

Liturgy Schedule

8:30 Morning Prayer, Rosary, Monday through Friday

Monday, February 27 Weekday

8:00 Miranda Franks

Tuesday, February 28 Weekday

8:00 Joseph Arko

Wednesday, March 1 Ash Wednesday

6:30 Fr. Dan Begin

9:00 Living & Deceased Members of the Foster Family

7:00 Robert Frajter

Thursday, March 2 Thursday after Ash Wednesday

8:00 Margaret Piskura & Mary Kormos

First Friday, March 3 Friday after Ash Wednesday

8:00 William Slonac

3:30 Stations

7:00 Living Stations

First Saturday, March 4 Saturday after Ash Wednesday

3:15 Confessions

4:00 Mary Gogol

Sunday, March 5 First Sunday of Lent

8:00 People of the Parish

10:00 Raymond Nadolski

12:00 John Wolf



the following members of our Parish community: Genevieve Jankowski, Frank Gigliotti, Edward Brady, Sheila Sillasen, David Bender, Roger Zalewski, Richard Rosberil, Theresa Grimshaw, Joann Reddinger, Karen Styler, 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 **Rev. Daniel L. Begin and Angela Zarbo** 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 Guild.** Hosting next weeks social will be members of the Boy Scouts.

The Guild is conducting their "Bakeless Bake Sale" through March, if you are interested in supporting this fundraiser with a cash donation. You will find envelopes in the entrances of the Church marked Bakeless Bake Sale. Thanks for your continued support.

Religion Question of the Week

Who succeeded Moses as the leader of the Israelites?

Did You Know?

Did you know that the silver cross on the top of Church steeple is sixty-nine feet tall?

One Liner

"The only way to succeed at anything, and that is to give it everything". (Vince Lombardi)

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.

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, Carol Delooze at 216-816-5837.



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.



SANDWICH SATURDAY

Join us on **Saturday, March 4th at 9:00 am in the parish office** as we make peanut butter & jelly sandwiches for the homeless. All are welcome to attend!



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



Pastoral Scene

Lent 2017

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors of St. Monica Parish, The Holy Season of Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 1. This liturgical season begins the whole celebration of the unfolding of the Paschal Mystery, namely, the passion, death and resurrection of Christ, His glorious ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The penitential beginning of Lent, places before us the call to conversion, a change of heart. The other aspect is the Sacrament of Baptism for those who are already baptized and the proximate preparation for those who will be initiated at the Easter Vigil with the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

As we approach this holy season of Lent, each year affords us the opportunity to become more aware of the power and presence of Christ in our lives. For many of us, the devotional practices of the Stations of the Cross and the Divine Mercy chaplet find their way into our daily lives. The rosary, with the sorrowful mysteries, help to unfold the events in the life of Christ connected with this penitential season. The call to fast and abstinence are prescribed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for those who find themselves in the age group. The Fridays of Lent are also prescribed meatless. The personal self denials of Lent are opportunities to strengthen our will power and unite ourselves more with Jesus.

The willingness to assist those in need through acts of charity also makes up the call to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This can be done in many ways through our time, talent and treasure. Coming closer to Lent gives us the time and space to plan different ways to make the Lenten Season, one of focus and grace.

Throughout the liturgical prayers of Lent, the Sacrament of Baptism is made mention as a reminder of those who will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. This reminder gives to all of us in the Church an opportunity to reflect on our Baptism and how it has given us union and communion with the life of the Trinity. May this time before Lent be filled with insights into ways of deeper communion with God.

Father Ted Marszal

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 April 2nd, no later than Palm Sunday in order for them to be posted in the Rockside Road vestibule for Easter.**

The next Baptism Class will be held **Tuesday, March 14th at 6:30pm** in the **St. Joseph Meeting Room** in the lower level of the **Parish Office**. If you are interested in having your child baptized please call the **Parish Office at 216.662.8685** to register.



Please Join Us for a cemetery/funeral pre-planning workshop and presentation.

Special Pricing for all in attendance.

Pre-planning your cemetery/funeral arrangements is a gift to your family and to whom you love and care about. Learn in a group presentation. Know your Rites. The Vigil, The Funeral Mass, The Committal are acts of grace we can bestow towards our families and friends. Receive a Catholic Personal Reference File, along with most everything you need to know. Burial, Cremation, and Catholic Funeral Traditions. Please join the 1000's of families who have received this valuable information via this presentation.

Date: Sat. March 11th. 2017 1-2 PM.

Location: ALL SAINTS CEMETERY Office. 480 W. Highland Rd. Northfield, 44067

This workshop is free (registration is appreciated). Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Please visit our website at www.cleccem.org for all dates and locations.

Please call the Cemetery office to register at 330-467-7951 ext. # 5.

ST. MONICA SENIOR GROUP

The Senior's will gather in the **Augustine Room at 2PM on Tue. MAR. 14th**. Join your friends for a FUN-filled afternoon with games and refreshments.

Show your *'Irish Spirit'* by wearing something GREEN!



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.

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**

Faith Shots Continues!



After a very positive response to our first session, we are happy to announce that our **next installment of Faith Shots will take place this weekend. (Feb. 25/26)** Come and take 15 minutes to learn more about your Catholic Faith. The topic of this 15 minute educational session will be *Liturgical Music – Why We Sing What We Sing When We Sing it.*

Faith Shots will take place immediately after all Weekend Masses in the West Nave of the Church.



Stewardship

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Feb. 18 / Feb. 19

Regular Sunday Envelopes	\$ 8,177.00
St. Monica Fund	\$ 749.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 16.00

Answer To This Week's Question

Who succeeded Moses as the leader of the Israelites?

Answer: Joshua.

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



Power of the Pen

Twelve students from St. Benedict Catholic School's junior high competed at Power of the Pen Writing Competition on February 11, 2017 at Chardon Middle School. Power of the Pen is a writing tournament that requires seventh and eighth grade students from across Ohio to write responses to three prompts. The students' compositions are then evaluated and ranked by judges. The criteria for good writing includes creativity, originality, development, and good grammar and usage. Congratulations to Xiao'en Ning, who received a trophy for placing sixth from among over 70 seventh graders. Also, we congratulate Clara Orland for receiving a medal for placing fifteenth from among over seventy seventh graders.

We are very proud of three of our eighth graders: who had a ranking of one out of six on one of the written prompt responses. They are Sarah Shuba, Ashley Morris, and Tiah Charlton. This means that their compositions were considered the best among the six students, who wrote in the same room with them.

Our Power of the Pen teams included:

GRADE 7

Maciaha Irving
Isis Nieves
Xiao'en Ning
Nikkira McCall
Clara Orland
Breanna Pandolfi

GRADE 8

Jennifer Borcuch
Tiah Charlton
Ashley Morris
Jessica Novak
Gabrielle Roman
Sarah Shuba

Congratulations to the Power of the Pen team! Thank you Ms. Yeaples and Mrs. Przybojewski for preparing our students for the competition.

Parish Activities

MONDAY, February 27

3:15 CWVA Mtg (c)
4:00 Athletic Practice (g)
8:00 HN Board Mtg (c)

TUESDAY, February 28

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

WEDNESDAY, March 1

2:30 Drama Ministry (+)
3:00 Fish Fry Prep (k&c)
4:00 Athletic Practice (g)

THURSDAY, March 2

10:00 Cleveland Clinic (J)
2:30 Drama Ministry (+)
3:00 Fish Fry Prep (k&c)
4:00 Athletic Practice (g)
7:00 Pastoral Council Mtg (CC)

Friday, March 3

3:30 Stations of the Cross (+)
4:00 Fish Fry (c)
4:00 Athletic Practice (g)
8:00 MHCC Mtg (AR)

SATURDAY, March 4

9:00 Sandwich Saturday (J)

SUNDAY, March 5

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

March 2017 Schedule: High School meets March 8, Middle School meets March 22, 6:15-8:30pm in the youth room.

The high school group meeting is being rescheduled from the usual first Wednesday of the month to encourage teens to attend Ash Wednesday services.



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

Malley's Easter Candy Sale!!!

St. Benedict School is sponsoring a Malley's Easter Candy Sale. **Forms are due back, with payment, by March 7th** if you plan to have your order delivered to the school. **If you are placing an online order and having your order shipped directly to your home, you can do so until April 10th.** Forms are available in the Church, in the school office and at the Parish Office. **Questions? Call the school office at 216.662.9380.**



Readings for the Week of February 26, 2017

Sunday	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34
Monday	Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday	Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23; Mk 10:28-31
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	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday	Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday	Saint Casimir Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday	First Sunday of Lent Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

RACE AND GRACE: LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

Join us to celebrate the legacy of **Catholic Sisters** during **National Catholic Sisters Week**. **On Sunday, March 12th** we invite you to gather for an energizing intergenerational dialogue on race. **All are welcome, with a special invitation extended to young adults in their 20s and 30s.** This event is sponsored by the Conference of Religious Leaders and the Coalition with Young Adults (C-YA).

For more information and to register, visit Eventbrite or register by e-mailing coalitionyoungadults@gmail.com