

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 25, 2021

INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, April 25, 2021

- 9:00 am Carl and Patricia Drone
11:00 am Lisa Prater Limmerick (d)
7:00 pm For the Parishoners

MONDAY, April 26, 2021

- 8:30 am Daniel Louis

TUESDAY, April 27, 2021

- 8:30 am John and Lucina Kane (d)

WEDNESDAY, April 28, 2021

St. Peter Chanel, priest martyr

St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, priest

- 8:30 am Vincent Dao (d)

THURSDAY, April 29, 2021

St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin Doctor of the Church

- 8:30 am Antonie Hoang (d)

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

FRIDAY, April 30, 2021

St. Pius V, Pope

- 8:30 am Bette Moorman (d)

SATURDAY, May 1, 2021

St. Joseph the worker

- 8:30 am Don Hengehold (d)

- 4:30 pm Charlotte Sanzere (d)

SUNDAY, May 2, 2021

- 9:00 am Roger Hartinger (d)

- 11:00 am Carl Armbruster (d)

- 7:00 pm For the Parishoners

SERVERS

April 24/25

No Servers scheduled.

LECTORS

April 24/25

No Lectors scheduled.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

April 24/25

No Eucharistic Ministers scheduled.

OFFERING

April 11, 2021 \$ 7,102.00

Additional Easter \$ 4,253.00

Easter Grand Total \$24,011.43

Thank You for your Generosity!

Vocation View The priest is called, in imitation of Christ, to lay down his life for his people. Pray that our priests and seminarians might be courageous in following the example of Christ. (John 10:11-18) To talk about your discernment, please contact Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, Director of Vocations at dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org.

Thought for the Day: Be gentle to all, and stern with yourself. There are more tears shed over answered prayers than over unanswered prayers. To have courage for whatever comes in life -- everything lies in that. More tears are shed over answered prayers than unanswered ones.

by St. Teresa of Avila

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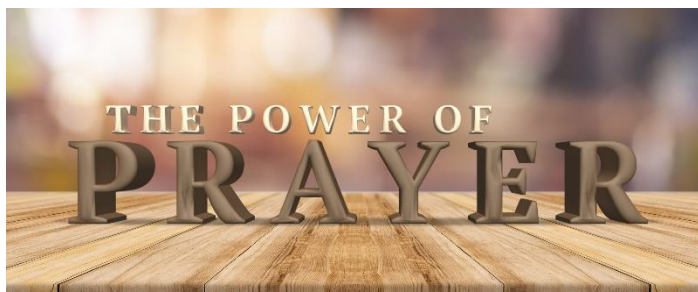
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PLEASE NOTIFY US AT THE RECTORY when a family member is hospitalized or homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion and/or the Sacrament of Penance.

The Laurentian

Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) has reached the midpoint of its appeal and with the generosity of over 22,000 donors has surpassed its overall \$5 million goal. Archbishop Schnurr expresses his gratitude for your support of the six ministries sustained by the CMA. Thank you! Despite reaching its goal, the need of the CMA ministries is still great and your support could make this the best CMA year ever! If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so this week. No gift is too small and every gift makes a difference!
For more information or to donate online, please visit www.AOCstewardship.org.

A reminder that 50% of funds over our parish goal come back to our parish for our own ministry needs.

Thank you for your consideration and support!

Elder 3rd Quarter Honors

Samuel Allgeier	1 st Honor	Grade 12
Cody Corbett	1 st Honor	Grade 9
Cameron McWilliams	1 st Honor	Grade 11
Nicholas Durbin	2 nd Honor	Grade 10
Andry Perez Vasquez	2 nd Honor	Grade 9
Peyton Smith	2 nd Honor	Grade 11

Congratulations



Major Church Beautification

Over the years, thanks to the foresight of pastors, the goodness, talents and support of members and friends of St. Lawrence Parish (Church) many improvements have been accomplished without affecting the parish or school annual budgets. The Lord has blessed us in countless ways and as pastor/parishioners of this amazing parish, we continue to be custodians of the rich traditions and generosity of past generations. Once again, I have called upon a dedicated group of volunteers to help plan another major Church project.

The current worn and tattered carpeting on the aisle ways and under the pews has become a major concern. Though it has served us well, its deterioration has made it a danger with portions of high traffic areas buckling and threading causing concern for injuries. It needs to be replaced. In addition, after considerable evaluation, we have determined that a lasting benefit of this project is to install tile. In doing so it will maintain the architectural integrity of this magnificent holy structure, construction of which started in 1886 as the first Catholic Church to serve the residents of Price Hill.

The estimated cost of preparation and tile installation is \$400,000. I am pleased to report that, thanks to significant lead gifts, we are blessed to currently have over \$100,000. To help finance this project we will have a second collection.

The stone tile floor will be installed in sections. And, while this is being done, the pews will be refurbished. So, there will be some changes in seating arrangements throughout the project. I will keep you advised. This project is scheduled to be completed this summer.

Each one of us is called to be both a sacrifice to God and His priest

I appeal to you by the mercy of God. This appeal is made by Paul, or rather, it is made by God through Paul, because of God's desire to be loved rather than feared, to be a father rather than a Lord. God appeals to us in his mercy to avoid having to punish us in his severity.

Listen to the Lord's appeal: In me, I want you to see your own body, your members, your heart, your bones, your blood. You may fear what is divine, but why not love what is human? You may run away from me as the Lord, but why not run to me as your Father? Perhaps you are filled with shame for causing my bitter passion. Do not be afraid. This cross inflicts a mortal injury, not on me, but on death. These nails no longer pain me, but only deepen your love for me. I do not cry out because of these wounds, but through them I draw you into my heart. My body was stretched on the cross as a symbol, not of how much I suffered, but of my all-embracing love. I count it no loss to shed my blood: it is the price I have paid for your ransom. Come, then, return to me and learn to know me as your Father, who repays good for evil, love for injury, and boundless charity for piercing wounds.

Listen now to what the Apostle urges us to do. *I appeal to you*, he says, *to present your bodies as a living sacrifice.* By this exhortation of his, Paul has raised all men to priestly status.

How marvelous is the priesthood of the Christian, for he is both the victim that is offered on his own behalf, and the priest who makes the offering. He does not need to go beyond himself to seek what he is to immolate to God: with himself and in himself he brings the sacrifice he is to offer God for himself. The victim remains and the priest remains, always one and the same. Immolated, the victim still lives: the priest who immolates cannot kill. Truly, it is an amazing sacrifice in which a body is offered without being slain and blood is offered without being shed.

The Apostle says: *I appeal to you by the mercy of God to present your bodies as a living sacrifice.* Brethren, this sacrifice follows the pattern of Christ's sacrifice by which he gave his body as a living immolation for the life of the world. He really made his body a living sacrifice, because, though slain, he continues to live. In such a victim death receives its ransom, but the victim remains alive. Death itself suffers the punishment. This is why death for the martyrs is actually a birth, and their end a beginning. Their execution is the door to life, and those who were thought to have been blotted out from the earth, shine brilliantly in heaven.

Paul says: *I appeal to you by the mercy of God to present your bodies as a sacrifice, living and holy.* The prophet said the same thing: *Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but you have prepared a body for me.* Each of us is called to be both a sacrifice to God and his priest. Do not forfeit what divine authority confers on you. Put on the garment of holiness, gird yourself with the belt of chastity. Let Christ be your helmet, let the cross on your forehead be your unfailing protection. Your breastplate should be the knowledge of God that he himself has given you. Keep burning continually the sweet-smelling incense of prayer. Take up the sword of the Spirit. Let your heart be an altar. Then, with full confidence in God, present your body for sacrifice. God desires not death, but faith; God thirsts not for blood, but for self-surrender; God is appeased not by slaughter, but by the offering of your free will.

by St. Peter Chrysologus, bishop

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Should the thought of having offended God at some time in our life molest us at death, let us remember that he has protested that he forgets the iniquities of all penitent sinners. *If the wicked do penance, - I will not remember all his iniquities.* But you may ask: How can I be secure of having received pardon from God? St. Basil asked the same question: "How can anyone be certain of pardon," answers the Saint, "If he says: I have hated and abhorred iniquity." He who detests sin, can rest secure of having obtained pardon from God. The heart of man cannot exist without loving some object; it must love creatures or God. If it loves not creatures, it loves God. And who are they that love God? All who observe his commands. *He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me.* He then who dies in the observance of the commandments, dies in the love of God; and he that loves fears not. *Charity casteth out fear.*

Affections and Prayers

Ah, my Jesus! When will the day arrive on which I can say: My God, I can never lose Thee? When shall I see Thee face to face, and be sure of loving Thee with all my strength for eternity? Ah, my sovereign God, my only love. As long as I have life, I shall be in danger of offending Thee and of losing Thy grace. There has been an unhappy time when I did not love Thee, but, on the contrary, despised Thy love. I am sorry for it with my whole soul, and hope that Thou hast already pardoned me. I now love Thee with my whole heart, and desire to do all in my power to love and please Thee. But I am still in danger of refusing Thee my love, and of again turning my back on Thee. Ah, my Jesus, my life and my treasure, do not permit it. Should this misfortune ever happen to me, take me this moment out of life by the most cruel of deaths; I am content to suffer such a death, and I entreat Thee to send me such a death, sooner than permit me ever to cease to love Thee. Eternal Father, for the love of Jesus Christ, do not abandon me to so great an evil. Chastise me as Thou wishest, I deserve

and accept any chastisement Thou pleases to inflict on me: but preserve me from the punishment of seeing myself deprived of Thy grace and of Thy love. My Jesus, recommend me to Thy Father. Mary, my mother, recommend me to Thy Son; obtain for me perseverance in his friendship, and the grace to love him; and then do with me what Thou pleases.

by St. Alphonsus De Liguori

