

## Holy Rosary Festival & Garage Sale Update

Due to the current situation with COVID-19 pandemic, Father Barry and the Holy Rosary Festival committee have determined that it is in the Parish's best interest to cancel the 2020 Holy Rosary Festival and Garage Sale. We are very saddened and disappointed to make this decision, but we feel it is the right decision for the safety of our parish and community.

Even though we cannot have our festival, we will hold a *Reverse Raffle Drawing* with the top prize being \$15,000. 1,000 tickets will be sold for \$100 each. This will be in place of our festival this year.

Each person who purchases a ticket will receive one chicken dinner, compliments of Father Barry. Additional chicken dinner tickets will be available for purchase also.

The drawing will take place in September. If the guidelines allow, we would have a small outdoor gathering for the drawing.

If we cannot gather, we will live stream the drawing and have chicken dinners available for carryout.

Let's all look to the future and know that we will be able to gather again soon!

### When You Are Unable To Come Church To Receive Holy Communion, Make An Act Of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present  
in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

### K of C CHARITY CAMPAIGN TICKET SALES UPDATE

The Father James O. Byrne Knights of Columbus Council 1592 sold 952 tickets during the first phase of its charity campaign. The turn-in surpassed last year's effort and was the second most in council history. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

The final turn-in date for our council has been extended to **Friday, June 12**. Again, any tickets may be mailed to Dave Helmstetter, 05421 County Road 33A, St. Marys, OH 45885 or placed in his mailbox located near the backdoor. We stand about 96 tickets short of reaching the four-ticket goal. The drawing will now be held Saturday, June 27, 2020.

Provided the "Stay at Home" order remains in effect, our next meeting will again be virtual, Thursday, May 14, 8 p.m. via Zoom. If you would like to attend, please contact Joe Kuebler at 419-733-4984 or Dave Helmstetter at 419-394-1180 to receive meeting sign-in information.

### Hymns for Sunday, April 26

Processional: Alleluia No.1  
Offertory: We Have Been Told  
Communion: In The Breaking Of The Bread  
Closing: Lift Up Your Hearts

### Hymns for Tuesday, April 28

Processional: Christ The Lord Is Risen Today  
Offertory: The Servant Song  
Communion: I Am The Bread Of Life  
Closing: All Things New

### Hymns for Sunday, May 3

Processional: Rain Down  
Offertory: Shepherd Of My Heart  
Communion: Shepherd Me, O God  
Closing: I Know That My Redeemer Lives

### CONFESIONS ARE IN THE UPPER ROOM

Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30pm  
or call the parish office to schedule an appointment  
at 419-394-5050.

### MASS INTENTIONS

These are the scheduled Mass Intentions.

Please pray for them as you watch daily Masses on TV,  
live streamed on Facebook or the Holy Rosary Web page.  
Fr. Barry is saying daily Mass in his residence - remembering  
these Mass Intentions.

Mon. 04/27	Easter Weekday Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29 <b>Perry McBride</b>
Tues. 04/28	St. Peter Chanel & St. Louis Grignion Acts 7:51—8:1a; Jn 6:30-35 <b>Tim Hullinger</b>
Wed. 04/29	St. Catherine of Siena Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40 <b>Ethel Klosterman</b>
Thurs. 04/30	St. Pius V Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51 <b>George Brown</b>
Fri. 05/01	St. Joseph the Worker Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59 <b>John "Jack" Haehn, Jr.</b>
Sat. 05/02	St. Athanasius Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69 <b>Rita Cianciolo</b> <b>Patrick &amp; Michael Axe</b>
Sun. 05/03	Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10 <b>Bud Youngs, Arlene Eberle</b> <b>Frank &amp; Joan Moran</b>

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### BIBLE STUDY AT HOME

##### "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible!"

Call the Parish Office today at 419-394-5050 to register for Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible! Our seminarian, Stephen Jones will lead this 8 session Monday night class on Zoom beginning Monday, April 27, at 7p.m. The class is free, but you must register so we can send Zoom codes!

#### STAY CONNECTED

@  
*holysaraychurch.us*

#### Masses & Other Events Live Streaming

Holy Rosary is now **live streaming** on our website & on Facebook. You will find the link at [holysaraychurch.us](http://holysaraychurch.us). Click on **StreamSpot**. It will also be available on Holy Rosary's Facebook & Fr. Barry's Facebook.

Father also offers a Sunday Mass at St. Patrick's. *\*\*This Mass is celebrated in private - no parishioners are allowed to attend as stated by the Archdiocese for the safety and health of all.* At this time, this Mass is not being live streamed.

#### Live Streaming Schedule:

Sunday, April 26	Mass	11am
Tuesday, April 28	Children's Mass	8:15am
Wednesday, April 29	CCD Hour with Fr. Barry	7pm
Thursday, April 30	Adoration - Holy Hour	8 - 9pm
Friday, May 1	Divine Mercy Chaplet	3pm
Saturday, May 2	Rosary	11am

#### YOUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS

**Week of 04/19/2020**  
**Holy Rosary \$ 4,701**  
**St. Patrick \$ 345**

Please continue to make your weekly offering to the parish. Your support is still much needed and appreciated so that we can continue to pay our teachers, parish staff and keep the bills paid. All parishioners of Holy Rosary and St. Patrick's can give using the link on our website ([holysaraychurch.us](http://holysaraychurch.us)) or mail in or drop off your envelopes at the church office in St. Marys. Your generosity is more important than ever in times like these. Donations can be set up to be given one time, weekly, or monthly. Every collection listed on the WeShare webpage is open (Regular, Adopt-a-Student, Capital Improvements, etc.).

Thank you for continuing to give to our parishes!

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

What a month it has been! We won't soon forget this month for a long time...or will we? Isn't it the case oftentimes that we do forget unique and special times in our lives, both personally and as a community? Who remembers the Cold War? Or the gasoline crisis of the 1970's? You remember, the long lines of cars to get gas. It affected the whole country. But just like that it is filed away in a forgotten memory of passing things. And who remembers the big one...Y2K? Or even the bigger one...9/11? These events were monumental and yet they pass quickly into the recesses of our minds.

Why is this? How can something happen that fundamentally changes our lives be forgotten? Are we so shallow that things like this don't really stick with us? Or are we basically optimistic and desiring to live in the moment, not letting the past dictate our attitude towards life? I think a little of both perhaps. We do erase negative happenings and try to see a brighter future.

Now there was something that happened long ago that was the greatest world-changing event in all of history since the creation of the universe. Dare to guess what that was? Of course, it was the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. That singular moment in time when God intervened in our world in a direct way by becoming one of us and saving us from an eternity in hell and giving us the chance at a life forever with Him in Heaven was the ultimate, highest event of all time. Nothing compares to it. God in His mercy made an unprecedented move toward us and by it radically changed us, making us His children by adoption and changing the world, making it a place where we can be holy.

Would we have forgotten this? Probably. But, so that we wouldn't, God left us a memorial of this great event – the Sacrifice of the Mass. His everlasting covenant, which He sealed in the Blood of His Son, would be effectively remembered every time the Church, His Mystical Body, gathered to celebrate the Eucharist. I say "effectively" because I mean that it is not just a pious recalling of some event in the distant past. No, it is that same event made present today and having the full force of what it means for us...our salvation. So, we don't have to just wistfully think back on the saving sacrifice of Christ on the cross or even just read about it in the Bible. We can be there through the Mass! That is why we celebrate Mass every day. We don't want a day to pass without remembering and experiencing the redemption God freely offers us, and renewing His covenant with us.

So, even though we may forget this unique time for ourselves and our world that this virus has caused; let's never forget the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ which saves us and heals us. Let's stoke the fire of the desire in our hearts to be at church and at Mass. And when the day comes that we are back together again in church, let's really take part in the Mass and never forget what God has done for us.

*Fr. Barry*

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