



Monday	April 17th
5:00 p.m.	Theodore Giovannazzo
Tuesday	April 18th
8:30 a.m.	John and Irene Polecsek
Wednesday	April 19th
5:00 p.m.	Tom and Becky Kaminski
Thursday	April 20th
8:30 a.m.	The Suetta Family
Friday	April 21st
8:30 a.m.	Rocky and Eileen Ross
Saturday	April 22nd
9:00 a.m.	Maxine and J. Norman Weber
4:30 p.m.	Anna Daly
Sunday	April 23rd 2nd Sunday of Easter
8:00 a.m.	Frank Zemanek
9:30 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Parish
11:00 a.m.	Carl and Marian Ternes

Christ
the Lord
is risen
today

alleluia

My Friends,

Blessed Easter! I hope these past days of Holy Week have been a time of grace for you. As our world continues to grow more secular, more and more people are losing sight of the divine. I even read the other day that there is a group of clergy who do not believe in God but want to encourage the moral values of the gospel for the good of humanity. It seems to me that if you deny Jesus as Lord and that God has not raised him from the dead, there is very little foundation to build on. Our society is unraveling. If you accept Jesus as the missing piece of the puzzle, all the other pieces fit in.

In this Easter time, we will be reading from John's Gospel. It all revolves around that famous verse Jn 3:16. *God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.* The whole of John's gospel is trying to get us to see that we might believe. The word, *believe*, is used 98 times. As we read from John in the coming days, watch the response of Mary Magdalene, the Beloved Disciple, Peter and Thomas.

Pope Francis constantly invites us into a personal relationship with the risen Christ. If we truly believe, then we cannot help but bring this good news into the world. Pope St. John Paul spoke of a *culture of death*. Our society is in the throes of a death wish. The opioid epidemic is only one manifestation of it. We need to resurrect Christ in our world. This is why Pope Francis says it is not enough to profess faith in Christ. We are called to mission. If the Spirit of the God who is love truly dwells in us, we won't be able to hold it in. Only love conquers death. There is a reason that Mary Magdalene was the first to witness Christ's resurrection. It was her deep love for Jesus that gave her the faith vision to see. I pray that we will be the Beloved Disciple who sees and believes.

Fr. Charlie

Readings for the Week of April 17th

Mon:	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
Tues:	Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
Wed:	Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thur:	Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
Fri:	Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14
Sat:	Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sun:	Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31



Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Evelyn G. McCorkell** and **Geraldine 'Gerry' Tobin Murray** and for the consolation of their loved ones.

In your prayers...



This week, please remember all in our parish community, the intentions in our intention book, our family and friends in need, especially: **Ann, Betty, Bev, Charlie, Chris, Don, Doug, Eileen, Eli, Joanne, Kelly, Linda, Loisann, Lois, Mary, Michael, Nichole, Pat, Sharon, Tom, Walt** and all who have asked for our prayers.

OPERATION
RICE BOWL



Anyone with Operation Rice Bowl donations can drop them off at the Parish Office.

Thank you for your generosity!

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The second collection on Easter will be for the Education Endowment Trust Fund.
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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday Collection (04/09/17)	\$9,354.83
Capital Improvement Fund	\$667.31
Envelopes	282

Thank you for your generosity.

[2nd Collection April 16th - Education Endowment Fund]
[2nd Collection April 23rd - Catholic Home Missions]



St. Mary Church along with its family & friends are sponsoring a Free Easter Dinner on Easter Sunday from Noon - 3pm. ALL are welcome!

EASTER SUNDAY



This Week in our Parish

Tuesday April 18th
 5:00 p.m. Hot Meals - Cafeteria
 7:00 p.m. Revisiting our Faith Traditions
 - Conference Room

Wednesday April 19th
 7:00 p.m. Cana Club - Cahill Library

Thursday April 20th
 9am - 5pm Eucharistic Adoration - Lower Church
 11:00 a.m. Altar & Rosary - Rosary & Benediction
 + Luncheon & Meeting - Weigand Room
 7:30 p.m. Book Club - Cahill Library

Sunday April 23rd
 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Children
 11:00 a.m. Pre-School P.S.R. - St. Joseph Building

200 Club Winner: 04/16/17 Susanne Haag #179



“REVISITING OUR FAITH TRADITIONS” will be held in the Conference Room on Tues., April 18th at 7pm. Our topic will be *Messianic Fulfillment II*. Read: Luke chapters 9-19.



Altar & Rosary Society

Easter Memorial Fund donations can be dropped in with the Sunday collection – please be sure to include your name and in whose memory you would like the



donation to be made.

A Memorial list will be published during the Easter Season.

teenJaM

You are invited to a **Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser** to Help Kids with Cancer!!!

[A Girl Scout Gold Award Project - Olivia Horstmann, T50952]

Sunday, April 23rd after all Masses - St. Mary Parish Hall

Cost: Goodwill offering to help our fundraising effort!

Are you a teenager and would like to Help? Contact Randy Kula randy@saintjudeparish.org or 216-409-2639 or call the St. Mary Parish Office at 323-5539. This event will be run by the Teen JaM Youth Group.

teenJaM meeting schedule: Apr. 23, May 7 & 21, Jun. 11 & 25

STAY IN TOUCH: We're on the web www.stmaryelyria.org Just click on the “TeenJaM” link.

Follow us on Twitter & Instagram at #TeenJaMElyria or request to join our Facebook group **teenJaMElyria**.

CONTACT US: It would be great to hear from you.

Contact us at: randy@saintjudeparish.org or 216-409-2639.



The St. Mary School community would like to wish all of our parishioners and friends a Blessed Easter Season. We thank you for your prayers and support of our school. May the Resurrected Lord continue to guide St. Mary Parish and its ministry of education.

The **Cana Club** meets this Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Cahill Library [St. Mary School-Guardian Angel Building]. All married couples are welcome. Please call Laurie with any questions 440-823-8473.

Our April Book Club book is titled Lincoln in the Bardo: A Novel by George Saunders. We will meet on Thursday, April 20th at 7:30pm in the Cahill Library. All are welcome.



Pastoral Staff:

Rev. Charles T. Diedrick, Pastor
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Contact Information:

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:00pm
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Sunday Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm; Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Mondays & Wednesdays: 5:00pm
 Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays: 8:30am
 Saturdays: 9:00am

New Parishioners are welcome and asked to register at the Parish Office

ARTS + HUMANITY

Michael James Mette will be sharing his music with our community on **Tuesday ~ April 25th** from **6:30-8pm** [doors open at 6] in the **St. Mary Parish Hall**.

Michael is a Catholic musician and speaker who travels the country with his wife & children. His music is a modern reflection of his faith blending alternative rock with faith based lyrics. Free will donations will be accepted. MICHEALJAMESMETTE.COM

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