

## Liturgy Schedule

8:30 *Morning Prayer, Rosary, Monday through Friday*

**Monday, January 30 Weekday**

8:00 James Purdy

**Tuesday, January 31 Saint John Bosco, Priest**

8:00 Elaine Chapek

**Wednesday, February 1 Weekday**

8:00 Don McMillan

**Thursday, February 2 The Presentation of the Lord**

8:00 Isabelle Pack

**First Friday, February 3 Weekday**

8:00 Ray Nadolski

**First Saturday, February 4 Weekday**

3:15 Confessions

4:00 Adeline Klosowski (anniv)

**Sunday, February 5 Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

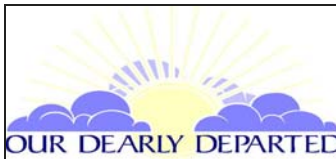
8:00 People of the Parish

10:00 George Billings

12:00 John Wolf



the following members of our Parish community: **Roger Zalewski, Stephanie Rostorfer, Jean Harter, Lynda Petit, Thomas Obojski, Betty Jacob, Fr. David Woost, Richard Rosberil, Theresa Grimshaw, Frank Hrovat, Joann Reddinger, Karen Styler, Dolores Elias, Mary Ann Dorazewski, Rosemary Kern, Stephen Rapsik, Sarah Burket and Mark Pennington.** The names will remain in the bulletin for two weeks. Please call the Parish office for more information. If you have a special intention you would like remembered in **prayer**, please call Lillian Neptune @ 216.662.5464.



Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended to the family and friends of **Phyllis Grattino And Arlene Tanzi** who were buried this past week. May they and all our dearly departed, rest in peace.



Congratulations to our newly baptized Christians: **Joseph Benedict Stoltz and Domenica Grace Brydle** and their families.



Join us for Coffee & Donuts this weekend after the 8:00am and 10:00am masses. **Hosting will be the Mass Coordinators / Extraordinary Ministers.** There will be NO social next week due to the Holy Name Breakfast.

### Religion Question of the Week

How many sets of brothers were Apostles?

### Did You Know?

Did you know there is a list of all the Priests, Deacons, and Team Members of St. Monica Church on the back wall of the Rockside entrance?

### One Liner

"A rolling stone is worth two in the bush".

**Answer to the Religion question of the week located on page 4 of this bulletin, under the collections.**

### Catholic Schools' Week

One of the wonderful blessings we have in our community is St. Benedict Catholic School. This school was formed five years ago from the efforts of the parishioners, staff, and Priests of St. Monica Church and St. Martin of Tours Church. Today this school is sponsored by both parishes as a Parochial School.

There are presently 383 students enrolled in Grades K to 8, and 20 students enrolled in our Pre School. The School Principal is Mrs. Lisa Oriti. The Assistant Principal is Mrs. Christine Malone. There are over twenty-three teachers, nine staff members, seven part time employees, five students from Trinity High School, and many other volunteers who are a part of our school.

This week we will celebrate all the Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Cleveland. Our school will have many events to show our appreciation of Catholic Education in our community. Please feel free to join us. We are proud of our School.

### Holy Name Breakfast

The St. Monica Holy Name society will be hosting a breakfast next **Sunday, February 5th after the 8, 10 and noon masses.** We will be serving **French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage links, coffee and orange juice.** Cost of the breakfast is **\$6.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children and anyone 3 and under free.** **All the proceeds will be donated to St. Monica parish. Please join us. All are welcome!**



**Student / Adult Volunteers needed!**  
(Service hours accredited. Teams / Groups welcome!)

**When: Saturday, February 25th, 2017, 7:00am-9:00am**

Where: Cornerstone of Hope, 5905 Brecksville Rd, Independence

Or if you are a night owl.....

**When: Saturday, February 25th, 2017, 10:30pm-11:30pm**

Where: Embassy Suites, 5800 Rockside Woods, Independence

Cornerstone of Hope needs volunteers to help load and unload the truck for the Gala event. **NO HEAVY LIFTING.**

**If interested contact Debbie Galland (216.524.4673) or Debbie@cornerstoneofhope.org**

**Members of the St. Monica Guild** will be selling **Retail and Restaurant Gift Cards** after all the masses next weekend, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, in the **Altar Server's Sacristy.** Thank you for your support.



## Pastoral Scene

### Is There Such Thing as Objective Truth?

When Jesus was on trial before Pontius Pilate, He spoke to him of Truth. Pilate sarcastically responded: "Truth, what is that?" Is there such a thing as objective truth? A recent poll was taken of millennials, ages 18 - 29. Over 88% of those surveyed rejected the idea that there is such a thing as "objective truth". Most believe that almost everything we talk about is contained in the realm of opinion (so all truth is relative). As Catholics we should have a big problem with this attitude.

God is the source of all truth. If there is no truth, there would be no God. But God does exist, so there must be truth. This is especially important in the study of morality. There is objective truth regarding morality. Some examples of objective truth are: the 10 Commandments; moral principles like: "the end does not justify the means"; the natural law: "Marriage is between a man and a woman"; and eternal truth: "God is love". These examples are always true.

In America we are flooded with talk shows, opinion polls, advertisements, and literature that gives the impression that there is no such thing as objective truth. These sources imply that everything is relative to the eye of the beholder. This belief is scary. It would make life unbearable if there is nothing we can know for sure.

When Pontius Pilate met with Jesus, if he had understood the real meaning of truth, he might never have condemned Jesus to death. There are true moral principles by which we must live our lives. There is such a thing as Objective Truth. It is our job to look for it.

Fr. Thomas Haren

### SANDWICH SATURDAY

Mark your calendars for the next Sandwich Saturday on February 4<sup>th</sup> as we make 300 Peanut Butter & Jelly sandwiches for the homeless. New or gently used blankets will still be collected this month and will be delivered with the sandwiches to St. Ignatius. You can drop them off at the Parish Office or bring them with you to Sandwich Saturday. See you on the 4th!



### NIGHT AT THE RACES

ST BENEDICT ATHLETICS WILL BE HOSTING IT'S ANNUAL NIGHT AT THE RACES ON **SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4TH IN THE SCHOOL GYM. TICKETS ARE \$15 AND HORSES ARE \$20. THEY ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE PARISH OFFICE. THERE IS ALSO ADVERTISING AVAILABLE IN OUR RACING PROGRAM. CONTACT DONNA MAJOROS AT 216.789.3602 FOR MORE INFORMATION. SEE YOU IN THE WINNERS CIRCLE!**



Join us for the  
*4<sup>th</sup> Annual Wines Around the World*

At St. Benedict Catholic School  
Saturday, February 11th  
From: 7:00pm-9:00pm

Cost: \$35.00 per person

Included: Wine Tasting and Heavy Appetizers

Enjoy good food, music, raffle items and fun for adults!

RSVP by Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 to St. Benedict Catholic School,  
St. Martin of Tours or St. Monica Parish

Questions: Please contact Christine Malone at 216-662-9380

On a regular basis we would like to mention and honor one of the over 30 organizations here at St. Monica's. This week we have:

**Men of the Vine: Men's group that meets for prayer and discussion every other Saturday morning.**

If you would like more information, or would be interested in joining this group please call the parish office.

### ST. MONICA SENIOR GROUP

Join the Senior's in February for a **Valentine's Day Card Party & Luncheon**. Arby's, beverage & dessert will be served for ONLY \$3.00. Join us in the Augustine Room of the School on FEB. 14TH beginning at 2PM. Join your friends for a FUN-filled afternoon! New members are ALWAYS welcome SO bring a friend! Hope to see you. **Please call Gerry at 216.581.1777 for reservations** - let her know you are coming so we have enough sandwiches. **Payment is due at the door, please.**



**The Cleveland Clinic Marymount Hospital** is offering residents from all communities a **FREE 5-Week Health and Wellness initiative** - "You Change You: Take Charge of Your Health!" - This includes your mind, your body & your spirit! The program's goal is to provide you with the tools, information & courage to achieve what is important to you. **The program will be held Every Thursday | Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> - March 16<sup>th</sup> | 10:00am-Noon and will be held at St. Monica Church, 13623 Rockside Rd, Garfield Heights. Registration is required by contacting Jeff Jameyson at [jameysj@ccf.org](mailto:jameysj@ccf.org) or (216) 312-5640.**





## Stewardship

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION Jan. 21 / Jan. 22

Regular Sunday Envelopes	\$ 7,607.00
St. Monica Fund	\$ 416.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 20.75

Next week, we will take a collection for the Church in Latin America. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection, which assists programs that strengthen the faith in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your gifts help share the faith by providing lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, as well as other programs. To learn more, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

### Answer to This Week's Religion Question

How many sets of brothers were Apostles of Jesus?

Answer: Two sets - Andrew and Peter, James and John.

*To help build an endowment fund, please consider remembering St. Monica Church in your Will.*



Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that half the school year is already over. It was great to see our students and faculty refreshed, reenergized and excited to return from break. Everyone demonstrated their readiness and motivation to get back into the learning mode and was set to go the moment the first bell rang!

We hope you will join us for the many exciting events that are planned for Catholic Schools Week. During this week we will recognize our parents, students, teachers, staff and the community. **On Sunday, January 29 new families as well as current families are invited to attend 12:00 Mass at St. Monica Church followed by our Open House from 1:00-3:00 PM.** Families will have the opportunity to tour the school, learn about academic offerings, and meet faculty and staff. On Monday, January 30, we will celebrate our Police, Fire and City Officials by sending them cards and treats. We will also celebrate our volunteers by hosting a thank you breakfast. On Tuesday, we will celebrate our priests by celebrating Mass and presenting them with a gift of thanks. On Wednesday, we will celebrate our faculty and staff. Thank you PTU for providing a wonderful luncheon! **On Thursday, we celebrate our parents with a Pancake Breakfast! Please remember to RSVP! Friday,** we celebrate our students, the reason for the success and blessings we encounter each day! We look forward to celebrating all the wonderful programs in our school and to celebrate the success and accomplishments of our children.

The New Year has always been a time for looking back at the past and more importantly, forward to the coming year. It is our opportunity to reflect on life's experiences and the changes we want or need to make and resolve to follow through on those changes. May the New Year be filled with many opportunities and blessings for your family.

Peace and Blessings  
Lisa Oriti

## Parish Activities

### MONDAY, January 30

4:00 Athletic Practice (g)  
8:00 HN Board Mtg (c)

### TUESDAY, January 31

2:45 CRCIA Instruction (+)  
4:00 Athletic Practice (g)  
6:00 Bible Group (?)  
6:45 Troop 389 Mtg (c)

### WEDNESDAY, February 1

2:30 Drama Ministry (+)  
4:00 Athletic Practice (g)  
6:30 GOF (SLL)

### THURSDAY, February 2

2:30 Drama Ministry (+)  
4:00 Athletic Practice (g)  
7:00 Pastoral Council Mtg (CC)

### Friday, February 3

5:00 Set up Night at the Races (g)  
8:00 MHCC Mtg (AR)

### SATURDAY, February 4

9:00 Sandwich Saturday (J)  
6:00 Night at the Races (g)

### SUNDAY, February 5

8:00 Holy Name Breakfast (c)

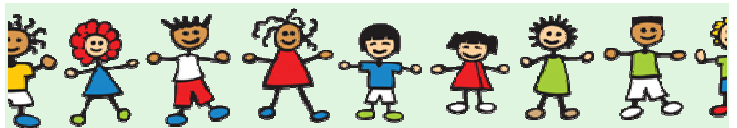
**YOUTH412** February Meetings will discuss love language - how we give and receive love in unique ways. Knowing our love language helps to make the world a lovelier place!  
**High School meets Feb 1, Middle School meets Feb 15, 6:15-8:30pm in the youth room at Saints Peter and Paul.** Snacks provided. Bring a friend. Wear your group shirt or tie-dye shirt and get your name in the prize jar!



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Nancy Heineke, Youth Minister YOUTH412 is a cluster program of St Martin of Tours, St Monica, Saints Peter and Paul and St Therese 13623 Rockside Road, Garfield Hts OH 44125 (216) 662-8685 ext 123



**St. Benedict Catholic School will host an Open House at our Early Learning Center on Sunday, February 5.** Please join us for Mass at St. Martin of Tours Church followed by a **Preschool Open House from 12:00-2:00 PM.** The Preschool Open House will be held at 14600 Turney Road at the St. Benedict Early Learning Center.



**Readings for the Week of January 29, 2017**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a
<b>Monday</b>	Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20, 21, 23, 24; Mk 5:1-20
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Saint John Bosco, Priest</b> Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32; Mk 5:21-43
<b>Wednesday</b>	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>The Presentation of the Lord</b> Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr;</b> <b>Saint Ansgar, Bishop</b> Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc; Mk 6:14-29
<b>Saturday</b>	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mk 6:30-34
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

**Indoor Garage Sale and Flea Market**

**St. Therese Boy Scout Troop 361**, will be holding its annual indoor garage sale on **Saturday, February 11th, from 9:00am-2:30pm in St. Therese Church Hall, East 105th St & Granger Rd.**, Garfield Heights. Admission to the event is \$1.00 per person, children are free. **Vendor tables are still available . Please call Jeff @ 216.524.1923 for more information.**

**Enjoy New Orleans Style Cuisine!**

Friday, February 24th, 5-8pm

Tickets available at the door: \$10 adults,  
\$5 for kids under 12

Call 440.943.7600 with any questions

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