

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Apr. 7	TBA
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MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

<i>THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>		
Sat. Apr. 13	5:00 PM	For †Ed Gripshover
Sun. Apr. 14	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
Mon. Apr. 15	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Tue. Apr. 16	8:00 AM	For Emery Mapes (L)
Wed. Apr. 17	8:00 AM	For †Heather Adamkiewicz and Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thur. Apr. 18	8:00 AM	For †Arabella Cooper [Adoration & Confessions 6-7 PM]
Fri. Apr. 19	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
<i>THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>		
Sat. Apr. 20	5:00 PM	For †Hugh and Helen Kloentrup
Sun. Apr. 21	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish

PRAYER LIST—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Verna Payne, Imogene Fisk, Kate & Colton Sherold, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff suffering from Meniere’s disease, Tony Bach, Mike and Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Bonita & Jim Happe, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman, Larry Slusher, Roger High, Cheryl Miller, Sherry Jackson, Sarah Gripshover, Jeanne Eanes, Bill Schneider (Dominion Assisted Living 4009 Siegalman Dr. Florence, Room 215), Ree Wagner, Randy Goodhew, Sean Timmerding, the family of Rodney Gurren, Jim Wolfe, John Jackson, Wanda Bach, & Pax Minch.

BIRTHDAYS—Apr. 3-William Beck, Apr. 4-Ethan Thorwarth, Apr.10-Caity Schroder, Apr. 11-Bailey Downs, Apr. 13-Cap Kiser, Apr. 13-Gabrielle Feinauer, Apr. 13-Tory Schroder, Apr. 20-Hudson Feinauer, Apr. 27-Jill Schmiade.

ANNIVERSARY– None

Please send any requests for prayers or memorials to the parish email or call to make a request. If anyone’s birthday or anniversary is not listed, let Linda Fryman know.



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Worship Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays – 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursdays 6-7:00 PM

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM

Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

Thursdays—6:00-6:50 PM

Parish Staff and Volunteers

Religious Education – Roseanne Rawe (859) 635-1572

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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 14, 2024

DPAA REMINDER—This year’s goal is \$13,000. Pledge envelopes are available if you haven’t made your commitment yet or did not receive an envelope in the mail.

GRASS CUTTERS NEEDED—We are looking for a few volunteers to help with cutting the grass. Please let Chris Fryman know if you’re interested.

MASS INTENTIONS—Feel free to submit any and all Mass intention requests. There are lots of available dates if you would like to request a specific date. Remember that you can have Masses offered for the living as well as the deceased.

CARE FOR KIDS RAFFLE-Grab your chance to win \$10,000. \$20 per ticket. Drawing on Monday, April 29 at 9AM at the DCHH Center for Children and Families, located at 75 Orphanage Rd., Ft. Mitchell, Ky. 41017. This is to benefit the DCHH Center for Children and Families. Find out more as well as how to get tickets at their website dchcenter.org.

NEW! HIGH SCHOOL BACCALAUREATE MASS- (for public school seniors and their families): Wednesday, **May 1, 2024, 5:30pm at the Cathedral Basilica**, followed by a reception at the Curia. RSVP required for attendance at the reception. <https://covdio.org/youth/> is the website with which to register.

CROSS THE BRIDGE FOR LIFE-The annual Cross the Bridge for Life event will be on Saturday, **June 1 at 10 AM**. Registration and t-shirt pick up is at 9 AM. You must register by May 13 to receive a free t-shirt. You can get more info or register at WWW.CROSSTHEBRIDGEFORLIFE.ORG.

LECTOR— April 14—Linda Fryman, April 21-Bill Funke

CLEANING – April: Kathy and Wanda Bach

FROM THE PASTOR – THE EASTER DUTY

While the Easter octave is well done at this point, the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord continues for a while longer, in fact all the way until Pentecost which occurs on the 50th day after Easter. This Easter season is filled with “alleluia” and rejoicing in the tones because we are called to joy in the light of the victory of Christ. It is a holy season but also a celebratory season, and one that we should rejoice in through our daily lives.

The Easter season (in more traditional places called Eastertide or Paschaltide) is meant to be a celebratory time for the reception of the sacraments as well. We know of those who have been baptized and confirmed at the Easter Vigil around the world who now join us as fellow Catholics. We who are already members of the body of Christ are in turn called to a joyful reception of the sacraments. Holy Mother Church desires this for us in making one of the few demands she does upon us in the Easter duty: the reception of Holy Communion once a year during the Easter season (that is, from Easter Sunday until Pentecost Sunday).

To be clear, this Easter duty is a minimum mandate. The Church encourages and supports the more frequent reception of the Eucharist beyond once a year. This duty is to ensure that the faithful do not keep themselves separated from Christ and His sacraments for too long. It seems hard to believe in an age when so many come forward with frequency to receive, but many Catholics in more ancient times held the Eucharist in such high regard (or perhaps held themselves in too low of regard) that they refrained from receiving Communion out of fear they would degrade it. To combat this dangerous practice, the Church began mandating the reception of Holy Communion on Easter Sunday since the sixth century.

Why must we receive the Eucharist during Eastertide? Because of that other word we use to identify this sacred mystery: Communion. It is in the Eucharist that we enter into communion with Christ, who came to draw us to Himself and through Him to God. To receive the Eucharist is to become like Christ and to enter into the divine life which is meant for all. To avoid receiving the Eucharist means one has cut oneself off from communion with Christ, and how can one profess to be a Catholic if one is not in communion?

Some people struggle to make this duty because they persist in a state of mortal sin. We are not meant to stay sinners but to be renewed in the Risen Lord who pours out His mercy upon all who will receive it. Remember that confession is always available for an hour before weekend Masses, and that I am more than willing to meet privately to discuss any issues with you. Let us make our Easter duty worthily and well so that we may remain with Christ risen from the dead and be renewed by His mercy for the greater communion which awaits in everlasting life!

Fr. Jacob Straub