



5TH SUNDAY of Easter

SS. Edward & Lucy Parish

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OUR MISSION

“The vibrant Catholic community of SS. Edward and Lucy teaches, proclaims and lives the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. We do so through the celebration of the Eucharist, the administration of the sacraments and in loving and merciful service to all.”



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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm-St. Edward
6:30pm-St. Lucy
Sunday: 8:30am-St. Edward
10:30am-St. Lucy

Confession Schedule

Saturday: St. Edward: 4:00-4:45pm

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday: 6:00pm-St. Edward Chapel
Tuesday - Friday: 8:00am-St. Edward Chapel

Holy Day Mass Schedule

Vigil Mass: 6:00pm-St. Edward
Holy Day: 9:00am-St. Edward
Holy Day: 6:30pm-St. Lucy

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We meet a great disciple in our first reading this weekend: Joseph, called Barnabas. In Acts 4:36 we find out that the apostles gave Joseph the nickname of Barnabas, and it means “son of encouragement.” Think about the type of character Joe had to embody in order for a group of bros to unironically nickname a pal, Son of Encouragement. We see that nickname come to life in Acts 9:26-27 when Barnabas does not hide from Paul (the whilom Pharisee formerly known as Saul), but boldly (with courage, son of en+courage+ment) brings him to the scared apostles. He encourages Paul on his missionary journey; we know that Barnabas even traveled with Paul for a time until a disagreement arose (disagreement in the church?! perish the thought) about Mark (Acts 15:36). It seems Barnabas wanted to encourage Mark after a hiccup in Mark’s discipleship, but Paul didn’t want to take any chances. Before that split, we see the apostles sending Barnabas to a fledgling community in Antioch for an apostolic visit (Acts

11:22). They sent him because he was, in their estimation, “a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith” (Acts 11:24). What was Barnabas’ response to the Antiochene church? He encouraged them, of course (Acts 11:23)! In this Easter season, the Holy Spirit yearns to fill us and make us encouragers.

When it is anointed by the Holy Spirit (Acts 11:24), encouragement means more than hyped up cheerleading. We don’t need to go around with pompoms and positive one-liners for the type of encouragement Barnabas carried. We want graced encouragement not faux razzle-dazzle. We get a fuller sense of the category of Christian encouragement from Paul in 1 Corinthians 14 when he writes about the result of Holy Spirit inspired prophecy. One “who prophesies speaks to men for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation” (1 Cor 14:3). The early Church understood that authentic Christian spirituality did more than make someone feel calm. In authentic Catholic-Christian spirituality, we go beyond ourselves and build up the Body of Christ, the Church, that is, our brothers and sisters in Christ. Spirituality shaped by the Holy Spirit does long for the manifestations of the Holy Spirit, but it follows Paul’s admonition: “Since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church” (1 Cor 14:12). Pius XII reminds us that by the “Church,” we mean even those sitting around you at Mass and you, yourself (Catechism paragraph 899). In a sense, Barnabas becomes an icon – or image – of a Holy Spirit infused disciple of Jesus, joined in union with the apostles and the broader church, who excels at building up other disciples. We sure could use more sons and daughters of encouragement today, and in every season of the Church’s history.

Who can you encourage this week with your prayerful speech and deeds?

Peace,
Fr. Jacob

Fifth Sunday of Easter

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The season of First Communions is here, and invitations pour in as the new communicants, mostly seven years old, gather extended families for their first reception of the Eucharist. Recently, the celebrations are often on Sundays, in the regular gatherings of the faith community. There, it becomes clear that First Communion is meant to initiate a regular pattern of reception, and that there is to be a second, third, hundredth, thousandth celebration.

Eastern Catholics and Orthodox children follow a different plan, since they are given a taste of the consecrated wine at their baptism as infants. We Western Christians delay until “the age of reason,” but many years ago, Communion was not for children at all. Twelve to fourteen was the typical time for Roman Catholics to receive for the first time, and in those days this was a transition into the adult world of work and marriage. The custom did not begin to shift to childhood until reforms set in place by Pope St. Pius X began to take hold in the 1920s. If you are going to a First Communion, you can give thanks that the table of the Lord is today open so much more lavishly than before.

—Rev. James Field

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SS. EDWARD & LUCY PRAYER LINE: Call Rebecca 330-389-0728 or email prayer request to Rebbanne@gmail.com.

Saturday, April 27 Saturday Vigil

5:00pm BD Abigail Moore/Lewis Family
6:30pm Paula Myruski/Larry & Phillis Imm

Sunday, April 28 Sunday

8:30am HB Gabrielle Lewis/Lewis Family
10:30am Derek Musgrove/Family

Monday, April 29 Weekday

6:00pm Joseph & Steven Stolz/Peter Stolz

Tuesday, April 30 Weekday

8:00am Judith Politzer/Sue Mullett

Wednesday, May 1 Weekday

8:00am Patricia Pedini/Carroll Leonard

Thursday, May 2 Weekday

8:00am David P Fuhry Family/Friend

Friday, May 3 Weekday

8:00am Katherine Haycisak/Briar Hill Ministers

Saturday, May 4 Saturday Vigil

5:00pm Pro Popolo
6:30pm Sharon Anthony/Sue Mullett

Sunday, May 5 Sunday

8:30am HB Rafe Lewis/Lewis Family
10:30am Rigot Family/Mary Husek

WEEKLY OFFERING


4/14	St. Edward	St. Lucy
Saturday Vigil	\$1288.00	\$1746.00
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Weekly Schedule of Events:

Monday: 10:00 am Adoration E
6:00 pm Rosary Devotion E
Tuesday: 8:30 am Rosary Group in the Chapel
Wednesday: 6:30 pm Youth Group E
7:00 pm Bible Study E
Thursday: 1:00 - 6:00 pm Adoration L
2:00 pm Divine Mercy Cenacle L
6:30 pm Sisters in Christ E
Saturday: 11:00 am First Communion L
8:00 pm Rosary around the Campfire L
Sunday: The Gatherings after both Masses

Thank You ...

...for the gift of your presence at the Unconditionally Parish Mission. It was a blessing to spend time with each of you. I pray this Easter Season is filled with great joy in the Resurrection of our Lord. Remember the Unconditional Love of Jesus that He shares with you each time you come to the table of the Lord. May God meet you everywhere you desire him.
-Greg Wasinski


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CASSIE'S COLUMN

Youth Group

Our youth group is meeting this Wednesday, May 1 from 6:30 to 8pm at St. Edward. All 6th-12th grade students are welcome!

Sacramental Classes

All First Communion students have class this Sunday, April 28 from 9am to 10:30am at St. Lucy.

Our 2nd grade students are receiving their First Communion next Saturday! Please pray for them as they receive this Sacrament for the first time!

Vacation Bible School

Registration is open for Vacation Bible School! Registration forms for Vacation Bible School are located on our parish website or near the doors at both Churches.

All current Preschool through 5th grade students are welcome to join us for Vacation Bible School the week of June 17-21 from 9am to Noon at St. Edward. Students older than 5th grade and adults are welcome to help us with this wonderful week! Volunteer forms can also be found on our parish website or near the doors at both Churches.

Interested in donating to help out with our Vacation Bible School supplies? We have an Amazon Wishlist posted under the Vacation Bible School tab on our website. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

From the Diary of St Faustina Kowalska

My Heart overflows with great mercy for souls, especially for poor sinners. If only they would understand that I am the best of Fathers to them and that it is for them that the Blood and Water flowed from My Heart as a fount overflowing with mercy. For them I dwell in the tabernacle as King of Mercy.

All Souls Cemetery – Pre-Planning Seminar

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on Saturday, May 18, 2024, at 1pm in the main cemetery office at All Souls Cemetery, Chardon. Please join us to learn more about the necessary steps to pre-planning the burial process, burial options including options for cremated remains, and the Catholic burial rite. We kindly ask that you RSVP to this event to All Souls Cemetery – 10366 Chardon Rd., Chardon, Oh. 216-641-7575 ext. 4 or email bstrauchon@clecem.org.

Tea Party Thank You!

With grateful hearts The Ladies Tea Party Team would like to thank the Sisters in Christ for sponsoring the tea, the kitchen crew for fabulous food, and every person who shared their time and talents to make this year's Ladies Tea Party a huge success. We couldn't have done it without you. Also a special thank you to our amazing youth: Holy Trinity School, The Troops of St. George 611, and our altar servers of SS. Edward and Lucy. You bring us joy, a witness of God's graces in our Church.

Campfire Rosary

The Sisters in Christ will be hosting a Rosary around the Campfire at St. Lucy on May 4th, starting at 8:00 PM. Please bring your own chairs and snacks, drinks provided.

15th Annual Chicken Dinner and Car Show August 18th at St Edward

All are welcome to join the Chicken Dinner Planning Committee. It does not matter if you are interested in helping in one specific area, all of the areas, or simply are willing to help out wherever is need, all are welcome. Please see the parish calendar for the scheduled meetings. If you are unable to make the meetings, please contact the office expressing your desire to help with the Chicken Dinner, and we will get you in touch with those involved. Thank you so much for the constant service and help to the parish.

Next Meeting: May 9th at 6:30 PM @ St. Edward



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News from AM 1260 The Rock

AM 1260 The Rock Mass of the Month for Our Listeners and Donors and their intentions

Can you believe AM 1260 The Rock is starting its 10th year! We first broadcasted on May 11th, 2015. In gratitude, we have a monthly Mass said for YOU – our listeners and donors and your intentions. Each 11th day of the month, (except May 10th), we will have a Mass said at a different parish in the Diocese of Cleveland. All are welcome to celebrate Mass as prayers are offered for you, our listeners, and benefactors. The April Mass is at Immaculate Conception in Cleveland, Thursday April 11th at 8 AM; May is at The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist on Friday, May 10th at 12:00 PM, and June will be at Conversion of St. Paul Shrine on Tuesday, June 11th at 12:00 PM. In addition to the Mass of the Month AM 1260 The Rock staffers pray for our listener intentions daily. Do you have a prayer request? Visit <https://am1260therock.com/> and click on “Request Prayers” under the Contact Us tab or call 216-227-1260.

AM 1260 The Rock Event Calendar

Speaking of local events, are you looking for additional ways to grow your faith? Do you have a Catholic event taking place in your parish that you would like to share with AM 1260 The Rock community? For a listing of special events, speakers, liturgies, and devotionals in Northeast Ohio, check out AM1260 The Rock's event calendar at <https://am1260therock.com/events/>. Or if you want your event to be listed, go to <https://am1260therock.com/submit-event/>. You may even hear your event mentioned on air!

The Rock wants your testimonial!

Has listening to AM 1260 The Rock impacted your life? We want to hear your story about the programs that have converted your heart and mind, as well as, given you a desire to learn more about the Catholic faith. Please submit your testimonial to <https://am1260therock.com/contactusform/> or call us at 216-227-1260. You can also watch and read how it has helped others at <https://am1260therock.com/testimonials/>

**Scripture Readings
For the Week of April 28, 2024**

Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8
Monday	Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday	Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday	Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday	Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14
Saturday	Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday	Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

Living in Shame?

In the reading from St. John's first letter, he talks about our hearts condemning us. (1 John 3:20) When he says God is greater than our hearts he means that even when we know we have sinned, God is still a forgiving God, who doesn't wait for us to be "worthy." So when we confess our sins, we need not doubt that we are forgiven.

But sometimes we feel shame when we have done nothing wrong, such as when you accidentally hurt someone. That is when it is good to remember that God knows what happened and still loves us. The best way to remember this is by living as God commands, by loving God and our neighbor. If you believe in Jesus, we know that God forgives us even before we ask him to. If you love your neighbor, then you reach out to the person you hurt, instead of hiding in shame, and try to help them.

When we stop living in shame and start living in love, we can ask for whatever we need and receive it. For when God lives in us and we live in him, we won't ask for anything trivial or selfish. His Spirit teaches us how to pray with confidence and faith. Our love and trust in God will help us to accept whatever God sends our way.

Sharing the Faith

The beauty of this Easter season is that the Word became flesh, died for our sins, conquered death, and gives us access to the Father. Each of these remarkable events point to the fact that our faith is real, tangible, even corporeal. Though we all have a personal relationship with God in the very depths of our hearts, as human beings, we are meant to share our hearts

with the world. In other words, we should not be keeping our faith in our hearts, but bringing it to the world.

The second reading for today reminds us of this fact when it says, "Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." It seems that it is not enough to simply think about or talk about God, but our interior faith must be reflected by deeds.

The second reading seems to be telling us that a private faith is not enough. Our actions should flow from the faith we have that we have been made in the image and likeness of God. Sometimes we can think because faith is so personal, it does not need to be shared. I know I have had the mindset at times that as long as I am in good relationship with God I am doing just fine. But the Gospel implores us to share. Jesus commands the disciples to go to the ends of the earth to preach the Gospel.

We might take the approach that we can be an example and hope that people will see the way we live and make the connection to our Christian faith, but at some point we are called to act in love. Jesus wants us to talk about him, to serve, to forgive, to feed the poor. After all, he died not only so we could personally believe, but so that all men could be saved and come to knowledge of the truth.

This Easter season is a perfect time to reflect on the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Maybe hang a list of them somewhere so they will be a constant reminder to act. Faith is the supernatural virtue where we come to believe, but this belief is so profound and tangible that it can't help but be shared. Let's take a word from the end of every Mass, go in peace to love and SERVE the Lord.