

He Is Risen!



*Easter Sunday
of the Resurrection of the Lord*

April 17, 2022

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



Holy Martyrs Catholic Church

Encounter Christ + Grow in Faith + Make Disciples

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - April 17, 2022

Mass Intentions

For the week of
April 16 - April 24

Holy Saturday

Sat 8:30 PM *Easter Vigil Mass*

Easter Sunday

9:30 AM Donna Donovan

11:30 AM Parishioners

Mon Noon NO MASS TODAY

Tues Noon People of Ukraine

Wed Noon Dolores Mitchell

Thurs Noon Ronald Cumberland

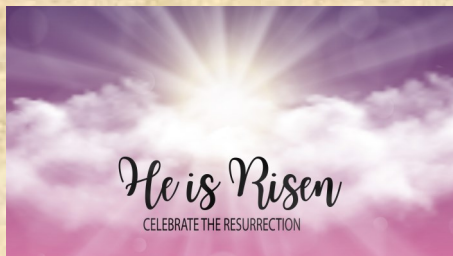
Fri Noon Jim Guptill

Sat 4:30 PM Parishioners

Sun 9:30 AM Paul Kazmierczak

11:30 AM Mike Hartsel

5:00 PM Rhoda Phillips



This week at Holy Martyrs

Sun 4/17



Mon 04/18

Tues 04/19

Wed 04/20

Thurs 04/21

Fri 04/22

Sat 04/23

Sun 04/24

Easter Sunday

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

**NO CONTEMPORARY MASS TONIGHT
NO SPIRIT TONIGHT
NO LIFE TEEN TONIGHT**

**NO MASS TODAY
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

CONNECT Group #7	9:30 AM	Clarke Room
Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
CONNECT Group #1	1:00 PM	Clarke Room
Adult Confirmation Prep	6:00 PM	Clarke Room
CONNECT Group #2	7:00 PM	Kazel Room

Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
Journey for Adults	5:45 PM	Clarke Room
Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM	Worship Space
CONNECT Group #3	7:00 PM	Lounge

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

CONNECT Group #6	9:00 AM	Rooms 202 - 204
Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space

First Communion Mass	1:00 PM	Worship Space
Reconciliation	3:00 PM	Chapel
Mass	4:30 PM	Worship Space

DONUT SUNDAY		Gathering Area
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
Baptism Prep Session	1:30 PM	Worship Space
Contemporary Mass	5:00 PM	Worship Space
SPIRIT	6:00 PM	Pfeiffer Hall
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

Easter Sunday

Parish News

Easter Message 2022

Dear Members of Holy Martyrs Family,

To all of you on this great celebration of Easter, God's blessings be with you!

Holy Week and Easter are not just commemorations of some distant events long ago. We celebrate the overwhelming love of God that continues to work in our world and in our souls. The resurrection is the cause of our greatest hope, our greatest glory. Jesus Christ has given us new life.

Easter is not just Jesus' story; it's our story, too. Whatever challenges we face, whatever failings and missteps, regardless of anything that keeps us from one another, Jesus is our bridgebuilder, our healer, and our hope.

This has been challenging for everyone. We've had to cope with a world pandemic and economic challenges, and now, as witnesses to a terrible conflict in Europe. We need God more than ever.

This Easter is an opportunity to re-center our lives, to focus on the things that matter and to trust that God will see us through. It is a time to deepen our faith and, for those who have been away, to reunite with our community.

This is also a great time to experience once again the gift of this great parish. Our worship and music, our programs and small groups, our commitment to our children, teens and adults is inspiring (and even fun). Members of Holy Martyrs work hard every day to become a more welcoming community, supportive and encouraging of all. We have developed new ministries to provide help and hope to the vulnerable, aging, and poor.

I invite you to be a part of it, to experience firsthand what a vibrant and caring community of faith can be. We are an Easter people but we're not just an Easter church. There will be opportunities to grow in friendships, fellowship and faith all year.

For this, too, is our Easter. And Christ is here to share it with you.

In the Risen Lord,

Father Steve Dohner



HOLY MARTYRS
STEPHEN MINISTRY

*Are you or someone you know struggling,
asking yourself these questions?*

Do I doubt God's presence and love for me?

Am I hurting?

Am I feeling lonely?

Have I recently suffered a loss?

Am I confused about events in my life?

Do my job worries seem too great to handle?

If you are going through a difficult situation, you do not have to face it alone.

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. Stephen Ministers are sometimes called "**The After People**". They come into a person's life immediately **after** a crisis has hit and provide comfort and support for as long **after** as needed. A Stephen Minister will meet with you privately, by phone, video chat, or, if safely possible, in person, usually on a weekly basis.

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.*



*"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way
you will fulfill the law of Christ."*

~Galatians 6:2



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.

Easter Sunday



An adventure awaits at Holy Martyrs' first scavenger hunt. Come explore the church grounds as you find hidden clues and treasures. Can you collect all the clues and solve the puzzle?

**May 1st @ 1:00
in the pavilion**

Light snacks and refreshments provided.
All ages welcome!

RSVP



CONGRATULATIONS!
Third Quarter Honor Roll Student

ARCHBISHOP HOBAN HIGH SCHOOL

Benjamin Piwowar



Pray for those who have died
in Christ:
†
James Guptill



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.

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.

Easter Sunday

HM Kids - 330-952-1466
SPIRIT - LIFE TEEN

HM Kids Spring Schedule

- April 11 & 12 No Class - Spring Break
- April 18 & 19 No Class - Easter Break
- April 25 & 26 Rice Bowl Prayer Service
with Divine Mercy, Song
practice for Pentacost &
Rosary/May Crowning
- May 2 & 3 Pentecost Presentation
by 4th & 5th Graders
- May 9 only May Crowning and
Rosary led by the 6th
Graders



Life Teen will not be meeting tonight, Easter Sunday. We will resume next week beginning with the 5:00 PM Contemporary Mass.

Wishing you all a very Blessed Easter.



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Alleluia!
HAPPY EASTER

Spirit
at Holy Martyrs

is our 7th and 8th grade youth group program that starts on Sundays with 5:00 Mass. There will be no SPIRIT on Sunday, April 17, 2022. We will resume SPIRIT on Sunday, April 24, 2022. Have a Happy and Holy Easter.

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



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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**

FIRST FRIDAY CLUB OF GREATER AKRON



The First Friday Club of Akron will meet on Friday, May 6, 2022 at Our Lady of Cedars, 507 South Cleveland Massillon Road, Fairlawn, OH 44333, and will feature **Bob DiBiasio, Sr. Vice President, Public Affairs Cleveland Indians/Guardians.**

The cost of the luncheon program is \$20.00. Doors open at 11:00 AM; the program begins at noon, and ends promptly at 1:00 PM. Reservations can be made by sending a check to the First Friday Club of Greater Akron, 795 Russell Ave., Akron, OH 44307, by calling the office, or on the website, no later than Friday, April 29, 2022.

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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