

2021 LENT & EASTER WITH HOLY FAMILY PARISH



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SAFETY PRACTICES

We continue to work hard at keeping the churches as safe as possible. We clean the churches after every service and we all know airflow is the best deterrent.

NO OBLIGATION

There is no obligation to attend Mass and parishioners with health concerns should be extra cautious. The Ohio Bishops encourage attending weekday Masses which are less crowded.

ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17TH

According to Guidelines from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, ashes will be sprinkled on the head. Masses will be 8:15 AM St. John XXIII (staff & students only) and 12:10 and 7:00 PM at ST JOHN CHURCH to better accommodate social distancing.

ALMSGIVING ENVELOPE

Instead of alms boxes, we'll include a special envelope in the March pack and all donations will again be given to our Guatemalan Mission Twin - Sr. Sarah's Clinic.

NO SMALL GROUPS LENT TALKS

We cannot safely offer Small Group Bible Study or Lent Talks this year. We hope you'll use the *Little Black Book* enclosed which offers six-minute meditations on the Sunday Gospels of Lent.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us Friday nights during Lent at 7:00 PM at Holy Trinity Church for Stations of the Cross and Benediction. Social distancing observed and facemasks required.

FISH FRY FRIDAYS

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Fridays - proceeds go to St. John XXIII School and K of C for activities/charities. Drive-Thru or Limited Dine-In at The Eagles Lodge, 1300 First Avenue. Find details in bulletins and website and Facebook pages!

CONFESSION

There will not be Communal Lenten Penance this year. You're encouraged to take advantage of the regularly scheduled 3:30 PM Saturday Reconciliation at St. John.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday - Palms will be given out at the regularly scheduled weekend Masses
Holy Thursday - 6:00 PM Mass at Holy Trinity Church
Good Friday - 1:30 PM Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion at St. John Church

EASTER EGG HUNT SAT APRIL 3RD

11:00 AM Holy Trinity Grounds Three age groups: 3 and under, 4-7, and 8-10
Bring your basket and arrive early - it's over in minutes. Children should be accompanied by an adult.

EASTER VIGIL HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 3RD

This year the Easter Vigil Mass will be at ST JOHN CHURCH to better accommodate social distancing with a larger attendance. RCIA candidates and catechumens will be baptized and received into the church at this Mass.

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 4TH

9:00 AM Streaming Mass - Holy Trinity Church 10:30 AM Mass - St. John Church
Social distancing observed and facemasks required.

CALL THE OFFICE

As always, if you have a need or a question, just call the parish office 422-0602!
And you can always find the latest bulletin plus lots of great LINKS on our website.

What a year!

Last St. Patrick's Day, Covid forced the Ohio Bishops to close all public church services. This was keenly felt during Holy Week and Easter.

Churches reopened on Pentecost with many protective procedures

in place. Parishioners have responded well to wearing masks and social distancing. We're all concerned about not spreading the virus and we're all in this together.



While we are still not obliged to attend Mass, we do miss the liturgies and all the activities and social life of the parish. We miss the support and example of being with our friends. Of course we look forward to the day when the pandemic will be over but what can we do now?

Pope Francis teaches us that Covid can be a time of growth. He reminds us that we'll come out of this crisis better or worse, but not the same. So as unsettling as our lives are under Covid, we can come out better if we grow in our prayer life and become more sensitive to the suffering and needs of others. We may have more time now. We just have to make more effort. The choice is always ours.

So I wish you a fruitful Lent and an early Happy Easter. If the parish can help in any way, please just call the office.

Fr. John Civile

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