

Liturgy Schedule

8:30 Morning Prayer, Rosary, Monday through Friday

Monday, August 21 Saint Pius X, Pope

8:00 Curtis & Kitty Lockhart & Family

Tuesday, August 22 The Queenship of the BVM

8:00 JoAnn Morley

Wednesday, August 23 Weekday

8:00 Mary Holub

Thursday, August 24 Saint Bartholomew

8:00 Anthony Rosa & Nonna Acino

Friday, August 25 Weekday

8:00 Elsie Shipta

Saturday, August 26 Weekday

3:15 Confessions

4:00 Henry Brown

Sunday, August 27 Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 George Stepanik

10:00 Chester & Helen Basiewicz

12:00 People of the Parish

1:00 Festival of Praise



the following members of our Parish community: the following members of our Parish community: **George Cooke, Thom Machar, Larry Piechowiak, John Rozmarynowski, 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 **Rosalie Oleksiak and Donna Osborne** who were buried this past week. May they and all our dearly departed, rest in peace.



Congratulations to our newly baptized Christians: Caden James Wallish, Cheyenne Richards, Chad Richards and Hunter Richards and their families.



Congratulations Tom & Joan Dowd who are celebrating their **60th Wedding Anniversary** this week.

Parish Office will be CLOSED at 11:45 on Tuesday, August 22nd. The office will reopen on Wednesday, August 23rd at 8:00am.

Religion Question of the Week

Who is the Patron Saint of America?

Did You Know?

Did you know that during the last fiscal year \$537,783 was donated in the Offertory collections to St. Monica Church?

One Liner

“Talk is cheap because the supply exceeds the demand”.

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!

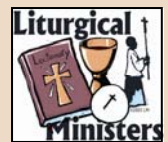
Your Service Is Needed!

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 216.662.8685.**



Liturgical Ministers

Any special requests for the **October/November/December schedule** must be turned in to the Parish Office no later than Monday, September 11. Please be sure to include requests for Christmas, New Years and Holy Days. Thank you for your help with this.



SANDWICH SATURDAY



Thank you to all who came to make the 300 sandwiches for the homeless on August 5th. **Next time we meet will be on Saturday, September 9th at 9:00 am in the Parish Office. All are invited to join us as we gather together to make the Sandwiches.**

Thank you to Mayor and Mrs. Collova for their generous donation to the St. Monica Festival. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Fr Haren

Pastoral Scene

A Stroke of Good Fortune

A number of weeks ago, I experienced a very sudden illness. It literally hit me out of nowhere. I was debilitated to a point of being hospitalized for about a week, and then I found myself in physical rehab at a skilled nursing facility, which lasted close to another week - then came in-home nursing and physical therapy. Now I'm back to work and doing well. The point is to illustrate how quickly life can change. One moment you can be perfectly fine – and the next minute, BAM!!!! I learned a few lessons in this short time.

1. **The value of true friendship.** I am blessed to have so many good friends and family members who have supported me with their help, concern and kind words. I am grateful for my boss (Fr. Haren) and colleagues, both in the office and in various ministries who picked up my slack while I've been away. I'm very much a control freak, and I had to let go and trust. Their actions in a way remind me of Simon of Cyrene, who helped our Lord carry his cross. Simon only had to do it once, but they did it many times.

2. **The value of surrender.** In the hospital there is no room for privacy. You get picked at and prodded, poked at and jabbed, and generally invaded morning, noon and night. In all this, I could do no more than surrender myself into being cared for by others – and trusting in their judgement and abilities. It's very embarrassing to be laid open for all the world to see (at least, that's how it felt). I thought a little about the embarrassment our Lord must have felt as he was mocked, beaten and prepared for crucifixion in front of everybody – strangers, friends and family members.

3. **The value of pastoral care.** I was particularly humbled to receive the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. As I was being anointed, I thought about how our Lord rubbed mud over the eyes of the blind man and restored his vision - his touch healed, his words raised from the dead. Likewise, receiving Eucharist from an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion in a hospital setting is much different than receiving at Mass. At Mass, we come to the table, but in the hospital the meal comes to us. There were many times that the crowds went to our Lord, but after the resurrection, he met his disciples on the beach and fed them.

4. **The value of good people.** I had the good fortune to interact with many of the people who cared for me in the hospital and at rehab. Most of the staff members were considerably younger than me. I was very impressed with their genuine concern for my well-being. Their questions, "how are you feeling?" or "can I get you anything?" had intent and vitality. In this day and age where we hear so much about protesting, self-centeredness and self-indulgence, it's nice to know that there are those who still have values and convictions that go well beyond themselves. This reminds me of Matthew 25:40b, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

5. **The value of patience.** OK, so the jury's still out on this one. I'm sure that as this little episode of my life continues (and hopefully concludes), I'll have more to say.

Thanks to all for your prayers and kind words!
Bob Soeder

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

PACK THE STEPS



FRONT 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.

Proposed Changes to the Thraves Road Entrance

In recent weeks there has been much concern about the use of the Thraves Road entrance to our parking lot (next to the Credit Union Building). Cars have been speeding down this entranceway, and it is becoming dangerous. A few weeks ago our parishioners were asked for solutions to this problem. Three ideas surfaced: "grass-in" this entrance, place a cement barrier in this entrance, put a semi-permanent gate in this entrance. There were good reasons for all of these suggestions. To date the most popular idea is to put up a semi-permanent gate in this entrance. The other Thraves Road entrance, near the pavilion, would still be available for our parishioners use. The Credit Union is happy with this suggestion. We are getting close to a final decision about this concern. If you have any thoughts on this, please contact me at the parish office.

Fr. Thomas Haren



Stewardship

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Aug.12th / Aug. 13th

Regular Sunday Envelopes	\$ 8,345.99
St. Monica Fund	\$ 750.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 17.20

Answer to This Week's Religion Question

Who is the Patron Saint of America?

Answer: The Blessed Virgin Mary under the title of "The Immaculate Conception".

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



St. Benedict Catholic School

LEGO Donation Drive



Have any old Legos that you no longer want? Help us start a Lego Club at St. Benedict Catholic School. You can drop off your donations at the school office. Any question please contact mcginnis@stbenedictohio.com or nelson@stbenedictohio.com Thank You!

Are you looking for an opportunity to work with school-aged children? St. Benedict Catholic School is looking for individuals to work in our lunch and recess program as well as aftercare program. Our lunch and recess program runs daily from 11:30 AM until 1:30 PM. Aftercare is available for



students in Kindergarten through 8th grade from 2:30 PM until 6:00 PM. Interested

individuals need to be VIRTUS trained and have fingerprints done through the FBI and BCI. If you are interested please contact the school office at 216-662-9380.

Parish Activities

MONDAY, August 21

9:00 Faculty Mtg (AR)

TUESDAY, August 22

9:00 Faculty Mtg (AR)

WEDNESDAY, August 23

8:00 School Drop In Day (school)

THURSDAY, August 24

8:00 First Day of School Grades 1-8

6:30 DHNS Mtg (J)

FRIDAY, August 25

SATURDAY, August 26

10:00 Bereavement (cmr)

SUNDAY, August 27

1:00 Festival of Praise

YOUTH MINISTRY



We continue to kick off a great new school year with our students! Next up - all 7th and 8th grade students are invited to an Ice Cream Social in the youth

Youth
412

room on Thursday Aug 31, 7-8pm. Come enjoy a treat and get all the info you need for an exciting year! Regular meetings will begin in September!

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 xt 123

Join the Cleveland Indians for Mass and a Ball game for Catholic Family Day at Progressive Field on October 1, 2017. Pre-Game Mass at 10:15 in the Ball Park / Tickets starting at \$14. Purchase on line with this link:



<http://m.mlb.com/indians/tickets/group/catholicfamilyday>

For additional information please call 216.420.4162

Volunteer Opportunity for Holy Spirit Hot Meal Program

Are you looking for an opportunity to be the smiling face and helping hands of St. Monica Church?

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 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!

Readings for the Week of August 20, 2017

Sunday Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

Monday Saint Pius X, Pope
 Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin
 Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday Saint Bartholomew, Apostle
 Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Friday Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest
 Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday
 Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

Third Annual Friends of Holy Name Parish Golf Outing

Saturday, September 9, 2017

Emerald Woods Golf Course

12501 N. Boone Rd, Columbia Station

Donation: \$85 per golfer

Includes 18 holes with cart, lunch, dinner, beer, soft drinks, water
 Shotgun start @ 10:00am. Registration (coffee & donuts) 9:00am
 Prizes, Sideboards, Skins Game, Raffles, 50/50

For more information contact: Bill Hartman @ 440.340.5592



K of C Wednesday Dinner

Location: CLUB 4130 10806 Granger Road, Garfield Heights,

BREADED PORK CHOPS

Dinner will consist of 2 Boneless Pork Chops, Scalloped Potatoes, Corn, Garden 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

DATE: Wednesday, August 30, 2017

TIME: 4 - 7 PM

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: 216-662-2277 mailbox #2

DUE BY MONDAY AUGUST 28 - NOON

The Isabella Guild will also be selling fresh bakery