

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## Message from the Pastor

It was very exciting this past week to have some reprieves from some of the Covid-causalities. The Holy Water and hymnals are back where they belong. April 11<sup>th</sup> is when we will get a full order of missalettes to have back in the pews (right in time for Divine Mercy Sunday). Slowly but surely, things are turning towards normal. That being said, there are things that we are still being asked to do (like social distance and wearing masks) as well as things we are being asked to abstain from (such as the use of the Precious Blood for the laity and the Sign of Peace).

However, looking at it a certain way, abstaining from the Sign of Peace is actually quite a normal thing. We know that is the case historically speaking where the Sign of Peace was only offered in the context of a Solemn High Mass and on special occasions. But today, this is still something you can see by reading the instructions for how the Mass is to be offered (which are called the *rubrics*). The Sign of Peace is what we could call an "optional" part of the Mass. The priest offers the people the Peace of Jesus which comes from His Eucharistic presence on the Altar ("The peace of the Lord be with you always."). In that moment, we are being offered Jesus' peace in our lives! But the rubrics note: "Then, if appropriate, the Deacon, or the Priest, adds: Let us offer each other the Sign of Peace." In other words, it's not always appropriate to add! One reason that it might not be appropriate is because of a global pandemic. But there are other reasons. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, or the GIRM, provides further commentary on how Mass is to be offered. Of the Sign of Peace it says, that if appropriate, it is offered "only to those who are nearest and in a sober manner". This shows another reason it might not be appropriate is because there is a possibility that it would be offered in a way that interferes with the solemn and sacrificial character of the Mass.

Since I've been a part of our parishes, we've always abstained from the Sign of Peace during Advent and Lent. It goes towards helping the celebration of Mass be a little more somber during these penitential seasons. The Sign of Peace is usually engage in a joyful manner that abstaining from it is a good and concrete reminder of the sadness of the season. This is especially true during Lent. Christ is dying for us! Christ was betrayed by the Sign of Peace in the Garden of Gethsemane. But in an act of forgiveness, Christ solemnly offers us His peace, even as He becomes present in the Mass. It's an act of forgiveness, acceptance, and love, even if we have sinned. Right now, we're not doing the Sign of Peace for two reasons: it's Lent and because of the pandemic. But what we could perhaps focus on in its absence is that intense love and peace Christ wants to give us at that moment in the Mass. We can focus on it, accept it, and try to live it before giving it to others.

Let's pray for each other,

Fr. Witt



## Palm Sunday News



### Mass Times

Saturday, March 27 - 4:30pm at Holy Rosary

Sunday, March 28 - 8:00am at Holy Rosary  
10:00am at St. Patrick  
12:00pm at Holy Rosary

Times are being changed to allow for extra time for the blessing of palms and the Passion.

Weather permitting, all worshipers will gather outside of the main church entrance for the blessing of the palms, the Gospel and procession into the church. If you are already seated and do not wish to participate in the procession, please turn towards the back of the church once the procession begins.

Should there be inclement weather, we will not meet outside. We still ask that everyone turns towards the back as the entrance procession begins.

## Hot Crossed Buns!

In place of the annual Holy Rosary Youth Group Palm Sunday Breakfast, which is our only fundraiser for the CONNECT Youth Group, we will be providing Hot Crossed Buns to all who attend the 8a.m. Mass and the 12 Noon Mass until we run out. We will have a basket for free will donations!



## Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour & Confessions

April 4  
3:00 - 4:00pm

Join us, for this is an important feast day and spirituality in the Church. St. Pope John Paul II really promoted it and Pope Emeritus Benedict said that "Mercy is in reality the core of the Gospel message." How critical it is to understand that God's love is, at the most fundamental level, mercy. Out of love for sinful man, God forgives. This is something we must look deeply into and really feel in our lives. This can change your life.

### Prayer Hotlines

Holy Rosary  
Julie  
419-305-7937

St. Patrick  
Melissa  
419-733-6341

### Weekend Mass Attendance

4:30pm	198
8:00am	146
9:30am	110
11:00am	170
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 21</b>
8:00am	Mass at Holy Rosary
9:30am	Mass at St. Patrick
11:00am	Mass at Holy Rosary - Live Streamed
6:30 - 7:30pm	Ethical Religious Directives for Healthcare Workers With Fr. Witt - Cafeteria
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 22</b>
8:15am	Mass at Holy Rosary
6:30pm	HR Pastoral Council - Upper Room
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 23</b>
8:15am	Mass at Holy Rosary
5:00 - 7:00pm	Confessions at Holy Rosary
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 24</b>
11:30-11:55am	Confessions at Holy Rosary
12:05pm	Mass at Holy Rosary
Following Mass	Legion of Mary - Upper Room
6:30pm	CCD at St. Patrick
7:00pm	CCD at Holy Rosary - Grades K - 12
8:00pm	CONNECT - Grades 7-12 - to Agape
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 25</b>
8:00am	Mass at St. Patrick
5:00 - 7:00pm	Confessions at Holy Rosary
7:00pm	RCIA - Upper Room
8:00pm	Knights of Columbus - K of C Hall
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 26</b>
8:00am	Mass at Holy Rosary
4:30 - 7:00pm	Fish Fry - K of C Hall - <b>**Carryout Only**</b>
5:00pm	Stations of the Cross (**new time)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 27</b>
8:00am	Mass at Holy Rosary
8:00am	Men's Fellowship - Cafeteria
3:30 - 4:15pm	Confessions at Holy Rosary
4:30pm	Mass at Holy Rosary
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 28</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b>
8:00am	Mass at Holy Rosary
10:00am	Mass at St. Patrick
12:00pm	Mass at Holy Rosary - Live Streamed

## COVID GUIDELINES

The guidelines, for wearing masks, remains in effect for all functions for both parishes: Mass, CCD, School, Bible Studies, etc. Masks are to be worn at all times when you are inside any of our buildings.

Please be respectful of others in addition to following the guidelines set forth by the State of Ohio. This is for the safety & peace of mind of not only yourself, but also for those around you.

This Week's Bulletin Sponsor

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## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Mon. 03/22</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> <i>Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or Dn 13:41c-62;</i> Jn 8:1-11
8:15am	HR Pat Behr
<b>Tues. 03/23</b>	<b>St. Turibius of Mogrovejo</b> <i>Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30</i>
8:15am	HR Mark Martensen
<b>Wed. 03/24</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> <i>Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42</i>
12:05pm	HR Dave & Nancy Liette
<b>Thurs. 03/25</b>	<b>The Annunciation of the Lord</b> <i>Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38</i>
8:00am	SP Dorothy Fritz
<b>Fri. 03/26</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> <i>Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42</i>
8:00am	HR Joan Rammel
<b>Sat. 03/27</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> <i>Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56</i>
4:30pm	HR Janet Reineke
<b>Sun. 03/28</b>	<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b> <i>Mk 11:1-10; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47</i>
8:00am	HR Tom Pierce & Family L&D
10:00pm	SP Dorothy Fritz
12:00pm	HR Birdie Axe

## LITURGICAL ROLES

<b>Sat. March 27</b>	HR	4:30pm	Mass
<b>Lectors:</b> Barb Hamberg, Annette Bayham			
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:</b> Volunteers			
<b>Sun. March 28</b>	HR	8:00am	Mass
<b>Lectors:</b> Esther Carpenter, Pam Vossler			
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:</b> Volunteers			
<b>Sun. March 28</b>	SP	10:00am	Mass
<b>Lector:</b> Jenny Riethman			
<b>Sacristan:</b> Kent Schlegel			
<b>Ushers:</b> Dave Dwenger, Tom Naseman			
<b>Sun. March 28</b>	HR	12:00pm	Mass
<b>Lectors:</b> Molly Schlosser, Nick Kiel			
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:</b> Volunteers			

### Holy Rosary Collection

Weekly Collection	\$ 4,224.05
Online Giving	\$ 1,950.71
Mailed in Donations	\$ 465.00
<b>Total Collected for the Week</b>	<b>\$ 6,639.76</b>

### St. Patrick Collection

Weekly Collection	\$ 1,818.00
Online Giving	\$ 95.60
<b>Total Collected for the Week</b>	<b>\$ 1,913.60</b>



March 15, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Peace be with you this Lenten season.

This has been a most unusual and difficult year for all of us. A year ago at this time, none of us envisioned the anxiety, illnesses, deaths, and other losses that were coming as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. We likewise could not have anticipated that the dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation put in place last spring would still be in effect a full year later.

From the onset of the coronavirus pandemic, in the interest of the common good, the Catholic Bishops of Ohio have voluntarily cooperated with the guidance of public health authorities. As you know, last March we temporarily suspended the public celebration of Mass for the safety of our parishioners and to help slow the spread of the virus. In May, we reinstated the public celebration of Mass with strong health and hygiene protocols in place. We have been able to keep churches safely open for public worship since that time thanks to the vigilance of parish leaders and parishioners alike.

As good news in overcoming the pandemic continues to develop each day – and as we together approach the Paschal Triduum, the center of the liturgical year – please prayerfully consider returning to in-person celebration of the Mass this Easter season. As more and more of the social aspects of our lives approach normalcy, so should our communal worship of God, who “so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life” (Jn 3:16).

The Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life (*Lumen Gentium*, 11). At Mass our souls are nourished by both God’s Word and the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. We recall Christ’s own words as he foretold the salvific gift of the Holy Eucharist: “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him” (Jn 6: 54-56). This unmediated connection with Our Lord is only possible in person. Moreover, the Mass is where we come together in communion as God’s holy people. Christ brought us together as Church because we need each other. We cannot return to the God who created us out of love without the help and support of other Catholics. This is why God gives us the Church, and this is what we share in most completely at Mass.

Nothing can adequately replace gathering together in person for the live celebration of the Mass. Because the commandment to keep holy the Lord’s Day is never suspended, I am very grateful for the efforts of our pastors and parish leaders to offer remote access to the Mass through livestreaming, and for the many other creative ways in which they have tirelessly continued to minister over these trying months. Many resources for keeping the Lord’s Day holy are available online for those of you who are still unable to participate in person.


The coronavirus pandemic, despite positive trends and widespread vaccination, is not yet over. For that reason, **the dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation will remain in place at least for now** to not unduly burden the consciences of those who have serious health concerns, either for themselves or for someone in their immediate care. Likewise, please maintain vigilance when it comes to wearing masks, social distancing and using hand sanitizer in church. The health and safety of our communities continues to be of paramount importance. However, for those who are able safely to return, our priests, deacons and I wholeheartedly look forward to worshipping with you in person once more.

During this Lenten season, we unite our sufferings to those of Our Lord Jesus Christ and we trust in the glorious hope of His Resurrection. May God bless you and your loved ones.


Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr  
Archbishop of Cincinnati

# Walk With Christ This Lent

<i>Confession Schedule</i>	
	Tuesday, March 23 5:00 - 7:00pm Holy Rosary
	Wednesday, March 24 11:30 - 11:55am Holy Rosary
	Thursday, March 25 5:00 - 7:00pm Holy Rosary
	Saturday, March 27 3:30 - 4:15pm Holy Rosary


***Stations of the Cross***  
 Led by Fr. Witt or Deacon Marty  
**Fridays at 5:00pm**  
 At Holy Rosary Church




**Easter Egg Hunt**  
**St. Patrick's Parish**

We are accepting donations for the Annual St. Patrick's Day Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday.

Wrapped candy or cash donations to help with the cost of the goodies can be placed in the back of the church.



**Fr. James O. Byrne**  
**K of C, Council 1592**



**March 26**

**\*\* Carry-out Only \*\***

4:30 - 7:00pm

\$8 per dinner  
 (fish, fries, cole slaw or applesauce)

Enter from Spring Street  
 & Exit on Pine Street

***“The World is Noisy -  
 God Whispers”***

**Women's Spa For the Soul**

April 9, 2021

5:30 - 8:30pm @ Union Hall

Guest Speaker: Julia Monnin

***Tables are filling quickly - Register today!  
 Deadline to register is March 26.***

Registrations are available  
 In the back of church,  
 at the parish office  
 and on the website:  
[holyroarychurch.us](http://holyroarychurch.us)



**Lenten Diaper Drive**

It is once again time for our annual diaper drive. Please be generous during Lent and donate diapers and baby wipes.

There seems to be a high demand for sizes 4 - 6. Items collected will be given to Agape Ministries, Choosing Life Pregnancy Center, Rustic Hope and Family Life Center of Auglaize County for distribution to needy mothers and families.

## First Communion at St. Patrick April 11 at 9:30am

St. Patrick's First Communion will take place on April 11, at the 9:30am Mass. Due to seating constraints, we encourage parishioners to attend Mass at Holy Rosary or other area parishes that day so that there is ample seating for the families of the communicants.

Please remember that guidelines for wearing masks remains in effect at both parishes.



## Healthcare Workers!

Join Fr. Witt for a discussion on the Ethical & Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

**Sundays during Lent @ 6:30pm in the Cafeteria**

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Issues in Care for the Seriously Ill & Dying

## FRIENDS OF HOLY ROSARY UPDATE

The Friends of Holy Rosary recently received donations in memory of Patsy Frasure (\$25) and general donations of \$55. These donations bring the trust balance to \$287,569.08.

All parishioners are encouraged to become a member of the Friends of Holy Rosary. Dues are \$5 per person. Please use the pink envelope or an envelope marked Friends of Holy Rosary with your name on it and drop it in the collection basket. You can also mail them to Dave Helmstetter, 5421 County Road 33A, St. Marys, OH 45885. Any donation or dues can also be dropped off at the parish office.



## SAVE THE DATE Totus Tuus

July 11 - 16  
For grades 1 - 12

At  
Holy Rosary

Registrations Coming in April

Looking for adult volunteers to work as aides  
during the day session,  
9am - 2:30pm, Monday - Friday.

Consider volunteering for a day!

## St. Patrick Fundraiser Save the Date!

### Saturday, June 12, 2021

St. Patrick Reverse Raffle and the BBQ Chicken and Rib dinner tickets are now available at the Holy Rosary/St. Patrick Office. Tickets will also be available after the 9:30 Mass at St. Patrick, see Nick Brackman or Ellen Brown. The cost of the Reverse Raffle ticket is **\$60 each** and only 350 tickets will be sold. The drawing will take place on Saturday, June 12, 2021, at 6:30p.m. at St. Patrick Church (old picnic grounds north east - across the road from the church). Grand prize is \$4000, with 9 other cash prizes to be given away. Along with the raffle, we will have 50-50, an insurance board, ice cream, pop and water with a new event, **Cow Patty Bingo!** An auction for ticket #345 will be held when we are down to the last 4 tickets to be pulled. Invite your friends to join in buying this chance for a possible winning ticket!

The BBQ Chicken and Rib dinner tickets include a baked potato, applesauce, and dinner roll. **DINNER TICKETS ARE PRESALE ONLY!!!! Chicken Dinner \$10 each and Rib dinner \$12 each**, all prepared by Sweet Caroline's. Kevin Ott and Melissa Chalk will have tickets available after the 9:30 Mass also.

Dinners are carryout or eat at the picnic grounds - tables will be provided. Bring your own lawn chair for the drawings and spend time reminiscing about the "Old" Glynnwood Picnic with friends. Everyone is invited!

In case of rain, dinners will be all carryout and the drawing will be presented online.



## Wine, Women & Scripture

**Monday, April 12 @ 6:30pm  
in the Holy Rosary Cafeteria**

**Enjoy an evening of fellowship  
with the women from our parishes.**

There is no need to register - just come, be inspired,  
and enjoy a relaxing evening out!

Questions? Contact:

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Stacy Smith 419-733-5805

