

# ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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## LITURGY SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY 5:00 p.m.**

**SUNDAY 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.  
8:30 and 10:30 a.m. (Summer)**

**WEEKDAY 8:00 a.m. Tues.-Thur.**

**HOLY DAYS & SPECIAL LITURGIES**  
*(please refer to bulletin)*

**RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)**  
*Saturdays 4:00-4:30 p.m.*

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
*First Friday each month  
7:00-9:00 p.m.*

**HOLY ROSARY**  
*Saturdays 4:15 p.m.*



MARCH 31, 2019

*Fourth Sunday  
of Lent*



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## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today, "Laetare Sunday," breaks the somberness of Lent for a little rejoicing, and the readings all summon us to an awareness of reconciliation. One of the best-loved stories of our tradition is today's Gospel story of the runaway son and the prodigal father. Prodigal, of course, is an adjective meaning "spendthrift or extravagant to a degree bordering on recklessness," and although the boy maxes out the credit cards, it is really the father who is prodigal with forgiveness.

Part of the excitement of this Laetare Sunday is rooted in the ancient catechumenate. Long ago, midway through Lent, the "elect" were focusing more and more on the gift of reconciliation accomplished for them by Christ and about to be realized in the Easter sacraments they were preparing to celebrate. In some places, the elect were even bedecked with roses on this day. A person bedecked with roses sticks out in a crowd; a person formed by the Eucharist and committed to living a life of reconciliation does, too. That's you!

—Rev. James Field, © J. S. Paluch Co.

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sun. 8:30 a.m. Mass ..... *Smith Family*  
 11:15 a.m. Mass ..... *Margaret Bruckner*  
 6:00 p.m. Mass ..... *For Those Who Cannot See*

Mon. No Liturgy

Tues. 8:00 a.m. Mass ..... *For the Sanctity of Life*

Wed. 8:00 a.m. Mass ..... *People of St. Joseph*

Thur. 8:00 a.m. Mass ..... *For Students*

Fri. 3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Sat. 4:00-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

4:15 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Mass ..... *Rudy Wojtecki*

Sun. 8:30 a.m. Mass ..... *Sadon Family*

11:15 a.m. Mass ..... *Norbert Leinen*

6:00 p.m. Mass ..... *For Those Who Lack Trust in God*

## SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of *Linda Fahl*, stepmother of Theresa Gross, who recently passed away. May this family find comfort and healing knowing that Linda is now with God.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tues: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wed: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;  
 Jn 5:17-30

Thur: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Fri: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;  
 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Sat: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

**To Prepare For Next Weekend's Mass . . .**

Sun: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

Alternate readings (Year A):

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;

Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

## LIVING AS CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT

After the man born blind was healed, he could have done any number of things. He could have used his newly-received sight for good or for ill, or he could have just said "thanks" and gone on his way. When we receive the light of Christ in baptism, as well as God's anointing Spirit, we join the community of faith that professes Jesus Christ as the Light from Light, true God from true God. We are part of the Body of Christ—the church—who glorify God and worship Christ, as does the man born blind today. But we are called upon to do more. Ephesians tells us that we, who were blind but now see, are called to live, day by day, as children of that light. We don't just say "thanks" for our baptism. Rather, our vocation is to live out that thanks by doing deeds of light, by spreading the gospel of the joy, justice, beauty, and peace we find in Jesus. This is one of the intentions of our Lenten disciplines, to help us leave behind the deeds of darkness and to live out the light of the Good News. © J. S. Paluch Co.

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

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 Josephine Rizzo  
 Marvin Litz  
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 Robert Anderson  
 Cindy Mason  
 Susan Gross  
 Joe Nolan  
 Lonn Saffko

Joan Kodash  
 Lily Peterson  
 Seth James  
 Ray Hosier  
 Tim Holka  
 Georgia Poe McIntyre  
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## LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE—4/6-7

|                    | 5:00 p.m.                 | 8:30 a.m.                                                                            | 11:15 a.m.                                                                                                           |
|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>SERVERS</b>     | S. Roosa                  | A. Turpin                                                                            | A. Long<br>R. Long                                                                                                   |
| <b>LECTORS</b>     | K. Cofojohn<br>T. Norden  | J. Sawyer<br>A. Turpin                                                               | M. Fratus<br>A. Powers                                                                                               |
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| <b>CLOW</b>        |                           |                                                                                      |                                                                                                                      |
| <b>MASS SET-UP</b> | Staff                     | R. Custer                                                                            |                                                                                                                      |
| <b>CLEANERS</b>    | K. Hogue, J. Kropp        |                                                                                      |                                                                                                                      |

## STEWARDSHIP WAY OF LIFE

SUNDAY COLLECTION (3/24): \$4,236.51  
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 WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED: \$6,125.00  
 OVER/UNDER: —\$ 793.74  
 # OF ENVELOPES & ONLINE: 143 (of 459)

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

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.



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When I let go of what I am,  
I become what I might be.

—Lao Tzu

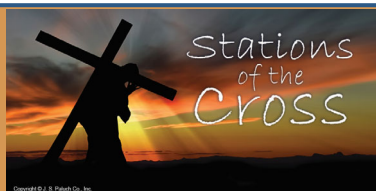
## Let Go & Grow

Lent is a season of spiritual gardening, of inviting God to unearth in us what lies fallow, what needs to be tended, and what needs to die for new life to emerge. This year, our lectionary offers us images and stories with themes of earthiness and grit.

The man born blind in today's gospel finds God in a different place, in encounters with others outside himself. Explaining his new eyes to neighbors, teachers, and parents helps him find words for who the man must be that gave him sight. He finds God in dialogue, in the space between us, where grace and amazement attend our efforts to bridge our separate selves and glimpse the mystery we each are.

Traditionally Lent is about fasting, eating less or maybe better. It's about recognizing what drives us—to eat, spend, drink, gamble, veg, work too much. Fasting can help us break patterns and free our spirits to build healthier, holier lives and use neglected gifts.

*When has blindness kept you in the dark, unable to see the works of God?  
How has bringing your sin or doubt to light freed you to experience God's incredible love?*



Stations of the Cross will be held Fridays of Lent at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. in church (Eucharistic Adoration included on April 5). All are welcome to come pray and reflect on our Lord's passion and its meaning for Catholics.



### ALTAR FLOWERS NEEDED

Spring flowers are needed for the Altar of Repose on Holy Thursday, April 18. You are invited to bring spring flowers from your garden, potted plants, or purchased flowers in vases when you come to Mass on Holy Thursday evening. Please place them in the All-Purpose Room before Mass.

### PRAY THE ROSARY

Saturdays at 4:15 p.m.

or

Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m.  
(following morning Mass)

All are welcome to join  
us for this devotion.

*Pope John Paul II has called the Rosary his "favorite prayer," after the Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours.*



Have you ever gone to adoration? We invite you to join us the first Friday of each month, 7:00-9:00 p.m. The evening may include

silent prayer, praise, worship, adoration, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, group prayer, and music. All are welcome to take part in this act of worshiping God as He is present in the consecrated Eucharist. Here's a list of five ways to be successful in adoration:

#### 1. BE PATIENT

Adoration can be a bit of a work out... for your soul. So set yourself up for success. If it's been awhile, or your first time, 5 minutes of sitting with Jesus is a good goal. Slowly increase your time—you'll be amazed at how God increases your capacity to be with Him!

#### 2. BRING SCRIPTURE

As you read scripture ask yourself: How is this scripture speaking to my heart? What changes is God asking me to take? How will I go about making those changes?

#### 3. PRAY THE ROSARY

The rosary is a beautiful prayer, one that many saints have prayed. St. Louis de Montfort said "When the Holy Rosary is said well, it gives Jesus and Mary more glory and is more meritorious than any other prayer." What better way to give Jesus and Mary glory than to pray the rosary in front of the Blessed Sacrament?

#### 4. LISTEN TO PRAISE AND WORSHIP MUSIC

The music and the lyrics may help you quiet yourself and turn your thoughts to God.

#### 5. BE OKAY WITH SILENCE

It's so easy to go a whole day without silence. We are so accustomed to the business of the world, that being truly still, truly silent, can seem uncomfortable, foreign. But that discomfort is ok, good even. Allow yourself to sit in silence and to just be with Jesus.

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## (YEAR A)



### Sight to See

Lord God,  
with the ordinary ingredients  
of clay and water, you are able to restore  
the sight of the man born blind,  
so that he then believed  
and worshipped the Son of Man.  
We come to you in prayer,  
asking to be freed from what blocks  
our vision from seeing your  
presence in our daily life.  
Let us recognize your presence,  
especially in the simple elements  
of our earth, the bread and wine  
brought to the altar table,  
that becomes your Body and Blood.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Sunday, March 31, 2019

Eyes of Faith



*Today's Readings: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6–7, 10–13a; Psalm 23:1–2a, 3b–4, 5, 6; Ephesians 5:8–14; John 9:1–41.* In the First Reading, the Lord tells Samuel, “Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart.” If Samuel had relied on his eyes, he surely would have chosen one of Jesse’s seven sons to anoint. However, God chose the youngest, the least likely to be king.

In the Gospel, the blind man is the one who is able to see Jesus’ identity. The man who was thought to have sinned or come from sinners had his eyes opened to see Jesus. This man was a beggar and would have been considered the least

in that society, but that is not what Jesus saw when he decided to open the man’s eyes.

The man who was blind since birth not only received sight but a new relationship with Jesus. With this new relationship, the man testified to what Jesus had done in his life, telling the Pharisees, “One thing I do know is that I was blind but now I see.” Have you spent any time during this Lent praying that you will see the way that Jesus would like? How have your eyes been opened to the way God sees? Has this changed your relationship with God and others? During these last weeks of Lent, seek to be open to the way that God sees.



## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### Monday, April 1 God's Grace

The royal official trusts so much in the word Jesus speaks, that he returned home sure that his daughter would be well. Jesus gave him the opportunity to have faith without seeing. When we come to Jesus with our desires, we do not always get an immediate response to our requests. Often when our prayers are answered, they take us in a direction that we may not have anticipated. Pray today that you may trust where God's grace is leading you. *Today's Readings: Isaiah 65:17–21; Psalm 30:2, 4, 5–6, 11–13; John 4:43–54.*

### Tuesday, April 2 Healing the Isolation

The man who had been sick for thirty-eight years holds out hope that he will be cured, even though he has no one to help him. His hope is fulfilled when Jesus encounters the man at that place of healing. Have you ever been isolated because you needed help? Can you offer assistance or support to the aged or sick who live near you this Lent? Something as simple as bringing a smile, reading a story, or taking someone for a walk can help them feel less alone. *Today's Readings: Ezekiel 47:1–9, 12; Psalm 46:2–3, 5–6, 8–9; John 5:1–3, 5–16.*

### Wednesday, April 3 The Work of the Father

“My Father is at work until now, and I am at work as well.” When Jesus told the Pharisees this, they were only angered at what they considered blasphemy. God continues to work, even on the Sabbath. How are we called to be collaborators in the work of God? Reflect on how you can practice the spiritual and corporal works of mercy to continue the work of God. *Today's Readings: Isaiah 49:8–15; Psalm 145:8–9, 13–15, 17–18; John 5:17–30.*

### Thursday, April 4 The Word of God

Today's Gospel continues Jesus' response to those who are not open to hearing his words. Do you ever shut yourself off from the power of the Word of God? This week, be intentional about sitting quietly with his Word, allowing the Word of God to enter your heart. Pay attention to words or phrases that strike you. Write that word or phrase in your Lenten journal. How can you continue to think about that Scripture verse this week? *Today's Readings: Exodus 32:7–14; Psalm 106:19–20, 21–22, 23; John 5:31–47.*

### Friday, April 5 Prepare Your Heart

The crowd in Jerusalem cannot seem to agree. They either know everything about Jesus or they do not know anything about him. It is easy to limit ourselves by making an assumption or jumping to a conclusion. Sometimes, too, decisions are rationalized. Prepare your heart by participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation or by seeking a spiritual director who is available to pray with you, challenge you, and help you to see how God is calling you. *Today's Readings: Wisdom 2:1, 12–22; Psalm 34:17–18, 19–20, 21, 23; John 7:1–2, 10, 25–30.*

### Saturday, April 6 Open Your Heart

Have you ever been with a group in which each person holds a different opinion? As they attempt to speak and argue their point, confusion and frustration ensues. The Gospel today speaks about division, because the Jewish leaders were judging Jesus. We do not have to look very far to see division and conflict in our communities and even our parishes and families. Let us pray to have an open mind and heart to the thoughts of others. Let us not close ourselves to the presence of Christ in the heart of someone whose opinion differs from ours. *Today's Readings: Jeremiah 11:18–20; Psalm 7:2–3, 9–10, 11–12; John 7:40–53.*





## Tell your story

Sam, age 5

**Did you want to be here today?**

My mom made me turn off cartoons  
and put this sweater on

**Do you love your mom?**

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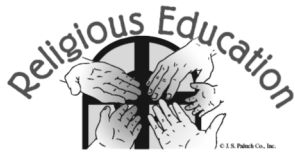
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world. You can learn more about the programs CRS supports on the bulletin board in the school hallway. Please support this important program. Read more about it on our parish website or at [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org). Please bring to church on Holy Thursday.

### LET GO AND GROW

Check out the parish website <https://www.stjosephmantua.com> or your PSR March calendar for schedules of special Lenten Activities. Our parish's Lenten activities will be based on theme of "Let Go and Grow". Look to our website and Facebook pages for special readings and prayers.

### CONFIRMATION

**Rehearsal:** There is a rehearsal for Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors TODAY, March 31, 9:45-10:45 a.m., in St. Joseph Church. We will be rehearsing the rite and reviewing the details of our visit to the Cathedral at this time. If you have any questions, contact Peg Haney at 330-274-2268 or at [phaney@stjosephmantua.com](mailto:phaney@stjosephmantua.com).



**Rite:** The 8th grade class will be confirmed as part of a Portage County Joint Confirmation on Saturday, April 6, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Columba Cathedral in Youngstown, Ohio. Candidates and their families should plan on being in the Cathedral by 9:30 a.m.

**Recognition Mass:** The Mass of Recognition for this year's Confirmation Class is here on Sunday, April 7, at 11:15 a.m.

### DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**DONATIONS:** We are in need of Easter items for our Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast & our annual Easter Egg Hunt. We're looking for Easter goodies like small and large stuffed Easter animals, pre-wrapped candy, Easter toys (stickers, erasers, etc.) that will fit into a plastic Easter egg, and any big Easter items that can be used in gift baskets. If you have any questions, please contact Peg Haney at 330-274-2268 or [phaney@stjosephmantua.com](mailto:phaney@stjosephmantua.com).

**VOLUNTEERS:** We need people to stuff eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt & on the day of the hunt, Saturday, April 20, to set-up, take-down, and to supervise the individual areas of the hunt. If you can lend a hand, please contact Peg Haney.

### 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CLASS THANKS YOU!

The 6th grade made \$200.00 on its bake sale last Sunday that will be donated to charities of the classes' choosing. Thanks to everyone who supported the sale.

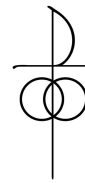
### LECTURES IN RELIGION SERIES

Hiram College cordially invites you to their Lecture in Religion series "Unrepentant: What America Needs To Learn About Repairing Harm" on Wednesday, April 3, 8:00 p.m. at Hayden Auditorium, Bates Hall. Join Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg as she dives deep into the Jewish model for interpersonal repair. Through the lecture, she will navigate the steps of an apology and its intended impact, as well as answer questions around forgiveness and reconciliation for those who have been hurt. Not only will Rabbi Ruttenberg look at the idea from a personal level, but also how our country and culture engage around sexual abuse in the wake of #MeToo, the criminal justice system, Native American rights, racism, and the legacy of enslavement. For additional information and questions about the event, please contact the College Chaplain, Reverend Chris McCreight at [McCreightCJ@hiram.edu](mailto:McCreightCJ@hiram.edu) or visit [www.hiram.edu/hiram-news](http://www.hiram.edu/hiram-news).

### Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph Church

Your monthly collection of food for Crestwood 4C's Food Cupboard is greatly appreciated. Without the steady support of donations such as yours, the Cupboard would not be able to function. Thank you so much. —The Board & Volunteers of Crestwood 4C's

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION ENGAGED COUPLE RETREAT DAY



The next diocesan-sponsored one-day marriage preparation retreat day for engaged couples will be held Saturday, April 6, at Regina Coeli Parish, Alliance. Reservations are required. To view the entire 2019 schedule, visit [www.doy.org](http://www.doy.org) and click on the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Life tab under "Ministries."

### HEART OF JESUS RETREAT IN NEWBURY

The Heart of Jesus ministry at St. Helen Catholic Church, 12060 Kinsman Rd., Newbury Twp, 44065, invites everyone to their next weekend retreat. Starting at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, April 6, the Heart of Jesus Retreat is a flow of talks and witnesses reflecting on the attributes and desires of Jesus' heart. There are table discussions after each session, as well as time for personal reflection. Reconciliation will be available Saturday evening. Sunday provides additional sessions and discussions. The retreat closes with the celebration of the Eucharist at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 7. This celebration allows participants to gather our prayers into one as they thank God for touching hearts in new and powerful ways during the weekend. For more info. or to register, visit <https://www.heartofjesus.net> or call 440-564-5805.

### MARKING A MILESTONE

For those of you that remember our mom, Vern Ryder, she is going to be 100 years old on April 12! She is in assisted living in North Carolina. If you would like to send her a card, please mail it to Mary Jo Ryder-Fox at 115 Mellen Rd., New Bern, NC 28562. We will take them to her party! Thanks!

—Steve Ryder, Ronnie Bognar & Mary Jo Ryder-Fox

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES REGIONAL AGENCY MEN WHO COOK

Catholic Charities Regional Agency announces its 14th annual Men Who Cook event, scheduled for Saturday, April 13, at the Maronite Center in Youngstown. This year's theme is "Beach Boys Bash." Great prizes and delicious food will be highlighted this year as always. CCRA is currently seeking sponsors, program advertisements, raffle items and prizes. Contact Wendy Rusback at 330-744-3320 for any questions, sponsorship information, to purchase tickets or to make a donation. Tickets also available at [www.ccregional.org](http://www.ccregional.org).

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## Schedule of Events

~ For the Week of Mar. 31-Apr. 7 ~

- Sun.** 9:30-11:00 a.m. .... RCIA (PC)  
9:40-11:00 a.m. .... PSR Classes (School Bldg.)  
At 11:15 a.m. Mass .... CLOW—Julie Engelhart (Rm. #1)  
12:30-2:00 p.m. .... Free Community Meal (Hall)
- Mon.** 10:00-11:30 a.m. .... Adult Bible Study (PC)  
6:00 p.m. .... Scout Arrow of Light Crossover Ceremony & Reception (Church/Hall)
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. .... Exercise Class (1/2 Hall)  
7:00-8:00 p.m. .... Cub Scout Den Mtgs. (Classrooms)  
7:30 p.m. .... Knights of Columbus Mtg. (K of C)
- Tues.** 8:30 a.m. .... Rosary Prayer Group (Church)  
6:30-8:30 p.m. .... Crestwood Band Boosters' Mtg. (Rm. #8)  
7:00 p.m. .... St. Joseph Cares Mtg. (PC)  
7:00-8:30 p.m. .... Scouts BSA Troops 575 & 7575 Mtgs. (Hall)
- Wed.** 4:30-6:30 p.m. .... Remembrance Band Rehearsal (Rm. #10)  
7:00 p.m. .... Men of St. Joseph Mtg. (Rm. #9)  
8:00 p.m. .... AA Mtg. (Hall)
- Thur.** 2:00-3:00 p.m. .... Hanging on to Hope Discussion Group (PC)  
5:00 p.m. .... Worship Environment Planning Mtg. (PC)  
6:00 p.m. .... Worship Committee Mtg. (PC)  
6:30-7:30 p.m. .... Exercise Class (1/2 Hall)  
7:00 p.m. .... Music/Choir Rehearsal (Church)  
8:00 p.m. .... Son Rise Singers (Church)
- Fri.** 3:00 p.m. .... Stations of the Cross (Church)  
7:00 p.m. .... Eucharistic Adoration & Stations (Church)
- Sat.** 10:00 a.m. .... Portage Deanery Confirmation (St. Columba)  
1:00 p.m. .... Wring/Rushnok Hall Rental (Hall)  
4:00-4:30 p.m. .... Reconciliation (Church)  
4:15 p.m. .... Rosary (Church)
- Sun.** 9:30-11:00 a.m. .... RCIA (PC)  
9:40-11:00 a.m. .... PSR Classes (School Bldg.)  
At 11:15 a.m. Mass .... CLOW—Debra Blake (Rm. #1)  
12:15 p.m. .... Reception for Confirmandi (Hall)  
1:00 p.m. .... Szoka Hall Rental (Hall)



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### PALM SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Don't miss the Annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast featuring "All You Can Eat" buttermilk pancakes, on Sunday, April 14, in Hughes Hall, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This delicious meal is served with a variety of toppings and/or fresh maple syrup, sausage, oj, coffee, tea, or milk. Great Family Prices: \$7.00 for Adults, \$5.00 for Seniors, \$4.00 for Children (6-12), Under 5 FREE. Plus, each child in attendance will be able to put their name in for a FREE drawing for two Easter baskets filled with goodies! Theme Basket Raffles will also be a part of the event (tickets are just \$1.00 or 6/\$5.00). The Sisterhood of St. Joseph Church will be sponsoring and proceeds benefit our Religious Education Program. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Peg Haney (330-274-2268 or [phaney@stjosephmantua.com](mailto:phaney@stjosephmantua.com)).



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### NEWS, EVENTS & RESOURCES

#### American Red Cross Blood Drives

St. Joseph Parish hosts Blood Drives on Mondays, 1:00-6:00 p.m., in Hughes Hall six times



throughout the year. Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages: accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. Visit this page to learn about upcoming drives, scheduling an appointment online, saving time with RapidPass, what to expect, and more. Our next Blood Drive is April 8th.



### EASTER FLOWER FUND INTENTIONS

To remember that special someone, contributions to our Easter Flower Fund may be made by using the special envelope included in your contribution envelope packet (or a plain envelope). Donations must be received by Monday, April 8, to be printed in the bulletin. Be sure to PRINT the names of those you wish memorialize and indicate whether your contribution is "in memory of" (deceased) or "in honor of" (living). Online givers should enter the names in the "Other Comments" section of their ParishSoft Giving donation page. These donations not only help provide our beautiful Easter environment but also assist with church environment expenses throughout the year.

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| 3/19 - No Winner (#714)   | 3/23 - No Winner (#637)   |
| 3/20 - No Winner (#448)   | 3/24 - No Winner (#748)   |
| 3/21 - Terry Kulka (#747) |                           |