

**Liturgy Schedule**

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

**Monday, April 10 Monday of Holy Week**

8:00 Edward Sopko  
8:30 Confessions  
6:30 Eucharistic Exposition / Confessions

**Tuesday April 11 Tuesday of Holy Week**

8:00 Agnes Strukel  
7:00 Chrism Mass @ St. John Cathedral

**Wednesday, April 12 Wednesday of Holy Week**

8:00 Mrs. Jane Haren and Family  
8:30 Confessions  
6:30 Confessions  
7:00 Tenebrae / Festival of Praise

**Thursday, April 13 Holy Thursday**

8:00 Morning Prayer  
7:00 Mass of the Lords Supper  
10:30 Night Prayer

**Friday, April 14 Friday of the Passion of the Lord**

8:00 Morning Prayer  
3:00 Passion  
4:00 Confessions

**Saturday, April 15 Holy Saturday**

8:00 Morning Prayer  
1:00 Food Blessing  
9:00 People of the Parish (Vigil)

**Sunday, April 16 Easter Sunday**

8:00 Priest Intention  
10:00 Priest Intention  
12:00 Priest Intention



the following members of our Parish community: **Robin Pretzlaff, Carl Panko, Mary Romanchok, Michelle Mirande, Matthew Looby, Baby Ryan Martin, Chris Backo, John Hvisvos, 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 **Steven Conroy and Genevieve Jankowski** who were buried this past week. May they and all our dearly departed, rest in peace.



There will be NO Social this weekend or next weekend due to Palm Sunday and the Easter Holiday

Parish Office will be **CLOSED** on Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday and Easter Monday. The office will reopen on Tuesday, April 18th at 8:00am. Have a Blessed Easter!!

**Religion Question of the Week**

What was the name of the two High Priests that Jesus was taken before after He was arrested?

**Did You Know?**

Did you know that there is a Shrine dedicated to the Holy Family in the northern entrance to St. Monica Church?

**One Liner**

“Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought”. ( St. John Paul II )

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

**Are You Registered At St. Monica’s?**

Our Church is open to any person who wants to worship God. **All are welcome.** There is another aspect of attending a Church that is also important. We need to “belong to a Church”. St. Monica’s is not just a building, it is a community of persons. We come from many walks of life; but we share one common interest – we want to worship Jesus Christ and live by His teachings. So it is vital that we make a commitment to do this together as a family. We do this when we register in the parish. **If you are not registered, please contact the parish office any day, Monday – Friday @ 216.662.8685,** and our secretaries will make this possible.

As parish Priests we make a commitment to serve the needs of our parishioners, but we need to know who they are. If you are attending Mass here on a regular basis, and have not registered, please know that you are welcome to become a parishioner of St. Monica Church. You will be a wonderful addition to our parish family.

Fr. Thomas Haren

**Health, Wellness & Fitness Fair**

Thank you to everyone who came and spent some time at the Health, Wellness & Fitness Fair. We hope everyone enjoyed their day and came away a little wiser and happier. Without your attendance, success could not have been achieved. Keep watching the bulletin for upcoming Wellness activities.

**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, April 14<sup>th</sup> 2017** from **10:00am to 12:00 noon.** The walk is sponsored by the *Garfield Heights Christian Unity Council.* **This year the walk will begin and conclude at St. Monica Parish.** Gather at the rear door of St. Benedict School which is adjacent to the church.



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. Jennings Center for Older Adults will provide a courtesy bus for those individuals unable to walk the route or you are invited to follow along in your car. Light refreshments will be served in the **St. Benedict School cafeteria** immediately following the walk. You are invited to come walk this year to witness that Jesus’ journey was *for us all AND it is through, with, and in him that we are united.*

## Pastoral Scene

### Holy Week 2017

The week that we embark on is called Holy. Each year, at this point of our preparation for the feast of the Resurrection of the Lord, we are asked to profoundly focus our attention on the work of Jesus on our behalf. "God became man so that we might become like God" as the early writers of the Church taught.

For those who will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil, this week is filled with the final preparation for that event. For the rest of us who are members of the Church, the week is a time to be holy. As we begin this week may we continue to carry out our Lenten promise. The call to be a praying community must be intensified personally and in the gathering of the Church in public prayer and worship. The call to fast continues in all aspects of our lives particularly in fasting from sin.

As we pray for those who will enter the Church may our prayer include those who are alienated from the Church, those who find it difficult to seek the forgiveness of the Church through sacramental confession and those who cannot forgive themselves for their past sins.

I have often talked about times of God's grace and truly this is the time. Beginning with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday evening until Easter Sunday evening, the term TRIDUUM is used, namely "three days" looked at, as **one long day** of walking with Jesus immersed in His love for all of us. Make time to join in the liturgical prayers beginning on Thursday evening. Invite your family and friends to join you. Be a welcoming call to those who may be drawn by God's grace and peace.

The Eastern European tradition of food blessing on Holy Saturday reminds us of sharing God's gifts and seeing them as blessings. Taking the blessed food to your homes to be eaten on Easter morning, asks that our homes be truly places of blessing and peace. This is my prayer for all of you.

On Easter Sunday there will be many more people coming to St. Monica Church. Welcome them as brothers and sisters in the risen Lord. We often talk about our parish as a "welcoming parish", may our words and actions display that attitude so that the light of Christ will shine in wondrous splendor on Easter Sunday and the following week.

Father Ted Marszal



**St. Benedict PTU and Marketing Committee are sponsoring a Casino Night on Saturday, April 29th** in the school cafeteria. **Doors open at 6:00pm** dinner will be served at 6:30pm. **Tickets are \$25.00** which includes Dinner (chicken marsala, potato, vegetable, salad, rolls and a dessert tray) , Beer and Raffle Ticket. There will be Blackjack, Wheels of Chance, Dice, Lock of the Irish and a Silent Auction. **For more information or to register please 216.662.9380. RSVP by Friday, April 21st. Payment must be received at time of reservation. All proceeds will go towards new technology.**

### 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 April 23rd. The Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet begin 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 (these pamphlets explain how to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet) 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!"**

**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**

### ST. MONICA SENIOR GROUP

Join the Senior's in the Augustine Room of the School on **APRIL 11TH** beginning at 2PM. Join your friends for a FUN-filled afternoon with refreshments and FUN & Games! New members are ALWAYS welcome so bring a friend! Hope to see you.

### Easter Offering

Dear Parishioners,

Easter is a very important day for our Church. Many parishioners, former parishioners, and guests make their way to St. Monica's to celebrate Our Lord's Resurrection from the Dead. It is a wonderful day to see so many persons attending Mass together. One of the traditions for this day is to make a special offering to the parish in the Easter envelope. This is one way we can all share in spreading the joy of the Gospel message. Please be as generous as you can. It means a lot to St. Monica Parish so that we can continue our important ministry in this Community. Thanks in advance for all you do for St. Monica's.

Fr. Thomas Haren



## Stewardship

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION April 1st / April 2nd

Regular Sunday Envelopes	\$ 9,757.00
St. Monica Fund	\$ 946.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 17.00

We Share Electronic Giving March 2017	
Regular Sunday	\$ 2,624.50
St. Monica Fund	\$ 617.75



### Answer to This Week's Question;

Who were the two High Priests that Jesus was taken before when He was arrested?

Answer: Annas and Caiaphas.

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



### Power of the Pen

In February, six eighth grade students and six seventh grade students participated in Power of the Pen, a writing competition at Chardon Middle School. The following students have received scores that were high enough to enable them to participate in the regional writing tournament at Hudson Middle School on April 8th.

#### Grade 8 Students

Tiah Chareltan  
Ashley Morris  
Sarah Shuba

#### Grade 7 Students

Xiao'en Ning  
Clara Orland



Congratulations to these students, and we wish them well in their competition with students from area schools on April 8. Thank you to Mrs. Przybojewski and Ms. Yeaples for all their hard work throughout the Power of the Pen season.

## Parish Activities

### MONDAY, April 10

4:00 Athletic Practice (g)  
5:00 RCIA (J/F)  
6:30 Eucharistic Exposition (+)  
7:00 Finance Council (M)  
7:30 CWV Mtg (c)

### TUESDAY, April 11

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

### WEDNESDAY, April 12

4:00 Athletic Practice (g)  
7:00 Tenebrae / Festival of Praise (+)

### THURSDAY, April 13

8:00 Tri M Mtg. (ocu 1 & 2)

### Friday, April 14

Good Friday

### SATURDAY, April 15

Holy Saturday

### SUNDAY, April 16

Easter Sunday

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth412 Members! As Holy Week unfolds please be mindful of our theme this year and your personal **Walk With Jesus**. To keep us together "community" until we meet again, please keep your Youth412 sisters and brothers in prayer!



**Next Up:** Wednesday April 26, 2017 BOTH GROUPS (high school and middle school) in the youth room 6:30-8:30pm.

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

### Time For A Day Trip!

**Brown Bag Concert Series presents: The Cleveland TOPS Swing Band, Wed. April 26th. Shuttle bus leaves St. Monica Church parking lot at 10:50am and returns at 2:00pm. The concert is one hour in length (including intermission).**

**Cost of the transportation-\$15.00 per person (due with registration Transportation space is limited to 24 people-Register today!! Concert admission is Free. A Free Will Offering will be taken at intermission. Bring your own lunch or purchase lunch at the Cathedral for \$7.00. Registration forms available at the doors of the church or at the Parish Office.**

**Readings for the Week of April 9, 2017**

**Sunday** **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**  
 Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18,  
 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14—27:66 or  
 27:11-54

**Monday** Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday** Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15-17;  
 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday** Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34;  
 Mt 26:14-25

**Thursday** **Thursday of Holy Week**  
 Chrim Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22,  
 25 and 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21  
 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8,  
 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18;  
 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

**Friday** **Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)**  
 Is 52:13—53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25;  
 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

**Saturday** Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6,  
 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13,  
 20-22; Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18;  
 Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Ex 14:15—15:1; Ex 15:1-2,  
 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12,  
 13; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Bar 3:9-15,  
 32—4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28;  
 Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3,4; or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or  
 Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Rom 6:3-11;  
 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mt 28:1-10

**Sunday** **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**  
 Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;  
 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10  
 or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Lk 24:13-35

A Blood Drive will be held at Marymount Hospital in the Zeglob Auditorium, on Wednesday April 26th from 1:00pm-6:00pm. Come to donate and receive a special gift courtesy of the Cleveland Clinic. To schedule an apt please contact Donna Prugar at 216.587.8146.