

Liturgy Schedule

8:30 Morning Prayer, Rosary, Monday through Friday

Monday, June 19 Weekday

8:00 Szczepanski / Werth Families

Tuesday June 20 Weekday

8:00 Kevin Rowinski

Wednesday, June 21 Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

8:00 MaryAnn and Tony Hejl

7:00 Fortnight Candle Service

Thursday, June 22 Weekday

8:00 Anne and Michael Polomsky & Family

Friday, June 23 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:00 Dorothy Kotowski

Saturday, June 24 The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

3:15 Confessions

4:00 Gary Stouffer

Sunday, June 25 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Florence Epele

10:00 Anthony and Rosa Acino

12:00 People of the Parish



the following members of our Parish community: the following members of our Parish community: **John Sigmund, Adam Travis, Ken Hustack, Mary Harter, Mary Harter, Larry Piechowiak, John Halasz, Trista McConaha, Tyler McConaha, JoAnn Reddinger, Nick Liotta, Marie, Robin Pretzlaff, Baby Ryan Martin, Sheila Sillasen, Richard Rosberil, 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 **Theresa Klimkewicz, James Santon and Alex Holoka Jr.** who were buried this past week. May they and all our dearly departed, rest in peace.

New to our Parish?

Over the past few months there has been several new people attending St. Monica Church. We want you all to know that you are welcome here. If you are interested in joining the parish, **please call (216-662-8685)** or come to the parish office to register. Our Priests and office staff would like to meet you.



Religion Question of the Week

What was contained in the Ark of the Covenant?

Did You Know?

Did you know that before the present Church building was erected, eleven Masses were celebrated each weekend in the School building which was our original Church?

One Liner

“Laugh a lot when you are older; all your wrinkles will be in the right places”.

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

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.

Extra order forms are available on the Parish Website and at the Parish Office. Thanks for your support!

Fortnight of Religious Freedom

One of the greatest freedoms granted by the First Amendment to the Constitution is Freedom of Religion. This right is under serious attack by our government and our American culture. Freedom is not free. It should never be taken for granted. The Bishops of the United States have called upon all American Catholics to gather together in prayer for two weeks during the “Fortnight of Religious Freedom” **from Wednesday, June 21st thru Tuesday, July 4th. We will have a special prayer service here at St. Monica’s, on July 4th our Church bells will ring at noon to commemorate this time of special prayer.** Please join us daily by praying for religious freedom in America during this time period.

A Request From Our Apostolic Administrator

Dear Faithful of the Diocese of Cleveland,

It is only by your prayers and the tremendous assistance of so many tireless coworkers, that I have been sustained by the Lord in my duties of shepherding two dioceses.

As I enter the sixth month of serving as Apostolic Administrator of Cleveland, I ask you to redouble your prayers that the Lord may give every grace to fulfill this role. Please also remember the intentions of Bishop Richard Lennon in retirement, and of Pope Francis, as we await his appointment of a new bishop for the Diocese of Cleveland.

With Deep thanks in Christ Jesus,
Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas

Pastoral Scene

A Description of Jesus From His Own Time

One of the questions I am often asked by the students that I teach is, "What did Jesus really look like?". No one drew his likeness, and although Jesus told us that to see him was to see the Father, the Gospel passages that relate this quote do not contain a physical description. As a result, in giving my answer, I often relied on the drawn images of Jesus that can be found in great art and in the Eastern Icons that depict him. Although it may have satisfied my 'hearers', it never really satisfied me.

However, in searching for background information about Jesus for the Growing Our Faith program for 2017-2018, I discovered a treasure that I am so delighted to share with you. It was a portion of a report/letter about Jesus by Julius, the governor of Galilee and a contemporary of Jesus, sent to Tiberius Caesar of Rome. It was probably written early in Jesus' ministry. Here is what it says:

"In this present time of ours, there is a man called Jesus living according to the full virtue of godliness and goodness. People consider him to be a prophet, but his disciples claim him to be the Son of God, the Creator of heaven and earth.

Truly, we hear about this Jesus very strange and peculiar things. He raises the dead and cures any kind of sickness with one word of his mouth. His structure is upright, very handsome with charm, to the point that anyone who looks at him will love and fear him at the same time. His hair is long and radiant, covering his ears and brushing his shoulders. His forehead is wide, no wrinkles in his face. His nose is straight, no defect in his mouth. His eyes shine like the sun; no man can gaze or stare at them. Fear is in his rebuke. Tears run down as he preaches. He looks joyful always, but they never saw him laugh. When he speaks, he captures hearts and mind.

"He has a lot of his mother's features. She is the most beautiful lady among all people of the whole region." (Source: Dr. Zaki Shenouda, *The Encyclopedia of Coptic History*).

During the summer months I intend to spend time at Saint Mary Seminary's Library to see if I can find Julius' full report in the *Encyclopedia of Coptic History*. You can be sure that whatever I discover will be shared with you. AND, if this fragment of information piques your interest, please visit our parish's website for the full explanation of our upcoming GOF program topics. You just may want to join us.

Sister Helene



Wellness Ministry's Spring Program was a success! Thank you to all who tried something new with sunrise walks with Fr. Ted, Ladies Walking Club, lunch time Tai Chi and crafting beaded candleholders at Ladies Night Out. The spirit of the ministry is to uplift our body, mind and spirit while spend time together as brothers and sisters in Christ! Look for the fall schedule of new programs later this summer!

Homecoming Festival



Help Needed

Help is needed selling Festival tickets on the front lawn. Pre-sale of tickets from the front lawn account for **15%** of all ticket sales. This is an important part of making the Festival a success. **If you are able to help in this effort please contact Bill Skladany at 216 544 6785.** We will be selling tickets on the front lawn beginning June 19th. **ANY & All** help is appreciated.

Need Extra Festival Tickets?

Additional Festival tickets can be found in front and back of the church. Tickets are also available at the Parish Office., during normal business hours. If you have not received your tickets in the mail, please contact the parish office.

First Incentive Drawing

This Sunday June 18th, is the first of three incentive drawing for turning in your sold Festival Tickets early. Those buying or selling a complete book of tickets are eligible to win **\$150** in Gift Certificates of your choice. The second incentive will be held Sunday, July 2nd. This winner will receive \$100 in Gift Certificates. The third incentive drawing will be held on Sunday, July 16th, winner will receive \$50 in Gift Certificates



The next Baptism Class will be held **Tuesday, July 11th at 6:30pm** in the **St. Joseph Meeting Room in the lower level of the Parish Office.** If you are interested in having your child baptized please **call the Parish Office at 216.662.8685** to register.

Help Keep St. Monica's Beautiful

If you notice anything broken, cracked or splintered in your pew please let the Parish Office know (216.662.8685).



Maple Hts. Knights of Columbus Rib Dinner

We will be hosting a Rib Dinner at St. Monica Church Pavilion on **Saturday, June 24th. Serving from 4:00pm till 8:00pm.** \$18.00 for a Full Slab Dinner and \$12.00 for a Half Slab Dinner. **For tickets please call: Tom Lovano @ 216.475.0918**





Stewardship

OFFERTORY COLLECTION June 10th / June 11th

DUE TO THE EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE, THE JUNE 10TH / 11TH COLLECTION INFORMATION WILL BE IN THE JUNE 25TH BULLETIN.

Next week, our second collection will be for Peter's Pence, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

Answer to This Week's Question

What was contained in the Ark of the Covenant?

Answer: The tablets containing the Ten Commandments.

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

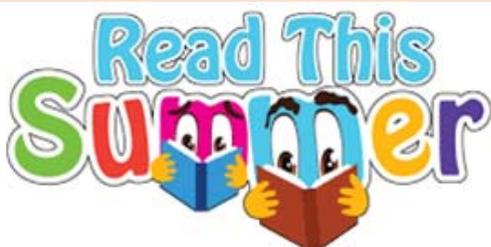


The School Office will be closed from Monday, June 19th until August 7th.

School Resumes for grades 1-8 on Thursday, August 24th.

Drop In Day is Wednesday, August 23rd from 8:00am-10:00am

This is when students can drop off their school supplies and meet their teacher. Please have a safe and blessed summer!



Parish Activities

MONDAY, June 19

TUESDAY, June 20

10:00 Bereavement Mtg (c)
6:00 Bible Group (p.o.kitchen)
6:45 Troop 389 Mtg (c)
7:00 MH K of C (AR)

WEDNESDAY, June 21

12:00 Tai Chi (J)
7:00 Fortnight For Freedom Candlelight Service (+)

THURSDAY, June 22

Friday, June 23

SATURDAY, June 24

7:30 Men of the Vine (ocu1&2)
4:00 MH K oc C Rib Roast (p)

SUNDAY, June 25

2:00 Private Party (p)

YOUTH MINISTRY

Summer youth group events are being communicated via the group texting system called REMIND. If you are a registered member of YOUTH412, you may join REMIND by sending a text to **81010** with the message **@youth412**. You will be asked to confirm your name. This is confidential texting system relays ministry info to registered teens and their parents. Cell phone numbers are not disclosed to the ministry or other group members.



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. Benedict Pre-School provides a smooth transition from home to school for children ages three, four, and five. The programs offer children an opportunity to interact with other children and adults in an atmosphere of Christian love and concern.

St. Benedict Pre-School promotes the spiritual, intellectual, social, and physical growth of the young child in an creative learning environment through age-appropriate developmental experiences and activities.

St. Benedict Pre-School is now accepting registration for the 2017-2018 school year. Half-day and full-day options available for ages three, four, and five. Please call [216-475-3633](tel:216-475-3633) today to schedule an appointment for a personalized tour with pre-school teacher Mrs. Deb Dereska. The St. Benedict Pre-School is located on the campus of St. Martin of Tours at 14600 Turney Road in Maple Heights.



Readings for the Week of June 18, 2017

Sunday **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)**
Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20;
1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

Monday **Saint Romuald, Abbot**
2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4; Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday **Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious**
2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a;
Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday **Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Saints John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs**
2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15

Thursday **Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Saints John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs**
2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15

Friday **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**
Dt 7:6-11; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10;
1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30

Saturday **The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**
Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15;
Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Sunday **Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35;
Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

You are invited to attend the annual **Mass of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 23rd at St. Therese, 5276 E. 105th Street, Garfield Heights at 7 pm.** Rev. Eric S. Orzech, the Diocesan Director of the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart, will be the main celebrant. All are welcome to come and pray for our families and our world and to thank the Sacred Heart of Jesus for all grace and blessings.

