

Leading the FLOCK



BY BISHOP DANIEL E. THOMAS

“At the Foot of the Cross”

Who could not have been deeply moved on Friday, March 27, 2020, as Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, led the whole world from an empty Saint Peter’s Square in a powerful Holy Hour, imploring the Lord for an end to the Coronavirus pandemic and imparting to all an extraordinary *Urbi et Orbi* Blessing? Part of that prayer was a Litany of Supplication before the Blessed Sacrament. At this critical time, rather than writing a customary column this month, I share with you that Litany of Supplication and invite you to join me in praying it before a crucifix in your home, uniting all our prayers “At the Foot of the Cross.”

We adore you, O Lord

True God and true man, truly present in this holy Sacrament.

We adore you, O Lord

Our Savior, God with us, faithful and rich in mercy

We adore you, O Lord

King and Lord of creation and of history

We adore you, O Lord

Conqueror of sin and death

We adore you, O Lord

Friend of humankind, the Risen One, the Living

One who sits at the right hand of the Father.

We adore you, O Lord

We believe in you, O Lord

Only begotten Son of the Father, descended from heaven for our salvation

We believe in you, O Lord

Heavenly physician, who bows down over our misery

We believe in you, O Lord

Lamb who was slain, who offer yourself to rescue us from evil

We believe in you, O Lord

Good Shepherd, who give your life for the flock which you love

We believe in you, O Lord

Living bread and medicine for immortality, who give us eternal life

We believe in you, O Lord

Deliver us, O Lord

From the power of Satan and the seductions of the world

Deliver us, O Lord

From the pride and presumption of being able to

do anything without you

Deliver us, O Lord

From the deceptions of fear and anxiety

Deliver us, O Lord

From unbelief and desperation

Deliver us, O Lord

From hardness of heart and the incapacity to love

Deliver us, O Lord

Save us, O Lord

From every evil that afflicts humanity

Save us, O Lord

From hunger, from famine and from egoism

Save us, O Lord

From illnesses, epidemics and the fear of our brothers and sisters

Save us, O Lord

From devastating madness, from ruthless interests and from violence

Save us, O Lord

From being deceived, from false information and the manipulation of consciences

Save us, O Lord

Comfort us, O Lord

Protect your Church which crosses the desert

Comfort us, O Lord

Protect humanity terrified by fear and anguish

Comfort us, O Lord

Protect the sick and the dying, oppressed by loneliness

Comfort us, O Lord

Protect doctors and healthcare providers exhausted by the difficulties they are facing

Comfort us, O Lord

Protect politicians and decision makers who bear the weight of having to make decisions

Comfort us, O Lord

Grant us your Spirit, O Lord

In the hour of trial and from confusion

Grant us your Spirit, O Lord

In temptation and in our fragility

Grant us your Spirit, O Lord

In the battle against evil and sin

Grant us your Spirit, O Lord

In the search for what is truly good and true joy

Grant us your Spirit, O Lord

in the decision to remain in you and in your friendship

Grant us your Spirit, O Lord

Open us to hope, O Lord

Should sin oppress us

Open us to hope, O Lord

Should hatred close our hearts

Open us to hope, O Lord

Should sorrow visit us

Open us to hope, O Lord

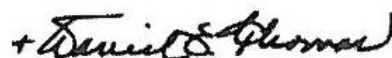
Should indifference cause us anguish

Open us to hope, O Lord

Should death overwhelm us

Open us to hope, O Lord

During that worldwide Holy Hour, Pope Francis stood for some time beneath the Miraculous Crucifix of *San Marcello*, contemplating the Lord's Passion. This Holy Week, as we confront whatever challenges the coming days hold, we do so standing "At the Foot of the Cross," knowing that Our Lady is standing with us in silent resolve comforting, reassuring and strengthening us, as we contemplate the Lord's Passion with Easter hope.



Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas

Bishop of Toledo

April 6, 2020, Holy Week

SUNDAY, APRIL 12 THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

‡ **MASS INTENTIONS/SCHEDULE** ‡

MONDAY, APRIL 13

8:00 AM L/D Dorothy Kleman(AN), Brian Wasserman, for those suffering of any illness and protection against COVID-19

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

8:00 AM Alvin Best, For the Poor Souls, for those suffering of any illness and protection against COVID-19

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

8:00 AM Bryon Eickholt, Kenny Meyer, for those suffering of any illness and protection against COVID-19

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

8:00 AM Ruth Giesige, for those suffering of any illness and protection against COVID-19

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

8:00 AM L/D Heuerman/Verhoff Families, Religious Freedom, for those suffering of any illness and protection against COVID-19

6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal – Mary Ellen

SATURDAY APRIL 18

No 8:00 AM Mass since there is a wedding Mass at 1:00pm

8:45 AM Confessions – rectory garage drive-thru (stay in your car)

1:00 PM Nuptial – Rosselit/Racer - Mass (family only can attend – Church will be locked all day to public)

SUNDAY, APRIL 19 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

8:00 AM L/D Cleo & Kathleen Schroeder Family, Hannelore Verhoff, L/D Eileen & Andrew Schroeder Family, L/D Kenny Meyer Family, L/D Harry & Alberta Selhorst family, L/D Deb Kuhlman Family, L/D Ott Schnipke Family, L/D Lucy Kaufman Family, Dennis Schroeder, L/D Donald Recker Family, Karl P, Morman, L/D Francis & Mary Ann Hanneman Family, L/D Tobe/Ellerbrock Families, Angie Schumaker, In Thanksgiving of Mark & Tammy Schroeder's 40th wedding anniversary (Closed to public)

1:00 PM-3:00PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Closed to public)

1:00 PM Confessions – rectory garage drive-by

3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet, Veneration of the Image, followed by Benediction (Closed to public)

Mass at Sat. 4:30pm, Sun. 10:30 & 6:30pm Cancelled – Mass intentions will be at 8:00am on Sunday for these Masses.

The angel said "Do not be afraid." Trust that the risen Christ empowers you to go and spread the good news. (Matthew 28: 1 -10)

For those who preach, may they proclaim the Gospel of Jesus in word and deed, we pray:

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 19 Acts 2: 42-47; 1 Pt. 1: 3-9; Jn. 20: 19-31

**From the
Desk of
Fr. Tony**

**APRIL 12, 2020
EASTER SUNDAY**

Jesus is risen Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! We are a resurrected people. We belong to God and He died for us. His death on the cross forgives our sins. Jesus' Precious Blood shed on the cross paid the cost for our sins. Jesus is the boss that paid the cost. We are to proclaim to the world, "Resurrection!" People are to look onto our faces and see joy and hope. I know these are tough times but we are a resurrected people in Christ. The world needs to see that.

Let us look at all the graces and blessings we have received. Look at all the time you get to spend with your family. Look at all the time you can spend with God in prayer. God wants His people back. He deserves to have us back. The world has been taking us away from Christ. We now have time to reconnect with our Lord. I was talking to Fr. Mark Hoying CPPS the other day and he said, "If you pray, you will be ok." That is a great slogan. I have been using it a lot around the parish. If you entirely missed opportunities to reconnect with God during lent, use this time of Easter joy to be present to your resurrected savior. Glory to the Blood of Jesus, now and forever! Brothers and sisters we have been saved from the slavery of sin, rejoice now! Keep praying the glorious mysteries on your rosaries and keep praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Next week is the celebration of Divine Mercy. If you didn't go to confession, please make the opportunity to go this week. God's mercy will be very evident this week. God bless you all. Fr. Tony

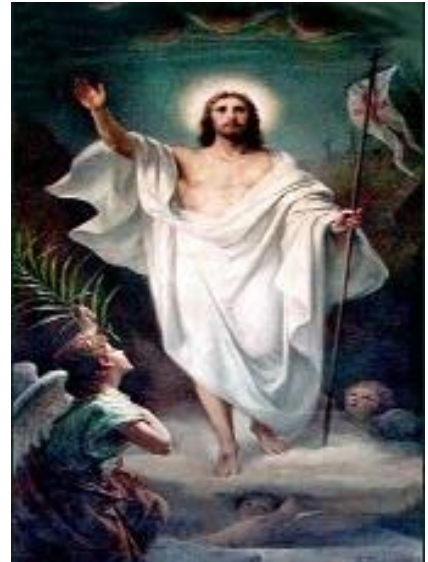
HAPPY EASTER

From

Fr. Tony, Br. Jerry, Deacon Don and

St. John's Staff!

God bless you all!



Note from Fr. Tony

I will be having Mass once each day at 8:00am including Saturday & Sunday. The Mass intentions for the day will be offered. The Saturday 4:30pm Mass Intentions will be said on the Sunday Morning Mass at 8:00. The church will be locked until 9:00am Monday thru Saturday. No one may attend these Masses. Please stay home and watch on TV Glandorf Cable Channel 3. Or if you don't have Glandorf cable please watch other Masses on EWTN or Toledo stations.

The church will be open for individual prayer

Monday thru Friday - 9:00am – 5:00pm
Saturday - closed to public – wedding guests only
Sunday - closed all day

The north handicapped door will be the only door unlocked. **Please also exit through that door when you leave.**

On the weekends there will be bulletins available at handicapped door only

Please do not enter the sanctuary area. You may go to Blessed Virgin & St. Joseph's Shrines to light votive lights if you wish.

Please remember the rules to stay at least 6 feet from each other, if you have any symptoms of sickness (flu, cold or any other sickness) please do not (do not) go to church. Please stay home and pray. Stay safe and keep others safe. The church will be disinfected.

Fr. Tony will be having **confessions on Saturday mornings at 8:45am, next Sunday (Divine Mercy) 1:00pm**, or you may call him for an appointment at 419-890-6012. He will be having drive-thru confessions. He will be located on the south side (in the first bay) in the rectory garage. Please drive in on the out-going lane of the rectory driveway. Drive up to the first bay (do not get out of your car) if you have a cell phone please call Fr. Tony's cell 419-890-6012 for him to hear your confession. If you don't have a cell phone please roll down your window. If you have others in your car please have them get out of the car and walk away from the car until you are finished. If they wish to go to confession please get out of the car, step away (give the next person the cell phone, get in the car and close the door). Continue until all have gone to confession. When finished please go out the south drive (which is usually the incoming lane). For Confessions only we will make this change in the driveway.

Please continue to listen to the news and check your e-mails for updates on practices here in the parish. If we all work together we will make it through the terrible pandemic. Jesus, Mary & Joseph please keep us all safe.

Fr. Tony Fortman, C.P.P.S.

2020 DIOCESAN ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL: Our parish goal this year is \$39,000. The Theme is *"On Course With Christ - Gratitude · Prayer · Service"* Hopefully, you received your envelope in the mail. If you don't receive one there are extra envelopes in the racks back in church. Thanks! To learn more about the appeal visit: www.Toledodiocese.org/ACA
God bless you all, Fr. Tony

"Love of God: it should be eager, courageous and persevering. It should be profound, extensive and elevated." St. Gaspar del Bufalo

Adult Faith Information

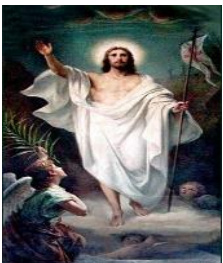
Jeanette Schroeder - Coordinator
Diana Meyer, Jeanne Schram, Marlene Kleman,
Deacon Don and Elaine Inkrott

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2. Click Sign Up
3. Select "I Belong to a Parish or Organization"
4. Find your parish by name, zip, or parish code 7MJPM6
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- Have questions? Call 419-890-3724



This is the Day
The Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad!
Happy Joyous Easter to all!

Remember Those Who Have Gone Before Us-April 8 - 18

Alfred C Kaufman 4/8/15	August Kleman 4/12/86
Edmund J Fox 4/9/86	Edwin S Roof 4/13/92
William J Smith 4/9/98	Dorothy C Kleman 4/13/17
Mildred M Gilbert 4/10/86	Alvina Ellerbrock 4/14/01
Craig E Evers 4/10/08	Mary Ann Stoepfel 4/14/16
Norbert L Siefker 4/10/10	Daniel Schmitz 4/15/83
Gordon A Verhoff 4/10/17	Clara Palte 4/16/80
Bernard Hageman 4/12/86	Samuel Michel 4/18/01

Ohio Bishops Continue Suspension of All Publicly Celebrated Masses Through May 3, 2020.
Glandorf St. John's First Holy Communion is postponed until a later date.

BANNS: III Dana Rosselit of this parish, daughter of Kim & Lori Rosselit & Brad Racer of this parish, son of David & Lisa Racer.



HOME TO GOD: Please remember in your Masses and prayers the souls of **Jim Unterbrink, Marvin Niese, Carl Snyder & Aloysius Knueven**. Our sincere sympathy is extended to **Bernice Unterbrink, Cheryl Kersh & Esther Recker** on the death of their loved one, Jim; to **Carolyn Korte** on the death of her loving brother, Marvin; and to **Gretchen Schmitz** on the death of her loving father, Carl; and to **Kenneth Knueven** on the death of his loving father, Aloysius.

RCIA CLASSES: Cancelled - Please keep Quinten Wessel in prayer as he enters into this next phase. Quinten, our prayers are with you!



Please cut out and post on your front door.

As the Hebrews put the blood of unblemished lambs on the door post to protect them from the angel of the death, the church is asking us to put His water and blood on our entry doors. This picture signifies the water & blood coming from Jesus' side and how much we need His mercy.

Jesus, I trust in you!

Grade School CCD Information

Diane Utrup, Elementary Coordinator stjohnsreled@bright.net.

Jr. High CCD Information

Message from Mindy Recker for Jr. High Coordinator email at stjohnsjrhighccd@gmail.com

High School CCD Information

Message from Ruth Gerding Coordinator of High School CCD:

e-mail me at stjohnshsccd@gmail.com

CONFESSIONS: Fr. Tony will be having confessions on Saturday mornings at 8:45am, next Sunday (Divine Mercy) 1:00pm, or you may call him for an appointment at 419-890-6012. Please read his note in the second column on procedure for confession for rectory garage drive-thru.

Altar Rosary Mother/Daughter/Women Banquet has been cancelled

APRIL GRANDorf Drawing winners are: Linda Schroeder (Blake St) & Doug Haselman. **Congratulations to both of you!** Next drawing Sun., May 10.

2020 PICTORIAL DIRECTORY – We received word from Life Touch that they are temporarily closed because of the Covid-19. They will be back in office around June. Our books will be delayed until possibly the end of summer. Just so you are aware!

FERVORINO - Gospel instructs us Jesus “had to rise from the dead.” The dying we experience with unmet expectations in marriage and parenting is normal to family life. Families must rise above disappointments and be Easter people all year long.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, April 19 (church will be locked)

1:00 PM-3:00PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

1:00 PM Confessions – rectory garage drive-by

3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet, Veneration of the Image, followed by Benediction

Plenary Indulgence for Divine Mercy Sunday is granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession anytime during Lent, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the *Our Father* and the *Creed*, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus. ***Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!***

2020 Glandorf, St. John’s VBS Update

Due to the current pandemic and government restrictions, our vacation bible school committee has paused our preparations. After Easter, we’ll decide if we can hold it this year, but would likely be moved to AUGUST 3rd-6th. If we’re able to go forward we’ll reopen registration. Because the rectory is currently closed, please hold onto registration forms for now so we don’t have to worry about refunds if it doesn’t happen... If you have already turned it in, we will keep it until a decision has been made. Thanks for your understanding. Keep praying!

Mustard Seed Gift Shop- is closed until the pandemic is over. Keep praying!

Brenda Maag 419-235-3106 Julie Barlage 419-303-5366

For the Masses/Services between now and May 3 the ministers/servers/ushers scheduled for each Mass will not be needed since we have a locked church during this time. Thank you for your patience! Our prayers are with all of you to stay safe!

Men’s Society Election of Officers -postponed until later date.

If you are interested in the Sept. 2020 pilgrimage to Greece and the Greek Isles with Fr Tony, there are only **5 spots left**. Please visit www.pilgrimages.com/frfortman to sign up and to view an itinerary. If you have questions, or need assistance in signing up, please call Cheryl Kersh at 419.890.8565 or email cherylkersh@gmail.com.

An Act of Spiritual Communion by St. Alphonsus Liguori

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.

PARENTAL BAPTISM CLASS Sun., May 17, 9:00 – 10:30 AM, in **room 15** in parish center presented by Don Inkrott. Pre-register by calling St. John’s 419-538-6928. Stop by rectory to pick up your book. **Next class–Sept 20, 2019.**

CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION 2020-2021- Looking for a preschool with kindergarten readiness AND a Catholic faith curriculum? Glandorf St. John’s Catholic Preschool registration sessions **are postponed until a later date**. Registration forms are available in the church literature racks, St. John’s Website, or by contacting the preschool at 419 538 6264. 2 day, 3 day and **NEW 5 day sessions** are available!

Ottawa-Glandorf Schools Kindergarten Screening and Parent Orientation has been postponed until a later date.

STEWARDSHIP

April 5th Collection

Adults \$ Auto Electronic Giving \$1,026.00 Loose \$ Children \$ Total: \$1,026.00

Heartbeat needs size 4 & 5 diapers & boys/girls 3–6 month winter clothes

Thanks for sharing your treasure, time, & talent with your
St. John's parish family! We are most grateful!



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Youth Director

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Music Director/Organist

JOE SCHROEDER

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REGISTRATION New members should register as soon as possible. Moving out? - please inform the rectory.

INTERESTED IN SERVING YOUR PARISH? If you are interested in becoming a Lector, Extraordinary Minister, Usher or in any other way please call the rectory 419-538-6928.

PARENT SESSIONS are required by the Toledo Diocese for Infant Baptism, Confirmation, First Eucharist, and First Penance.

PARENTAL BAPTISM CLASS – the classes for 2020 will be Sundays, May 17th, and Sept. 20th, from 9:00 – 10:30 AM, in room 15, in the parish center - presented by Deacon Don Inkrott.

Pre-register by calling rectory.

ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY at Noon on First Fridays of the month.

WEDDINGS The Toledo Diocese requests all dates be set at the rectory at least 6 months in advance. **Pre-Marriage Class required.** Parties who recently joined our parish who do not live within our parish boundaries, or who do not belong to a family already registered in the parish; need to be aware that we cannot schedule a wedding date until six months after the time of registration. The normal six month preparation period would apply from that point. Normally only parishioners and those related to our parishioners marry here. Any other person needs prior permission of his/her pastor.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASS The Diocese of Toledo has a marriage preparation class, entitled “A Joy-Filled Marriage.” This is a mandatory, two-day class. St. John’s class will be November 7 & 8, 2020.

DO YOU HAVE YOUR LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT COMPLETED? DID YOU REMEMBER YOUR PARISH, ST. JOHN’S?

SACRAMENTAL RECONCILIATION: PENANCE Saturdays 8:30am & 4:00pm.

Br. Jerry’s address: Br. Jerry Schulte, C.P.P.S., St. Charles Center, 2860 US Route 127 Rm 107, Celina, OH 45822

For high school CCD perfect attendance - in order to receive the \$50 award for **perfect attendance** at the end of your senior year you must attend every CCD class on time and the entire class with no excuses except attending a parish sponsored event.

DIOCESAN POLICY FOR CYO SPORTS – All players must be members of the sponsoring parish and/or educational system of the parish in order to play on the parish team.

PARISH POLICY FOR CYO HIGH SCHOOL & PUTNAM COUNTY GRADE SCHOOL BOY’S & GIRL’S SPORTING TEAMS

ANNOUNCEMENT: Playing any sports this year? You are expected to attend both the Fall & Winter sessions of High School Religious Education Groups or Grade School CCD Classes---plus weekend Saturday or Sunday Mass. This includes all players, coaches and their families. Attendance at these groups/classes will be monitored and reviewed. For each class missed (which is not an excused absence) you will be sitting out one game.—**To play CYO sports, the following are the only excused absences from CCD: sickness, death in family, college visitation day, parish sponsored event, sport tournament games only with O-G athletes/fans involved, and work (up to 3 missed CCD classes due to work). After the third absence due to work, the player is not permitted to play in a game until he/she returns to CCD class.** All other reasons are unexcused. Parents, if your child is sick, please call his/her teacher/leader before class. If necessary, the Parish Council will review attendance or unexcused absence issues on an individual basis. We kindly ask the cooperation of all concerned as we implement this church policy for the good of our parish. (Fr. Tony— pastor & Brenda Recker – Council Pres.)