

**Liturgy Schedule**

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

**Monday, July 17 Weekday**

8:00 Rocco Deliberato

**Tuesday July 18 Weekday**

8:00 Jaetana Marzzuro

**Wednesday, July 19 Weekday**

8:00 Joan Lenczewski

**Thursday, July 20 Weekday**

8:00 All Souls

**Friday, July 21 Weekday**

8:00 Joe Corvo

6:00 Snyder / Cunningham Wedding

**Saturday, July 22 Weekday**

3:15 Confessions

4:00 Living & Deceased Members of Al Hanzlick & Family

**Sunday, July 23 Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

8:00 Samuel & Elizabeth Kravetz

10:00 Kathy Dishion & Family

12:00 People of the Parish



the following members of our Parish community: the following members of our Parish community: **Robert P. Vasas, Andrew Burdette, Melinda Corbaugh, John Halasz, JoAnn Reddinger, Nick Liotta, Marie, 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.



**The Parish Office will be closed on Saturday, July 22nd and Monday, July 24th due to the Festival. The office will re-open on Tuesday, July 25th at 8:00am.**

**Wedding Banns**

- III James Cunningham & Judy Snyder**
- I Ryan Whittaker & Jennifer Pannitto**



**Congratulations to Ken & Kathy Pruchniski who are celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary in Church this weekend.**

**Religion Question of the Week?**

Who were the two sons of Isaac?

**Did You Know?**

Did you know that the floor of the Sanctuary is 40' x 40'?

**One Liner**

“An optimist thinks that this is the best possible world. A pessimist fears that this is true”.

*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!**



**Thank you!**

One of the major contributors to St. Monica's are organizations. During the past year the following organizations donated funds to our parish:

- Sunday Night Spiritual A.A. - \$607
- Maple Heights K of C - \$2,000
- Holy Name Society - \$1,938
- Maple Heights Catholic Club - \$2,000
- St. Monica Seniors - \$100
- St. Monica Pro Life Group - \$400
- Maple Heights AARP - \$100
- Syrian Orthodox Church - \$1,225
- St. Monica Guild - \$11,000

In addition to these donations, many organizations donate to our parish festival. These gifts will be acknowledged in a later bulletin. Many thanks to all of these organizations for their financial help to our parish.

Fr. Thomas Haren



*Congratulations to our newly baptized Christian: Harper Rae Yaro and her family.*

## Pastoral Scene

Growing in the Season of "Ordinary Time"

Ordinary Time" — the "green season" as I call it— almost seems like a letdown after celebrating the great themes of Easter and Pentecost. However, it is in 'ordinary time' that we live most of our lives. After focusing on the great events of our salvation, from the coming of Christ to the sending of the Holy Spirit, Ordinary Time offers us a season in which to reflect on the meaning of those events in our everyday lives and provides time for us to grow in an understanding of our faith.

The Gospel readings between Pentecost and Advent offer us parables and miracles that nourish our faith and give us hope in the world in which we live. Today's Gospel from Matthew (13: 1-23) is a great example of that fact because throughout our lives we are often all three types of soil even when God's message regarding the faith is the same.

I would estimate that most of us have, at some point in time, planted something – even if it only was a sunflower seed during the study of plants somewhere between kindergarten and second grade. I remembering checking my little cup at least twice a day, and sometimes poking the soil to hurry the process along. It took me some time to learn that checking and poking never works when you are dealing with seeds.

There are times when the seeds – the message of faith -- fall on the unplowed soil of our lives. Somewhere in the back of our minds we know what is being said is important but we are just unable or unwilling to accept the message at that moment. It does not mean these 'seeds' are unimportant, but to truly begin growth, a seed needs to break open and be received. We are not always able to do that.

Sometimes the 'seeds' fall on our rocky ground. Yes, these seeds start to grow and send out tiny roots but the cares of the world or disappointments in our lives move us to approach what at first motivated us to be acted on in the wrong way. We may have unreal expectations or a lack of understanding that are preventing us from going forward in following the Lord's advice.

As baptized Catholics, we are 'fertile soil' even when life gets in the way for a time. Most often, the seeds we receive are well-watered and warmed by the sun. They grow and flourish! But what about the others?

The seeds that fell on unplowed soil get buried deeply within us and seeds that sprouted tiny roots languish a bit but never really 'die'. In both situations it takes more time to begin and sustain growth. Perhaps the Lord designs it that way so that He can work unseen miracles to bring about faith growth in His time rather than in our own.

God is the Infinite Gardener and He keeps His promises! God has not given us seeds that cannot grow and what He plants will be brought to full flower. Perhaps the seeds that have fallen upon our soil and still appear to be dormant, just need to be buried for a little while longer to help us become the magnificent 'plants' God designed us to be.

Always believing that you are well on your way to being an award-winning creation in God's garden!!!

Sister Helene

## Homecoming Festival



### Help Needed

Help is needed selling Festival tickets on the front lawn. Presale 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 Will Skladany at 216 544 6785. 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.

**Winner of the second incentive drawing was Shane Gorczyca. The third incentive drawing will be held this Sunday, July 16th, winner will receive \$50 in Gift Certificates. Turn your raffle tickets in early to be eligible for the incentive drawing.**

### Gambling and Casino Workers Needed

We are in need of more volunteers for all areas of the festival. **If you are interested in dealing Black Jack and Maverick, contact Chet @ 216.475.1965.**

### Bingo Worker's Needed

We are looking for people who would be willing to work Bingo at the festival. If you are able to donate your time, please call **MaryAnn at 216.587.5520. Bingo will be Saturday & Sunday.**



We will be setting up for the Festival every evening at 6:00pm starting Monday, July 17th. If you can give anytime at all it would be greatly appreciated.

Festival Clean Up will be on Monday, July 24th from 9:00am-noon, and 6:00pm to 9:00pm. All hands are needed. Thanks in advance for your time.



## Stewardship

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

|                          |             |
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| Regular Sunday Envelopes | \$ 8,539.00 |
| St. Monica Fund          | \$ 1,152.00 |
| Children's Envelopes     | \$ 10.00    |

We Share June Collections:

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| Sunday Regular  | \$ 3,682.50 |
| St. Monica Fund | \$ 602.75   |

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION July 8th / July 9th

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| Regular Sunday Envelopes | \$ 8,467.00 |
| St. Monica Fund          | \$ 644.00   |
| Children's Envelopes     | \$ 12.00    |

### Answer to This Week's Religion Question

Who were the two sons of Isaac?  
 Answer: Jacob and Esau.

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



### The Highlight Of Summer!!

Every year after The FEST we receive a ton 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 6 as we come together for The FEST from 12 until 10 pm at the CPL (28700 Euclid Avenue). Come hear great music (Laura Story, Matt Maher, Crowder, and for King & Country) along with great activities and displays. Check out Marc's Mom's Relaxation Station with over 200,000 give away items for busy moms. Dads can spend time in the Man Cave to learn about being a man of faith. It's the perfect family day. There's plenty of parking and affordable food (thanks to Executive Caterers and Marc's). It's all FREE. Go to: [www.theFEST.us](http://www.theFEST.us) for details, parking instructions, and a complete schedule of the day.

### Coming Soon!

Catholic War Veterans Auxiliary will be holding a **Strudel Sale** the weekend of **August 4th and 5th**. The Strudel will be available by the Server's Sacristy after all masses that weekend. **The delicious Strudel will be supplied by Lydia, formerly of Buckeye Rd. The cost is \$8.00 and they will be offering Apple, Cherry and Cream Cheese Strudel.**



## Parish Activities

### MONDAY, July 17

6:00 Festival Set Up (grounds)

### TUESDAY, July 18

6:00 Festival Set Up (grounds)

### Wednesday, July 19

6:00 Festival Set Up (grounds)

### Thursday, July 20

6:00 Festival Set Up

6:30 Athletics (J)

### Friday, July 21

6:00 Festival Set Up

### SATURDAY, July 22

1:00 Festival

### SUNDAY, July 23

1:00 Festival

## YOUTH MINISTRY

It's been a busy summer already with planning meetings and exciting events taking form for an all new school year! Please keep one of our senior students in prayer as she travels to Oil City PA on a service mission trip with Catholic Heart Work Camp. We could not be more proud of Makena for answering God's call to serve. We look forward to her safe return and stories from the road. New information will be coming out soon via REMIND! Stay tuned!



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 44125216) 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 a 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 July 16, 2017

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| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14;<br>Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9               |
| <b>Monday</b>    | Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8;<br>Mt 10:34—11:1   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest</b><br>Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34;<br>Mt 11:20-24                                     |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7;<br>Mt 11:25 -27   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr</b><br>Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27;<br>Mt 11:28-30                         |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church</b><br>Ex 11:10—12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc,<br>17-18; Mt 12:1-8 |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>Saint Mary Magdalene</b><br>Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6,<br>8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18                               |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16;<br>Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30        |

## K of C Wednesday Night Dinner

**CHICKEN PARMESAN**

CLUB 4130 : 10806 Granger Road, Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125

DATE: Wednesday July 26 , 2017 TIME: 4 - 7 PM

Dinner consists of: **Dinner will consist of 2 pieces of Chicken, Angel Hair Pasta, Vegetable, Tossed Salad, Rolls & Butter**Costs: **Adults - \$10 ..... Children Under 12 - \$8**

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

**DINNERS BY: MAPLE HEIGHTS CATERING****RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: 216-662-2277 mailbox #2****DUE BY MONDAY JULY 24 - NOON**

The Isabella Guild will also be selling fresh bakery

**Divorce Support Ministry: Divorced or Separated?**

You are invited to join at any time this Christian-based divorced Care Program for help and healing.

**Where:** St Rita's Parish, Solon. It will be held in the St. Mark's Chapel.**Time:** Friday's starting August 4th through October 27th from 7:00pm-8:30pm**Contact:** JoAnne Scaminaci to register. 440.554.6296

Or at jabs4444@yahoo.com. The program runs for 12 weeks.