

# ST. JOHN FISHER CHURCH • APRIL 9, 2017

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

### PARISH EVENTS OF THE WEEK

#### Tuesday, April 11

10:00 am – Tuesdays @ 10

6:30 pm – RCIA

#### Wednesday, April 12

8:30 am – 11:30 am – Eucharistic Adoration

#### Thursday, April 13

No morning Mass

7:00 pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper

#### Friday, April 14 – Good Friday

12:30 pm – Stations of the Cross

1:30 pm – Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

#### Saturday, April 15- Holy Saturday

7:45 am – Catholic Men's Fellowship

8:30 pm – Easter Vigil Mass

#### Sunday, April 16 – Easter Sunday

Mass at 9:00 am and 11:00 am



#### Readings for Easter Sunday

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles

10:34a, 37-43

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9

#### EASTER FLOWERS – LAST DAY TO DONATE

Envelopes are available in the Gathering Space to donate to this year's Easter flowers in remembrance or honor of a loved one. Please feel free to take an envelope & return it either in the collection or to the church office with your request and donation by **Sunday, April 9th. Thank you!**

#### SUMMER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: SAVE THE DATES!

Our annual Summer Religious Education (SRE) program will be held from July 24<sup>th</sup> – August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The classes are Monday through Friday from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm and are for children entering grades 1-8 in the fall of 2017.

#### KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Kroger has listened to feedback provided to them by their customers and as of April 1, 2017, you will no longer have to re-enroll your Kroger Plus Card to earn dollars for St. John Fisher! You simply need to select the parish once and you're done. If you have not already done so, please log in to or create your Kroger Plus Card account by visiting [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com), find and select St. John Fisher (organization #80718) and click "Enroll." It's that simple! The parish name will then appear at the bottom of your Kroger receipts as long as you have entered your Plus Card number at checkout. This is an EASY way to earn money for the parish, so please sign up today. Feel free to contact the parish office if you have any questions. Thank you for your support!

#### AN INVITATION TO EXPERIENCE THE EASTER VIGIL

The Roman Catholic Church offers the Easter Vigil Service as perhaps the most important event of the liturgical year. It is the culmination of many months and in some cases even years of preparation for individuals who have chosen to become one with us in our faith tradition. Catechumens are those who have not been baptized and receive the sacraments of initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist – during the vigil. Candidates have been baptized in other faith communities and are now choosing to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. As a community, the rest of us participate in the vigil since we are called upon to renew our baptismal promises, recall our confirmation, and receive Jesus Christ into our bodies through the Eucharist. While the Easter Vigil Service is a bit longer than a Sunday Mass, the spiritual experience is well worth it! We have watched the candidates and catechumens throughout their period of preparation, supported them through our prayers, and now join them in celebrating the sacraments. Please consider coming together with other St. John Fisher Parish friends and families on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 pm as we welcome the newest members of our parish! If you have any questions, contact Jim Crosby in the parish office or email him at [jimc@sjfchurch.org](mailto:jimc@sjfchurch.org).

#### 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT JOHN FISHER PARISH

This year we celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of Saint John Fisher Parish. To mark this occasion and to celebrate this event the SJF Pastoral Council is planning a celebration on Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Following the 11:00 am Mass, we will have our usual May Crowning, which will include the blessing of our new statue of Mary in our Prayer Garden. That evening we will have a pot-luck supper. The details of this are still being developed, so please mark your calendar and plan to attend. If you have been a parishioner since the founding of the parish, please contact the parish office at 561-9431 x116 and let us know. We hope you will be able to join us for the celebration! (*The actual date of the founding is May 11, 1947.*)

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Representatives of the Archbishop Moeller Knights of Columbus will be at our church doors after all Masses the weekend of April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> conducting their annual fund drive for the benefit of God's Special Children. Local organizations which are supported by this campaign are: Catholic Residential Services, Autism Society, Camp Stepping Stones and Hamilton County Special Olympics. Your support is greatly appreciated.

#### FAIR TRADE COFFEE SALE

The Fair Trade Coffee sale will be April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> this month.

All ministers may check their future schedules at:  
[www.ministryschedulerpro.com?user=stjfvolunteer](http://www.ministryschedulerpro.com?user=stjfvolunteer)

#### SERVER SCHEDULE- HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

April 13<sup>th</sup> - Holy Thursday

Thursday, 7:00 pm – Zachary & Mariana Richard

April 14<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday

Friday, 1:30 pm – Francesca Damiano, need 2 more servers. Please volunteer!

April 15<sup>th</sup> – Holy Saturday

Saturday, 8:30 pm – We need 3 servers. Please volunteer!

April 16<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday

Sunday, 9:00 am – Mac Castellini, Eli & Henry Motz

Sunday, 11:00 am – Joey Restle, Mary Forte, need 1 more server. Please volunteer!

#### INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PERMANENT DEACON?

Men of the Archdiocese: Have you ever wondered if you might be called to be a Permanent Deacon in the Catholic Church? Wonder what a deacon does and what it takes to become a deacon? If so, please attend an informal meeting along with your wife on Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at St. Ignatius parish, located in Monfort Heights at 5222 North Bend Road.

#### RICE BOWL COLLECTION FOR PARISH CHILDREN ENCOUNTER OUR NEIGHBORS

Catholic Relief Services represents us by serving others throughout the world. We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter into our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, and others who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more information.

#### MARCH 2017 OFFERTORY

Weekly Offertory - \$34,960

Electronic Giving - \$10,075

Actual Offertory Received - \$34,960

Budgeted Offertory - \$36,000

Thank you for your wonderful response to our 2017 Offertory Commitment efforts! As of March 31<sup>st</sup> we have received commitments from 115 parish families who have agreed to increase their giving level by a total of \$41,028. We have also noticed an increase in offertory from some parishioners who did not formally respond to the letter and want to acknowledge our appreciation to them as well. Thanks to all of you for your generosity!

This is very encouraging, but we would still very much appreciate hearing from those parish families who have not yet responded. Your prayerful consideration of a 5-10% increase in your offertory giving, particularly if you are not a regular contributor, is very much appreciated. As we are sure you understand, our parish expenses typically increase every year and your additional support will help us keep up with rising costs. If you have misplaced your letter and would like another copy, please contact the parish office. Thank you for your consideration!

## MASS INTENTIONS

#### Monday, April 10

12:00 pm – William Smallwood (Bonnie Conley)

#### Tuesday, April 11

8:00 am – Darrel Beeker

#### Wednesday, April 12

8:00 am – Communion Service

#### Thursday, April 13

7:00 pm – Mass of The Lord's Supper

#### Friday, April 14

12:30 pm – Stations of the Cross

1:30 pm – Liturgy of The Lord's Passion

#### Saturday, April 15

8:30 pm – Easter Vigil Mass

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#### Sunday, April 16

9:00 am – Intentions of Matthew Remke (Jim & Nancy Schlosser)

11:00 am – Daniel List (Carol & Larry Fobiano)

#### EASTERTIDE VESPERS & CHORAL CONCERT

**Solemn Easter Vespers** will be held on the second Sunday of Easter, **April 23, at 7:00 pm** in the Chapel of Mount St. Mary's Seminary. Easter Vespers (Evening Prayer) include the singing of hymns, psalms and canticles with choir and brass and will include a performance of *Five Mystical Songs* by Ralph Vaughan Williams, sung by the Athenaeum Chorale. All are welcome and invited to attend.

#### ARCHDIOCESAN LAY MINISTRY FORMATION

Grow in wisdom, knowledge and skills through spiritual formation and courses in theology and pastoral studies. The Athenaeum of Ohio Lay Pastoral Ministry Program is sponsored by the archdiocese and equips men and women to serve families, communities and workplaces more effectively. Our graduates work as catechists, advocates for life, permanent deacons, staff members in parishes and non-profit agencies and volunteers in a variety of settings. We offer both Graduate and Non-degreed options with classes beginning in August 2017 at the main campus in Mt. Washington and at Good Shepherd in Montgomery. Isn't it time to discover how lay formation can transform your faith life? Call 513-231-1200 for information or to set up an interview.

#### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...

our parishioners who are sick and in need of your prayers:

Carol Donahue, Joe Frede, Martie Kline, Bob Kneipp, Jeannie Koepfer, Esther Montag, Barbara Mueller, Lee Murrell, Audrey Rapien, Geneva Schafer-Minnich, Anita Schafer, Katie Wellman, Jean Werning.



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