

### Liturgy Schedule

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

**Monday, April 9 The Annunciation**

8:00 Richard Lasker

**Tuesday, April 10 Easter Weekday**

8:00 Delores Bartunek

**Wednesday, April 11 Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr**

8:00 Helen Iglodi

**Thursday, April 12 Easter Weekday**

8:00 Living & Deceased Members  
of the Joe Hanzlicek Family

**Friday, April 13 Easter Weekday**

8:00 Terry L. Walker

**Saturday, April 14 Easter Weekday**

3:15 Confession

4:00 James Svarovsky

**Sunday, April 15 Third Sunday of Easter**

8:00 Frank, Jennie and Venus Leone

10:00 Vincent DeFini

12:00 People of the Parish

1:00 Baptism



the following members of our Parish community: Laurie Scholle, Steve Hirsh, Baby Corradi, Lisa Thomas, Emma Welich, Pat Doyle, Marianne Toma, Nancy Moczulski, Karen Wheeler, Mary Dowling, Marge Konkowski, Richard Movens, Irene Burke, 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 Redinger, 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 **Raymond Koenig** who was buried this past week. May he and all our dearly departed, rest in peace.



Join us this week after the 8:00am & 10:00am masses. **Hosting will be members of the Holy Name Society.** Hosting next weeks social will be members of Men of the Vine. April 15th will be our last social until fall.

### Religion Question of the Week

Where did Jesus appear to the Apostles on Easter Sunday Evening?

### Did You Know?

Did you know that St. Monica Church celebrates Mass on a daily basis at 8:00 am, Monday thru Friday?

### One Liner

“Age doesn’t always bring wisdom. Sometimes it comes alone”.

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

### Welcome to Maggie's Place

St. Monica Church is presently working with representatives of Maggie's Place for the lease of the Sister's residence space connected to our parish office. "Maggie's Place provides houses of hospitality and ongoing support to help pregnant and parenting women in need reach their goals, and welcomes them into a community filled with love and dignity". More information will follow as the details become available.

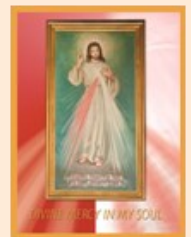
Fr. Thomas Haren

### Many Thanks to Our Parish Staff and Volunteers

Many thanks to our parish staff and volunteers who helped make Holy Week and Easter so beautiful: Bob Soeder - the choir, and musicians; Sr. Helene; Custodial Staff - Kathy Zack and Marilou Krawczyk, Frank Leone and Charles Seufert; Office Staff - Sue Shepka, Denise Begin, Betty Grunau, Sue Medvetz, Alice Stachowiak; Business Office - Stan Jakosh and Sue Kolo; Arts and Environment Volunteers; Our Mass Coordinators, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Mass Servers, Ushers; our collection counters; our Pastoral Council Members; and all who helped in any way.

### Divine Mercy Sunday

As a sign of Jesus' forgiving love and mercy, the Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus told Saint Faustina: "I want this image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter: that Sunday is to be the Feast of Mercy. Whoever will go to confession and receive the Holy Eucharist will receive complete forgiveness of sin and punishment." A deed of mercy was also asked by Jesus. Giving food to the St. Vincent de Paul pantry, providing a ride to a neighbor to Mass, or donating to Operation Rice Bowl are just a few ways we can show Jesus' love and mercy to our neighbor during Lent. **Divine Mercy Sunday is this Sunday April 8th. The Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet began on Good Friday, and ends with 12:00 noon Mass, followed by the Divine Mercy Holy Hour at 1:00pm the Sunday after Easter. Pamphlets are available at the doors of the Church.** As we prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday, may we say from our hearts often, "Jesus I trust in You!"



## Pastoral Scene

### Resurrections

“Sister, how come Easter is not on the same Sunday each year?” was the challenging question I received from a second grader after our tour of Saint Monica Church a couple of weeks ago. “If Christmas always comes on December 25<sup>th</sup>, why isn’t it the same with Easter? That question, however, is not one unique to children because many adults have asked the same thing.

Although I was not sure he would understand the full picture my words were painting, I told him that Easter was always celebrated on the first Sunday after the full moon after the vernal (spring) equinox – a day made up of twelve hours of light and twelve hours of darkness. “The vernal equinox usually occurs on March 21<sup>st</sup> and even though the actual date for Easter changes, Easter is always celebrated in spring,” I added.

“Okay, Sister,” he responded. “That makes sense. Spring is the time when the flowers come up from the ground just like Jesus came out of the tomb. They both resurrected, right?” What intrigued me was his comparison between the miracle of the Resurrection and the yearly growth of perennial plants. Moreover, his insightful comparison made me rethink what the resurrection of Jesus is all about in our lives.

The celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus is the most important event in the Liturgical Year. It is the day when we learned that Jesus’ life, and our lives, too, do not end in death. Jesus spent forty days convincing his disciples that he was really alive and preparing them for their mission. His resurrection and those forty days taught the disciples that it is never too late to start over, no betrayal is final, no sin is unforgivable, and there is no loss that cannot be redeemed. It is through Jesus’ resurrection we learn that our lives are not only valuable, they are also priceless.

Jesus did not resurrect and then, just disappear! He remained with them for forty days. The lessons Jesus taught his disciples between his resurrection and ascension reminds us that every time we close a door on ourselves through sin, God opens another one for us. God never gives up on us even when we give up on ourselves because God writes straight with the crooked lines of our lives.

The Resurrection presents us with a challenge not just to believe that Jesus rose physically, but to believe that his resurrection gives us the opportunity to begin each day anew. Resurrection is not just a question of one day, after death, rising from the dead, but more about daily rising from the many mini-graves within which we so often find ourselves. Let’s face it, we are human, we make mistakes. Those mistakes and sins lead us to our mini-crucifixions and their resulting mini-graves more than we are courageous to admit. Nevertheless, because Jesus rose from the dead, we always have the power to rise from our “mini graves” and like those flowers that push aside the heavy earth, celebrate not only spring, but also our mini-resurrections, and our vibrant spiritual lives!

Sister Helene

**4th Annual Empty Bowl  
Thursday, April 26th  
Garfield Hts., High School  
5:00pm-7:30pm (food line closes at 7:00pm)  
Tickets \$10.00**

Empty Bowls is an international project to fight hunger in local communities. You will receive soup, salad, bread and a beverage. The first 22 diners will receive a ceramic bowl handcrafted by Garfield Heights High School students. There will be a Basket Raffle and Door Prizes. Homemade nut rolls and bakery will be for sale. We will be accepting, canned food, dry pasta’s and cereals.

**Tickets are available at the Parish Office. All tickets sold through St Monica’s will benefit our St. Vincent DePaul Society.**

### St. Monica Seniors

Please join us on **Tuesday, April 10th at 2:00pm** in the St. Benedict School Cafeteria. We will play games, get a chance to socialize with friends, have an opportunity to meet new people and we will offer light refreshments. All are welcome!

### 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**



**Congratulations to our parishioner, Joseph Menkaus Jr., who is presently a seminarian at St. Mary Seminary. He received Admission into Candidacy for the Priesthood on Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is the first step which we pray will eventually lead to his Ordination in four years. We are proud of this commitment he has made to the Catholic Church.**



## Stewardship

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION March 31st / April 1st

Regular Sunday Envelopes	\$ 6,554.00
St. Monica Fund	\$ 992.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 20.00
Easter	\$15,893.00
Good Friday	\$ 1,309.00



### Answer To This Week's Religion Question

Where did Jesus visit the Apostles on Easter Sunday Evening?

**Answer:** The Cenacle – place of the Last Supper.

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



On Sunday, April 15th from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. St. Benedict Early Learning Center will be hosting an Open House for interested kindergarten and preschool families. At the open house visit the classrooms and meet staff members. The Early Learning Center is located at 14600 Turney Road in Maple Heights located on the campus of St. Martin of Tours Church. Please call the school office at [216-662-9380](tel:216-662-9380) or [216-473-3633](tel:216-473-3633) with any questions or for more information regarding tuition assistance and scholarships opportunities. We look forward to seeing you there!



### Parish Activities

#### MONDAY, April 9

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

#### TUESDAY, April 10

- 2:00 Senior Mtg. (AR)
- 4:00 Athletic Practice (g)
- 6:00 Bible Study (F)
- 6:45 Boy Scouts (c)

#### WEDNESDAY, April 11

- 12:00 Tai Chi (J)
- 2:40 Henry David Thoreau (g)
- 4:00 Athletic Practice (g)
- 4:30 Walking with Leslie Sansone (J)
- 5:30 Walking with Leslie Sansone (J)
- 6:30 Growing Our Faith (c)

#### THURSDAY, April 12

- 8:00 Diocese Breakfast (AR)
- 2:40 Henry David Thoreau (g)
- 4:00 Athletic Practice (g)
- 6:30 Athletic Board Mtg. (J)

#### FRIDAY, April 13

- 11:30 Diocesan Mtgs. (AR)
- 5:00 Set Up Health Fair (school)

#### SATURDAY, April 14

- 7:30 Men of the Vine (ocu1&2)
- 10:00 Health Fair (school)

#### SUNDAY, April 15

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

### 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, **April 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th between 5:30 -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**

Please join us on April 29th at 6:30pm at St. Martin of Tours Church for the next youth mass! After we will have snacks and A Movie!



\*\*\*Please email Jessica Zinn at [zinnj.15@gmail.com](mailto:zinnj.15@gmail.com) or Call/text at 216-644-6896 with any questions or suggestions also your name and how many are going attend!\*\*\*

AM 1260 The Rock's Spring Spirit Drive is just around the corner! This will be the third year of AM 1260 The Rock gracing Cleveland's airwaves with EWTN's programming. Join us as we focus on the beauty and mystery of the Trinity during this Spirit Drive, **April 18th-20th** Debbie Georgianni, co-host of "Take Two with Jerry and Debbie", will be leading the Spirit Drive on AM 1260 The Rock. Join us for three amazing days, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, & 20<sup>th</sup>!!! Keep the airwaves filled with the TRUTH of the Catholic Church!

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Health Fair

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**Readings for the Week of April 8, 2018**

**Sunday**     **Second Sunday of Easter**  
 Acts 4:32-35, Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;  
 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

**Monday**    **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

**Tuesday**   **15**  
 Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-

**Wednesday** **Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr**  
 Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn  
 3:16-21

**Thursday**   Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20;  
 Jn 3:31-36

**Friday**     **Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr**  
 Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

**Saturday**   Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

**Sunday**     **Third Sunday of Easter**  
 Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9;  
 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

**K of C Wednesday Night Dinner**

Garfield Heights Knights of Columbus Hall  
**CHICKEN KIEV Dinner will consist of Stuffed Chicken Breast,  
 Broccoli & Rice, Salad Bar, Rolls & Butter**  
 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 MONDAY APRIL 23 - NOON**  
 The Isabella Guild will also be selling fresh bakery

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**K of C NITE AT THE RACES – April 21**  
**Call The Council 216-662-2277 option #3 or contact a**  
**Knight.**  
**Lets us know the number attending - \$15 per ticket. Table**  
**reservation are possible.**