



April 3, 2022
The Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

Mass Intentions

For the week of
April 2 - April 10

Sat	4:30 PM	Jeanne Schellenberger
Sun	9:30 AM	Karrie Turk-Gallagher
	11:30 AM	Parishioners
	5:00 PM	Leo Kaliszewski
Mon	Noon	Paul Venditti
Tues	Noon	Michael Jones
Wed	Noon	Edward Emrich
Thurs	Noon	Dave Hawk (For Health)
Fri	Noon	Richard Huth
Sat	4:30 PM	Parishioners
Sun	9:30 AM	Stanley Zmuda
	11:30 AM	Jackie Vanuch
	5:00 PM	Elizabeth Loya

This week at Holy Martyrs

Sun 04/03	Life Teen Retreat		PLC
	Choir Rehearsal	8:30 AM	Pfeiffer Hall A
	Mass	9:30 AM	Worship Space
	Time Travelers	9:30 AM	PLC
	Contemporary Mass	11:30 AM	Worship Space
	Mass	5:00 PM	Worship Space
	SPIRIT	6:00 PM	Pfeiffer Hall
Mon 04/04	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
	HM Kids Monday	6:00 PM	PLC
	HM Kids Online	6:00 PM	via ZOOM
	Sharing Christ	6:30 PM	Gathering Area
Tues 04/05	CONNECT Group #7	9:30 AM	Clarke Room
	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
	CONNECT Group #1	1:00 PM	Clarke Room
	HM Kids Tuesday	6:00 PM	PLC
	Adult Confirmation Prep	6:00 PM	Clarke Room
	CONNECT Group #2	7:00 PM	Kazel Room
Wed 04/06	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
	Journey for Adults	5:45 PM	Clarke Room
	Faith & Community Mtg.	6:30 PM	Martyrs Hall
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM	Worship Space
	CONNECT Group #3	7:00 PM	Lounge
Thurs 04/07	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
	CONNECT Group #4	3:30 PM	via ZOOM
	SPIRIT Prayer in Chapel	4:00 PM	Chapel
	Confirmation Prep for Teens	6:30 PM	Kazel Room
	Stephen Ministers Peer Supervision Meeting	6:30 PM	Room 102
Fri 04/08	Lectio Divina	6:30 AM	Chapel
	CONNECT Group #6	9:00 AM	Rooms 202 - 204
	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
	Stations of the Cross	7:00 PM	Worship Space
Sat 04/09	Sharing Christ Retreat	8:30 AM	Gathering Area
	Reconciliation	3:00 PM	Chapel
	Mass	4:30 PM	Worship Space

Daily Mass at Holy Martyrs

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

Come Join us during Lent!

Sun 04/10



Palm Sunday

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Choir Rehearsal	8:30 AM	Pfeiffer Hall A
Mass	9:30 AM	Worship Space
Time Travelers	9:30 AM	PLC
Mass	11:30 AM	Worship Space
Contemporary Mass	5:00 PM	Worship Space
NO SPIRIT TONIGHT		
LIFE TEEN	6:00 PM	Martyrs Hall

Parish Staff

Father Stephen Dohner
Pastor

Diane Bruce
Director of Faith Formation

Brandon Woods
Life Teen Coordinator

Father Robert F. Pfeiffer
Pastor Emeritus

Father Mark Ott
Weekend Priest

Janet Payton
Pastoral Associate

Skip McQuate
SPIRIT Coordinator

Christopher Ilg
Director of Music

Sr. Marie Ellen Kuhel
Bereavement Consultant

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Parish News

Holy Week and Easter Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday - April 14, 2022

*Jesus of Nazareth cordially invites you to a banquet
being given in His honor*

- ◆ *Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 pm*
- ◆ *Eucharistic Adoration and
Prayer Vigil until Midnight*



Good Friday - April 15, 2022



- ◆ *3:00 pm, Commemoration of the Lord's
Passion*
- ◆ *Veneration of the Cross with Holy
Communion*

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence

Holy Saturday - April 16, 2022

- ◆ *2:00 pm, Blessing of Food*



8:30 PM Easter Vigil - April 16, 2022



Easter Sunday Masses

9:30 am and 11:30 am

Time Travelers at 9:30 am Mass

There will not be a 5:00 PM Mass on Easter



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 take the Eucharist to our homebound following the Sunday 9:30 AM Mass. Ministers will be visiting the Homebound on Easter Sunday.

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. 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.

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HM Cares Easter Ham Hop

The pandemic and current economic situation has been especially difficult for many families both in our parish community and throughout Medina County. During this season of Lent, we are asking your help in making Easter a little brighter for these families.

HM Cares is organizing a drive to provide Easter ham dinners to Holy Martyrs parish families in need and those served through our weekly food pantry. Our goal is to provide 50 meals during Holy Week with our first annual Easter Ham Hop!

We are asking for your help in the following 4 ways:

1. Donate a pre-cooked Ham

I will provide a pre-cooked ham (1-3 lbs) on Sunday, April 10th at noon. (Pre-cooked hams should be small half, quartered, or thick sliced for 1-2 people. No deli or luncheon meat).

2. Donate a Dessert Kit

I will provide the following items, boxed together, during normal Church office hours between Monday, April 4th and Sunday, April 10th.

- 1 package cookie mix or 1 box cake mix
- 1 large box jello
- 1 can frosting
- 1 container sprinkles
- 1 package cupcake liners
- Optional- small bag of Easter candy

3. Donate an Easter or Spring themed Kitchen Towel

I will provide a new kitchen towel to be included with the Easter dinners that can be dropped off during normal Church office hours between Monday, April 4th and Sunday, April 10th.

4. Donate to HM Cares

Instead of grocery shopping, I will make an online financial contribution to benefit the HMCares ministry. To donate \$25 via FaithDirect go to:

<https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/OH1040>

To donate via SignUp Genius click [here](#)
or scan QR Code



If you are in need or know of a family who would benefit from an Easter dinner, please contact HM Cares at 330.635.4989 or HMcares20@gmail.com



The Life Teen Retreat concludes this afternoon. We **will not** be meeting this evening, and will resume next weekend starting with the 5:00 PM Mass for Palm Sunday.

Spirit at Holy Martyrs

our 7th and 8th grade youth group program starts with 5:00PM Mass. Last Sunday the 27th of March, we talked about "The Holy Spirit". This Sunday, April 3, 2022, we will discuss "Shifting - Pentecost". We will be off Sunday, April 10 and Sunday, April 17 but will resume Spirit on Sunday, April 24. 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***

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HM Kids - 330-952-1466

Protecting God's Children

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children has seen a 106% increase in reports of suspected online child sexual exploitation since March of 2019.

Offenders are also affected by the pandemic's impact. While it is certainly no excuse, their stress levels are raised as well, which can lead to them seeking and performing more illegal activities online. Offenders often do not have any other outside social support systems, and this factor alone results in a higher risk for children.⁴ This means several factors have coalesced to create unusually high risk—increased stress and therefore vulnerability in children, higher stress on offenders, as well as increased stress on parents who have more to do, yet less time and assistance in order to accomplish everything. These conditions allow for the possibility of an unfortunate increase for online child sexual exploitation.

VIRTUS has always championed taking measures to ensure that children are safer in person, and online. In addition, **WePROTECT** has echoed these steps, and provided additional ones,⁵ in order to provide the best possible opportunity to protect children during this time.

For example:

- Talk with your children about the risks of online activity
- Stay involved in their digital world—know where they are going online and oversee these sites and apps
- Know who they are connecting with online—people are not always who they seem
- Use all the privacy and security settings available

Block and report⁶ anyone that makes the youth, or you, uncomfortable (you should report any exploitative online material to <https://report.cybertip.org/>). You can also report directly in the app or website for elements that are against the policy.

Raising the bar on diligence can be difficult at a time when we are inclined to loosen up due to stress and limited options. However, research and data tell us that the increased online risk to our children is not likely to disappear as things return to some semblance of "normal." It is up to us, as caring adults and protectors of children, to remain vigilant, to follow steps designed to provide safety, and to each do our part in protecting children and youth in all environments.

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).

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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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.

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.

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



- **Stations of the Cross - 7:00 PM**
Friday, April 8

Join Fr. Steve on Friday, April 8 at 7:00 PM as we retrace the steps of the Passion of Christ through prayerful meditation at each of the 14 Stations of the Cross.

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.

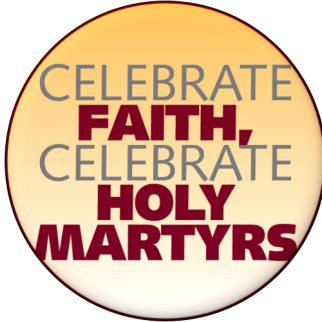
Individual Confessions
Monday thru Friday after the Noon Mass

Saturday Confession
3:00 PM to 4:00 PM
(No confessions on Holy Saturday)

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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**



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.

Please Welcome the Following New Families



*John and Madalyn Bauer
Brian and Julie Condit
Andrew and Ellie Love
Thomas and Therese Moritz*



HOLY MARTYRS
STEPHEN MINISTRY

If you are going through a difficult situation, you do not have to face it alone. If you need someone to listen, care, encourage, pray and provide weekly support for as long as you need, ask if a Stephen Minister can help.

***Call Janet Payton at 330-722-6633
for more information.***