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OFFICE HOURS:
9am—5pm Monday—Thursday

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE
SATURDAY: 5:00pm St. Francis

SUNDAY: 8:30am St. Francis
10:30am St. Gabriel

WEEKDAYS: 9:00am Mon and Wed. St. Francis
9:00am Tues. and Thurs. St. Gabriel
~See Weekday Schedule for changes and Special Days~

CONFESSION
2:00-2:45pm St. Gabriel
3:15-3:45pm St. Francis (when time allows)
Note: Confessions are canceled when there is a wedding or Funeral at either parish.

REJOICE AND BE GLAD
If Christmas is the “most wonderful time of the year,” then Easter is the most joyous, glorious, awesome time of the year! Really? Today’s readings don’t exactly brim over with the kind of holiday cheer we find at Christmas—except for the responsorial psalm, which admittedly rings with gleeful joy. But otherwise, not so much. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter gives a dry, condensed rendering of the story of Jesus to a group of Gentiles in Caesarea. The Colossians reading actually does have us looking forward to glory. Most underwhelming, though, is the Gospel proclamation of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. When we want to hear about angels and earthquakes and trumpets and glory, we hear about a dark, silent, empty tomb. This Easter Sunday story from John’s Gospel is startling in its emptiness. Like Peter in the story, we must enter into this mystery.

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This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia.

Very early on the morning after the sabbath, when the sun had just risen, they came to the tomb, Alleluia.
Liturgy of the Hours Roman Rite

THANK YOU TO YARD WORK HELPERS —
To: the Confirmation Candidates, High School and Adult helpers, Matt Kiko and crew, for cleaning and mulching Billy’s Way and the parish grounds. We recently had some vandalism on our property and are working on replacing several statues which were destroyed. A police report was made. Thanks for all of your help.

PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN:

April 6/7
Canned Fruits & Vegetables
April 13/14
Paper Products (Necessities)

SICK AND SHUT-INS OF THE PARISH
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER & ST. GABRIEL

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St. Luke Minerva: Bob Gorrell
Centreville Village, Carrollton: 1082 Kensington Rd, Carrollton:
Loretta Evans, Barb Laubacher.
Canterbury Villa, Alliance: Ron Koniecko (Memory Unit)
Inn at University Village, Massillon: Nancy Schott, Dee Hudak
St. Joseph Senior Living, 2308 Reno Dr, Louisville, OH 44641,
Rose Thrower
Brookdale Bath: Janet Boyer. Brookdale Bath Senior Living, 101 N Cleveland—Massillon Rd. Room 223, Akron, OH 44333
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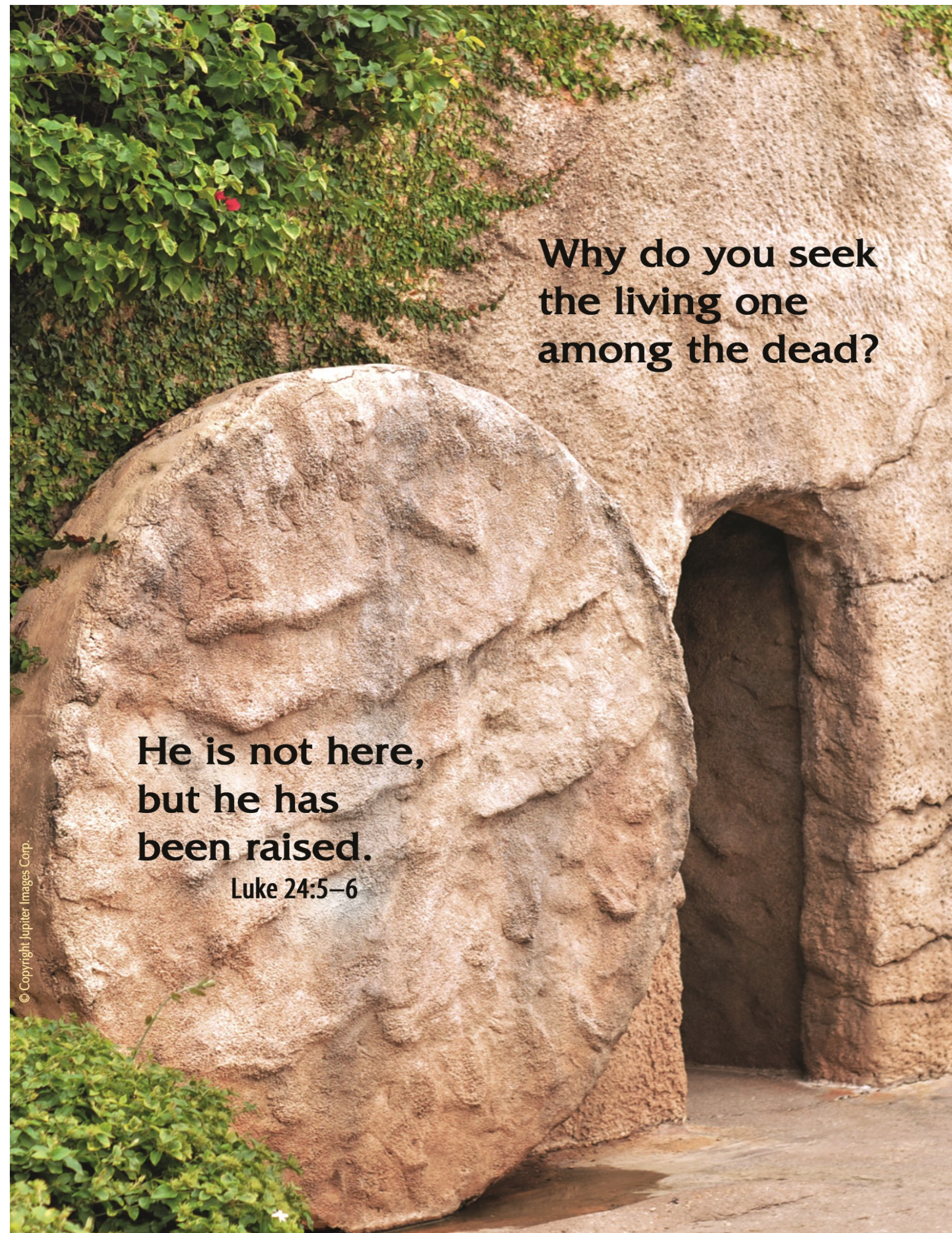
OUR FASCINATING FAITH



The Easter Season

Our Easter celebration lasts fifty days, during which Resurrection joy should overflow the hearts of believers to refresh a parched and weary world with the revivifying waters of faith, hope, and charity. All season, at every Sunday Mass, we read Luke’s Acts of the Apostles, charting the young church’s Spirit-led journey, sometimes peaceful, sometimes persecuted, beset by enemies without and turmoil within. But this young church is always moving onward, from Jerusalem’s familiarity to the strangeness of every place between there and Rome; and outward, from an inherited Judaism’s comfortable uniformity to the Gentile world’s challenging diversity. A week after Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday invites us to renew our personal relationship with Jesus. On the Third Sunday of Easter, the disciples at Emmaus recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread, and return to share the Good News even as modern-day disciples should. On Good Shepherd Sunday, the church prays for priestly and religious vocations. All the while, Acts shows people drawn to the early Church because they had seen the Risen Jesus not in person, but in persons, in disciples who still form Christ’s living Body, the Church. Each of us is likewise called to be the kind of disciple, personally and in communion with our brothers and sisters, in whom those who seek Jesus may at least glimpse his presence.

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Why do you seek the living one among the dead?

He is not here, but he has been raised.

Luke 24:5–6

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 30-Easter Vigil Mass

8:00pm SG - Special Intention

Begin in Billy's Way for the blessing of the Fire and Preparation of the Candle

Sunday, March 31 Easter Sunday

8:30am SFX -Living and Deceased Members of Our Parishes

10:30am SG -Mary & Mike Dangelo by Family

Monday, April 1

9:00am SFX - **NO MASS TODAY**

Tuesday, April 2

9:00am SG -Martha Zwick by Betty Zwick & Family

Wednesday, April 3

9:00pm SFX -Vince Palleschi by Jackie Contini

Thursday, April 4-St. Stanislaus

7:00pm SG - Mark McClain by Arehart Family

Friday, April 5- NO MASS TODAY

Saturday, April 6

5:00pm SFX - Living and Deceased Members of Our Parishes

Sunday, April 7

8:30am SFX - Joann Takacs by Greg & Gloria Zambrosky

10:30am SG - Andy Marko by Norma & Family

Weekly Contributions Weekend of March 24, 2024

St. Gabriel: Adult \$1,227; Online giving \$260; Loose \$224; Capital Improvement \$10; Easter Offering \$320; Easter Flowers \$85; Easter Offering \$320; Lenten Offering \$165; Good Friday \$60

St. Francis Xavier: Adult \$1,187; Online giving \$356.24; Loose \$192; Extra Ord Exp \$20; Easter Flowers \$50; Catholic Relief Svcs \$20; Good Friday \$35; Easter Offering \$75; Lenten Offering \$120

Good Shepherd Hall \$210 Bequest \$5,000

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WEEKLY MASS ATTENDANCE FOR March 24, 2024

Sat. 5pm (SFX)	71	Sun. 8:30am (SFX)	99
		Sun. 10:30am (SG)	105

Minister Schedule: April 6/7, 2023

MASS TIME	SERVERS	LECTORS	EUCH. MIN
5:00 pm (SFX)	Levi McKarns	T.Bille	R.Schott G.Rhodes
8:30am (SFX)	Volunteer	M.Larson	R.Irwin P.Tucci J.Kandel
10:30 am (SG)	M.Fescemyer X.Fescemyer	B.Cinson	L.Grim D.Cinson B.Pilati



"GOOD SHEPHERD HALL"

~A Catholic Community Center~

Our hall is a joint effort by and for both parishes located on the St. Francis campus. Thank you for Your continued Pledge payments, one time Gifts, new Pledges, and Memorial Gifts. Thanks to all who are contributing towards the support of our facility.

RENTAL: Open to the general public for events and special occasions. Special rates regularly apply to **Registered and Active** members of either parish through your financial support in the building and maintenance of our facility. **Spread the news.**

Rental Information, Scheduling and Rates, Contact Kathy Pirolozzi (330) 705-1273 or Paula Tucci (330) 206-3657



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

Pancake Breakfast Sunday, **April 7, 2024** from

9:00am to 12:30pm at St. Gabriel. Come and

share a delicious meal with your family & friends.

The breakfast menu will be pancakes, sausage, home fries, scrambled eggs and a drink. Adults \$7.00; children ages 6-12 years are \$3.00 and ages 5 and under are free. Hope to see you there! This will be our last pancake breakfast until October.

SENIOR CENTER DINNER April 4th (Thursday) at **5:00pm**. Menu: Lasagna, tossed salad, garlic bread and ambrosia. For reservations call **Norma at (330)771-2152** by **7:00pm** the day before the dinner, or the **Senior Center at (330)868-6004** by noon the day of the dinner.

ST FRANCIS CWC NEWS - The next meeting of the CWC will be **Wednesday, April 3, 2024** in the narthex of the church. The rosary will be prayed at **2:00pm** and the meeting will begin at **2:30pm**. We will discuss Father's Jubilee Celebration and the next quarter auction. All are Welcome!

ST GABRIEL CWC NEWS - The next meeting of the CWC will be **Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 1:00pm** in the Annex. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend. The CWC will also be hosting a **Senior Luncheon** on **Wednesday, April 24th at 12:00pm** in the Annex. Seniors from St. Francis & St. Gabriel Churches are invited to attend.

VOCATION VIEWS: The Stone is rolled back, the tomb is empty! We are to go and tell the Good News. Rejoice in the power of the resurrection! Alleluia! (Mark 16:1—8)



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I would like to wish all of our parishioners and your families an Easter filled with peace and joy. I pray that the new life we celebrate will fill all the days of the coming year for you.

Thank you for all of the signs of love and support that you show to me daily. You make my ministry a joy and my burdens light.

A special "Thanks" to **ALL** who have given of their time and talent during the Lenten season and the celebration of Holy Week, especially our: Mass Servers, Lectors, Special Ministers of the Eucharist, Choir, Cantors, Musicians, Ushers, Parish Office Staff, Decorating Committee, Cleaners, PSR Teachers and Students, Congregation, Visitors, and all who volunteer to help make our services prayerful and reverent.

May this celebration of Easter JOY be a blessing for you and lead you closer to being a dedicated disciple of our Risen Lord, JESUS CHRIST.

Let the **ALLELUIA'S RING!**

In Christ, Fr. Victor Cinson. Easter 2024

WELCOME TO THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Today we welcome **Seamus Kelleher**, son of Patrick and Nicole (Sgambellone) Kelleher, and brother of James, Sean, Eibhlin, and Ciara, who was **baptized on Easter Sunday**. May he keep the flame of faith alive in his heart. Welcome to our parish community.



CONFIRMATION SPONSORS and CANDIDATES

Next Sunday, **April 7**, sponsors and the candidates will meet at **9 AM**. We will

begin our time together with the K of C breakfast, have our meeting and then since it is also "Same Pew Sunday", we invite both sponsors and candidates to pray with us at the 10:30 AM Mass. We look forward to our celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Saturday, May 18th at 5 PM at SFX**. All parishioners, families and friends are invited to mark your calendars and plan to join us for this special liturgy and welcome **Bishop Paul Bradley**, the Apostolic Administrator of our Diocese, for his first visit with us.

PSR NEWS

We wish a joyful and blessed Easter to all of our staff, students and their families as today we mark the beginning of the Easter season. Classes will resume for PSR and Confirmation candidates next Sunday, April 7th.



EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS & DONATIONS

See the **special insert** in today's bulletin listing all of the Easter Flower Memorials and Donations. If you neglected to submit your offering, you may still do so and we will list your names in the upcoming bulletins. Thank you for your generosity.



EASTER SUNDAY MARCH 31 2024