

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Good News!

By: FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

A long time ago, I came across a piece that I still remember because it's pretty much a commentary on how life is for most of us. It goes something like this: At the age of ten, we think we can live forever. When we're twenty, we think we can save the world. When the big thirty rolls around, we think we can save the company. When the fortieth birthday arrives, we think we can save our children. Then, when we're fifty, we think we can at least save our marriage. And by the time we're sixty, we think we should just save aluminum cans.

A bit flippant perhaps, but it reminds me that even given my own best efforts, I really do not save much of anything. It is always God who does the saving, not me.

It's a conversation replayed in our heads again and again. We find ourselves unwittingly thinking that if we do all the right things, when we die and go to heaven, then God will have to take us in. If we say the right prayers and follow all the rules, then we will have earned salvation. Yet then we will have saved ourselves and there will have been no need for God's gracious goodness. Then we will have lifted ourselves up by our own bootstraps and not by the Lord Jesus.

Then we will proclaim ourselves as the light to overcome darkness, and it will not be the death and resurrection of the Lord which does so.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 10, 2024

John 3:16
For GOD so loved the
world that He gave His only
begotten SON, that whosoever
believeth in Him should
not perish, but have
everlasting
LIFE
♥

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	03/09	4:00	P.M.	+Marian Stalter (Jim and Peggy Huck)
	SJB	03/09	6:00	P.M.	+Richard C. Arnold (Parish)
Sunday	SJB	03/10	7:30	A.M.	Special Intention (Mary Brooker Family)
	OLM	03/10	9:30	A.M.	+Earl and +Francis Thieman (Connie Schwendeman)
	SJB	03/10	11:00	A.M.	+Diane Arnold (Ralph and Leora Huck Family)
Monday	SJB	03/11	8:00	A.M.	+Jim Thieman (Eldon and Nancy Miller)
Tuesday	SJB	03/12	8:00	A.M.	No Mass Today
	OLM	03/12	5:00	P.M.	+Kelton Fliehm (03/11 2 yr. Annv.) (Dan and Elanda Fliehm)
Wednesday	SJB	03/13	8:20	A.M.	+Patricia Gaydosik (Bill and Roberta Dent) School Mass
Thursday	SJB	03/14	8:00	A.M.	No Mass Today
	OLM	03/14	5:00	P.M.	L & D of Herbert Huck Family (Max Huck) Stations of the Cross to follow
Friday	SJB	03/15	6:00	P.M.	+Rita Schwendeman (Mile Wolfe Family) Stations of the Cross to follow

Saturday	OLM	03/16	4:00	P.M.	+Ron Smith (05/15 1 yr. Annv.) (+Minnie Smith)
	SJB	03/16	6:00	P.M.	+Anna Mae Brooker (Bill and Alberta Wesel)
Sunday	SJB	03/17	7:30	A.M.	+Patty Huck (Family)
	OLM	03/17	9:30	A.M.	+Dan Brooker (Tom and Martha Fliehm)
	SJB	03/17	11:00	A.M.	+Clarence Walter (Charlotte Lang and Family)

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday 6:00 p.m.	Morgan and Baylee Warner	Eugene Huck	Melinda Treadway
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Connor McCartney, Owen Henry	Hugh Arnold	Arnold Huck
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Abby and Alex Henke	Jerry Smith	Roxanne Heiss

<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>D.P.S.C.</u>	<u>BINGO</u>
Total Collection for weekend \$4,065 Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750 Thank you for your generosity!	2024 Goal is \$43,047 2024 Collected \$12,130 Under the Diocese's new calculation system, our goal was increased 61%. Thank you for your generosity!	February 25 Group 1 \$3,174 If you are unable to work, please try to find a replacement

<u>ST. JOHN BINGO WORK SCHEDULE</u>	<u>C.W.C. BINGO CAKES</u>	<u>PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY</u>
Mar 10 Group 3 with Ryan Lauchard Mar 17 Group 4 with Derrick Pottmeyer Mar 24 Group 5 with Kenley Schwendeman Mar 31 No Bingo-Easter Apr 7 Group 6 with Jeff Canterbury and Group 7 with Brandon Wheeler	March-Group E with Susan Arnold Meetings held the 2nd Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m. in the Sr. Center	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.

<u>READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND</u>	
Jeremiah 31:31-34 / Hebrews 5:7-9 / John 12:20-33	Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than 10:00 p.m. on Monday

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to donate in memory of a loved one, please place your donation of \$10 in an envelope along with the name (s) of who you would like to remember and drop it in the collection basket. Please try to write the names so they are easily read and have your list in to the Rectory by March 15.

HOLY WEEK LITURGICAL MINISTER SIGN-UP

There is a sheet in the vestibule for volunteers to sign up for Holy Week and Easter Weekend services. This is for servers, lectors, and eucharistic ministers. Please sign up by March 17. Thank you.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

The Parish School of Religion invites the parish to join us for Stations of the Cross on Sunday, March 17 at 9:45 am at the church.

The confirmation class has two more sessions on Sundays, March 10 & 24, 2-3:30 pm at St. John Central School.

DIOCESAN PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN

Diocesan Parish Share Goal is in! Under a new way of calculating parish goals, the parish of St. John the Baptist Churchtown will see a **major increase**. [In the past money refunded to the parish was not assessed (taxed) by the diocese. Under the new system a three year average of refund will be considered as income and will be factored into the determination of the goal of each parish.] Our goal last year was \$25,341.00. This year our goal is \$43,047.

EUCHRE

Euchre will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the Sr. Center on March 13th and March 27th. All are welcome.

CWC NEWS

Any CWC member that wants to attend the "Day of Spirituality" at the Basilica of St Mary's on March 16th, let Marilyn Zoller know, the women's club will pay your entry fee ...896-3626. If you prefer to pay your own, contact DeDe Kidder 740 632-4018.

Monthly meeting will be held on Monday March 11 at 6:30, at the Senior Center. The meeting will begin with the Rosary

K of C 478 4TH DEGREE MEETING

K of C 478, Marietta will be hosting a 4th Degree meeting on March 17 at 2 PM. This is an important meeting as we will be discussing the approval of new members. All 4th Degree Members are encouraged to attend.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked all parishes to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Through this collection you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace. Please be generous!

PEANUT BUTTER EGGS

The Washington Co. Exchange 4H Club is selling 1lb. peanut butter eggs for \$8. Text your order to Alisha or Emma Schaad @ 740-350-5719. Delivery will be the week of March 25th. This group will be traveling to Colorado this summer and appreciates your support.

K OF C DISASTER PREPAREDNESS EVENT

Knights of Columbus 4617 will host a Disaster Preparedness Community Event at our hall (17472 SR 676, Waterford, OH 45786) on Monday, March 18 at 6:00 PM. The topics of conversation will be Fire Safety, Active Shooters at Church and Schools, Natural Disaster Planning, Community Outreach, and How we all can help! Presenters will include: Watertown Volunteer Fire Department and the Washington County Sheriff's Department. All are welcome to attend this FREE event, there will be refreshments to follow. For more information or questions contact Taylor Pottmeyer @ 412-215-6470.

PURSE BINGO

St. John Central School is currently selling purse bingo tickets! Purse bingo will be held on Saturday, March 23, at 7 pm at the K of C Hall. Tickets are \$25 each. Table reservations for 8 people are \$40; forms are available upon request. To purchase tickets or for more information, contact any St John Central family or call the school at 740-896-2697.

SEARCH WEEKENDS

"SEARCH" for Christian Maturity weekend retreats for youth ages 16-21 is upcoming. SEARCH weekends will be held at St. John Central Grade School. Boy's weekend will be held March, 15th-17th. Girl's weekend will be held March 22nd-24th. Deadline for applications will be by March 10th. You can find applications on St. John's Parish website at <https://www.stjohnchurchtown.com/>. Please contact Alana Henry for more information at 440-539-3763.

LENTEN FISH FRIES

Lenten Fish Fry will be held at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Lowell on March 22. Serving time is 4:30-7:30 p.m. and the cost is \$12 for an adult meal and \$6 for a meal for children under 12. Drive-thru pickup for All To-Go meals will be \$12. No need to call ahead.

PARISH MISSION IN BEVERLY

St. Bernard parish in Beverly, Ohio is pleased to announce their Lenten Parish Mission. John Sablan, who refers to himself as *Man on Fire*, will be speaking on Sunday, March 17th, and Monday, March 18th, at 7:00pm. He will speak for about an hour each night and will focus on deepening our faith and the basics of evangelization. There will be an opportunity to ask questions, meet the speaker and purchase some of his items. St. Bernard is located at 307 7th St. in Beverly, Ohio. For more information please call 740.984.2555.



LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

All Services will begin at 7:00 p.m.
unless otherwise noted.

March 14th St. Bernard's Beverly
March 18th St. John the Baptist, Churchtown
March 19th Our Lady of Mercy, Lowell
March 20th St. Mary, Marietta

AN EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

1. Do I seek the objective truth about all things?
2. Do I recognize and appreciate objective truth, goodness, and beauty outside the Catholic Church as revelations or reflections of the one true God?
3. Do I live to be in union with the one, true God Who is three Divine Persons of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and to share in Their perfect love?
4. Do I accept that the one, true God has most fully revealed Himself in Jesus Christ, who is God the Son?
5. Do I accept that Jesus Christ has most fully revealed Himself in His Death and Resurrection?
6. Do I accept that Jesus Christ is best known or revealed in the Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition of the Catholic Church, which Christ Himself founded?
7. Do I accept that only the Magisterium has the God-given authority to interpret Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition and thus to define the Catholic Faith in doctrines that are always and everywhere true?
8. Do I accept the doctrine and discipline taught by the Magisterium while knowing that I do not have to agree with the Magisterium's social analysis and prudential judgments?
9. Do I respect the office of the Magisterium even when it is held by sinful men?
10. Do I accept Catholic doctrine about salvation: Heaven, Hell, Purgatory, and Judgment?
11. Do I accept that the Catholic Faith alone has the fullness of the means of salvation-the most complete creed, worship, morality, and prayer?
12. Do I try to act according to Catholic moral doctrine, which is based on the Two Great Commandments of the New Testament and the Ten Commandments of the Old Testament? Do I love God more than anything else? Do I love others by treating them as I should want to be treated? Do I obey the Ten Commandments?
13. Do I worship according to Catholic liturgical teachings, especially by participating in Mass every week on the Lord's Day and on Holy Days of Obligation (or their vigils) and also by going to Confession regularly?
14. Do I pray daily and try to discover the many forms of prayer in the Catholic Faith?
15. Am I developing a unique personal relationship with God that never contradicts Catholic doctrine?
16. Do I support the Church, especially a parish, to the degree my time, talent, and treasure allow?
17. Am I Catholic twenty-four hours a day? Is my Catholic identity what most defines me-- more than race/ethnicity, economic class, gender, sexual orientation, culture, family, personality, physical appearance, job, or anything else?
18. Do I try to convert/invite non-Catholics to the Catholic Church, while respecting the religious freedom of others, by proposing and not imposing what can only be known by Faith?

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Looking Ahead...



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and Our Lady of Mercy

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday	March 23-24	Palm Sunday	Normal Mass Times
Monday	March 25	8:00 a.m. 3:00-4:00 p.m. 5:00-6:00 p.m.	Mass at St. John the Baptist Confessions at Our Lady of Mercy Confessions at St. John the Baptist
Tuesday	March 26	2:00 p.m.	Chrism Mass at the Basilica in Marietta
Wednesday	March 27	8:20 a.m. 3:00-3:30 p.m. 5:00-5:30 p.m.	Mass at St. John the Baptist Confessions at St. John the Baptist Confessions at Our Lady of Mercy
Thursday	March 28	Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	St. John the Baptist Mass with Eucharistic Vigil until 10:00 p.m. Our Lady of Mercy Mass with Eucharistic Vigil until 10:00 p.m.
Friday	March 29	Good Friday 3:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Way of the Cross, Our Lady of Mercy Way of the Cross, St. John the Baptist Passion of the Lord, St. John the Baptist Passion of the Lord, Our Lady of Mercy
Saturday	March 30	Holy Saturday 8:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	St. John the Baptist-Easter Vigil Our Lady of Mercy-Easter Vigil
Sunday	March 31	Easter Sunday 7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Mass at St. John the Baptist Mass at St. John the Baptist (note time change) Mass at Our Lady of Mercy

