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#### **Confessions:**

Mondays: 7:00 to 7:25 pm (St. Mary) Saturdays: 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm (St. Mary) Saturdays: 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm (Holy Trinity)

#### Sacraments

#### Baptism:

Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements **Anointing:** 

Please call to make arrangements with a priest

#### Marriage:

Couples who are registered members of the parish should contact the pastor at least 6 months in advance of the intended date.

#### **Office Hours**

All parishioners are welcome to call or visit us at either office.

<u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> For the next few weeks on Tues. and Thurs. the Holy Trinity parish front office will be closed when the St. Mary parish office is open. One person is going between both buildings.

Thank you for your patience.

#### **Avon Catholic Community Office Hours**

Mon - Fri..... 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Holy Trinity)
Tuesday......8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (St. Mary)
Thursday......12:30 to 4:30 p.m. (St. Mary)
\*Office closed daily from 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

#### **Bulletin Information**

Send all Bulletin inquiries to: bulletin@avoncc.org

The deadline for information is Monday at 12:00 pm





#### From the Desk of Father Hawk

Our faith calls us to acknowledge the goodness in others. Saint Paul wrote to the Thessalonians, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thes. 5:16 – 18)

In this season of Lent, I joyously reflect on God's gratefulness and acknowledge the kindness of others over the past several months. From being formally installed as pastor of St. Mary by Bishop Malesic in October, to reading all of the lovely Christmas cards sent, and most recently welcoming our space of the renovated rectory and unboxing housewarming gifts – I am truly in awe of the generosity of this community. Each of these moments has created a beautiful memory for me personally, and I want you to know I am thankful.

We are blessed to have parishioner support in many ways. The rectory and parish offices are filled with exciting activity. All of the fellowship opportunities leading into Lent flourished with parishioner engagement. I especially loved time spent at the Ministry Fair held at Tom's Country Place. If you volunteered as a ministry leader or attended the event as a participant, I sincerely appreciate you taking the time to join us. As I looked around the Ministry Fair I saw fruitful interactions, laughter from our youth and eyes opening to new possibilities. Coordinating the Ministry Fair took many meetings and planning months. What a great way to set us off into the season of Lent and visibly see God working in our lives.

How do we continue building as a community this Lent? By going on the journey together. In order to be fully immersed in Lent there are three pillars of practice: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Each week within the bulletin, on social media, through our school or PSR emails there are weekly opportunities outlined to activate prayer, fasting and almsgiving. I encourage you to engage in these offerings and open up to this season of repentance and reflection.

We are not called to only do one, but all three to prepare our hearts for Christ this Easter. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving help us to remember the merciful love and compassion that God shows all people. We do not make this journey alone. The whole Church prepares for the celebration together, along with those who are preparing to enter the Church at the Easter Vigil. Stations of the Cross, Lenten retreats or Bible Study, fellowship over soup or the St. Mary fish fry, know that gathering together is an act of love, sacrifice and prayer – which are a tangible witness of God's love to those around us.

As Father Deo and I celebrate one month living in the new rectory and flowing in and out of our parish spaces, I hope to see you at either Holy Trinity or St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception during one of our scheduled Lenten activities.

Sincerely in Christ,

# **Father Hawk**Father Vincent Hawk





MASS INTENTIONS		
	HOLY TRINITY	ST. MARY
Mon. March 10		
7:45 A.M.	Joe Travagilante (Hyla Family)	
7:30 P.M.		Joan Sutter (Frances & Clement Hren)
Tues. March 11		
7:45 A.M.	Don Darkow	
Wed. March 12		
7:45 A.M.	Parish All Souls	
8:30 A.M.		Parish All Souls
Thurs. March 13		
7:45 A.M.	Morning Prayer	
7:30 P.M.		Todd Wearesh (Family)
Fri. March 14		
7:45 A.M.	Parishioners	
8:30 A.M.		Parishioners
Sat. March 15		
8:30 A.M.		Parish All Souls
4:00 P.M.		Parishioners
5:00 P.M.	Joseph & Patricia Flynn (Marti Bavschka)	
Sun. March 16	Second Sunday of Lent	
7:30 A.M.	Living & Deceased mem- bers of the Flynn & McDonnell Families (John & Maggie)	
8:00 A.M.		Susan (Boone) Flanagan (Vicki Fisher)
9:00 A.M.	Living & Deceased fathers of Holy Trinity	
10:00 A.M.		Michael Wolard (Family)
10:30 A.M.	Margaret McGervy (Parishioners)	
Noon	Parishioners	Parish All Souls



#### **LENT THIS WEEK:**

Friday, March 14 @ 7 p.m.
Stations of the Cross at Holy Trinity
(Led by Religious Education)

Wednesday, March 19 5 - 8 p.m. at St. Mary & Holy Trinity Evening of Confession

(a diocesan-wide evening dedicated to reconciliation)

Holy Trinity welcomed in

BAPTISM



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# DISCIPLESHIP DIGEST with desi

Jesus willingly steps into the wilderness, fasting for 40 days, fully human in his hunger and struggle, yet remaining steadfast in his trust in the Father. His resistance to temptation: choosing dependence on God over worldly comfort, power, and security. Let this set the model for our own Lenten journey.

This Lent, as your family discerns what to offer up, I encourage you to make it a conversation, a prayer, and something intentional. Matt is deep into Exodus, probably already feeling the effects of cold showers and no sweets. Maria and Joey are being challenged to think about what their offering should be—maybe giving up screens or dessert (GASP!). And then there's Leo, who at three years old might just be called to give up exactly nothing because, let's face it, he is already living in a sacrificial state by virtue of being three. Or maybe his Lenten offering is simply letting me drink a cup of coffee in peace—now that would be a sacrifice.

But Lent isn't just about giving something up; it's about making room. What are we filling that space with? Spiritual reading sounds like a great focus—something that pulls you deeper into the Passion and keeps you centered when the inevitable mid-Lent slump hits. Maybe one extra Mass a week, time in adoration, and of course, Stations and confession. As I write this, I am still uncertain of what Jesus is asking of me this Lent; hopefully, he will reveal this soon.

At the end of the day, it's about asking: Where are we meeting Jesus in our wilderness? Whether it's through fasting, prayer, or just surviving a family trip to confession, this season is a reminder that He isn't asking for perfect offerings—just open hearts. May you know my prayers for all of you this Lent!

#### Desi

Desi Gould Director of Evangelization



#### **Avon Youth Ministry**

High School students: Next meeting is Sunday April 6 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in the gym at Holy Trinity. Dinner, prayer and games!

Middle School students (grades 6, 7, 8): Meets every Monday from 7 - 8:30 p.m. at St. Mary in the gym.

Contact csherman@avoncc.org for questions.



APRIL 10, 2025 DEPARTS @ 8 A.M.

#### TRIP INCLUDES:

- TOUR, MASS AND LUNCH AT ST. ANTHONY'S CHAPEL (LARGEST COLLECTION OF RELICS OUTSIDE OF THE VATICAN)
- TOUR OF ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL (A SACRED SITE FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR, PART OF PLENARY INDULGENCE)
- DUQUESNE INCLINE
- DINNER AT THE CHURCH BREW WORKS

Scan the QR code or call the parish office to register.





## **Lent 2025**



#### Friday, March 14

Stations of the Cross at Holy Trinity at 7 p.m. (led by the Director of Religious Education)

#### Wednesday, March 19

Evening of Confession, a diocesan-wide evening dedicated to healing and renewal. Holy Trinity and St. Mary will be open for confession from 5 - 8 p.m.

#### Friday, March 21

FISH FRY at St. Mary - See opposite page for details

Stations through the eyes of Mary at 7 p.m. located at St. Mary. (led by Women's Ministry)

#### Friday, March 21 - 23

Cluster parish Lenten retreat opportunity at the Jesuit Retreat Center (located in Parma).

See opposite page for details.

#### Friday, March 28

Stations of the Cross followed by a Lenten organ concert performed by Mark Slatter at 7 p.m. at St. Mary.

#### Friday, April 4

Soup and Stations at Holy Trinity (led by Children's Ministry & Youth Ministry). Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. in the gym with stations at 7 p.m. in the church.

#### Friday, April 11

Treasure of the Triduum with Zak Jester, Director of Youth Ministry, St. Raphael.
Program begins at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity.
Stations of the Cross will follow at 7 p.m. (led by Faith Formation).
Both will take place inside the church.

\*A schedule for Holy Week will be provided separately.



**Register at:** JesuitRetreatCenter.org/calendar







# **Shadow Stations**

guided by Avon Catholic Children's Ministry

Join us for LIVE Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 4 7 p.m. at Holy Trinity

Students in grades 2 through 6 are invited to participate in this enriching experience.

Informational meeting will take place on March 9 at 4 p.m. at Holy Trinity (Makerspace).

Or use the QR code to scan and sign up.

Scan to register your child to participate in the April 4
Shadow Stations





# St. Mary's Avon Holy Name

# FISH FRY FRIDAY

at St. Mary's School Gymnasium



Dine-In & Carry-Out ONE NIGHT ONLY! Friday, March 21st 4:00pm - 7:00pm



#### **DINNER MENU:**

served with french fries, creamy coleslaw, bread & butter

Fresh Lake Erie Perch \$19.00 4-pieces, breaded & fried perch with tartar sauce

Fried Butterfly Shrimp \$16.00 12-pieces, breaded & fried shrimp with cocktail sauce

Perch & Shrimp Combo \$18.00 2-pieces, breaded & fried perch with tartar sauce plus 6-pieces breaded & fried shrimp with cocktail sauce

Baked Walleye \$18.00 8oz. seasoned and oven-baked walleye with tartar sauce

#### SIDE DISHES:

Cup of Clam Chowder \$4.00 Cup of Mac & Cheese \$3.00 Side of French Fries \$3.00 Slice of Cheese Pizza \$2.00 3-piece Potato & Cheese Pierogies \$3.00

Stations, *Through the Eyes of Mary* takes place the evening of the Fish Fry at St. Mary at 7 p.m.

# St. Elizabeth Shelter meal for March 13 that St. Mary will provide includes:

- -Sloppy Joe
- -Green beans
- -Mac & Cheese
- -Brownies
- -Individually wrapped breakfast, snack and dessert items are welcome.
- -Travel size, toiletries & personal items (new, packaged) welcome.

You may call the parish office with questions or Deb Janosik.

#### **March Cemetery Clean Up**

This week please plan to remove any items left on cemetery sites from the holiday season as clean up will begin on the cemetery grounds.



#### Time † Talent † Treasure

Collections will be printed at the end of the month.



#### Holy Trinity School Fifth-Grade Student Retreat: Embracing Identity as Sons and Daughters of Christ

This year's fifth-grade retreat was a powerful and faith-filled experience, focusing on identity, worth,

and the mission to go forth as disciples of Christ.

The boys' retreat, "Sons of the Creator," took place at the seminary, where Mr. Mo, Kevin Kaufhold, and Seminarian Sean led the young men in discovering their God-given identity. A highlight of the day was receiving heartfelt letters from their fathers or a male figure in their lives, affirming their worth as beloved sons of God. The boys also had the unique opportunity to work on projects with seminarians, hear an inspiring talk from Fr. Eric Garris, and tour the seminary, giving them a glimpse into the journey of priestly formation.



Meanwhile, the girls gathered at St. Leonard Retreat Center for "Daughters of the King," led by Clare Sherman and Rachel Frankhart. Showered with love and encouragement, the girls received letters from their mothers or a female figure in their lives, reminding them of their dignity and beauty in Christ. They enjoyed a special lunch fit for royalty, engaging talks, creative crafts, and joyful dancing, all reinforcing their worth as daughters of the King.

Throughout the day, Catholic identity was at the heart of every moment, immersing the



students in faith, community, and the love of Christ. As they returned home, the fifth graders carried with them a renewed understanding of their identity in God and the call to live boldly as His beloved children.





Scan to purchase tickets to Reverse Raffle



**Time** † **Talent** † **Treasure**Collections will be printed at the end of the month.



#### Pray for the Sick at Holy Trinity:

Tina Doss Abshire Thomas Ackim Greg Bierek Kelly Callahan David Carroll Mary Christner Matt Gould Kelly Konya Theresa Lattimore Janice Leemans Marguerite Morphey Patrick O'Toole Paula Parker Cathie Pleischl Chad Rawlings Regis Saltis Tom Shaughnessy Robert Shinko Mary Travagliante-Bloss Paul Tremblay Venla Urig Jennifer Varga Shirley Zalac and for all of our homebound parishioners.

#### Pray for the Sick at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception:

Anne Benisek 
Kurt Cummings John Good 
Edie Healan-Pepin Daniel McGhee Kaylee Sanders 
Ed Schuredell 
Martin Wilczenski Judith Wilczenski and for all of our home-bound 
parishioners.

#### **Pray for our Troops from Holy Trinity:**

Michael Bergen 
Patrick Bergen 
Paul Bohnert 
John Camp 
Ethan Cutright 
Cayden Fischbach 
Garet 
Fischbach 
Dillon Franciscus 
Grace Fryer 
Emma 
Kennelly 
Ryan Kennelly 
Shawn Komora 
Alex Leigh 
Jacob McCann 
Matthew O'Donnell 
Dominic Opron 
Hannah Price 
Katie Schlather 
Michelle Kennelly 
Sweeney 
Daniel Vrablic 
David Vrablic 
Ethan Williams

#### Pray for our Troops from St. Mary:

Amber Derryberry ■ Gabrielle Greszler ■ Richard Greszler ■ Tres Greszler ■ Riley Oldenburgh

We invite all families to include their sons and daughters to our prayer list. Please call the Parish Office with their name and branch of the military. You may email the information to: <a href="mailto:bulletin@avoncc.org">bulletin@avoncc.org</a>. We thank them and you for your sacrifice.



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