



CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

A CARING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

MARCH 26, 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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4th Sunday OF LENT

So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." —Jn 9:15

Parish Directory

Parish Office.....694-4891

Hours.....M-T 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
W-Th-F 8 a.m. - noon and 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Fax 694-1583
Email: info@holyfamilygrandblanc.org
Website: hfgb.org
Pastor, **Msgr. Jerry Vincke**
Parochial Vicar, **Fr. Gary Koenigsnecht**
Deacon, **Dennis Pennell**
Seminarist, **Alberto Nickerson**
Music Director, **Dr. B. Simon Lee**
Liturgy Coordinator, **Lorri O'Dea**
Business Manager, **Brian Kita** (interim)
Evangelization/Discipleship, **Larry Blondin**
Bookkeeper, **Beth Sabolish**
Parish Secretary, **Theresa Dyer**
Bulletin Editor, **Linda Doyle**
Special Projects Coordinator, **Nicole Urbanik**

Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday (Vigil) 5:00 p.m.;
Sunday 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m. & 6 p.m.
Children's Liturgy of the Word (no summer) - during
10 a.m. Mass - *For children four years old - 2nd grade*
Weekday: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.,
Sat. 8 a.m.
Holy Day: As announced in bulletin.

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Mon. - Fri. 5 - 5:30 p.m., Saturday
11 a.m. - 12:00 noon, Sunday 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. and
11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., and by appt. with a Parish Priest.
Baptism: Please make arrangements in advance.
Marriage: Please make arrangements with Parish
Priest at least nine months in advance.

Prayers & Devotions

Rosary: 7:15 am MWTF / 4:45 pm Tue / 8:30 am Sat
Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesday..... 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Our Mother of Perpetual Help DevotionTue. 6 p.m.
Fatima Prayer Cell Wednesday 4:40 p.m.

Ministry to the Ill & Bereaved

Linda Waggoner, Linda Blondin 694-4891

Social Outreach Ministry.....771-7279

Hours M-F 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Deacon **Jack Daunt (retired)** / **Brian Holyfield**

Holy Family School..... 694-9072

School Day 7:45 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Principal, **Theresa Purcell**
Assistant to Principal, **Donna Delaney**
Administrative Assistant, **Lisa Harvey**
Secretary, **Chasity Campbell**
School Receptionist, **Shelley Corcoran**

Religious Education.....694-9072

Religious Education Classes (Pre-school - Adult)
Children's Liturgy of the Word... during Sun. 10 am Mass
Grades K-6 Mon. 5 - 6:15 pm or Sun 11:30 am -12:45 pm
Grades 7-8.....Tues. 6:30 - 8:30 pm in St. Joseph Center
Grades 9-12.....Confirmation prep (once per month, Sundays)
Special Education Contact the RE office
Director, **Janet Gravel** ext. 151
Secretary, **Sheila Konieczny**..... ext. 101
RCIA/Baptism Director, **Maddie White**.....ext. 154

Youth Ministry 694-9072

Coordinator of H.S. Youth Ministry, **Jennifer Giddings**
Essenmacher, ext. 153, meets Wednesday (during the
school year), 6 - 8 pm (with an optional half hour social
time until 8:30) in the St. Joseph Center.
Coordinator of M.S. Youth Ministry, **Jan Gravel**
Meets once a month - Friday, 6:30-9:00 pm

Event/Facility Coordinator 694-9013

Carrie Pilarski
Meeting and Event Facilities: Father Bush Parish Center,
St. Joseph Center, and all other venues

Pastoral Council

Chairperson, **Matthew Williams**
Vice Chairperson,
At-Large Members:
Rel. Ed./Youth - **Tiffany Minder**
Athletic Boosters - **Jayson Richert**
School/PTO - **Melissa Mannor**
Communications/Events - **Carrie Pilarski**

Commissions:

Christian Service Commission

Facilitator, **Michelle Furman**

Evangelization Commission

Facilitator, **Randy Petrides**

Finance Commission

Facilitator, **Jim Distelrath**

Parish Life Commission

Facilitator, **Connie Lesley**

Worship Commission

Facilitator,

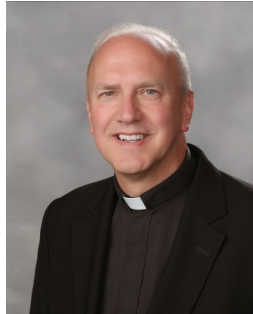
To contact any Facilitators, please call parish office

Bulletin Deadline: The deadline for each Sunday
is the previous **Monday by noon**. Watch the bulletin for
holiday early deadlines. Submit to:
ldoyle@holyfamilygrandblanc.org



Msgr. Jerry's Journal

Blind: This Sunday's Gospel reading focuses on John 9: 1 -41-- the man blind from birth. His disciples asked Jesus whose sin caused the blindness—the parents or him. Jesus said, "neither he nor his parents sinned, it so that the works of God might be made visible through him." Jesus sent the man into the Pool of Siloam and he came back able to see. Physical blindness is a metaphor for spiritual blindness. Jesus is trying to get his disciples and us to see with the eyes of faith.



Halftime: We've reached the halfway point of our Lenten journey. How is it going for you? Perhaps like a basketball game, we need to make adjustments in order to win the game. Pope Benedict XVI offers us some halftime adjustments: "Lent is like a long 'retreat' during which we can turn back into ourselves and listen to the voice of God, in order to defeat the temptations of the Evil One. It is a period of spiritual 'combat' which we must experience alongside Jesus, not with pride and presumption, but using the arms of faith: prayer, listening to the word of God and penance. In this way we will be able to celebrate Easter in truth, ready to renew the promises of our Baptism."

Confirmation: So excited for our Confirmation students who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Thursday, March 30. May they be open to God's abundant grace He so desires to give each one of them.

Mary Coughlin: Many of you got to know Mary when she stayed on occasion at the rectory when Fr. Ken was assigned here. She was a wonderful woman! She was very instrumental with providing support to seminarians. Her family is special. Mary was surrounded by many of them when she died. When I visited her a few times these last few weeks, the family was fighting for who would stay with her during the night! How fitting that she died on March 19, the feast of St. Joseph. He is the patron saint of a peaceful death.

Lion King: Can't tell you how much I enjoyed watching the Lion King at Powers High School, especially watching many of our youth parishioners take part. They sold out each night, and I can see why. The play was outstanding!

You're a Good Man: Speaking of plays, our grade school is putting on the play, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown!" The play is April 21 and 22. More details to follow.

Robotics: Speaking of Powers, the robotics team trav-

eled to the Upper Peninsula and won the district championship and will soon travel to state competition. Some of our parishioners competed. We have a strong robotics program at our grade school too.

Fire and Wind: Fire and Wind seminar that has been taking place the last several Tuesdays will be meeting this Tuesday night. The topic will be Baptism in the Holy Spirit. It's a special night and anyone is able to attend. Many priests will be there to pray with us.

Knights: I can't make the Fire and Wind seminar this Tuesday because I will be a guest speaker for a Knights of Columbus gathering at their hall in Davison. I will be speaking on my experience in Rome.

Marriage Prep: This Saturday, April 1, we have 12 engaged couples coming for marriage preparation class. It's always a good day to see this excitement.

Assignment Committee: I will be traveling to Lansing on Wednesday, March 29, for an Assignment Committee meeting. I think all the transfers of priests will hopefully be decided during this meeting.

Hope to see you Stations of the Cross at 7 pm on Friday, March 31.

Be assured of my prayers and love.

Msgr. Jerry

Saint quote of the week:

"So if you pray, fast; if fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. When you fast, see the fasting of others. If you hope for mercy, show mercy. If you look for kindness, show kindness. If you want to receive, give."

St. Peter Chrysologus

Coffee and Donuts or Pizza

Please remember to join us in the Father Bush Parish Center after the 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 p.m. Masses. We have coffee and donuts after the Sunday morning Masses and pizza is served after the 12:00 p.m. Mass. Come visit with your fellow parishioners!



Stewardship & Worship

Receive God's gifts gratefully - Cherish & tend to them responsibly - Share them in justice & love - Return them to God

Catholic Relief Services Collection



This week we are taking up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to respond to Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized

brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief. An envelope may be found in your packet or you may choose to give online.

Stewardship of Treasure March 18th & 19th

Registered Families	1755
Envelopes received this week	448
Online givers this week	113
Amount offered from envelopes	\$ 21,581.00
Amount offered from online giving	\$ 10,045.83
Amount offered from visitors	\$ 1,489.86
Total weekly offerings	\$ 33,116.69



Eucharistic Adoration Every Tuesday 8:30 am - 8:00 pm

(through April 11th
Eucharistic Adoration
is being extended to
8:00 p.m., **except March 28th**)
Come rest in the presence
of the Lord...
if only for a moment.

"To visit the Blessed Sacrament is... a proof of gratitude, an expression of love, and a duty of adoration toward Christ our Lord."

- Manual for Eucharistic Adoration

LENT SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7:00 p.m. / March 3 – April 7

"Others First" is Next Weekend

We depend on your generosity to stock our St. Joseph Food Pantry and Clothes Closet. Please remember the needy as you shop this week. Bring nonperishable items to Mass next weekend. (They may be placed on the steps at the sides of the altar.) **We especially need** shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, as well as peanut butter, pancake mix, diced tomatoes, macaroni/cheese, and beans.

Your timely and wonderful generosity is appreciated, especially by our clients. It seems that no sooner are we low in supply, than you show up with products!

With Outreach so busy and our ever-increasing clientele, we are in need of funds as well to support our efforts. Thank you for any future giving that you might direct to Outreach!

Volunteer - May 13th Concert

Help is needed for **Saturday, May 13th** Concert (3 PM in the church), *a special devotion for the 100th anniversary of Fatima!*

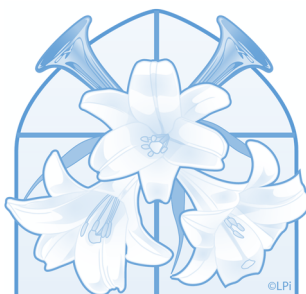
- Advertising and promotion with posters, flyers, announcements, etc.
- Stage management
 - 1) set up the church for the concert with wires, microphones, chairs, etc.
 - 2) control the lights and sound system during dress rehearsal and concert
 - 3) set everything back after the concert for the following Mass
- Reception
 - 1) set up, approximately 1:30-2:30 PM
 - 2) greeting & serving during reception (4-5:30 PM)
 - 3) cleanup, 30-45 minutes after reception

If you can help with any of the above, please contact Genna Randazzo at genna.randazzo@gmail.com.

What's Happening Here

Easter Altar Flowers

Flowers are an important feature of the church environment for the Easter season because they help to establish an atmosphere of the celebration of new life in the Risen Lord. The season of Easter begins with the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night and continues until the celebration of Pentecost.



You can help to provide for the Easter flowers in the form of a remembrance for family and friends. The names of those you wish to have remembered will be published in the Easter bulletin and prayed for throughout the Easter season. To participate, please fill out the envelope in the pew and return it with your donation for each memorial **by Tuesday, April 4th**. (After that date, it cannot be guaranteed that the names will be listed in the Easter bulletin.) Donations may be deposited in the Sunday collection or dropped off at the parish office. Please print neatly.

Save the Date

Holy Family School Dinner & Auction

60 Years of Faith Formation & Academic Excellence

Saturday, May 20th / 5:00 p.m. - midnight

Genesys Conference & Banquet Center

Cost: \$40 per person

Tickets available in school office or on school website

Presented by Al Serra Auto Plaza

55 & Over Group

Feed your faith and doubts will starve to death.

Anonymous



Time to think about being a member of the 55 & Over board. Each May we select three new board members for three years. If you are interested, let Harold Young know.

Lunch this week is **Tuesday, March 29th**, from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (We eat at noon.)

Palms

The palms that you received Palm Sunday last year are sacramental because they have been blessed. We will gather them over the next few weekends and burn them here at the church. Baskets for the old palms will be located at each entrance door and at the parish office.



Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY - April 9

Masses 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil,
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m.

SACRED TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY - April 13

(No morning Mass or reconciliation on this day)

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 p.m.

(Non-perishable food items may be donated
as you enter the church)

Eucharistic Adoration (Parish Center)
after Mass until midnight

Night Prayer - 11:30 p.m. Parish Center large hall

GOOD FRIDAY - April 14

(No Masses or reconciliation on this day)

Morning Prayers - 9:00 a.m.

Passion of the Lord - 1:30 p.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet and Novena Prayer -
after the Passion service (approx. 3 p.m.)

Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY - April 15

(No morning Mass or reconciliation on this day)

Blessing of Easter food - 3:00 p.m.

(No Mass at 5:00 p.m.)

Mass of the Easter Vigil - 9:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY - April 16

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m.

Reconciliation: 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.
and 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Holy Week / Easter Liturgies Sign Up

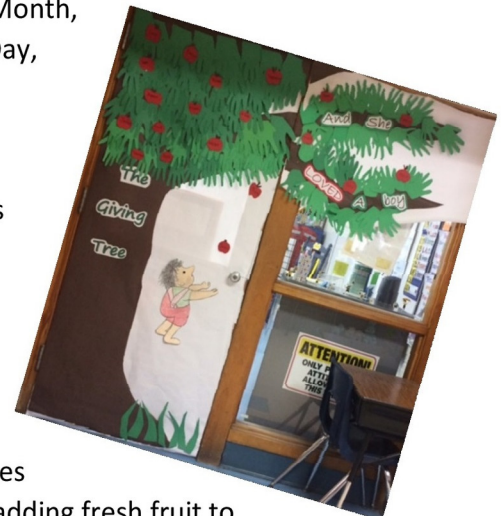
Liturgical Ministers: Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, Mass Captains, and Ushers...Sign-up sheets are on the organ.

HFS STUDENT COUNCIL MAKES A DIFFERENCE

The Holy Family Student Council consists of students from the fifth through the eighth grades. Students are elected by their homerooms in the fall and they meet once a month. Officers this year include Bianca Ramo, president; Halle Purcell, vice-president; Sam Corder, treasurer; and Kate Walter, secretary.

(pictures removed for web publication)

Our Student Council sponsors the school store and uses the proceeds to sponsor events such as a free popcorn for the entire school during Reading Month, free tree seedlings for Arbor Day, awards for the annual door decorating contest, as well as other events. The Student Council also made fleece blankets to donate to charities at Christmas. They brainstormed special dress days for Catholic Schools' Week, and they design the display in the showcase in the Teachers' Lounge monthly.



The Student Council addresses students' concerns, such as adding fresh fruit to the ala carte line in the cafeteria. The latest project for the Student Council is purchasing microwaves for students to use in the cafeteria. Council members met with Mrs. Purcell and discussed the need and the benefits. Upon approval by Mrs. Purcell and Monsignor Jerry, the Student Council will help purchase microwaves for student use.

Thank you to the Student Council for their dedication and help to make Holy Family Catholic School special.



Call the school office to meet with the principal or to take a tour of the school at any time, day or evening (810) 694-9072, Ext. 0 or email lharvey@hfsgb.org

Website: www.hfsgb.org



What's Happening Here

Easter Baskets for North End Soup Kitchen and for the Center for Hope

The Youth Group will again be putting together Easter Baskets for Catholic Charities to pass out to the children who will be served a meal during Easter at their soup kitchens. If you can donate a bag or two of wrapped candy (no nuts or peanut butter, please!), medium/large-sized Easter baskets or buckets, plastic eggs, a small new Easter-related toy or book (bubbles, kites, stuffed animals, stickers, etc.), please drop them off to the Religious Education office **by Thursday, March 30th**.



Daily Inspirational Lenten Calendar

Follow the link below to find an inspiration lent calendar on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website (<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/lent/lent-calendar.cfm>).

Funeral Dishes

We have a lot of funeral dishes and pans that have not been collected. They are in the Small Hall kitchen. The FBPC is open through the week and during coffee and donuts. Dishes and pans from funerals that are still left on April 24 will be put in the garage sale. We just don't have enough room for all the dishes currently in the small kitchen.

Evangelion Young Adult Ministry

Discipleship. Community. Living Faith.

Tuesday, March 28th

Join us for a movie night at the Mitchell's at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Tuesday, April 4th

Join us for catechesis at 7:00 p.m. at the Mitchell's. Hope to see you there!

Visit our website for future meeting details at
www.Evangelionmichigan.weebly.com
Email: evangelionmichigan@gmail.com

Holy Family Vacation Bible School

June 19th - 23rd from 9 a.m. - noon

This year's theme is "Passport to Peru" Passport to Peru is like taking an adventurous trip to Peru. Kids will sing catchy songs, play high-energy games, experience cool Bible adventures. Every day concludes with a celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they have learned! Registration forms will be available after spring break!



Volunteers are also needed to help with VBS, either by leading a group of students or helping with games, snacks, skits, and more. This is a great way for older students to get service hours and also to have tons of fun. All training and materials will be provided. If you are interested in helping, please call the Religious Education office at 694-9072, ext.101.

HFS Coke Rewards Program

Please note that the Coke Rewards Program is ending on March 22nd. **Please do not send any more Coca Cola caps to the school.** Any caps that you have already collected can just be recycled at home. Thank you!

New Musician Recruitment

- Adult Choir (high school and up): Thursday 7:30 PM Rehearsal in the Church. Mass on Sunday at 10:00AM
- Parish Children's Choir (3rd through 8th): Thursday 5:20 PM Rehearsal in Dr. Lee's office. Mass on Sunday at 12:00 PM
- Parish Bell Choir (6th graders and up): Monday 7:00 PM Rehearsal in Dr. Lee's office. Mass on Sunday at 10:00 AM during the Easter season.



If you need more information about joining the choir, please contact Dr. Simon Lee at musicdirector@holyfamilygrandblanc.org

Mass Intentions March 27 - April 2

Monday, March 27

8:00 AM Catherine Catchpole *by Cathy Lane*
5:30 PM Bob G. Sassack *by Bob and Pat Sassack*

Tuesday, March 28

8:00 AM Sr. Sharon Hektor (Living) *by Janice Hennen*
5:30 PM Barbara Fisher *by Lowell Fisher*

Wednesday, March 29

8:00 AM Kathleen Murray *by Marie Murray*
5:30 PM Maria Winiger *by Janet Waters*

Thursday, March 30

8:00 AM Phyllis Jean Delaney *by HF School Faculty / Staff*
5:30 PM James Sheaffer *by Cesar and Ica Bernabe*

Friday, March 31

8:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Rosum (Living) *by Donna & David Johnson*

5:30 PM Jose & Cora Chanco (Living) *by Hasselbach Family*

Saturday, April 1

8:00 AM Dec. Mem. of Jobbagy Family *by R. Jobbagy*
5:00 PM Jim Rynearson *by Nancy Rynearson & family*

Sunday, April 2

8:00 AM Thomas Wanbaugh *by Wanbaugh Family*
10:00 AM Catherine Denne *by John & Nancy Denne & family*
12:00 PM Helen Racine *by family*
6:00 PM All Holy Family Parishioners

Holy Family Happenings

Sunday, March 26

9 AM - 2 PM Coffee & Donuts (FBPC)
11:30 AM - 2:30 PM High School Confirmation mtg. (SJC)
11:30 AM - 12:45 PM K-6th Religious Ed classes (HFS)
6:30 - 8 PM RCIA (SJC)

Monday, March 27

5 - 6:15 PM K-6th Grade Religious Ed classes (HFS)

Tuesday, March 28

9 AM - 5 PM Eucharistic Adoration (CH)
11 AM - 2 PM Senior Luncheon (FBPC)
3:30 - 4:45 PM RCIA for Children (HFS)
6:30 PM Fire & Wind Seminar (CH)
6:30 - 8:30 PM 7th/8th grade Rel. Ed. Class (SJC)



Wednesday, March 29

9 AM - 12:30 PM St. Joseph Guild (FBPC)
6 - 8:30 PM High School Youth Group (SJC)

Thursday, March 30

10:30 - 11:45 AM RCIA for adults (HFS)
5:20 - 6:10 PM Parish Children's Choir (HFS)
7 - 9 PM Adult Cantor and choir rehearsal (CH)
7 PM Confirmation Mass (CH)

Friday, March 31

3 - 4 PM Help Put God Back in America (CH)
7 PM Stations of the Cross (CH)

Saturday, April 1

Liturgical Ministry April 1 - 2 Fifth Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM Liturgy for Saturday, April 1

Lectors: Kathy Swiantek, Sam Burdick
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

TBD	Jennifer Merciez	Don Sienko
Dawn Davis	Linda Nawrocki	Randy Swiantek
Cindy Edmonds	Jean Farris	Maddie White

Servers: (names removed for web publication)

8:00 AM Liturgy for Sunday, April 2

Lectors: Neil Fatheree, Shawn Slattery
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

TBD	Dan Charboneau	Cathy Lane
Yvonne Cesal	Karen Horton	Jennifer Leshock
Peter Cook	Dick Jobbagy	Danny Paris

Servers: (names removed for web publication)

10:00 AM Liturgy for Sunday, April 2

Lectors: Greg Gildner, Joseph Kiefer
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

TBD	Terri Yochim	Richard Cross
Rob Toth	Mary Andrews	Matt Dillon
Mary Ann Whidden	Betty Ardahl	Patsy Dillon
David Whidden	Colleen Argus	
Dan Wyant	Doug Benchley	

Servers: (names removed for web publication)

12:00 PM Liturgy for Sunday, April 2

Lectors: Rod McDonald, Marlene Ososki
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

TBD	Paul Londrigan	Jodi Sordyl
Connie Lesley	Sondra Rutkoski	Bea Torres
Desiree Londrigan	Kathy Savoie	Nicole Urbanik

Servers: (names removed for web publication)

6:00 PM Liturgy for Sunday, April 2

Lectors: Alice Thomas, David Gennaro
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

TBD	Chris McVannel	Katie Woycehoski
Kristin Koglin	Sharon Peasel	Nancy Repuyan
Martha Mansour	(Help needed - 2)	

Servers: Help (names removed for web publication)

Weekly Readings March 26 - April 2

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b/Jn 4:43-54

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

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-15, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-23/Jn 5:31-47

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

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

Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Youth News and more

High School Youth Ministry

Youth Group

Holy Family Youth Group is for all high school teens who are looking to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ and discover how they can live out their faith. Come meet other teens who are interested in their faith. Bring a friend and see if you are being called to something greater in your life.

Each Wednesday there is food, fun, other teens, discussions on faith and prayer. Join us this week, **Wednesday, March 29th**, from 6 – 8:00 p.m. This week at Youth Group we will be finishing up our month-long series focusing on Theology of the Body. All high school youth are welcome to join us for this powerful series. A pizza dinner will also be served at 5:30 p.m.

Drop-In

Drop-In will be open this week on **Monday, March 27th**, from 2:30 – 5:00 p.m. and **Wednesday, March 29th**, from 2:30 – 6:00 p.m. Come to the St. Joseph Center to work on group projects, hang out, or work on homework. Snacks and hot drinks are provided. There will be no Drop-In Center on April 3 or April 5 due to Spring Break.

Spring Break Service Days

Are you staying in Grand Blanc for Spring Break? Looking for something to do other than sitting around and playing video games all week? Come join other middle and high school youth in serving the Greater Flint Community.

We will be serving a number of different organizations on Monday – Thursday, **April 3 – 6th** from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. These service days are open to all youth who are in grades 7 – 12. Youth will be asked to bring a sack lunch and a water bottle every day. We will also be taking donations of baby items (diapers, wipes, formula, etc.) for the Center for Hope along with any donations for Easter Baskets.

Permission slips are available in the Religious Education office. If you are interested in serving all four days or just one, please **sign up by March 28th**.

We also are in need of adults to help drive and chaperone our youth during these service days. Please contact Jennifer at jgiddings@holyfamilygrandblanc.org ASAP to sign up to serve!

Stuebenville Summer Youth Conference

This summer we will be attending the second week of the Stuebenville Youth Conference at the Main Campus with the youth from Holy Redeemer Parish the week of **June 23 - 25**. We are still awaiting the cost of the bus transportation for this retreat weekend; however, the cost of the

retreat is \$199. Registration form and the \$199 fee are due into the Religious Education office **by Monday, April 10**.

We have an extremely limited number of spots available. Parents are also needed to help chaperone this weekend retreat. Contact Jennifer in the Religious Education Office if you are interested in volunteering.

Religious Education

First Communion News

Interviews are being held for students preparing to receive First Holy Communion in May. If you have not scheduled an interview with us, please call the Religious Education office at 694-9072, ext. 101.

First Communion Dinner will be held on **Thursday, April 20th**. If you have not RSVP'd, please call the Religious Education office. We are in need of volunteers to help with this dinner. Please call the Religious Education office if you are interested in helping.

Confirmation Liturgy for High School Students Thursday, March 30th, 7:00 p.m.

All students and sponsors should meet in the school lobby no later than 6:30 p.m. All are invited to join us at this Liturgy. There will be a reception following in the Fr. Bush Parish Center.

Class Schedule for K - 8th grade

Due to Spring break and Easter, there will be no classes or Children's Liturgy on the following Sundays:
April 2 / April 9 / April 16

Monday's schedule:

There will no classes on April 3 or April 17.
There is class on **Monday, April 10**.

Tuesday schedule:

There will be no class on Tuesday, April 4

Scripture Verse

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. - Jn 9:35-38

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Parish Prayers and more

Nursing Home Mass Intentions

Wednesday, April 5

11:00 AM Brookdale of Grand Blanc for Paula Wanbaugh (living) by Janet Waters

Thursday, April 6

10:45 AM American House for Matthew Myers by Janet Waters & Janice Hennen

Wednesday, April 12

11:00 AM Abbey Park for Sue Daunt by Judy McCarty

Wednesday, April 19

10:00 AM Genesee Care Center for Sue Daunt Knights of Columbus 6742

Thursday, April 20

2:00 PM The Oaks for The Holy Souls in Purgatory by the Mraz Family

Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis

for April

Young People - That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.



were presented

in memory of Cheryl DeMarco Mellor
by DeMarco Family



In Loving Memory

Please pray for the following Holy Family parishioners who died on these dates:

March 26

Stanislawa Mystkowski, Joseph Julius Theriault, Daryl Doyle, Robert Peterson

March 27

Joan Liss, Robert Sassack, Richard Drew

March 28

Walter Piesko, Clara Wysocki, Wayne Boyer, Falice M. Spooner

March 29

Gerald Gelisse, Clotilde Kehoe, Maria Winiger

March 30

Daphine Bissonette, Rose Marie Quinn

March 31

Emma Peterson, Jim W. Moyle, JoAnn Hanson, Emma Brunette

April 1

Kermit Debeck, Ted Owens, John Joseph Mahalic, Albert M. Serra

Please Pray for the Ill and their Caregivers

Please remember in prayer those listed in the March 5 bulletin and those listed in the Parish Book of Intercessions at the back of the church.



April 2017

Apostolate of Prayer for Priests... Lansing

Apr. 1 Rev. William Auth / Rev. W. Vincent Richardson
Apr. 2 Bishop Carl Mengeling
Apr. 3 Rev. Jonathon Wehrle / Rev. George Daisy
Apr. 4 Rev. James Lothamer / Rev. Francis Faraci
Apr. 5 Rev. Dennis Dillon / Rev. Francis George
Apr. 6 Rev. Robert Copeland / Rev. William Stevenson
Apr. 7 Rev. Robert Nally / Rev. Ryan Riley
Apr. 8 Rev. Richard Lobert / Rev. Satheesh Alphonse
Apr. 9 Bishop Earl A. Boyea
Apr. 10 Rev. Francis Murray / Rev. Prabhu Lakra
Apr. 11 Rev. Joseph Kim / Rev. Daniel Nusbaum
Apr. 12 Rev. Edwin Emeli / Rev. Steven Anderson
Apr. 13 All Priests
Apr. 14 Rev. Thomas Nenneau / Rev. Jonathan Perrotta
Apr. 15 Rev. Timothy MacDonald / Msgr. Geo. Michalek

Apr. 16 Our Holy Father
Apr. 17 Rev. Thomas Thompson / Rev. Patrick Egan
Apr. 18 Rev. Zachary Mabee / Rev. John Ferone
Apr. 19 Rev. Philip Schmitter / Rev. William Wegher
Apr. 20 Rev. Daniel Pajerski / Rev. Denis Spitzley
Apr. 21 Rev. Bosco Padamattummel / Rev. Joseph Aubin
Apr. 22 Rev. Robert Pienta / Rev. Phillip Sessions
Apr. 23 Rev. Gary McInnis / Rev. Nicholas Kiruma
Apr. 24 Rev. Aaron Smith / Rev. John Fain
Apr. 25 Rev. Duaine Pamment / Rev. James Hug
Apr. 26 Rev. Dwight Ezop / Rev. Benjamin Hawley
Apr. 27 Rev. Gerald Gawronski / Rev. Robert Gerl
Apr. 28 Rev. Michael Newman / Rev. Raymond Urbanek
Apr. 29 Msgr. Vincent Howard / Rev. Jay Kersten
Apr. 30 Rev. Michael Kuchar / Very Rev. David Hannes

Prayerfully Prepared for You by the Contemplative Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood, Portland, Maine

What's Happening Here

Fr. Charles Irvin

Writing Scholarship 2017

FAITH Magazine is once again sponsoring a writing scholarship contest for Catholic high-school seniors in the Diocese of Lansing. Mastering English is one thing. Having something to say is another. Excellent writing requires both. Catholic faith formation fosters both because of its role in creating a society of faith-filled yet critical thinkers. The winning essay must demonstrate this.

The 2017 essay subject is: **How would I explain Jesus Christ and what he means to me to someone who doesn't know Him?**

Here are the specifics:

Applicants: Catholic high-school seniors who are students at a diocesan Catholic high school and/or who are active participants in their parish's youth group/religious education program. **Essay length:** 800-1200 words

Entries due to the religious education office by: March 30, 2017.

Scholarship: One \$1,000 first prize, plus publication in FAITH Magazine, 2017 Teen edition

INFORMATION Submissions: Submissions should be sent as Word docs attached to an e-mail. Send to:

Jgiddings@holysfamilygrandblanc.org. Submissions must be sent by DRE, CYM, Catholic high-school teacher or pastor. Direct student submissions will not be considered. Please contact Jennifer in the Religious Education office with any questions.

Abortion and Adoption

The number of would-be adoptive parents (of newborn babies) far outstrips the supply in America.

Each year in the United States, about 51,000 American children are placed for adoption. In addition, about 6,500 foreign children are adopted by Americans, for a total of a little under 58,000 children adopted per year.

Experts estimate somewhere between one and two million couples seek to adopt yearly. Every year, there are about 1.3 million abortions. Sadly, only 4% of women with unwanted pregnancies give their children up for adoption.

Planned Parenthood often justifies abortion with the disingenuous slogan, "Every child a wanted child."

Every child is wanted, and wanted desperately!

by Pro-Life Articles Author www.pro-lifearticles.org

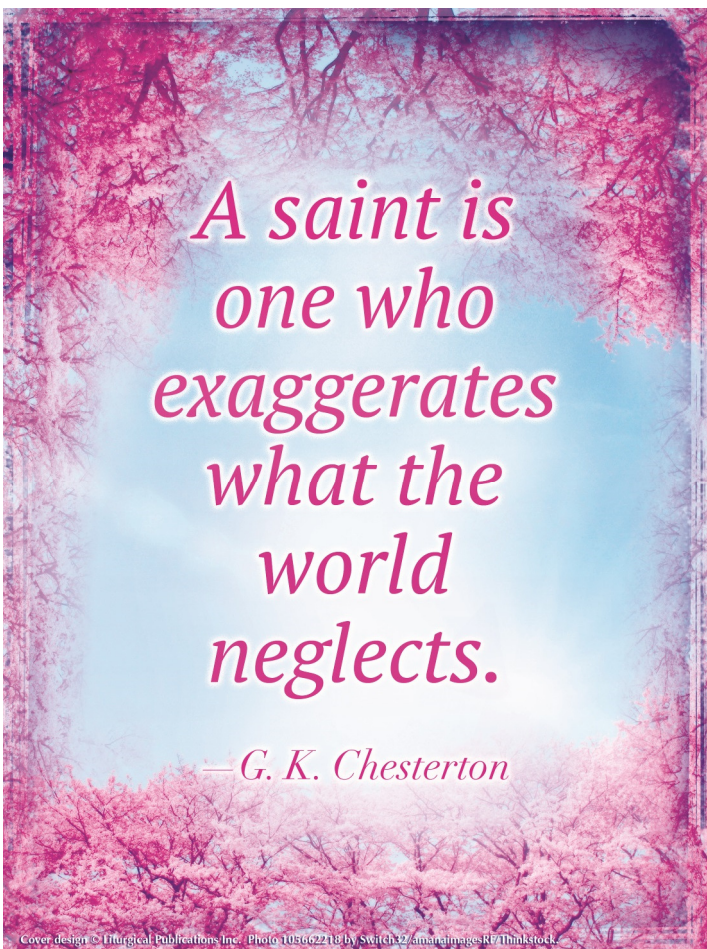
Fasting and Abstinence

Those who are physically capable are called to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and during the Fridays in Lent. Fasting (Ash Wednesday and Good Friday) consists of one full meatless meal and other limited meatless meals as required to maintain strength. The young, the elderly, and those with health issues are not required to fast. The discipline of fasting and abstinence should be done in a spirit of prayer and with the goal of making a sacrifice in order to draw closer to the Lord.



Saints for the Week (March 26 - Apr. 1)

(There are no Saints for this week.)



Fire & Wind Seminar



alive in spirit and truth

I say, "Yes, Lord"
Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Tuesday, March 28, 6:30 PM

Church of the Holy Family

Teaching by: Fr. Jim Rolph

Prayer Ministry: St. Francis Prayer Center

Music Ministry: Bill Richart and Friends

All Are Welcome
Come, Holy Spirit



Information: lblondin@holyfamilygrandblanc.org

Around the Diocese

St. Francis Retreat

Looking for a deeper understanding and experience God's Mercy? Attend "Divine Mercy Touching My Soul" retreat, **Wednesday, April 26th**, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at St. Francis Retreat Center. Through Scripture, the saints, and the writings of Pope Francis, we will get in touch with God's greatest gift for us! Tony Sperendi is your retreat director. The day includes Mass and lunch. The cost is \$30. Register at 517-669-8321 or www.stfrancis.ws.

Morning of Prayer and Reparation for World Peace

The World Apostolate of Fatima Diocesan Morning of Prayer and Reparation for World Peace will be held at Blessed Sacrament Church (6340 Roberta St., Burton) on **Saturday, April 1st**, at 9:00 a.m. The morning will include Divine Liturgy, Investiture in the Brown Scapular, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour of Prayer and Rosary.

Our Lady of Lebanon Church Bake Sale

(4133 Calkins Rd., Flint)

Wednesday, April 5th / 11:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
April 8th / 9th - after Mass

Maamoul, Namoura, Baklava, Ka'ak, plus other sweets
Also Zaatar and Cheese Pie
Pre-order by calling the church office (810) 733-1259
or Aida (810) 908-8678

Women of Grace Benedicta Leadership Institute for Women

The Women of Grace Benedicta Leadership Institute for Women and SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary (SSCMS) have partnered to present a dynamic new offering for women interested in Catholic Women's Leadership. The first of its kind, this program provides women with the opportunity to acquire a certification or graduate credit hours in Catholic Women's Leadership. Graduate credit hours can then be applied toward a Master of Arts in Theology degree with a concentration in Catholic Women's Leadership. No matter which level of endeavor a woman desires, this program will help her attain her goal, and assist her to "help transform the world one woman at a time." Class will be held at SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Orchard Lake, MI and the dates are from **June 19th through June 30th**. For more information, please call 1-800-558-5452 or email aibrahim@womenofgrace.com. Please go to our website for more details www.benedicta.womenofgrace.com

CCW Spring Meeting

The Northeastern Region Council of Catholic Women invite you to the Spring Meeting on **Tuesday, April 25th**, at St. Robert Catholic Church (Flushing) from 9:30 a.m. to noon. RSVP to Rosemary Lorinczi (659-3765) by **April 21st**.

A Service of Tenebrae

Good Friday / April 14th / 8:00 p.m.

St. Mary's

(2500 N. Franklin Ave., Flint, MI 48506)

St. Mary's, Flint, is holding its 10th annual Service of Tenebrae on **Good Friday, April 14th**, at 8:00 p.m. The service, which includes biblical readings and songs accompanied by a gradual extinguishing of light is appropriate for Catholics and non-Catholics.

Tenebrae is a Latin word meaning "shadows." It was formerly a part of the Liturgy of the House celebrated during Holy Week and the Triduum. The service was somber, quiet, and reflective. A distinguishing feature is the gradual extinction of all the lights in the church, as we contemplate the temporary triumph of the Prince of Darkness over the Light of the World.

The readings for the Tenebrae service are taken from the Book of Lamentations of Jeremiah from the Old Testament. With the destruction of the temple of Jerusalem and the interruption of its ritual, the exile of the leaders and the loss of national sovereignty, an era came to an end for Israel. Not long after the fall of Jerusalem (587 BC), Jeremiah, an eyewitness of the national humiliation of Zion, composed five laments. They combine confession of sin, grief over the suffering and humiliation of Zion, submission to merit love, and the power of God to restore. The union of poignant grief and unquenchable hope reflects the constant prophetic vision of the weakness of the people and the strength of God's love; it also reveals how Israel's faith in Yahweh could survive the shattering experience of national ruin.

National Catholic Singles Conference

Join hundreds of single Catholics of all ages at the National Catholic Singles Conference, **May 19th - 21st**, 2017, held at the DoubleTree Pittsburgh-Green Tree in Pittsburgh, PA. The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, prayer, food, fellowship and more! Space is limited, so register now! For more information and to register visit www.NationalCatholicSingles.com. Use promo code NCSCPA to receive a special discount. (Can't find your question answered on the website? Call 888.267.8885 x4.)