

## Liturgy Schedule

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

**Monday, March 12 Lenten Weekday**

8:00 Donna Valencic

7:00 Festival of Praise w/Confessions

**Tuesday, March 13 Lenten Weekday**

8:00 Ramey & Ramatowski Families

**Wednesday, March 14 Lenten Weekday**

8:00 Ray Stachowiak

**Thursday, March 15 Lenten Weekday**

8:00 Margaret Piskura & Mary Kormos

**Friday, March 16 Lenten Weekday**

8:00 William Stofko (Anniv)

3:30 Stations of the Cross

7:00 Living Stations

**Saturday, March 17 Lenten Weekday**

3:15 Confessions

4:00 Antoinette Zaranec

**Sunday, March 18 Fifth Sunday of Lent**

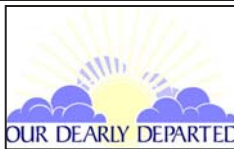
8:00 Living & Deceased members of Richard Family

10:00 P.P.

12:00 Adam Gregg



the following members of our Parish community: **Lisa Thomas, Antonio (Toni) Topolnicki, Emma Welich, Pat Doyle, Marianne Toma, Nancy Moczulski, Karen Wheeler, Mary Dowling, Marge Konkowski, Richard Movens, Irene Burke, Dennis Radke, Bonita Pentek, Linda Wright, Bob Rafal, Kathy Zarycki, Joan Hrovat, Jack Pekar, Bill Exton, Dolores Nose, Robert Govang, Bernie Nenadovich, George Cooke, Larry Piechowiak, John Rozmarynowski, 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.



Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended to the family and friends of **Elroy Bammerlin and Kenneth Edward Hohnowski** who were buried this past week. May they and all our dearly departed, rest in peace.

**Special Thanks to the Holy Name Society for the donation of \$1,000 from their proceeds of their recent Sunday breakfast at St. Monica's. Their generosity is greatly appreciated.**



## Religion Question of the Week

In the Roman Missal what is the "official name" for Palm Sunday?

## Did You Know?

Did you know that in the original Church, that the tabernacle was located on the north side of the Altar where the Priest celebrates Mass?

## One Liner

"If it ain't broke, fix it till it is."

## GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNITY PROCESSION OF THE CROSS:

Come and join your neighbors and the members of area churches, businesses and faith institutions for the **19<sup>th</sup> annual Walk of the Cross** in Garfield Heights on **Good Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>** from **10:00am to 12:00 noon**. The walk is sponsored by the *Garfield Heights Christian Unity Council*. **The specific location of the Procession will be finalized shortly.**

As in past years, the walk is on level terrain and will have a police escort to ensure safety from traffic when crossing the street. There will be a courtesy bus for those individuals unable to walk the route or you are



## 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 19<sup>th</sup>, no later than Palm Sunday in order for them to be posted in the Rockside Road vestibule for Easter.**



## Why Should I Receive the Sacrament of Penance During Lent?

Lent is a special time of the year for Prayer, Fasting, and Penance. Penance includes making sacrifices in one's life, and physically repenting for one's own sins.

In America we often make excuses for our own faults, or we try to blame other people. Often we don't want to admit to ourselves that we do commit sin. In preparing for the Sacrament of Penance, we have to confront our own lifestyles. We have to look at our relationship to Jesus from a real point of view. This is not easy, but it is important if we want to progress in our spiritual life.

Please take time during this Season of Lent to make a good confession of your sins in the Sacrament of Penance. There will be many opportunities to do so. You will be glad you did.

Fr. Thomas Haren

## ATHLETIC BREAKFAST

ST BENEDICT ATHLETICS WILL BE HOSTING A PANCAKE BREAKFAST ON SUNDAY, MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup> FOLLOWING THE 8 AM AND 10 AM MASSES IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA. COST IS \$6.00 PER PERSON AND KIDS 3 AND UNDER ARE FREE. BREAKFAST INCLUDES, PANCAKES, SAUSAGE, FRUIT CUP, COFFEE AND ORANGE JUICE. PLEASE COME OUT AND SUPPORT OUR STUDENT ATHLETES!!



## Pastoral Scene

### Shoulders

I must admit that one of the major highlights of my position is the catechization of students, especially those I prepare for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Explaining the doctrines of the Catholic Faith to youngsters not yet at the level of sophisticated abstract thinking means I have to figure out a simple, but theologically truthful definition for whatever the Truth of the doctrine is. This is especially true when one considers the Doctrine of the Trinity. Minds much wiser than mine and of those who taught me have struggled with this concept.

Not too long ago, I needed to help the little ones understand and define the role each Person of the Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – has in our sanctification. The Sign of the Cross is usually the best prayer to use when teaching the difference between the Persons, and a good way to check what the children remember from previous grades about the Trinity.

After signing ourselves in this short but familiar prayer, I decided to see what my candidates for these two sacraments could tell me about each Person. “Who can tell me something about God the Father?” I asked. About 75% of hands went up and we shared that the Father created the world and us. “Okay, (I went on) – who can tell me something about the Son?” 100% of hands waved in the air, and I was delighted to hear that the stories about Jesus and the parables He told, and His action in our salvation had grown firmly in their minds and hearts. Two for two, I thought, and then, feeling relatively confident I asked, “What can you tell me about the Holy Spirit?”

Silence. No one raised a hand. Had these been my Confirmation candidates, all eyes would have been lowered as they looked for invisible lint on their clothing – but these were First Communion candidates and every eye was on me in a blank stare. Then, slowly, hesitantly, a tiny voice said, “I think I know. It’s shoulders.”

Teaching has taught me never to deem an answer as wrong until I know what the thinking was behind the answer, so I responded. “I’m not sure what you mean. Show me.” Smiling brightly, the little girl stood up and blessed herself with the Sign of the Cross, stopped, and responded again– “See – shoulders” moving her hand to her left shoulder first, then to her right. Okay, Sister, I thought – how are you going to fix this one?

I am sure that Saint Thomas Aquinas would not have been pleased as I massaged that “shoulder answer” into the two wings of the dove that often represents the Holy Spirit and defined the Third Person as the Divine Love that radiates from the Father to the Son, and from the Son to the Father. So, I closed my lesson with this analogy: “Each time you pray The Sign of the Cross, think of the Holy Spirit as the love that moves between the Father and the Son like a hug when you touch your two shoulders. AND remember – all Three Persons of the Trinity hug you with the same love and grace each time you pray that prayer.”

Sending each of you a virtual prayerful hug! Sister Helene



Any special requests for the April/May/June schedules need to be turned in to the Parish Office by Monday morning, March 12<sup>th</sup>. The Easter schedule, April 1<sup>st</sup>, is on the current schedule. Thank you for your help with this request.

### Divine Mercy

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

**THE SENIORS WILL MEET IN THE ST. AUGUSTINE ROOM AT 2PM THIS TUESDAY, MARCH 13.** LET US ALL JOIN TOGETHER TO HAVE A FUN FILLED AFTERNOON WITH GAMES AND REFRESHMENTS. HAVE FUN SHOWING YOUR IRISH ANTICS WITH YOUR HATS AND SUCH BY WEARING SOMETHING GREEN. HOPE TO SEE



**St. Monica Ladies Guild  
34th Spring Luncheon  
Fashion Show  
\$25.00**

**Sunday, April 29, 2018  
1:00pm**

**Mediterranean Party Center  
25021 Rockside Rd  
Bedford Heights, Ohio  
Luncheon Choices are  
St. Louis Ribs "R"**

**Chicken Breast w/Orange Honey Glaze "C"  
Baked White Fish w/Lemon Butter Sauce "F"  
Chinese Raffle, Cash Raffle & Lucky #34  
(Ticket Sales) Debby: 216.581.6470**



### **FREE** Resume Review, Job Search Help, and Career Consulting Services

Do you feel like you are not fully utilizing the gifts with which God has bestowed to you? ...then stop by the parish office on Monday, **March 12<sup>th</sup>** between 6-7 p.m. for free career consulting services. Bring your old resume if you have one! For more info, contact Victoria Fassinger (216) 475-2963; writerswithspark@gmail.com



## Stewardship

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION March 3/4

Regular Sunday Envelopes	\$ 8,756.00
St. Monica Fund	\$ 1,107.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 18.80

### We Share Electronic Giving

Regular Sunday	\$ 4,032.50
St. Monica Fund	\$ 699.50

Next weekend there will be a **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe** illuminates the way for the people of the region by helping Catholic organizations provide affordable shelter and training to seminarians, in addition to providing pastoral care and catechesis.

### Religion Question of the Week:

In the Roman Missal what is the "official name" given to Palm Sunday?

**Answer:** "Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord."

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



**St. Benedict  
Catholic School**



St. Benedict Catholic School students are presenting the Living Stations of the Cross at St. Monica Church on the following dates: March 16 at 7:00 p.m. and March 23 at 3:30 p.m. These Stations are told through Mary's point of view as she witnesses her Son's suffering, death, and Resurrection. It is told through dramatic reading, liturgical movement, music,

and pantomime.

**OPEN HOUSE**



**On Thursday, March 15th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. the St. Benedict Early Learning Center will be hosting an Open House for interested kindergarten and preschool families. The Early Learning Center is located at 14600 Turney Road in Maple Heights. We look forward to seeing you there!**

## Parish Activities

### MONDAY, March 12

4:00	Athletic Practice (g)
5:30	Walking with Leslie Sansone (J)
6:00	Resume Review (F)
7:00	Finance Council Mtg (F)
7:30	CWV Mtg (c)

### TUESDAY, March 13

2:00	Senior Mtg (AR)
4:00	Athletic Practice (g)
6:00	Bible Study (F)
6:30	Baptism Class (J)
6:45	Boy Scouts (M)

### WEDNESDAY, March 14

12:00	Tai Chi (J)
3:00	Fish Fry Prep (c)
4:00	Athletic Practice (g)
5:30	Walking with Leslie Sansone (J)

### THURSDAY, March 15

3:00	Fish Fry Prep (c)
4:00	Athletic Practice (g)
6:30	Guild Mtg (c)

### FRIDAY, March 16

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

### SATURDAY, March 17

### SUNDAY, March 18

8:00/10:00	Coffee & Donuts (c)
1:00	Athletic Banquet (AR, c, g)

*Save the date.....*

**Saturday, April 14th; 10:00 am—2:00 pm**

**Health Fair**

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

### St. Monica Class Reunion

If you were in the St. Monica Grade School graduating class of 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975 or 1976 and are interested in attending and/or planning this momentous event **please contact Joe Ungarsky at 216.663.5252 or email JosephUngarsky@yahoo.com.** We also need help in finding missing classmates. If you are still in contact with any from grade school please have them contact Joe.

**SCHOOL  
REUNION**





**Readings for the Week of March 11, 2018**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21
<b>Monday</b>	Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Jn 4:43-54
<b>Tuesday</b>	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
<b>Wednesday</b>	Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
<b>Thursday</b>	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31 -47
<b>Friday</b>	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Saint Patrick, Bishop</b> Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

**It's Almost Tea Time!**

The St. Therese Social Concerns Commission will present its Ninth Annual Tea on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, from noon to 3 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 10806

Granger Road. Tickets are \$20 in ad-

vance. Please call St. Therese and ask for Cindy at 216-587-3309.

Entertainment will be provided by popular local vocalist and keyboard artist, Maria Farris Brown.

**K of C Wednesday Night Dinners**

**S T U F F E D C A B B A G E**

Dinner consists of: 3 Stuffed Cabbages, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Garden Salad, Rolls & Butter  
Costs: Adults - \$10 ; Children Under 12 - \$8

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

**DINNERS BY: MAPLE HEIGHTS CATERING**

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: 216-662-2277 mailbox #2**

**DUE BY MONDAY MARCH 26 - NOON**

Garfield Heights Knights of Columbus Hall. The Isabella Guild will also be selling fresh bakery.