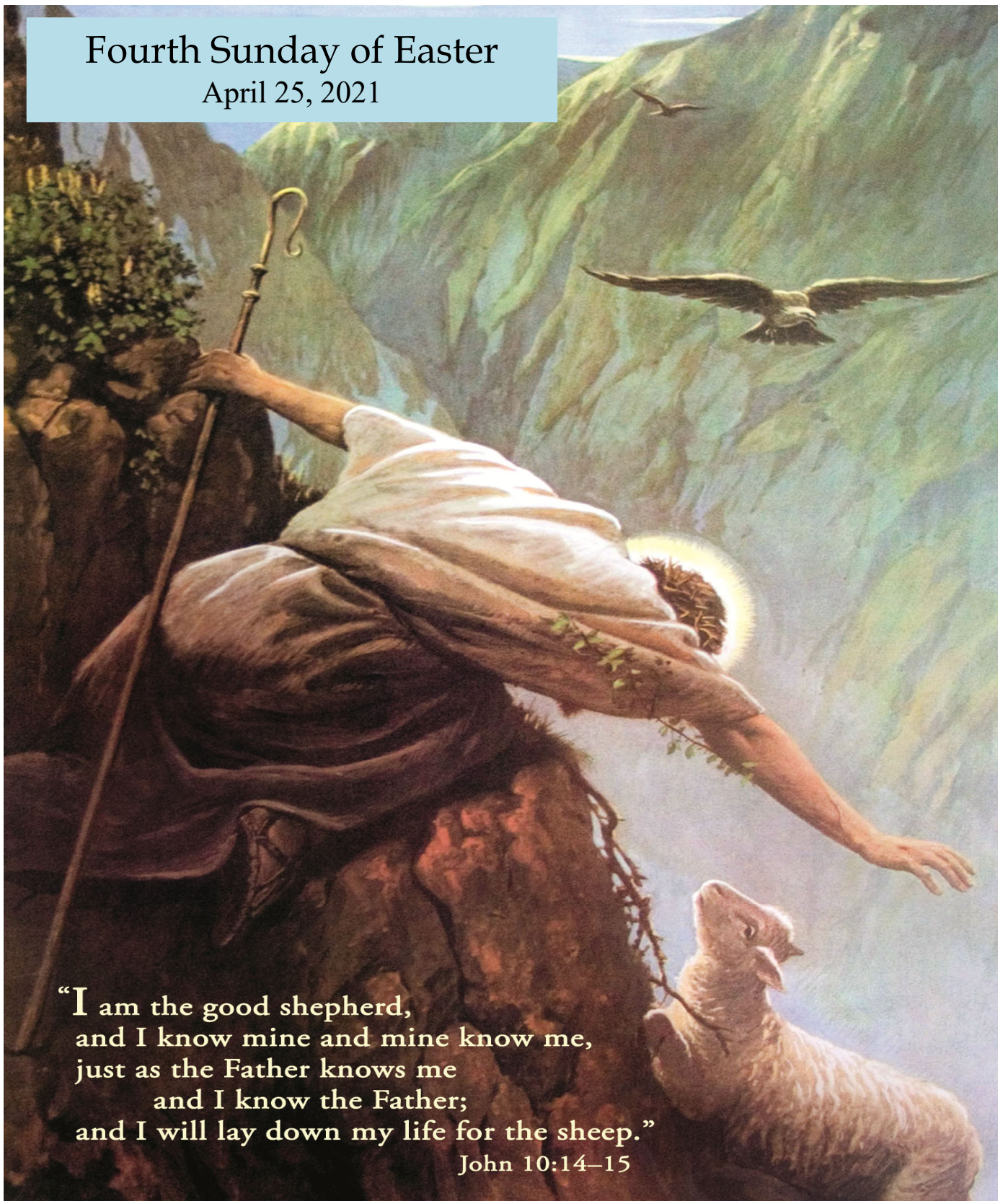


# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

1878 Abbe Road Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054

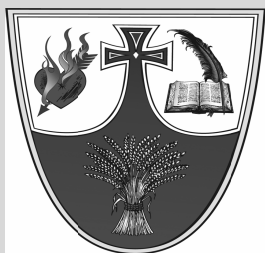
Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021



“I am the good shepherd,  
and I know mine and mine know me,  
just as the Father knows me  
and I know the Father;  
and I will lay down my life for the sheep.”

John 10:14–15



Established 1845

ST. TERESA OF AVILA CHURCH is handicap accessible.

STAFF

Reverend Edward J. Smith, Pastor

Office Hours: Wed & Fri 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Fr. Thomas Sanders, OSB,

Weekend Associate

Debbie Wehler, Sue DiVaccaro,

Secretaries

Lou Varos, Finance Council Chairperson

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

For those advanced in age, sick, or undergoing surgery. Administered upon request. Contact the Rectory.

PARISH INFORMATION

BAPTISMS: Baptisms are celebrated after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays. Arrangements should be made shortly before or after the birth of the child.

COMMUNION CALLS: Please call the Rectory to schedule.

MATRIMONY: At least one member must be a parishioner and be active for at least six months prior to calling. Couples need to make arrangements at least six months prior to the wedding date. No date may be reserved until discussed with the priest of the parish.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Call the Rectory to register.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION: Interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church? Call the Rectory for more information.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 25, 2021

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. — 1 John 3:1

Saturday, April 24 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr

4:30 p.m. Dorothy Tomshe by Phil & Joan Gigliotti

Sunday, April 25

8:30 a.m. +Jean Ackerman by Fred & Peg Long

11:00 a.m. +Don Kirchner by John & Ella Smith

Monday, April 26

NO MASS

Tuesday, April 27

NO MASS

Wednesday, April 28

St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr

8:30 a.m. All Souls

Thursday, April 29

St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Dr. of the Church

NO MASS

Friday, April 30

St. Pius V, Pope

8:30 a.m. living/deceased of St. Teresa Parish

Saturday, May 1

St. Joseph the Worker

4:30 p.m. for the First Communicants

Sunday, May 2

8:30 a.m. +Joanne Marchant by Scarlett Joanne Parker & family

11:00 a.m. +Emily, James, & James McNabb, Jr. by Dan & Theresa Gillotti



Weekly Offering

<b>Weekly Goal</b>	\$4,000.00
<b>April 18</b>	\$2,603.00
<b>Easter</b>	\$545.00

Please keep St. Teresa Parish in mind when making out your will. We thank our parishioners for their continued, generous support of the Parish!

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

This week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.

More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Masses

Sunday Vigil - Saturday 4:30 PM and Sunday - 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

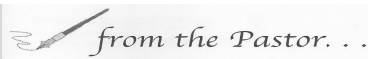
Wed & Fri - 8:30 AM; Holy Day Vigil, Holy Day and Civic Holidays - Watch Bulletin

Confessions

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 3:30 - 4:00 PM or by appointment.

CONTACT US

Rectory Office.....(440) 934-4227 Office Hours.....Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Fax.....(440) 934-4500 E-mails .....debbie@stteresaparish.com and sue@stteresaparish.com
Website..... www.stteresaparish.com



In 2020 the Diocese of Cleveland had planned to embark on a fundraising campaign designed for the rebuilding of the Cleveland seminary buildings. Part of the program was to require parishes to fundraise on behalf of the project. Parish monies would be added to larger financial gifts solicited from wealthy individuals throughout the Diocese. Unfortunately, as we all know, COVID came along and forced the Diocese to pause the project they entitled, "The Heart of the Shepherd".

Fast forward to 2021, and the Diocese is moving fully ahead with the Heart of the Shepherd Campaign. As Pastor, I have been contacted by the Diocese regarding our Parish contribution. I have been given essentially two main options to conduct the campaign:

Option 1. Schedule individual meetings with most Parishioner families to pitch the project and pressure families to make pledges on behalf of the campaign. In addition, others would be asked to attend group meetings for the same purpose. This approach would require us to raise over \$64,000 in pledge monies, some of which would be returned to the parish.

Option 2. Make a straightforward payment out of our savings, on behalf of the Parish, that would equate to 15% of the total fiscal year 2020 offertory collection. Here at St. Teresa that equates to a \$27,666 payment over 3 years (\$9,222 per year). That would completely fulfill the requirements of the campaign upon our Parish and Parishioners.

In the end, I have chosen Option 2. The reason for this is I simply do not believe that many parishioners want to have to meet with me to be pressured to make a pledge. In addition, with COVID concerns still a reality; many people simply still do not feel comfortable attending meetings.

I am writing this to inform you about the campaign and my decision on behalf of the Parish. If you would like to make a donation to help offset the payment being made to the Heart of the Shepherd Campaign, please make out your check to St. Teresa Parish and mail it to the Parish Office or place it in the weekend collection. Please mark your envelope St. Teresa HOS Donation.

**Next Saturday at the 4:30PM Mass the Parish will be celebrating First Communion.**

Please be aware that First Communion will mean more people in attendance at Mass. *If you are a person that is nervous about crowds or increased numbers of people at Mass, you may wish to attend Sunday at either 8:30 AM or 11:00 AM.*

**Rev. Edward J. Smith, Pastor**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

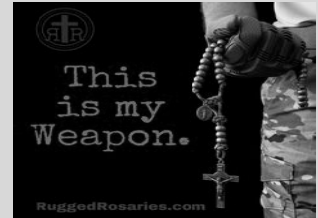
Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10  
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30  
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50  
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20  
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6  
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14  
 Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

PSR	Tues, Apr 27	6:00 – 7:15 p.m.	PLC Classrooms
Mass	Wed, Apr 28	8:30 a.m.	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, Apr 28	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Church
Mass	Fri, Apr 30	8:30 a.m.	Church
1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Communion	Sat, May 1	4:30 p.m.	Church

**TOGETHER - LET US PRAY ...**

Luz Villanueva, Eleanor Rieth  
 Loretta Forthofer, Elvira Quester  
 Eva-Maria Peters, Marianne Rieth  
 Amy White, Jarmila Kos  
 Kathleen Brezinski, Anna Joseph  
 Patricia Welsh, Maebelle Fill  
 Marty Lima, William Wisnieski  
 Vickie Aring, Denise Scaglione  
 Patrick O'Toole, Catherine Monfort  
 Karen Davis

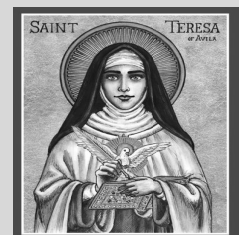


**FAMILY AND FRIENDS SERVING OUR COUNTRY:**

Charles Godles, Christopher Barnhart, Jason Bender, Thomas Daley, Major Richard Robinson, Tom Fisher, Anthony Burns, Michael Naughton, Allen Fish, 2nd Lt. Louis Rios, Justin Callison, Quinn Rambo Capt. Shelby Stratton, Grant Bartlett, Sgt. Tyler Corwin, John McGlynn, Cpl. Andrew Edwards, Michael Garba, Darrin Kirchner SSgt. Leo Ostrolencki, Ken D. Dustin Moorman  
 To add names call 934-4227.

**HOSPITAL CALLS**

Please request the services of the Catholic Chaplain at the hospital for a patient. Notify the parish office so that the sick will be remembered in our prayers and Masses.



**ST. TERESA OF AVILA Pray for Us!**

**"Faith and the love of pleasing God make possible what to natural reason is not possible." St. Teresa of Avila**





## Remember CATHOLIC PROGRAMMING



**AM 1260 The Rock** is excited to announce two new upcoming programs from EWTN!

- **“Mother Angelica: Answering the Call”**. Co-hosts Doug Keck and Father Joseph Mary Wolfe will share great stories about Mother Angelica as they both knew her well and worked with her daily. The show will start with a one hour special on Mother’s Birthday... Tuesday April 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM EST. The series itself will launch on Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 PM and repeat at 8:00 PM EST.
- **“The Catholic Sphere”** will be hosted by EWTN favorite Brian Patrick who will talk with news correspondents from around the world. The Catholic Church is alive in the many diverse cultures which share our faith. In this series, international guests will highlight rarely told struggles and victories of The Universal Church. This show will rollout out on Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 2:30 PM EST.

For more information and a complete schedule of programs, visit [www.am1260therock.com](http://www.am1260therock.com)

## PRO-LIFE MEDITATIONS OF THE ROSARY

The Fourth Glorious Mystery – The Assumption The Blessed Virgin Mary was taken body and soul into heaven because she is the Mother of God. Mother and child are united. The Assumption reminds us that they belong together. We pray that society will see that it cannot love women while killing their children, and cannot save children without helping their mothers. We pray that people will be touched by the pro-life question, “Why can’t we love them both?”

For pro-life novenas visit [Priests for Life at PrayerCampaign.org](http://Priests for Life at PrayerCampaign.org)

## LOOKING FOR A COMPASSIONATE CAREGIVER

Looking for a compassionate caregiver for our elderly mom (parishioner). Care includes companionship, light housekeeping, and meal preparation. Pay is negotiable. Please call for details to 216-316-6659 or 440-242-1747.

## ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL (4) PERSON GOLF SCRAMBLE

### Thunderbird Hills – South Course

(1316 Mudbrook Rd., Huron, Ohio 44839)

**Saturday, May 22, 2021**

Tee times begin at 8:00 a.m. (you will be contacted week of 5/9)

Entry fee is \$340 per team and includes 18 Holes of Golf, Cart, Breakfast, Snack at the Turn, Post Round Lunch, Skill Shots, and Skins

All forms and money must be received by May 7. Make checks payable to St. Anthony and mail to

St. Anthony School Golf Outing, 1339 E. Erie Avenue, Lorain, Ohio 44052

**Questions?** Visit [www.stanthonylorain.org](http://www.stanthonylorain.org), email Chriss or Jenny at [pogorelcj@stanthonylorain.com](mailto:pogorelcj@stanthonylorain.com) or call/text 440-320-6167.



*“In the silence of the heart God speaks. If you face God in prayer and silence, God will speak to you. Souls of prayer are souls of great silence.”*

*St. Teresa of Calcutta  
Adoration takes place on  
Wednesdays from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.*

**Please Continue To Support  
The Church With Your  
Donations.  
Mail donations to the office:  
1878 Abbe Road  
Sheffield Village, OH 44054  
Thank You!!**

## CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR THE SICK

Call the church office if a family member is sick or hospitalized.

Their name can be put in the bulletin for prayers.

Not all hospitals in the area notify churches that a parishioner has been admitted.

## PARISH CLUSTER INFO

**St. Thomas the Apostle**

[www.saintthomaschurch.net](http://www.saintthomaschurch.net)

**St. Anthony**

[www.stanthonylorain.org](http://www.stanthonylorain.org)

St. Anthony's perpetual Adoration  
Chapel is behind the church.



## PARISH NEWS

Visit Our Website! [www.stteresaparish.com](http://www.stteresaparish.com)

Read the *Bulletin* and find current events in "Announcements" (top of home page) or scroll to the bottom.

### Parish Office Hours

Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

*The office will remain closed to the public.*



### BIBLE STUDY – Everyone welcome!

Thursdays in May: 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:00 p.m. in Avila Hall.

### PSR (Parish School of Religion)

Classes continue on Tuesdays from 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

**First Holy Communion takes place Saturday, May 1, 2021  
at the 4:30 p.m. Mass**



### THE ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS Our next Altar & Rosary Society Mass

**Sunday, May 9, 2021 at 8:30  
a.m.**

Please arrive at 8:00 a.m. to  
pray the Rosary prior to Mass.  
*Please come and pray!*

The Altar & Rosary Society  
would be happy to pray the  
**Rosary at the funeral home**  
for the deceased of our  
Parish. The Family is invited  
to call the Parish Office at  
440-934-4227 and ask for this  
gift of the heart!



### Helping Hands for Parishioners

For those parishioners who  
may need monetary help  
during this difficult time, the  
Social Concerns Committee  
**"Helping Hands Fund"**  
may be able to provide  
assistance for groceries,  
medicine, and utility bills.  
**Please contact the parish  
office at 934-4227  
Monday through Friday  
between 9a.m. – 3p.m.**  
*All information is kept  
confidential.*

## Thank You so much!

### Thanks to everyone who worked and supported our Lenten fish dinners!

It was a great success considering the circumstances of the pandemic. We averaged 517 meals per week for the drive thru with minimal workers and followed the COVID-19 guidelines. Our workers were very flexible when it was necessary to change work schedules and I very much appreciate that. Our hearts go out to Carol Kirchner for her loss of her husband, Don, who cleaned and breaded perch for many years. **Thanks to everyone who supported us!**

*Carol Yonkof*

### FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Non-perishable food donations (**we do not accept non-food items**) for the Mother Cabrini Food Pantry in Lorain can be brought to the church the **weekend of May 1 & 2** and placed in the tub in the vestibule. *Thank you for your generosity now and in the past!*

Sponsored by the Social Concerns and Altar & Rosary Society

### Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn

Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen promoted the idea of "Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn" – when an individual prays a short prayer every day for nine months to preserve the life of an unborn child.

**If you have signed up previously, you do not have to contact us. If you have not participated in the past, send an email to [office@stteresaparish.com](mailto:office@stteresaparish.com) and you will be added to our email list.**

This devotion begins **March 25 (Feast of the Annunciation)** and ends at Christmas.

Say this prayer everyday:

***"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."***

Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

**MASS ON TV, ONLINE AND RADIO**

The weekly television Mass produced by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland is now on Sundays at 10 a.m. on WUAB Channel 43, the CW43. Viewers are invited to take part in the weekly celebration of the Mass at a more convenient time, and, is an over-the-air station, that is, accessible even to those without cable TV.

Also watch the Mass at [www.dioceseofcleveland.org/offices/communications/mass](http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/offices/communications/mass) OR at: <http://www.catholicstv.org> OR <https://www.ewtn.com/tv>, and [www.HeartoftheNation.org](http://www.HeartoftheNation.org).

Listen to Mass on AM 1260 The Rock at 4 p.m. Saturday and 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29**

**R. (22) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**

**Welcome!**

**Blessing House Open House Sunday, May 2nd 12:00PM – 4:00PM**



6115 Olivet Avenue, Elyria, Ohio 44035  
(Behind St. Vincent de Paul church on North Ridge Road, Elyria)

**MASSES AVAILABLE FOR 2021**

If you would like to schedule a Mass for someone, please call the church office at 440-934-4227.

**DOUBLE YOUR DONATION TO FEED HUNGRY FAMILIES:  
SVDP "Race For Hunger Relief" Matching Gift Campaign**

This past year during the pandemic, St. Vincent de Paul Society hunger centers served 9,260 NEW people who found themselves in need of emergency food for the very first time (this is in addition to the other 120,000 people that SVDP normally serves). Please help by donating to this matching gift campaign today. Not only will your contribution be doubled, but every dollar of your gift will feed up to four people. Donate at [svdpcle.org](http://svdpcle.org) or send a check to: SVDP Race for Hunger Relief, 1404 E. 9th Street-3rd Floor, Cleveland, OH 44114.

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION - APRIL**

Universal Intention – Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

**Guidelines for Attending Public Mass**

1. **Until further notice, all Catholics in the Diocese of Cleveland remain dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.** The restart of public Masses means you have the option to attend Mass, but it is not a requirement.

2. **Before coming to Mass please take your temperature.** If your temperature is 100.4 degrees or higher please stay home. If you feel sick, please stay home.

3. **All parishioners should be mindful of social distancing when sitting in pews and in the communion line.** Families may sit together, but must maintain social distancing between their family and others throughout the celebration of Mass.

4. **The precious blood cannot be offered to the faithful until directed by the Diocese.**

5. There will be no offertory procession. **Please drop your offertory envelopes in the baskets placed by the doors of the Church.**

6. **There will be no handshake of peace until further notice.**

**Please do not leave disposable masks in the pew. Thank You!**



# Liturgical Ministers Schedule

## Eucharistic Ministers

<b>Sat, Apr 24</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Joan Gigliotti (Wehler*)	<b>Sun, Apr 25</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Kathy Cunningham	<b>Sun, Apr 25</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Lou Varos
<b>Sat, May 1</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Ann Glime (Fitzwater)	<b>Sun, May 2</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Greg Smail	<b>Sun, May 2</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Fred Courtright

## Lectors

<b>Sat, Apr 24</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Phil Gigliotti	<b>Sun, Apr 25</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Bruce DiVaccaro	<b>Sun, Apr 25</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Fred Courtright
<b>Sat, May 1</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Andrew Augustine	<b>Sun, May 2</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Tom Pienoski	<b>Sun, May 2</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Tom Parkey



During this Year of Saint Joseph, the Church has made a plenary indulgence available to all the faithful who satisfy the usual conditions (confession, Eucharist, prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father, a spirit of detachment from sin, and the intention to gain the indulgence for one's self or someone in purgatory), as well as perform one of the prescribed works, as follows:

- Meditate for at least 30 minutes on the Lord's Prayer, or take part in a spiritual retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph
- Following St. Joseph's example, perform a spiritual or corporal work of mercy
- Recite the Holy Rosary with your family or your fiancé
- Entrust your daily activity to the protection of St. Joseph
- Pray through the intercession of St. Joseph that those seeking work can find dignifying work
- Recite the Litany of St. Joseph for Christians who suffer all forms of persecution
- Recite any prayer or act of piety legitimately approved in honor of St. Joseph, in particular on March 19, May 1, on the 19th of any month, and every Wednesday

This gift of a plenary indulgence extends particularly to the elderly, the sick, the dying, and all those who, for legitimate reasons, are unable to leave their homes, if, detached from all sin and with the intention of fulfilling, as soon as possible, the usual conditions, recite an act of piety in honor of St. Joseph, comfort of the sick and patron of a good death, offering with confidence to God the pains and trials of their life.

## Around the Town

### ROSARY FOR THE UNBORN

On the first **Saturday of May, the 1<sup>st</sup>** at 11 am, all are warmly invited to pray the Rosary of the Unborn for an end to legalized abortions at St. Anthony Church, 1339 E. Erie Ave. The northwest entrance to the Church will be open at 10:30 am. (Every first Saturday of the month, this prayer service will continue until the Covid 19 Virus leaves and we will be able to return to our previous schedule of 12 rosaries from 10 am until 4 pm.) Questions? Call (440) 288-0416.

### ZELIE'S HOME INAUGURAL BIRDIES FOR BABIES GOLF SCRAMBLE

You are invited to golf for a cause at Zelig's Home Inaugural Birdies for Babies Golf Scramble on Sunday, June 13th at Shale Creek Golf Club in Medina, Ohio. All proceeds support our home in Garfield Heights serving pregnant and parenting women and their children. You can be a part of changing lives two at a time! \$150 per golfer / \$600 per foursome. Fees include 18 Holes, Cart, Lunch, All-American Cookout Dinner, Beverages and Raffle opportunities. For more information, visit our website at [www.zelieshome.org/events/birdiesforbabies](http://www.zelieshome.org/events/birdiesforbabies) or contact Erin Hathaway at [executivedirector@zelieshome.org](mailto:executivedirector@zelieshome.org).

**HOUSE OF LORETO IS HIRING** nurses for all three shifts, full time, or part time, RNs or LPNs. Want to work for a ministry that values your talent and ability? Grow your career with the best support, resources, and team. **Call today 330-453-8137 or email [loreto1955@neohio.twcbc.com](mailto:loreto1955@neohio.twcbc.com)**

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DINNER, AVON

**Wednesday, April 28, 4 to 6:30 PM** - takeout only. Dinners include meat loaf, red skin potatoes, green beans, rolls and butter, salad and dessert. The meals can be picked up at Ragan Hall, 1783 Moore Road (next to BJ's). **Cost is \$10 per meal, cash or check payable to "Father Ragan Charitable Foundation."** There will be a drive through pickup and the meals will be delivered to your car. It is preferred that you reserve the meals in advance by April 26, 5 PM, however, impromptu pickups are acceptable based on availability. For advanced orders or questions please contact: John at 440-725-7369 or [john.pabin@gmail.com](mailto:john.pabin@gmail.com) or Al at 440-759-4818 or [ajb20@roadrunner.com](mailto:ajb20@roadrunner.com).

### CALVARY CEMETERY- PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on **Saturday, May 15, 2021**, at 1 p.m. Please join us to learn about your Catholic burial options, including options for cremated remains. We kindly ask that you RSVP to this event so we can make arrangements for proper social distancing. Attendees are required to wear a facial covering throughout the seminar. **Calvary Cemetery - 555 N. Ridge Rd., Lorain. RSVP 216/641-7575 ext. 6**

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION FORMATION SESSIONS

Sessions are FREE and online for 2021. Next class is: Thursday, May 20, 2021 from 7 - 9:30 p.m.  
Call the church office at 440-934-4227 by May 14.