St. Monica Catholic Church

13623 Rockside Road
Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125

Parish Office:
(216) 662-8685
fax: (216) 662-1245
website: saintmonicachurch.net

St. Benedict: (216) 662-9380
Early Learning Center
(216) 475-3633

OCFCU (216) 663-6800

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday
8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday & Friday
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
(Closed 12:30-1:30 p.m. for lunch)
Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

MASSES: 7 days a week
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m.

BAPTISM: Please make arrangements in advance. Baptisms are performed on Sundays, immediately following the 10:45 a.m. Mass. Pre-Baptismal instruction is required for parents. Please call the Parish Office for time of next scheduled class.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Adults and school-age children seeking full membership in the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist can make an appt. to continue their conversion process by calling the Parish Office.

RECONCILIATION: Opportunities to celebrate God’s forgiveness in one’s life are available on Saturday afternoons from 3:15 – 3:45 p.m. Individual appointments with a Priest can be arranged.

MATRIMONY: The Diocese of Cleveland requires a 6-month preparation period for marriage. Call the Parish Office to set your wedding date and plan your celebration.

CONFIRMATION: Any adult or high school student needing Confirmation, please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation.

ANointing of the Sick: Celebrated upon request. Call the Parish Office to make arrangements with one of our Priests.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please call the Parish Office to register.

ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Provides Catholic education for students K–8. School hrs.: 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Before & After Care available. Mrs. Lisa Oriti, School Principal

GROWING OUR FAITH: Lifelong faith formation centered in the events of Church life that promotes faith, growth, and understanding. All are invited. Meets once a month.

EUCHARIST FOR THE HOMEBOUND: Parish Team and Staff Members visit the homebound on a monthly basis. If you or someone you know is homebound and would like to receive communion, call the Parish Office.
LITURGY SCHEDULE

Mass Intentions

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m.
Morning Prayer and Rosary
following 8:00 a.m. Mass

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 14, 2019

Religion Question of the Week
Which is the largest Church, in seating capacity, in America?

Did You Know?
Did you know that the original parish of St. Monica’s consisted of 300 families in 1952?

One Liner
“God has called us to play the game, not to keep the score”.

Answer to the Religion Question of the Week located on page 4 of this bulletin

Our Dearly Departed
Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended to the family and friends of those who were recently buried.
May they, and all our faithful departed, rest in peace.

Wedding Banns
BANN III
Andrew Dziak & Alyssa Wagner

The following members of our Parish Community:


If you have a special intention you would like remembered in prayer, please call
Lillian Neptune (216) 662-5464

Mission Doctors Association was founded in 1959 by Msgr. Anthony Brouwers to assist Catholic doctors and their families from across the United States in their desire to serve God’s poor at mission hospitals and clinics in Africa, Papua New Guinea, Thailand, and Latin America.
As part of the Mission Appeals through the Diocese of Cleveland, MDA Executive Director, Elise Frederick will be speaking at our Masses this weekend on behalf of their 2019 Missionary Co-op, sharing their message of hope and partnership in this unique ministry.
Please keep all the Mission Doctors in your prayers, and please consider supporting generously the lifesaving work of MDA. www.missiondoctors.org

NORTHEAST OHIO CATHOLIC, the official magazine of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland is on the way. Please be sure to watch your mailbox for the July/August issue.
Pastoral Scene

How Connected Am I?

Sometimes, as I prepare to participate in a liturgical event I ask myself, “Do I worship God, or do I worship the Liturgy? Do I truly give myself over to God in praise and thanksgiving, or do I just go for a ‘feel good’ experience? ” For example, do I truly pay attention to what we’re praying at Mass, or because the prayers have become so familiar - do I merely go through the motions? When was the last time that I really thought about the Creed or the Lord’s Prayer…what they say, what they mean, what I’m really committing of myself? I’ve said them so many times over the years, I can say them without even thinking about it....and that’s the point. Am I worshiping God (that is, being mindful of what I’m saying) or am I worshiping the Liturgy (mindlessly going through the motions just to feel good or to check it off from my weekly list of activities)? How about the reception of Holy Communion? Do I mindfully “receive” our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and let it become a life-changing event - or do I merely “take communion” and go about my business?

Relating this to the changes of the English translation of the Roman Missal - whether I like all of the changes or not, it has called me once again to think about what I’m saying (or singing). While I’m the first to admit that there are some parts of the new translation that I really like, there are those parts with which I still struggle. But isn’t that what our faith journey is all about? We struggle with ourselves all the time - our weaknesses and shortcomings - and by working to improve and coming to terms we grow as people in faith and grace.

So here’s the thing: Ritual is supposed to be an expression (an imitation, if you will), of what we do in our day-to-day lives. Life is about struggle and joy, failures and improvements, and ultimately growth that moves us toward perfection. And so it is, for a time, I may struggle with the prayers and the music, with mindfulness and connectedness, but I know that I also find joy and satisfaction in overcoming personal obstacles and lifting my soul to God each week in the Liturgy.

So, are you connected? What are you connected to?

- Bob Soeder

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

This Sunday, July 14th (2:30 p.m.)
Saint Monica Church
All are welcome!

If you need to have your child baptized, the next baptism class is scheduled for Tuesday, July 16th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Francis Room of the Parish Office Building.
Please call the Office to register (216) 662-8685

Catholic Funeral Customs

When we were Baptized, we became a member of Jesus’ family, the Catholic Church. On this day we entered a Church for the first time as a member of His family. During our lifetime we often came to the Church to celebrate important occasions as a family – First Penance, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, and Marriage. It is also important to celebrate in Church our passing from our “family life” on earth, to our new “family life” in heaven.

The Catholic Funeral consists of a Wake with special prayers, the Funeral Mass in Church, and the burial of our body in a Catholic cemetery (or in a cemetery with Catholic prayers). Please make sure to let your family and relatives know how important it is to you that the rites of your Catholic Faith be followed at this time in your life.

Fr. Thomas Haren

“Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place.”
~ Pope Francis, Joy of the Gospel
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 14, 2019

Stewardship Offertory Collections
For: July 7, 2019

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

PARISH ACTIVITIES

MONDAY, July 15
No Scheduled Activities

TUESDAY, July 16
6:30 p.m. Baptism Class (F)

WEDNESDAY, July 17
7:00 p.m. G.A. (p)

THURSDAY, July 18
No Scheduled Activities

FRIDAY, July 19
No Scheduled Activities

SATURDAY, July 20
12:00 p.m. Private Party (p)

SUNDAY, July 21
(See Liturgy Schedule)
1:00 p.m. Baptist Bible Study (F)
8:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting (AR)

The FEST 2019
THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE SUMMER
At the CENTER FOR PASTORAL LEADERSHIP
28700 Euclid Avenue
Wickliffe, OH 44092

Every year after The FEST we receive dozens of emails from individuals telling us how much they enjoyed our annual Catholic Family FESTival and how it was the ‘highlight’ of their summer. Don’t miss out on Sunday, August 4th, as we come together for The FEST from 12 until 10 pm at the CPL (Wickliffe, OH). Come hear great music from Jordan Feliz, Tenth Avenue North, Matt Maher, and Casting Crowns along with great activities and displays for the entire family. There’s plenty of free parking and affordable food (thanks to Executive Caterers and Marc’s). It’s all FREE. For details, parking instructions, and a complete schedule of the day, go to www.theFEST.us. Invite EVERYONE you know to join you at The FEST! There’s something for every age and generation at The FEST.

Knights of Columbus—Garfield Hts.
Council #4130
10806 Granger Rd., Garfield Hts., OH 44125

JULY 31—4 to 7 p.m.

CHICKEN MARSALA
By Maple Heights Catering

Dinner consists of: 2 Pieces of Chicken, Garlic Roasted Red Potatoes, Green Bean Almandine, Salad, Roll & butter

Cost
Adults - $10 ..... Children Under 12 - $8

ALL DINNERS INCLUDE COFFEE TEA, WATER, AND NON-CARBONATED BEVERAGES

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
Call: 216-662-2277 mailbox #2

DUE BY MONDAY July 29- NOON

TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL
*** HELP WANTED ***

Trinity High School is in need of van drivers in the mornings and afternoons. Regular and occasional positions are available. If you enjoy driving and working with young people, and would like some extra income, please call Judith Lamanski at (216) 581-5753 to apply.

MARYMOUNT CHILD CARE CENTER
Marymount Child Care Center is looking for a responsible adult interested in a full time position. If interested please contact Michelle at 216-518-2120. Applicants to be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma.

Answer to this Week’s Question
Which is the largest Church, in seating capacity, in America?

Answer: The Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.
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TASTE OF SAINT CASIMIR FESTIVAL

The annual Taste of St. Casimir Polish Food Festival will be held Fri.—Sun., July 26th—28th, at Historic St. Casimir Church, 8223 Sowinski Avenue in Cleveland, 44103. A wide selection of homemade food at reasonable prices together with good drink and live music awaits you. There will also be church tours and the Pilgrim Virgin Fatima Statue present. Hours are Friday from 5pm, Saturday from 3pm and Sunday following the 11:30am Mass. Call Joe at (216) 978-3755 for more details.

All are Welcome!

LIGHT of HEARTS VILLA

Flea Market

Thursday & Friday, July 18 & 19, 9 am—6 pm
Saturday, July 20, 9 am—1 pm

Best Bargains in Town!!!
Guaranteed to have something of interest for everyone!
—Kitchenware—furniture—toys—jewelry—seasonal items—books—knick-knacks—clothing—and more...

283 Union Street
Bedford, OH 44146

All Proceeds Benefit the Sr. Helen Scasny, SC Benevolent Fund

1st Ticket Sale Incentive Drawing Winner
The winner of the 1st incentive drawing for $150.00 was Jean Harter - Congratulations!
The second incentive drawing for $100.00 will be July 22nd. All you need to do is to buy or sell and return at least $10.00 of tickets.

Lawn Ticket Sales will begin July 15th.
Volunteers are needed to sell tickets Monday thru Saturday. If interested in helping please contact Bill Skladany at (216) 544-6785. The success of the raffle depends greatly on the lawn sales before the Festival.
All help is greatly appreciated!

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please buy or sell your raffle tickets!
There are additional tickets available at Church or the Parish Office

Chinese Raffle Baskets
20 Creative and Cool Theme-Oriented Gift Baskets Needed

Will you (or your company):
• Design and donate a theme-oriented gift basket to be raffled off during our Homecoming Picnic?
• Sponsor a basket for at least $100? (We will purchase the basket's contents and design the basket for you!) or
• Purchase a gift card to be included in one of the 20 gift baskets?

Ideas for themes:
• sports, fishing, golf, meditation, religious, games, cinema/movies, gambling, kitchenware, gardening, seasonal, holidays, local eateries, overnight excursions, pets, spa days

Baskets must be at least $75 in value, contain brand new items, and have a theme
Contact Barb Vaughn (216) 663-8837
The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Chant

Gather Your People (Journeysongs #768)

Gather your people, O Lord. Gather your people, O Lord.
One bread, one body, one spirit of love. Gather your people, O Lord.

1. Draw us forth to the table of life; brothers and sisters, each of us called to walk in your light.
2. We are parts of the body of Christ, needing each other, each of the gifts the Spirit provides.

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Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 69:17, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37

Turn to the Lord in your need and you will live.


Offertory Chant:

Thy Word

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

1. When I feel afraid, and I think I’ve lost my way, still you’re there right beside me. Nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.
2. I will not forget your love for me, and yet my heart forever is wandering. Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side; I will love you to the end.

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Communion Chant:

The Supper of the Lord (Journeysongs #774)

Precious body, precious blood, here in bread and wine; here the Lord prepares the feast divine;
Bread of love is broken now, cup of life is poured: come, share the supper of the Lord.

1. This is the bread of God coming down from heav’n, giving life to us, to all the world.
2. “I am the living spring of eternal life; you that drink from me shall not thirst again.”
3. “I am the bread of heav’n giving life to you, you that eat this bread shall never die.”
4. “All those who feed on me have their life in me, as I have my life in the living God.”
5. All praise to you, O Christ, present in this feast in this bread we share in one life, one Lord.

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Sending Forth:

City of God (Journeysongs #813)

Let us build the city of God. May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love has turned the night into day!

1. Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep! A new day is dawning for all those who weep. The people in darkness have seen a great light. The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.
2. We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day. The one who has loved us has brightened our way. The Lord of all kindness has called us to be a light for his people to set their hearts free.

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Reading 1  
**Dt 30:10-14**
Moses said to the people: "If only you would heed the voice of the LORD, your God, and keep his commandments and statutes that are written in this book of the law, when you return to the LORD, your God, with all your heart and all your soul.

"For this command that I enjoin upon you today is not too mysterious and remote for you. It is not up in the sky, that you should say, 'Who will go up in the sky to get it for us and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?' Nor is it across the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross the sea to get it for us and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?' No, it is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out."

**Responsorial Psalm  Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37**

R. Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

I pray to you, O LORD, for the time of your favor, O God! In your great kindness answer me with your constant help. Answer me, O LORD, for bounteous is your kindness: in your great mercy turn toward me. R.

I am afflicted and in pain; let your saving help, O God, protect me. I will praise the name of God in song, and I will glorify him with thanksgiving. R.

"See, you lowly ones, and be glad; you who seek God, may your hearts revive! For the LORD hears the poor, and his own who are in bonds he spurns not." R.

For God will save Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah. The descendants of his servants shall inherit it, and those who love his name shall inhabit it. R.

Reading 2  
**Col 1:15-20**
Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he himself might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross through him, whether those on earth or those in heaven.

**Gospel Lk 10:25-37**
There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test him and said, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" He said in reply, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." He replied to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live."

But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied,"A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn, and cared for him.

The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, 'Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.' Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."
The St. Monica Summer Series Presents:

**Party at the Pavilion**

13623 Rockside Rd. - Garfield Hts. OH 44125

Fun For All + Food + Pop and Beer + **Free Live Entertainment** + and More!

**Thursday, August 8, 2019**

**Becky Boyd**

& the Groove Train

Bring your lawn chairs and join us!
The Party begins at 5:00pm - Music begins at 5:30pm

*(Rain location will be the School Cafeteria)*

“Becky Boyd, a singer of such strength, she could make a lot of 'No Girls Allowed' signs get ripped off the clubhouse doors... She possesses a powerful blues/jazz voice that’s forceful, sensuous and as clear as spring water. If there’s a jazz buff in the Cleveland area who hasn’t heard Boyd sing yet, do something about that. She has got the art of scat singing down cold. Becky Boyd is a local talent to watch.” - Steve Byrne, Scene Magazine

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356 West Aurora Road • Sagamore Hills, Ohio • (330) 467-4500
St. Monica Parish
Homecoming
Picnic & Raffle
August 18, 2019

Outdoor Mass at 10:45 a.m.
at the Parish Pavilion and tent. Plenty of seats for all.
Please join us for this special liturgy.

This replaces the 10:45 a.m. Mass in the Church

Right after Mass, we will be selling picnic
food at a nominal cost
We will serve until we are sold out!
Multiple Serving Lines
Hot Dogs • Hamburgers • Italian Sausage
Stuffed Cabbage • Cabbage and Noodles • Pop • Water

We're Having a COOKOUT!

FUN & GAMES

• Baking Contest: registration required; judging begins at 3 p.m.
Ribbons for the winners
• Chinese Raffle Baskets • “Spirit” Raffle
• Guessing Game: adult and children prizes. All day
• Corn Hole Tournament: 13 and above at 2 p.m. Entry fee $20 per team (2). The winners receive 1/2 the pot. Must pre-register - call (216) 662-8685
• Jello Eating Contest: 4 and above at 2 p.m. Gift card to the winner
• Children’s Skill Games
• Drawing for the winners of the Parish Raffle at 5 p.m.
Catholic Cemeteries Association
Monthly Grief Support—July 21st 3:00 pm
July Topic: “Journaling and Grief”

Please join us for an hour of learning and healing along your grief journey. Our Grief Support leaders are certified as Ministers of Consolation by the National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved, Inc. Our Catholic-based support group meetings are informal and do not build upon each other so you can drop in any month and fit right in. Our group can also be a great companion to your existing support groups. We meet the 3rd Sunday of every month at 3:00 p.m., except on holidays, then we meet the 4th Sunday. The next Support Group is Sunday, July 21st at St. Joseph Cemetery, Avon; Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron; and Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park. More locations are coming this fall!

No registration is required; just come and join us. For more information, visit our website: www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx
Or contact Rhonda at (216) 930-4866, rabrams@clecem.org.

Catholic Cemeteries Association
Seeking Bereavement Support Leaders

Catholic Cemeteries Association is expanding our monthly grief support program to include groups at Calvary Cemetery in Cleveland and Calvary Cemetery in Lorain and are seeking group leaders. Qualified candidates will have National Catholic Ministry of Consolation certification through the Diocese of Cleveland, a calling to serve the bereaved in our communities, and a compassionate and listening heart. Candidates will have the ability to work with diverse groups of people with varying grief needs and be beyond any significant personal grief/loss. Grief support groups meet the 3rd Sunday of every month, from 3-4 pm. (Group leaders arrive a half-hour early to set-up.) The Grief Support leaders will facilitate and guide discussions, not counsel. Support group leaders receive a small stipend for each session led. If you are interested but cannot commit to a monthly group, we are also seeking individuals to serve as substitute group leaders at our five support group locations. We provide monthly agenda/handouts, meeting space and refreshments, and if needed, NCMB Minister of Consolation training.

All interested candidates may contact Rhonda Abrams, Bereavement Coordinator, at 216-930-4866 or rabrams@clecem.org.