

Liturgy Schedule

8:30 Morning Prayer, Rosary, Monday through Friday

Monday, May 8 Easter Weekday

8:00 John & Anna Sedlak and Deceased Family Members

Tuesday May 9 Easter Weekday

8:00 Members of the Basiewicz Family

Wednesday, May 10 Easter Weekday

8:00 Louis Burke

Thursday, May 11 Easter Weekday

8:00 Dorothy Modzelewski

Friday, May 12 Easter Weekday

8:00 Julia J. Gobi

Saturday, May 13 Easter Weekday

3:15 Confessions

4:00 Euphrasine Lew

Sunday, May 14 Fifth Sunday Of Easter

8:00 People of the Parish

10:00 Vivian Taormina & Josephine DeFini

12:00 Marian Russo



the following members of our Parish community: the following members of our Parish community: **Larry Piechowiak, John Halasz, Rosemary Habek, Trista McConaha, Tyler McConaha, Patty Doyle, Nick Liotta, Marie, Robin Pretzlaff, Carl Panko, Baby Ryan Martin, Sheila Sillasen, 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.

Just a reminder...St. Monica Respect for Life Ministry is still collecting empty ink/toner cartridges. Please place them in the drawer (marked as such) in the Rockside Rd vestibule. Recycle and spread the Culture of Life! Thank you.



Wedding Banns

II Daniel Agins and Cheryl Glover

CWV Post 1812 Annual Poppy Sale

The Catholic War Veterans will be selling Poppy's this weekend May 6th & 7th at all masses. The program helps our Veteran and Scholarship Program. Thanks for your continuous support.



Religion Question of the Week

Which two Apostles were not present on Easter Sunday evening when Jesus appeared in the Upper Room?

Did You Know?

Did you know that the very first Offertory collection for St. Monica Church on April 13, 1952 was \$987.07 ?

One Liner

"Treat one another as you would have them treat you". (Golden Rule)

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

Saying "No" is a Difficult Thing to Do

Being asked to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation is a great honor. It often means that the parents of a newborn see you as a 'second mom or dad' and that a Confirmation candidate holds you up as a role-model for their life. Saying "Yes" to that request on your part is joyfully easy, so I hope you understand why we, at Saint Monica Parish Office, truly find telling you that you cannot be a sponsor so difficult.

To be permitted to take on the role of a sponsor requires us to confirm the qualifications of Canon 874 of the Code of Canon Law. These qualifications are listed on a form that you are asked to sign and that we are asked to confirm based upon our parish records. These qualifications include the following requirements.

YOU ARE:

Registered as a Catholic in a Catholic Parish;

Older than 16 years of age;

NOT the mother or father of the person receiving the sacrament;

A fully initiated Catholic and have received baptism, confirmation, and first communion;

Faithful in practicing your faith and have been receiving the sacraments; (Please be aware we only can confirm this requirement by the fact you put in an envelope each time you come to Mass).

Married in the Catholic Church or have had your marriage validated by the Church.

A sponsor form must be issued by a means of a sponsor certificate from the parish where the sponsor is registered not by Saint Monica if that is not the sponsor's parish.

Parents above all others are obliged by the Church to form their children in the practice of the Christian life through their teaching and example, Godparents, who take the place of parents, are bound by that obligation as well. Think of it in this way: If a parent wanted his or her child to be a star football player, the parent would choose a coach who excelled as a football player, not one who excelled in another sport.

If you wish to be a sponsor and can attest "YES" to all of the qualifications, by all means do it! If you do not have all of the sacramental requirements, contact your home parish and start the process to get them. Nothing, outside of being a parent yourself, provides the joy and wonder of having a child / adolescent look up to you as a role-model and Faith-Coach throughout his or her life.

Remember, please, we hate saying "No", so help us to say "Yes" to your request!

Sister Helene

Pastoral Scene

Reflections on the Blessed Virgin Mary

Over the course of this year, the focus of Adult Education in our parish has been the Blessed Virgin Mary. Guided masterfully by our Parish Catechetical Leader, Sr. Helene Skrzyniarz we have been presented with a number of dimensions of Mary to be considered. These range from the various apparitions and miracles –to those who witnessed them - to the impact that Mary's messages have made in our lives and in the life of our Church in the world.

By all accounts, Mary was a simple teenage peasant girl who lived in a relatively obscure part of the Middle East over 2000 years ago. I find it incredible (in a good way) that such a person could so profoundly impact the lives of us who live in the modern world.

That being said, a most significant insight was stirred in me a few weeks ago as we viewed the movie, *Mary of Nazareth*. This work encompasses the life of our Lord from the perspective of his Mother. While we tend to think about Mary and Jesus in terms of the biblical presentation, many times we don't think about the struggles and challenges that Mary faced in her life. By accepting God's will, she accepted all of the hardships as well as the joy of being the Mother of Jesus.

As of late, I have taken some time to consider Mary as Jesus' mom (a human perspective). In a time and place where women were considered to be property – merely second class citizens at best, Mary nurtured and raised her Son. Her homeland was under foreign occupation, so expressing any religious belief was a dangerous affair. She worried about him when he came up missing in the caravan until she and Joseph found him in the temple. Mary was directive of him (as only a mom can be) as illustrated by the Wedding Feast at Cana. She was fiercely loyal as she remained at the foot of the cross – risking personal peril with only a few others.

Mary's life was far from easy – and witnessing the rejection, pain, suffering and execution of her Son must have been heartbreaking at the very least. Yet she endured by having faith. There are a number of lessons to be taken from all of this – lessons about faithfulness, lessons about enduring hardships, lessons about patience, and lessons about unconditional love.

If you haven't done so recently, it might be a good idea to pick up a rosary once in a while and ponder the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious or Luminous Mysteries as you pray. If you're pressed for time, mindfully recite the Magnificat (My soul magnifies the Lord...), the Salve Regina (Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy...) or the Memorare (Remember, most loving Virgin Mary...).

Bob Soeder

Good Samaritan Fund

The Good Samaritan Fund was established for St. Monica Parish with the approval of Bishop Lennon. The purpose of this fund is to enable our parish to provide *registered active parishioners* with financial support for various needs *including (but not limited to) tuition assistance for Catholic Education*. This support comes in the form of a one-time grant, with funds only payable directly to the institution.

Applications are available for pick up in the Parish Office. The deadline for completing and returning applications will be Friday May 12th. Those requesting assistance will need to demonstrate financial need, as well as verifiable proof of being a registered active parishioner of St. Monica Church.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

This Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Easter the Church universally celebrates World Day of Prayer for Vocations. As a parish we pray and ask God to guide those discerning and desiring to see God's unique plans for them so that fulfillment and joy may come to them. We also look upon those who have already committed their lives in their vocations and pray for their resolve and strength to continue in their living example.

Catholic Radio Station AM 1260

Are you interested in receiving Catholic teachings and information on your radio? When driving your car would you like to listen to conversation from a Catholic point of view? If so, try tuning into Catholic Radio Am 1260. This is a local station that is connected with EWTN Radio. Some of the talk show conversation is local, and much of the conversation is national. All of the conversation is Catholic. In a day in which we have so many news commentators on TV and Radio who give their opinions on almost everything, it's nice to hear the Catholic perspective. AM 1260, The Rock, gives this perspective. .

Fr. Thomas Haren

Lady of Fatima Memorial Bricks

St. Monica Holy Name Society will be selling **Memorial Bricks** to be placed in front of the Our Lady of Fatima Shrine. The sale of the bricks will help finance the restoration of the shrine area between the rectory and school. A new walkway, landscaping and an area in front of the shrine will be installed for parishioners to help memorialize family and friends in a special place on the grounds of

St. Monica Church.

An order form is included with today's bulletin to help guide you thru the ordering process. Thanks for your support!



Your Service Is Needed!

We are in need of Adult Mass Servers for our weekend Masses. We are presently forming a new group of Adult Master Servers. This group is open to both men and women, age 18 and older. Brief training will be given by our Deacon Stan. Master Servers will not have to serve Mass every weekend, but will receive a quarterly schedule. It is an honor to be of service at Mass by being an Altar Server, and this ministry adds to the dignity of the Mass. Please consider joining this new parish organization. For information, please contact Deacon Stan (662-8685) or one of our parish Priests. We would appreciate your help.

Fr. Thomas Haren

Members of the St. Monica Guild will be selling **Retail and Restaurant Gift Cards** after all the masses this weekend, May 6th & 7th, in the Altar Server's Sacristy. Stop by and pick up a gift card for Mom for Mother's Day. Thank you for your support.



ST. MONICA SENIOR GROUP

Our next meeting will be held at 2PM on Tue. **MAY 9TH** in the Augustine Room of the school. ALL are welcome! We will enjoy refreshments and games followed by a short musical performed by some of our talented students from St. Benedict School. Come one ... Come all!

Ladies Guild Carnation Sale

Next Weekend **May 13th & 14th**, the Ladies Guild will be selling Carnations after all the Masses. This is in honor of Mother's Day. What a nice way to remember all of our Mothers. The cost is \$1.00 Per flower.





Stewardship

OFFERTORY COLLECTION April 29th/ April 30th

Regular Sunday Envelopes	\$ 7,415.00
St. Monica Fund	\$ 385.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 16.00
Basilica of National Shrine Dome	\$ 1,019.00

Each year in the Diocese of Cleveland a special collection is taken up in all parishes to support the Catechetical Ministries of the Office of Catechetical Formation & Education. Funding from this collection supports Newman Campus Ministry, Adult Faith Formation, Media Literacy, Parish Catechetical Leadership training and Catechist Certification. This year the collection will be held on the weekend of May 13th-14th. A contribution to the Catechetical Ministries is an investment in the in the faith formation and religious of every person of every age in the Diocese. Please be generous.

Answer to This Week's Question;

Which two Apostles were not present when Jesus appeared in the Upper Room on Easter Sunday evening?

Answer: Thomas and Judas.

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



Congratulations to the following St. Benedict Catholic School alumni who received honors from Holy Name High School for the third quarter. The faculty and staff at St. Benedict are proud of your accomplishments.

First Honors: Elizabeth Groth, Cecelia Johanni, Alyssa Stofko, Kyle Wadley, and Natalie Wolf.

Second Honors: Madeline Adams, Morgan Kowalski, Cassidy McCallion, and Madelynn Schuckert.

To Honor the 100th Year Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima:

It was on May 13, 1917 that Our Lady first appeared to the 3 shepherd children in Fatima. Each time She appeared, She repeated Her requests that we pray the Rosary each day. There will be thousands of Rosary Rallies taking place this Saturday, May 13th.

Please join us at 12 NOON, to pray the Rosary at our beautiful Our Lady of Fatima Shrine. (We will have chairs.)

As our Blessed Mother told Sister Lucia, there is no problem, no matter how grave, that the rosary cannot solve. St. Louis Marie d Montfort states (in his work, "The Secret of the Rosary"), "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and the Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Ghost, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering." Please join us.

Parish Activities

MONDAY, May 8

- 2:30 Henry David Thoreau (g)
- 4:00 Athletic Practice (g)
- 7:00 Finance Council Mtg (F)
- 8:00 Holy Name Mtg (c)

TUESDAY, May 9

- 7:00 Wake Up Walk With Fr. Ted (grounds)
- 2:00 Senior Mtg (AR)
- 2:30 Henry David Thoreau (g)
- 4:00 Athletic Practice (g)
- 6:00 Bible Group (p.o. kitchen)
- 6:45 Troop 389 Mtg (c)

WEDNESDAY, May 10

- 12:00 Tai Chi (J)
- 2:30 Henry David Thoreau (g)
- 7:00 Women's Walking Club (g)

THURSDAY, May 11

- 9:00 Kindergarten Screening (g)
- 2:30 Henry David Thoreau (g)
- 4:00 Athletic Practice (g)
- 5:00 Confirmation Retreat (p)
- 7:00 Athletic Mtg (F)

Friday, May 12

- 6:30 An Evening With Henry David Thoreau (g)

SATURDAY, May 13

- 7:30 Men of the Vine (ocu1&2)

SUNDAY, May 14

- Mother's Day

YOUTH MINISTRY



We begin our summer calendar this month (May). Please join us over the summer and bring a friend! We welcome all students entering grades 6-12 in this fall. Feel free to call or email the youth ministry office any time over the summer if you have questions. Blessings! Nancy Heineke, Coordinator of Youth Ministry and the Adult Leadership Team - Andy, Joanna Lou, Pam and Tracy.

MOVIE NIGHT

Thursday May 11, 6:30-8:30pm (Movie starts at 6:45 pm) Youth Room in Saints Peter and Paul school building. We're showing **HIDDEN FIGURES** (rated PG) & serving nachos & pizza.



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

St. Monica \$1000 Raffle Winners

\$500- Laverne Cappelli, Seller: Pete Cappelli, Capt. Will Skladany

\$500- Linda Kipfstuhl, Seller & Capt. Ben Welich

Readings for the Week of May 7, 2017

Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10
Monday	Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday	Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday	Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest Acts 12:24—13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday	Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday	Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday	Our Lady of Fatima Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

Cornerstone of Hope Hosts Youth Catholic Summer Camps in July

Looking for a Catholic Summer Camp for your son, daughter or grandchild? Cornerstone of Hope is hosting a “God’s Greatest Gift Is You (G³U)” Girls Camp from 9 a.m. – Noon from July 10-July 14 and “Soldiers for Christ” Boys Camp for grades 3-8 from 9 a.m. – Noon from July 17 - July 21. Both camps focus on the virtues, saints and scripture each day, but also promises to be fun at the same time. This is Cornerstone of Hope’s 8th year of hosting the camps. We have sold out in the past so space is limited as it is held at 5905 Brecksville Road in Independence. There is an early bird registration price before June 5 so get your RSVP in early. Camp includes snacks, camp t-shirt, crafts, activities and a day at the pool. For more information or to register, call 216.524.4673, ext. 235. Online registration available by clicking on Cleveland Catholic Camps at the bottom of the Cornerstone homepage at www.cornerstoneofhope.org .