

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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**SECOND SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**

**April 27, 2025**



## Good News!

By: FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

At this point in history, we are a nation filled with much anger. Given all that is taking place, one might conclude that it comes from a fear of losing control—fears due to the waves of immigrants seeking asylum, to a changing economy, to political alliances, to artificial intelligence, resulting in our inability to sort truth from untruth. Fears also due to strained relationships with non-Western nations, to urban violence and the abundance of guns, to the conflict between pro-life and pro-choice allegiances, and, for some, to what is perceived as conflicted thinking within the Catholic Church. There is no shortage of what may be fueling our anger. How can faith help us respond in a life-giving way?

Saint John writes that “whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith” (1 John 5:4). This is not to say that we can easily make the world respond in ways we want, but rather that the world has no power over the person who places all trust in God’s presence among us. It was the risen Lord who once brought peace to the disciples behind doors locked out of fear. Might not our faith help us who have locked ourselves behind doors of mistrust and anger? If only we allow ourselves to trust God. Yet, we should not simply shrug off all cares or involvement in life; on the contrary, with faith and trust, we recognize we are not the only players in shaping the events of the world.

## MASS INTENTION SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday</b>	OLM	04/26	4:00	p.m.	+Clarence and +Gertrude Huck (The Family)
	SJB	04/26	6:00	p.m.	+Frank Schilling (Anniv.) (Family)
<b>Sunday</b>	SJB	04/26	7:30	a.m.	+Bernard and +Joanne Strahler (Birthday) (Wedding Anniv.) (Children)
	OLM	04/27	9:30	a.m.	+Ken and + Pat Stehly (Mike and Denise Stehly)
	SJB	04/27	11:00	a.m.	First Communicants
<b>Monday</b>	SJB	04/28	8:00	a.m.	+Dave Swisher (Parish)
<b>Tuesday</b>	SJB	04/29	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today
	OLM	04/29	5:00	p.m.	TBA
<b>Wednesday</b>	SJB	04/30	8:20	a.m.	+Vincent Huck (Children)
<b>Thursday</b>	SJB	05/01	8:20	a.m.	+Patricia Gaydosik (Todd and Kathryn Arnold Family) School Mass
	OLM	05/01	5:00	p.m.	TBA
<b>First Friday</b>	SJB	05/02	6:00	p.m.	+Diane Arnold (Birthday) (Alvin Arnold and Family) Adoration 5-6:00 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	OLM	05/03	4:00	p.m.	TBA
	SJB	05/03	6:00	p.m.	+Mary Canterbury (Birthday 5/4) (Rick Canterbury and Family)
<b>Sunday</b>	SJB	05/04	7:30	a.m.	+Earl and +Justine Tornes (Doug and Mary Parks and Family)
	OLM	05/04	9:30	a.m.	TBA
	SJB	05/04	11:00	a.m.	+Richard and +Bertha Pottmeyer (Pottmeyer Children)

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

If you are unable to serve, please try to find a replacement. Thank you!

MASS		ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday	6:00 p.m.	Raegan and Orion Flinn	Virginia Dyar	Jessica Henke
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Keegan Pottmeyer Connor McCartney	Kelly Miller	Veronica Bosner
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Maycee and Brenlee Lang	Janelle Sprague	Roxanne Heiss

#### COLLECTION

Total Collection last weekend \$ 4,475  
Needed to meet parish needs \$ 4,750

Thank you for your generosity!


#### DPSC

2025 Collected to Date \$ 31,400  
2025 DPSC Goal \$ 41,330

This includes money sent directly to the Diocese. Thank you for your contributions!



Please pray for all of the men and women who are serving our country in the military. May God watch over them and keep them safe.

 <p>St. Margaret Clitherow (1556-1586), the pearl of York hid priests and allowed Mass to be celebrated in her home, a criminal offense at the time. She was pressed to death. Margaret was canonized by Pope Paul VI in 1970 as one of 40 martyrs of England and Wales.</p>	<p><b>What's Happening</b></p> <p>May 1 Sr. Citizens Meeting 11:00 a.m. Sr. Center May 1 School Mass—Recognize First Communicants, May Crowning May 8 St. John School Play—Marietta High School 6:30 p.m. May 12 CWC Mother/Daughter Banquet in the Sr. Center May 16 Pre-School Graduation in the Church 6:00 p.m. May 20 Kindergarten Graduation May 21 Last Day of School</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41 / Revelation 5:11–14 / John 21:1–19 or 21:1–14</p>

Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than 10:00 p.m. on Monday

### SCHOOL MASS CHANGE

School Mass will be held at 8:20 a.m. on Thursday, May 1 instead of Wednesday. This mass will include May Crowning.

### 2025 PRAYER LIST

The 2025 Prayer Line list is available in the church vestibule. Please stop by and pick up a copy.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars now as Vacation Bible School is happening June 22-26! We'll have fun, faith, and unforgettable memories for kids of all ages. Registration forms and more info coming soon. Want to be part of the fun? We'd love your help! If you're interested in volunteering, please reach out to Maggie Huffman at 740-885-0202.

### PARISH DIRECTORY

We are wrapping up the parishioner picture part of the directory. If you have a picture you would like included, please email it to Emma Brooker at [claire0140@gmail.com](mailto:claire0140@gmail.com) no later than May 1. Emma Brooker will then transpose your picture (if possible) onto the background we used. If you **do not** want your picture and/or information included in the directory you need to notify us by May 1. If we do not hear from you by that date, your information will be published.

### CWC MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET

The CWC Mother/Daughter Banquet will be held on Monday, May 12th at the Sr. Center. We will begin with mass at 6:00 p.m. at the church. Meal and drink will be provided. Please bring a potluck dessert or salad to share. Please RSVP to Anna Schaad by May 4th (Home 373-6181 or Cell 525-0123).

### CWC CONVENTION

The annual CWC Convention will be held on Wednesday, June 4 at Holy Family Church in Steubenville. If you are interested in attending, please contact Marilyn Zoller at 740-350-8141 or 740-896-3626. Reservations are due by May 19.

### SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING

The Senior Citizens will meet on Thursday, May 1, 11:00 a.m. in the Sr. Center. Tiffany Neill of the Washington County Board of Developmental Disabilities and Ewing School will be the guest speaker.

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN SCHOOL

The spring play is set for May 8 at Marietta High School at 6:30 p.m. Pre-K graduation will take place on May 16 at 6:00 p.m. at the church, marking their last day of school. Kindergarten graduation will be on May 20, which will be the final day of school for our kindergarteners. The last day for all other students will be May 21, featuring Field Day, Awards Day, and the official start of summer break!

### CARD SHOWER

A Surprise Card Shower is being held for Margaret Dyar's 80th birthday on May 8. Cards may be sent to Margaret Dyar, 2015 Lowell Hill Road, Lowell, Ohio 45744.

### THANK YOU

Fr. Gaydosik, Fr. Heinz and Fr. Tornes would like to thank all of you who sent cards, gifts and prayers during this Easter season. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

### P.S.R. PROGRAM DIRECTOR

We are looking for the next leader of our PSR (Parish School of Religion) Program. They would coordinate and supervise our Religious Education program for children 1st-12th grade. If interested contact the parish office.

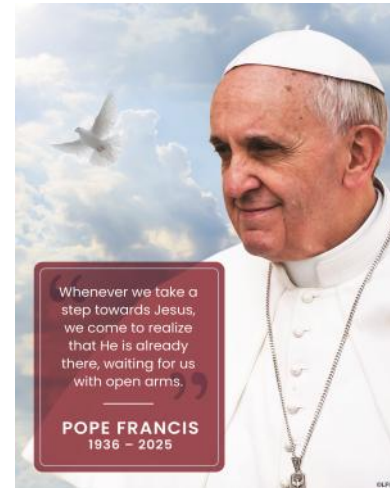


### MOTHER'S DAY DINNER

St. Henry's Catholic Church in Harriettsville will hold their Annual Mother's Day Dinner on Sunday, May 11. Serving will be 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The menu consists of a chicken and ham dinner, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, applesauce, noodles, rolls, dessert and drink. Cost is Adult \$15 and children 10 and under \$7. Take outs will be available in the basement serving line.

### BAKED STEAK BENEFIT DINNER

A baked steak benefit dinner to benefit Mary's House will be held at St. James Catholic Church in McConnelsville on Saturday, May 3. Serving time is 4:30-7:00 p.m. and the price is \$15 per person. Contact or follow us at: 740-960-9944, [maryshouseoh.org](http://www.facebook.com/maryshousesoutheastern) or <http://www.facebook.com/maryshousesoutheastern>.



With heavy hearts, we mourn the passing of Pope Francis.

A shepherd to the world, he led with humility, compassion, and deep faith.

Let us lift him in prayer, entrusting his soul to the mercy of God.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.



Congratulations to those receiving their First Communion this weekend. Please keep these children in your prayers as they continue on their faith journey.

*Easton C. Bowling*

*William L. Eichmiller*

*Sierra N. Ewing*

*Claire E. Greenup*

*Clarence P. Greer*

*Nicholas H. Huck*

*Jackson F. Kern*

*Kenna G. Roush*

*Kendalynn Walters*

*Gracie Wheeler*





### New Parishioners

Welcome!

You can register by calling our Parish Office.

### Prayer Network: Call

Mary Brooker 740-896-2002  
Elaine Wells 740-896-3112  
to place a prayer request on the prayer line or to join in the prayers for those in need.

### Becoming Catholic (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

For those interested in becoming Catholic, contact the parish office.

### Care for the Sick or Homebound:

Call the Parish Office or Marilyn Kern to set up Communion visits or to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

### Pastoral Musicians

Valerie Strahler, Crystal Lang

### Scrip Coordinator

Betina Lang

### PSR Coordinator

Andrea Ralston

### Pastoral Council

Chairperson Maria Huffman

### Parish Finance Council

Chairperson Russ Lang,  
Casey Lang, Rachel Schott,  
Jeff Canterbury, Pam Brooker

### Cemetery Association

Andy Miller, Kevin Brooker,  
Dean Hart, Howard Brooker

### Club of Catholic Women

President Marilyn Zollar

### St. John Central School

(740) 896-2697  
Mrs. Becky Hilverding  
Principal

### Knights of Columbus

Council 4617  
Grand Knight Taylor Pottmeyer

### St. John School Foundation

Gary Arnold, President

### Diocesan Catholic Charities & Information

Referral Line:  
1-800-339-7890

**AMAZING VOLUNTEERS** We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the dedicated volunteers whose hard work and creativity brought to life the stunning decorations in our church for this Easter season. Your efforts have transformed our worship spaces into, a vibrant and welcoming church where we can celebrate this special season of the year. Thank you!

**Wonderful signs of appreciation.** Your priests would like to extend a *thank you* for all the ways you have made this world a brighter place. The cards and kindnesses this Easter are very appreciated. Know of our gratitude and prayers. Frs. Walter, Dale and David.

**Prayer** for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis.

### Bishop Lohse reacts to death of Pope Francis

Bishop Edward M. Lohse, apostolic administrator of Steubenville, said, "I join with all the faithful in the Diocese of Steubenville in offering prayers for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis. His impact on the Catholic Church during the twelve years of his pontificate has been immense. While we personally mourn his loss among us, we place our hope in the promise of eternal life, a hope which – as Pope Francis reminded us of so many times – does not disappoint. Christ is truly risen."

"Pope Francis will be known for calling the Church to reach out actively to our brothers and sisters who live "in the periphery," as he was accustomed to say. He will be remembered for his teaching, especially his four encyclicals including *Laudato Si* and his concern for our common home, but most especially I think that he will be remembered for his compassion toward those who find themselves struggling with life, faith, or hope.

*My his soul and the souls of all our departed rest in peace.*

### Seven Sorrows of Mary

The Seven Sorrows of Mary refer to seven key events in the lives of Jesus and Mary: the prophecy of Simeon, the flight into Egypt, the loss of the Child Jesus in Jerusalem, the meeting of Jesus and Mary as he carried his cross to Calvary, the Crucifixion and death of Jesus, the removal of the Body of Christ from the cross, and the burial of Jesus. These events illustrate the great suffering endured by Our Lord and his Blessed Mother, and remind Christians to unite our own sufferings with those of Jesus, following Mary's perfect example. Devotion to the sorrows of Mary dates to the early centuries of Christianity, with such proponents as St. Ephrem, St. Alphonsus Liguori and St. Bridget of Sweden.

The Seven Sorrows devotion can take the form of seven Hail Marys, seven Rosaries or a novena, all recited while meditating upon the individual sorrows.

*Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only in prayer can they preserve and bear fruit. - Pope Francis*

### Our Seminarians

Pray for Seminarians studying at: Sacred Heart Major Seminary 2701 Chicago Blvd., Detroit, MI 48206; Peter Stetson, St. Vincent Seminary 300 Fraser Purchase Rd., Latrobe Pa, 15650; Christopher McGurn and Samuel Ivkovich. Pontifical College Josephinum 7625 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43235-1499; Maximilian Kolbe Gan, Jonathan Ruscoe, Riley Morris, Aaron Pabin, Caleb Baker. On a pastoral year at Christ the Light Parish 9704 Gomber Ave. Cambridge, Ohio 43728, Ryan Budd and John Paul Gan.

**Pray for our priests:** 4/27 Bishop Lohse. 4/28 Fr. Anthony Batt, 4/29 Fr. Ed Maxfield, 4/30 Fr. Chester Pabin, 5/1 Fr. Dan Heusal, 5/2 Fr. Fred Kihm, 5/3 Fr. Josh Erickson. Our priests speak to the faithful with their hearts and faith. Fill them, with burning zeal for the conversion of sinners.

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The first report for the **2025 DPSC** has been sent to the parish. Our parish goal for Our Lady of Mercy is 21,945.00  
St. John the Baptist is 41,331.00.

To date Our Lady of Mercy is at 63 % of their goal. St. John the Baptist is at 68% of their goal. Once our parish goal is reached, 100% of the funds received beyond the goal are rebated to us for our parish needs. In addition to helping support our parish, the DPSC provides essential funding for our diocesan offices and ministries. **These funds are donor-restricted and can only be used to support parishes and ministries in the thirteen counties of our diocese, regardless of the outcome of the discernment process about the future of our diocese.** At Our Lady of Mercy, so far, 23% of our 118 registered families have responded to the DPSC. At St. John the Baptist, so far 25% of our 217 registered families have responded to the DPSC. If you have not yet contributed, I ask you to please prayerfully consider making a donation of any amount.



**Loving God, we give you thanks for the life and ministry of Pope Francis.** In him you gave us a man of humility, one who valued listening to the voices of the voiceless, compassion for the undervalued, mercy for sinners and justice for the oppressed. You gave us a pastor who led through the example of his love for your people and your creation, who was not ashamed to smell like his sheep. Comfort all who mourn his passing, and may the angels now lead him to paradise with you to rest in your peace for eternity. May your Spirit guide the future successor to your servant Francis to continue the work you have begun through him, for the good of the Church and the world. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.