

Our Seminarian, Eric Kaufman, is home. He will have Adoration and night prayers Monday thru Thursday from 7:00 – 8:00pm in church. Not opened to the public. Please watch on Glandorf Cable Channel 3.

MARCH 22, 2020 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

✠ **MASS INTENTIONS/SCHEDULE** ✠

MONDAY, MARCH 23 St. Turibius

8:00 AM Eileen Schroeder (AN), successful surgery, for those suffering of any illness and protection against COVID-19

TUESDAY, MARCH 24 St. Oscar Romero

8:00 AM Norman & Bertha Hoyt, W. C. & Laura Schroeder, for those suffering of any illness and protection against COVID-19

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25 The Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 AM Monica Uphaus, for those suffering of any illness and protection against COVID-19

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

8:00 AM Davis Sager, for those suffering of any illness and protection against COVID-19

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

8:00 AM Ruth Giesige, Religious Freedom, for those suffering of any illness and protection against COVID-19

1:00 – 4:00 PM Adoration followed by Benediction

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

8:00 AM For the Poor Souls, for those suffering of any illness and protection against COVID-19

8:45 AM Confessions – rectory garage drive-thru (stay in your car)

SUNDAY, MARCH 29 Fifth of Lent

8:00 AM In thanksgiving for Cooper Ruhe, L/D Leander & Alberta Moening Family, For the Parish, Rosemarie Schroeder, L/D Jerome & Alma Schmitz Family, L/D Robert & Alice Schroeder Family, L/D Donald & Kathleen Sager Family, L/D Karl & Marieta Niese Family, Edna Gerdeman, Florence Lauf, Angie Schumaker, Jeff Kleman, Don & Pat Ellerbrock, for those suffering of any illness and protection against COVID-19, Jerry Warnecke

1:00 PM Stations of the Cross & Benediction- Closed to public

Mass at Sat. 4:30pm, Sun. 10:30 & 6:30pm Cancelled – Mass intentions will be at 8:00am on Sunday for these Masses.

The Lord looks into the heart. What does he see? We are given the gift of sight and insight. Look into the heart with love. (1 Samuel 16: 6-13 & John 9: 1-49)

For the gift of new sight to see the presence of God in our midst, we pray:

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 29 Ez. 37: 12-14; Rom. 8: 8-11; Jn. 11:1-45

**From the
Desk of
Fr. Tony**

MARCH 22, 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

In the gospel today, Jesus heals a blind man. Jesus is able to open the eyes of all people. But what ways are we blind? Most of us can physically see but in what ways am I blind to God and his commands? Lent is a time to take an honest look at our blind spots. I go to the eye doctor once a year. The eye doctor says, “Come yearly, see clearly.” Do we come to the Lord to open our eyes? Do we think we can handle every situation and obstacle? God has made us a parish community. We need to depend on each other. This corona virus can be a big monster if we do not support and work together as a parish community. If one of us is overdoing tasks and we are depending too much on one person then that person is prone to be overworked and their immune system can be compromised. We should never put people in a vulnerable situation.

Let us work together and support each other and when this virus is lessened and gone we can celebrate and praise God that we have stuck together as a parish community. God bless you all. Fr. Tony

If you are interested in the Sept. 2020 pilgrimage to Greece and the Greek Isles with Fr Tony, there are only 5 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 cherylkersh@gmail.com.

Remember Those Who Have Gone Before Us-March 22-28

Agnes Dehnart 3/23/02	Rose Ruhe 3/27/84
Eileen M Schroeder 3/23/04	Richard Maag 3/27/96
Rita M Schmitz 3/24/17	Albert Goecke 3/28/80
Beverly A Siebeneck 3/24/18	Nadine B Diaz 3/28/94
Elizabeth Ellerbrock 3/25/00	Lillian Meyer 3/28/98
Franklin Miller 3/26/19	Philomena Nienberg 3/28/00

STATIONS OF THE CROSS today, Sun., Mar. 22, 1:00pm, in the church. Not open to the public. Please watch on Glandorf Cable channel 3.

“In regard to inner suffering, look at Jesus in the Garden of Olives. May He strengthen your faith and hope.” St. Gaspar del Bufalo

Note from Fr. Tony e-mailed out on March 17, 2020

I will be having Mass once each day at 8:00am including Saturday & Sunday. The Mass intentions for the day will be offered. The Saturday 4:30pm Mass Intentions will be said on the Sunday Morning Mass at 8:00. The church will be locked until 9:00am Monday thru Saturday. No one may attend these Masses. Please stay home and watch on TV Glandorf Cable Channel 3. Or if you don't have Glandorf cable please watch other Masses on EWTN or Toledo stations.

The church will be open for individual prayer

Monday thru Friday - 9:00am – 5:00pm

Saturday - 9:00am – 3:00pm

Sunday - closed all day

The north handicapped door will be the only door unlocked. Please also exit through that door when you leave.

On the weekends there will be bulletins available at handicapped door only

Please do not enter the sanctuary area. You may go to Blessed Virgin & St. Joseph's Shrines to light votive lights if you wish.

Please remember the rules to stay at least 6 feet from each other, if you have any symptoms of sickness (flu, cold or any other sickness) please do not (do not) go to church. Please stay home and pray. Stay safe and keep others safe. The church will be disinfected each day.

All of the area Penance Services have been cancelled. Fr. Tony will be having confessions on Saturday mornings at 8:45 and GOOD FRIDAY AT 4:00pm: - THE LIGHT IS ON and HOLY SATURDAY, Apr. 11 – 8:00am: THE LIGHT IS ON. Or you may call him for an appointment at 419-890-6012. He will be having drive-thru confessions. He will be located on the south side (in the first bay) in the rectory garage. Please drive in on the out-going lane of the rectory driveway. Drive up to the first bay (do not get out of your car) if you have a cell phone please call Fr. Tony's cell 419-890-6012 for him to hear your confession. If you don't have a cell phone please roll down your window. If you have others in your car please have them get out of the car and walk away from the car until you are finished. If they wish to go to confession please get out of the car, step away (give the next person the cell phone, get in the car and close the door). Continue until all have gone to confession. When finished please go out the south drive (which is usually the in-coming lane). For Confessions only we will make this change in the driveway.

Please continue to listen to the news and check your e-mails for updates on practices here in the parish. If we all work together we will make it through the terrible pandemic. Jesus, Mary & Joseph please keep us all safe. Fr. Tony Fortman, C.P.P.S.

Servers' Appreciation Celebration has been postponed indefinitely. We will reschedule at a later time.

Preschool Quarter Auction, Cancelled.

Cardio Fitness Toning class Cancelled

St. George Deanery Senior Citizen Prom has been cancelled

TMIY week 23 Cancelled

Annual Men's Society's Father and Son Breakfast cancelled

C.L. OF C. NEWS: The April meeting is cancelled. The Good Friday Bake Sale is cancelled and the 50-50 drawing will be held at a later date.

Ottawa Glandorf High School Dinner Theater has been cancelled

Ottawa K of C will not be having their Fish Fry on Friday nights anymore.

Adult Faith Information

Jeanette Schroeder - Coordinator

Diana Meyer, Jeanne Schram, Marlene Kleman, Deacon Don and Elaine Inkrott

Join us for an 8-week Parish Study during Lent
LECTIO: MARY (The Bible and the Mother of God)
that draws on the book
"JESUS and the JEWISH ROOTS of MARY"
Is cancelled for now

To Create a new FORMED account

1. Visit [FORMED.org](https://www.formed.org)
2. Click Sign Up
3. Select "I Belong to a Parish or Organization"
4. Find your parish by name, zip, or parish code 7MJPM6
5. Enter your email - and you're in!

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 2. Click Sign In
 3. Enter your email
 4. Click the link sent to your email
 5. You're in! No more passwords
- Have questions? Call 419-890-3724

Next Women of Grace will be at a later date.

CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION 2020-2021- Looking for a preschool with kindergarten readiness AND a Catholic faith curriculum? Glandorf St. John's Catholic Preschool registration sessions are **postponed until a later date**. Registration forms are available in the church literature racks, St. John's Website, or by contacting the preschool at 419 538 6264. 2 day, 3 day and **NEW 5 day sessions** are available!



HOME TO GOD: Please remember in your Masses and prayers the souls of **Jeffery Kleman & Jerry Warnecke**. Our sincere sympathy is extended to **Sandra, Sydney, Cole, Trevor, Gilbert, Shirley & Lisa Kleman & Laura Condon** on the death of their loved one Jeffery; and to **Anne Warnecke, Amy Heebsh, Sara Meyer & Gene Warnecke** on the death of their loved one, Jerry.

2020 DIOCESAN ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL: Our parish goal this year is \$39,000 pledged \$12,054.58. The Theme is **"On Course With Christ - Gratitude · Prayer · Service"** Hopefully, you received your envelope in the mail. If you don't receive one there are extra envelopes in the racks back in church. Thanks! To learn more about the appeal visit: www.Toledodiocese.org/ACA
God bless you all, Fr. Tony

GLANDORF VOL. FIRE DEPT. would like to thank all who supported their Chicken BBQ this past weekend.

RCIA CLASSES: Cancelled - Please keep Quinten Wessel in prayer as he enters into this next phase. Quinten, our prayers are with you!

Grade School CCD Information

Message from Diane Utrup, Elementary Coordinator (Grades K-5), contact me at 419-538-6335 or stjohnsreled@bright.net.

Jr. High CCD Information

Message from Mindy Recker for Jr. High Coordinator (Grades 6-8), please call 419-538-6897 or email at stjohnsjrhighccd@gmail.com

High School CCD Information

Message from Ruth Gerding Coordinator of High School CCD: If you have any questions or need to get a hold of me, please call 419-538-6897 or e-mail me at stjohnshsccd@gmail.com Thanks!

Sometime this spring, all parents who have a high school student will receive a mailing to sign up their students for High School CCD in the fall.

Message from Colleen Halker Youth Director

Mark your calendars! Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2020 will be Monday, June 1st through Thursday, June 4th, 6-8:30 pm with this year's theme "ROCKY RAILWAY: Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through." Children ages 4 to 6th grade are invited to come and have fun in learning that Jesus' love helps us through anything! To make VBS possible, we need lots of help! MOMS! DADS! GRANDPARENTS! HIGH SCHOOLERS! AUNTS! UNCLES! This is a fun filled week your child won't want to miss! Look for registration forms in March to come home in CCD and in the vestibules of church. If you are interested in helping and you will not have a child enrolled, please email glandorfstjohnsvbs@gmail.com or call/text Committee Members Lynne Dulle (419-235-4009) or Jen Wahrer (419-234-6680). We also have a few elementary Station Leader positions to fill. This is a great way to get involved and help build God's Kingdom. Contact Lynne or Jen to volunteer or for more information.

THE REMAINING PENANCE SERVICES IN THE AREA ARE CANCELLED: Fr. Tony will have confessions on Saturday mornings at 8:45am and **GOOD FRIDAY AT 4:00pm, And HOLY SATURDAY, Apr. 11 – 8:00am**. Please read his note in the second column on procedure for confession for rectory garage drive-thru.

Only one Mass will be said each day. The Glandorf St. John's Saturday 4:30pm, Sunday 10:30 & 6:30pm Mass on Sunday evenings will be cancelled until further notice. Mass at 8:00am all week.

Men's Society Election of Officers -postponed until April 25/26.

All men over the age of 18 are eligible to vote for 2020 Men's Soc. Officers. **President-Elect:** Blake Walker or Shane Stechschulte; **Vice-President:** Doug Giesige or Ryan Burgei; **Treasurer:** Ben Gerding or Mike Stechschulte; **Secretary:** Doug Karhoff or Ben Kaufman

Hey everybody check out Glandorf Cable Channel 3 for live Masses, live Benediction, live Stations of the Cross, and live for all events. Thank you to all of our videographers who videoed our Masses over the past years. You brought the Mass to our nursing home residents and to our homebound. Thank you for sharing Jesus!

For the Masses/Services between now and Easter Sunday the ministers/servers/ushers scheduled for each Mass will not be needed since we have a locked church during this time. Thank you for your patience! Our prayers are with all of you to stay safe!

FERVORINO - Failure to forgive blinds us to another's goodness. Lent provides an opportunity to wash away our blind-spots in the pool of forgiveness. Listen to Jesus: "Go wash and see."



URGENT MEMORANDUM

To: Priests, Deacons, Pastoral Leaders, Parishes, Religious

From: Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas

Re: Temporary Suspension of All Publicly Celebrated Masses and Liturgies

16 March 2020

He always showed compassion for children and for the poor, for the sick and for sinners, and he became a neighbor to the oppressed and the afflicted. By word and deeds he announced to the world that you are our Father and that you care for all your sons and daughters (Preface: Eucharistic Prayer for Use in Masses for Various Needs IV).

In order best to safeguard the Catholic faithful and the greater community from the serious threat and spread of the Coronavirus/COVID-19, Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, in union with the Bishops of Ohio, has decreed **all publicly celebrated Masses and other liturgies in the Diocese of Toledo will be temporarily suspended.** This decree is effective immediately and will remain in place at least through the celebrations of Holy Week and Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020. All the faithful are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass during this time in accord with the Code of Canon Law.

It was only after consultation with the Governor and public health officials, that this unprecedented painful decision needed to be made immediately in order to protect the health and well-being of our communities. With you I am heartbroken that such a decision had to be made, but trust that this sacrifice, for the greater good, will be received with charity and understanding and will, ultimately serve to unite us ever more closely with Christ, the Suffering Servant.

Priests are privately to offer daily Mass on behalf of the people entrusted to their spiritual care. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* states, "Mass should not be celebrated without a minister, or at least one of the faithful, except for a just and reasonable cause" (no. 254). The current health crisis constitutes a "just and reasonable cause."

Parishes are encouraged to continue livestreaming Masses (Sunday and/or daily) if that is their current practice, and others should examine the possibilities of utilizing social media to best reach the faithful at this critical time.

While every priest is required to provide the option of "anonymous" or "face-to-face" confession, when celebrating the individual rite of the sacrament of penance (e.g. Days of Grace, the Light is On), penitents may be strongly encouraged to confess anonymously.

Funeral and wedding liturgies, in so far as possible, should be celebrated with the presence of the fewest members of the faithful (e.g. immediate family). Please use your sound pastoral judgement and prudence when making decisions regarding these liturgies.

Further guidance concerning the liturgies of Holy Week will be forthcoming. However, it is our hope that the Elect and Candidates for Full Communion could be initiated sometime within the Easter Season.

All parishes and institutions are invited to inform their people of the various ways they can access livestreaming/broadcast of Masses/liturgies via the internet, television or radio. This information should be broadly disseminated to the faithful using the most effective means possible (social media, email, signage).

In these extraordinary times we are called upon to take extraordinary measures. We have never faced such a global health crisis in our lifetime. While we may have to refrain temporarily from reception of the Holy Eucharist, it is my sincere hope that such a sacrifice will serve not to divide us but to unite us in our deeper love and appreciation for the Holy Eucharist as well as a deeper love for and communion with our neighbor.

I encourage you to join me in addressing this pandemic with a renewed vigor in exercising the great pillars of the Lenten Season through intensified weekly prayer (in particular the Stations of the Cross), serious weekly fasting, and weekly almsgiving for so many in need at this time, so that the Father, who sees and hears in secret, will repay us.

An Act of Spiritual Communion by St. Alphonsus Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Pope Francis's Prayer to Mary during Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of Your People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen. (Adapted from [Vatican News](#).)

Marriage Enrichment Seminar- At the Sorrowful Mother Shrine led by Fr. Harry Brown and a trained married couple. April 25 @ 1:00pm-4:00pm, 4106 State Route 269, Bellevue, OH. Pre-Register @419-483-3435 x101 by April 20. Give your marriage a "Jiffy lube job"! If you want to refuel and reenergize your marriage, this seminar will enrich and strengthen the commitment you made in the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Ottawa-Glandorf Schools Kindergarten Screening and Parent Orientation for incoming 2020-2021 kindergarten students at the Putnam County Educational Service Center (124 Putnam Parkway, Ottawa) on Mon., April 6. Parents will also attend an orientation meeting during this time with your child's principal. For those parents who have not yet registered their child for kindergarten, please do so by March 31. You will need to fill out a registration form at Glandorf Elementary. You will also need to bring a copy of your child's birth certificate, social security no., a record of immunizations and proof of residency for registration. Students registering for kindergarten must be at least five years of age by August 1, 2019. Parents who have already registered their child for kindergarten will be receiving a letter in the mail.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND April 18/19 at St. Anthony's Church Columbus Grove. This will be a non-residential weekend when couples go home overnight. For reservations call 419-538-7210. You may be on a waiting list. But call!

Mustard Seed Gift Shop- Hours: Tues, Thurs, & Fri. 9am – 5pm; 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

March 15th Collection

Adults \$5,944.00 Auto Electronic Giving \$1,026.00 Loose \$522.00 Children \$82.60 Total: \$7,574.60

March 8th – Adults/Children \$1,032.05 Loose \$265.00

Heartbeat needs size 4 & 5 diapers & boys/girls 3–6 month winter clothes

Thanks for sharing your treasure, time, & talent with your
St. John's parish family! We are most grateful!

MARCH 22, 2020 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

GLANDORF, OHIO

St. George Deanery

Missionaries of the Precious Blood

REV. TONY FORTMAN, C.P.P.S.

Pastor

BR. JERRY SCHWIETERMAN, C.P.P.S.

Pastoral Minister

DEACON DONALD INKROTT

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ASHLEY DULING

Business Manager

MARY ELLEN HALKER

Administrative Assistant

DIANE UTRUP

Coordinator of Grade School K-5 Religious Education

MINDY RECKER

Coordinator of Jr Hi 6-8 Religious Education

RUTH GERDING

Coordinator of High School Religious Education

COLLEEN HALKER

Youth Director

LORI RUMP

Pre-School Administrator/Lead Teacher

DANIEL ELLERBROCK

Music Director/Organist

JOE SCHROEDER

Maintenance

MARK KAUFMAN – Parish Center

LOUIE HALKER – Church

Janitors

JEFF GERDING

Cemetery Caretaker-Manager

BRENDA RECKER

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Tim Lehman Barry Maag Eric Kaufman (Tracy)

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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 – the classes for 2020 will be Sundays, May 17th, and Sept. 20th, from 9:00 – 10:30 AM, in room 15, in the parish center - presented by Deacon Don Inkrott.

Pre-register by calling rectory.

ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY at Noon on First Fridays 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 7 & 8, 2020.

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.

Br. Jerry's address: Br. Jerry Schulte, C.P.P.S., St. Charles Center, 2860 US Route 127 Rm 107, Celina, OH 45822

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 & Brenda Recker – Council Pres.)