

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:

Doris Fahrenbach, John Fahrenbach, Roger Wright, Nancy Finneran, Michael Whyte, Marilyn Greene, Carol Higgins, Christine Money, Joann Coughlin, Barbara (Rhodes) Dillon, Ann Shroyer, Albert Scarpitti, Joni Dray, Janice Holtschulte, Lew Lindner, Maggie Cosgrove, Patsy Davis, Rosie Crego, Kenny Quinn, Mildred & Marlene Parsley, Madelyn Radich, Tom & Helen Moore, Nichola Storey, Don & Rita Schooley, Mary Jo & Shannon Patke, Karen Roberts, Teresa Dimel, Michelle Stover, John Davis, Amy Manning, William Foley, Kathy Maxwell, Mary Kulp, Thomas Knight, Sue Keeler, Elizabeth Guy, Eleanor Lelonek, Alan Wiseman, Frances McNulty, Ken Miller, Kathleen Foley, Joann Colopy, Pam Moine, Dotty Kelly, Marge Foley, Nick Hayes, Marge Casey, Gene Catlett & Michelle Martin. **Please call the rectory office to remove name from list as health improves.**

Please remember in your prayers those who have died especially: John "Chuck" Falter. May God grant peace and comfort to his family!

Welcome into our parish community by way of Baptism: ESTHER ELIZABETH RIGA, daughter of Leah and Anthony. We congratulate and Ester and her family!

FROM THE PASTOR...

A few of you are old enough, like me, to remember when we celebrated Lent a little differently. For example, there were no weddings in Lent (the rules now say that wedding liturgies in Lent should respect the character of the season). What we now call the Fifth Sunday of Lent (next Sunday) was named the First Sunday of the Passion, and the Sunday following it the Second Sunday of the Passion or Palm Sunday. Statues and crosses were covered beginning on the First Sunday of the Passion. When the liturgy was updated, covering of statues in the United States was forbidden for decades. Now we are again permitted (though not required) to cover them beginning next Sunday. Our liturgy committee has decided to retain the custom of covered statues and crosses. The idea is that we "fast" from the beauty of the sculptures as our practice becomes more intense in the last two weeks of Lent, a time that used to be called "Passion Tide."

It is nice to mark our progress through Lent. For the first four weeks, our scripture readings concentrate on repentance and forgiveness. Beginning next Sunday, the emphasis shifts to thoughts of the events that led up to the persecution and prosecution of Jesus. How soon the Triduum will be upon us and we will celebrate the Christian Passover: the institution of the Eucharist on Holy Thursday, the suffering and death of Jesus on Good Friday, and the Resurrection of Jesus during the night of the vigil of Easter.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Romans 8:8-11

John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS**Saturday, March 25 – Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent**

4:00 p.m. Vickie Maurer –
Carlene Hamilton & Sue Hiltbrunner

Sunday, March 26 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of
St. Mary Magdalene Parish

11:00 a.m. Savana Carrier – John & Mary Ann Graham

Monday, March 27 – Lenten Weekday

8:15 a.m. John Jordan – Eleanor Lelonek

7:00 p.m. One-year Anniversary of Death (3-27-16)
Peggy Hughes

Tuesday, March 28 – Lenten Weekday

8:15 a.m. Margaret Radich – Linda Depl

Thursday, March 29 – Lenten Weekday

8:15 a.m. Albert Scales – Jim & Dee Slee

Friday, March 30 – Lenten Weekday

8:15 a.m. Phyllis & George "Mike" Kelley –
Rose Harner

Saturday, April 1 – Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent

4:00 p.m. Hal McClaine – Nancy Birtcher

Sunday, April 2 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members
of St. Mary Magdalene Parish

11:00 a.m. Donato Grilli – K of C #13581

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULES**Servers for Weekday, March 27-31**

Volunteers needed

Saturday, April 1 – 4:00 p.m.

Servers: Josh & Abigail Conturo, Baily Warren

Readers: Pat Martindale, Roberta Lindner

Greeters: Bobbi Lindner, Tony Swaneck

Eucharistic Ministers: *Judy Hammond, Baily Warren,
Gretchen & Josh Conturo, Need volunteer

Sunday, April 2 – 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Josh Kaylor, Dominic & Mary Tokar, Lauren Wright

Readers: Paula Tokar, Richard Thomas

Greeters: Patrick Stumpp, David Creighton,
Rick Schirtzinger

Eucharistic Ministers: *Rick & Janet Schirtzinger,

Dominic & Bruce Tokar, Patrick Cahill, Julius Palazzo,
Karen Harrison, Maggie Shroyer, Need Volunteer

Sunday, April 2 – 11:00 a.m.

Servers: Jonathan Quiroz, Nathaniel Walker,
Hannah Bailey

Readers: Tim & Peggy Landers

Greeters: Joe Regan, Joanne Davis

Eucharistic Ministers: *Alice Carrier, Dee & Ron Sexton,
Tamara McConnell, Diane Wright, David Rose, Diane
Puccetti, Jeanette Bach, Need volunteer

Servers for Weekday, April 3-7

Wesley Rowe, Emmanuel Ruiz

Counters: Martindale, Hammonds, Bricker

Hospitality: Mary Karabinos, Brian Regan, Cottrell/Lipscomb
Family

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**Sunday, March 26**

10:10 a.m. Bible Study
3:00 p.m. Penance Service

Tuesday, March 28

Following 8:15 a.m. Mass
"Catholicism: The Pivotal Players"

Wednesday, March 29

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Thursday, March 30

6:00-8:00 p.m. ESL Class
6:30 p.m. PREP

Friday, March 31

NO 2:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross
(due to SMM School Spring Break)
6:30 p.m. Adoration, Confessions
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Saturday, April 1

After 4:00 p.m. Mass
"From Jesus to Christ"

Parish and School Expense (net of tuition and cost reimbursement)	March 18 & 19 \$ 6,516.00
Regular Sunday Collection	
Number of Envelopes – <u>97</u>	\$ 3,974.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,945.00
Children Sunday Collection	
Number of Envelopes – <u>13</u>	\$ 7.00
Other Parish Income	\$ 506.00
Net	\$ 1,916.00
Net Month-to-date	- \$ 976.00
Net Fiscal Year 2016-2017-to-date	\$ 8,794.00

FOOD PANTRY – Next weekend, April 1 and 2, is the first weekend of April and time for the collection of nonperishable items for our Food Pantry. This month the need is for cereal, jelly, boxed potatoes, canned fruit, pork and beans, and tomato soup. Thanks to each of you for your support of our parish Food Pantry.

The next Catholic Men's Luncheon Club will feature a talk by John Bradford the founder of Wilderness Outreach. This month's luncheon is sponsored by the Catholic Layman's Retreat League. Please join us Friday, April 7th at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus. Holy Mass begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch and John's talk until about 1:00 p.m. No reservations are necessary. \$10.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! For information on Catholic Men's Luncheons, visit www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc or contact Tim Merkle, CMLC President at htm@ejhlaw.com.

Please start sorting through your "Treasures" to donate to the St. Mary Magdalene Yard Sale. Since we have suspended the Festival for this year, we need the Yard Sale to be bigger and better than ever!! Please hold on to your items until we start collecting in June. More information to follow.... watch the bulletins.

Adult supervision is needed for the Student Council Church cleaning on April 13th at 8:15 a.m.

Easter Vigil Reception: We will be having wine and cheese. Finger sandwiches will not be needed this year.

Will you walk with Him? 2017 Walking Stations of the Cross: Diocese of Columbus Friday, April 14, 2017, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Cathedral. Join us as we walk throughout downtown Columbus and stop at various locations to recognize Jesus' suffering and crucifixion, as well as reflect on a current area of social concern. **This is a mandatory activity for confirmation candidates.** If you have any questions or concerns, please call Cindy Oddi at 614-551-0338.

"Mercy Camp" Free Summer Day Camp for students ages 6-16. June 26 through June 30, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Located at St. Agnes Church 2364 W. Mound Street. No cost!! Come and learn how to live the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Age appropriate games, crafts, activities, prayer, hands-on experiences, guest speakers, breakfast, lunch, and snacks. Registration forms will be available in the church after Easter.

Free Vacation Bible School for children age 5-10 Saturday, June 17, from 10:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. at St. Agnes Church 2364 W. Mound Street. **"God guides our lives."** Age appropriate games, crafts, activities, prayer, lunch, snacks and a family dinner following 4:30 p.m. Mass. Registration forms will be available in the church after Easter.

Attention, St. Mary Magdalene Alum: You are invited to an alum wine and cheese gathering in the church hall on April 29, following the 4:00 p.m. Mass. This will be an opportunity to connect with other SMM school grads and share ideas on forming a SMM Alumni Association. Please reply to Rocco Fumi at rfumi@cdeducation.org or call the school office at (614) 279-9935 so that we can plan accordingly. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

ODU Adult and Continuing Education Info Session on April 19: Do you want to complete your degree? Ohio Dominican University invites you to attend an Adult and Continuing Education Information Session from 6:00-7:00 p.m. on April 19 in the Bishop James A. Griffin Student Center, located on ODU's campus at 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus, 43219. ODU offers a wide range of on-campus and online degree completion programs that fit your goals and your budget. Register today by visiting ohiodominican.edu/InfoSession.

Imagine making a holy pilgrimage this Easter season! What would it be like to explore the holy places and churches found right here in Ohio? Join Father Joshua Wagner and hundreds of other pilgrims on his annual Easter Pilgrimage "The Catholic Church Tour." This year, we will be exploring the Churches and Shrines of Western Ohio (Maria Stein), of Perry County, and Downtown Columbus. Energize the upcoming Easter Season NOW! Get more information and reserve your spot immediately by going to CatholicChurchTour.com!

THIS WEEKEND

10:10 a.m. Bible Study
Diocesan Collection for Catholic Relief Service – please place envelop in at regular collection