

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Faith - Tradition - Family

Good News!

Today is Laetare Sunday, the Lenten Sunday to rejoice. We are encouraged to rejoice, not because Lent is half over, but because something extraordinary has occurred. All three readings for today applaud some wondrous and joyous occasion. The reading from Joshua notes the end of the Israelites' grueling Egyptian and wilderness experience. They settled in Canaan and now celebrated the anniversary of their deliverance by offering to God in gratitude the fruits of their own harvest. The people who once were landless have now been made anew. This is surely a reason to rejoice.

Paul's words to the Corinthians were reason for great rejoicing. He assured them that, because of the death and resurrection of Jesus, their sinfulness was not held against them. Instead, they were now reconciled with God. They were a new creation. This too is reason to rejoice.

Jesus' story about the merciful father touches every life. The young son turned away from his home and his family, yet it was the father's actions that brought about the reconciliation. The story did not explicitly say that he simply forgave his son. More than that, it says that he was filled with deep compassion for him—a compassion that restored the bond between them. This compassion brought the son who was dead back to life. There is no greater reason for rejoicing.


God has brought us into a new land, has made each of us a new creation, has brought us back to the embrace of our Father. And so, we rejoice. Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 27, 2022



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	03/26 4:00	P.M. +Deanna Lang (Neil Tornos)	
	SJB	03/26 6:00	P.M. +Ralph and +Leora Huck (Family)	
	SJB	03/27 7:30	A.M. +John Huck Sr. (Family)	
	OLM	03/27 9:30	A.M. +David Heiss (Dorothy Huck)	
	SJB	03/27 11:00	A.M. +James Barrett (Family)	
Monday	SJB	03/28 8:00	A.M. +Vincent Lang (Anniv.) (Bob and Peggy Byers)	
Tuesday	OLM	03/29 6:00	P.M. Ecumenical Lenten Service With Soup Supper (OLM Parish)	
Wednesday	SJB	03/30 8:20	A.M. +Vincent Huck (Bob and Peggy Byers) (School Mass)	
Thursday	OLM	03/31 5:00	P.M. +Bernard & +Dorothy Huck (Ron & Minnie Smith) Stations of the Cross following Mass	
First Friday	SJB	04/01 6:00	P.M. +Gladys Schilling (Stan Lang Family) Holy Hour 5-6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross following Mass	
Saturday	OLM	04/02 4:00	P.M. +Howard Schilling (Ed Schilling)	
	SJB	04/02 6:00	P.M. Liv. and Dec. of +Leo and +Lucy Huck Family (Dave and Barbara Huck Family)	
Sunday	SJB	04/03 7:30	A.M. +Robert Gaydosik (Ed Schilling)	
	OLM	04/03 9:30	A.M. +Bernard Huck (Nancy Huck)	
	SJB	04/03 11:00	A.M. +Colton Decker (Haley Tornos)	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCH. MINISTER</u>
SATURDAY 6:00 P.M	Coletyn and Jase Dyar	Rachel Klinger	Melinda Treadway
SUNDAY 7:30 A.M.	Sophia Huffman, Connor McCartney	Hugh Arnold	Veronica Bosner
SUNDAY 11:00 A.M.	Isabella and Sydney Lang	Jerry Smith	Tonia Skinner

<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>DPSC</u>	<u>BINGO</u>
Total Collection \$3,144 Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750 Thank you for your generosity!	2022 Collected \$13,965 2022 Goal \$26,332	March 13-Group 3 \$5,167 If you are unable to attend, please find a replacement.
<u>ST. JOHN BINGO WORK SCHEDULE</u>	<u>C.W.C. WORK GROUPS</u>	<u>READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND</u>
Mar. 27 Group 5 with Kenley Schwendeman Apr. 3 Group 6 with Jeff Canterbury Apr. 10 Group 7 with BJ Davis and Group 8 with Russ Lang Apr. 17 No Bingo-Easter	April Group B-Dorothy Schaad May Group E-Susan Arnold	Is 43:16-21 Phil 3:8-14 Jn 8:1-11

SAINT OF THE WEEK

A servant of the Lord stands bodily before men, but mentally he is knocking at the gates of heaven with prayer.
-St John Climacus(579-649), Author of Ladder of Divine Ascent, Feast Day March 30

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

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.

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 by April 8.

THE K OF C ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

The Annual Kof C 4617 Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Easter Sunday, April 17, for children 0-12 years old, at the following times: St. John: after 10:00 a.m. mass @ St. John School ; St. Bernard: after 9:30 a.m. mass @ Church; Our Lady of Mercy: after 9:30 a.m. mass @ Church. All Kof C members are asked to donate 1 or 2 dozen colored-eggs or candy-filled plastic eggs. They can be put in the back of the church. For information or questions, contact Ian Alexander at 740-525-4898.



SR. CITIZEN MEETING

Senior Citizens will meet on Thursday, April 7, 11:00 a.m. in the Sr. Center. Please bring a snack to share.

EUCHRE

Euchre will be held at 1:00 p.m. in the Sr. Center every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be provided.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church will be held on Saturday, April 23 at the 6:00 p.m. Mass.

FIRST COMMUNION

First Communion at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church will be held on Sunday, April 24 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

MASS BOOK

The 2023 Mass book is now open. If you would like to request a mass for a certain date, please call the Rectory or email us and we will check to see if the date is available. Mass dates will be reserved on a first come, first serve basis. Please call the Rectory to schedule use of the Parish Hall/Sr. Center.



PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN (D.P.S.C.)

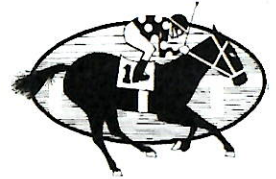
Please keep in mind all money sent to the Diocese will go toward our new goal of \$26,332.96. After our goal is met, all money sent for DPSC will be returned to our Parish. This money will not be "taxed" when it comes time for the Diocese to work up our monthly assessment total. If you would like your weekly collection to be sent to the DPSC, please list "DPSC" on the outside of your collection envelope. At this time, we are unable to accept online donations. Thank you so much for your continued generosity.

MARY'S HOUSE FUNDRAISER

Mary's House is having a Smoked Chicken & Pork Benefit Dinner on Saturday, April 23, at St. Bernard Catholic Church. Doors open at 4:00 p.m. and dinner at 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$25 a person and are available to purchase at Waterford Commercial & Savings Bank.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - A NIGHT AT THE RACES

The Knights of Columbus 4617 will host A NIGHT AT THE RACES: Saturday, May 7, 2022. Guests should pull out their derby attire and big hats for this adults only night of wagering on horse races, great food, drinks, and fun while supporting our building capital improvement fund. Tickets: \$30/each or \$240/table (8 people). Doors Open @ 4:00, Heavy Appetizers By BIG FOOD LITTLE KITCHEN (Katie Wainwright-Tucker) @ 5:00, and Races Begin @ 5:30. BET ON THE KENTUCKY DERBY plus 10 other races for a total of 11 horse races throughout the night. The last race of the night will be an Auction Race where individuals or groups will bid to own 1 of the 10 horses in that race. If their horse is the winner of that race, they get half of the money made off the auction portion! All guests throughout the night can bet on any of the horses in the races, bets are \$2/horse. In addition to horse racing, there will be 50/50, Just Ducky, Magic Envelope, Three Race Trifecta and more games of chance. There will also be a BIG HAT contest. Your ticket includes the appetizers and 2 drinks + Cash Bar to follow. For tickets or information contact Taylor Pottmeyer @ 412-215-6470.



PENANCE SERVICES

All services will begin at 7:00 pm unless otherwise noted

- April 4 St. John the Baptist, Churchtown
- April 5 Our Lady of Mercy, Lowell
- April 6 St. Mary's, Marietta
- April 7 St. Ambrose, Little Hocking

PASTOR'S PAGE

The Holy Father's call for prayer and fasting to end the war in Ukraine. In times of trouble, we call on *the tender mercy of God ... to guide our feet to the way of peace* (Lk 1:78-79). May our prayers, joined with those of people around the world, help guide those waging war to end the meaningless suffering and restore peace. Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us."

Trip to Lancaster and Shrines: Fr. Jim Dunfee, Pastor of St. Agnes Church in Mingo Junction, invites you to join him on a trip to Gettysburg, Lancaster, and shrines from Tuesday, May 31st to Thursday, June 2nd, 2022. The trip will include the Shrine of Elizabeth Ann Seton, the Lourdes Grotto, Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the magnificent musical "David" at the famous Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA, and more! Mass will be celebrated during the trip. For a flyer with the full itinerary as well as pricing, please contact the St. Agnes Parish Office at (740)535-1491 (Monday thru Friday from 9:00am to Noon) or email Fr. Jim (frmd1984@stagnesmingo.org).

Dear Parish Family:

It is that time of year in the Diocese of Steubenville when we have our Appeal Sunday for the annual Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign. This year's theme is *Strength for the Journey*. Bishop Monforton chose this theme to draw our attention to the Holy Eucharist. Pope St. John Paul II once said, From the Eucharist comes strength to live the Christian life in all its fullness, and zeal to share that life with others. In giving Himself to us in the Eucharist, the Lord Jesus gives us the graces and the strength we need to follow Him in our daily lives. Only by drawing close to the Lord in the Holy Eucharist will we bear good fruit. We all know that the past two years have been filled with struggles, suffering, and fear. But God has not abandoned us. We must continue to work together to advance the Mission of the Church here in the Diocese of Steubenville, trusting in God's love for us. As you know, the annual DPSC funds are crucial for the operations of the diocese; they sustain many ministries that serve people throughout the diocese.

These funds are also crucial to our parishes for improvement projects that we need to accomplish. This year we want to make the following improvements to our parishes: At St. John the Baptist, we replaced the ceiling lighting in the church with LED lighting. Repairs to the driveway by the pre-school. Coming soon is a new carillon (bell) system for our church. We will need to make some repairs to our church roof.

At Our Lady of Mercy, we have updated flowback valves for the church and Social Hall. We have repaired leaks in the church heating and A/C system. We will be addressing leaks in the flat roof over the church sacristy.

Your support for our parishes and beloved diocese is truly an act of love and faith in support of the mission of the Church. Please prayerfully consider how you might make a sacrificial contribution to this year's campaign.

Fr. David

Stations of the Cross will be at St. John the Baptist on Friday following 6pm Mass at Our Lady of Mercy on Thursday following 5pm Mass

Lenten Penance service for
St. John the Baptist, Churchtown - Monday, April 4th at 7pm
Our Lady of Mercy, Lowell - Tuesday, April 5th at 7pm

Holy Week Schedule for Churchtown and Lowell.

Palm Sunday April 9th-10th

Lowell Saturday at 4pm Sunday 9:30am

Churchtown Saturday 6pm Sunday 7:30am and 11am

Monday April 11th

Churchtown 8:00am Mass

Tuesday April 12th

Chrism Mass 7pm at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption in Marietta

Wednesday April 13th

8:20am St. John Central School Mass

Holy Thursday April 14th

Lowell Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm

Churchtown Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm

Good Friday April 15th

Lowell Confessions 1 to 2:30pm

3pm Stations of the Cross

7pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

Churchtown

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Holy Saturday April 16th

Lowell The Easter Vigil Mass at 8:30pm

Churchtown The Easter Vigil Mass at 8:30pm

Easter Sunday April 17th

Lowell 9:30am Mass

Churchtown 7:30am and 10am* Mass

Saturday after Easter April 23rd

Lowell 10am Confirmation

Churchtown 6pm Confirmation

* change in Mass time