

Saints Cosmas and Damian

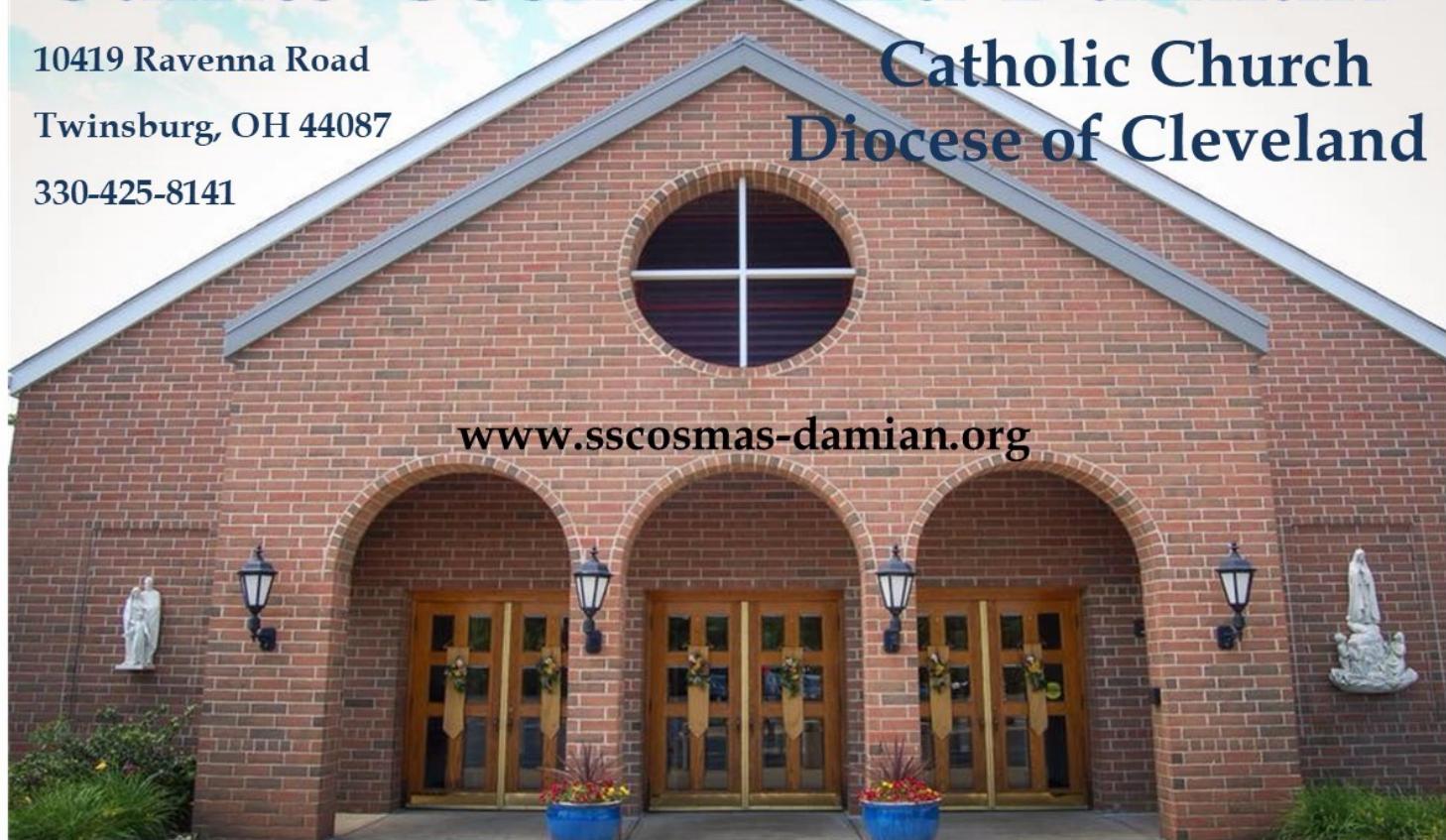
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Parish Liturgy Schedule:

Weekdays: Daily at 8:30 am

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Confession: Saturdays 3:00-3:30 pm

Parish Center Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Perpetual Adoration –

The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is open 24/7 for private prayer and adoration. Listings and contacts are available in the Parish Center.

Twinhaven Reception Center 330-425-1616

Emergency Assistance 330-888-0134

For information regarding Baptisms, Marriages, Visitation of the Sick, Funerals or Registering as a Parishioner please call the Parish Center

330-425-8141

Mission Statement:

*To be disciples of Christ,
Teach the Catholic Faith,
And serve those in need.*

Mass Schedule & Intentions For The Week
All Masses will be livestreamed on the
parish's Facebook page.

Monday, April 5—Weekday Mass

8:30am Barbara Bellart

Tuesday, April 6—Weekday Mass

8:30am Jarod Dean

Wednesday, April 7—Weekday Mass

8:30am The Souls of All Parishioners

Thursday, April 8—Weekday Mass

8:30am Donna Boehlein

Friday, April 9—Weekday Mass

8:30am Robert Princic

Saturday, April 10—Second Sunday of Easter—Divine Mercy (Vigil)

4:30pm Marilyn Rider & Barb Miller

Sunday, April 11—Second Sunday of Easter—Divine Mercy

9:00am Rosalie & Red Flynn

11:00am Sandy Pollock

Dear Parishioners,

The Gospels give us insight into what we can expect in the next life. The Resurrected Jesus is alive, physical, and familiar. He is recognizable, though sometimes with difficulty. He eats fish with his friends, speaks to the women at the well, and is even able to be touched by Thomas. Yet, the Resurrected Jesus can enter the locked Upper Room, seemingly through the walls. He is able to travel great distances in an instance. His wounds no longer cause pain or threaten his life.

Jesus is the First Born of the Dead, but not the last. One day, we who have shared in His Passion, will also share in His resurrection. Like our Lord, in the resurrection at the end of time, we will have resurrected bodies that no longer have the limitations of mortality. There shall be no more tears, no more suffering, no more death.

If we really believe in the revelation of the Resurrection, we no longer fear the struggles or finality of this life. Our highest concern must be in joining ourselves to Christ and His Cross so as to share in the victory of Easter Morning. Our days are meant to please the Lord and love our neighbors. This is what it means to follow Christ.

The promises of eternity go far beyond physical immortality. If God the Father has raised Jesus from the dead, there is a definitive statement from the Divine that all that Christ said is True. Therefore, we hope for a Kingdom, a Banquet, a gathering of our loved ones, a place of angels singing and the radiance of the Face of God. We hope for Paradise beyond what our imagination could articulate.

“Hope” is different than “knowledge.” We hope for what is unseen, never experienced, and not completely in our power to grasp. Our hope is with the saving power of Christ over and beyond our own righteousness or good deeds. No one is just in His sight. Therefore, without Jesus, there is no hope; but with Jesus, the impossible becomes possible.

Happy Easter Everyone!

In Christ,

Father Michael J. Stalla



Scripture Readings April 5—April 11

Monday **Monday in the Octave of Easter**

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11, R. v.1; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday **Tuesday in the Octave of Easter**

Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22. R. v.5b; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday **Wednesday in the Octave of Easter**

Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9. R. v.3b; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday **Thursday in the Octave of Easter**

Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-7, 8-9. R. 2ab; Lk 24:35-48

Friday **Friday in the Octave of Easter**

Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27a. R. v.22; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday **Saturday in the Octave of Easter**

Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21. R. 21a;

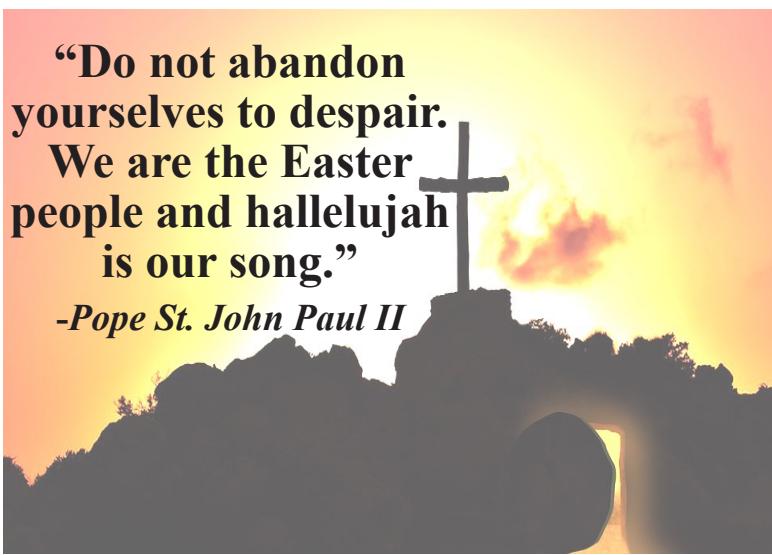
Mk 16:9-15

Sunday **Second Sunday of Easter—Sunday of Divine Mercy**

Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24, R. v.1; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

**“Do not abandon yourselves to despair.
We are the Easter people and hallelujah
is our song.”**

-Pope St. John Paul II



Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord

Offertory (includes EFT):

March 27 & 28	\$ 9,010.00
Capital Campaign:	
Capital Campaign Pledges:	\$ 1,502,310.00
Capital Campaign Money Received:	\$ 1,271,886.00
Capital Projects:	
Mortgage Balance	\$ 444,732.00

The Loaves and Fishes Prayer Teams will not be praying with people after Mass at this time. If you would like to pray over the phone with someone please call Michele Poletti at (330)524-3931. You can also call or text a prayer request to her.

Are you ready (again) to come back to Prayer Shawl?

How does Monday, April 12 (10 am to Noon) and Tuesday, April 13 (for the evening group 5:30 to 7:30 pm) sound to everyone?

We will be following social distancing with one person to a table, six feet apart, and wearing our masks of course, and disinfecting our space before exiting.

If you feel a bit apprehensive at this time, come when you feel comfortable. Hopefully we will be able to meet and continue to do so as time goes on.

The shawls that have been completed prior to and during the quarantine, have been put in individual clear zip lock bags and will be distributed in that manner to those who request them now and in the future, so that there is minimum handling of the shawls. Blankets and shawls are always available in the gathering area for those in need of comfort.



Anyone interested in helping with river rock at the Parish Center and mulch at the Grotto within the next couple of months please contact Karen Fullerman at 330-998-4713. No dates are set but would like to get an idea of interest.

Thank You!



CRS Rice Bowl Collection

Thank you to all who participated in our Catholic Relief Service Rice Bowl Lenten collection this year! To return your collection, you can either drop off your Rice Bowl to the church office or make a check out for your total collection (made payable to Ss. Cosmas & Damian – we write one big check to CRS for the whole parish). Envelopes can be dropped in the offertory baskets when you are at Mass, but be sure to mark your donation for CRS Rice Bowl. If you didn't get a chance to set money aside during Lent, but would like to make a donation to the work of CRS Rice Bowl, you may also do so at this time. Please return all donations no later than Monday, April 12.

Always Blooming: A VIRTUAL Retreat for Catholic Women Healing from Betrayal Trauma April 9-10, 2021

This retreat is for women seeking healing from betrayal trauma, that is, discovering a spouse's or significant other's pornography use, infidelity, and/or sex addiction. Gather with us this Divine Mercy weekend as we lay our pain, our sorrow and our betrayals at the Lord's feet. With expectant faith, let us open our hands and our hearts to receive His merciful outpouring. Join us for this powerful virtual retreat experience: talks, meditations, sacred movements, small group healing prayer, Mass and Adoration. Retreat leaders are Father Allen Hoffa, Laura Ercolino of Hope's Garden, De Yarrison of You Are Made New Ministry, Bonnie West and Marian West Veilleux.

Find the full schedule and register at hopesgarden.com/always-blooming-virtual-healing-retreat-april-2021/ or email De: de@youaremadenew.com or Laura Laura@hopesgarden.com

**Ss. Cosmas & Damian Golf League
Preseason Meeting Tuesday, April 6th
at 6:30pm in the MPR**

All golfers, men & women, 18 years of age and older, and of all abilities are welcome to join. This is a casual league that focuses on fun and camaraderie. Tee times are on Friday evenings between 4:15pm—5:15pm at Geneagles with open scheduling to make it easier to fit into your schedule. There will be more information at the meeting or call one of the people below if you are interested, but unable to attend.

Andy Blust 330-348-3775
Jim Smith 330-425-2896



Women's Group Scholarship

The Women's Group of SS. Cosmas & Damian Church will be awarding a \$750.00 scholarship to a high school senior member of our parish family toward post-high school education. Application forms are available and can be found on the church website at www.sscosmas-damian.org.

All applications must be completed and returned by the deadline of April 9, 2021.
Completed applications can be emailed to Rachel Pollack at Rachel@sscosmas-damian.org or dropped off at the parish office.



Caron Soltis
Linda Braun
John Pfeifer Sr.
Jonathan Sedor
Maxine Barr
Bill Rabatin
Ralph Sickle
Laura Ercolino
Sally Raymond
Jane Smejkal
Jennifer Hunt
Pearl Rubino
Frank Drago

Theodore Gerycz
Mark Magda
Maureen DeCaro
Jimmy Marn
Michael Szugye
Bill Soltis
Pat Noga
Chuck McGhee
James Nargang
Fran Carroll
Paul Studer
John Virzi

We Pray to the Lord...

Parish Pre-Cana Day

Sunday, April 25, 2021

SS Cosmas & Damian's Pre-Cana Day is a special day designed for engaged couples to exclusively focus on one another. Through a series of talks presented by a team of married couples, you will be given an opportunity to privately dialogue about your prospective life together; strengths and weaknesses; desires and goals; attitudes about money, children, family life, and your role in the Church and society as a couple.

The day will begin at 8:00 a.m. in Twinhaven (located on our church grounds) and end at 6:00 p.m. The opportunity to celebrate mass will be provided during the day. We hope this will be an important, fulfilling day for both of you!

Registration is due by Friday, April 16, 2021

A continental breakfast will be served from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. Lunch and dinner will also be provided. Mass will be included as part of the Pre-Cana Day. The cost for the day is \$75.00 per couple. Refunds only if notification of absence is received prior to April 23, 2021

For more information and to register please visit our website sscosmas-damian.org.

Adoration is open 24/7 to those scheduled except from 9am to 8pm on Saturdays

ADORATION OPENINGS

We are in need of a few more people to fill Adoration hours. Can you make the sacrifice and sign up for one of these hours weekly or twice a month?

**No long-term commitment is necessary.
Sign up to try an hour for just 30 days!**

Mondays 3am
Tuesdays 1am
Wednesdays 3am
Fridays 2am, 3am
Saturdays 10pm (alt weeks)
Sundays 1am

Please contact Carol Twigger at 330-425-7688



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Bible Study

Who is woman and who is she meant to be? Based upon Pope St. John Paul II's teachings on women, this study discusses woman's role in the Church, family and society, as well as the strengths God has given her to fully live out these roles.

7 Sessions on Mondays at 7:30pm

Beginning April 12 in Twinhaven

Bring a beverage of your choice as we chat and join in fellowship after the Study

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars! The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a pancake breakfast on **Sunday April, 18 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Macedonia.**



Thank you for your continued generosity in helping our Emergency Assistance Ministry! At this time they are in need of:



Cereal
Mustard
Ketchup
Pasta Sauce

You can leave donations in the baskets in the gathering area in church or bring them to the Parish Office.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

First Reading

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said:
“You know what has happened all over Judea,
beginning in Galilee after the baptism
that John preached,
how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth
with the Holy Spirit and power.
He went about doing good
and healing all those oppressed by the devil,
for God was with him.
We are witnesses of all that he did
both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem.
They put him to death by hanging him on a tree.
This man God raised on the third day and granted that he
be visible, not to all the people, but to us,
the witnesses chosen by God in advance,
who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.
He commissioned us to preach to the people
and testify that he is the one appointed by God
as judge of the living and the dead.
To him all the prophets bear witness,
that everyone who believes in him
will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord
All Reply: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

*This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his mercy endures forever.
Let the house of Israel say,
“His mercy endures forever.” - *Refrain*

“The right hand of the Lord has struck with power;
the right hand of the Lord is exalted.
I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.” - *Refrain*

The stone with the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the Lord has this been done;
it is wonderful in our eyes. - *Refrain*

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Brothers and sisters:
Do you not know that a little yeast leavens all the
dough?
Clear out the old yeast,
so that you may become a fresh batch of dough,
inasmuch as you are unleavened.
For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed.
Therefore, let us celebrate the feast,
not with the old yeast,
the yeast of malice and wickedness,
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

The Word of the Lord
All Reply: Thanks be to God



Gospel

John 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord

All Reply: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

The Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(At the words that follow, up to and including, 'and became man', all bow.)

And by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

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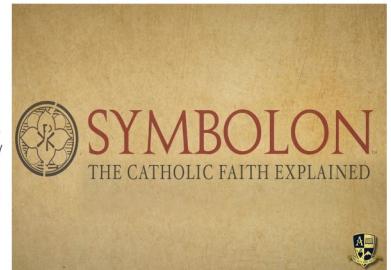
PICK OF THE WEEK

April 4, 2021

WATCH

SYMBOLON - SESSION 6 THE PASCHAL MYSTERY: THE MYSTERY OF JESUS' DEATH AND RESURRECTION

Through Jesus's Death on the Cross, God reveals himself most profoundly as the God who is Love. In this episode of the Symbolon series, see how Christ's sacrificial love saves us from sin and shows us the pathway to true human happiness.



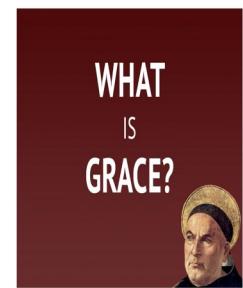
FORMED NOW: EVANGELIZING MILLENNIALS

After his Resurrection, Christ told his disciples to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation" (Mk 16:15). To continue this evangelical work today, we have to adapt to diverse audiences. In this series, Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down to discuss how to reach one of those audiences—millennials.

LISTEN

PINTS WITH AQUINAS: WHAT IS GRACE? WITH MICHAEL GORMLEY

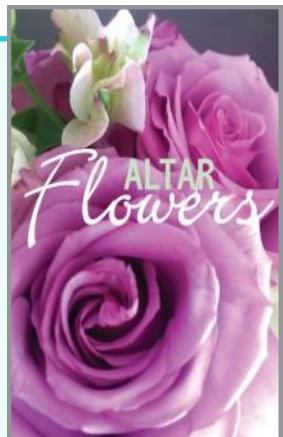
As Catholics we believe that grace allows us to participate in the life of God. In this episode of Pints with Aquinas, Matt Fradd sits down with Michael Gormley to discuss what this means in our daily lives.



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Altar Flowers

Our 2021 Altar Flower program is an opportunity for our parishioners to commemorate a celebration or memorialize a loved one with a beautiful bouquet to grace the altar for a week. Weeks fill up quickly, but we do have openings.



Current Openings are:

May 16, 23,30. / June 6. / Aug 1, 8,22,29. / Sept. 19,26. / Oct.,3,17,24,31. /Nov.,14, 21.

Please call Elizabeth Innocenzi
216-533-0515 to secure a date.