



March 6, 2022
The First Sunday of Lent

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



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Mass Intentions

For the week of
March 5 - March 13

Sat	4:30 PM	Stephanie Byczek
Sun	9:30 AM	Parishioners
	11:30 AM	Jackie Vanuch
	5:00 PM	Deacon John Strmac
Mon	Noon	Stephanie Byczek
Tues	Noon	Russ McKenzie
Wed	Noon	George O'Brien
Thurs	Noon	Mary Keating
Fri	Noon	Irene Harty
Sat	4:30 PM	Ozzie Neroni
Sun	9:30 AM	Christine Gasper
	11:30 AM	Parishioners
	5:00 PM	Katie Kasarda

This week at Holy Martyrs

Sun 03/06	Choir Rehearsal Mass Time Travelers Mass Contemporary Mass SPIRIT Life Teen	8:30 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM	Pfeiffer Hall A Worship Space PLC Worship Space Worship Space Pfeiffer Hall Martyrs Hall
Mon 03/07	Daily Mass HM Kids Monday HM Kids Online HM Kids Parent First Communion Mtg. Sharing Christ	12:00 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM	Worship Space PLC via ZOOM PLC Gathering Area
Tues 03/08	CONNECT Group #7 Daily Mass CONNECT Group #1 HM Kids Tuesday HM Kids Parent First Communion Mtg. CONNECT Group #2	9:30 AM 12:00 1:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Clarke Room Worship Space Clarke Room PLC PLC Kazel Room
Wed 03/09	Daily Mass Journey for Adults HM Kids Parent First Communion Mtg Choir Rehearsal CONNECT Group #3	12:00 5:45 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Worship Space Clarke Room PLC Worship Space Lounge
Thurs 03/10	Daily Mass CONNECT Group #4 SPIRIT Prayer in Chapel Faith & Community Stephen Ministers Peer Supervision	12:00 3:30 PM 4:00 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Worship Space via ZOOM Chapel Martyrs Hall Room 102
Fri 03/11	Lectio Divina CONNECT Group #6 Daily Mass Stations of the Cross	6:30 AM 9:00 AM 12:00 7:00 PM	Chapel Rooms 202 - 204 Worship Space Worship Space
Sat 03/12	Reconciliation Mass	3:00 PM 4:30 PM	Chapel Worship Space
Sun 03/13	Choir Rehearsal Mass Time Travelers Mass Contemporary Mass SPIRIT LIFE TEEN	8:30 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM	Pfeiffer Hall A Worship Space PLC Worship Space Worship Space Pfeiffer Hall Martyrs Hall

Daily Mass at Holy Martyrs

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

Come Join us during Lent!

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

Father Mark Ott
Weekend Priest

Brandon Woods
Life Teen Coordinator

Kaitlin Heneghan
Communications Coordinator

Sr. Marie Ellen Kuhel
Bereavement Consultant

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Parish News



*Communion
for the
Homebound*

Holy Martyrs Homebound Ministry

The early Christian community began the practice of bringing Communion to those who were not able to gather with the community.

Today this practice is still an important ministry in the Church. We embrace and pray for those who are unable to be present with us. Specially trained home visitors will bring the Body of Christ to our homebound members.

Eucharistic Ministers have begun to take the Eucharist to our homebound following the Sunday 9:30 AM Mass.

The feedback so far has been heartwarming. Many of the parishioners we visited have expressed their deep gratitude that, despite the inability to currently attend Mass, having the Eucharist brought to them reinforced that they are vital members of the Holy Martyrs Community and have not been forgotten.

If you know of someone who is homebound and wants to receive the Eucharist, please contact the parish office at 330-722-6633.

WEARING A MASK AT CHURCH

As the rates of infection from the COVID-19 virus continue to drop, health care providers and state and federal health officials have revised the guidelines for safe practices at public gatherings, including churches. These changes at Holy Martyrs will take place immediately, including:

- Signs regarding the request to wear masks will no longer be posted.
- Wearing masks during the distribution of Holy Communion by Eucharistic Ministers and communicants will no longer be required.
- Those who prefer to continue wearing a mask are welcome to do so.

While there will be no mask mandate at Catholic churches going forward, if you are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or if you have serious health issues, please follow your doctor's advice to help protect yourself and others.

Stephen Ministers Care



HOLY MARTYRS
STEPHEN MINISTRY

Our Stephen Ministers are lay members of Holy Martyrs Church trained to provide **confidential**, one-to-one Christ-centered emotional and spiritual care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, loneliness, divorce, hospitalization, disability, job loss, and many other life difficulties. A Stephen Minister will meet with you privately, by phone, video chat, or, if safely possible, in person, usually on a weekly basis for as long as you need.

**For more information,
call Janet Payton at 330-722-6633**



**We welcome the following individual
into the Church :**

**Rite of Reception (Eucharist) and
Confirmation**

Alexis Beal

Sacrament of Anointing

Please notify the church office in advance of a surgery or scheduled hospital stay so that you may receive the **Sacrament of Anointing**.

The Church has always prayed for the sick to be freed from pain and restored to health. An anointing may be scheduled before or after any weekend or weekday Mass.

To schedule, please call the church office at 330-722-6633.

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Let Us be Church



Help us to make our Church family complete.

Do you need or know of anyone who needs transportation to Church? Can you provide a ride to a fellow parishioner?

We can partner to assure that we can all worship as family.

Please contact the church office at 330-722-6633 if you need transportation or are able to provide transportation.

Spirit at Holy Martyrs

our 7th and 8th grade youth group program, will start with 5:00 PM Mass. Last Sunday the 27th of February, we talked about "Purpose" our Confirmation series. We will continue with our Confirmation "Purpose" Series this Sunday, March 6, 2022. The lounge is open for all SPIRIT and Life Teen parents during the SPIRIT and Life Teen sessions on Sunday evening. Please feel free to come and join us.



**SPIRIT is on the Holy Martyrs website,
Facebook and Instagram**

Baptism



Joseph Angelo Anselmo
Son of
Joseph & Andrea Anselmo

Please Welcome the Following
New Families



Jonathan and Hallie Schodowski

GLORY BEES



THE GLORY BEES give glory to God by cleaning the church. A dedicated team of parishioners come on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

We are in need of a few more people to help for a couple of hours on a Tuesday morning. If you are interested, please contact Kate Zaranec in the parish office at 330-722-6633.

Thank you to all who have volunteered their time and are back to clean twice a month.

You are all most appreciated.

Pray for those who have died
in Christ:



Paul Kazmierczak



Life Teen **will meet** this evening,
March 6, 2022 beginning with the
5:00 PM Contemporary Mass.

We look forward to seeing
you all there.

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HM Kids - 330-952-1466

Time Travelers is Back!

Time Travelers is the Sunday Morning Mass experience for children ages 3 - 12.

Our Time Travelers starts with the beginning of Lent. Bring your children to Mass and invite them to try being with other children at Mass, to learn about Jesus and his friends.

At the beginning of Mass a Time Travelers catechist will hold up the Children's Lectionary inviting them to join them. Fr. Steve will invite the children to come forward as Chris Ilg plays the traveling music as the children leave the worship space and go to rooms 103/104 for 20 minutes. The children will then rejoin their families for the Intercessions.

We are looking for 5th grade and older who would like to be a part of this ministry doing technology, proclaiming the word and leading the little people in both song and dance.

Please call or speak with Diane Bruce if you have children who may be interested in these areas of ministry.



Sacrament of Confirmation for Teens

Teens who would like to be confirmed before leaving for college may be interested in the following opportunity.

Beginning **Wednesday and Thursday March 16 and 17** there will be a weekly gathering for teens between the ages of 15 -18 who haven't been confirmed.

Perhaps, your teen may not be aware that in order to be a godparent or a sponsor in the Church we have to be confirmed.

Also, your teen may not have felt ready to prepare for Confirmation when in the 8th grade, and now they have come to a fuller awareness and would like consider the Sacrament of Confirmation now they are older.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

How do I actually report or communicate my concerns?

- **If you are aware of an adult exhibiting behavior that is against the code of conduct or organization's policy:** speak to a supervisor. Keep communicating "up the chain" of command until your concerns are addressed.
- **If you are aware that a child is, or could be, in immediate danger:** call 911.
- **For a suspicion or knowledge of abuse, including if a child discloses directly or indirectly:** call the child abuse hotline (for Child Protective Services) for the county or the state, or local law enforcement.

For possible exploitation via technology: If you suspect that a child is being groomed or exploited via technology (online, gaming, cell phones, social media, etc.), communicate your concerns via the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's tip line, at www.cybertipline.com.

For possible abuse within your employee or volunteer organization: If you suspect or know a child is being, or has been abused, by a diocesan employee or volunteer, *first* call the child abuse hotline for your state, and *then* notify the diocese immediately (typically through the safe environment or child protection office).

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Lenten Opportunities at Holy Martyrs



Journeying Through Lent

Lent is a special time in our liturgical year

The following are traditional Lenten disciplines:

Fasting & Abstinence: Catholics of age 14 and older **abstain from meat** on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. In addition, on Ash Wednesday and Good Fridays, Catholics from age 18-59 **fast**, limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals each day.

Prayer: Catholics are encouraged to pray more during Lent, especially with Scripture. Lent is also an ideal time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the celebration of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

Almsgiving: Moved by the sacrifice of Christ, many Christians combine almsgiving with fasting, giving to the poor the money they saved by eating, drinking or buying less as they rely more upon God's abundant grace.

RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES DURING LENT

The Season of Lent is here and the Sacrament of Reconciliation provides us with the opportunity to grow closer to God as we experience His love and forgiveness.

Individual Confessions

Monday thru Friday after the Noon Mass

Saturday Confession

3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

(No confessions on Holy Saturday)

Lenten Opportunities at Holy Martyrs

- **Daily Mass - 12:00 Noon**
Monday through Friday
- **Lectio Divina in the Chapel - 6:30AM**
Every Friday morning from
March 4 through April 15
- **Taizé Prayer Service - 7:00 PM**
Friday, March 4
Friday, April 1
- **Sharing Christ - 6:30PM**
Monday, February 28 - April 4
- **Stations of the Cross - 7:00 PM**
Friday, March 11
Friday, March 18
Friday, April 8
- **Diocesan Wide Evening of Confession - 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM**
Wednesday, March 16

Helping Kids Observe Lent

Perhaps you haven't had a chance to learn about the rice bowls that will hold your Lenten contributions to CRS. Families can give up desserts or eating out and put the savings into their rice bowl. At www.crsricebowl.org/families, you can find children's activities, meatless meal recipes and stories of the world's needy.

Here's an example from the CRS calendar: "By fasting, we clear away the things that can distract us from serving our neighbor." Try a meatless recipe and put the money you would have spent on meat into your CRS rice bowl.

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Opportunities for Sharing Time, Talent and Treasure

Grateful Giving



This is the time of year when many of us focus on getting organized and “decluttering” our surroundings—why not streamline your offertory and simplify your support for Holy Martyrs and the ministries that mean so much to you? Now is a great time to stop using checks and envelopes, by

switching to eGiving—you can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Recurring gifts help give our parish a steady, consistent offertory that strengthens the programs, services, and ministries we lead for our church families and for those in need throughout the community.

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. You may also call Faith Direct customer service at 1-866-0507-8757.

*Thank you for your continued support
of our parish family.*

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

The Church in Central and Eastern Europe March 5 - 6, 2022

This week our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Please be generous to the collection today.

For more information, please
visit

www.usccb.org/ccee



Consider a Gift of Stock to Support the Ministries of Holy Martyrs

In gratitude for all that God has given us, we, as Christians, are called to give back to our community and our church. In addition to the Sunday offertory, one way of giving back might be transferring appreciated stock to help Holy Martyrs continue its mission to lead people to encounter Christ, grow in faith, and make disciples. By transferring stock directly to our parish, you may be able to avoid capital gains taxes.

For more information about what you need to do to make such a gift, please contact

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