

Liturgy Schedule

8:30 Morning Prayer, Rosary, Monday through Friday

Monday, February 12 Weekday

8:00 George & Marie Schwarz

Tuesday, February 13 Weekday

8:00 August & Antonia Supan

Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday

6:30 Ann Bednarchik (anniv)

9:00 Maria Ferrante

7:00 Stetzy & Neptune Family

Thursday, February 15 Thursday after Ash Wednesday

8:00 Therese Grimshaw

Friday, February 16 Friday after Ash Wednesday

8:00 Diane Fargo

3:30 Stations of the Cross

7:00 Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 17 Saturday after Ash Wednesday

3:15 Confessions

4:00 Florence Epele

Sunday, February 18 First Sunday of Lent

8:00 People of the Parish

10:00 Peter & Jean Zajko

12:00 Jeanette Zendarski



the following members of our Parish community: Nancy Moczulski, Marianne Toma, Marge Konkowski, Richard Movens, Irene Burke, Dennis Radke, Bonita Pentek, Linda Wright, Bob Rafal, Kathy Zarycki, Joan Hrovat, Jack Pekar, Lynda Petit, Dolores Nose, Robert Govang, Bernie Nenadovich, George Cooke, Larry Piechowiak, Robert Phipps, Marie DiCola, Joann Reddinger, Baby Ryan Martin, Richard Rosberil, Karen Styler, 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.

World Marriage Day

This weekend we are celebrating "World Marriage Day". It is a time that we show our appreciation to God for the wonderful gift of Marriage. In the Book of Genesis we see the inspired words: "God made them male and female. For this reason a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife. They are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, let no man separate what God has joined together". In the eyes of God, Marriage is a Holy way of life. As Catholics, we believe that Marriage is one of the Seven Sacraments. Jesus raised this holy way of life to this level so that He could be a part of this union between a husband and a wife. Jesus blesses this union, and offers many Graces to help this couple share their lives together.

For this reason it is very important that every Catholic, who is considering this state in life, should be married according to the rituals of the Catholic Church. Catholics should be married **in the presence of Jesus in Church**. They should also prepare themselves for the reception of this Sacrament with the same seriousness that they would experience when they receive any Sacrament.

When you have made a decision to get married, please contact the Priest of your parish. He will be glad to assist you. Priests are very happy to be a part of this important decision!

WEDDING BANNERS

II Shevelle Ferrell & Stephen Sobocinski

Religion Question of the Week.

Which two Sacraments center on Vocations in Life?

Did You Know?

Did you know that the red "Sanctuary Lamp" next to the Tabernacle must remain lit whenever Jesus is present?

One Liner

"God's love for us is not a love that exempts us from trials, but rather a love that sees us through trials".

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

The 2018 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal is underway with an in-pew commitment

#YOUR MERCY
Transforming Lives + Communities

process taking place this weekend. This is not a special collection; rather, the

Catholic Charities Annual Appeal represents the chance for all Catholics to make a significant pledge, payable in installments, to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland in order to support its mission of a society that stands united in its support of the "least among us." Many parishioners have received a letter from Bishop Perez requesting their support. If you have not received this letter, please respond to the in-pew commitment process today! If you have received the mailing, please respond to it. There is a box on the in-pew envelope to indicate that you have responded by mail.

Your Mercy: Transforming Lives and Communities. Your support of the 2018 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal helps us to carry out the mission that Jesus entrusted to us: I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Please consider a generous gift that will change the lives of the 400,000 who are served each year in Northeast Ohio. Please pray for the success of the appeal, which provides for essential programs and services in need throughout all eight counties of the Diocese of Cleveland. On behalf of the poor and needy of Northeast Ohio, thank you! We invite you to view the stories of inspiration and more information at www.catholiccommunity.org/2018Appeal

Liturgical Ministers Evening of Recollection

Our annual Evening of Recollection for all Liturgical Ministers will take place on **Monday, February 19, 2018 at 7:00pm**. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Ushers, Mass Coordinators, Music Ministers, and Adult Servers are all requested to attend.



There will be **NO social this week due to the Holy Name Breakfast**. Join us next week after the 8:00am & 10:00am masses. Hosting will be members of the PreCana Team & Lectors.

Are You Listening?

"I pray and pray and pray and pray, but God never answers my prayers." How many times have we all heard that, or maybe even said it ourselves? The truth is that God ALWAYS answers our prayers; we just need to do a better job in listening. Granted, the answers maybe somewhat cryptic at times...but they're there!

The point is that we need to spend time listening, and we can't do that if we're always talking. Remember that prayer is a dialogue – a two way street. So how do we listen?

I can only speak from personal experience at this point. I have found that listening (and hearing) God's message comes by means of being mindful about the path on which I'm journeying. Generally speaking, when I'm following the correct path (no matter how challenging it may be) my inner being feels a certain sense of serenity or peacefulness. The lack of these would indicate that some adjustments need to be made in my life. How do I best discern these adjustments?

In my case, life events tend to move in patterns. Sometimes the patterns are very clear, and sometimes events need a little more analysis, but eventually they become clear. When I'm feeling out of sync, I go back to the point where I first noticed the lack of balance and look at the events (or patterns) which were taking place at the time. In other words, I try to figure out what got me off track. The vast majority of the time, it's because I was not paying attention, or ignoring, or maybe even turning my back on some aspect of God's intention for me. Whether this may happen intentionally or unintentionally, we all wind up there at various stations in our lives. The trick is to be perceptive enough to realize what's happening, open enough to admit it, and humble enough to do something about it.

This isn't to infer that God necessarily punishes us for getting out of kilter every now and then. He doesn't need to. It may just be that God withholds his blessing from the things in our lives that aren't holy in his sight or not in line with his plan for us. This is actually a very effective way in which God communicates with us. Consider the parable of the Prodigal Son. When the young son went off and squandered his life, the father didn't follow after him and nag. Rather, he let his young son go off on his own without any help. The fact that the son faltered wasn't a punishment – it was merely a consequence of his own stupidity. The father didn't do anything at that particular juncture to come to his aid because the son wasn't in sync with his father's will. He taught the son a lesson without saying a word. In essence the father withheld his blessing. The story then illustrates that the son eventually came to realize that he was out of balance and remorseful. After making the appropriate adjustments to his life, the son returned to his father and was again accepted and blessed by him.

In the actions of our lives, and in our minds and hearts we hear the loving voice of God on a constant basis. During this coming Season of Lent, let's remember that we just need to listen, take heed and move forward.

-Bob Soeder

FLOWER ENVELOPE

On the Easter Flower Envelope, you are encouraged to remember your deceased loved ones. We ask that you please **PRINT** the names on the envelopes. **These names need to be turned into the Parish Office the week of March 19th, no later than Palm Sunday in order for them to be posted in the Rockside Road vestibule for Easter.**



Tetelestai

The long-standing musical passion play Tetelestai will be coming to Jennings—February 16, 17 & 18! The cast & crew of this visually moving passion play is excited to share the Good News of Easter with you. Tetelestai brings the Gospel to life with a cast & crew of over 100, full theatrical staging, sound & lighting, costumes and live singing. Seeing the passion reenacted through Tetelestai is a powerful and moving way to prepare for the holy season of Easter. It has become a tradition for families. Please visit LiveThePassion.org for more information.

Divine Mercy

Please join us for a special hour of adoration and thanksgiving to the Divine Mercy of Jesus this **Sunday, 11th, at 2:30 in St. Monica Church.** There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and prayers for families, our youth, and our country. **All are welcome to join us.**



ST. MONICA SENIORS

JOIN THE SENIORS IN FEBRUARY FOR A VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY AND LUNCHEON. **ARBY'S SANDWICH AND DESSERT WILL BE SERVED FOR JUST \$3.00. OUR MEETING WILL BE IN THE AUGUSTINE ROOM OF THE SCHOOL ON FEB. 13, 2018 BEGINNING AT 2PM.**

YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO BRING A FRIEND OR TWO. **PLEASE CALL GERRY GOLEM AT 216-581-1777 FOR RESERVATIONS. HOPE TO SEE THERE.**



40 Days For Life

From February 14th through March 25th you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. **You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray anytime between 7 am to 7 pm during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Preterm - 12000 Shaker Boulevard, Cleveland, 44120 or Planned Parenthood - 25350 Rockside Road, Bedford Heights, 44146.** Please help spread the word about this important community outreach. **If you'd like more information or like to volunteer to help, contact: John Noall @ 216-245-9744 or email at: clevelandpravsforlife@gmail.com**



Fast and Abstinence during Lent

The Law of the Church makes Ash Wednesday and Good Friday days of Penance. The Law of Abstinence from meat is binding upon **all Catholics who are 14 years of age or older.** This means that **no meat** may be eaten on **Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent.** The Law of Fasting is binding upon Catholics from the **age of 18 to their 59th Birthday.** It means that **only one full meal may be eaten on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday at lunch or supper.** The other two meals may not equal in quantity what is eaten at this main meal; **there can be no eating between meals on those days.** We are also urged to work on other forms of Penance all throughout the Season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, February 14th!



Stewardship

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Feb. 3rd / Feb. 4th

Regular Sunday Envelopes	\$ 8,872.00
St. Monica Fund	\$ 1,249.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 12.00

National Black & Indian Mission Collection

Our support of this collection next weekend helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast.

Religion Question of the Week.

Which two Sacraments center on Vocations in Life?

Answer: Marriage and Holy Orders.

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



Congratulations to St. Benedict Catholic School alumni who received honors from:

Trinity High School:

First Honors: Nadia Hermida, Isaiah Johnson, Kayla Mastroberti, Sarah Shuba, Jada Tucker, and Hannah Varhola.

Second Honors: Amber Bell, Anthony Fryer II, Armani Hall, Denara Howard, Briana Kirby, John Krakora, and Mickel Samuel.

Merit Roll: Hailey Bergholz, Jaida Brownlee, Tiah Charlton, Veronic Diaz, Tyra Griggs, Carter Hardy, Koen Holland, Patricia Lovano, Gabrielle Roman, and Hailey Smith.

Holy Name High School:

First Honors: Cecelia Johanni, Morgan Kowalski, Collin Ryan, Erin Ryan, Alyssa Stoffko, Alyssa Welms, Natalie Wolf

Second Honors: Madeline Adams

Congratulations! The staff and faculty are proud of your accomplishments.

Cornerstone of Hope retreat – Pain to Purpose Friday, April 27-Sunday, April 29, Jesuit Retreat House

Pain to Purpose will provide a sacred setting for those grieving the loss of a loved one to intentionally encounter their journey of suffering through faith. The weekend will provide opportunities to meet others with a similar life experience, hear from inspirational speakers, share stories with peers in a safe environment, spend quiet time in prayer, and celebrate the hope in Jesus Christ that provides a path to transform Pain to Purpose. Registration is limited. For more information or to register, call 216-524-4673, ext. 235. Online registration available on the Cornerstone webpage at www.cornerstoneofhope.org

Parish Activities

MONDAY, February 12

- 2:45 Board Game Club (AR)
- 4:00 Athletic Practice (g)
- 5:30 Walking with Leslie Sansone (J)
- 7:00 Finance Council (F)
- 7:30 CWV Mtg (c)

TUESDAY, February 13

- 2:00 Senior Mtg (AR)
- 2:40 Living Stations Practice (+)
- 4:00 Athletic Practice (g)
- 6:00 Bible Study (F)
- 6:45 Boy Scouts ©
- 7:00 St Benedict School Board (CC)

WEDNESDAY, February 14

- 2:40 Living Stations Practice (+)
- 3:00 Fish Fry Prep (c)
- 4:00 Athletic Practice (g)
- 5:30 Walking with Leslie Sansone (J)

THURSDAY, February 15

- 2:40 Living Stations Practice (+)
- 3:00 Fish Fry Prep (c)
- 4:00 Athletic Practice (g)
- 6:30 Guild Meeting (c)

FRIDAY, February 16

- 2:00 Fish Fry Prep, Clean up (up)
- 4:00 Athletic Practice (g)
- 4:00 Fish Fry (c)

SATURDAY, February 17

- SUNDAY, February 18**
- 8:00 / 10:00 Coffee & Donuts (c)
- 2:00 Baptist Group (AR)

Blossoming
Into Health,
Wellness & Fitness



Save the date.....

Saturday, April 14th

10:00 am—2:00 pm

Health Fair

*Sponsored by St. Monica, Cleveland Clinic, and
Catholic Community Connection*

Holy Name Breakfast

The St. Monica Holy Name Society will be hosting a breakfast this **Sunday, February 11th 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!



Readings for the Week of February 11, 2018

Sunday	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11: 1 Cor 10:31—11:1; Mk 1:40-45
Monday	Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday	Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday	Thursday after Ash Wednesday Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday	Friday after Ash Wednesday Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday	The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday	First Sunday of Lent Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15



AM 1260 The Rock, WCCR Cleveland, invites you to an open house on Thursday, February 22nd from 2-5 PM to celebrate the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, the patron of the station. Stop in any time between 2 and 5 PM for light refreshments, tours and prizes, and to meet, staff, board, volunteers and other listeners of AM 1260 The Rock.

Addiction Awareness Workshop

The Samaritan Ministry of St. Malachi Parish will again offer a **FREE one-day ADDICTION AWARENESS WORKSHOP** in St. Malachi Center (behind the church), West 25th & Detroit, Cleveland, OH 44113, on Saturday, March 3, 2018, from 9 AM to 4 PM. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Donations welcome. For information/to register: visit us at www.stmalachi.org/samaritan-ministry-2018 or contact Judy Stowe (440/250-9959)