

Liturgy Schedule

8:30 Morning Prayer, Rosary, Monday through Friday

Monday, August 7 Weekday

8:00 Cymbor & Walker Families

Tuesday, August 8 Saint Dominic, Priest

8:00 Robert & Thelma Chamberlin

Wednesday, August 9 Weekday

8:00 Joe & Ann Bodnar

Thursday, August 10 Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

8:00 Clarence Kaderbek

Friday, August 11 Saint Clare, Virgin

8:00 Rudy & Dolores Kubicek & Family

Saturday, August 12 Weekday

3:15 Confessions

4:00 James & Carmella Smith & Ray Canzoni

Sunday, August 13 Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 Edward Pilch

10:00 People of the Parish

12:00 Biagio, Jacqueline & Anthony Russo

1:00 Baptism

2:30 Divine Mercy



the following members of our Parish community: the following members of our Parish community: **Robert & Lynn Phipps, Holly Craider, Dolores Nose, Andrew Burdette, Melinda Corbaugh, John Halasz, JoAnn Reddinger, Nick Liotta, Marie DiCola, 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 **Peter Young, Christine LaMarca, Robert Juby and Sharon Thompson** who was buried this past week. May she and all our dearly departed, rest in peace.

Wedding Banns

II Marc Beechuk & Erin Sarantou

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

In response to the Vatican's approval of the use of low gluten altar breads, we are considering offering Low Gluten hosts for those who may need this alternative. The hosts to be used have been approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

If you are in need of this option, please contact the Parish Office by August 7th so we can determine what the actual need will be. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Religion Question of the Week

When did Jesus give the authority to the Catholic Church to administer the Sacrament of Penance?

Did You Know?

Did you know that St. Monica Church is 65 years old this year?

One Liner

"If it ain't broke, fix it til it is".

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!

Patronal Feast Celebration

On the last Sunday of the month, the Parish will celebrate the patronal feast, St Monica. This year the feast falls on the 27th of August. During the weeks before the feast, we will reflect on her life as an example of Christian living which is very much relevant today.

In other countries, especially in Poland, the Patronal feast day is a day of homecoming and celebration. They use a special word, ODPUST. The word embodies homecoming, celebration and most of all honoring their parish Saint. In the same way, it is an opportunity for us to invite our former parishioners, family and friends to join at the Masses on that weekend. The sense of Christian community is an example not only for ourselves but a visible example for the surrounding community.

To remember, to celebrate and to believe expresses in another what the day entails. In former times, this was much easier to do. We are fortunate to still have parishioners who were there at the founding of the parish. In a day when things, like looking up one's ancestry to learn more about who we are is so important, so our celebration fills in some of the missing pieces.

Fr. Ted Marszal

TAI-CHI - Meditation in Motion

The next sessions of Tai-Chi will start back up on Wednesday, September 6th beginning at 12:00 noon in the Parish Office. Please note this date has been changed.

Pastoral Scene

Who is my Neighbor?

As most of you know, I engage in a yearly eight-day silent, directed retreat. Yes, I hear your unspoken question: "Do you **really** remain silent?" to which I answer, "Yes, except during the one-on-one conferences with my spiritual director." Those sessions normally center on a scriptural passage that I have been assigned to pray about during the day and a question imbedded in my prayers to which I was to respond during our next meeting. One of our sessions focused on the challenges that come up in my ministry so Father asked me to read the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 30-37) and be ready to identify 'the neighbor' in the various aspects of my position here at Saint Monica Parish.

I really looked forward to this one! The Good Samaritan is a parable that I have read, taught about, had second graders preparing for Reconciliation dramatize, and even depicted in art. It was a parable I used for many meditations as well. Since I thought I knew it well, I gave it only a cursory reading and spent some time thinking about the characters in the parable, but . . . how much new stuff could I really find? I was soon to find out!!!

When my spiritual director quietly asked, "Who is the neighbor in this parable?", I responded to that question by saying, "My neighbors are all those that I serve in my ministry – the children and their parents being prepared for Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation; the adults and teens I catechize for RCIA, all the great participants in Growing Our Faith, and those the Lord sends to me with questions. They are ALL my neighbors!" He responded by reading the specific question Jesus asked of "the scholar of the law" in that Gospel passage: "Which of these three was neighbor to the robber's victim?" (Luke 10: 36) – then looked up at me. Yes, I had missed the answer by a mile!!!

Jesus makes it clear that it is not the poor man lying on the side of the road, beaten and half dead who is 'the neighbor', but "the one who showed mercy" (Luke 10: 37), --- the Samaritan who crossed the road. For years I had defined "the neighbor" as the man at the side of the road as opposed to the one who crossed the road to care for him.

I prayed the rest of that day and a few other days as well, identifying 'the neighbors' in my life and how many I never really thanked because they showed great mercy when they "crossed the road for me". None of us can do everything on our own – it is our 'neighbors who show mercy' that are the wind beneath our wings that help us to fly! We learn to be merciful by experiencing God's mercy and that of our 'neighbors.'

Please thank and pray for 'a neighbor' or two this week. Please know I will be praying for many of you 'neighbors' this week as well!

Sister Helene

THANK YOU!

The Cleveland Diocesan Union of Holy Name Societies would like to thank you for your generosity for the recent men's sock and underwear drive. **Your generosity resulted in the Matthew 8:20 group receiving 2,210 pairs of men's socks, 101 pairs of women's socks, 1,102 pairs of men's underwear, 54 pairs of children's underwear, 55 pairs of children's socks, and 504 white undershirts.**

The Matthew 8:20 group was overjoyed and overwhelmed by your kindness and support in assisting their ministry to the homeless. Your donations will allow them to help many more people. The Cleveland Diocesan Union of Holy Name Societies appreciates you giving to the drive. All of us working together were able to make a huge impact to change lives.

ST. MONICA SENIOR GROUP

The Senior Picnic will be held in the pavilion on **AUG. 8TH beginning at 11AM**. Cost for a FUN-filled afternoon with good food and friends is **ONLY \$7.00 [in advance]**. Bring your own beverage AND a dessert to share! Water will be provided. New members are ALWAYS welcome. Call Gerry at 216.581.1777 for reservations. Hope to see you.



FRONT STEPS

PACK THE STEPS

Help Front Steps Housing (those mentally disabled and/or economically disadvantaged) with much needed supplies. Your

donations make a difference.

Items Needed:

Toothpaste/brushes, soap and/or hand soap, Body wash, razors, Deodorant, feminine products Dish soap, bathroom cleaners, Tall kitchen trash bags, mops/brooms/buckets, Pot holders/oven mitts, dish towels, bath towels/wash cloths, laundry baskets, Toilet paper, paper towels, and Kleenex.

Items can be brought to the parish office, put in the boxes in church or to Sandwich Saturday on September 9th. Thank you for your help.

\$1000 Raffle Winners

**\$500 Winner: Mary Hojnowski , Seller: Diane Hojnowski
Captain: Bob Rafal, Ticket # 588**

**\$500 Winner Martha Majoros, Seller Rick Stoltz
Captain : Jim Joyce , Ticket #963**

Congratulations!

Divine Mercy

Please join us for a special hour of adoration and thanksgiving to the Divine Mercy of Jesus **this Sunday, August 13th, at 2:30 in St. Monica Church**. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and prayers for families, our youth, and our country. **All are welcome to join us.**



This Weekend!!

Catholic War Veterans Auxiliary will be holding a **Strudel Sale THIS WEEKEND**. The Strudel will be available by the Server's Sacristy after all masses. **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.**





Stewardship

OFFERTORY COLLECTION July 29th / July 30th

Regular Sunday Envelopes	\$ 6,854.00
St. Monica Fund	\$ 380.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 9.00

Answer to This Week's Religion Question

When did Jesus give the authority to the Catholic Church to forgive sin?

Answer: On Easter Sunday evening.

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

Join us for The FEST!

Join us today on the grounds of the Center for Pastoral Leadership (28700 Euclid Ave. in Wickliffe) from 12 noon-10pm for The FEST. Come to hear great music (Laura Story, Matt Maher, Crowder, and for King & Country), enjoy activities for the entire family, join thousands for Mass at 8pm, and experience the event of the summer. There is plenty of close parking and something for everyone. For all the details, visit www.theFEST.us. See you at The FEST!



Donna Przybojewski at the Learned Owl (Aug 19)

Ms. Przybojewski is an 8th grade language arts teacher at St. Benedict Catholic School in Garfield Heights and Thoreau Society Ambassador for the Bicentennial of Thoreau's birth this year. She designed a year long celebration of the author for the 2016-2017 school year, with lessons crossing the curriculum throughout the year. Each month the school focused on a new Thoreau topic of a specific discipline.

Her passion for Thoreau's writing and life led her to write two books for young people, which she will bring to The Learned Owl Book Shop on Saturday, August 19th, from 1 to 3 p.m. She will be signing "Henry David Thoreau: Who Can He Be?", an ABC book about the author, "Henry David Thoreau Loved the Seasons of the Year", and two coloring books for children.

Ms. Przybojewski is an energetic and engaging writer who is excited to share her love for and information about Henry David Thoreau. You will be glad that you stopped by, and your kids will, too!

Event date:

Saturday, August 19, 2017 - 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Event address:

204 N. Main St.
Hudson, OH 44236

Event Category:

[Events - Children](#)

Parish Activities

MONDAY, August 7

TUESDAY, August 8

11:00 Senior Picnic (p)

6:00 New Family Orientation (g)

WEDNESDAY, August 9

THURSDAY, August 10

FRIDAY, August 11

9:00 AARP Picnic (p)

SATURDAY, August 12

9:00 Syriac Orthodox Church (J)

10:00 Bereavement (cmr)

10:00 Private Party (p)

SUNDAY, August 13

2:30 Divine Mercy (+)

YOUTH MINISTRY

All students entering 6th grade this fall are welcome to "taste" youth group at Youth412's ice cream social, Wed Aug

16, 7-8pm at St Monica Pa-

vilion, rain or shine. Youth Group is a fun faith-

filled way to meet new people, enjoy old friends

and grow closer to Jesus. **We serve all teens in**

grades 6-12. Questions? Call the Youth Ministry

Office at 216.662.8685



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 4125216) 662-8685 ext 123.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF INCOMING SECOND AND EIGHTH GRADERS

In early July, letters were sent to parents of second and eighth graders registered in Saint Monica Parish regarding the sacramental programs for First Holy Communion and for Confirmation. *If you have a child who will be entering either of those two grades but did not receive a letter, please call Sister Helene at 216-662-8685 x191 ASAP for further information about these programs and for copies of the respective letters for your child.*

Please mark your calendar for the following Orientation Meeting:

FIRST COMMUNION: -- Wednesday, September 13 from 6:30 pm to no later than 7:45!

CONFIRMATION – Wednesday, September 20th from 6:30 pm to no later than 7:45 pm.

Specific information regarding these meetings will be sent to the parents of all registered candidates after Labor Day.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter! Looking forward to hearing from you.

Sister Helene

Readings for the Week of August 6, 2017

Sunday	The Transfiguration of the Lord Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9
Monday	Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday	Saint Dominic, Priest Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday	Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday	Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12:24-26
Friday	Saint Clare, Virgin Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday	Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51; Mt 17:14-20
Sunday	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

Saint Monica Church provides volunteers for the Holy Spirit (formally St. Tim's) Hot Meal Program every month that has five Wednesdays (approximately 5 Wednesdays a year). **Holy Spirit Church is located on 131st and Cranwood Ave. in Garfield Hts. Volunteers arrive at 4 pm and in the cafeteria,** help to prepare and set up for the meal distribution, serve and distribute meals and assist in cleaning up. **The time frame is 4-6:15pm.** This is a flexible commitment and your participation would be greatly appreciated! **If you would like to volunteer please call Diane at 216 702-5007 and please leave a message.**

Immaculate Heart of Mary's Summer Social

Sunday, August 20th from 2:00pm-8:00pm

Klima Gardens, Cuyahoga Hts

Music By: Dan Peters Band (2:00pm—4:00pm)

Charlie Tabsek and the Chicago Tradition (4:00pm-8:00pm)
Delicious food, including cabbage & noodles, pierogies, sausage sandwiches, hot dogs, hamburgers and bakery will be available.

All are welcome!