

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | APRIL 30, 2023



4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass © 2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 10:00 am

WEEKDAYS

Monday & Tuesday:
8:30 am

HOLY DAY MASSES

Consult the bulletin

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

The readings for today continue to express the wonders of the whole event of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus the Christ, the Son of God, our Redeemer. **Have you gotten over that already? Hopefully, you are still thinking about those events that happened more than 2000 years ago but still amaze us even today – as they should; and we should not let them slip into the background of our daily lives because they are the source of eternal life.** As St. Paul tells us, *“If the Resurrection had not happened, we would still be in our sins and our faith would be worthless.”* (See 1st Cor: 15:17)

The First Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles (2:14a, 36–41). St. Peter, now emboldened by the Holy Spirit and renewed by the forgiveness of Christ, stands before a crowd of people, and explains the meaning of what they have done in crucifying their Messiah and what must now be done to gain forgiveness. That basic truth has not changed – even in our modern *“tech”* age: Forgiveness is available *“to all those whomever the Lord our God will call.”* **Are you being called?**

The Responsorial Psalm (23:1–6). This is the familiar Psalm that we call The Lord is My Shepherd from its opening line. Now you might wonder *“why is this here, what has it got to do with the Resurrection?”* Let me answer that by asking you a question: Have you ever wondered why God didn’t get angry with the Jews or the Romans who put Jesus to death? He could have slaughtered them all, but He didn’t. That is not His way. He leads them rather than forces them, and He will lead us if we follow His voice as He tells us in the Gospel Reading.

The Second Reading is from the First Letter of St. Peter (2:20 -25). This passage might be a confirmation of my explanation of the use of the 23rd Psalm above. Jesus was divinely patient when suffering for the love of all mankind to be the instrument of salvation. This was His purpose and mission; and He fulfilled it in the manner He would like us to do when we are hit with suffering of any kind because, when we offer our sufferings to God in the form of patience, it is accepted as grace.

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SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00 pm or by appt.

BAPTISM

At least one parent must be a parishioner & actively attend Mass prior to calling the Office.

Baptisms will be held on the 3rd Sunday of the month

MARRIAGE

At least one member of the couple must be a parishioner & actively attend Mass prior to calling.

Couples need to make arrangements *at least 6 months in advance.*

No date may be reserved until discussion with the pastor of the parish.

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SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: "Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." (Acts 2:36)

PSALM: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

SECOND READING: For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. (1 Pt 2:25)

GOSPEL: "I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture." (Jn 10:9)

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

APRIL 30, 2023

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12



Sunday - April 30th - 4th Sunday of Easter

10:00 am - †Edward J. Basta

Requested by: Bill & Kim Kuhn

Monday - May 1st - St. Joseph the Worker

(School Mass)

8:30 am - †For the Living & Deceased of the Parish

Tuesday - May 2nd - St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:30 am - †John R. Smith & Deceased Members of the Smith Family

Requested by: Jeff & Maureen Smith

Saturday - May 6th - Sunday Vigil

9:00 pm - †Joe Hiesser

Requested by: Marilyn Mercurio

Sunday - May 7th - 5th Sunday of Easter

10:00 am - †Edward Grochocki

Requested by: Rosemary Grochocki



THANK YOU

to everyone who came to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Church last weekend!

It was a wonderful time.

Please continue to stop in the Church Day Chapel and walk down memory lane with our 100th Anniversary museum.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, May 6th at 4:00 pm

Lector: Laura V.

Eucharistic Ministers: Jerry D., Carol B.

Servers: Lucy K.

Sunday, May 7th at 10:00 am

Lector: Celia F.

Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa S., David L., Joann T.

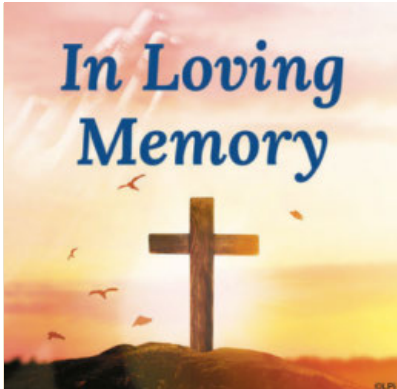
Servers: Needed

OFFERTORY REPORT

Amount Budgeted Weekly..... \$6,240.00
 Sunday Collection (4/2/2023)..... \$5,834.00
 7/1/2022 to Date +/- Budget..... (-\$40,573.50)

MY GIFT TO GOD REFLECTS HIS GENEROSITY TO ME.

If you are unable to contribute, please submit your envelopes all the same as it is our most clear indication of active participation for Mass.



MANY PRAYERS & SYMPATHY

to Sue, Chris, Kate, Joel, Mike & family upon the death of their mother, **Nancy Hartman** on April 22, 2023.

May Nancy's soul & the souls of all the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
Life is changed, not ended.

A DONATION HAS BEEN MADE

in memory of **Carl Hartman** to St. Vincent de Paul Society by Stephan & Elizabeth Bejarano.



PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Gloria Badillo	Lindsey Marie Ballas	Janet Baxter	Joanne Bilancini	Maryann Boylan	Tim "Swampy" Burton
Lynn Coscho	Ann DiFrancesco	Evelyn Donovan	Jerry Donovan	Anna Mac Ebinger	Denise Ellis
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Colleen Jasinski	Sylvia Johnston	Evelyn Kosash	Johnna Kuhar	Jacqueline Kuhn-Rankin	Deacon Luis Maldonado
Dean Martin III	Rita McConley	Dolores Melley	Sandra Merkly	Jen Mitterholzer	Ellen Morgan
Mary Nazario	Luci Payne	Jeanne Provenza	Elizabeth Raddell	Emily Raddell	Rob Salkowitz
Amy Schmidt	Patricia Smith	Sheila Strauser	Jack Tocchi	Audali Torres	Rosa Torres
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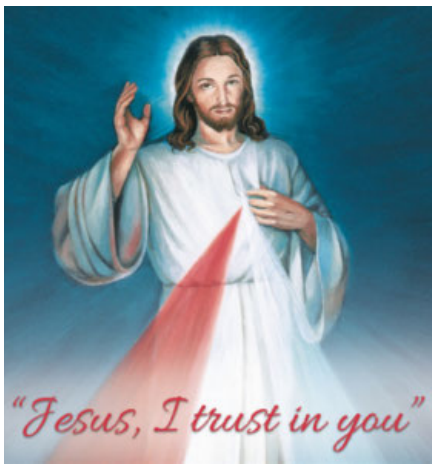
Call the Parish Office if you would like to add someone to this list. Please notify us when to remove the name.

Call the "Prayer Line" for immediate prayer requests, **Georgianna: 440-288-1644**

ADORATION CHAPEL

"Lord every nation on earth will adore you." (Ps 72:11)

Pope Benedict XVI (1927-2022) suggested Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in his address to the members of the Roman Clergy on March 2, 2006 adding, *"Thanks be to God that after the Council, after a period in which the sense of Eucharistic Adoration was somewhat lacking, the joy of this adoration was reborn everywhere in the Church as we saw and heard at the Synod on the Eucharist. Of course the councilor Constitution on the Liturgy enabled us to discover to the full the riches of the Eucharist in which the Lord's testament is accomplishment: He gives Himself to us and we respond by giving ourselves to Him. We have now rediscovered, however, that without adoration as an act consequent to Communion received, this center which the Lord gave to us, that is, the possibility of celebrating His sacrifice and thus of entering into a sacramental, almost corporal, communion with Him loses its depth as well as its human riches. Adoration means entering the depths of our hearts in communion with the Lord who makes Himself bodily present in the Eucharist. In the Monstrance, He always entrusts Himself to us and asks us to be united with His Presence, with His Risen Body."*



Divine Mercy Meditation - Claiming Your Promise

During one of the adorations, Jesus promised me that: **With souls that have recourse to My mercy and with those that glorify and proclaim My great mercy to others, I will deal according to My infinite mercy at the hour of their death** (*Diary, 379*).

My Prayer Response:

Lord, Jesus, You promised to deal according to Your mercy with all who have recourse to Your mercy — those who glorify it and those who proclaim Your mercy to others. I claim Your promise for all those who are devoted to Your Divine Mercy! Amen.

PRO-LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK - BISHOP MICHAEL PFEIFER

*This is the **first part** of the Pastoral Statement on Abortion written by Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of San Angelo. It will be published in eight parts over the next weeks. Pro-Life Pastoral Letter for the Unborn a Half Century after Roe v Wade Even Without Roe v Wade, Many Precious Babies Are Still Being Killed By Abortion. January 22, 2023*

2023 is the first full year without Roe v Wade but thousands of precious babies are still being killed by abortion. The abortion lobby is spending many millions of dollars, *including your taxpayer dollars*, on a comprehensive strategy to expand abortion even more this year.

The church, all pro-lifers have much work to do in promoting pro-life messages to its own members and society at large. Archbishop William Lori, now Vice President of the USCCB, after serving as chairman of the committee on pro-life for the US bishops, points out that **the wonderful blessing of Roe v Wade being overturned allows more freedom at both state and federal level to enact pro-life law but the necessary work to build a culture of life in the United at a presidential and many at a congressional level to use power to facilitate abortion, instead of States is far from being finished rather it is focused differently.** Many national and legislative battles remain including maintaining the long-standing Hyde Amendment Protections which limits government funding for abortion. The archbishop reminds us that there are many efforts using their power to increase support and care for mothers and children in challenging situations. He states, *"this single-minded extremism must end"*, strongly encouraging President Biden and his administration to recognize the humanity in pre-born children and the genuine life-giving care needed by women in this country. This *"extremism"* once again manifested itself, when tens of thousands took part in the recent March for Life, Biden took the occasion to strongly pledge restoring of abortion rights. **Biden needs to remember there are no abortion rights in the Constitution nor in the Commandments of God.**

PASTOR COLUMN CONTINUED

The Gospel Reading is from the Gospel of John (10:1-10). Here we have another strange reading within the Easter season, but it follows along with the theme of the 23rd Psalm. Here, Jesus is telling us that He is the sheep-gate and if we are to enter heaven, we must enter through Him. For those of you who might not be aware, shepherds of that time would corral their sheep at night for protection and they would station themselves in the gateway to prevent wolves or thieves from entering. Thus, the shepherd would put himself at risk to protect his sheep. This is an act of love of the highest kind. We are being asked to look upon Jesus as our Divine Shepherd and to follow Him is to be led to eternal life.

So, the wonders of the Easter event continue, as they should, and we should remind ourselves daily that the Divine Shepherd is calling us to be His disciple, follower, or servant. **Are you listening to His voice? Something to think about during your prayer time this week.**

~Rev. Edward J. Smith

THE FAMILY OF FR. KENNETH KATRICAK WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE HIS 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTHOOD

It will be celebrated on Sunday, May 21st with a 10:00 am Mass at St. Anthony of Padua Church followed by an Open House at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Life Center from 12 pm to 5 pm. Hot hor D'oeuvres & beverages will be served. *Reservations are needed for food count no later than Friday, May 12th.* You can email Kim at kuhnk@stanthonylorain.com or call 440-288-0106.



THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST - For Adults 40 & Over

We are taking a field trip to our Mother Church, The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist (1007 Superior Ave., Cleveland), Monday, May 8. The tour will begin at 7pm. Check-in will begin at 6:30pm. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Parking is FREE. Advance ticket purchase is recommended. Register at: www.theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west.

MARIAN GUILD CHRISTIAN MOTHERS MAY DINNER

Save the Date and plan to join us on **Monday, May 22nd.**

Doors open at 4 pm at Lorain Senior Center for the

Crowning of BLESSED MOTHER followed by an Italian dinner.

More info in upcoming Bulletins

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME AN EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Diocese will be offering spring formation sessions for those interested in becoming Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. You must have all 3 of your sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Holy Communion & Confirmation) and be a member of our parish in good standing. **The closest session to us is Tuesday, May 23rd from 7:00-9:30 pm at St. Joseph Parish in Avon Lake.** Please contact the Parish Office, 440-288-0106 to get signed up

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HISTORY OF ST. ANTHONY CONT.

The summer of 1924 added another "first" to St. Anthony's history. Father Florian Billy began the parish's sports event by coaching a parish men's baseball team entered in the City League.

Determined to enrich further the Catholic Family community, **a contract was signed in August of 1924, for the construction of a school which would also serve as a temporary church.** Ground was broken just one week later and on October 12th, the cornerstone was laid. The education of family and future members became the focus for our parish.

At the request of Father Rafferty, **the Syracuse, NY Franciscan Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis came to Lorain in August of 1925,** filled with love and devotion, to teach at our St. Anthony's School which opened that fall. The sisters staffed the school and served St. Anthony Parish until their departure when they returned to Syracuse.

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