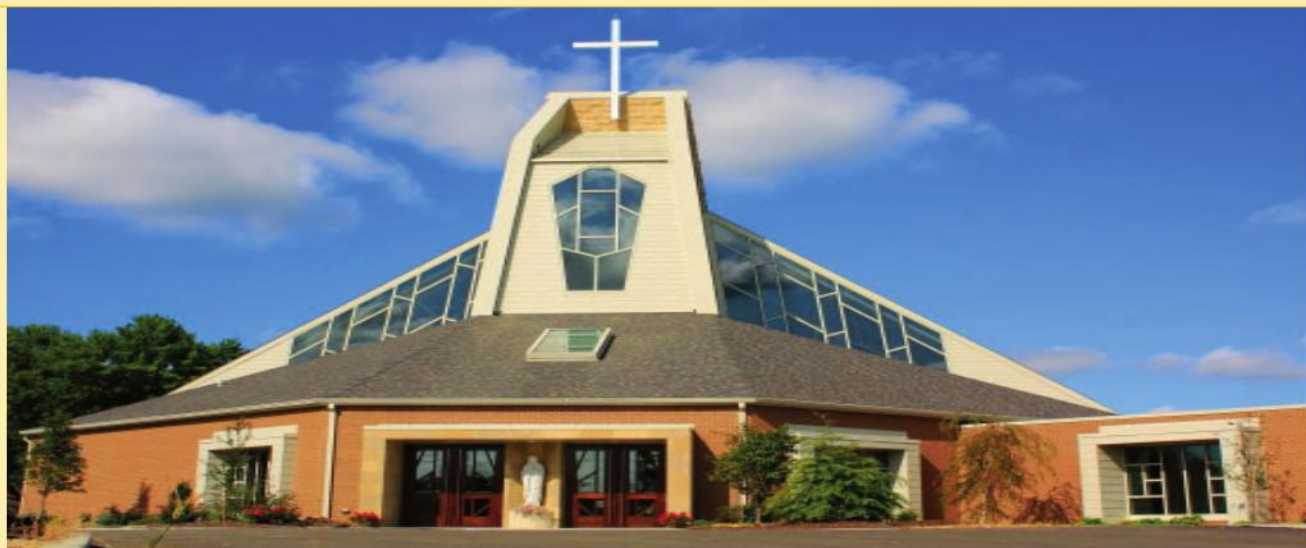


April 23, 2023—Third Sunday of Easter

“Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?”
— Luke 24:32



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MASS SCHEDULE

Church

Saturday Vigil.....4:30pm

Sunday.....8:30am & 11:00am

Weekday Mass

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday-Friday....9:00am
(Chapel)

Wednesday 6:30pm (Church)

Confessions

Saturday..... 3:30-4:00pm

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 8:30am - 5:00pm

Sunday, April 23, 2023 - 3rd Sunday of Easter



Masses For The Week

Monday, April 24 (Chapel)

9:00am - Robert Colwill - Jean Colwill

Tuesday, April 25 (Chapel)

9:00am - For those suffering from an illness - Ernie Walker

Wednesday, April 26 (Church)

7:00pm - CONFIRMATION

Thursday, April 27 (Chapel)

9:00am - ALL Parishioners

Friday, April 28 (Chapel)

9:00am - Guy Page

Saturday, April 29

4:30pm - Michael Malloy - Family

Sunday, April 30

8:30am - Leonard Dybzinski - Cordy Family

11:00am - Frank & Wanda Magalski - Family

Pray for the Sick: Nanci Arnold, Amanda Bansek, Kathy Borowy, Lou Burrows, Joe Chobody, Deborah Cormier, Cathy Cornish, Jennifer DuPont, Karen Faulkner, Walter Fowler, Dennis Frabotta, Alyassa Frost, Don Gates, Michael Gilkeson, Marilyn Hamm, Dorothy Hannes, Joan Henschel-Blake, Gloria Janosko, James Kwiatek, Debbie Listwak, Ron Listwak, Toni Long, Jose' Magiste, Neil Maier, Grace McNearney, Michele Miller, Becca Mullins, John O'Connor, Joanne Pasadyn, Mark Petricevic, Jane Peyton, Donald Plas, Jeff Pfeiffer, Adam Postelwait, Colleen Ray, Gladys Rising, Adam Rone, Cristina Safille, George Schaefer, Monica Schaefer, Paul Smith, Rhonna Smith, Thomas Southam, Al Traxler, Ted Turner, Dick & Nancy Webber, Daniel White, Amy Woodburn, Pat Wracker & Bernadette Zielinski.

Please call the Parish Office on (440) 926-2364 or email us at info@olqpgraffton.org to have a name of a friend or relative included in this list.

just to let you know

WELCOME! If you are interested in joining OLQP, please call the parish office at 440.926.2364 or go to our website at www.olqpgraffton.org. Registration forms are on our website and by the bulletin board in the Gathering Area.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Monday

Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday

1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

Wednesday

Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday

Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday

Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117: 1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday

Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

BULLETIN DEADLINES:

For inclusion in a weekly bulletin, please submit all announcements to Joanna at jblaz@olqpgraffton.org by the following dates:

Sunday April 30 by 5:00pm Monday April 24

Sunday May 7 by 5:00pm Monday May 1

FATHER JOHN'S CORNER:

Thank you to everyone who made all the events of last weekend flow smoothly and successfully. I know it was not easy. Due to the limited space, we usually try not to schedule large events on the same weekend. But then it is difficult to limit the activities when this is such an active parish. The Best Buddies Ball, Helping Hands Food Distribution and PSR were all back-to-back Friday through Sunday. You hear reports from Helping Hands as to the number of people they assist but what you do not see is the amount of space and people it takes to provide the needed assistance. I believe that Helping Hands is a priority because serving the needs of the poor is what it means to be a Catholic Christian. And so is education a priority, as well as providing activities that highlight social awareness. The proposed Parish Center, that would be connected to the church, would offer additional space for events and activities. The additional space is definitely needed now and will also offer us the ability to offer more programs and services.

Speaking of additional activities, please take note of two that are new to the calendar for May. On Thursday May 4th there will be a luncheon for anyone who would like to get together. In the past this was called a 'Senior' luncheon, but some people were turned off by such a label. It could be called the 'Retirees' luncheon, but again who really is retired when they leave the workforce? If you can come up with a name, please submit it. Until then, anyone who would like to come, please come.

On Saturday, May 20 there is a Marriage Enrichment Date Night that we are hosting in collaboration with the Diocese of Cleveland. This evening is for those married or engaged and will be a relaxing and enriching boost to your relationship. We are hoping to offer more of these programs that are open to others in the diocese and especially our local area. For more details see the bulletin announcements for this event as well as the 'senior' luncheon.

This weekend is the last PSR class until September. I wish to thank Elizabeth Miketo, our Parish Catechetical Director and all the teachers and aides who assisted her. We had 116 students registered. This is in comparison with St. Joseph in Strongsville which is a much bigger parish that had 165, so we are doing an exceptional job in bringing in students to educate them in the faith. We are looking for additional teachers for the Fall. If you are interested or would like more information, please see Elizabeth or myself.

This **Wednesday, April 26 will be the Confirmation Mass at 7:00pm**. Everyone is invited to come participate in this Eucharist. What a great sign of support to our youth if members of the parish community were there to pray with them as they receive the gift of the Holy Spirit at Confirmation. Due to the small class size of 10 confirmandi, there will be plenty of room after family and friends are included.

Last year Bishop Malesic had delegated pastors who requested to celebrate the sacrament the ability to confirm. Therefore, I will, with the Bishop's delegation, confirm our youth on Wednesday. Now that the diocese has an auxiliary bishop, Bishop Woost, this delegation will not be given next year. Please pray for our youth and for myself as we prepare for the great Sacrament of Confirmation. And I hope to see you there!

--Fr John



CONFIRMATION NEWS!

This **Wednesday evening, April 26th at 7:00pm** is the day! At Baptism, parents promise to guide their child in the ways of our rich Catholic faith and traditions, an indelible mark is left by the Holy Spirit and at Confirmation, these young adults will complete their Initiation by being sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Please pray for and join me in congratulating those receiving Confirmation:

Jacob Groboske
Brooklyn Modock
Andrew Plas

Olivia Lamb
Michael Passerello
Liam Ray
Mia Stefan

Alyssa Mack
Genevieve Plas
Beau Rybicki



MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

Our Lady Queen of Peace is hosting a FREE Marriage Enrichment Date Night on **Saturday, May 20th**. Terri Yohman, Director of Marriage and Family Ministry for the Diocese of Cleveland, will be the presenter for this relaxing evening with your spouse. Topics covered will include "The Five Love Languages" and Couple Prayer. Mass starts at 4:30pm if you choose to join us. Dinner will be provided following the Mass in the Parish Hall. Our evening of fellowship and prayer will conclude around 7:00pm. Scan the QR to register or visit:

<https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/events/events/2023/05/20/date-night-marriage-enrichment--continuing-to-grow-in-love>



THE FEST 2023

ARISE!!!

"Arise, do not be afraid." **Mark your calendars and plan to join us on Sunday, August 6, 2023 for "The FEST"**. It's an inspiring day of faith, family and fun – all for FREE – on the campus of the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe. This year, we are blessed to welcome the most amazing Christian artists: Katie Nichole, Big Daddy Weave, Jeremy Camp, and Chris Tomlin. There are also wonderful activities for the kids, informative and helpful displays and information for adults. The FEST comes to a close in the evening with a beautiful outdoor Mass with Bishop Malesic at 8 pm. This year's theme is ARISE which will call us to live in the Joy of Easter – the Joy of the Gospel. The FEST is open to everyone...thanks to our good friends at Marc's and Baron's Bus. Invite your family and friends to this amazing day of faith – The FEST. For complete details go to: www.theFEST.us

SCRIPTURE STUDY



Thursday April 27th is the seventh lesson of "EUCCHARIST: Discovering the Mass in the Bible" from the FORMED LECTIO series. Please meet with us at **7:00pm in the Parish Hall**. Session 7 will cover "Bread of Life Discourse" on page 127 of the study guide. Study guides are free, and you can join us any time during the study. Contact Rick Gallaher at (440) 458-6335 for comments or assistance.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY GOLF OUTING



Please join the Holy Name for a 4-man Scramble Golf Outing on **Saturday, June 10, 2023**, starting at 9:00am 'Shotgun Start' at Pinebrook Golf Course.

Cost for the outing is \$85 per person, which includes 18 holes of golf with cart, food, beverages, and snacks! There will be various raffles, and skills games. Sign-ups are now available in the Gathering Area.

Can't Golf? Would you consider being a hole sponsor? Any parishioner who would like to sponsor a hole or would like to have their company/knows of a company or someone who would like to sponsor a hole, please contact the Parish Office (440.926.2364), Jim Lynsky (440.773.4831), Jeff Denham (440.567.9082), or Dave Ward (440.926.3996).

MINISTRY OF CARE MEETING

All those who are taking communion to the home-bound and residential facilities are asked to attend a meeting on **Monday, April 24 at 9:30am in the chapel**. Come for Mass first and then share the needs that you see when you visit with communion and gain support in your ministry as well.

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULES (Jun/Jul/Aug)

All Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Greeters, Mass Coordinators, Servers & Usher Team Leaders are asked to submit requests for the June/July/August Mass schedule. Forms are available in the St. Joseph's room and on our website. **Requests need to be submitted by Sunday, May 7th.**



MUSIC MINISTRY

The Music Ministry will be introducing "The Mass of Spirit and Grace". We will begin singing the new Mass Settings during the Easter Vigil and will continue throughout the Easter Season. Over the next few weeks, the choir will sing some of the Mass parts prior to Mass in order for the congregation to become familiar with them. This Mass can be found in the Music Issue, starting with #923. "Let us lift our voices as one to the Lord!"

SAVE THE DATE! SIP, SIP HOORAY!

Sip, Sip, Hooray is returning this year, come join us, **Friday, June 16th on Father John's patio** for some beer, bourbon, and wine tasting. Stay tuned for more information on tickets! Want to help plan this event? Chat with Father John or call the office and we will be in touch!

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Did you know... Hope is rising. Throughout scripture there is evidence that we are called to be ambassadors of hope and healing. Did you know children of abuse long to hear this message of hope? Victims of crime, their family and loved ones need to know that their voices are heard. Organizations throughout the nation are striving to share the message that He is risen and there is hope. Each of us has a unique ability to support individuals who are hurting, to promote healthy relationships, and to build communities that are safe from those who may want to do harm. How has He called you to be an ambassador of hope and healing?

FLOCKNOTE

Digitally connect with Our Lady Queen of Peace with Flocknote! Scan this QR code to check your settings and make sure you are registered!



LADY'S GUILD RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE

The Lady's Guild annual Rummage and Bake sale will be held on **Friday April 28th from 9:00-5:00pm and Saturday April 29th from 9:00-12:00noon**. The Guild is in need of CLEAN, USABLE items for the sale. Please NO used medical equipment, medications (Grafton police station will accept), tube televisions or outdated computers (these should be taken to the Lorain County Recycling facility.). Drop off at the Parish Hall is this Sunday April 23rd 12:00noon to 4:00pm and Monday April 24th 11:00am-5:00pm. Anyone willing to donate baked goods for the sale can drop them off on either morning of the sale or contact any Guild member. The Guild will be sorting and pricing items that entire week starting on Sunday at noon, so if you have an hour or two to spare we would love your help-just show up! Thank you in advance for your support of Our Lady's Guild.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr
Tuesday	St. Mark, Evangelist
Friday	St Peter, Chancel, Priest & Martyr and St. Louis Mary de Montfort, Priest
Saturday	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor



OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE SCHOLARSHIP

OLQP will be awarding two \$500 scholarships - one to a graduating high school senior and one to a current college student. To be eligible, a candidate must be a parishioner of Our Lady Queen of Peace and active in the parish, or active in the church on the college campus where they attend school. Applications can be picked up in the Gathering Area, Parish Office or via the OLQP website. Applications must be submitted **by May 15th**.

We will have a special collection to fund these scholarships.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH IN TRANSITION

O faithful God, as your people, we cherish our memories and our history as a sacred gift. We also ask you to guide us in our time of transition. We need your wisdom that we might be receptive to change, conversion and growth. We need your grace to redirect our hearts that we may be willing to offer ourselves in joyful service.

Do not allow fear, ignorance or pride to limit the work of your spirit, nor custom to prevent the creativity within us from bearing fruit. Open our hearts to the call of the Gospel. Give us courage and renewed hope that we may meet the challenge of being the Church in our time. Amen

CONTINUING OUR JOURNEY - Fr. John's Corner cont'd.

Last week when Fr. Paul Rosing was filling in for me, he mentioned how glad he is that being retired, he doesn't have to do any more campaigns. I may echo those sentiments when I retire but for now, I have enjoyed being a part of this campaign. Yes, it is a lot of work. But I believe in what the campaign is for and thus do not see it as a burden. Being able to sit down with people one on one and in small groups has given me an opportunity to get to know and spend time with parishioners that I normally do not have a chance to.

I believe passionately in this campaign because it will offer us additional space to provide the ministries and services that are limited now due to constraints in space. As a parish we are vibrant and growing but we cannot sit back if we want to have a strong faith community for our children and grandchildren. We see the decline in Catholic Churches as well as other mainstream Christian churches and we must do something now to stop the decline. The proposed buildings will enable us to meet the growing needs of our community now and to offer additional ministries and services to meet the needs moving forward.

In asking for everyone in the parish to make a pledge to this campaign, know that I too have made a pledge. I would not ask you to do something that I would not do. And each pledge amount will be different. Everyone has something that is going on in their lives and finances are a concern for all of us. What I am asking is that you take this request to make a pledge to the campaign to prayer. Yes, it is a sacrifice for all of us and together, with the help of God, we can succeed in making our parish a strong, vibrant and faith-filled community where we can worship, serve and grow in love of God and one another.

--Fr. John



GROWING TOGETHER IN CHRIST - CONTINUING OUR JOURNEY

If you haven't seen the history of how our parish has evolved, please take time to view the display in the Gathering Area compiled by parishioner, Ken Shifferly. We are the next generation of parishioners to continue the growth of the Church by adding the Parish Center and Offices so that we can better serve our congregation and the surrounding communities.

Last weekend, Fr. Paul Rosing celebrated the 8:30a & 11:00a masses and said we were a blueprint for other churches. The diocese is watching our parish to see how we've progressed since the merger of our two parishes. They are very impressed with our progression and Fr. Paul said we are a very welcoming parish and he could see why we are doing so well. A parish that works together to make it welcoming to all who come seeking God.

Our participation in this Journey is needed by all to not only give from the heart but to work together, sharing our time and talents with all who enter our doors. Today we are conducting the In-Pew campaign and hope that you will pray before you give, because when you give from the heart, it is so much more rewarding. As of today, we are at 57.8% of our goal. Thank-you again to all that have made a pledge and let us continue to pray for the success of the campaign.

--Colleen Dawson, Campaign Communications



FAITH FORMATION - REFLECTIONS AND UPDATES

PSR NEWS!

Thank you to all those families whose dedication to their children's faith formation made this year the success it was. We were able to add a few new faith experiences and are excited about adding a few more for next year! Our program would not be the program it is without our stellar group of volunteer Catechists. A huge thank you to:

Mandy Bansek	Sally Bansek
Leslie Bubb	Breana Carden
Colleen Dawson	Michelle Denham
Chad DiFranco	Kathy DiFranco
Greg Dore	Joe Filipiak
Sarah Hoover	Jeanne Johnson
Nancy Johnson	Anna Laubenthal
Stephanie Rivera	Greg Rowe
Ken Shifferly	Liz Street
Sue Wiedenmannott	Elaine Zemanek

As our program grows, so does our need for PSR volunteers. If you feel called to serve our community in this way, please contact Elizabeth in the office or email her at elizabeth@olqpgrafton.org.

Are you a new family to the Parish, looking to register your Kindergartener to 9th Grader for PSR for next fall? New family registration will begin April 30th. We look forward to welcoming you to our program.

Graduation Mass!

Do you know of a Senior graduating High School this year? Invite them to join us as a Parish community to be recognized at our Graduation Mass, Sunday, June 5th at the 11:00 AM Mass. Call the office and ask Elizabeth for more details.



THANK-YOU for your generous support of OLQP and your help with the needs of the community through your ongoing participation in our various ministries.

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Sunday, Apr 15/16:	\$7,685.33		
E-Giving:	\$3,950.15		
Total:	\$11,635.15	\$12,282.00	(646.52)
YTD:	\$513,720.22	\$515,844.00	(\$2,123.78)
Mortgage:	\$189,147.51		
Easter:	\$11,452.00 (not included in total above)		



The Week Ahead

Sunday, April 23

Parish Directory Photos

9:40am-10:50am - PSR

12:00noon-4:00pm - Rummage Sale Drop-off

Monday, April 24

7:00pm - Choir Practice

9:00am-4:00pm - Rummage Sale - sort & set-up

Tuesday, April 25

9:00am-4:00pm - Rummage Sale - sort & set-up

Wednesday, April 26

9:00am-4:00pm - Rummage Sale - sort & set-up

7:00pm - Confirmation Mass

Thursday, April 27

9:00am-4:00pm - Rummage Sale - sort & set-up

9:30am - Divine Mercy Chaplet

7:00pm - Scripture Study

Friday, April 28

Parish Directory Photos

9:00am-5:00pm - Rummage Sale

Saturday, April 29

Parish Directory Photos

Welcoming Weekend

9:00am-12:00noon - Rummage Sale

Sunday, April 30

Parish Directory Photos

Welcoming Weekend

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 15 - Living Rosary

June 4 - Blood Drive

June 10 - Holy Name Golf Outing

June 16 - Sip, Sip, Hooray!

SENIORS' ACTIVITIES

SENIOR MINISTRY POTLUCK

Join us for a parishioners' potluck luncheon on **Thursday, May 4 at 12noon in the Parish hall**. Main dish will be provided, please bring a dish or dessert to share. Also, please bring your ideas on future monthly luncheons. Any questions, call Margie and Ray at 330.418.7722.

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