



The Epiphany of the Lord
January 8, 2023

Holy Martyrs Catholic Church
3100 OLD WEYMOUTH RD MEDINA, OH



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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil	4:30 PM
Sunday	9:30 AM, 11:30 AM, 5:00PM
Monday – Friday	12:00 Noon
Holy Days	7:00 PM (Vigil) 12:00 Noon, 7:00PM

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday: 3:00 - 4:00 PM
or by appointment

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 12:30 pm
1:15 pm - 5:00 pm

Friday - CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED

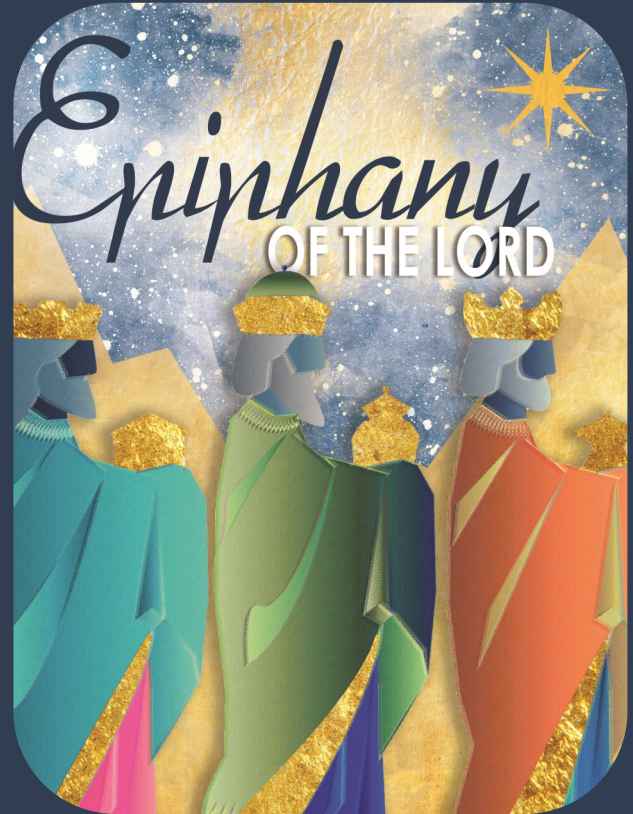
Phone: 330-722-6633 Fax: 330-725-2193

email: churchoffice@holymartyrs.net

Position Available

Experienced part time Bookkeeper position open at Holy Martyrs church.

If interested, please contact Skip McQuate at 330-722-6633 or smcquate@holymartyrs.net



“They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.”

- Mt. 2:10-11a

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www.facebook.com/holymartyrschurch

Parish Staff

Father Stephen Dohner
Pastor

Diane Bruce
Director of Faith
Formation

Brandon Woods
Life Teen Coordinator

Father Robert F. Pfeiffer
Pastor Emeritus

Janet Payton
Pastoral Associate

Skip McQuate
SPIRIT Coordinator

Christopher Ilg
Director of Music

Father Mark Ott
Weekend Priest

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<i>Mass Intentions</i> <i>January 7 - January 15</i>			<i>This Week at Holy Martyrs</i>			
Sat	4:30 PM	Parishioners	Sun 01/08	DONUT SUNDAY Choir Practice Mass Time Travelers Journey Mass Contemporary Mass Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction SPIRIT Life Teen	8:30 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM	Pfeiffer Hall A Worship Space Parish Life Center PLC Lounge Worship Space Worship Space Worship Space Parish Life Center Martyrs Hall
Sun	9:30 AM	Tim Boberg				
	11:30 AM	Peter DeSimone				
	5:00 PM	Katie Kasarda				
Mon	Noon	Charles & Lee Cancasci	Mon 01/09	Daily Mass HMKids Monday	12:00 6:00 PM	Worship Space Parish Life Center
Tues	Noon	Eleanor Bozzelli	Tues 01/10	Glory Bees Daily Mass HMKids Tuesday CONNECT Facilitator Meeting	7:30 AM 12:00 6:00 PM 6:30 PM	Worship Space Worship Space Parish Life Center Martyrs Hall
Wed	Noon	Daniel Nelson	Wed 01/11	Daily Mass Stephen Minister Training Choir Rehearsal	12:00 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	Worship Space Room 102 Worship Space
Thurs	Noon	Nancy Gerberich				
Fri	Noon	Thomas Myers	Thurs 01/12	Daily Mass Taizé Prayer Service	12:00 7:00 PM	Worship Space Worship Space
Sat	4:30 PM	Paul Kazmierczak	Fri 01/13	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
Sun	9:30 AM	Rita Malinowski	Sat 01/14	Reconciliation Vigil Mass	3:00 PM 4:30 PM	Chapel Worship Space
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	5:00 PM	Lucille Woods				

Daily Mass at Holy Martyrs

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

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Parish News

ADULT CONFIRMATION

HOLY MARTYRS CHURCH
MEDINA, OHIO

Are you an adult who missed the opportunity to receive the sacrament of confirmation when you were a teen? If so, you're not alone.

Once a year, Holy Martyrs offers a series of sessions that prepares adults to receive this very important and powerful sacrament of initiation. The weekly sessions will begin on **Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 6:30 pm** and we'd love to have you participate. This will be an opportunity to gather with others to talk about things you may never have had an opportunity to discuss as an adult -- and we think you'll enjoy it.

To register, go to

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

and put "Adult Confirmation" as the key word in the search bar.

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

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



Let Us Be Church Parishioner Needs

The church office receives calls from parishioners asking for help with transportation to Church, household chores and with yard maintenance.

It is almost that time of year when some parishioners need assistance in keeping their driveways or sidewalks plowed or shoveled.



Do you have a snow plow and are interested in helping parishioners? Fee or no Fee.



If you feel you are able to help with any of the above listed requests, and would like more information, please contact the Church Office at 330-722-6633.



HOLY MARTYRS
STEPHEN MINISTRY

Important Notes about Stephen Ministry

- **Stephen Ministers are not counselors**

They are trained to be lay Christian caregivers. Their role is to listen and care, not to counsel or advise. Please do not refer to them as counselors.

- **Stephen Ministry is a supervised ministry.**

Stephen Ministers engage in twice-monthly supervision, led by their Stephen Leaders, to ensure that they are providing the best Christian care they can.

- **Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry.**

What a care receiver tells a Stephen Minister stays between the two of them. Even in supervision, the names of care receivers and specific details are never discussed.

If you need someone to listen, care, encourage, pray and provide weekly support for as long as you need, **call Janet Payton at 330-722-6633 for more information.**

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Opportunities for Sharing Time, Talent and Treasure

Grateful Giving

Looking for a good stewardship habit? Try eGiving - it streamlines your generosity and lets you do even more to help Holy Martyrs grow our ministries that share the Good News of God's love. You can make the switch today! Signing up is easy from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and you can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Recurring gifts sustain our parish throughout the year, and provide consistent support that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services, and ministries for church families and for those in need in our 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 1-866-507-8757.

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.

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

If you have any questions or need
additional information, please call the
church office at 330-722-6633.



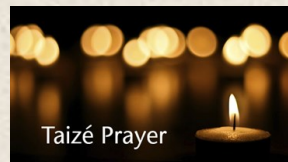
National Collection for the Catholic University of America

Next weekend, the Cleveland Catholic Diocese will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Catholic University is a national research university with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs in the heart of Washington, D.C. By giving to the collection, you are supporting future Catholic leaders, both religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, faith-rooted education and the University's various research and training initiatives that support diocese and parishes in responding to the more pressing needs of their faithful.

For more information, and to
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Taizé Prayer Service Opportunity to Serve

Looking for a prayerful
ministry where you can
use your gifts? Taizé prayer will be starting up
again Thursday, September 8. Musicians (flute,
clarinet, strings, acoustic guitar) and vocalists are
welcome to join us. Rehearsal takes place about
one hour before the service in the church.

It consists of soft, repetitive song and scripture in
a contemplative environment and fosters interior
peace and serenity. Consider joining this special
ministry!

**Taizé Prayer Services will be held on Thursday,
January 12 at 7:00 PM in the Worship Space**

Contact Janet Payton at jpayton@holymartyrs.net
for more information or to express your interest.

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HMKids HQ - 330-952-1466 - SPIRIT - LIFE TEEN

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.

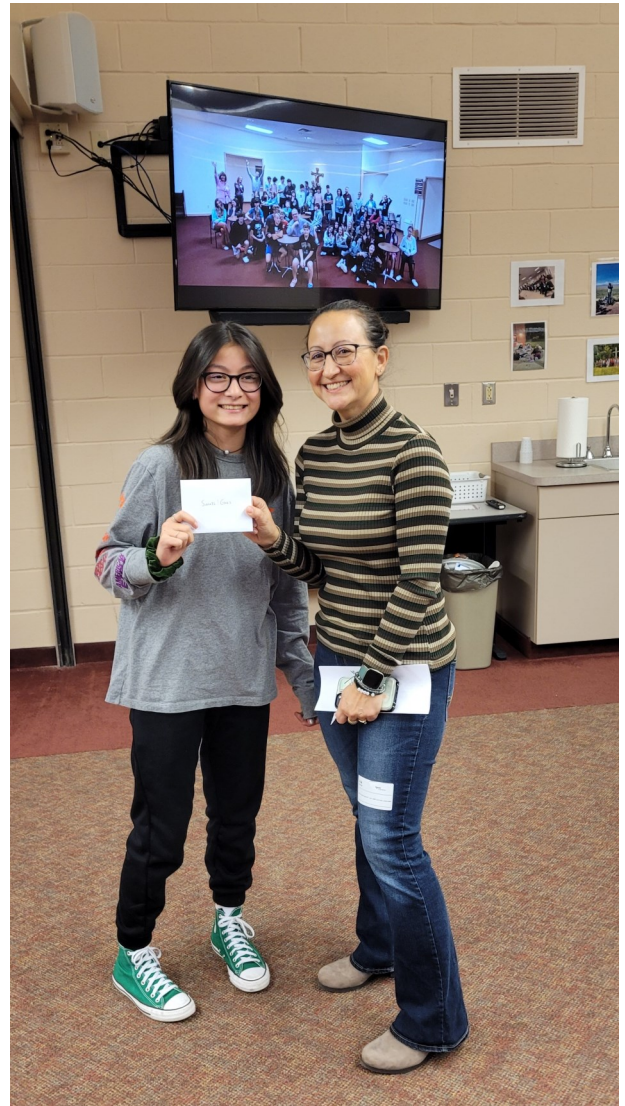
VIRTUS has always championed taking measures to ensure that children are safer in person, and online. In addition, **WePROTECT** has echoed these steps, and provided additional ones,⁵ in order to provide the best possible opportunity to protect children during this time.

Block and reports 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.

Spirit at Holy Martyrs

SPIRIT, our 7th and 8th grade youth group program, will meet on Sunday, January 8, 2023 starting with Mass at 5:00. We will talk about and prepare for Eucharistic Adoration and then go to Eucharistic Adoration in the Worship Space.



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

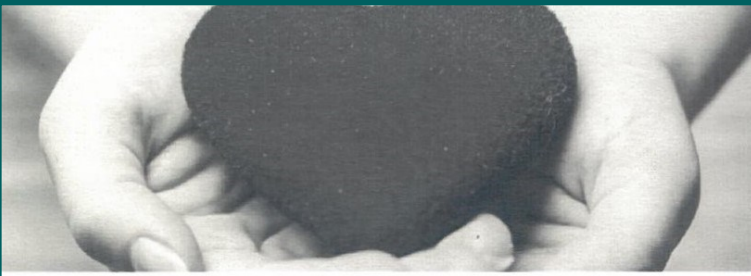


***Life Teen will meet today, Sunday, January 8th,
following the 5:00 PM Contemporary Mass for
Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
We hope many of you will join us.***

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Throughout the Diocese



HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH



HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS 101:

Protecting Our Youth and Community

JANUARY 28, 2023 | FREE

8:30 AM SIGN IN

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM PRESENTATION

ST. FRANCIS-XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH



- Learn how agencies work together through the Medina County Coalition Against Human Trafficking to combat trafficking in Medina County
- Learn how to become part of a SOAP team (Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution) distributing posters of missing children every month
- Learn the signs of human trafficking, internet safety and how to protect our future generations
- Be able to have an open dialogue with our children who will be learning prevention in schools



*Catholic Renewal Ministries'
Traveling Charismatic Mass*

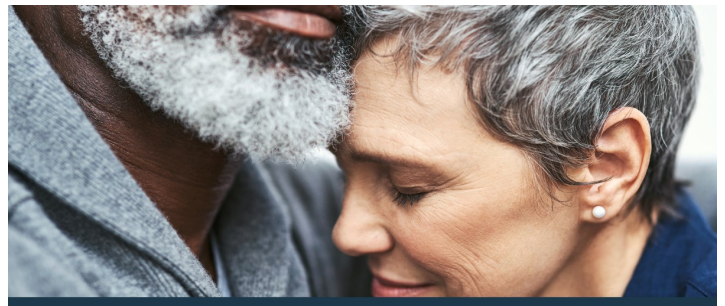
*St. Peter Parish
35777 Center Ridge Road
North Ridgeville, OH 44039*

*Friday, January 20, 2023
7:00 PM*

*Fr. Bob Franco
Celebrant*

*Healing Prayer Teams will be available
after mass for individual prayer. There
will also be a social following mass.*

*For more information, contact
Fr. Bob Franco at 440-944-9445
or at crmweb.org*



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