

## FAITH FORMATION

## CONFIRMATION

March 14, 2021

Congratulations, prayers and blessings to the following young people.  
and their families who celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation  
this weekend at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Adam Marcin Binczyk  
Jacqueline Elise Conrad DeBoer  
Ella Sueann Degenhard  
Rachel Marie Geiger  
Lanaya Serenity Hunter  
Anthony Joseph Jeffries  
Grace Catherine Joy  
Derek Kevin Kraft  
Thomas Edward Mankowski  
Edna Celestia Sims  
Nathan Douglas Tolin

God bless them as they continue to grow in the Spirit  
of wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel,  
fortitude piety and awe of the Lord.



## REMINDER:

Parish School of Religion

PSR Family Packets are available in the vestibule of the church office. They are in order according to grade level. Please take whichever pertains to your family. In January, families received a letter with a unique log-in for their child so that they can receive all our PSR materials digitally. If you did not receive your letter, please call, or email Rita Kingsbury at 330-492-0757 Ext. 107 or email at [rkingsbury@chrsittheservantparish.org](mailto:rkingsbury@chrsittheservantparish.org)

A heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who has made a commitment to the 2021 Annual Bishop's Appeal. To date 82 households have responded with a commitment of \$16,064.37 However, we need the support of all members of our parish if we are to be successful in reaching our parish goal of 79,400.00.



## If You Don't Love Me...Who Will?



*"...for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me..."*

*"... just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."*

## Prayer for the Bishop's Appeal

Loving and gracious God,  
 you gave us your Son, Jesus Christ.  
 He gave of himself, not only on the cross, but in every moment of his life.  
 Jesus saw the hungry; he fed them.  
 Jesus saw the lame; he cured them.  
 Jesus saw the sick; he healed them.  
 Jesus saw the discouraged; he encouraged them. Jesus saw the dying; he gave them  
 new life.  
 Jesus gave.  
 In this way, he taught us to give.  
 Loving and gracious God,  
 open our hearts to the many ministries offered throughout our Diocesan Church.  
 Strengthen our resolve to be like your Son, Jesus Christ, to give of ourselves in every  
 moment of our lives.  
 Amen

## Social Concerns

“As servants of Christ, we will strive to be the presence of Christ to our parish and the wider community, providing counsel, assistance, and hope as we live the Gospel of God through our practice of the Corporal Works of Mercy. We offer our gifts with kindness and respect, enhancing opportunities for fellowship and mutual support, led by Christ's example of hospitality, diversity and inclusiveness.” Social Concerns Pastoral Secretary: John Cihon [jchon@mpwservices.com](mailto:jchon@mpwservices.com) or Teresa Golden McClelland [teresa-efg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:teresa-efg@sbcglobal.net)

We had an outstanding weekend for our food drive. We did fall slightly short of our goal we had an amazing total. We collected 1,818 lbs. of food and 129 lbs. of toiletries/ That brought our total to 1,947 lbs. Absolutely great! We also collected 58 lbs. of items for the OLOP kids. Hope Outreach and Catholic Charities are very excited to receive everything this week. We thank you all for your continued generosity and kindness, None of this is possible without you!

Rosemary



NEXT FOOD DRIVE; Saturday, March 20 and Sunday, March 21

## Bible Study Reflections

### When Jesus Calls Your Name – Discipleship in John

The Gospel of John was the last one to be written and formulated. It is believed that the writer had access to the other Gospels and did not see a need to present the Good News of Jesus in the same way. This gospel was written for Christians who already knew about Jesus from the other Gospels. It presents more about who Jesus is than what he did and said. There is much use of symbolism as we see in the very beginning where Jesus is the Word, who brings life and light to the world. John looks at discipleship in a new way as well. He was writing for Christians who had been expelled from the Jewish faith such that discipleship was about being faithful to Jesus in a more hostile environment. In chapter 1 John condenses the call of the Apostles to a few days whereas we saw it occur over a much longer time in the other Gospels. For John it is about the meaning not the historical accuracy. Jesus tells them to “Come and See” and to simply “Follow Him” when they question him. In the beginning discipleship is about learning who Jesus is, believing that “he and the Father are one” (10:30), then committing to follow him as “the way, the truth and the life”. (Jn. 14:6)

One of the dominant themes in John is that of “love”, it is spoken of 31 times. It becomes the only moral theme for the disciple. In the long discourse at the Last Supper in John, Jesus tells his disciples: “I give you a new commandment, love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” (13:34-35). Prior to speaking this Jesus had shown them the meaning of love as he washed their feet. Love is about serving and caring for others. Pheme Perkins in her book Reading The New Testament adds this:

“In the Last supper discourses Jesus draws his disciples into the relationship of love that exists between himself and the Father. They are promised a share in that love if they fulfill Jesus' command to love one another. ...The person who does believe has a special relationship of love with God. That relationship is expressed in the life of love and service which those who follow Jesus are commanded to lead..”

A second theme of discipleship is to be fruitful. Once again in the Last Supper discourse Jesus tells a parable of the vine and the branches. We learn we must stay connected to Jesus, the vine, to bear fruit. In 15:8 he tells his disciples: By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

At times in Christian history disciples have been encouraged to show a spirit of sternness, somberness and seriousness. This certainly is not what we see in John. Jesus says: “I have told you this so that my joy will be in you, and your joy might be complete.” (15:11), “ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.” (16:24). Later in his prayer to the Father Jesus says: I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely.” (17:13) Pope Francis emphasizes this joy in his letter “The Joy of the Gospel”: “The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus....With Christ joy is constantly born anew.” Later in that same letter he says: “Instead of imposing new obligations (Christians) should appear as people who wish to share their joy, who point to a horizon of beauty and who invite others to a delicious banquet.” In his writing “The Church of Mercy”, Pope Francis has this to say to us: “And here the first word that I wish to say to you: joy! Do not be men and women of sadness: a Christian can never be sad! Never give way to discouragement! Ours is not a joy born of having many possessions, but of having encountered a Person: Jesus, in our midst.”

During this lenten season let us reflect on these words from John and seek to show the joy of our faith. In the words of the song: “They will know we our Christians by our love”. John's Gospel and Pope Francis would add and also by our Joy! Peace and Joy, Jim Naegeli

Further reflection: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z29h7HUcJus> Joy in our hearts

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cfg5VTyDkyA> They will know we are Christians

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oUTiw9XVVKE> Pope Francis

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kdPg-jllPDM> Don't be a pickle face

## Liturgy

“As Servants of Christ, through the various Liturgical Ministries, we offer our gifts to one another with the mutual kindness and respect, providing and enhancing opportunities for prayerful worship and celebration.” Liturgy Pastoral Secretary: PJ Chavez [pchavez@walsh.edu](mailto:pchavez@walsh.edu) or Mike Reed [mreed@christtheservantparish.org](mailto:mreed@christtheservantparish.org)

**Mass Intentions****Tuesday March 16**

9 AM– Margaret McCaulley 90th Birthday Month by Julia Keim and Family

**Wednesday March 17**

**\*\*SCHOOL MASS- STUDENTS ONLY\*\***

10 AM–Staff Students and Families of OLOP

**Thursday March 18**

9 AM– Jo Robertson by Sue Butt

**Friday March 19**

9 AM– Ed Keim by Julia Keim and Family

**Saturday March 20**

4:30 pm–Ray Haidet by Ted Haidet Family  
Dorothy Myers by Dolly Hussar

**Sunday March 21**

9AM –Barbara & Fabian Kessler by Granddaughters

11 AM–Edward McGraw by Kathy Moore  
Richard Butt by Sue Butt

## Parish Life

**Parish Life Pastoral Area Mission Statement**

As servants of Christ, through the various Parish Life ministries, we offer our gifts to one another with mutual kindness and respect, providing and enhancing diverse opportunities for fellowship, mutual support and ministry to our Parish community, led by Christ’s example of hospitality and inclusiveness.” Parish Life Pastoral Secretary: [rkingsbury@christtheservantparish.org](mailto:rkingsbury@christtheservantparish.org).

The Canton Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration will have their Easter Bread Sale on Friday and Saturday, March 26th and 27th 2021. Orders are currently accepted by phone at 330.492.1171 and online at [www.poorclares.org](http://www.poorclares.org) prepay with curbside pick up. Please pick up your orders at the Monastery between 10:00am and 4:00pm Sancta Clara Monastery is located at 4200 N. Market Ave., Canton, OH 44714.

**CHRISM MASS**

The Chrism Mass from St. Columba Cathedral can be live streamed on Tuesday, March 30 at 10:30 am.

[Doy.org/Media/CathedralLiveStream](https://Doy.org/Media/CathedralLiveStream).

For more information please contact CTNY at 330.533.2243

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Thank you**

## Holy Week - 2021

### Palm Sunday Weekend

#### Distribution of Palms and Mass

Saturday Vigil 4:30 p.m. - March 27, 2021

Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 am - March 28, 2021



### Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper

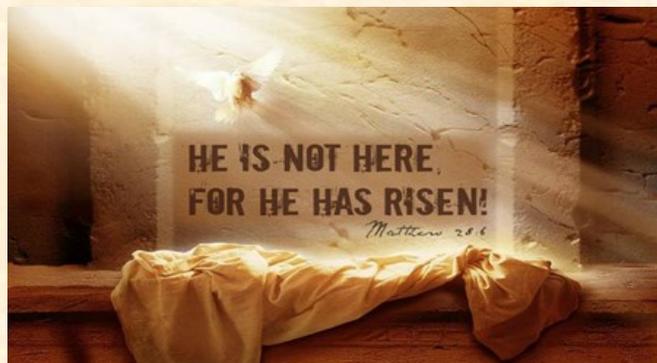
7:00 pm. - April 1, 2021

### Good Friday Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Adoration of the Cross

7:00 pm. - April 2, 2021



## Easter Celebrations



Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m. - April 3, 2021

Easter Sunday Mass of the Resurrection

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.- April 4, 2021