

St. John, St. Mary, Visitation Churches

Mass Schedule for April 17th – April 25th

Sat. 17 th 9:00 a.m.	Kari Homan (Visn)
Sat. 17 th 5:00 p.m.	Margaret Kramer (Visn) (GV)
Sun. 18 th 7:45 a.m.	Margaret Kramer (SM) (DD)
Sun. 18 th 9:45 a.m.	Parishioners (SJ) (DD)
Sun. 18 th 11:30 a.m.	First Communicants (Visn) (DD)
Mon. 19 th 9:00 a.m.	Living & deceased of the Victor May family (Visn)
Tues. 20 th 9:00 a.m.	Intention of Norma Gels (Visn)
Wed. 21 st 12 noon	Dick Monnig (Visn)
Wed. 21 st 6:00 p.m.	Marcella Homan (Visn)
Thurs. 22 nd 9:00 a.m.	Living & deceased of the Dennis Davis family (Visn)
Fri. 23 rd 9:00 a.m.	Living & deceased of the Vonderhaar family (Visn)
Sat. 24 th 9:00 a.m.	Harry & Ruth Fliehman (Visn)
Sat. 24 th 5:00 p.m.	Protection of the unborn (Visn) (GV)
Sun. 25 th 7:45 a.m.	Teresa Schatzle (SM) (DD)
Sun. 25 th 9:45 a.m.	Cindy Joy Carter (SJ) (GV)
Sun. 25 th 11:30 a.m.	Parishioners (Visn) (GV)

**Confessions Saturday 4:00 – 4:30pm Visitation
Wednesday 5:00 – 6:00pm Visitation**

During the Easter Season, Visitation of BVM Church will be open/unlocked during normal office hours, M-F 8:30AM – 3:00PM. If you would like to arrange a private visit to the Blessed Sacrament or pray in Church, please contact Fr. David Doseck.

April Meetings/Activities

Parish Council meetings

April 19 St. John 7p.m.

Ladies' Sodality meetings

April 19 Visitation 9:30a.m.

Thank you for your continued support of our parishes through your donations.

Offertory April 4, 2021

Visitation \$5256.00 St. John \$1197.05

St. Mary \$4912.00

This week we take up a second collection for Catholic Relief Services to help **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS: There will be a **REQUIRED** meeting on **May 5th at 7p.m. at Visitation Church** for any families and their students who wish to be Confirmed next year. It is very important that you attend this meeting which will lay out the requirements for this Sacrament year. Please plan on attending even if you are planning on continuing a remote or homeschool program for the coming year. This meeting is also for anyone who may be seeking Confirmation for a youth under the age of 18 who would like to be Confirmed next year. Please plan on a parent and the youth seeking Confirmation to be present at this meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at ccd.ym.renee@preblecountycatholics.org and put Confirmation 2022 Meeting in the subject line. I look forward to seeing you and walking with your family and your students in this important time in their Faith life.

Renee Piekutowski

Third Sunday of Easter

Dear Friends in Christ,

A second hymn commonly heard during the Easter season is "Crown Him With Many Crowns." This piece of hymnary was written by Mathew Bridges during the Oxford Movement. This movement in Church history was begun by John Henry Newman converting from Anglicanism to becoming a full member of the Roman Catholic Church. Bridges was born and raised as an Anglican and then became a full member of the Catholic Church in 1848.

The original six stanzas mention six crowns: "Crown him . . . the Lamb upon the throne" (stanza one) drawn from Revelation 22:1; "Crown him the Virgin's Son" (original stanza two); "Crown him the Son of God" (original stanza three); "Crown him the Lord of Love" (original stanza four); "Crown him the Lord of Peace" (original stanza five); and "Crown him the Lord of Years" (original stanza six).

Hymnology scholar J. R. Watson, notes that, "During the 1870s, objections were made to Bridge's words, perhaps because of the complex references to the Blessed Virgin Mary." Godfrey Thring (1823-1903), an Anglican priest, composed a new version and published it in his *Hymns and Sacred Lyrics* (1874). The *United Methodist Hymnal*, like many others, combines a stanza of Thring's text (stanza two) with three from Bridges' original.

All of the crowns are Bridges wondering on the text in Scripture: "His eyes were [like] a fiery flame, and on his head were many diadems." (Rev. 19:12) It begs the question, "How does Jesus transform a crown of thorns into a crown full of diadems?"

God Love You,
Fr. David Doseck

St. Anne's Sodality of Visitation: It's that time of year again - time to elect officers! If you would be willing to serve as an officer, call Dot at 937-776-8950 or Alice at 937-456-1088. Please volunteer!

Please keep our 2nd Grade students in your prayers as they receive First Holy Communion today, Sunday April 18th, at the 11:30a.m. Mass at Visitation.

*Alyssa Hofmann
Corbin Kennel
Abby Leach
Katie Proeschel*

Be sure to check out the banners these students created which are displayed in Visitation of BVM Church!

Rectory Kitchen Renovation Project: Work on the rectory renovation project continues. We will soon be ready to start the rectory kitchen renovation. Check the website for more information about the kitchen project. **We welcome proposals/quotes from interested parishioners/local businesses.** Please email questions and proposals/quotes to mark@cmofohio.com before May 1.

Knights of Columbus Announce Scholarship
The Knights of Columbus will award a \$500 Cornelius 'Neil' Cahalane Memorial Scholarship to a student attending a 2-4 year college or vocational school. Applications are available at the church entrances and must be submitted by May 15.

St. Anne's Sodality Scholarship
St. Anne's Sodality of Visitation will be presenting \$1000 in scholarship funds to a worthy student, not just a new high school graduate, but for any woman of any age who is furthering her education. Application guidelines are available at the church entrances. Applications must be submitted by May 17.