative about many things these days, there is always a blessing from God emerging. We have some time these next weeks and months to reflect upon that very thought. My prayer for you is that your hearts will be open to what God has in store, to realize that there are a multitude of blessings awaiting us in this life and the next! Hang in.

*Monsignor Singler*

## WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Weekly offertory envelope contributions may be mailed to the Parish Office or offered collectively when this health crisis is over and we are able to have public Masses again. Please do not send cash through the mail.

We will not post offertory received in the mail until the health risk to our weekly money counters has subsided.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** is next Sunday, May 3. Let us pray for one another that we may be strengthened in our Christian vocations as Married and Single people, Priests, Deacons and Religious. May our youth listen to God's call and be encouraged to respond generously.

**ST. NICHOLAS CEMETERY** is being prepared for Spring! Please remove your Fall & Christmas decorations prior to May 1st or they will be discarded.

**SAINT NICHOLAS ALTAR ROSARY WOMEN OF ALL AGES** dinner scheduled for May 3rd is cancelled. The fund raiser winner will be drawn at our next business meeting on Monday, May 18. To purchase tickets for a chance to win a lighted outdoor rosary, send check (made payable to SN Altar Rosary) to Julie Schnipke, 14173 Road G12, Ottawa OH 45875. Tickets are \$5/each or \$10/3 tickets



**THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS** entrusted to his worldwide prayer network for April 2020: **Freedom from Addiction**. We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied

## NEW ONLINE GIVING OPTION

St. Nicholas Parish and Holy Family Parish now offer **ONLINE GIVING**, a web-based electronic contribution application that allows you to start, stop or change your special collection and regular offerings at any time. We are providing this service so that you have the **option** to manage your contributions online or with your offering envelopes.

Please select the Online Giving tab on our parish website for additional instructions. Choose your parish from the drop-down icon and click your parish link to get started!

Parishioners who enroll and will continue to contribute online may contact the office at 419-876-3481 or [snhfmnc@gmail.com](mailto:snhfmnc@gmail.com) if they no longer want to receive weekly contribution envelopes.

Go to our parish website to get started with your one-time or recurring giving: <https://stnicholasholyfamily.org>

*Thank you for your generosity and support of our parishes.*

**DAILY ROSARY AT NOON:** Join Monsignor Singler and Alex Elfreich in praying a daily noontime Rosary for our parishes. You and your family members are invited to spiritually join them in praying the rosary each day. Social media sources are available to those who are learning to pray the rosary or wish to pray along with someone.

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Deb Wehri's FORMED Pick for the Week is *Freedom*, a movie for older children and adults due to violence. Suspenseful, challenging and disturbing; this movie covers an important segment of American history.

For children, I recommend any one of the ten movies from the Saints and Heroes Collection. How does this saint inspire you to follow Jesus more closely?

Junior High and High School Students: Damascus Catholic Mission Campus is live several times a day on Facebook and YouTube. Visit [Damascus.net/join](http://Damascus.net/join) to stay up to date. They have Morning Prayer Lab at 10:30, Worship and Intercession at 3:00pm and Night-Live at 7:30pm

**TO MAKE A REPORT REGARDING THE SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR** by Diocesan personnel (priest, deacon, consecrated religious brother/sister, or lay person), immediate contact should be made with local civil authorities, and with the Diocese of Toledo's Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mr. Frank DiLallo. He can be reached at 419-214-4880 (private line) or 1-800-926-8277, ext. 4880 (Outside Toledo, Within Ohio). To report any sexual abuse of a minor by a bishop, or a bishop's interference in an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor, immediate contact should be made with local civil authorities and by going to [ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://ReportBishopAbuse.org) or calling (800) 276-1562.

## DIOCESE OF TOLEDO ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE AS OF APRIL 21, 2020

<u>St. Nicholas</u>	<u>Holy Family</u>
Parish Goal: \$11,000	Parish Goal: \$11,000
Total Pledged: \$19,261	Total Pledged: \$14,600

**175.10%**                      **132.73%**  
**OF PARISH GOAL MET**      **OF PARISH GOAL MET**

*Funds collected at this point forward come back to our parishes.  
Thank you!*

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