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### SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES

#### WEEKEND PARISH MASSES

Saturday 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday Morning 10:00 a.m.  
Polish Mass 12:00 p.m.  
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.

#### WEEKDAY MORNING MASS

Monday-Saturday 9:00 a.m.

#### DIVINE MERCY, EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSION

Monday-Friday 3:00 p.m.

#### WEEKDAY AFTERNOON MASS

Monday-Friday 4:00 p.m.

#### CONFESSIONS

Half hour before each weekend Mass  
or by appointment





## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, March 19th –

##### St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 9:00 a.m. Conversion of Sinners  
4:30 p.m. †Anthony Petrella (Patricia Brown)

#### Sunday, March 20th

- 10:00 a.m. †Dorothy Handy (Family Friend)  
12:00 p.m. †Jaceka Malczewski (Mirka)  
6:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

#### Monday, March 21st

- 9:00 a.m. †Olimpia Dirienzo (Family)  
4:00 p.m. Conversion of Sinners

#### Tuesday, March 22nd

- 9:00 a.m. †Mary Monaco (Dee Dee Monaco)  
4:00 p.m. Victims of Abortions

#### Wednesday, March 23rd

- 9:00 a.m. L. Larry & Fred Widmann  
(Bernard Losekamp)  
4:00 p.m. Conversion of Sinners

#### Thursday, March 24th

- 9:00 a.m. Victims of Abortions  
4:00 p.m. Conversion of Sinners

#### Friday, March 25th – The Annunciation of the Lord

- 9:00 a.m. †Maria & John Iacovetta (Guido Ciotola)  
4:00 p.m. Victims of Abortions  
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

### For the Weekend of March 26th & 27th

#### Saturday, March 26th

- 9:00 a.m. Conversion of Sinners  
4:30 p.m. Our Parish Family

#### Sunday, March 27th

- 10:00 a.m. †Mary Cavendish (Roehrenbeck)  
12:00 p.m. †Thomas Wasowicz (Anna Bratasz)  
6:00 p.m. †Frank & Mary Monaco  
(Dee Dee Monaco)

### Prayer Requests

Maryann Hogan, Anna Reed, Sophia Basil, Elaine DiSalvo, Sheila Pendergast, Al Kramer, Jim Hornback, Dominic & Flora Valentino, Evan Messman, Ed and Linda Zoretic, Ann DeCapua-Drayer, Jane Shoaf, Norma Eviston, Mary Olvera, Tony Petrella, George Maher, Bill Maher, William J. Rees, Danny and Miriam Casey, Amy Holoway, Steve Haninger, Jan Keresztes, Theresa Piatt, Joan Girardi, Crystal Goddard, Brandon Terrell, Dannie Terrell, Jr., Regina Messman, Bill Riesenberger, Clark Burrell, Mary Holloran, Patty Cass, Mary DeCapua, Mark Losekamp

### Parish Activities for the Week

#### Sunday, March 20th

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| 10:00 a.m. Church           | First Scrutiny: RCIA            |
| 11:00 a.m. Church           | Connor Kolan Baptism            |
| 11:00 a.m. Cafeteria        | Family Faith Formation          |
| 11:00 a.m. St. Joseph's     | Catechesis of the Good Shepherd |
| 4:00-6:00 p.m. St. Albert's | Youth Group                     |
| 7:00-10:00 p.m. Cafeteria   | YoPro Night                     |

#### Monday, March 21st

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| 7:00-9:00 p.m. Cafeteria | AA Meeting |
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#### Tuesday, March 22nd

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| 6:30 p.m. St. Albert's | RCIA |
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#### Wednesday, March 23rd

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| 6:00 p.m. St. Albert's | Finance Meeting |
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#### Thursday, March 24th

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| 7:00-9:00 p.m. Cafeteria | Young Professionals Event |
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#### Friday, March 25th – The Annunciation of the Lord

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| 5:00-7:00 p.m. Cafeteria | Lenten Pasta Dinner   |
| 7:00 p.m. Church         | Stations of the Cross |

**Saturday, March 19th & Sunday, March 20th –  
Holy Land Carvings after each Mass.**

### Weekly Mass Counts

4:30 p.m.	Saturday	131 parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Sunday	174 parishioners
12:00 p.m.	Polish	47 parishioners
6:00 p.m.	Sunday	215 parishioners



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## Sermon on the Amount Offertory for March 13th

Total Envelope Count	54
Total Envelope \$ Amt	\$ 2,167.00
Loose Checks #	60
Total Loose Checks Amt	\$ 373.00
Total Loose Cash \$ Amt	\$ 1,004.00
<b>Total Collection \$ Amount</b>	<b>\$ 3,544.00</b>
<b>Ukraine Crisis</b>	<b>\$ 3,256.00</b>
<b>Proclamation Day</b>	<b>\$ 461.00</b>

### March: The Month of St. Joseph

"I wish I could persuade everyone to be devoted to the glorious St. Joseph, for I have great experience of the blessings which he can obtain from God. I do not remember that I have ever asked anything of him which he has failed to grant. I am astonished at the great favors which God has bestowed on me through this blessed saint, and at the perils from which he has delivered me, both in body and in soul."



— St. Teresa of Avila

Feast Day: March 19th

### SEASONS OF HOPE BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Are you suffering the loss of a loved one? Are you looking for friends to share in your grief and healing? Please join us as we continue our IN-PERSON sessions of Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry, sponsored by the North High Deanery.

The six sessions will take place at Immaculate Conception Church, located at 414 E. North Broadway, Columbus 43214, and will meet from 2:00-4:00 p.m. The dates for this six-week session will be March 20, 27, April, 3, 10, 24, and May 1. We will NOT meet on Easter Sunday, April 17. Any appropriate COVID protocols will be followed during this time.

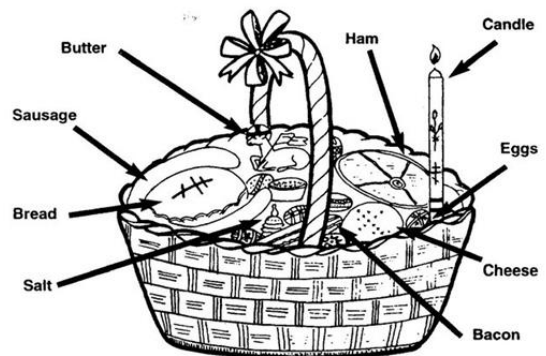
To register, please call Karen Droll at 614-582-8848, or email Karen at [ksdroll@gmail.com](mailto:ksdroll@gmail.com). Registrations will be taken through Sunday, March 27. All are welcome!!

### Blessing of the Baskets: Saturday, April 16th at 12:00 p.m. (English) and 4pm (Polish)

The tradition goes back to Europe in the Middle Ages and has its roots even earlier, when Christians began to fast leading up to Christ's Passion. As the Church evolved, the people began to celebrate the end of the rigors of fasting by eating a special meal on Easter Sunday that included many of the foods avoided during Lent. Beginning around the 15th century, parishioners began asking their pastor to bless this Easter food, often brought to the church in a basket. Fast forward. For most, a special **basket** has been chosen, often lined with **fine linen**, then filled with certain foods. They may include the following: **Eggs**: symbols of eternal life, of new life, of Christ's Resurrection. **Butter**: God's goodness, often molded into the form of a paschal lamb; the Lamb of God. **Bread**: the bread of life, often a round loaf symbolizing eternal life. **Horseradish & Pepper**: like the bitter herbs offered to Christ on Calvary. **Links of sausage or kielbasa**: indicating that Christ broke the chains of death. **Ham or bacon**: representing God's abundance. **Lamb**: the meat eaten as Passover. **Salt**: hospitality and prosperity. A **candle** may be added, indicating Christ as the light of the world, and two nails tied in the shape of a Cross. The food is covered with linen reminiscent of that which was placed over Christ's body (the linen cloth that covered His head). The food is brought to the church on Holy Saturday, and placed before the priest for His blessing, He being the conduit of the Source of all blessing. The blessing reminds the faithful that the sadness of Holy Saturday (before the Vigil) will soon give way to the joy of Easter Sunday, the joy that Jesus Christ is alive and has broken the chains of death forever!

~ Fr. John

Cited: <https://stjudeparish.net/parish/1256-easter-basket-blessing>



### Register Today for the Rescue Project LIVE experience with Fr. John Riccardo on June 18 & 19:



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