

Fifth Sunday of Lent



“I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.”

~John 11:25-26

Holy Martyrs Catholic Church
3100 Old Weymouth Road, Medina, OH 44256



Holy Martyrs Catholic Church

Encounter Christ + Grow in Faith + Make Disciples

March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

Sacrament of Penance

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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 12:45 pm
1:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Friday - CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED

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

email: churchoffice@holymartyrs.net

Easter Blessing of Food

Join Fr. Steve on Holy Saturday, March 30 at 2:00 PM for the Easter Blessing of Food.

The custom of blessing the Easter foods arose from the strict Lenten fasting of the past, when meat, eggs, fats, and other foods were forbidden during Lent. Easter was thus greeted with great joy as the day when Christ arose and when fasts were ended. The Church's joy and thanksgiving were expressed in this custom of blessing the foods for the first meal of Easter.

Three Sundays in Lent

On the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays in Lent, adults and older children who have been preparing to be baptized at the Easter Vigil will celebrate rites called Scrutinies at the 11:30 Mass. These ritual celebrations are communal prayers offered over these individuals who will be entering the Church at Easter to strengthen and guide them in their lives of discipleship. Importantly, these rites are celebrated in community so we can more fully examine our own lives alongside our new members. They are a graced reminder that all of us are called to continuing conversion throughout our lives.

We invite the entire community of Holy Martyrs to pray for our Journey **Candidates** (those who will be received into the church or complete their initiation as Catholics) and **Elect** (those who will be fully initiated through baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist) over the remaining weeks of Lent. We also encourage you to attend the Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 30, as we welcome nine new people to the Church.

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday Mass & Washing of the Feet	7:30 PM
Good Friday Service	3:00 PM
Easter Vigil Mass & Christian Initiation of Adults/Teens	9:00 PM
Easter Sunday Masses	9:30 AM 11:30 AM

Parish Staff

Janet Payton
Pastoral Associate

Father Stephen J. Dohner
Pastor

Christopher Ilg
Director of Music

Father Robert F. Pfeiffer
Pastor Emeritus

Shannon Federinko
HM Kids Coordinator

Skip McQuate
SPIRIT Coordinator

Alyssa Nadin
Communications

Father Mark Ott
Weekend Priest

Brandon Woods
Life Teen Coordinator

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Mass Intentions March 17 - March 24

This Week at Holy Martyrs

Saturday 4:30 PM Mary Lou and Ken Karg

Sunday 9:30 AM Judith Vilt

11:30 AM Parishioners

Sunday 5:00 PM Helen and James Loew

Monday Noon Nancy Spatny

Tuesday Noon Marie Walick

Wednesday Noon Norma Coletta

Thursday Noon Viola Ahlers

Friday Noon Betty Eiermann

Saturday 4:30 PM Don Dunham

Sunday 9:30 AM Joseph Fredmonsky

11:30 AM Ed and Marilyn Maher

5:00 PM Parishioners

Sun 3/17 Choir Rehearsal Mass
Time Travelers
Journey Catechumenate Mass
Journey Purification & Enlightenment
Contemporary Mass
SPIRIT
Life Teen

8:30 AM Pfeiffer Hall A
9:30 AM Worship Space
9:30 AM Rooms 203-204
10:00 AM Lounge Room 105
11:30 AM Worship Space

1:00 PM Worship Space
5:00 PM Worship Space
5:00 PM Parish Life Center
5:00 PM Martyrs Hall

Mon 3/18 Daily Mass
Reconciliation/Adoration
HM Kids Monday
CONNECT Parents
CONNECT Parents 2
Children's Stations of the Cross

12:00 Worship Space
12:30 PM Chapel
6:00 PM Parish Life Center
6:00 PM Lounge Room 105
6:00 PM Clarke Room

6:30 PM Worship Space

Tues 3/19 Glory Bees
CONNECT Parents w/Children
Daily Mass
Reconciliation/Adoration
The Holy Rosary
CONNECT Women
HM Kids Tuesday

7:30 AM Worship Space
9:45 AM Lounge Room 105
12:00 Worship Space
12:30 PM Chapel
12:30 PM Worship Space
1:00 PM Clarke Room
6:00 PM Parish Life Center

Wed 3/20 Daily Mass
Reconciliation/Adoration
Stephen Ministry Training
CONNECT Women 2
Choir Practice

12:00 Worship Space
12:30 PM Chapel
5:00 PM PLC Room 102
6:00 PM PLC Lounge
7:00 PM Worship Space

Thurs 3/21 CONNECT Thursday
Daily Mass
Eucharistic Adoration
CONNECT 20s/30s Group
Evening Reconciliation
CONNECT Men's Thursday

10:00 AM Clarke Room
12:00 Worship Space
12:30 PM Worship Space
5:00 PM Kazel Room
6:30 PM Chapel/Cry Room
8:00 PM Offsite

Fri 3/22 Daily Mass
Reconciliation/Adoration

12:00 Worship Space
12:30 PM Chapel

Sat 3/23 CONNECT Group
CONNECT Men
Reconciliation
Mass

9:00 AM Clarke Room
9:30 AM Kazel Room
3:00 PM Chapel
4:30 PM Worship Space

Sun 3/24 Choir Rehearsal
Mass
Time Travelers
Mass
Friendship Meal
Contemporary Mass
NO SPIRIT TONIGHT
Life Teen

8:30 AM Pfeiffer Hall A
9:30 AM Worship Space
9:30 AM Rooms 203-204
11:30 AM Worship Space
12:30 PM Gathering Area
5:00 PM Worship Space

5:00 PM Martyrs Hall

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Time Travelers, HM Kids, SPIRIT & Life Teen

HM Kids First Holy Communion Parent Child Workshop



2nd Grade
Parents help
their children
prepare for
First Holy
Communion

2nd Grade
Parents help
their children
find the
important
items in
Church.

What a fun way
to Grow in
Faith!



3rd and 4th graders
learn about the gift of
Mass and Holy Martyrs
Church.

Fr. Steve draws a
description of Catholic
symbols to answer
questions for our HM
Kids 3rd and 4th
Graders



Spirit at Holy Martyrs

SPIRIT, our 7th and 8th grade youth group program, met on Sunday, March 10, 2024 and we talked about "Why does God allow Suffering?". Fifty plus SPIRIT students went to Reconciliation/Confession. On Sunday, March 17, 2024, we will begin with 5:00 Mass and have a discussion on Easter and Holy Week.



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

**Come to
LIFE TEEN**



Every Sunday
5pm Mass - 8pm

**Life Teen will meet tonight,
March 17th beginning
with the 5:00 PM
Contemporary Mass**

Pray ★ *Grow* ★ *Serve* ★ *Give* ★ *Share*

A Disciple Gives with Gratitude



FRIENDSHIP MEAL WITH ST. BERNARDS MARCH 24, 2024

Join us as we cook and serve a meal for our neighbors in need on Sunday, March 24th!

We are asking for food donations for our meal. Opportunities to cook and/or serve are also available and noted in the signup link below. (You must be 14 or older to serve at St Bernards.)



Catholic Relief Services March 9 - 10, 2024

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for revealing Christ's love to those who are poor and marginalized around the world.

If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information.

#iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts donations for this collection (usccb.igivecatholictogether.org).

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Holy Martyrs Lenten Events

Lenten Confessions

One of the most important spiritual practices for all Catholics during Lent is receiving the Sacrament of Penance. To make this available to as many people as possible, this year we have greatly increased the number of opportunities for individual confession.

WEEKDAYS

During Lent, Individual Confessions will be available **following the Noon Mass every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday of Lent.**

EVENINGS

Individual Confessions will also be available on **Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 pm on March 7th, 14th, and 21st.**

An additional priest will be available to help with evening confessions on March 7th, 14th, and 21st.

SATURDAYS

Confessions will be celebrated as normal **every Saturday from 3:00 to 4:00 pm.**

These increased opportunities for individual confession will take the place of a communal penance service.

My hope is that, by offering more opportunities throughout the season of Lent, more people - adults, teens and children - will be able to participate in this healing sacrament.

Father Steve



Children's Stations of the Cross

**Monday, March 18
6:30 PM**



Pray the Rosary

**Tuesday, March 19, 2024
12:30**

Worship Space

Join us in praying the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary



Morning Prayer in the Chapel with Skip McQuate

**Friday, March 22, 2024
7:00 AM**

Giving to the Poor

During Lent we are asked to Fast, Pray and Give to the Poor.

This is an excellent time to support our parish Ministry for the Poor - **HM Cares.**

To donate, please go to:

<https://www.holymartyrs.net/give>

or scan the QR Code:



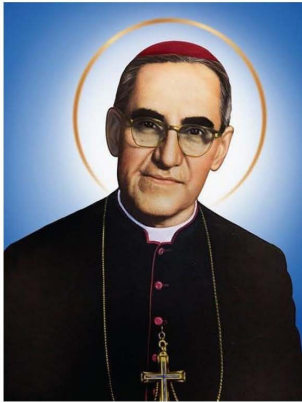
**Next Sunday, March 24 is Palm Sunday
and the beginning of Holy Week.**



Pray ✦ *Grow* ✦ *Serve* ✦ *Give* ✦ *Share*

Elsewhere in the Diocese

St. Romero Day Prayer Service



Join us to celebrate
the legacy of
St. Oscar A. Romero
through the CLAM team,
at COAR, and beyond

"All of us, if we really want to know
the meaning of conversion and of
faith and confidence in another,
must become poor, or at least make
the cause of the poor our own inner
motivation."

-Homily,
February 18, 1979



Sponsored by COAR Peace Mission
and the Diocese of Cleveland Mission Office

**March 21, 2024
7 pm ET**

Attend in-person or watch the livestream

Blessed Trinity Church
14040 Puritas Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44135

Reservations encouraged:
coarpeacemission.org

**Streaming live:
coarpeacemission.org**



COAR students carry an image of
St. Romero on his feast day



CLAM team members
carry St. Romero's
casket at his funeral



First Friday Club of Greater Akron

Our Lady of Cedars
507 South Cleveland Massillon Rd.
Fairlawn, OH 44333

April 5, 2024 at Noon

Guest Speaker: Sister Christine De Vinne
President, Ursuline College

Sr. Christine De Vinne will speak on
***Grace and Tradition:
Catholic Higher Education***

Doors open at 11:00 AM; the program
begins at noon, and ends promptly at
1:00 PM.

The cost of the luncheon program is
\$25.00. Reservations can be made by
sending a check to:

The First Friday Club of Greater Akron
PO Box 13291, Fairlawn, OH 44334

Or by **calling the office at 330-535-7668**

No later than Tuesday, April 2, 2024

For additional information visit

www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org