To Support Holy Martyrs’ LIFE TEEN Summer Leadership Programs

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December 3, 2019
Northeast Ohio’s Online Day of Catholic Giving

Feast of Christ the King
November 24, 2019

Holy Martyrs Catholic Church
3100 OLD WEYMOUTH RD    MEDINA, OH 44256
Mass Schedule & Intentions this Week

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This week at Holy Martyrs

MINISTRY OF ASSISTANCE
FOOD AND DONATION WEEKEND

Sun 11/24  Time Travelers 9:30 AM Rooms 201/202
HOLY MARTYRS ANNUAL TURKEY RUN 12:30 PM
Youth Mass 5:00 PM Worship Space
SPIRIT 7th & 8th Grade 6:00 PM Parish Life Ctr.
LIFE TEEN 6:00 PM Martyrs Hall

Mon 11/25  Monday HM Kids 6:00 PM
El Salvador Mission 6:00 PM Kazel Room
El Salvador Golf Committee 6:00 PM Ford Room

Tue 11/26  Glory Bees - Week 4 9:00 AM Worship Space
Tuesday HM Kids 6:00 PM
Journey for Children 6:30 PM Room 200

Wed 11/27  Intercessory Prayer Group 5:30 PM Chapel
Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM Worship Space

Thurs 11/28  THANKSGIVING DAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Fri 11/29  CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Sat 11/30  Contemplative Prayer 9:30 AM Chapel

Sun 12/01  Time Travelers 9:30 AM Rooms 201/202
NO YOUTH MASS, SPIRIT AND LIFE TEEN

Parish Staff

Father Stephen Dohner
Pastor

Janet Payton
Pastoral Associate

Christopher Ilg
Director of Music

Skip McQuate
SPIRIT Coordinator

Father Mark Ott
Weekend Associate

Diane Bruce
Director of Faith Formation

Sr. Marie Ellen Kuhel
Bereavement Coordinator

Michael Cox
Life Teen Coordinator

Father Robert F. Pfeiffer
Pastor Emeritus

Pray for those who have died in Christ:
Cory DiBello
Daily scripture readings for this week can be obtained on the USCCB website, where you can sign up to have readings emailed to you.

You can also download one of these apps on your phone: Laudate or The New Missal

Parish News

BAPTISM
Savannah Bay Blomquist
Daughter of Robert and Katherine Blomquist

Communal Penance Service Coming Up
All parishioners are invited to the Communal Penance Service here at Holy Martyrs on Monday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m.

Please join us and prepare your heart for Christmas.

OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS
Olive Wood Carvings will once again be available for purchase during the Advent Bake Sale, December 7 and 8.

Hymns for November 23 & 24
Entrance Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns, 732
Offertory: Worthy is the Lamb, 574
Communion: Behold the Lamb, 338
Sending Forth: Lift High the Cross, 712

Church Office hours: Monday - Friday:
9:00 am - 12:30 pm, 1:15 pm - 5:00 pm
330-722-6633

Our LIFE TEEN ministry has some big plans and you can help through #WeGiveCatholic

We want to give opportunities to all of our teens in their faith journey this summer, to grow in leadership, spirituality, and service. Your gift will help students and their families financially support their meals, accommodations, travel fees, and registration fees. You can make a powerful impact on our student’s faith through your giving. We have some big goals for our students, and you can help us get there. Here are our plans:

1. El Salvador Teen Mission Trip - Late June to early July (Dates to be confirmed soon).
In 2011, Holy Martyrs began a ministry to the people of El Salvador, a place with a special connection to our parish. During our 5 day trip, our focus will be on learning about the country, people and culture, and the history of El Salvador. Importantly, our teens will visit the very poor and find out how we, as a parish and diocese, are supporting them. The teens who have gone on this trip in the past have expressed that this has been a trip that they will remember for the rest of their lives. The goal would be to take 3 to 5 students on this trip.

2. Steubenville Youth Conference - June 12-14th (Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH)
50,000 Catholic teens all across the U.S. will attend a Steubenville Youth Conference each year. They experience a renewing of their faith through prayer, talks, devotions, and meeting other teens from across the country. We would like to take as many students as possible.

3. LIFE TEEN Leadership Conference - June 22 - 26th (Benedictine College, Kansas)
LTLC (for short) is a dynamic, prayerful, and impactful week of talks and activities that help teens become the leaders and disciples that God is calling them to be. Teens will have time to adore the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration, participate in powerful worship, receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, gain practical Leadership skills, and meet other teens from all around the country who are committed to discipleship and evangelization. We have 5 students on our leadership team that we would like to take.

4. Catholic Heart Work Camp - July 12 -18th (Steubenville, OH)
CHWC (for short) provides opportunities for parish youth groups to restore homes, feed the hungry, lift the spirits of children, bring joy to the elderly and disabled, and offer assistance to social agencies. Our students will have a life-changing week, where together they can be the hope in the world. We would like to take 8 students.
Welcome to this week’s El Salvador article. Today’s article is about Father Paul Schindler, current pastor of our sister parish, Immaculate Conception Parish in La Libertad, El Salvador. Father Paul (Padre Pablo as he is known to the people of La Libertad) is a native of Parma, having grown up in Parma as the third of eight children. His family lived across the street from St. Charles parish and was active there. He attended high school at St. Ignatius and entered Borromeo Seminary after graduation. Father Paul was ordained on May 20, 1967 and received his first assignment at Sacred Heart Parish in Wadsworth.

Near the end of his assignment in Wadsworth, he was informed that he had been recommended for the Cleveland Diocese mission team to El Salvador, and became a member of the second wave of the team, arriving in El Salvador in late June, 1972. He recalls that there really wasn’t much of a formal training program, learning the language and culture through immersion. He served until March, 1982, and was in the country during the Salvadoran civil war, where he was a front-line witness to the conflict. He was at the site where the bodies of the four American churchwomen were found, part of the group unearthing their remains.

Father Paul then served as pastor of St. Bernard Parish in Akron for 26 years, but spent his vacations serving in El Salvador. He returned to El Salvador in January, 2008, and intends on spending the rest of his life in service to the people of El Salvador.

We spent quite a bit of time with Father Paul during our January, 2019 immersion trip listening to the stories of his time and experiences there, attending Mass each evening in one of the chapels in the cantons, and riding in the back of his well-worn Toyota pickup. Father Paul operates somewhat of an informal taxi service, if he’s headed somewhere and sees one of his parishioners walking along the road, into the back of the truck they go. Each evening, by the time we got to the chapels for Mass, the truck bed was full. Wherever you go, everyone knows Padre Pablo!

The highlight of the immersion trip is Mass at the chapel that was constructed on the site where the bodies of the churchwomen were discovered. Along with saying Mass, Father Paul recounts the event, stressing the importance of never forgetting what happened here and the sacrifices made in service to the Salvadoran people.

At age 78, Father Paul maintains an active and demanding schedule, running the parish, celebrating Mass a couple times per day at the parish and outlying chapels, as well as administering programs at the Parish to enable the people to help themselves. He strongly believes that education is one of the keys to the improvement of life in the country, consequently, he selects and counsels a group of students attending college through a scholarship program he initiated. Holy Martyrs parish supports 14 students through the Fore the Kids golf outing and individual donations. Father Paul himself supports 60 students via his personal funds. To provide a frame of reference, the cost of attending college in El Salvador (students attend the University of Central America, a Jesuit institution located in the capital, San Salvador) is $1000 annually per student, a relative bargain by US standards, but out of reach of most Salvadorans.

For his work, Father Paul has been recognized by a number of organizations. In 2017, he was given the CRISPAZ (Christians for Peace in El Salvador) Peace Award, and most recently you may have seen him recognized as one of Cleveland’s Own by Fox 8 TV and Kaulig Giving.

Much of the information in this article was taken from the July 2017 edition of Northeast Ohio Catholic. It can be accessed at http://faithdigital.org/Cleveland/CLE0717/ if you’d like to read more about Father Paul, his life, and his ministry.

Next: Our Namesakes, the Four Churchwomen and St. Oscar Romero
Grateful Giving
Holy Martyrs Parish

November 2 & 3

Weekly Offering    $ 13,785.67  
Electronic          $  6,939.28  
Total               $ 20,724.95  

Thank you!

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Please be generous in this week’s special collection, which supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people live in poverty. Through this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for people across the country who struggle. In addition 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins.


Our annual Advent bake sale is Dec. 7 & 8 and we need your help to make it a success.

If you are able to bake goodies, please bring them to the church after 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6.

We also need help pricing items at 3 p.m. Dec. 6 and with selling baked goods after all Masses.

Parishioners were sent an email with an online signup for helping with any of the above.

If you do not receive a Sign Up Genius, please call the office at 330-722-6633 to sign up.

Get your Give-a-Gift slip today

Ministry of Assistance Give-a-Gift slips are available in the Gathering Area through Dec. 1. Gifts should be wrapped and must be returned no later than Dec. 8.

In order for the correct family to receive the gift, please place the slip on the outside of the package. The coding on the slip represents the family that has requested help.
**Annual Advent Event**

We invite students in grades 1-8 to participate in an Advent/Nativity prayer service and give-a-gift program for the less fortunate. This will be a one-time event on Monday, December 9th from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

First graders will be singing angels, and students in grades 3-6 will take part in the choir and reader's theatre Nativity story. The 7th-8th grade students are needed for the gift brigade, cookie runners as guests arrive, and helping to serve cookies & milk at the reception.

Rehearsal for the choir and readers will take place the last 15 minutes of HM Kids sessions on November 18th & 19th and 26th & 27th. We will have one dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 7th from 1:00-2:30 p.m. in the church.

We are asking grades 1-6 to donate an unwrapped, age-appropriate toy or game and grades 7 & 8 to donate a gift card from a local merchant for any amount.

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**SPIRIT**

**November 17, 2019**

Last week, at the end of SPIRIT, we went to the chapel to pray. At Holy Martyrs the tabernacle is in the chapel which is separate from the Church or the Worship Space. I talked to the kids about the Eucharist, the tabernacle and then we prayed.

Every Thursday I go to pray in the chapel as some of you may know. I always invite the kids but nobody shows and that is OK because I feel such calling to be there and pray for people and the Spirit kids.

I get home to find out one of the kids wants to go and pray with me in the chapel. I am beyond word. Praying in front of the Eucharist has gotten me to where I am today. I want these kids, and everyone actually, to know the power of the Eucharist. It is truly a blessing.

Thank you Jesus,

Skip McQuate

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**LIFE TEEN**

at Holy Martyrs

**Sunday, November 24, 2019**

**YOUTH MASS 5:00 PM**

**SPIRIT & LIFE TEEN 6:00 PM**

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**SPIRIT Brown Bag Lunches**

On Sunday, November 24, 2019 during our SPIRIT session, the SPIRIT students, Core Team and I will be putting together brown bagged lunches for St. Bernard’s in Akron. St. Bernard’s Church will distribute the lunches to the homeless. I am asking for your help by purchasing the food items needed and bringing it to us to put together the lunches. Please use the Sign up Genius link sent to you to let us know what you will be purchasing.

If you did not receive an email with the link and would like to donate, please call the office at 330-722-6633.
Throughout the Diocese

The FEST Internship
Looking to do something extraordinary this summer? The FEST (www.theFEST.us) is looking for marketing & communications, event planning, and logistics management interns to join the team that puts together our annual Diocesan Family Festival. Interns will be a part of a fast-paced team and will play a critical role in the marketing, planning and coordination of annual event for 40,000+ people.

Interns will provide support and have responsibilities including public speaking, marketing, mailings, digital and social media, press releases, logistics, event planning, and more. Interns must have strong people skills, work ethic, critical thinking, organizational skills, and reliable transportation. For more information or to apply, please send your resume to Caitlin@theFEST.us by January 10th.

LEAF Ministry Helps Family and Friends of the Incarcerated
LEAF meets the fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Medina County Jail, 555 Independence Drive.

LEAF MINISTRY meets at the Medina County Jail on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

For information call: Theresa at 330-321-5915 or you can email her at theresa1909@yahoo.com

A Special Day Of Reflection For Those Who Love Someone Who is Incarcerated
Sunday, December 1, 2019
9:30 Registration
10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Jesuit Retreat Center
5629 State Road
Parma, OH 44134

RSVP: Judy at the Parish Life Office at 216-696-6525, ext. 3500 or email jliederbach@dioceseofcleveland.org

Help for victims of domestic abuse
Victims of domestic abuse may call the BATTERED WOMEN’S SHELTER of Summit & Medina Counties’ confidential hotline for help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Medina County Hotline  330-723-3900
Toll Free  877-414-1344
Summit County Hotline  330-374-1111
Toll Free  888-395-4357

For substance abuse resources, go to www.greaterthanheroin.com.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
MK 11:9