



School News:

This Week - Spring Break Week (Mar. 28th —Apr 4th)

Easter Season Flowers:

Please consider donating toward the Easter Flowers in memory of a loved one. Flowers are needed from Easter through Pentecost.



"I perform works of mercy in every soul. The greater the sinner, the greater the right he has to My mercy. My mercy is confirmed in every work of My hands. He who trusts in my mercy ill not perish, for all his affairs are Mine." - Jesus to St. Faustina (Diary 723)

Bulletin Deadline:

Any requested announcements for the bulletin must be turned into the Parish Office by

11a.m. on Wednesdays.

You may email to:

ssppp1216oh@dwc.org

or call: 304-465-5445.

Thank You!



Congratulations to Katie and Eric Carpenter, and Shannon Dean, who joined us at the Easter Vigil through the initiation sacraments. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their faith journey as members of the Catholic Church.

A Family Perspective

Jesus connects PEACE and FORGIVENESS in today's gospel. In our families we will only experience peace to the extent we forgive one another. Peace is purchased with the currency of forgiveness. When we allow our anger and pride to lock out others, we also lock out peace and harmony. - Bud Ozar

Second Sunday of Easter

"How blessed are those who have not seen but have believed."

During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, today is a day that stands out because it is already designated as a day to celebrate God's mercy. We all stumble, and we all have our doubts. Our loving God is always there, however, ready to help us, to give us a second, third, fourth, or "nth" chance. As we move through these fifty days of Easter, let us rejoice in the good news of such a loving God, and renew our efforts to treat all others with the same mercy that God shows us.

SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church

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BRINGING THE MESSAGE OF
JESUS CHRIST TO OTHERS FOR OVER
100 YEARS



April 3, 2016

*Second Sunday
of Easter
Sunday of the
Divine Mercy*



Mass Intentions

Sat. 5:30p.m. **Apr. 2 - Vigil**
 †Jennie Figiel
 by Bruce & Toni Webb

Sun. 8:00a.m. **Apr. 3**
 Mary Kerby
 by the Booth Family
 10:30a.m. For All Parishioners

Mon. **Apr. 4 Solemnity of the Annunciation**
 8:30a.m. †Gardencia Rancho
 by Pilan Obenza

Wed. 6:00p.m. **Apr. 6**
 †Dorothy Pritt
 by Reggi & Terri Dodd

Thurs. 8:30a.m. **Apr. 7**
 †Naomi McCormick
 by Art & Mary Gonzales

Fri. 8:30a.m. **Apr.8**
 †Frank Lagos by SSPP Parish

Sat. 5:30p.m. **Apr. 9 - Vigil**
 †Marissa Howerton
 by Bruce & Toni Webb

Sun. 8:00a.m. **Apr. 10**
 †Manuelita Gosien by
 Glenn & Dianne Murphy
 10:30a.m. For All Parishioners

Offerings Mar. 27, 2016

Env/Loose:	\$ 4,355.00
Online:	\$ 350.00
Easter Flowers:	\$ 80.00
School	\$ 150.00
Maintenance:	\$ 130.00
Votives:	\$ 12.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 501.00
Holy Land/Good Fri.	\$ 746.00
Educ. Seminarians	\$ 692.00

Lectors

Sat. (Vigil): 4/9
5:30p.m. : Ted Dixon
Sun. 4/10 - 8a.m.: Cindy Pino
10:30a.m.: Margaret Stagers

Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

April

Sat. (Vigil):
5:30p.m. : Reggi & Terri Dodd

Sun. 8a.m.: Ricky & Gemma White

Sun. 10:30a.m.:
 Herman & Bev Hundley

Altar Server Schedule:

Saturday (Vigil): 4/9
5:30p.m.: Rachel White/
 Aidan & Josephine Keaveny

Sunday: 4/10
8:00a.m.: Marc & Hannah White/
 Chloe Kania
10:30a.m.: Jackie & Bethany Rosiek/
 Anna Pauley

Lenten Banks.... If you haven't already returned your bank, it is not too late. Please remember the donations we receive from the banks will go to help with utilities for those who are down on their luck.

Gentle Reminder....If you are sick, please use discretion at the sign of peace and refrain from receiving from the cup.

This Week.....

Tues. 7:00p.m. Confirmation
Wed. 4:15p.m. "Saturday Choir" rehearsal
Thurs. 6:00p.m. "Sunday Choir" rehearsal
Sat. 8:00a.m. Bible Sharing @ Bob Evans

Sunday

NO—Faith Formation and RCIA
 Adult Bible Class @ 9:15a.m.
 High School Youth @ 7:00p.m.

MEETING(S) SCHEDULED

Parish Council will meet
April 7, 2016, at 6:00p.m.
 In the Fr. Moore Room.

Finance Committee will meet
April 14, 2016 at 6:00p.m.
 In the Fr. Moore Room

Faith Formation by Toni Webb

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES.....

We call those who join the Church at the Easter Vigil "neophytes," from the Greek for a new convert, especially a newly baptized member of the early Christian Church. Most of us are probably more familiar with the term as meaning a novice or any beginner, an amateur.

As we tell those who join us at Easter, this isn't the end of their journey. On the contrary, it's the beginning. For this reason, the RCIA process continues for at least another eight weeks, until about Pentecost, with the period known as Mystagogia—another Greek term meaning "breaking open the mysteries." During this stage, we discuss, in more depth, the sacraments they received when they entered the church, Christian morality and decision making, the commandments and the precepts of the church, the particular and general judgments, and eternal life.

Easter to me has always been a little like New Year's. The gloom and doom that often accompanies winter (and Lent) is gone as is, at least for the most part, in this section of the country, the cold, snow and freezing temps of that season. Christ has risen! The earth rejoices! Flowers we haven't seen for a year poke their heads up. Grass begins greening—yes, I know, mowing and trimming. But spring is here—it's a new beginning! Soon it will be time for gardens—be they flower or vegetable or a combination of both. God renews the land, as He renews us with His "living, and dying, and rising in Him." We are saved! The gates of heaven are open! That was the easy part, for us. We didn't have to do a thing. Our salvation was freely given to us as Jesus died, rose, and ascended into heaven and sent the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, for us as Church.

But now comes the challenging part. We must exhibit the fruit(s) of our membership in the Church. Over and over in the Gospels Jesus tells his followers "by their fruits you will know them." The extra prayers, fasting/abstinence, and almsgiving are especially prominent during the Lenten season. What if we continued them throughout the year? What if, like those resolutions/promises we make on Jan. 1 of each year, we continued our Lenten resolutions during the rest of the year? Did the actions we performed, or the things we "gave up" during preparation time, make us remember the reason(s) we were doing them, or avoiding them? Could we continue at least some, if not all of them? Stations of the Cross can be done at any time; and they don't have to be done as a group. Many prayer books contain them. Catholics have virtually given up meatless Fridays—though we were supposed to substitute another form of penance. What about returning to that practice in the coming months that many of us seniors remember from our formative years? Nutritionists tell us we'd be better off to eat more fish than meat—especially beef—anyway. Father celebrates Mass on most Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 8:30 AM, and Wednesdays evenings at 6:00 PM. Could we carve some time out of our busy schedule to attend Mass when "w don't have to" and receive the Eucharist—that precious gift Jesus gave us on Holy Thursday? Or what if we just decided to perform a daily act of kindness for our friends, neighbor, or especially our family? Something to think about as we rejoice in the longer days, warmer weather and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Savior.