

THIS WEEK'S MASSES

- Tuesday, April 4 **9:00 a.m. River's Edge**
 - *William Joyce, Sr.*
- Thursday, April 6 **5:30 p.m. *Eberly Residence**
 - *John Farley, Sr.*
- Saturday, April 8 **5:00 p.m. Dowling**
 - *Parish*
- Sunday, April 9 **9:30 a.m. Perrysburg HS**
 - *William Joyce, Sr.*

**Eberly's address is 24610 Hull Prairie Road in Perrysburg*

Reading for this Week

- Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gen 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jn 112:45-56
Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16

You can now find the daily readings on our Parish Website!

WELCOME, FR. NUSS

We joyfully welcome Fr. David Nuss to our 5:00 p.m. Mass this weekend at Christ Lutheran Church. Fr. Nuss, we hope that you feel at home with us.



FIRST TIME HERE?

If this is your first time at Blessed John Parish, welcome. We are glad to have you with us. Please feel at home and don't hesitate to ask a greeter or anyone at the "Visitor/New Parishioner" table any questions you have. We also have a list of "frequently asked questions" in the parish brochure. Pick one up and check it out. Most of all, please let today's experience bring you closer to the Lord.



**PASTOR'S NOTE:
AND THE WALLS COME
TUMBLING DOWN**

I am a long-time fan of Robert Frost. Every spring I read his poem, "Mending Wall," published in 1914.

In New England, where Frost lived, many neighbors had stone walls between their farms or yards. With the winter freeze and the spring thaw, those stone walls would fall apart. No mortar was used between the rocks or stones, so they would shift and collapse. A routine in the spring, was to "mend" the wall.

In this poem, however, Frost asks the question why people need walls and, if they don't, why do they need to mend them. The opening line even indicates there seems to be a force intentionally breaking the walls down:

'Something there is that doesn't love a wall,
That sends the frozen-ground-swell under it.'

Maybe nature is right, he concludes, and walls should be knocked down rather than rebuilt each spring.

There are many kinds of walls. Some people build personal walls between themselves and outsiders to keep others from being involved in their lives. Or they do it so they don't have to be involved in other people's lives. Behind emotional walls created to protect, there is often isolation and loneliness.

Just as Robert Frost noticed that stones topple because of a ground-swell underneath, we sometimes find that powerful energies – like love and forgiveness – cause our private walls to crumble. Maybe we should delight in the walls' destruction and not think about rebuilding them.

Fr. Nuss

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



GENERATION OF FAITH COVERING PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

Generations of Faith will be held this weekend on Sunday, April 2 from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. and from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's in Haskins. Monday, April 3, Generations of Faith will be at 6:30 p.m. in Dowling.

You must be registered to attend. Our next Generations of Faith will be April 30 and May 1. Registration forms are available on the Religious Education table. For more information contact Marla at moverholt@blessedjohn.org.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION

As you prepare for Easter, we invite you to attend one of the following three Reconciliation Services. (Fr. Herb will be present at all three, along with other priests.)

- 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 4, at All Saints, Rossford
- 7:00 p.m., Thursday, April 6, at St. Rose, Perrysburg
- 7:00 p.m., Monday, April 10, at St. Aloysius, Bowling Green

In addition, there will be an opportunity for individual celebration of the sacrament on Saturday, April 8, 3:00-4:00 p.m., at Christ Lutheran Church, Dowling.

HOME VISITS/PASTORAL CARE FOR THE SICK

If you are unable to, or someone you know cannot, attend Mass on a regular basis, we welcome the opportunity to bring Holy Communion to your home. Please contact Linda Edwards 419-878-0465 or the parish office 419-662-3180.



PRAYERS OVER THE RCIA

Today at the 9:30 a.m. Mass, we will have our final prayers of cleansing over the four candidates in our RCIA. Please keep them in prayer. They will be joining the church at the Easter Vigil in two weeks.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE:
www.BlessedJohn.org

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Our Sunday offering last weekend was \$2720.00. Thank you very much. Giving is always a sign of trust in God's graciousness. Faith grows as we give freely and generously.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

If you missed the opportunity to give last week, please do so now. The CRS is the international assistance branch of the Catholic Church. With a wonderful track record, this service is available whenever there are tragedies throughout the world. There are envelopes in your packet or you can use any envelope and mark it "CRS"



FIRST EUCHARIST INTERVIEWS

First Eucharist Interviews will be taking place this week. Our children who are preparing for First Eucharist and their families are reminded that they are invited to attend Holy Thursday Services at Perrysburg High School at 7:00 p.m. A special section, right up front will be reserved for you! First Eucharist Jesus Night will be April 27 for the children and their parents. Babysitting will be provided.

WHAT IS THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL?

Our parish is part of a bigger church called the Diocese. Many of the ministries that happen at the local level are supported by Diocesan offices and personnel. For example, priest and seminarian education for those who serve in our parishes, comes from Diocesan funding. Likewise, Catholic Charities, religious education, outreach to the disabled, television Mass, rural life ministry, and much, much more... these can only happen because the Diocese provides them.

The Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) is an annual campaign formerly called DDF (Diocesan Development Fund). The ACA drive will take place after Easter in all parishes within the Diocese. This will be our chance to support programs and services that support us. Thanks for taking it seriously.

LENT FLYING BY

This is the fifth Sunday of Lent. Have you had trouble getting started this Lent? Then, at least, make the best of these last two weeks. There is still time for some serious prayer, Scripture reading, sacrifice, and repentance.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday – Masses are at regular times. Plan to come a bit earlier.

Holy Thursday – Mass at 7:00 p.m., at Perrysburg High School. Foot-washing and more.

Good Friday – Service at 7:00 p.m., at Perrysburg High School. Veneration of the cross and Communion.

Holy Saturday – First Mass of Easter. 7:00 p.m., at Perrysburg High School. Lighting of the new fire. Reception into the church of RCIA elect. Let the joy begin!!!

Easter Sunday – Two Masses: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. at Perrysburg High School!!!!

***** Please note the Easter Sunday first Mass is at 9:00 a.m. and NOT 9:30 a.m.**

HOSPITALIZED PARISHIONERS

We want to be there for you. Because of HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act), hospitals will not release names of patients without your approval. If you are hospitalized, it is important for you, or a family member, to **call our office** and also to answer, “**Yes,**” when you are asked if you want your church to be notified of your admission.

ROACHTON STREET CLOSING

Perhaps you’ve seen the sign indicating Roachton Rd will be closed April 3-10. We want to assure you that we will still have Mass, (Palm Sunday) next Sunday, April 9, at Perrysburg High School, even if you have to enter from Ft. Meigs Rd. Come a bit early to check it out. Once Mass is ready to start, we ask everyone to go outside (weather permitting) for the first part of the service.

PRAYER PRAYER CHAIN

Many people have added names to the parish prayer chain. Thanks to all who have continued to pray for those who are sick or otherwise in need of prayer. If you are interested in joining or you have a prayer request, go to our website www.blessedjohn.org and click on prayer chain. If you do not have access to the internet, please call the office 419-662-3180.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

The following parents have volunteered for the co-op nursery which we have every Sunday at Mass. We would like two parent volunteers on hand who will provide care and fun for your children. Please contact Lisa Suelzer at alisa.suelzer@owenscorning.com if you have any questions or are interested in volunteering.

Apr 9	Adrienne Amborski and Beth Harrison
Easter	No nursery
Apr 23	Dave and Valerie Suelzer
Apr 30	Roger and Dana Frank

YOUR LENTEN CONTRIBUTIONS

Many in the parish have been filling their “Lenten Starfish Bowls” with the money they have saved from their Lenten sacrifices. All money collected will go to St. Clement of Rome Parish, in the New Orleans area, for classroom materials. The parish buildings were flooded in the hurricane, and the parish is trying to return to normalcy. They have been able to re-open their school, but most of the classrooms are severely damaged, and many teachers are without basic supplies. That’s where our money will go: pencils, paper, workbooks, reference books, posters, and more. Plan to bring your bowls of money that was collected to Mass on the **Sunday after Easter**. Thank you.

INVITATION AS A WAY OF LIFE

For some it is easy; for all it is necessary. Inviting others to be part of a worshiping faith community is an outreach that everyone can engage in. You know and interact with people that the parish staff doesn’t know. Please tell them about your experiences at Blessed John XXIII and invite them to join us. Then help them by offering to come with them. They’ll thank you.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

IF YOU REGISTER TODAY...

Registering to be a parishioner helps us know you, but it does more than that. It also helps you make a commitment to your faith, to your practice of attending Mass, and to your convictions of the importance of feeding your soul. I truly believe there is a lot of "soul hunger" out there. People are looking for something of substance that will also make sense to them. If you find it here at Blessed John, commit yourself to it with your registration. (Registration forms are always available at the church doors or can be found at the parish website.)

RECORDINGS OF ALL MASSES

We have CD recordings of all Sunday morning 9:30 a.m. Masses available for you to borrow. Need to share the message with someone else or hear it again? Stop by the table near the doors to pick up a recording.

INTERESTED IN WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE?

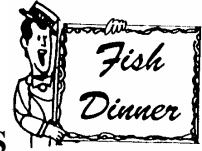
This is America's largest Women's Conference to be held in Ohio. The theme for 2006 is "Contagious Joy." The conference will be July 14th and 15th in Cleveland. Friday's conference will run 7-9:30 p.m. and Saturday's from 9-5 p.m. Speakers are Marilyn Meberg, Patsy Clairmont, Luci Swindoll, Nicole Johnson, Sheila Walsh, and Thelma Wells. Special guests: Avalon, Natalie Grant, and Sherri Shepherd.

Contagious Joy! You'll feel it in the music, and hear it in the words of our special guests. The Women of Faith speakers will explain how you can get it, keep it, and spread it around. It's not about your circumstances, your past, or your state of mind – "It's about God and His plan for you."

If interested in attending, please contact Cindy Eppink (Blessed John parishioner) at 419-662-5550 or email cindy.eppink@us.o-i.com.

"MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS" AT ST. ROSE

A Cantata called "Mary's Way of the Cross" will be presented at 7:00 p.m., Friday, April 7, at St. Rose, Perrysburg. Anthony Zsigray, director of music at St. Charles Parish, Toledo and a teacher in Oregon, composed the work for choir, soloists, and a small orchestra. Open to all; a free-will offering will be taken up.



LENTEN FISH FRIES

The Knights of Columbus and the local Boy Scout Troup are sponsoring all-you-can-eat Fish Fries at **St Rose Cafeteria** between the hours of 5 – 7 p.m. each Friday during Lent except for Good Friday. Take out will be available. Please come and support the Knights of Columbus and the Boy Scouts.

BLESSED JOHN WEBSITE

In case you haven't looked recently, check out our parish website. It is regularly updated and has many interesting items, including photos and calendar of events. You can also introduce others to the parish by telling them to log on to www.blessedjohn.org. Thanks to Alan Barber, our webmaster, for all his work!

ECUMENICAL BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

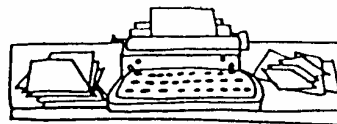
Tuesday April 4, 2006 7:30- 9:30 p.m.

St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Conference Room

Topic: What happens to the caregiver after a loved one has died?

Fr. Nick Weibi will talk about how the life of the caregiver changes after a loved one has died. The caregiver feels a void in their day-to-day routine, a loss of identity, and must face many other adjustments.

With caring support, the program will provide spiritual, emotional, and social comfort. Contact Susie Waible at 419-874-7761.



BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline for next week's bulletin is Monday at 12:00 noon. Please submit your article by email to moverholt@blessedjohn.org for this week only.

THIS WEEK'S SPOTLIGHTED ADVERTISER

Please place
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