

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 23
5:00pm SFX –Living and Deceased Members of Our Parishes

Sunday, March 24 *Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord*
8:30am SFX -Bill Dine by Ila & June
10:30am SG -Ava Elise Burman by Aunt Judy Black

Monday, March 25
9:00am SFX –Tom Bonacuse by Alice Bonacuse & Wm Craney

Tuesday, March 26
9:00am SG –Agnes Vennitti by Ruth Trbovich

Wednesday, March 27
9:00pm SFX –Terrie Artzner by Janet Gwynn

Thursday, March 28 *Holy Thursday*
7:00pm SG –Special Intention

Friday, March 29 *Good Friday*
12:00 Noon—St. Francis—Stations of The Cross
7:00pm St. Gabriel- Good Friday —Passion of the Lord

Saturday, March 30 *Easter Vigil Mass*
8:00pm SG – Special Intention

Sunday, March 31 *Easter Sunday*
8:30am SFX –Living and Deceased Members of Our Parishes
10:30am SG -Mary & Mike Dangelo by Family

Weekly Contributions Weekend of March 17, 2024

The weekly collection is very important to the life of the parish. It demonstrates the faith of the people and is used to assess the viability of our parishes.

St. Gabriel: Adult \$1,515; Online giving \$865; Loose \$106; Capital Improvement \$20; Easter Offering \$10; Easter Flowers \$275; Palm Sunday \$10; Catholic Relief Svcs \$220; Lent \$140

St. Francis Xavier: Adult \$1,424; Online giving \$369.99; Loose \$184; Extra Ord Exp \$12; Easter Flowers \$165; Catholic Relief Svcs \$30; Good Friday \$5; Easter Offering \$20; Palm Sunday \$20; Lenten Offering \$89; Diocese Priest Retirement \$40

Good Shepherd Hall \$60

Please note: The “On-line Giving” total (above) is the Adult Collection as well as any Other Donations made on our website. **Thank you for your generosity.**

CHURCH SUPPORT

Thanks to all for your financial support to our parishes. You may **Mail** gifts to: **Parish Office, PO Box 275 Minerva, OH 44657**, use the **On-line Giving** (see front of bulletin for details), or place them in **Collection**.

WEEKLY MASS ATTENDANCE FOR March 17, 2024

Sat. 5pm (SFX)	64	Sun. 8:30am (SFX)	98
		Sun. 10:30am (SG)	115

VOCATION VIEWS: Jesus emptied himself and became obedient even unto death. Are you willing to die to selfishness? Let Christ reign in your heart! (Philippians 2:6—11)

SICK OF ST. FRANCIS & ST. GABRIEL

Arbors Nursing -400 Carolyn Court, Minerva, OH 44657:

Doris Ferguson, Sandra Romano, Henry Monte, and MaryAnn Corrin

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

Alliance Altercare: Matt Martin (Memory Care Unit)

Home: Cathy Barnhart, Joe Churico

Prayer Chain for St. Francis and St. Gabriel:

For the prayer list for St. Francis, please call Dolores Hudson at 330-863-0273.

“MASS FOR SHUT-INS”

You may view on our Website: stgabriel-sfrancis.org, or **St. Gabriel and St. Francis Church Facebook**. Watch as the event happens, or later on at your convenience. **9:00 am Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday. Sunday Mass: 10:30am**

Minister Schedule: March 23/24, 2024

MASS TIME	SERVERS	LECTORS	EUCH. MIN
5:00pm (SFX)	Levi McKarns	B.Rossetti S.Coen	B.Coen R.Schott
8:30am (SFX)	Volunteers	M.Larson D.Thompson	R.Irwin K.Pirolozzi J.Kandel
10:30am (SG)	M.Fescemyer X.Fescemyer	N.Marko	B.Pitati L.Grim D.Toussant

HOLY WEEK AT ST. GABRIEL

MASS TIME	SERVERS	LECTORS	EUCH. MIN
7:00pm SG Holy Thursday March 28th	Volunteer Volunteer	S.Coen	G.Rhodes M.Larson V.Orem
7:00pm SG Good Friday March 29th	Volunteer	P.Laubacher D.Thompson	J.Ellis M.Ellis G.Rhodes
8:00pm SG Easter Vigil March 30th	M.Fescemyer X.Fescemyer	N.Marko V.Orem S.Coen	L.Grim B.Pitati B.Coen

Minister Schedule: March 31, 2024 EASTER SUN.

MASS TIME	SERVERS	LECTORS	EUCH. MIN
8:30 am (SFX)	Volunteers	D.Thompson	M.Hain J.Kandel K.Pirolozzi
10:30am (SG)	W.Wright A.Nastasi	L.Michel	J.Ellis M.Ellis S.Roby

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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**



LENTE FISH DINNERS

Thanks to **ALL** who have volunteered to organize and work at our Lenten Fish Dinners. From youngest to oldest, cooks, prep crews, coleslaw chefs, deserts, table servers, dish washers, clean-up crew, cashiers and our loyal customers. Each of you helped to create a sense of unity in working together, offered delicious meals to our community, and were good ambassadors of our faith to others. May God reward you for your labors.



ADDITIONAL CONFESSION TIMES

Monday, March 25th

*St. Francis from 4-5pm

*St. Gabriel from 7-8pm

NO confessions scheduled Sat., March 30th.

CHRISM MASS—BLESSING OF THE HOLY OILS



Bishop Paul Bradley will celebrate the Chrism Mass at **St. Mary's Basilica, 506 Fourth Street, Marietta** on **Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 2:00 PM** All invited to attend.

YARD WORK HELPERS NEEDED—St. Gabriel's Confirmation Candidates, High School and Adult helpers are needed on **Thursday, March 28th** at 9AM to help **spread mulch**. Thanks to Matt Kiko and crew who have been cleaning Billy's Way and the parish grounds. Many hands make light work as we prepare the garden and grounds for the Holy Saturday Vigil and Easter Sunday. All who are able are asked to give us a hand. Thanks.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



As part of the Triduum, plan to join us at **St. Francis Xavier** on **March 29, Good Friday**, for the Stations of the Cross at **12 Noon**. As we gather to pray remembering Jesus' journey to Calvary on this holy day we are led to humbly reflect on the sacrifice he freely made in giving his life for each of us. Come and pray with us on this solemn day.

WITH SYMPATHY We offer our sympathy to Stefanie Best (daughter) and family on the recent passing of **James P. McDermott**, of St. Gabriel Parish. May he rest in peace.



PSR News

Our PSR students, under the direction of catechist Cheyenne Neighbor, will share some musical selections with us as we begin the 10:30 AM Mass today as we celebrate Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. We invite and encourage you to join us as a family for the very special liturgies as we celebrate the Triduum - Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil.

PSR Easter Break

PSR students and Confirmation Candidates will not have class next Sunday, Easter. Classes will resume on Sunday, April 7. We wish all of our students and families a very blessed Holy Week and a joyous Easter!



Confirmation News

When classes resume on Sunday, April 7, we will meet with Sponsors and Candidates at 9 AM. Don't forget that this is also “Same Pew Sunday” so please plan on joining us at the 10:30 AM Mass. Mark your calendars! We look forward to seeing everyone there!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY—March 28

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM at St. Gabriel.

Liturgy of the Word, Washing of Feet and Liturgy of the Eucharist. Please bring your Rice Bowl Lenten offering, or envelope. Adoration will take place immediately after Mass until Night Prayer at 9:30 pm. We invite you to spend a few minutes before the Lord in adoration. All are invited to return for Night Prayer.

GOOD FRIDAY—March 29

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 12 Noon
At St. Francis

THE PASSION OF THE LORD—7:00 PM at St. Gabriel. The Liturgy of the Word, the Passion from the Gospel of St. John, Holy Communion, Adoration, Night Prayer at 9:30 pm.

EASTER VIGIL—March 30 (Holy Saturday)

The Easter Vigil Mass begins in Billy's Way Garden at St. Gabriel, 8:00 PM. Blessing of the new fire and the Paschal Candle, a candle light procession to church, singing of the Exsultet, Liturgy of the Word, Renewal of Baptismal Promises and the Eucharist. **All are invited to break the fast by joining us for a time of food and fellowship in the Classroom Annex immediately after Mass.** Please note: **There is NO 5:00 pm Mass at St. Francis tonight.**

EASTER SUNDAY—March 31

8:30 am Mass at St. Francis Xavier
10:30 am Mass at St. Gabriel the Archangel
Alleluia! He is Risen.





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Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. **PLEASE BE GENEROUS!**

GOOD FRIDAY FAST AND ABSTINENCE
No meat for those 14 years and older.
Only one full meal for those 18 to 50.

MALVERN CHRISTIAN CARE CENTER
There will be NO Malvern Christian Care Center collections after Mass for the Easter Weekend, March 30th & 31st. Donations may still be received by placing an envelope marked "Christian Care Center" in the Collection. Thank you.

SEEKING DONATIONS of Embroidery Supplies for an asylum that houses people with children waiting for sponsors, jobs, and a home. *Cotton embroidery floss, all colors. • Cotton crochet thread, any color.

- Tiny seed beads (glass or plastic) of any color.
- NO Acrylic thread or yarn, this cannot be used.
- Embroidery needles, various sizes. Crochet hooks and small scissors.

Your past donations of supplies and/or money have been much appreciated! Donations may be left in the narthex of St. Francis, marked: "Anita Tokos, Embroidery Supplies."

CWC MEETING REMINDER: Mother of Hope Deanery Council of Catholic Women, at St. John Fisher Church in Richmond, OH. April 7, 2024 at 1:30pm

PASTOR: Fr. Victor Cinson
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS: Mrs. Betsy Cinson & Mrs. Suzanne Lawson
FAITH FORMATION/RCIA DIRECTOR: Ms. Linda Shaw

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OFFICE HOURS: Office/Rectory: 330-868-4498
10am - 4pm Monday -Thursday

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE Please check the inside for Holy Days and other information.
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 Schedule inside for changes and Special Days—

CONFESSIONS - Saturday
St. Gabriel. 2:00-2:45pm
St. Francis. 30 minutes prior to the 5 pm Mass as time allows

Other times by request. (Note: Confession will be canceled when there is a wedding/funeral at either church).


BAPTISMS
Parents are to call the Parish Office arrange for a preparation meeting. The child need not yet be born to make these arrangements.

MARRIAGES
Couples intending to marry need to contact the pastor personally 6 months prior to the desired date. This meeting is necessary to set the date and answer any questions.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
Please call the rectory when you are hospitalized, or would like to request the Anointing of the Sick.

BULLETIN DEADLINE All items must be submitted to the parish office **in writing** by **12 NOON ON TUESDAY.**

PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN— FOOD PANTRY
March 24 : Flour, Sugar & Shortening
March 31 : Breakfast Bars & Cereal



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION. Although the procession with palms has an unforgettable grip on our imagination, the real emphasis of this day's liturgy is contained in its name: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. Since 1955, the old custom of a blessing of palms with procession of the people has marked the entry of the Church into a time so rich that it is called "Holy Week."

The center of today's liturgy, however, is the solemn reading of the Passion, this year taken from Mark's Gospel. Our community is to be transformed by its celebration of Easter, and so this week everything is made new. Soon, the bishop will celebrate the "Chrism Mass" when the holy oils for the sacraments will be completely replenished and blessed, and transported from the cathedral to every parish. Easter is the first Sunday after the first full moon of springtime. Be on the lookout later this week for this "paschal" moon, rising in the east at the precise moment the sun sets in the west. Imagine: a day when there is not a single moment when the earth is not bathed in light from the heavens. We are on the threshold of the three great days (Triduum): Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, beginning at sunset on Thursday when the parish gathers in response to the Lord's command: "Do this in memory of me." —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

ENCOUNTER WITH THE CROSS The journey of Lent brings us to an encounter with the cross. During Lent, we have been led more deeply into questions at the heart of our faith: Who is God? And who are we, the Church? The Gospel of Matthew indicates that, in the crucifixion, God's true nature is most fully revealed in Jesus. In Jesus, God is the self-emptying One, who embraces humility and suffers rejection, as Paul tells the Philippians. God's power is redefined, present not in coercion and violence, but in Jesus' unbounded love. We the Church can learn who we are, the followers of the Crucified One, when we bear crosses that offer life and hope to the world. We more fully become the Church when we empty ourselves by sharing in others' sufferings, rejecting violence, and taking risks for justice and reconciliation. Like Jesus, we may reveal God's power as compassion and mercy. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



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