



Be strong, fear not! Here is your God,
he comes with vindication;
With divine recompense he comes to save you.

~ Isaiah 35:4

September 5, 2021
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Martyrs Catholic Church
3100 OLD WEYMOUTH RD MEDINA, OH 44256

Mass Intentions

For the week of
September 4 - September 12

Sat	4:30 PM	Jane English
Sun	9:30 AM	Parishioners
	11:30 AM	Kenneth & Florence Gulling
	5:00 PM	Cooper Gatewood
Mon	Noon	LABOR DAY—NO MASS
Tues	Noon	Mary Keating
Wed	Noon	James Kaleta
Thurs	Noon	Eleanor Holben
Fri	Noon	Robert Leach
Sat	4:30 PM	Frank Seaman
Sun	9:30 AM	Marie & John Mueller
	11:30 AM	Parishioners
	5:00 PM	Louis Barbato

This week at Holy Martyrs

Sun 09/05	Mass	9:30 AM	Worship Space
	Outside Mass	11:30 AM	Pavilion
	Contemporary Mass	5:00 PM	Pavilion
Mon 09/06	LABOR DAY— CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED NO NOON MASS		
Tues 09/07	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
Wed 09/08	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM	Worship Space
Thurs 09/09	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
	SPIRIT Prayer in the Chapel	4:00 PM	Chapel
	Stephen Ministry Training Session	6:00 PM	Room 102
Fri 09/10	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
Sat 09/11	Stephen Ministry Training Session	9:00 AM	Room 102
	Reconciliation	3:00 PM	Chapel
	Mass	4:30 PM	Worship Space
Sun 09/12	Mass	9:30 AM	Worship Space
	Outside Mass	11:30 AM	Pavilion
	Contemporary Mass	5:00 PM	Pavilion
	SPIRIT	6:00 PM	PLC/Pfeiffer Hall
	Life Teen	6:00 PM	Martyrs Hall

Daily Mass at Holy Martyrs

Enrich your summer!

Daily Mass is celebrated at 12:00 Noon
Monday through Friday
in the Worship Space.

Please join us.



Parish Staff

Father Stephen Dohner
Pastor

Diane Bruce
Director of Faith Formation

Christopher Ilg
Director of Music

Father Robert F. Pfeiffer
Pastor Emeritus

Janet Payton
Pastoral Associate

Skip McQuate
SPIRIT Coordinator

Kaitlin Heneghan
Communications Coordinator

Father Mark Ott
Weekend Priest

Brandon Woods
Life Teen Coordinator

Sr. Marie Ellen Kuhel
Bereavement Consultant

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COVID-19 UPDATE

The Diocese has updated its protocols for parishes dealing with the Delta variant of the Covid-19 virus. What follows is Bishop Malesic's letter:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The latest information from federal, state and local public health agencies informs us that the Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus is surging in our area, causing increased illness and hospitalizations at levels not seen since the spring. For the safety of all who worship at Catholic parishes throughout the Diocese of Cleveland, **I strongly encourage you -- whether vaccinated or not vaccinated -- to wear a face mask while attending Mass indoors. All who want to attend Mass, and who are otherwise vulnerable, should feel safe and welcome inside our sacred spaces. Please use charity and patience with those who do not wish to comply with this strongly stated request. You also might want to consider wearing a face mask for other indoor gatherings, especially for those not yet fully vaccinated.** Wearing masks outdoors is not generally required except for activities involving close contact with others who are not fully vaccinated.

Those who are ill, have significant health risk factors or care for someone who is immune-compromised or ill, as well as those who have significant fear or anxiety about contracting the coronavirus in a large group of persons are not obliged to attend Mass.

Pope Francis recently offered a message of hope and unity to the world in an effort to continue increasing confidence in the COVID-19 vaccines, specifically in communities disproportionately affected by the virus. "Thanks to God's grace and to the work of many, we now have vaccines to protect us from COVID-19," the pope said. "Getting the vaccines that are authorized by the respective authorities is an act of love. I pray to God that each one of us can make his or her own small gesture of love; no matter how small, love is always grand."

I am fully vaccinated and recommend the same for my family and friends. In consideration of others, I also am wearing a mask during the distribution of holy Communion and I strongly encourage those distributing holy Communion at Mass to wear a mask while distributing as well.

Remember that the situation seems to be ever changing. This request to wear face masks is temporary and will be changed once this current level of increased coronavirus cases is over. Stay connected to information coming from national, state and local health authorities, and stay home and get tested for COVID when you are not feeling well. Following these recommendations will go a long way in helping to keep you and others around you safe.

We are all tired of this pandemic, but we must not forget that we are called to care for the health of others in times of crisis and must continue to protect our healthcare system and medical workers.

May God bless and watch over us in our time of need.

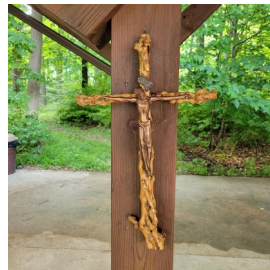
Bishop Edward C. Malesic

Parish News

**Join us outside in the Pavilion for Sunday Mass at
11:30 AM or 5:00 PM**

**Sunday, September 19, will be our LAST
Sunday for Masses in the Pavilion.**

Mass will take place in and around the picnic pavilion. For ease of access, you should plan to park in the back parking lot.



**Please plan to bring your own lawn chair
to sit on during Mass.**

If weather is not conducive to sitting outdoors, Mass will be moved inside.

LABOR DAY OBSERVANCE



In observance of Labor Day, the Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 6, 2021 and Daily Mass at Noon will not be celebrated.

Wishing everyone a safe and Happy Labor Day!

Please Welcome the Following New Families



Brendan and Khrystyne Boone
Gregory Ernst & Angela Coulter
Christopher and Kathleen Forgan
Brian and Crystal Heidinger
Debra Marthey
Michael and Emily Robertson
Earl and Stephany Schindler
Jean Frances Smith
Martin and Beth Underation
Gregory and Margaret Wnek

SPECIAL COLLECTION EARTHQUAKE AND TROPICAL STORM GRACE CALAMITIES IN HAITI

September 4-5, 2021

In a memo from Cleveland Bishop Edward C. Malesic, he writes:

"The Catholic Diocese of Cleveland and dioceses across the country have been asked by the leadership of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to have a voluntary special collection on behalf of the people of Haiti devastated by the earthquake and Tropical Storm Grace. As a result of both disasters many Church properties, along with homes and businesses, have been severely damaged or destroyed."

Holy Martyrs will be holding this special collection this weekend, September 4 & 5, at all the masses. Parishioners are asked to make checks payable to **Holy Martyrs** with a memo marked "**Earthquake and Tropical Storm Grace Calamities in Haiti.**"

Your generosity will be deeply appreciated.

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Parish News

Fanning the Flames of Your Faith

*A Strengths-Based Guide to
Discipleship*

*Discover the unique love that God
has just for You!*

To register, scan the QR code:



Or go to:

<http://holymartyrs.net.event-calendar>

You are registering for **two** sessions:

Retreat:

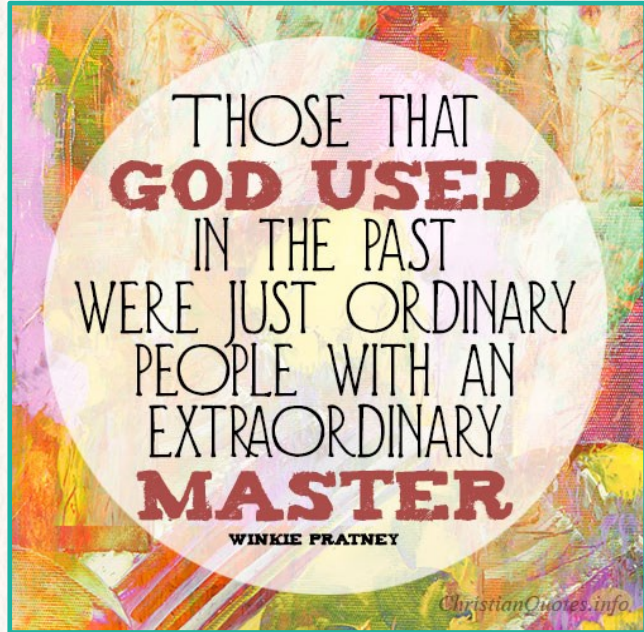
Saturday, Oct. 2, 8:30 – 12:30

Discover your talents

Coaching Session:

Saturday, Oct. 9, 9:00am – 10:30am

Discover all the opportunities available for
using your gifts!



Are you or someone you know struggling with challenges like...

- Isolation and loneliness
- Anxiety over health
- Grief due to losses
- Tension from juggling work, childcare and schooling
- Financial strain or job loss
- Uncertainty about the future
- Other unexpected life challenges?



If so, you don't have to face it alone. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to listen, care, encourage and provide emotional and spiritual support.

A Stephen Minister will meet with you privately - by phone, by video chat, or, if safely possible, in person - to offer care and support. Stephen Ministers are Holy Martyrs parishioners who have been specially trained to provide high quality Christian care. A Stephen Ministers' confidential emotional and spiritual care usually takes the form of a weekly meeting that happens as long as is needed.

If you need a friend or know someone who does, ask if a Stephen Minister can help.

Call Janet Payton at 330-722-6633

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

~Matthew 11:28

HM Kids / SPIRIT / Life Teen

HM KIDS

The August 30th HMKids Rally was a huge success. Many families participated and the kids had a lot of fun with the games while enjoying a summer treat from the surprise Ice Cream Truck.

I am excited to share that the *Holy Spirit* has answered our prayers and all of the Catechist spots have been filled. We truly have wonderful people in our parish who took that leap of faith and answered the call from the *Holy Spirit* making a commitment to support our parents and guide our children in their faith.

HM KIDS begins on Monday, September 13 and Tuesday, September 14 from 6:00 - 7:15 PM

We are looking forward to a very exciting year ahead.

Yours in Christ,

Diane Bruce
Director of Faith Formation



Journey for Kids

Journey for Kids will meet on Tuesday evenings during the normal HMKids hours of 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. beginning with an Orientation on September 13, 2021.

All families who have children in Grades 3 through 8 who have not yet celebrated the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation or are missing any one of the three are invited to attend.

For more information and to register for *Journey for Kids*, please contact Diane Bruce, Director of Faith Formation at 330-952-1466 or at dbruce@holymartyrs.net

Holy Martyrs LIFE TEEN

Life Teen WILL NOT meet today, Sunday, September 5, 2021. We will resume next Sunday, September 12 for the Fall Kickoff.



Spirit at Holy Martyrs

SPIRIT, our 7th and 8th grade youth group program, met on Sunday, August 29, 2021 starting with 5:00 PM Mass. We then went on "Advocate Adventure". We finished the evening with small group discussions and prayer.



We will return back to *Spirit* starting with 5:00 Mass on Sunday, Sept 12

SPIRIT is on the Holy Martyrs website, Facebook and Instagram

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Opportunities for Sharing Time, Talent and Treasure

Grateful Giving



Summer is almost over – have you made the switch to eGiving? It's a great way to support Holy Martyrs and grow our ministries that share the Good News of God's love. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Recurring gifts can streamline your stewardship and sustain our parish in the "dog days" of summer and throughout the year. You'll provide consistent support that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in need throughout the community.

To continue to make a difference in 2021, Holy Martyrs is reaching out to our parishioners. The more people use eGiving, the stronger foundation we will have for ministries that bring hope in times of uncertainty.

Just go to our parish website, holymartyrs.net. At the top of the page go to "**Next Steps**" and click on "**Give**" for information about *Faith Direct* and how to sign up.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call Therese McDonnell at 330-722-6633 or email Tmcdonnell@holymartyrs.net

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.



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Feeding and service program for children in Kenya

The Sisters of Mary in the Diocese of Homa Bay, Kenya are trying to care for children, many who were born with disabilities. These children are sometimes abandoned and do not receive adequate treatment or therapy for their physical conditions. Sadly, some children are deprived of the most basic needs like education and nutrition. This program is set to provide a safe environment, assess medical needs, and embrace all the children with attention, showing them God loves them. Please consider helping the project leader, Sister Mary Akoth gather support to run this feeding program.



For more information on this and all current projects, please go to <https://www.missio.org/explore.aspx>