

**MASS INTENTIONS & DEVOTION****Saturday, March 30**8:30 - 9:30 SN: *Confession*

4:30 pm: SN: Sally Dascenzo (Gene)

John & Helene Hamrock (Daughter, Cindy)  
 Pat & Honey Gentile (Ralph & Jane Genova Jr)  
 Chuck & Jean Cartwright (Daughter, Janice)  
 Deceased of Ornelas Family (Dan & Carol Ornelas)  
 Mary Belloto (Dr. Joseph & Diane Edwards)  
 Samuel DeSandro (Jerry & Arleen Arendas)  
 Albert Yurcisin Sr. (Wife & Children)

**Sunday, March 31**

8:00 am: HT: Living &amp; Deceased of Christ Our Savior Parish

10:45am:SN: Alfredo &amp; Antonietta Centofanti (Family)

**Monday, April 1**

9:00 am: SN: Mr. &amp; Mrs. John Landers (Son, John)

9:30 am & 7:00 pm: *Miraculous Medal Novena***Tuesday, April 2**

9:00 am: SN: Margie &amp; Jack DiPinto (Family)

9:30 am: SN: *St. Anthony Novena***Wednesday, April 3 School Mass**

9:00 am: SN: Maria Giammarco (Carano Family)

9:30 am - 6:00 pm: SN: *Eucharistic Adoration***Thursday, April 4**9:00 am: SN: *Prayer Service with Communion***Friday, April 5**9:00 am: Special Intention for Robert A. Setele  
St. Nicholas Endowment Donors**Saturday, April 6**8:30 - 9:30 SN: *Confession*

4:30 pm: SN: Mike &amp; Laura Fiorentine (Rose Fiorentine)

Chuck Cartwright Jr. (Sister, Janice)  
 John Sturm (Stan & Pat)  
 Ann Siciliano (Husband & Family)  
 Paul & Ellen Dennison (Karen & Dan McGarry)  
 Mary Rabosky (Son, Don)  
 Dolores Magda (Agnes Crossen)  
 Joan Giancola (Sue Thomas)  
 Louise Leone (Chester & Children)

**Sunday, April 7**

8:00 am: HT: Eileen McCarragher (Family)

10:45am:SN: Living &amp; Deceased of Christ Our Savior Parish

**MEMORIAL CANDLES FOR THE WEEK OF**  
**April 7, 2019**
**Frank & Angeline & Betty** (Frank & Millie Cwynar) SN**ALTAR SERVERS****SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019**

4:30 pm: SN: Catherine Lorenzi &amp; Aubrey Morgan

**SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019**

8:00 am: HT: Mark &amp; Kirstin Dubiel

10:45 am: SN: Michael &amp; Natalie DiVencenzo, Giana Morales

**PREPARE for NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS:**

Readings found in the Gather Hymnal #918

**First Reading:** Isaiah 43:16-21**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6**Second Reading:** Philippians 3:8-14**Gospel:** John 2:12-13

## 4th Sunday of Lent

"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'let us celebrate with a feast because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'" Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

**BIBLE SHARING & DISCUSSION with DEACON**

**JOHN:** Meetings are held on **Mondays at 6:30 PM** in the Parish Office conference room. All are invited, all are welcome!


**Our return to God for Blessings on**  
**Sunday, March 24, 2019**

Our sincere thanks to all who have volunteered their time & talent to help the parish in any capacity in this past week.

**Stewardship Thought:** "No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan." (JOSHUA 5:12)

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

<b>February 24<sup>th</sup> Collection:</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Budget \$12,500.00 Actual</b>	<b>\$9,924.00</b>	<b>\$11,081.00</b>
Easter Flowers:	\$903.00	
Novena:	\$11.00	
Catholic Exponent:	\$9.00	
Envelopes Mailed Adults:	1146	
Envelopes Returned Adults:	372	
Mass Attendance:	683	

## REFLECTIONS on ICONS by FR. VISNOVSKY

TUESDAY APRIL 9

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM HOLY TRINITY



Fr. Marek Visnovsky is a Byzantine Catholic priest serving in the Eparchy of Parma, USA. Fr. Marek was born in Vranov, Slovakia and after finishing the theological studies and spiritual formation at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of St. Peter Paul Gojdic in Presov, Slovakia in 2004 he got married and month after that was ordained to the priesthood. That same year he moved with his wife Miriam to serve the Eparchy of Parma, USA. In 2000 and 2001 Fr. Marek studied iconography under the guidance of well-known iconographer Philip Zimmerman of New Florence, PA. Since then he taught hands-on demonstration classes on both sides of the Atlantic, gave number of lectures on iconography and eastern spirituality at the universities, seminaries, churches, and group gatherings. He painted over 700 icons that are venerated in churches and private homes in Slovakia, Hungary, Ukraine, Poland, Austria, Czech Republic, Italy, Germany, Canada, USA, Mexico, Australia, India, and Brasil. Fr. Marek and his wife Miriam raise three children Caroline (12), Elias (8), and Marco (5).

## Christ Our Savior Parish



APRIL 2 - APRIL 22, 2019

One Ticket Drawn Each Day

**\$50.00 Winners:** April 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20

**\$100.00 Winners:** April 7, 14, 21

**\$500.00 Winner:** April 22 (Easter Monday)

\$10.00 per Ticket.

For Additional Tickets please contact  
the Parish Office 330-755-9819.

*All proceeds will be used for resealing the  
parking lot at Holy Trinity Church.*

## LENTEN EVENTS



### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

#### Talk on People of the Passion by Fr. Martin

Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> 8 AM - 8:35 AM

St. Nicholas Lower Church

#### Evening Prayers

#### The People Of The Way Of The Cross

Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 6 PM - Holy Trinity

#### Video Series: Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues

**Jamie Miller** - Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:30 AM

St. Nicholas Lower Church

**Rosie Hollen** - Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> 7 PM

Parish Office Conference Room

#### Children's Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 1:30 PM - St. Nicholas

#### Evening Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 7 PM - St. Nicholas

#### Friday Confessions

April 5<sup>th</sup> 6 PM - St. Nicholas

#### Saturday Confessions

April 6<sup>th</sup> 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM - St. Nicholas

### ST. ANTHONY NOVENA TUESDAYS MARCH 19 - JUNE 11, 2019

9 AM Mass

followed by prayer to the Saint



We celebrate the 13 Tuesdays, a Novena in honor of  
St. Anthony of Padua, the Miracle Worker.

A Novena is a specific time set aside on a regular basis  
to focus in prayer on specific intentions. Saint Anthony is  
our "partner" in prayer and a channel for God's wonders  
to bring about change and healing. Please come,  
one and all, and bring your needs to God's care.



**Our sick:** Blake Doss, Marcia Styrnec, Robert Arnoto, Regina Graygo, Julia Skalada, Robert Skalada, Tom Kolat, Wendy Pakalnis, Jeannette Rusu, Diane Javorsky, Michael Lombard, Linda Agnew, Heather Hanlon, Carmella Bokros, Hannah Tringhese, Tom Wasko, Dominic Lippillo Jr., Kathy Tomko, Pat Costello, Ulisse Sevi, Eleanor Sandy, Guy Savastano, Anna Leenheer, Loretta Cioci, James Marco, Barb, Tony & Family, Diane Javorsky, Elaine Klacik, Helen Runyon, Alfred Guerrieri, Irene Parker, Betty Campbell.

**Our sick and homebound:** Gloria Russo, Joe Guidos, Christine Peluso Kinsley & Rose Maizel.

**For those in nursing homes:** Dorothy Petro, Patricia Watt, Audrey Slanina, Mary Brenner, Theresa Pitlik, Andy Sandusky, Connie LaRicca, Mary Ann Komara, Marie Anos.

**The Chapel Crochet & Knitting Group** of Christ Our Savior Parish meets the **1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 7:30 PM** in the **St. Nicholas Lower Church**. All skill levels are welcome. Contact Virginia Bartos at 330-406-0364 for more information.

#### CHRIST OUR SAVIOR PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Parish Council - Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> - 7 PM - Parish Office Conference Room

Finance Council - Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> - 7 PM - Holy Trinity

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Christ Our Savior Council #4471, 3rd Degree meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month in the Holy Name Room in the Great Hall at **7PM**. All members are encouraged to attend.

The **CENTERING PRAYER GROUP** meets on the **2nd & 4th Tuesdays** of the month from **6 - 7 PM** in the St. Nicholas Lower Church. All are welcome.

**HOLY TRINITY PIROHY:** Pirohy can be ordered by phone @ 330-755-0064 from **10 AM - 12 PM on THURSDAYS** and **8 AM - 10 AM on FRIDAYS**. Containers are provided. Pick up is FRIDAY from 11 AM - 1 PM. Cost: \$6.00 per dozen.

Thank you to last week's pirohy workers: Bert Pavlicko, Terrill Blake, Phil Mazzocco, Bill & Dolores Ulicny, Diane Medvec, Janet Will, Ed & Bev Yurcisin, Al Pavlicko Jr, Jim Kavaky, Dorothy Wagner, Richard Wagner, Linda Zairis, Ann Bobby, Rosemarie Yuhas, Ruth Geister, Ann Zajac, Kathy Ramun, Karen Granchie, Ken Wagner, Pauline Chrapcynski, Paulette Marks, Ann Vass, Mary Sass, John & Kathy Zackasee, Tom & Carrie Ramos, Virginia Bartos, Judy Kovalan, Barb Iberis, Doris Almasy, Carol Grimm, Joan Hamrock, Chris Granchie.

**\*PIROHY HELP NEEDED:** Desperately seeking Cabbage Fryer on Tuesday mornings from 7am - 9am. Please call the parish office or Dorothy Wagner at 330-755-6511 if interested in helping. Help can also be used on Thursdays and Fridays especially during the Lenten season. If you can give a couple hours of your time and talents, just come on over. Thursday pinchers start at 9am and Friday pinchers start at 8am. Novices are happily welcome.

#### 2019 Annual Bishop's Appeal

As of March 21<sup>st</sup> our parish has achieved 33% towards our goal of 100% participation. The suggested pledge goal for our parish is \$61,264.00. Our current pledges total \$20,747.00 with 211 of our 1309 families participating. While the financial need is \$4.2 million, our parish goal of **100% participation** is a goal we are working hard to attain. There are many ways in which you can participate. Please **PRAY** for the success of the Annual Bishop's Appeal. Your prayers are meaningful and critical to our success as a Church family. **DONATE** to the Appeal. Use the response card you received in the mail OR use an envelope found in your pew to respond. Please submit a response card even if you are unable to make a gift of any dollar amount. Your response will count towards our parish participation goal. **VOLUNTEER** your time and talents to any of the ministries of the Church. We ask every family to prayerfully participate in the Annual Appeal. We also encourage you to speak with friends and family members who are not active in the parish at this time. Thank you in advance for your reflection and generous response.

**COMMUNITY MEAL:** The April community meal will be held on Tuesday, April 23 from 5 - 6 PM in the Great Hall.

A **Prayer Chain** is being established at Christ Our Savior Parish to pray for those who leave their intentions in the prayer boxes at Holy Trinity Church or St. Nicholas. This will be a chance for everyone to become involved in parish life and to offer our prayers for fellow parishioners in need. It is also a chance to participate in the Bishop's Appeal by volunteering your time to pray for others. For more information please contact Paul Brenner at [pcbrenner@gmail.com](mailto:pcbrenner@gmail.com) or phone 330-707-4986 or Jackie Blake at [41American@gmail.com](mailto:41American@gmail.com) or phone 330-743-7923.

**STUFFED CABBAGE DINNER:** Help is needed **Saturday, April 6** to roll the stuffed cabbage. Volunteers are asked to meet at 9:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity.

The **Quo Vadis AA Meetings** are held at 8 p.m. Fridays in the St. Nicholas Lower Church Hall. This meeting is open to all seeking recovery from alcohol addiction.

The **CHRIST OUR SAVIOR FOOD PANTRY** at **HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**, sponsored by our Parish St. Vincent de Paul Society, is **open from 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM on**



**MONDAYS** for anyone in need of assistance. To maintain this ministry we need to keep the shelves at the pantry full of non-perishable food items. Please use the donation boxes, located in both Churches, as you are able to so we can continue to help those less fortunate in our community. Donations can also be dropped off at the Parish Office. **Suggested Donations for March:** Peanut Butter, Jelly, Fruit, Macaroni & Cheese, Tuna & Cereal. \*The Food Pantry also accepts donations for babies and mothers in need. **Suggested Donations:** Formula, Baby Food, Diapers, Baby Wipes.

**\*FOOD PANTRY HELP NEEDED:** volunteers are needed to help at our food pantry at Holy Trinity on Mondays from 9:30 - 12:00. We are also looking for a volunteer to drive the van to Second Harvest once a month (Tuesday or Wednesday) to pick up our parish order. Please call Joann 330-707-4986 if you are interested in helping or for more information.



## ST. NICHOLAS SCHOOL



### **Celebrating 90 years of Catholic Education** **1928-2018**

#### **St. Nicholas School will open registration for the 2019-2020 school year on Friday, February 1st.**

Students living in Youngstown City School District, Campbell City School District and students from Austintown (Intermediate school grades 3-5) are eligible to apply for the EdChoice Scholarship. EdChoice Expansion scholarships available to students entering grades Kindergarten through 6th grade, are income based and eligible for students from any school district.. Call the school for information to complete the registration process 330-755-2128.

**School Mass Wednesday, April 3rd 9:00a.m.** Please join us.

**Grades 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> enjoyed the Hockey Game at the Covelli Centre** on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Thank you Mom's & Dad's Club!

#### **The Mom's & Dad's Club Fish Fry Dinners are served every Friday through April 12<sup>th</sup>.**

Join us for a delicious fish dinner. Dinner includes fish (Fried or Baked), Choice of 2 sides: Mac & Cheese, French Fries or Haluski, Coleslaw, Dinner Roll, Dessert and Drink. Take out available. Adult dinner \$10; Children 6-12 \$6; 5 and under Free.

**Cash For Cans** – This is for aluminum beverage cans. No plastic, glass, newspapers, etc. (Cans can not be crushed). The next pick up for the cans will be Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Please mark Saint Nicholas School on the bags of cans. Thank you to all who support the Cash for Cans program.

**Saint Nicholas School Mission Statement:** *Saint Nicholas School is a Catholic elementary school, founded in 1928 and serving families with students in grades kindergarten through eight. The school exists to provide an academically excellent Catholic education and promote high standards in behavior and respect. Saint Nicholas School serves the church and Struthers communities as well as the Mahoning Valley bonded together as a family in faith. We are deeply committed to nurturing our students through the teaching of the scriptures and promoting and modeling of service in accordance to the Gospel values.*



#### **KIDNEY DONOR SOUGHT**

Elida Evans and her husband James Lewandowski are parishioners at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Boardman and are asking for your help. Elida is in renal failure and is desperately seeking a kidney donor. Please consider granting her this gift of life. You must be between the age of 18 to 69. Travel, testing, and transplant expenses covered as well as any lost wages. Please contact Jim Lewandowski at 330-727-1949 or lewandowski.jimm3@gmail.com for more information and links to the Cleveland Clinic and UPMC-Pittsburgh donor application on-line portals.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FACEBOOK:** ccd\_cos  
**PHONE:** 330-755-6245 ext. 114 & 104 • **EMAIL:**  
jamie.miller@youngstowndiocese.org

**ATTENTION:** We are accepting newer used Communion Dresses and Suits at the parish office.

**FIRST EUCHARIST:** 2nd Parent/ Child meeting for First Eucharist will be held on **April 3rd at 6:00 pm** in the Lower Church.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** We are offering our Children's Church sessions at the Sunday 10:45 am Mass for Children from age 3 to Grade 2. Parent leaders will present the Gospel reading to the children at their understanding level. We are always happy to accept parent volunteers. (Child Protection classes and fingerprinting will be required to ensure the safety of our children) Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** If a Catholic student has made their First Communion, they are eligible to be an altar server after they have received the proper training. Be sure to get an application from your teacher at St. Nicholas School or CCD, or stop in at the parish office for an application. High School and college students are also welcome to be servers.

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** Volunteers are needed for Youth Ministry. Please call or email Jamie Miller at the Religious Education office if you are interested in helping.

### **DIVINE LOVE YOUNG ADULT RETREAT**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 9:00AM-6:00PM**

**ST. ANGELA MERICI PARISH, YOUNGSTOWN**

For young adults in their 20's and 30's- single, engaged, married, seminarians, discerning- come join us for a day of prayer and fellowship focused on God's great love for us and how we respond to it with our lives. The speaker is Msgr. David Rhodes, pastor emeritus of St. Christine. Advanced \$25 registration is required. Contact Diana at: 330-747-6080 or diana@stangelayoungstown.org Feel free to invite friends and family!

### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES REGIONAL AGENCY HOSTS MEN WHO COOK**



Catholic Charities Regional Agency will hold its 14th Annual Men Who Cook event on **Saturday April 13, 2019** at the **Maronite Center** in Youngstown at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$40 each. This year's theme is "Beach Boys Bash." Major sponsors to date include The DeBartolo Corporation, The Medical Staff at Mercy Health, Drs. James and Cynthia Kravec & Family, the Mercy Health Foundation, the Mahoning County Mental Health & Recovery Board, and Dr. Melissa Padgett. This is sure to be an evening full of great food, music and winners both at the event and within our community. All proceeds from Men Who Cook benefit the Basic Needs/ Emergency Assistance Program, which combines material and financial assistance with advocacy efforts to people in need. The Agency continues to accept basket donations, sponsors and business program ads. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 330-744-3320.



**25th, 40th, 50th and over  
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

The Diocese of Youngstown will sponsor a Wedding Anniversary Celebration on **Sunday, June 2, 2:00 p.m. at St. Columba Cathedral** in Youngstown, honoring couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and over wedding anniversaries in 2019.

The Wedding Anniversary Celebration will include Mass with Bishop George V. Murry, S.J., renewal of marriage vows and a personalized certificate for each couple. Following the Mass, there will be a reception for the couples and their families in the Cathedral Hall. You must make reservation in advance for this event by contacting the Christ Our Savior Parish Office by April 29.



***Our Lady of the  
Alleghenies  
Amtrak Adventure***

*Presented by: Christ Our Savior Altar & Rosary Society  
Thursday, April 25, 2019...\$99*

*~featuring~*

*Horseshoe Curve ~ Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel  
Mount Assisi Sunken Gardens ~ Marian Shrines*

Depart St. Nicholas Church at 5:30 a.m. by motorcoach to Greensburg where you board Amtrak's "Pennsylvanian" for an exciting and scenic train ride to Altoona. Travel into the heart of the Alleghenies and around Horseshoe Curve, an engineering masterpiece completed in 1854 which revolutionized rail travel. Enjoy spectacular views that can only be seen by train. Travel aboard Amtrak's spacious passenger cars equipped with comfortable reclining coach seats. Upon arrival in Altoona, re-board our motorcoach and travel to the peaceful town of Loretto. In 1799 Father Demetrius Gallitzin arrived in Loretto and established St. Michael's Church, the only Catholic church at the time between Lancaster, PA and St. Louis, MO. As an expression of his great love for Our Lady, Father Gallitzin named his village in her honor and it was his life's dream that Loretto would someday become a center of devotion and pilgrimage to the Mother of God. Celebrate Mass in what is now the lovely Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel. Visit Prince Gallitzin's Chapel House which was the residence and private chapel of Father Gallitzin. Enjoy a bountiful lunch at Saint Francis University, the oldest Franciscan college in the United States and one of the first Catholic colleges established in this country. This afternoon stroll through the beautiful Mount Assisi Sunken Gardens located on the grounds of the former summer estate of Bethlehem Steel magnate, Charles Schwab. The lovely grounds features shrines to Our Lady of Fatima and Our Lady of Loretto as well as exquisite gardens. Arrive back at the church at approximately 6:30 p.m.

*Payment of \$99 is due to secure your reservation – space is limited!*

*Make checks payable to Christ Our Savior Altar & Rosary and send to: Priscilla Carlucci, 169 Harvey Street, Struthers, OH 44471 Phone: 330-755-9966*



***DAY OF REFLECTION for MEN 50+***

**YOUR CHECK BOOK IS IN BALANCE,  
WHAT ABOUT YOUR LIFE?**

(Embracing the challenges and limitations of aging:  
Spiritually and Legally)

- Spiritual reflections on prayer, loneliness and illness by **REV. MARTIN CELUCH**, Pastor
- Legal ramification of aging: wills, living wills, deeds, durable power of attorney for health care and general power of attorneys presented by **Attorney RAY DELOST**.

For: Men of the parish age 50+  
Date: Saturday, April 6, 2019  
Time: Noon (12 PM) - 4 PM (lunch is included)  
Location: Saint Nicholas Great Hall  
Cost: FREE

Day of Reflection for MEN 50+  
**RSVP by APRIL 1, 2019**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to the parish office,  
drop in the collection basket or  
RSVP by phone at 330-755-9819.

**"ANCHORED IN CHRIST"  
Cursillo Day of Reflection  
Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM  
St Charles Borromeo Church**

7345 Westview Drive, Boardman, OH

Cost is \$20 and includes continental Breakfast and lunch

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO EVERYONE

For more information and registration please contact Janet @  
330-565-1911 or email thomandjan@sbcglobal.net"

**CHRIST OUR SAVIOR PARISH  
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**

**STUFFED CABBAGE DINNER**

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH HALL

250 N. BRIDGE ST., STRUTHERS, OH



**SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019  
12 NOON - 4:00 PM**

ADULTS: \$10.00

CHILDREN (under 12): \$5.00

Dinner includes cabbage rolls, mashed potatoes,  
green beans, salad, roll, dessert & drink.

Take out is available.

**PARTY! WINE & DINE  
YSU NEWMAN CENTER SPRING FUNDRAISER  
THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2019**

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Social Hall  
343 Via Mt. Carmel, Youngstown  
6:30 - 9:00 pm

\$60 per person includes Dinner by Fusillo's Catering  
Wine Bar & Homemade Desserts  
Music by the Boardman Jazz Sextet  
Gift Basket Raffle and More!

To purchase tickets visit [www.ysunewmancsa.org](http://www.ysunewmancsa.org) or call 330-747-9202. Table of 8/\$450 Advertise Your Business! Program  
Ads Available. Benefits Outreach & Programming  
JOIN US FOR A FUN EVENING!

**Lenten Fish Fry**



St. Nicholas Great Hall  
766 Fifth Street  
Struthers, OH 44471

Sponsored By:

St. Nicholas School Moms' and Dads' Club

**EACH FRIDAY THROUGH LENT  
EXCLUDING GOOD FRIDAY**

**APRIL 5, APRIL 12**

**4 - 7 PM**

Adult Dinner: \$10

Children 6 - 12: \$6

5 and Under: Free

**Dinner Includes:** Fried or Baked Haddock,  
Choice of 2 Sides (Macaroni & Cheese,  
French Fries, or Homemade Haluski),  
Coleslaw, Dinner Roll, Dessert and Drink

Takeout Available



The Holy Name Society  
of Christ Our Savior Parish Presents

**Sausage Sandwich**

**w/ Peppers & Onions**

**Potato Salad & Chips**

**\$5.00**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019**

**4PM - 6PM**

(Or until sold out)

**COS GREAT HALL ENTRANCE  
DRIVE THRU ONLY**

# Partners in FAITH™



Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

April 2019

Christ Our Savior Parish



## Thoughtful Moments

### St. Isidore of Seville

St. Isidore was educated by his older brother, St. Leander, the future Bishop of Seville. Isidore found his studies so challenging, he ran away from home! Yet, he went on to become the last of the ancient Christian philosophers, writing treatises on various topics. As bishop, he converted the invading Visigoths and reunified Spain by improving its education system. He also led two Church councils. At his death, he donated all his possessions to the poor.



### Gossip

Teach children the harmful nature of gossip. Gossip is making mean comments about others, spreading stories you're not sure are true, or repeating information you have been asked to keep private. No one has a right to know someone else's business. If in doubt, don't let it out.

*"For this very reason make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge ..."*  
(2 Peter 1:5).



## Spread Easter joy throughout the year

Catholics don't just celebrate Easter once a year. Every Sunday we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection. Try these ideas for spreading Easter joy throughout the year.

**Something new.** It is a time-honored tradition to have something new to wear to church on Easter Sunday - a hat, dress, slacks, or shirt. The new clothing represents the new life Jesus won for us that first Easter. Whatever special clothing you each wear this Easter Sunday, consider saving it to wear only for Mass throughout the year.

**Bring Jesus on the road.** Jesus revealed himself to his disciples on the

road to Emmaus after his Resurrection. Take Jesus on the road and perform an act of kindness every Sunday. Visit

a lonely relative, perform someone else's chore, take a meal to someone hungry for food or attention.

That's how we reveal Jesus to others.

**Among the living.** In Luke 24, the angels asked the women why they searched for the living Jesus among the dead.

Plant an indoor Easter garden that you can tend all year. Note new leaves, blossoms, or shoots when they appear, and remember that Easter brings us new life.

**Celebrate Easter every week.** The Mass is where we can meet Jesus and receive the new life he wants to give us. Don't miss a chance to celebrate Easter every week.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do some Catholics bow or genuflect before receiving Communion?

It used to be that people received Communion kneeling before the altar. Today, in the United States, people generally receive Communion standing, but if they do so, some sign of reverence is strongly recommended (*General*



*Instruction of the Roman Missal*, #160). Some people still choose to genuflect out of reverence and gratitude for the gift they are about to receive: the Body and Blood of Christ, hidden under the appearances of bread and wine (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1380).



## Getting away with sin doesn't work for long

Have you ever known someone who always seems to get away with breaking rules? That can make sin look attractive. Yet, as followers of Jesus, we know that getting away with sin on Earth isn't desirable. Teach children the importance of virtue for the sake of goodness by telling the story of Susanna.

In the book of Daniel, poor Susanna had a dilemma. Two older respected men of her community cornered her while she was bathing and demanded that she sin with them. They were



in private, and no one need ever know. If she didn't, they promised to falsely accuse her of crimes for which she would die.

As much as she feared the men, Susanna feared God even more. *"If I yield, it will be my death; if I refuse, I cannot escape your power. Yet it is better for me to fall into your power without guilt than to sin before the Lord"* (Daniel 22:23). In the end, God sent Daniel to save her.

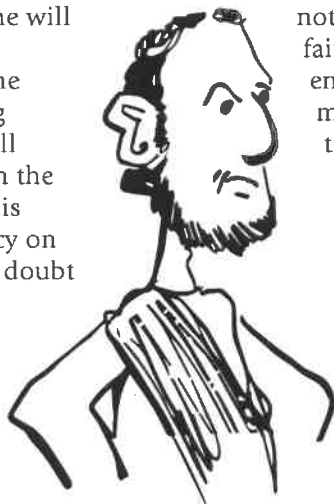
Those who follow God always get rewarded in the end.

### Scripture LESSON

#### From Scripture: John 20:19-31, Doubting Thomas.

Poor Thomas! A faithful friend and an energetic evangelist, he will always be known as "the Doubter." Even though he witnessed Jesus' amazing miracles firsthand, he still needed help to believe in the Resurrection. Knowing his difficulty, Jesus had mercy on St. Thomas' very human doubt and appeared to him. He invited him to do whatever was needed to become convinced.

St. Thomas doubted, but accepted the Truth when it found him. From his story, we learn



that doubts and questions are not necessarily enemies to faith. A "healthy" doubt encourages us to learn more about our faith, not to walk away from it.

*What can a parent do?* Tell children that God isn't upset by our questions or doubts, especially the doubt that says, "I'm struggling, please help me." When we struggle with our faith, it's a chance to draw closer to God and go deeper into the Faith.

### Parent TALK

My oldest daughter recently celebrated her birthday. Her only request was to be able to take her friends bowling. But – unbelievable as it may seem for a ten-year-old – she didn't want presents. On the



bottom of the invitations, she wrote "Your presence will be my present. Instead, please bring food for the Knights of Columbus soup kitchen," where we volunteer each month.

Ten girls spent the afternoon giggling, bowling, and enthusiastically eating birthday cupcakes. When it came time to go, we found that there were so many cans of food, we could barely pack them all into my car. When Emma opened her birthday cards, several of them held checks. In all, her friends donated close to \$400 in Emma's honor.

I don't know which pleased me more, Emma's generosity in thinking of the poor on her birthday, or the wonderful and generous girls she has chosen as friends.

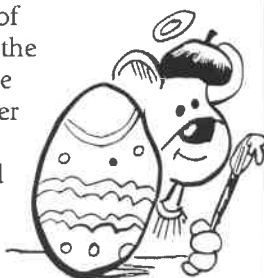
### Feasts & Celebrations

**April 2 – St. Francis of Paola (1507):** St. Francis founded the Minim Friars who lived an ascetic life. Known as a miracle-worker, he also had the gift of prophecy. Upon request, he visited the dying King Louis XI of France. He gave the king much needed comfort, so Louis' son, Charles, built St. Francis a monastery at Plessis, where he lived until his death.

**April 23 – St. Adalbert of Prague (997):** St. Adalbert was made bishop of Prague, but his conversion efforts made him enemies and he was forced to leave

for Rome. He was later invited by the Duke of Poland to evangelize Pomerania and Hungary, and was martyred.

**April 28 – Divine Mercy Sunday.** In 1931, Jesus appeared to St. Faustina and asked that the Sunday after Easter become the "Feast of Mercy." Jesus promised that anyone who honors him as the King of Mercy and prays the Chaplet of Divine Mercy – the prayer he gave St. Faustina – would receive special graces and great mercy.



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