

Liturgy Schedule

8:30 Morning Prayer, Rosary, Monday through Friday

Monday, March 20 Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 Clara Moczulski
7:00 Festival of Praise with Confessions

Tuesday March 21 Lenten Weekday

8:00 Albert & Angela Lascola

Wednesday, March 22 Lenten Weekday

8:00 Flo Patyk

Thursday, March 23 Lenten Weekday

8:00 William & Reba Filiberto

Friday, March 24 Lenten Weekday

8:00 David Walker
3:30 Living Stations
7:00 Stations

Saturday, March 25 The Annunciation of The Lord

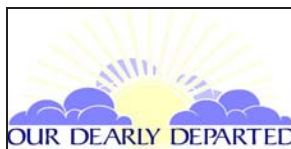
3:15 Confessions
4:00 Stanley Bykiewicz (anniv)

Sunday, March 26 Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 People of the Parish
10:00 Iona Billings (anniv)
12:00 Carl Costanzo
1:00 Baptism



the following members of our Parish community: **Mary Romanchok, Michelle Mirande, Matthew Looby, Chris Backo, John Hvisvos, Baby Ryan Martin, Genevieve Jankowski, Frank Gigliotti, Edward Brady, Sheila Sillasen, David Bender, Andrew Burdette, 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 **John Fortunato** who was buried this past week. May he and all our dearly departed, rest in peace.



Please join us for Coffee & Donuts this weekend after the 8:00 & 10:00 am masses, **hosting will be members of the Respect Life Ministry and Saint Vincent DePaul.** Hosting next weeks social is members of the Holy Name Society.



Religion Question of the Week

What is the Pentateuch ?

Did you Know?

The Eastern Christian Churches begin Lent on the Monday before Ash Wednesday.

Did you Know?

Father Gallagher had Gold Shamrocks painted on the ceiling of the Church.

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

SANDWICH SATURDAY



Thank you to everyone who came out to help make the sandwiches this past month. **Plan on joining us on Saturday, April 8th (one week later due to the Health Fair)** as we will gather together again to make 300 sandwiches that we will give to St. Ignatius who will distribute to the homeless. Your continued support of this ministry is appreciated.



The following people have been memorialized through donations to our Liturgical Memorial Fund over the past months:

Peter & Jean Zajko

Ann Spirka James Svarovsky

With these funds we support the worship of our Church. If you would like to remember someone in this beautiful way, please call the Parish Office.

IT'S FISH FRY TIME!

St. Monica's Meal Ministry is happy to announce that we are adding a **CRAB CAKE DINNER** and **HOMEMADE POTATO SOUP** to our menu.

Other items on our menu are Baked Salmon with dill sauce, Beer Battered Cod, Fried Shrimp, French Fries, Pierogi, Homemade Macaroni & Cheese and Homemade Cabbage & Noodles. Choice of Apple-sauce or Coleslaw. Roll, butter, dessert and beverage included, (non carbonated).



We'd love to see you so come on down to the **School Cafeteria** on **Fridays, March 17, 24, 31 and April 7, 4:00 to 7:00.** You can eat in and enjoy our hospitality or take home and relax while enjoying a delicious

meal. We accept credit-debt cards and we have accessibility for handicapped.

If you are bringing a group of 8 or more please call the parish office before hand to insure sitting together.



Pastoral Scene

Living Water

Is it any wonder why human beings are so attracted to water? Depending on various sources, the human body is made up of about 78% water at birth. By the first year that number drops to approximately 65%. The average content of water in the adult male body is 60% and 55% in adult women. From soon after we're conceived to just before birth, we are physically surrounded by water.

On summer days, people gather along the shores of Lake Erie. They enjoy the beauty of reflected rays of light on the waves. They are in awe at Erie's might, fury and strength in the face of a storm. They imbibe in the serenity of the soft breeze, the fragrance and the sounds of an evening at the shore. They enjoy the delight of their catch as they turn to the lake for food. How intimately connected and attracted are human beings to water.

A sip of cool water brings refreshment and rejuvenation on a hot day. A warm bath (or shower) on a winter's evening soothes and relaxes a weary body.

In the Gospel story of the Woman at the Well, our Lord asks for a drink. I have always found it curious that we never hear whether she actually gave him a drink. Jesus then refers to himself as living water, although she doesn't seem to connect it right away.

What this story points out is that as important as H₂O is to our bodies, even more so is Jesus to our being. While we have to constantly replenish our physical bodies with water, our Lord is always intimately and intricately with us. The only replenishment necessary is to remember this and live our lives accordingly. For me, this is the great message of Lent: to remember that the only time we're dry and desolate is when we lose focus on our relationship with Jesus. He's always here. His love is unconditional. He walks with us and encourages us to come to the water. All we have to do is drink.

Bob Soeder

Annual Candlelight Vigil

Golubski Deliberato Funeral Home will host its Annual Vigil Light Ceremony in the Garfield Heights Civic Center on Sunday, April 9, 2017 at 3:00pm. Residents within the community who have experienced a loss in their lives are encouraged to attend this free Vigil Light Ceremony. We open this invitation to not only those families we have served, but to every family who has experienced a difficult time

The evening service will include guest speaker. Since seating is limited, we ask that you call Golubski Deliberato Funeral Home at (216) 883-3900 for reservations or questions. You may also call to reserve a Vigil Light even though you are unable to attend.



Bereavement Ministry Support Session

Our next session will take place on **Saturday, March 25th at 10:00am in the St. Augustine Room, located in the School Building.** Family members, friends, parishioners and non-parishioners are all welcome to take advantage of these sessions. **To register, please call the Parish Office at (216) 662-8695.**

Blossoming Into Health, Wellness & Fitness



Spring into your healthiest season yet with the help of St Monica's Health Fair! We'll have oodles of experts, information, give away items, demonstrations, screenings, services and activities! **We are excited to welcome Shark Tank's Evan Delahanty, Dimples the Therapy Horse, along with YOUTH412's special "Kids Korner" and much more!** Bring your family, friends and neighbors to this very special day! **Volunteers are needed to set up and clean up for the health fair.** Set up will be done Friday night after the Fish Fry and clean up starts at 2:00pm on Saturday. Any adults or students in need of service hours, who like to help, **please call the Parish Office @ 216.662.8685.**

STUFFED CABBAGE DINNER

Dinner consists of: **Dinner will consist of 3 Stuffed Cabbage, 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: 16-662-2277 mailbox #2 DUE BY SUNDAY MARCH 26 - 8PM

Please join us for the ... 33rd St. Monica Ladies Guild

Spring Luncheon Fashion Show
Sunday April 30, 2017 @ 1:00pm

Mediterranean Party Center
25021 Rockside Road, Bedford Hts.

Tickets: \$25.00

Luncheon choices are:

Chicken Breast w/Orange Honey Glaze, St. Louis Ribs
or Baked White Fish with Lemon Butter Sauce.
Chinese Raffle ~ Cash Raffle & Lucky "33"

For more information and ticket sales please contact Debby at 216-581-6470



Faith Shots Continues!

Have you ever wondered why the Passion Gospels look at the death of Jesus so differently? If they are describing the same event, shouldn't the testimony be the same? To find out why, join us for the next installment of Faith Shots the weekend of **March 18th and 19th.** Spend 15 minutes to learn more about your Catholic Faith as we explore the topic: **Consider Your Audience: Four Evangelists, Four Viewpoints.** **Faith Shots will take place immediately after all Weekend Masses in the West Nave of the Church.**





Stewardship

OFFERTORY COLLECTION March 11 / March 12

Regular Sunday Envelopes	\$ 7,750.00
St. Monica Fund	\$ 654.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 13.00

Answer to This Week's Question

What is the Pentateuch ?

The first five books of the Old Testament, Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy .

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



The Northeastern Ohio Science and Engineering Fair

NEOSEF is a non-profit, all volunteer organization, whose goal is to get young adults interested in science and engineering. 2017 marked the 64th year of the fair with over 530 students from 85 schools from 7 surrounding counties. Each student was judged by at least two of the almost 400 scientists and engineers who volunteered their time to be a judge at this year's fair. This year's completion took place on March 7th with the awards being handed out the evening of March 9th at John Carroll University. All 1st Place winners received \$100, a medal and a ribbon. 2nd Place winners were awarded \$25, a medal and a ribbon. 3rd Place winners were awarded a medal and a ribbon and Honorable Mention winners received a ribbon. In addition to NEOSEF fair awards, approximately 350 special awards donated by companies, societies and organizations were also given away. The special awards this year totaled over \$20,000. **Congratulations to the students from St. Benedict who competed at this year's fair!**



From our 7th Grade:

Jamani Merriweather – Honorable Mention, Chemistry
Luke Bandsuh – Honorable Mention, Engineering
K'Asia Barnett – 3rd Place, Biology
Sophia Radosevic – 2nd Place, Biology & the Cleveland Clinic-Genomic Medicine Institute, Dr. S.P. Eng Memorial Award

From our 8th Grade:

Megan Hamilton – 3rd Place, Chemistry
Ashley Morris – 3rd Place, Environmental
Sarah Shuba – 3rd Place, Behavioral

Parish Activities

MONDAY, March 20

- 1:30 Nursing Home Mtg. (F)
- 4:00 Athletic Practice (g)
- 7:00 Festival of Praise w/ Reconciliation (+)

TUESDAY, March 21

- 2:45 CRCIA Instruction (+)
- 3:00 Faculty Mtg (AR)
- 4:00 Athletic Practice (g)
- 6:00 Bible Group (F)
- 6:45 Troop 389 Mtg (c)
- 6:45 SVDP (p.o. kitchen)
- 7:00 MH K of C (AR)

WEDNESDAY, March 22

- 12:00 Scripture Study (+)
- 12:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (+)
- 3:00 Fish Fry Prep (k & c)
- 4:00 Athletic Practice (g)

THURSDAY, March 23

- 2:45 Boardgame Club (AR)
- 3:00 Fish Fry Prep (k & c)
- 4:00 Athletic Practice (g)
- 6:00 Dioc. Holy Name (J)
- 7:00 MHCC Golf Club (AR)

Friday, March 24

- 3:30 Living Stations (+)
- 4:00 Athletic Practice (g)
- 4:00 Fish Fry (c)
- 7:00 Stations (+)

SATURDAY, March 25

- 7:30 Men of the Vine (ocu 1&2)
- 9:30 1st Communion Retreat (c)
- 10:00 Syriac Orthodox Church (J)
- 10:00 Bereavement Mtg (AR)

SUNDAY, March 26

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

This week our **middle school group** will meet for a **Lenten reflection on Wed March 22nd, 6:30-8:30pm in the**

Youth Room. Doors will open at 6:15pm. Pizza will be served. YOUTH412's spring calendar will be

mailed to all registered students. It's never too late to join us! All are welcome any time. We enjoy

fellowship while giving attention to our faith walk and relationship with Jesus.

Nancy Heineke, Youth Minister YOUTH412 is a cluster program of St Martin of Tours, St Monica, Saints Peter and Paul and St Therese :1.216.662.8685 ext 123



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Prayer is Beautiful - Encountering Prayer Seminar

Grow your prayer skills and relationship to Christ this Lenten season! **Members of the St. Martin of Tours Healing Prayer Team** will share with you in a classroom style setting a seminar of various forms of prayer through a guided journey and witnessing. **Saturday, March 25th, at 8am a light breakfast will be served: the seminar will be 8:30am-10:30am in the School Building, 14600 Turney Road, Maple Hts., OH 44137.**

Readings for the Week of March 19, 2017

Sunday	Third Sunday of Lent Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday	Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday	Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17; Mk 12:28-34

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Saturday	The Annunciation of the Lord Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Lent 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

WOMEN GROWING IN FAITH

Welcome back from our "winter break"!
Please join us on Sunday, March 19th, at 1:30 p.m., in St. Therese Church Hall, for Lenten reflection and prayer.
Any questions, contact Jan @ (216) 587-9767.
 Hope to see you there!