

Leading the FLOCK

BY BISHOP DANIEL E. THOMAS



“Christ is Alive!”

“Christ is Alive!” In these days, together as members of the Church, we celebrate the Paschal Mystery, when we once again enter more deeply into the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord! The central message of these days, indeed of our faith, is captured in the phrase: “Christ is Alive!” These words, the title of the Holy Father’s most recent Apostolic Exhortation following upon the 2018 Synod on youth, addressed to young people and to the entire people of God, are perfect words for us to reflect upon in this Easter time.

As is the longstanding custom for papal documents, Pope Francis’ work takes its title from the very first words of the text, “Christ is alive!” He writes: “Christ is alive! He is our hope...the very first words, then, that I would like to say to every young Christian are these: Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive.” Indeed, the Lord who is alive desires us to be alive in Him!

Now, some reading this may say, but I haven’t been a “young Christian” for years! But whether we are young or young at heart, these three words are meant for all of us. “Christ is alive!” We join in a prayer of thanksgiving for so many this year who, like a good friend of mine a few years ago, completed their formation after having been baptized Catholic but never catechized, and were received into the fullness of the Catholic faith at Easter. Though in her sixties, she joked she was a baby Catholic! We offer thanks for the numerous men, women and children who were baptized into Christ and His Church at the Easter Vigil. We rejoice in the countless folks who, accepting the mercy of the Lord after years away from the Sacrament of Confession, returned to the Lord this Lent, to the practice of the faith and to Sunday Mass. For all of these, Christ is alive in a new way.

To be sure, the Pope’s Apostolic Exhortation is directed principally to youth, and to those directly engaged in their pastoral care. Throughout the document, the importance of a personal encounter with Christ is evident. Youth are encouraged to remember and honor their roots, to embrace the living Word of God, to engage in discernment to discover their true vocation, to bring their enthusiasm, energy and vision to bear for the Church, to utilize the digital world for the good, to dare to be different and to be missionaries of the Gospel.

In his message to youth, Pope Francis highlights three great truths: that “God loves you,” that “Christ saves you,” and that “He is alive.” The Holy Father writes: “We need to keep reminding ourselves of this...because we can risk seeing Jesus Christ simply as a fine model from the distant past, as a memory, as someone who saved us two thousand years ago. But that would be of no use to us: it would leave us unchanged, it would not set us free” (124). If He is alive, “there can be no doubt that goodness will have the upper hand in your life...then we can stop complaining and look to the future, for with him this is always possible. That is the certainty we have” (127).

It is with just this certainty that I ask all of our lay faithful, consecrated religious, deacons and priests to make every effort to accompany our young people on their path toward maturity in Christ and to be for them models whose very lives announce that Christ is alive. At the same time, I also invite everyone to live themselves in the certainty that He is alive!

“Christ is Alive!” The title of the most recent papal document does indeed sum up the very essence of our faith. Saint Paul writes, “If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ” (1Cor15:14-15). Pope Emeritus Benedict wrote: “With these words Saint Paul explains quite drastically what faith in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ means for the Christian message overall: it is its very foundation. The Christian faith stands or falls with the truth of the testimony that Christ is risen from the dead” (*Jesus of Nazareth* II, 241).

It is for each of us then, whether young or young at heart, to accept, to embrace and to offer testimony in our daily lives of that fundamental truth: Christ is risen from the dead. But how does that translate into our daily lives? Christ is alive when we choose the good over the evil we are tempted to do. Christ is alive when we recognize Jesus Christ in the poor as we care for them as Christ himself. Christ is alive when, even in the face of the wounds inflicted upon members of the Church and the Church herself by our own, we remain faithful and steadfast, looking to the future with renewed hope. Christ is alive when we are humble enough to forgive and to ask forgiveness.

Christ is alive when, despite what the world says, we proclaim the truth in charity in living and sharing the Gospel and the authentic teaching of the Church. Christ is alive when we choose to live in the joy of the resurrection, despite any suffering we have to endure.

In “Christ is Alive,” Pope Francis offers this positive and encouraging word: “See Jesus as happy, overflowing with joy. Rejoice with him as with a friend who has triumphed. They killed him, the holy one, the just one, the innocent one, but he triumphed in the end. Evil does not have the last word. Nor will it have the last word in your life, for you have a friend who loves you and wants to triumph in you. Your Savior lives” (126).

Dear friends, announce with every fiber of your being: “Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive!” The Lord who is alive desires us to be alive in Him!

The Apostolic Exhortation [Christus Vivit](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20190325_christus-vivit.html) (Christ is Alive) may be found at http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20190325_christus-vivit.html.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "+ Daniel E. Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas Bishop of Toledo
15 April 2019

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2019 Easter Sunday

✠ **MASS INTENTIONS/SCHEDULE** ✠

MONDAY, APRIL 22

8:00 AM L/D Cecilia & Vic Schroeder Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

8:00 AM 1st Communion Rehearsal

8:40 AM Poor Souls, Norbert & Lorene Fuerst

9:15 AM Rosary

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

8:00 AM James Buddelmeyer

8:40 AM May Crowning Rehearsal

6:00 PM L/D Bob Hanneman Family

6:30 – 7:30PM Adoration

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

8:00 AM 1st Communion Rehearsal

8:40 AM L/D Hilda (AN) & Bob Hovest Family, Charles Uphaus, L/D Paul & Mary Louise Deters Family

9:15 AM Rosary

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

6:00 AM Religious Freedom, John Rupert

8:00 AM Mary Barb Klausung

5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal- Mary Ellen Halker

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

8:00 AM Mary Christina (Knapke) Chia

8:30 AM Confessions

1:30 PM Nuptial **Yannucci-Brinkman**

4:30 PM Dolores Siefker, L/D Esther (Rooney) Trombley Family, L/D George Kuhbender Family, Ken Heckman, L/D Carolyn Schmersal Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 28 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

8:00 AM L/D Mary Ann (AN) & Larry Siebeneck Family, Cleo Schroeder

10:30 AM Mary Jane Hunt, Louis E Gerding (AN), L/D Louis B Gerding Family, L/D Evelyn & Leo Blake Family, Brian Schroeder, L/D Tobe/Ellerbrock Family

1:00 PM-3:00PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

1:00 PM Confessions

3:00 PM Mass – For the Parish

4:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet, Veneration of the Image, followed by Benediction

6:30 PM L/D Bill (AN) & Odelia Schroeder Family

If you know of anyone who cannot attend Mass on Sundays and would like communion brought to them please call the rectory.

What stones are being moved away so you can be a minister of the Gospel? Who would you invite to consider being a sister, brother, priest or deacon? Spread the good news: "Jesus is risen!" (John 20:1-9)

For all the deceased priests, brothers, sisters and deacons, may their lives continue to bless our church with life, we pray.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY April 28 Acts 5:12-16 Rv 1:9-11, 12-13, 17-19 Jn 20:19-31

**From the
Desk of
Fr. Tony**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2019
Easter Sunday**

Jesus is risen Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Pain, suffering, and anguish do not last forever. Lent is over and it is time to celebrate Christ's resurrection. This is not a time for sadness and droopy faces. We are a resurrected people and Christ has given us access to eternal life. Maybe some of us are in sorrow because we did not enter into lent or we did not take it serious enough. Use your time now in the weeks ahead to draw closer to Christ. Don't give way to your frustration or tears. You are a new creation in Christ.

We see in the gospel today that Mary Magdala, Peter, and another disciple who Jesus loved, approached Jesus' tomb but Jesus was not there. He rose from the dead. But the disciples of Christ did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. These disciples of Jesus were given hints by Christ that he would die and rise again but the disciples could not grasp this fully. (continue to next column)

You and I have been given such beautiful imagery of Christ's life, death, and resurrection. For us to turn our backs on Jesus and his church would be a sad state of affairs. The church, the bride of Christ, reveals as much as she knows about her bride groom, Jesus. The church does not withhold information about Jesus but we freely inform the faithful. It is sad that some do not trust the church's rich knowledge of Christ. Jesus started this church we belong to. Why would we not listen to her wisdom? Jesus, open our ears and hearts to what holy mother church teaches about you and discipleship. God bless you all. Fr. Tony

RCIA - Mon., April 22, No class, Easter Break! Rejoice!

If you are interested in the Sept. 2020 pilgrimage to Greece and the Greek Isles with Fr Tony, there are 12 spots left. Please visit www.pilgrimages.com/frfortman to sign up and to view an itinerary. If you have questions, or need assistance in signing up, please call Cheryl Kersh at 419.890.8565 or email her at cherylkersh@gmail.com. Thanks!!

WEEKDAY SERVERS: Mon. 8:00 AM: Will Schroeder, Garrett Schroeder, Halle Schroeder, Landyn Schulte; **Tue. 8:40AM:** Students; **Wed. 8:00AM:** Jackie & Bob Luttfiring; **Wed. 6:00PM:** Mary Ellen Halker, Roger Schroeder; **Thurs. 8:40AM:** Students; **Fri. 6:00AM:** Cliff Schroeder, Dan Turnwald; **Fri. 8:00AM:** Eddie Duling, Dan Siefker; **Sat. 8:00AM:** Ashlyn Siefker, Makenna Siefker, Dylan Siefker, Lauren Siefker

WEDNESDAY 6:00PM LECTOR – Sharon Meyer

NEXT SUNDAY – April 28th

SUNDAY SERVERS: **Sat. 4:30 PM:** Jordan Schroeder, Allison Schroeder, Carter Lammers, Ashley Schroeder; **Sun. 8:00 AM:** Mitchel Schroeder, Chloe Schroeder, Tayla Meyer, Evan Morman; **Sun. 10:30 AM:** Logan Clark, Will Kaufman, Garrett Klass, Mia Schroeder; **Sun. 3:00 PM:** Clay Inkrott, Claire Inkrott, Zachary Schmitz, Adam Schmitz; **Sun. 6:30 PM:** Caitlyn Evans, Lauren Heebsh, Morgan Miller, Logan Miller

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

LECTORS

4:30 Dan Siefker Judy Siefker	Ginnie Riepenhoff Mary Rose Ellerbrock
8:00 Jean Bialecki Linda Klass	Connie Cassidy Sharon Meyer
10:30 Rose Warnecke Gene Warnecke Choir –Jason Miller	Tim Hansen Jeanne Schram
3:00 Leo Schroeder Laura Wagner	Janet Schroeder Kelly Schroeder
6:30 Sharon Brown, Laura Wagner Ruth Gerding, Marti Leopold	Sharon Nussbaum Hunter Tegenkamp

SUNDAY GIFT BEARERS: **Sat. 4:30pm:** Ross Siefker Family; **Sun. 8:00am:** Ken Klass Family; **Sun. 10:30am:** Ian & Lisa Clark Family
Sun. 3:00pm: Robert & Sandy Verhoff.

APRIL SUNDAY USHERS: **Sat. 4:30pm:** Mary Rose & Kevin Ellerbrock; **Sun. 8:00am:** Elton Schroeder & Joe Schroeder; **Sun. 10:30am:** Kristen & Matthew Heffner; **Sun. 3:00pm:** Mark Maag, Alan Wrasman; **Sun. 6:30 PM:** Matt Bockrath

COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 7

VIDEOGRAPHER –Sat. 4:30pm– Kristen Ellerbrock

ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Cliff & Janet Schroeder

APRIL FUNERAL ROSARY LEADERS: Marlene & Paul Kleman, Dorothy Karl, Deb Burwell, Tim & Chris Hoehn, Al & Lisa Hueve, Teresa Duling, Beth Recker

Br. Jerry's address: Br. Jerry Schulte, C.PP.S., St. Charles Center, 2860 US Route 127 Rm 207, Celina, OH 45822.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima - Marie Strauer is in charge of our parish's Pilgrim Virgin Statue, please call **419-538-6930** to reserve a home visit with Our Lady.

2019 DIOCESAN ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL: We would like to thank all of our Parishioners who supported the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not made your commitment, there are pledge envelopes in racks in the back south & north entrances. Our parish has currently paid **\$24,615.00** toward our goal of **\$39,000**. Thank you! God bless you all, Fr. Tony

"Let us pray that in all things the will of God be done."

St. Gaspar del Bufalo

Adult Faith Information

Jeanette Schroeder - Coordinator
Diana Meyer, Jeanne Schram, Marlene Kleman,
Deacon Don and Elaine Inkrott

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*This is the Day
The Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad!
Happy Joyous Easter to all!*

Congratulations to our Candidates: Larry Killen (sponsor Deacon Don), **Mark Roberts** (sponsor Gabe Roberts), **Brandi Hempfling** (sponsor Geri Hempfling Proxy Marna Hempfling) & **Kate Alt** (sponsor Stacy Alt) who came into full communion of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. **Congratulations to all!**



Thank you to all of the RCIA leaders/ministers/volunteers throughout the year and during this Holy Week! We couldn't do all of these services/events without all of you good and faithful servants of Jesus and St. John's Parish Family. God bless you all! Fr. Tony

We welcome Br. Jerry Schwieterman! Br. Jerry has spent the last decade at Calumet College in Whiting IN before that he was at Our Lady Guadalupe Parish in East Chicago, IN. Please take the opportunity to introduce yourself and get to know him. Welcome, Br. Jerry!

Congratulations to all of "God's Little Heroes" and leaders! We would like to thank you for the fantastic job you did with the Living Stations! You helped us all start our Holy Week with the Passion and Death of Jesus. Today He has truly risen! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Beth Schumaker's last week this coming Sunday for Bible school for St. John's children. We would like to thank Beth for her 17 years of service! God bless you Beth!

BANNS: **I Mandy Peck** of this parish daughter of Ron & Kathy Peck and **Michael McKnight** of Findlay, son of Charles & Elizabeth McKnight
II Abigail Recker of Sts. Peter & Paul, Ottawa daughter of John & Sherri Recker and **Colton Haselman** of this parish, son of Doug & Deanna Haselman
II Haley Hermiller of this parish, daughter of Jon & Amy Hermiller and **Brandon Kuhlman** Sts. Peter & Paul, Ottawa, son of Thomas & Beth Kuhlman
III Jodi Brinkman of this parish, daughter of Kevin & Linda Brinkman and **Nicholas Yannucci** of St. Christopher, Grandview Heights, son of Michael & Susan Yannucci

Grade School CCD Information

COORDINATOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION- Diane Utrup
Contact me in the Religious Ed Office at 419-538-6335 or stjohnsreled@bright.net

1st Communion DRESS Rehearsal – Monday, April 29 at 7-8:30pm in the church; the class photo will be taken this evening also. Return your Photo Order Form to CCD or bring to Rehearsal.

Special K – next class time is Wed, May 1 at 6pm

Jr. High & High School CCD Information

Message from DeVon Dunlap Coordinator of High School CCD: If you have any questions or need to get a hold of me, please call the HS CCD office at 419-538-6897 or e-mail. stjohnshsccd@bright.net Thanks!

For high school students who would like to serve the parish as a **new** lector, server, Eucharistic Minister, videographer, or usher, contact the Rectory 419-538-6928 to sign up for the appropriate training days.

Wednesday Adoration - 6:30 – 7:30pm only one hour until fall.

Message from Colleen Halker Youth Director

Youth President - **ALLISON SIEFKER**

HAPPY EASTER

From

Fr. Tony, Fr. Rick, Br. Jerry and

St. John's Staff!

God bless you all!

2020 PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY COMMITTEE: Chairlady – Karen Lammers

Marcia Kleman, Mary Ellen Klear, Diane Schroeder, Betty Schroeder,

Josie Duling, Stacy Meyer & Sue Duling. Thank you to all of you for accepting God's call to organize our 2020 directory. Family photos to be taken November-December 2019.

 **APRIL GRANDorf Drawing winners are: Mike Bellman & Ken Hanneman. CONGRATULATIONS!** Next drawing Sun., May 12.

Glandorf CLC would like to thank all of you who supported their Good Friday Bake Sale.

WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED IN CHRIST:

Kashton Maverick, son of Cory & Ginger Rosengarten; **Abigail Jeanette**, daughter of Blake & Andrea Walker
CONGRATULATIONS TO PARENTS AND GODPARENTS!

DID YOU KNOW?

Margaret Siefker will celebrate her 93rd birthday on April 23. **Evelyn Verhoff** will celebrate her 81st birthday on April 25.

Mary Lou Ellerbrock will celebrate her 85th birthday on April 30. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARGARET, EVELYN & MARY LOU!!**

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS: April 23 is volunteer date.

St. John's Catholic Preschool is still accepting children for 2019-20 school year. Call Lori at preschool for more information 419-538-6264

Substitutes Needed- Glandorf St. John's Preschool is looking for substitute teachers and substitute aides. Mornings only, called as needed to sub. Requirements: high school diploma/equivalent and must love working with children! Call Lori for more information 419-538-6264

Blood Drive- Tuesday, April 30th, 12:00PM to 6:00PM at the Ottawa VFW. To schedule an appointment, please call the Putnam County Red Cross at 419-523-4810 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: LEGIONOTTAWA

FERVORINO – *Today's gospel instructs us Jesus "had to rise from the dead." The dying we experience with unmet expectations in marriage and parenting is normal to family life. Families must rise above disappointments and be Easter people all year long.*

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, April 27/28

3:45pm Divine Mercy Chaplet before 4:30pm Mass on
Sat., April 27

On Sunday, April 28

1:00 PM-3:00PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

1:00 PM Confessions

3:00 PM Mass

4:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet, Veneration of the Image, followed by Benediction

Plenary Indulgence for Divine Mercy Sunday is granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession anytime during Lent, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the *Our Father* and the *Creed*, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus. *Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!*

If you are **interested in becoming a priest or brother** of the **Missionaries of the Precious Blood** please contact the Vocations Office: **Rev. Stephen Dos Santos, C.PP.S., Director of Vocation Ministry** @ 937-228-9263 or vocation@cpps-preciousblood.org or connect with us on Facebook: [Vocation Ministries Facebook Page](#).

Drivers Needed for Those Battling Cancer - Volunteers are needed to give a much-needed car ride for cancer patients who cannot drive themselves or have no other means of getting to cancer-related medical appointments. Volunteers pay for the gas and use their personal vehicles. Contact Marybeth (888-227-6446 or marybeth.torsell@cancer.org) at the America Cancer Society for more information. Thanks for your consideration!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ON THE FIRST SATURDAY of the month, **after 4:30 Mass on Saturday evening until 8:00 on Sunday mornings.**

Mark your calendars for Saturday/Sunday, May 4/5. Sign-up sheet is available on the radiator back in church this week. If you can't make it to church to sign in, please call Katie Verhoff 480-236-7305

PARENTAL BAPTISM CLASS Sun., May 12, 9:00 – 10:30 AM, in **room 15** in parish center presented by Don Inkrott. Pre-register by calling St. John's 419-538-6928. Stop by rectory to pick up your book. **Next class–Sept 8, 2019.**

ATTENTION ENGAGED COUPLES who are getting married in 2019 if you didn't already please call **Fr. Tony** for an appointment to fill out your paperwork. **Did you sign up for the mandatory Pre Cana class?**

The **Toledo Diocese Council of Catholic Women** is presenting A Spiritual Day of Renewal on Wednesday, May 8, at the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio. The speaker will be Sr. Rita Marie Schroeder, SND.

The day includes light breakfast, lunch, presentations, Mass, and Marian devotions. The day begins with registration at 8:30 a. m. in the Shrine Cafeteria and closes at 3:00 p. m. Registration is required and is \$18. Checks may be made payable to TDCCW and mailed to Day of Renewal St. Ignatius Parish, Attn: Sue Hopkins, 212 N. Stadium Rd., Oregon, OH 43616. The deadline to register is April 30. For more details please contact TDCCW President Debbi Luman at 419-898-0906 or debluman@aol.com.

Attention High School Students: We are looking for volunteers for Vacation Bible School on 6/3/19 - 6/6/19 from 6:00-8:30pm. VBS forms are located on the vestibules' literature racks. If you have any questions feel free to contact committee members Lynne Dulle (419-235-4009) or Jen Wahrer (419-234-6680) directly.

Dance Aerobics every Wednesday Night 7:30pm to 8:30pm in St. John's Parish Gym

Riding Through It for Courtney - Sat., May 4

Motorcycle Ride, Chicken Dinners, Children's Activities & More - All Are Welcome - Come out for a day of fun & friendship at Kalida Fish & Game Club to support Courtney & Chad Ehrnsberger & their three young boys. Courtney is undergoing treatment for invasive triple negative breast cancer. Registration for the motorcycle ride (adults only) begins at 11:30 a.m. Blessing of the bikes begins at 12:30 p.m. Bikes take off at 1:00 p.m. Benefit ride: \$10 single or \$15 couple. Silent auction bidding begins at 11:30 a.m. (do not need to be present to win). Live auction begins at 8:00 p.m. Live bands 4 p.m. to midnight. Concessions served throughout the day. Activities for children including a bounce house & more. Chicken dinner tickets by presale only with dinner pickup 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Saturday May 4 at Kalida Fish & Game. Dinner tickets sold \$9.00 each at Moose Landing, Shell Station in Kalida, & Express Mart in Ottoville. Checks payable to Courtney's Journey. Please share this with family & friends.

Kalida Area Garage Sales - April 25, 26 & 27. Maps will be available at area businesses the week of April 22nd.

Spaghetti Dinner – Wednesday, May 8th, 4:30-6:30PM American Legion Ottawa-Presale Tickets \$8 donation. Dine In or Carry Out (Drive thru the alley to pick up). Proceeds go toward Children's Christmas Carnival in December. Tickets can be purchased @The American Legion or by calling 419-615-7442.

Chicken BBO, Sacred Heart Catholic Church in New Bavaria – Sunday, April 28, from 10:00am to 1:00pm. \$8 for Adults, \$4.50 for Children, \$6 for Chicken Only. Carry-outs are available. Menu includes ½ Chicken prepared by the Holgate Fire Department, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Pie, Roll, Punch and Coffee.

Are you a Catholic homeschooling family in the Toledo diocese?

Then please join us at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 29th at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral in Toledo for our **Mass and Graduation with Bishop Daniel E. Thomas**. Please bring a finger-food dish to share for the reception immediately following the Mass. If you have a graduating 8th grader or a h.s. senior, and would like your graduate to participate in the ceremony after the Mass, please email Lisa-Ann Brickner at ovc81@yahoo.com by **May 17th**.

Putnam County Rabbit and Poultry Committee BBO Chicken and Pork Loins Dinner on May 19, 2019 at Kalida K of C., from 11-1 Carry out only. Presales tickets only. Tickets from Rose Kleman at 419-348-0754 by May 2.

Remember Those Who Have Gone Before Us –April 21-27

Gertrude E Nienberg 4/21/10	Arthur R Supeene 4/22/82
Helen Deters 4/21/97	Whitney Kuhlman 4/25/16
Carmelite Leopold 4/21/90	Mary Louise Deters 4/25/13
Thomas B Maag 4/21/84	Hilde M Hovest 4/25/12
Pamela Stehlik 4/22/02	Catherine M Leopold 4/25/91
Ronald Siefker 4/22/01	Brian Schroeder 4/26/01
Lambert Warnecke 4/22/95	Jane C Bockrath 4/27/04
Leo A Ellerbrock 4/22/92	Theresa M Gerdeman 4/27/89
Stella M Unterbrink 4/22/84	

Bulletin and Parish Notification emails: If you would like to receive the bulletin and other parish notifications via email, please let us know by sending an email to stjohns@bright.net

Mustard Seed Gift Shop- Hours: Tues, Thurs, & Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; Wed 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Sat 8:00 a.m. - 1:00pm
Store 419-538-7220 Brenda Maag 419-235-3106 Julie Barlage 419-303-5366

STEWARDSHIP

April 14th Collection

Adults \$7,341.00 Auto Electronic Giving \$1,026.00 Loose \$977.00 Children \$165.00 Total: \$9,509.00

April 7th – Adults/Children \$1,118.00 Loose \$405.00

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REGISTRATION New members should register as soon as possible. Moving out? - please inform the rectory.

INTERESTED IN SERVING YOUR PARISH? If you are interested in becoming a Lector, Extraordinary Minister, Usher or in any other way please call the rectory 419-538-6928.

PARENT SESSIONS are required by the Toledo Diocese for Infant Baptism, Confirmation, First Eucharist, and First Penance.

PARENTAL BAPTISM CLASS – Classes are from 9:00 – 10:30 AM, The 2019 dates are May 12 & September 8, in room 15, in the parish center - presented by Deacon Don Inkrott. Pre-register by calling rectory.

ROSARY & BENEDICTION 5:00pm every third Sunday of the month.

WEDDINGS The Toledo Diocese requests all dates be set at the rectory at least 6 months in advance. *Pre-Marriage Class required.* Parties who recently joined our parish who do not live within our parish boundaries, or who do not belong to a family already registered in the parish; need to be aware that we

cannot schedule a wedding date until six months after the time of registration. The normal six month preparation period would apply from that point. Normally only parishioners and those related to our parishioners marry here. Any other person needs prior permission of his/her pastor.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASS The Diocese of Toledo has a marriage preparation class, entitled "A Joy-Filled Marriage." This is a mandatory, two-day class. St John's class will be November 3-4, 2018

DO YOU HAVE YOUR LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT COMPLETED? DID YOU REMEMBER YOUR PARISH, ST. JOHN'S?

SACRAMENTAL RECONCILIATION: PENANCE Saturdays 8:30am & 4:00pm.

For high school CCD perfect attendance - in order to receive the \$50 award for *perfect attendance* at the end of your senior year you must attend every CCD class on time and the entire class with no excuses except attending a parish sponsored event.

DIOCESAN POLICY FOR CYO SPORTS – All players must be members of the sponsoring parish and/or educational system of the parish in order to play on the parish team.

PARISH POLICY FOR CYO HIGH SCHOOL & PUTNAM COUNTY GRADE SCHOOL BOY'S & GIRL'S SPORTING TEAMS

ANNOUNCEMENT: Playing any sports this year? You are expected to attend both the Fall & Winter sessions of High School Religious Education Groups or Grade School CCD Classes--plus weekend Saturday or Sunday Mass. This includes all players, coaches and their families. Attendance at these groups/classes will be monitored and reviewed. For each class missed (which is not an excused absence) you will be sitting out one game.—**To play CYO sports, the following are the only excused absences from CCD: sickness, death in family, college visitation day, parish sponsored event, sport tournament games only with O-G athletes/fans involved, and work (up to 3 missed CCD classes due to work). After the third absence due to work, the player is not permitted to play in a game until he/she returns to CCD class.** All other reasons are unexcused. Parents, if your child is sick, please call his/her teacher/leader before class. If necessary, the Parish Council will review attendance or unexcused absence issues on an individual basis. We kindly ask the cooperation of all concerned as we implement this church policy for the good of our parish.

(Fr. Tony– pastor & Jeff Ellerbrock – Council Pres.)