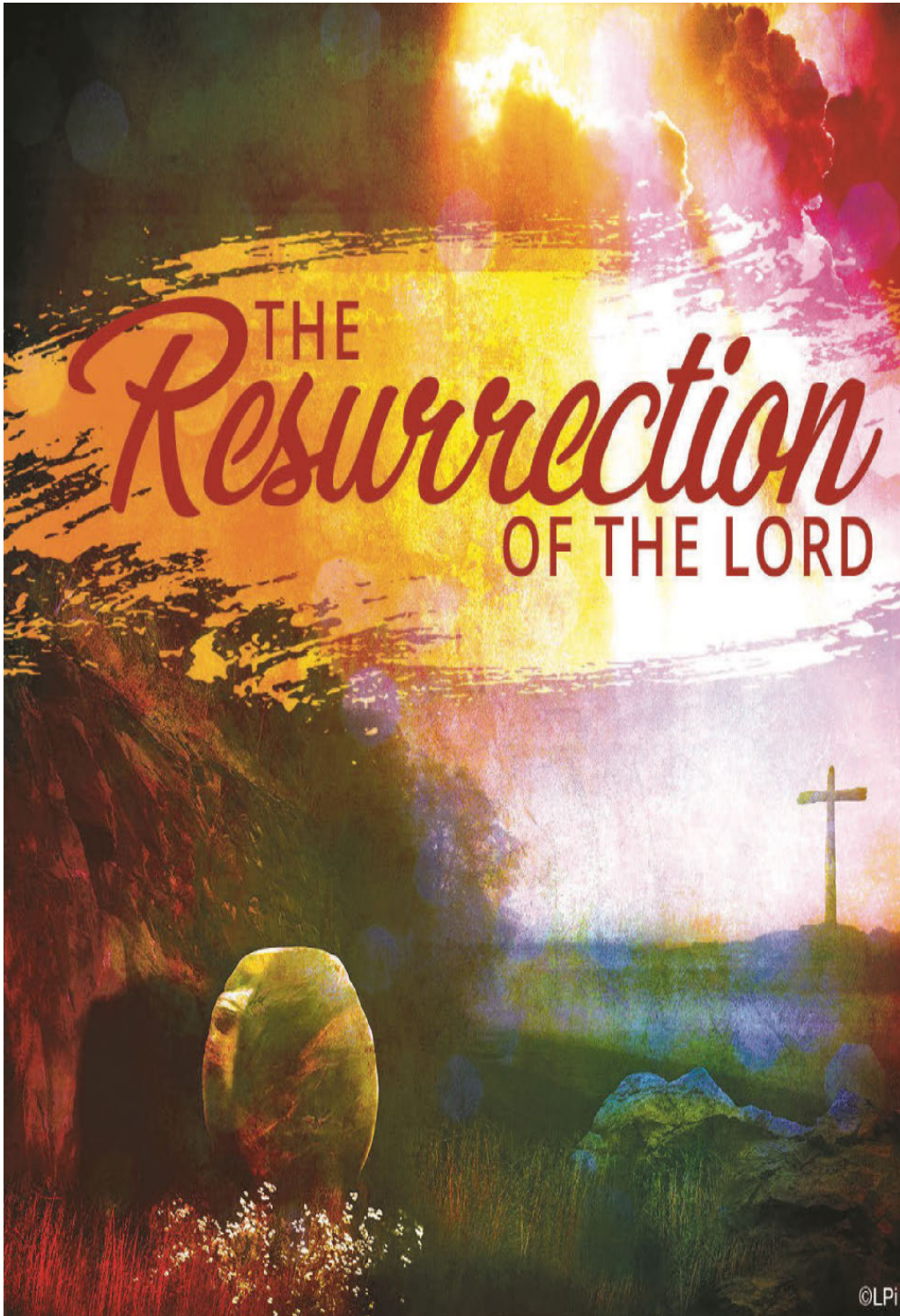


# ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | MARCH 31, 2024



## 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 are somewhat anti-climactic if you attended the Easter Vigil Mass of the Resurrection on Saturday. Nevertheless, the joy of this great feast is evident in all the readings. We should be overflowing with joy and enthusiasm, knowing that our salvation and redemption have been accomplished through the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Thus, all the readings assume that we know what happened in Jerusalem more than 2000 years ago. So, place yourself in the picture and become one of those in the celebration.

**The First Reading, from the Acts of the Apostles (10:34-43)**, Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit and a renewed sense of confidence, stands up boldly and retells the story of Jesus' public life and death and what it means to all mankind. We should read this passage every day of our lives and give thanks to God for His love, which made it possible.

**The Responsorial Psalm (118:1-23)** is an important liturgical poem sung at the Jewish Seder or Passover Meal. It recalls how the Israelites implored the God of Israel for help during a time of suffering and how God came to their rescue. The Psalmist then goes on to offer praises of thanksgiving acknowledging God's benevolence.

**In the Second Reading, from St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians (3:1-4)**, Paul is speaking about our Baptism being a form of spiritual death and resurrection where we die to all forms of sin and rise with Christ to a new life—the Christian life. Think of this as if you have just put on a new suit or dress. You don't go out and work in the garden or clean the garage in a new suit or dress. Instead, you want to be seen in some festive way, alive and joyful. The “*Christian Way of Life*” is special, and we should protect it from the dirt and grime of sin.

**The Gospel Reading for today is from the Gospel of John (20:1-9)**. This, as we said before, might be anti-climactic; however, it tells us that even the apostles had a difficult time in understanding and accepting something so great, so unique, as the Resurrection of the person they called “*Lord*.” And so, it is with us today! We might be tempted to doubt this or some other great event in the life of Jesus Christ just as Thomas and some of the other disciples did. However, don't let doubts linger, do something about it. Then, when the light of understanding goes on, the spirit of Jesus will arise in your heart just like on the first Easter Sunday.

In addition to celebrating this great day with family and friends, set aside a few minutes to spend time with Jesus in prayer. Thank Him for His love, which made our salvation possible and meditate for a moment on the fact that it was our sins, collectively, that caused the unspeakable suffering of Jesus Christ; but it was the divine love of God for His Son and for all mankind that is reflected in the Resurrection. Our hope is that someday we will be resurrected in the same way at the end of time. **Something to think about during your prayer time this week!**

~*Rev. Edward J. Smith* **2**

**MARCH 31, 2024**

## 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:** This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. (*Acts 10:40-41*)

**PSALM:** This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (*Ps 118*)

**SECOND READING:** If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (*Col 3:1*)

**GOSPEL:** For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. (*Jn 20:9*)

*Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass  
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### Sunday - Mar. 31st - Easter Sunday - Resurrection of the Lord

10:00 am - †Gerald Pepon

*Requested by: Leonard, Carol Findish & Family*

### Monday - Apr. 1st - Monday within the Octave of Easter

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

### Tuesday - Apr. 2nd - Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

8:30 am - †Domingo Amador

*Requested by: Lydia Inchaurregui*

### Saturday - Apr. 6th - Saturday within the Octave of Easter

4:00 pm - †Florence Veroni (Birthday)

*Requested by: Linda Mathewson*

### Sunday - Apr. 7th - 2nd Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy

10:00 am - †Norma Michalski

*Requested by: Norman Michalski*



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK MARCH 31, 2024

**Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

**Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

**Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

**Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

**Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

**Friday:** Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

**Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

**Next Sunday:** Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

## EASTER SUNDAY GREETINGS



May the Risen Lord give us new life and a renewed hope as we continue our journey, nourished by His Body and Blood.

*Fr. Smith, Fr. Thomas, Fr. Ken, Deacon Paul & the St. Anthony School & Parish Staff*



## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, April 6th at 4:00 pm

*Lectors: Laura V.*

*Eucharistic Ministers: Carol B., Karen B., Joanne C.*

### Sunday, April 7th at 10:00 am

*Lectors: Celia F.*

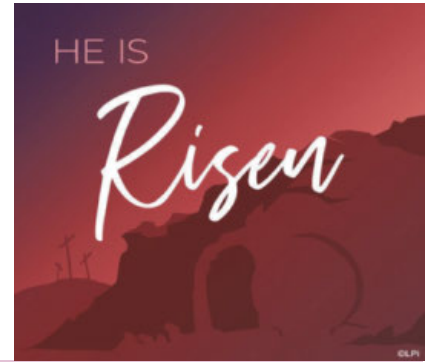
*Eucharistic Ministers: Anna S., Anna A.*

# OFFERTORY REPORT

AMOUNT BUDGETED WEEKLY..... \$6,240.00  
 SUNDAY COLLECTION (3/10/2024) ..... \$5,383.50  
 7/1/2023 TO DATE +/-(-) BUDGET..... **-\$8,667.03**

**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.*



## A HAPPY ENDING ISN'T THE WHOLE STORY

*Is there a happy ending?*

When my kids were young, we never made it past the first whiff of any narrative tension before I got this question. As soon as whatever princess or furry woodland animal who was the hero of the story got into any small scrape, they wanted that reassurance, *“Is there a happy ending?”*

I can't say I blame them. Don't we all feel that way sometimes? We enter into a relationship with someone or some situation, and we just want to protect ourselves. We want to know it's not going to go badly — or, if it does, that we will be able to come back from it. It's a human instinct, a reflex. Our inclination to protect ourselves makes it so that we sometimes want to press fast-forward on the bad stuff and skip straight ahead to the happily-ever-after.

**Easter is the ultimate happy ending. It's the day of miracles. The day when all the stones roll away and all the sins are forgiven. It's the day that puts everything right.** But if we learned anything from this week — from the Passion and death of the Lord — it's that we can't press fast-forward on the hardships of life. That tension, that loss, that fear — it's crucial, isn't it? As Catholics, we are who we are because of Easter. But Easter doesn't happen without Good Friday.

So, does the story of salvation have a happy ending? We know it does. **But we also remember that the ending is not all that matters.**  
*~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*



## PRAYER REQUESTS

**PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Gloria Badillo	Janet Baxter	Joanne Bilancini	Maryann Boylan	Tim “Swampy” Burton	Lynn Coscho
Pat Costello II	Ann DiFrancesco	Jerry Donovan	Denise Ellis	Deacon Jose Flores	Norma Jean Flores
Scott Friges	Bea Giacobbe	Virginia Glass	Barbara Glick	Brian Grace	Dan George
Renee Golowenski	D’Arie Gonzalez	Delores Gonzalez	Jose Gonzalez	Jose Gonzalez Jr.	Juan Gonzalez
Vicky Herrmann	Clara Hodorowski	Kevin Holley	Phyllis Holomuzki	Jennifer Humphrey	Baby Jackson
Al Jacobs	Devin Jarvis	Sylvia Johnston	Johnna Kuhar	Amanda Jacobs-Leadbetter	Deacon Luis Maldonado
Dean Martin III	Rita McConley	Dolores Melley	Sandra Merkly	Jen Mitterholzer	Ellen Morgan
Frank Murphy	Mary Nazario	Luci Payne	Elizabeth Raddell	Emily Raddell	Amy Schmidt
Jack Tocchi	Audali Torres	Rosa Torres	Nanette Truffin	Peter Uies	Stacie Velasquez
Nick Vivens	Sherri Wedgeworth	Paul Winkler	Richard Yurovich	Doris Zgola-Whitka	

*Call the Parish Office if you would like to add someone to this list. Please notify us when to remove the name.*

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Call the “Prayer Line” for immediate prayer requests,

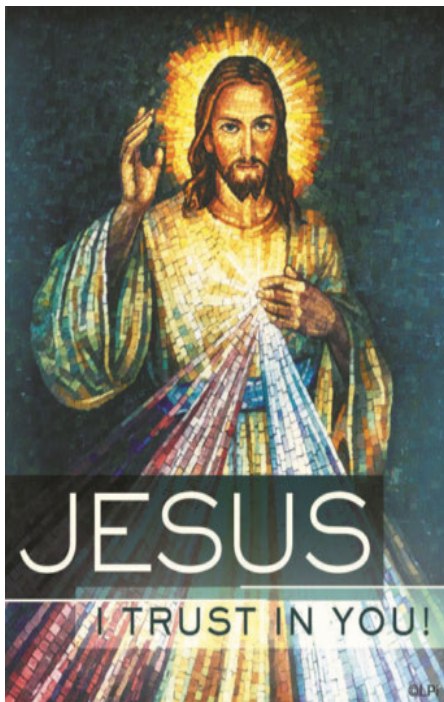
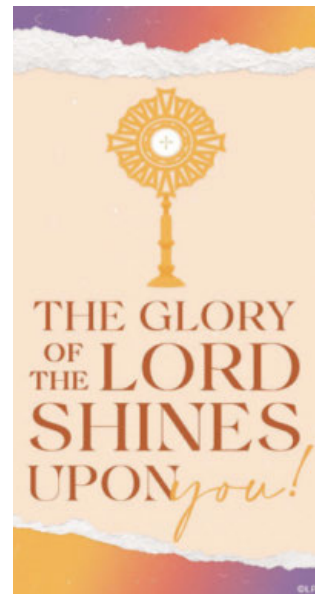
**Linda: 440-667-9050 from 9 am - 3 pm or Terri, 440-320-3272 from 3 - 9 pm**

# ADORATION CHAPEL

“Jesus lives today in the Blessed Sacrament. The Eucharist is our Risen Lord. The power of His Resurrection flows out to all who come into His Eucharistic Presence transforming us into His image.”  
~ from The Eucharistic Rosary

“Sometimes Eucharistic contemplation just means keeping Jesus company, being there under His gaze, and giving Him the joy of contemplating us, too. Although we are but useless creatures and sinners, we are still the fruit of His passion for whom He gave His life.”  
~ Fr. Ranciero Cantalamessa

“The Eucharistic soul has two places of honor: **at the foot of the cross and on the bosom of Jesus.** One demands the other; both complement each other. They must remain loyal to Jesus, loyal to their vocation, and loyal to their special mission, so that the divine Victim, looking down from the Sacred Host in the monstrance as He looked down from the cross might always see at His feet His chosen souls of whom it may be said as it was of John, “**They are standing by the cross.**” ~The Holy Eucharist, Rev. Jose Guadalupe Trevino



## DIVINE MERCY MEDITATION - GO IN GREAT PEACE

**My daughter, tell souls that I am giving them My mercy as a defense. I Myself am fighting for them and am bearing the just anger of My Father**  
*(Diary, 1516).*

April 20, [1938]. Departure for Pradnik. I was very worried that I would be put in bed in a ward and be exposed to all sorts of things. If it were to be for only a week or two ... but it is for such a long time, two months or perhaps more. In the evening, I went in for a long talk with the Lord Jesus. When I saw the Lord Jesus, I poured out my whole heart before Him, all my troubles, fears, and apprehensions. Jesus lovingly listened to me and then said, **Be at peace, My child, I am with you. Go in great peace. All is ready; I have ordered, in My own special way, a private room to be prepared for you.** Reassured and overwhelmed with gratitude, I went to bed *(Diary, 1674).*

*\*The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*

### My Prayer Response:

Thank You, Lord Jesus, for teaching us to trust in Your mercy. Your mercy is our defense in battle and our peace in anxiety. *Amen!*

## PRO-LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK FROM PROLIFECORNER.COM

Many of the people who are opposed to abortion have been led to believe they should not “*impose*” their morality on others.

Think about this:

**Legal abortion imposes someone’s morality upon the little babies.**

*Lord, let us not be cowards;  
give us the courage & wisdom necessary  
to stand up & fight the evil  
of abortion & euthanasia today. Amen!*





# THE PRAYER INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER ENTRUSTED TO THE POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK

**APRIL 2024**  
**FOR THE ROLE OF WOMEN**

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

## FIRST FRIDAY FORUM - 4/5

The First Friday Forum of Lorain County will hear from Fr. Damian Ference, Vicar for Evangelization in the Diocese of Cleveland, who will be speaking on the "Eucharistic Revival Activities in the Diocese of Cleveland" at our luncheon on Friday, April 5th. Come join us for good food, fellowship and a great speaker. Lunch begins at 11:30 am at the Spitzer Conference Center of Lorain County Community College, 1005 N. Abbe Rd. Elyria with Fr. Ference speaking at Noon. All reservations need to be received by 6 pm on Monday, April 1st. Call 440-320-3272 or email [fflorain@gmail.com](mailto:fflorain@gmail.com) with your reservation. Cost is \$25.



## CATHOLIC CEMETERIES GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - 4/21

The Catholic Cemeteries Association provides free, monthly grief support groups both In-Person at 3 pm & Virtually at 5 pm via Zoom on the same day.

Meetings are open discussion, surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is in your heart.

The April Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 21st with the closest location at St. Joseph Cemetery in Avon at 32789 Detroit Rd.

The Topic will be "*Mother's Day and Grief*".

Your RSVP is appreciated but not required to attend.

Please contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866 for more information or sign up for the virtual group at <https://bit.ly/ccavirtualgriefsupportgroup>.

Visit [www.clecem.org](http://www.clecem.org) for the most updated schedule of events with the CCA.

## MARIAN GUILD NEWS

The Marian Guild will sponsor **Donut Sunday on April 21st** after the **10 o'clock Mass** in the main vestibule of the church.

*Please stop and have a tasty treat and visit with your fellow parishioners!*

**On Sunday, May 19th the Marian Guild will have their annual May luncheon at 11:30 am** at the Lorain Senior Center on Garfield Boulevard.

*All ladies of the parish are invited to attend!*

We will have the crowning of the Blessed Mother, officers will be installed and new members will be honored.

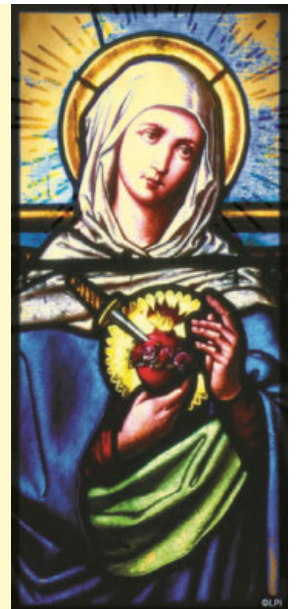
In addition to a very tasty lunch, we will be entertained with several games of Bingo!

All winners will receive a little prize.

Very nice door prizes will also be given to a lucky few!

Please join us as we close out another prayerful and inspiring season.

For reservations, please call Terri George, 440-320-3270, or mail your reservation with \$15 to Terri George, 2220 E. Erie Ave., Lorain, OH 44052 by May 13th.



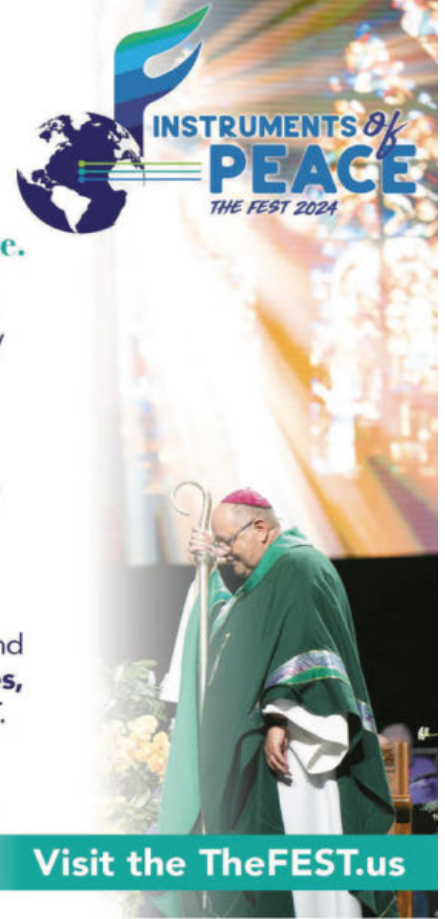
# Christ our Light!

Easter boldly proclaims that Christ is the Light stronger than all the darkness. He is our way, our truth and our life. He is the path of peace.

Come on Sunday, August 4 as we gather in the light of summer to rejoice in the Eternal Light of Christ at The FEST. Our 23rd Annual Catholic Family FESTival takes place at the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe.

Come and enjoy the best national Christian artists: **Casting Crowns, We the Kingdom, Cochren & Co., Caleb & John.** There are inspiring and fun activities for the kids and grandkids. There are meaningful displays, family friendly food, opportunities for prayer and reflection. There's something for everyone at The FEST. The day will conclude with an inspiring outdoor Mass with Bishop Malesic and Bishop Woost.

Invite your family and friends to join you for this amazing day of faith, family and fun – all for FREE – thanks to our friends at: **Marc's, First Day School Supplies, and Baron's Bus.** This summer bask in the joy and Light of Christ at The FEST.



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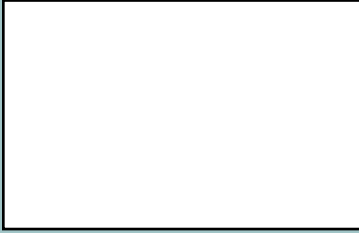
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