

Liturgy Schedule

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

Monday, February 13 Weekday

8:00 Donald Shelley

Tuesday, February 14 Saints Cyril,

Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

8:00 Ann Bednarchik

Wednesday, February 15 Weekday

8:00 Gary Stouffer

Thursday, February 16 Weekday

8:00 Diane Fargo

Friday, February 17 Weekday

8:00 Alfred Schwet

Saturday, February 18 Weekday

3:15 Confessions

4:00 Florence Epepe

Sunday, February 19 Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

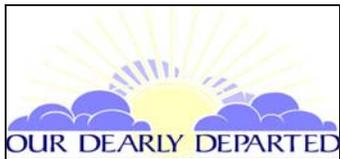
8:00 People of the Parish

10:00 Jim Polak

12:00 Jeanette Zendarski



the following members of our Parish community: **Sheila Fillasen, David Bender, Fr. Dan Begin, Andrew Burdette, 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 **Elsie Harvan, Jean Zajko and Eleanor Orey** who were buried this past week. May they and all our dearly departed, rest in peace.



Join us for Coffee & Donuts this weekend after the 8:00am and 10:00am masses. **Hosting will be members of the Catholic Club.** Hosting next weeks social will be PreCana / Lectors.

Be kind to others: Random Acts of Kindness Week is February 12th through the 18th. Browse the possibilities at RandomActsOfKindness.org/kindness-ideas.

Religion Question of the Week

Which two Biblical cities were destroyed by God for their blatant immorality?

Did You Know?

Did you know that our former pastor, Fr. Don Oleksiak, is the Vicar General, Moderator of the Curia, in the Diocese of Cleveland?

One Liner

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy”. (Martin Luther King)

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

ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

All special requests for the **April/May/June** schedule need to be turned in to the Parish Office by **Friday, March 3rd**. Please be sure to include requests for Holy Week and Easter.

Liturgical Ministers Evening of Recollection



Our annual Evening of Recollection for all Liturgical Ministers will take place on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 7:00pm. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Ushers, Mass Coordinators, Music Ministers, and Adult Servers are all requested to attend.

Divine Mercy

Please join us for a special hour of adoration and thanksgiving to the Divine Mercy of Jesus **this Sunday, February 12th, 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.**



{ YOU DID IT FOR ME. }

The 2017 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal is underway with an in-pew commitment 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 Thomas 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.**

You did it for Me. Your support of the 2017 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/2017Appeal.

Pastoral Scene

I'm not inclined to think that God moves us around the board like a chess piece. Neither do I necessarily think that good things happen as a reward and bad things happen as a punishment. Sometimes bad things happen to good people and good things happen to bad people. That's just the way it is. What gives us the fortitude, strength, and conviction to move forward is looking at the incidences of our lives (both good and bad) through the eyes of faith.

Case in point: A few months ago, I decided to stop at the casino in Downtown Cleveland. Behind the casino is a limited amount of street parking, free after a certain time and when no special events are taking place. As I pulled up, I saw a number of cars already parked and a vacant space, which I soon occupied. I went into the casino for no more than 15 minutes and hit on video poker (my favorite) for \$200. Taking a brief moment to thank God for a quick and tidy profit (much more than usual), I gleefully and expediently cashed out with some serious weekend funds and made my way back to the car. However, when I arrived, my car was gone – all the cars were gone! I had forgotten that there was a Cavs game that night and so parking had been restricted and we were all towed away.

I flagged down a cab and asked him to take me to the impound lot. When I inquired as to whether he needed directions, he cheerfully informed me that he always comes down here before the Cavs play to "chauffer the towees" to the impound lot. "We have it all worked out with the police and the tow trucks," the cabby informed me. "Is this a great country, or what?" Although slightly irritated, I couldn't help but burst out laughing.

Upon arriving at the impound lot, it took about thirty-five minutes in line to reach the attendant. I then filled out the form and paid the fine and fees – hopped in my car and took off. In total, after the cab, tip, fine and fees I spent a grand total of \$199.72, leaving me a grand profit of 28 cents (not bad for a couple hours). Needless to say, there wasn't much partying that weekend.

I can look at this story from a number of angles. Did God give me a gift of \$200 and then rip it away because I intended to squander it? Did I do something wrong and so was punished by having my car towed away? Was this a consequence of making an uninformed or reckless decision? Was this all the luck of the draw (excuse the pun) with no significance beyond the event?

I had intended to go of town afterward, but instead I headed home to kick back and call it a day. Just as I pulled into my driveway, (half chuckling and half annoyed) my cell phone rang. The caller was a friend that I hadn't heard from in quite some time. As it turned out, because I wasn't able to go with my original weekend plans, I wound up spending some time with an old friend that evening who needed a shoulder to cry on and some words of comfort and encouragement – so maybe it was all just about that. Moved on the board like a chess piece? I don't think so. Sent on a mission to minister? Maybe. Unconditionally loved by God? Always!

Bob Soeder

Faith Shots Begins!

Our first session of Faith Shots will take place **after all Masses this weekend. The 10 to 15 minute** session will be located in the **West Nave (music side) of the Church.** If you're short on time but curious about your Catholic Faith, a Faith Shot may be just what the doctor ordered! **Our topic will be "The Mass – Why We Do What We Do."**



Marriage and the Teachings of Jesus

Jesus showed us by attending the Marriage Feast of Cana the beauty of Marriage in the eyes of God. When teaching about Marriage He said these words:

"God made them male and female. For this reason a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no man separate". In the eyes of Jesus, Marriage is a holy way of life.

In the Catholic Faith, Marriage is considered so holy that when a Catholic marries another baptized person in the proper manner, the couple enters into a Sacrament. Through the Sacrament of Marriage, the couple receive many graces and help from God to love each other, to live the life they were called to live, to raise a family, and to help prepare them for eternal life in heaven.

For this reason it is important for Catholics to be married according to the rites of the Catholic Church. If your son or daughter, or grandchild, is considering Marriage, please make sure they contact their parish Priest. He will assist them in their preparation for this important Sacrament. Jesus should be a part of every Marriage. It is a wonderful way of life.

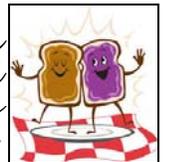
Fr. Thomas Haren

40 Days For Life

From March 1 through April 9, 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: clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com**

Sandwich Saturday

Thank you to everyone who donated blankets for the homeless. A special thanks to St Benedict School for raising over \$500 to purchase blankets and donating cash to purchase the bread for sandwiches. Thanks also for the other donation we received of cash for bread purchases. All donations are truly appreciated. We look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday, March 4th.



Lenten Fish Fry

Our Lenten Fish Fry Dinners will be starting soon and **we are in need of volunteers to help on Wednesdays, Thursdays at 3:00 and Fridays 2:00 till ? March 1 to April 7.** Please consider donating a few hours of your time to help raise funds for our parish while making new friends and having fun. Many hands are needed to help with prep work on Wednesdays and Thursdays to cleaning up on Fridays and everything in between to make our Fish Fry's a success. **If you would like to help, contact Chris Machar at 216-581-4149 or Carol Delooze at 216-816-5837 .**





Stewardship

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Feb. 4 / Feb. 5

Regular Sunday Envelopes	\$ 9,395.00
St. Monica Fund	\$ 227.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 14.00
Latin America (El Salvador)	\$ 289.00
We Share For January 2017	
Regular Sunday	\$ 3,916.50
St. Monica Fund	\$ 612.75

Answer to This Week's Question

Which two Biblical cities were destroyed by God for their blatant immorality?

Answer: Sodom and Gomorah.

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



Congratulations to Darius Moss Jr., graduate from St. Benedict Catholic School who received academic honors from St. Ignatius. Congratulations and good job Darius!

Congratulations to the following graduates from St. Benedict Catholic School who attend Trinity High School and received honors for the second half term.

First Honors: Jaida Brownlee, Sofia Dyakiv, Robert Eppich, Armani Hall, Isaiah Johnson, Patricia Lovano and Anthony Sanna

Second Honors: Hailey Bergholz, Denara Howard, McKenna Montgomery and Thomas Routt

Merit Roll: Amber Bell, Antonio Perez Jr., Myles Samuel, Amberly Stevenson, and Nijah Williams The faculty and staff of St. Benedict Catholic School are extremely proud of our alumni!

Parish Activities

MONDAY, February 13

4:00 Athletic Practice (g)
7:00 Finance Council Mtg (F)
7:30 CWV Mtg (c)

TUESDAY, February 14

2:00 Senior Mtg. (AR)
2:45 Cooking Club (c)
4:00 Athletic Practice (g)
6:00 Bible Group (p.o. kitchen)
6:45 Troop 389 Mtg (c)

WEDNESDAY, February 15

2:30 Drama Ministry (+)
4:00 Athletic Practice (g)
8:00 Ushers Meeting (c)

THURSDAY, February 16

10:00 Cleveland Clinic (J)
2:30 Drama Ministry (+)
4:00 Athletic Practice (g)
7:00 Guild Mtg (c)

Friday, February 17

4:00 Athletic Practice (g)

SATURDAY, February 18

9:00 Syriac Orthodox Church (J)

SUNDAY, February 19

8:00 /10:00 Coffee & Donuts (c)

Youth Ministry

Happy St. Valentines Day to all! As we continue our Walk with Jesus, we hope to make the world a lovelier place, so this



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month we are taking a look at the way we show love and interpret love, through Dr. Gary Chapman's Five Love Languages. The high school group gathered at Red Robins last week, for a change of pace, a great meal and wonderful conversation. All students are welcome to join YOUTH412 at any time. It's never too late!

Middle School Students meet Wed Feb 15 in the Youth Room. Doors open at 6:15pm. Meeting runs 6:30-8:30pm with pizza.



Registration forms, for our "Global Citizen Tour" to Washington DC, are due now. Please contact Nancy if you have any questions!



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

Readings for the Week of February 12, 2017

Sunday	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
Monday	Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday	Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday	Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday	Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
Friday	The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Mk 8:34—9:1
Saturday	Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

ALL YOU CAN EAT PASTA

DATE: Wednesday February 22, 2017

TIME: 4 - 7 PM

Location: CLUB 4130 10806 Granger Road, Garfield Heights,

Dinner consists of:

Pasta, 4 Meatballs, Salad Bar, Garlic Bread

Costs: Adults - \$10 Children Under 12 - \$8

ALL DINNERS INCLUDE COFFEE TEA, WATER, AND NON-CARBONATED BEVERAGES

DINNERS BY: LORI'S CUSTOM CATERING**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: 216-662-2277 mailbox #2****DUE BY SUNDAY FEBRUARY 20 - 8PM**

The Isabella Guild will also be selling fresh bakery