

# Happy Easter! ...and Welcome!

Whether you are a current parishioner, thinking about joining us, curious about becoming Catholic, have been away from Mass for a while, or just interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, **we welcome you! It is your participation and presence that makes our parish community a place of faith, hope and love.**

We celebrate the love and the graces that are shared with us by our Lord Jesus Christ at the celebration of Mass here at Our Lady of Lourdes at **6:30 pm on Saturday** evenings and **11:00 am on Sunday** mornings.

► **If you are new to the Catholic faith or have been inactive in your Catholic faith for a while**, we want to welcome and encourage you to become actively involved with our parish. You are welcome to Mass at any time, and our clergy, Fr. Ferguson, Fr. Jeffrey, and Deacon Mike, are here to help you with any of your questions about the Catholic faith, about becoming Catholic, or how to return to receiving Holy Communion.

► **If you are already an active member of our parish**, we encourage you to share this letter with a family member or friend who may not have been to church in a while, and gently invite him or her to consider re-connecting with their faith. Again, our clergy are always happy to speak with them and answer their questions.

**The Catholic Church is the church of Pope Francis**, who has been actively inviting all people, regardless where we are in our spiritual life, to a deeper experience of the intense love of God for us through Jesus Christ, through the Holy Eucharist, through the sacraments and through prayer.

**Our Lady of Lourdes parish is a community focused on Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist**, and we offer a wide variety of spiritual growth opportunities as well as service opportunities. Our church warmly welcomes families with children, and offers a religious education program and a youth group for children and teens to help them foster a relationship with Christ to help them deal with the increasing challenges of growing up in today's culture.

**ONU Polar Bears – you are welcomed, too! Get involved with our wonderful ‘Newman Club’ of Catholic college students! Contact Gretchen Horning (g-horning@onu.edu) for more info.**

► **If you would like to speak confidentially about coming to or returning to the Catholic faith**, feel free to contact Father Ferguson (the pastor) at 419-634-2626 or via e-mail at [hamilton.college@outlook.com](mailto:hamilton.college@outlook.com). Also, check out our website ([www.oll-ada.com](http://www.oll-ada.com)) for more information.

**On behalf of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, we wish you a joy-filled Easter Season! You and your families are in our prayers most especially during this Easter season. May God continue to shower His blessings upon you and our parish community throughout the coming year.** - Fr. William J. Ferguson, Pastor

## **THOUGHTS FOR OUR PARISH CHILDREN by “Jackie”, the Pastor’s Cat**

Dear parish children: My cat, “Jackie”, could not write down her thoughts this week, because she is fast asleep. She is exhausted from eating all her marshmallow Easter bunnies and her marshmallow Easter birds. I didn’t even know there were such things as marshmallow birds, but she ordered them on the internet from Cats-R-Us. I guess it’s a way for cats to eat rabbits and birds without harming actual rabbits and birds. But anyway, she overdid it, and now she’s konked out. When I caught her eating bunny number five, she told me that was doing it to celebrate Jesus’ Resurrection from the dead. Well, I guess she was celebrating for the right reasons, but she’s also a lesson to you all not to overdo it when you want to celebrate things! I hope she feels OK when she wakes up. (This place is a mess of candy wrappers....) What are you doing to celebrate Jesus’ Resurrection today? Remember to thank Jesus today for His Resurrection Victory over sin and death! As “Jackie” would say, “Have a “purr”-fect week!” – Father Ferguson



Contributions were given for Easter Flowers in memory of or in honor of these loved ones...

*Rudy & Nettie Selhorst*

*Nadolski, Gore, and Yearout Families*

*Karl J. and Marie Karcher*

*Jay Spiese*

*Deacon Jack Stahl*

*Brad Shinn*

*Frank Krzysein ~ Verna Krzysein*

*Stobbe and Welsh Families*

*Jean Abernathy*

*Ken Klear*

*Tighe and Kroner Families*

*Pees Family*

*L.J. (Jim) Massillo*

*Don & Louise Kirehmeier*

*Ann McXrell ~ Palehinsky, Polezynski, and Rutkowski Families*

*Francis Tosatto ~ Yvette Driscoll*

*Dom & Lucy Tosatto ~ Agnes & Alex Polezynski*

*Bob & Mary Polzeynski - Tom Polezynski ~ Richard Valarik*

*Sally Tosatto ~ Rose Boris ~ Rev. Henry Szarnieki*

*Fricano Family ~ Pummell Family ~ Corinne Kemp ~ Frances McGushin*

*Msgr. Pasquale DiBuono ~ All Souls in Purgatory*

*Bob & Jane Boden ~ Harry & Dolores Smith ~ Bessie & Roland Boden*

*Rosemary & Louis Duke ~ Mary & John Ebel*

*William Russell ~ Douglas, William Jr., & Richard Russell*

*Terry & Brian Sparling ~ Mr. & Mrs. Jack Russell ~ Mr. & Mrs. John Ribley*

*Deceased members of our parishes and our families*



*We do not want you to be unaware about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. 1Thes 4:13-14*