

*Easter Sunday of
The Resurrection of The Lord
April 1, 2018*



April 2, Monday within the Octave of Easter

8:15 a.m. Larry Logsdon (Family)
6:30 p.m. Karl Plehn (Larry & Marilyn Kovacs)

April 3, Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

8:15 a.m. Dave Marsh (The Avilas)
6:30 p.m. Tony Zuchowski (Tom & Monica Brately)

April 4, Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

8:15 a.m. Donna Ott
Anniversary – Mary Despot

April 5, Thursday within the Octave of Easter

8:15 a.m. John & Barbara Ruppenner (Family)
6:30 p.m. Mary Labriola (Family)

April 6, Friday within the Octave of Easter

8:15 a.m. Charles Gallo (Family)
6:30 p.m. Marie Arto (Codispoti Family)

April 7, Saturday within the Octave of Easter

8:15 a.m. Brenda Dannemiller (Family)
5:00 p.m. Nadine Bolea (Marlene Bolea)

April 8

Divine Mercy Sunday

7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am - Pro Populo

*Anniversary – Zoey Kohler
Month's Mind – Dennis Pavelko*

Scripture Readings for the Week:

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

Early on, I learned to treasure the gift of Easter Sunday by competing at our annual family Easter egg hunt with my six sisters...and yes, there was always a lot of fighting and one egg that we could never find...and those hunts were just another reason why my sisters were often frustrated with me since I usually won. Ha ha ha—love you my sisters! I know it may be a strange thing to hear from a priest, but two and a half years ago, when my father died, the meaning of Easter Sunday dramatically changed for me. What was once something of an essential theological truth, became a desperate need to proclaim Jesus Christ Is Truly Risen! Now, I desperately need to get this day to embrace something more than Easter bonnets and homemade chocolates. This day, Easter Sunday, gives us meaning when death wants to take every bit of life away from us. This is the day the evil one, the deceiver, the enemy satan himself, has not only been revealed for who he truly is, but has been conquered by the perfect sacrificial love and the very blood of Jesus Christ. This is the day to shout out what my father and all who were promised at their Baptism...that death does not win! So no matter where you have come from or what you're going through, whether it is a time of joy or you are not even sure how you're going to get through this day, Jesus Christ always saves! On behalf of our parish and pastoral staff, remember why Jesus Christ came...to save YOU! Celebrate each one of these 50 great days of Easter with joy!

Alleluia,
Fr. Bline

Jesus is Risen! This took place around 2,000 years ago. His disciples saw Him killed by crucifixion. He then appeared to them on Sunday after His death. He didn't appear as a ghost or vision. He had flesh. The marks of His crucifixion remained on His body. Jesus ate with His apostles, spoke with them, and then, sent them to proclaim the Gospel. There is an empty tomb that testifies to this. And, there is a billion-member Catholic Church that testifies to this. Jesus' resurrection is not a nicety, it is a historical fact; and, it is one that seals His preaching and teaching with the authority of truth. No other religion claims that their founder died and then, literally, rose from the dead to never die again. No other religion rises from an historical event quite like Christianity. If it is true that Jesus *is* Risen - that is, still alive, still at work, still active, and truly Lord - then we are forced to decide: will we follow *Him*? A "yes" will change our lives. To follow Jesus means we do not follow ourselves or any other leader. If we put Jesus Christ first, we will not live like the rest of the world. *Will we follow Him? How will we answer the call of Easter?* There is no way around this decision moment. It is the heart of Easter and the awesome power of our Catholic faith.

In HIS Name,
Fr. Bearer





**Here's What's Happening
Around the Parish This Week...**

Monday, April 2

- Parish Office Closed
- No School all week
- No PSR

Tuesday, April 3

- Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, April 4

- AA/Al-Anon, 7:30-9:00 p.m. (Refectory)

Thursday, April 5

- Scripture Study, 12:30-3:00 p.m. (VHM)
- Bloodmobile, 1:00-7:00 p.m. (Gym)

Friday, April 6

- Women of Faith, 7:00 p.m. (Refectory)

Saturday, April 7

- Men's Group, 7:00-8:15 a.m. (Upper Room)
- Encounter School of Healing, 8:30 a.m. (Gym)
- Healing Service, 7:00 p.m. (Church)

Sunday, April 8

- Movie: Paul, Apostle of Christ, 1:00 p.m. (Regal Cinemas Interstate Park 18)
- Boy Scouts, 5:00-7:00 p.m. (Refectory)
- Youth Group, 7:00-9:00 p.m. (Upper Room)

COLLECTION INFORMATION

The collection for the weekend of March 17-18 was \$15,020.19. The collection information for Palm Sunday weekend and this weekend will be published next Sunday. Thank you for your generosity and understanding!



Please remember in your prayers parishioner James Helms, Sr. and former parishioner Anna Marie Munka. Also, Jim Geig, brother of John Geig. May perpetual light shine upon them.



VOCATION CRUCIFIX

The parish could use some more volunteers to receive the Vocation Crucifix. Even if you've received it before, you may receive it again. There's no limit! Vocation prayers are always needed and appreciated! Please call the parish office at 330-644-2225 to have your name added to the list.

The Goshe Family received the Vocation Crucifix this weekend.



RICE BOWL COLLECTION 2018

Rice Bowls will be collected next Sunday, April 8, 2018. If you are able, please count the money inside your box and write a separate check to St. Francis de Sales and place it in an envelope marked "Rice Bowl". Thank you for helping those in need!



**CHRIST IS RISEN, ALLELUIA!
A BLESSED EASTER TO YOU AND
YOUR FAMILIES!**

UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP EVENTS:

- 4/8: Youth Group Night - Upper Room 7-9pm
- 4/12: XLT - Borromeo Seminary 7-9:30pm
- 4/22: YG Field Trip - Cleveland Museum of Art 12:30-5:30pm

contact Shirley Clark w/questions:
330-439-4502/sclark.sfds@gmail.com

The Parish Office will be closed Monday and Tuesday within The Octave. We will see you on Easter Wednesday!



Happy Easter! This past week at school we have spent time reflecting on the meaning of Easter and the sense of renewed life within ourselves. Our students have celebrated Living Stations, where they were able to see the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ through the gifts and talents of our 5th – 8th grade students. We have also spent time humbling ourselves by participating in the Washing of the Feet as a school. Finally, our students have experienced mercy, compassion and forgiveness by participating in Confession throughout the season of Lent. We hope that the season of Lent was as fruitful for you as it was for our students. It is our prayer that you may enjoy a beautiful Easter weekend, a safe and happy spring break and find the renewed discovery of hope and joy that will come with the Easter Season!

Alleluia!

Ms. Katie Buzzelli, Principal



WOMEN OF FAITH

Women of the parish - come celebrate the Holy Easter season and learn to paint a butterfly, a symbol of new life and the resurrection on Friday, April 6th following the 6:30 evening Mass. Bernadette Leigh and Peggy Dolensky will instruct you step by step. Please RSVP to the parish office by Monday, April 2nd (leave a message) so we have enough supplies on hand for each person to create their own masterpiece. Cost will be \$10-\$15.



The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.™

UPCOMING RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

This Thursday, April 5th from 1:00-7:00 p.m. in the parish gymnasium, St. Francis de Sales will hold its' second of four Blood Drives this year. Our first one in January was a big success for which we want to thank all of our donors. We hope to do as well, if not better this time. There is always a need for blood. Please take the time to give this special gift of life. He gave his blood for you; can you give your blood to help someone else in need?



DINNER AND A MOVIE

Join us on April 8th at 1:00 p.m. when St. Francis de Sales hosts a group viewing of the movie "Paul, Apostle of Christ" at Regal Cinemas Interstate Park 18. This movie is FREE on behalf of the parish and Parish Pastoral Council in celebration of our 70th anniversary. In lieu of a ticket price, an envelope will be provided should you wish to make a charitable donation to St. Vincent de Paul. There is a limit of 228 attendees, and there will be a sign-up sheet in the school vestibule after masses this weekend. There will be an optional buffet dinner at Menches Brothers following the movie – around 3:30 p.m. The \$10 cost of the dinner will be paid to the restaurant.



Support our School!
SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Our school and parish offices continue to sell a wide variety of Scrip gift cards. We understand that buying them at another location sometimes offers perks that we cannot give, but our school does earn a nice percentage from each gift card purchase that you make. Please look over the list on the last page of the bulletin. We have so many to offer! Did you know that over the Christmas holiday our school earned over \$2500 from your Scrip gift card purchases? We are so grateful! Please continue to buy these gifts cards when you can.

St. Francis de Sales Parish



70^H ANNIVERSARY PHOTO DIRECTORY!

"Bloom where you are planted"

Our new church family directory sincerely will not be the same without you!! Please sign up now to have your photo taken. All photos will be taken in the Upper Room at St. Francis de Sales by Universal Church Directories.

You can sign up online on weekdays

GO TO: WWW.UCDIR.COM

CODE: oh2111

PASSWORD: sfds

Click "schedule your photography session" on the right side & follow the prompts.

(or)

You can sign up after a variety of Masses in the church narthex on the weekends

PHOTOGRAPHY SESSION DATES:

April 2nd – April 6th, May 7th – May 12th, and June 4th & 5th, 2018.

Weekdays 2 pm – 8:30 pm & Saturday 10:30 am – 4 pm

Every family that is photographed will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait, and a free 70th Anniversary Directory!!

Please feel free to bring a beloved pet if you'd like to have them in the photo with you.

Questions? Please ask:

Susie Naragon 330-329-1937 ms4e@aol.com, Michele Steurer 330-618-5545 shellbell601@gmail.com

Joy Kopcha 765-760-9517 joy.kopcha@gmail.com, or Terri Bachtel



ENCOUNTER

SCHOOL OF HEALING



The Speakers



Patrick Reis
Presenter



Fr. Mathias Thelen
Presenter & Healing Service Leaders



Chris Finneman
Worship Leader



Fr. Jacob Bearer
Vigil Mass Celebrant

DATE: April 7

St. Francis de Sales

4019 Manchester Rd, Akron, OH 44319

THE ENCOUNTER SCHOOL OF HEALING

JESUS PROMISED, "THESE SIGNS WILL ACCOMPANY THOSE WHO BELIEVE...THEY WILL LAY HANDS ON THE SICK AND THEY WILL RECOVER." MARK 16:17. JESUS HAS CALLED US TO DO WHAT HE DID, AND THAT INCLUDES HEALING THE SICK. THE ENCOUNTER SCHOOL OF HEALING IS A ONE-DAY CONFERENCE TO TEACH, IMPART AND ACTIVATE CATHOLICS TO BE MORE EFFECTIVE MINISTERS OF JESUS' HEALING IN THE WORLD! JESUS WANTS TO USE YOU AS AN INSTRUMENT OF HIS DIVINE HEALING. ARE YOU GOING TO GIVE HIM THE CHANCE?

THERE WILL BE A HEALING SERVICE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC SATURDAY EVENING AT 7PM

Dont miss your chance, register online now at www.encounterministries.us



ENCOUNTER
MINISTRIES



St. Francis de Sales 70's Themed Euchre Tournament

(70s theme for our 70th year, of course!)



Saturday April, 14, 2018

6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

21 years old and up!

Bring friends and family for a fun
night of cards and disco!



There is a \$30 fee per person and includes food, fondue, soft drinks and beer (or you may bring your own preferred drink). Please send a check to St. Francis de Sales or drop it off at the Parish Office in a labeled envelope. If you bring a team of 8, please submit the names with the check, or you can join a team when you arrive!

Registration due by April 7, 2018.

Please call or text Dave Beitko (330-807-9606) or Molly Booth (330-322-6824)

with a number of players or teams!

Euchre tournament sponsored by St. Francis de Sales Pastoral Council. Additional information can be obtained by emailing Dave Beitko at dave.beitko@snapon.com or Molly Booth at marykbooth@yahoo.com

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
50-YEAR CLASS REUNION

The 1968 class of St. John the Baptist school is having a 50-year reunion September 23, 2018 beginning with Mass at St. John's at 10:00 a.m. If you know of a member of that class or a family member, please contact Anne at 330-644-8020 or annnews17@hotmail.com.

STEADFAST FATHERS CLASSES

Gentlemen, are you looking for a worthwhile volunteer opportunity geared specifically toward helping other men? First and Ten, the men's ministry of Embrace Clinic and Care Center (formerly known as Community Pregnancy Center), aims to help strengthen men and families by stressing the importance of authentic fatherhood. One way we accomplish this is through our Steadfast Fathers classes. We are looking for men to help us facilitate these classes. We want to help fathers of all ages be the best dads they can be. Training is provided. If you are interested, please call 330-825-1900 and ask for Paul Mungo or email them at info@embraceccc.org.

ST. PHILIP AND JAMES
CANAL FULTON

They will hold their 2018 Auction and Reverse Raffle on Saturday, April 14th from 5:00-10:00 p.m. at Guy's Party Center, 500 E. Waterloo Road, Akron 44319. Purchase dinner and raffle tickets at spjauction.org. Thank you!

NIGHT AT THE RACES

The Knights of Columbus 3410 will hold a Night at the Races on Saturday, April 7th at the K of C Hall, 2055 Glenmount Avenue in Akron. Cost is \$40 per couple or \$25 single and includes dinner, beer, wine, pop and water. There will be a cash bar. Adults 21 and over only. Please contact either of the following to purchase tickets: Vince Gross, 330-620-7107 or Shawn Needham, 330-620-5705.

THE FEST

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. The FEST is a great day of faith, family and fun – all for FREE!

REFLECTIONS FOR WOMEN
QUEEN OF HEAVEN PARISH

Children of Mary Sisters from Cincinnati offer practical suggestions you can do that will have you saying "This is changing my life!" Come spend a brief time with the Lord on Saturday, April 14th from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon. In addition to two talks presented by the Sisters, you will have the opportunity for praise, worship and confession. The morning will culminate with Mass followed by a light lunch and a chance to ask questions and get material from the Sisters. There will be a free will offering. Call the Queen of Heaven parish office at 330-896-2345, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Please register by April 9th.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

You are invited to participate in the public celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8th, 2:30 p.m. at Queen of Heaven Catholic Church in Green. There will be a prayer service with Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Benediction of The Blessed Sacrament, Veneration of Divine Mercy image, followed by a social.

PAIN AND PURPOSE RETREAT

Cornerstone of Hope will be hosting "Pain to Purpose" retreat weekend from Friday, April 27-Sunday, April 29 at the Jesuit Retreat House in Parma. Are you grieving the death of a loved one? Has it changed your life forever? Come and experience Christ's love for you in this pain, meet others with similar losses, and be transformed. For information or to register, call 216-524-4673, ext. 235. Online registration is also available on the Cornerstone homepage at:

www.cornerstoneofhope.org.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

A "Life in the Spirit" seminar will be held in Waldeisen Hall at Immaculate Conception Parish in Akron on Saturday, April 14th from 1:00-10:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 15th from 6:30-10:00 p.m. Speakers include Fr. Michael B. Smith, Fr. Pete Colletti, Fr. Jacob Bearer and Larry Vuillemin. Program includes praise and worship, inspiring talks, Mass, Healing Service, great fellowship, and dinner on Saturday. Cost is \$10 per person or bring a friend - \$15 for 2 people. Contact Grace at Immaculate Conception rectory at 330-753-8429 or ickenmore@yahoo.org for reservations and additional information.

Stop by the parish or school office to purchase Scrip gift cards for the following:

Acme	Bob Evans	CVS	HomeGoods	Marshall's	Red Lobster	Sunoco
Aeropostale	Bonefish	Dick's	Honeymoon	Menches	Regal	Taco Bell
Amazon	Grill	Dillards	Grille	Brothers	Cinema	Target
Applebee's	Bravo	Dunkin	iTunes	Michael's	Ross Dress	TGIFridays
Arby's	Buehler's	Donuts	JCPenney	Old Navy	for Less	Tinseltown
Babies R Us	Burger King	Fleming's	Jo-Ann	Olive	Sam's Club	Theaters
Banana	Carrabba	Game Stop	Fabrics	Garden	Sears	TJ Maxx
Republic	Grill	Gander	Kohl's	Outback	Sheetz	Toys R Us
Barnes &	Chili's Bar &	Mountain	Longhorn	Steakhouse	Spaghetti	Walgreen's
Noble	Grill	The Gap	Steakhouse	Panera	Warehouse	Walmart
Bath & Body	Chipotle	GFS	Lowe's	Pat Catan's	Speedway	Wendy's
Works	Cinemark	Giant Eagle	Macaroni	PF Chang's	Starbucks	Whole
Bed Bath &	Circle K	Handel's Ice	Grill	Pier 1 Import	Steak 'n'	Foods
Beyond	Claire's	Cream	Macy's	Pizza Hut	Shake	
Best Buy	Cracker	Home Depot	Marathon	Red Robin	Subway	
	Barrel					