

Liturgy Schedule

8:30 Morning Prayer, Rosary, Monday through Friday

Monday, September 4 Weekday

8:00 David Nowicki & Ryan Matchison (anniv)

Tuesday, September 5 Weekday

8:00 Jim & Kathleen Green (anniv)

Wednesday, September 6 Weekday

8:00 Joan Lenczewski

Thursday, September 7 Weekday

8:00 Josephine Calabro

Friday, September 8 The Nativity of the BVM

8:00 Joseph Menkhaus

Saturday, September 9 Saint Peter Claver, Priest

3:15 Confessions

4:00 Frank Bednarchik

Sunday, September 10 Twenty-Third Sunday

In Ordinary Time

8:00 Lawrence Epele

10:00 People of the Parish

12:00 Ray & Marge Zendarski and Linda Horvat

1:00 Baptism

2:30 Divine Mercy



the following members of our Parish community: the following members of our Parish community: Sylvester Danko, Lynda Petit, Bernie Nenadovich, George Cooke, Thom Machar, Larry Piechowiak, John Rozmarynowski, Robert & Lynn Phipps, Holly Craider, Dolores Nose, Andrew Burdette, Melinda Corbaugh, John Halasz, JoAnn Reddinger, 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.

SANDWICH SATURDAY

Join us this Saturday, September 9th at 9:00 am as we come together to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for those at Front Steps Housing. Any donations to help them "Pack The Steps" can also be brought at this time. Thank you for your help.



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day. We will reopen at 8:00am on Tuesday, September 5 at 8:00am.

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.



Religion Question of the Week

What does the word "Genesis" mean?

Did You Know?

Did you know that the Church Altar is made of Marble that was imported from Barri, Italy?

One Liner

"Never be afraid to try something new. Remember that amateurs built the Ark, but professionals built the Titanic".

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

St. Monica Homecoming Festival 2018 Parishioner Meeting

All are invited to attend a special parishioner meeting which will center on planning the St. Monica Homecoming Festival for 2018. We hope to have a good discussion of the direction St. Monica Parish should proceed for the future of this event. Your comments and observations are welcome. From this meeting we hope to get an idea of what we can support as a parish for the future of this event. **This important meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 12th, at 7:00 pm, in the Augustine Room of St. Benedict Catholic School.** We hope to see you there.

Fr. Thomas Haren and the Festival Committee

Holy Name Society Members:

Our first meeting back from our summer break will be our installation dinner. The dinner will take place at the Knights of Columbus hall on Granger Rd., **Tuesday, September 5th** at 7pm. There will be a \$5.00 charge for this meeting and **reservations are required.** Please call Will at 216-544-6785 and let me know if you will be attending the dinner.



ST. MONICA SENIOR GROUP

The seniors will meet in the Augustine Room of the school on Sept.12th beginning at 2PM for the installation of officers for the 2017-2018 year at the monthly meetings. Come join your friends for a fun-filled afternoon with refreshments, fun and games!! New members are always welcome SO bring a friend. Hope to see you there.

St. Monica Raffle Winners

\$500 Winner : H. Karr #747, Seller: Chuck Williams, Capt: Bill Skladany

\$500 Winner: Bill Martin #610, Seller: George Medvetz, Capt: Bill Skladany

The next sale of gift cards in Church will take place the weekend of October 7th/ 8th in the Altar Servers Sacristy. Gift cards are always available in the Parish Office during regular Office hours. Thank you for your continued support.

Pastoral Scene

Yes, Sir. Hell IS Real!

My community medallion often is a great conversation starter. I am usually complemented on the medallion first and then asked, "What does it mean?" Once I explain that I am a religious sister, the braver inquirers resurrect those religion questions that have bothered them for years, and after they ask them, I try to answer succinctly and correctly.

A few Tuesdays ago as I was standing in line for my 'extra large coffee with cream and sugar' at Dunkin Donuts, (any size coffee is just \$.99 on Tuesdays), a thirty something gentleman asked me if Hell was real, and I answered, "Absolutely!" I was just about ready to hand over my dollar when he continued, "If I pay for your coffee will you sit with me to answer a few more questions?" I readily agreed but wondered if I should ask him to purchase a couple of donuts as well.

Two of his questions were relatively easy to answer, but his most important concern surfaced with 'one last question: how can a merciful God condemn people to suffer for eternity in Hell?' "God doesn't condemn us to Hell;" I countered. "We send ourselves there." He looked confused so I continued, "Let me use an analogy. It may help."

"Let's say that you have serious type two diabetes. Your physician says you can live a long life provided you do three things. He gives you a list of foods to eat and those to avoid, outlines a reasonable exercise schedule, and prescribes medications that will help in this process. You try what he recommended for a while, and then ignore what he suggested. You die at an early age. At your wake, your buddies join the viewers commenting, 'Poor Ollie. Too bad he didn't follow his doctor's orders. If he had, he would still be bowling with us on Thursdays.' Notice – no one blames Ollie's physician for his death."

"It is the same with God. He has given us three major supports to remain spiritually healthy, namely: The Ten Commandments (notice these are not called 'suggestions'); the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy outlined in Chapter 25 of Matthew's Gospel, and the Sacraments that give us special graces and spiritual support. If we follow what God requires, we remain on the path to heaven. Just as no one blamed Ollie's physician for his death, God also should not be blamed when we ignore these supports, exercise free will, and willingly choose Hell."

We both had finished our coffee and it was time to conclude our conversation. I told him where I worked, gave him my office phone number, and encouraged him to call if he had more questions about the Catholic faith commenting, "and it won't even cost you a cup of coffee."

Extending the same invitation to you – When you have a question, feel free to ask. I'll make the coffee for you when we meet!

Sister Helene

Divine Mercy

Please join us for a special hour of adoration and thanksgiving to the Divine Mercy of Jesus next Sunday, September 10th, 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.



The Diocese of Cleveland will be welcoming a new bishop, the Most Rev. Nelson J. Perez, on Sept. 5, 2017. There will be two special events at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in downtown Cleveland to mark the arrival of the diocese's 11th bishop.



On Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 4, vespers (evening prayer) will take place at 5:30 p.m. The following day, Tuesday, Sept. 5, Bishop Perez will be installed as the Bishop of Cleveland during Mass beginning at 1:30 p.m. Because of limited seating at the cathedral, both liturgies are by invitation-only and tickets are required.

However, there will be several opportunities to view vespers and the installation Mass. Both liturgies will be streamed live online on a special website, bishopperezinstallation.org, and on the diocesan website, dioceseofcleveland.org, as well as on the Diocese of Cleveland Facebook and You Tube pages.

The live stream of the vespers will begin at 5:25pm on Monday, September 4. The live stream of installation Mass will begin at 1:30pm on Tuesday, September 5.

Live television coverage of the installation Mass will be offered on the EWTN nationwide cable television network, beginning at 2 p.m. Sept. 5. Spectrum Cable is also planning to carry the Mass on Channel 1314. In addition, the CatholicTV cable network and radio stations WCCR AM 1260, The Rock, and WILB 1060, Living Bread Radio, will broadcast the installation Mass. Also, Cleveland.com and Ohio.com are expected to stream the installation Mass. Local television stations may carry the installation Mass on their websites, as well. Check the stations' websites for programming details.

Visit bishopperezinstallation.org for the latest details relating to the installation of Bishop Perez.

CWV Post 1812 Clambake

CWV will host a Clambake / Steak Dinner (no clams) at St. Benedict School Gym, 13623 Rockside Road, Garfield Hts, on **Sunday, September 24th from 2pm-4pm. Complete Clambake or 14 oz Steak Dinner (no clams) Donation of \$27 per person. Extra dozen clams \$7.00. Beer, Ice Wash & Pop provided. Ticket deadline, September 22nd. For tickets call Chet @ 216. 475.1965 .**



MATT MAHER IN CONCERT

Grammy Nominated & Dove Award Winning Recording Artist Matt Maher will perform a Benefit Concert for Holy Cross Catholic Schools on September 17, 2017, 7:00PM, at Umstattd Performing Arts Hall in Canton, Ohio. Tickets range from \$15 - \$45 and can be purchased at www.cantonsymphony.org Sponsorships and group rates are available. Please call Suzanne at Holy Cross 330-526-8366.

Line Dancing

Come on out and learn those dances you always wanted to learn in a fun, enjoyable atmosphere. **Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the gym; September 14, 21, 28 & October 5!** Get your dancing shoes ready! **Cost of \$5.00 per session, per person.** Please register in advance with payment at the Parish Office or drop it in the collection basket. **Any questions, please call the Parish Office: 216-662-8685.**





Stewardship

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Aug.26th / Aug. 27th

Regular Sunday Envelopes	\$ 7,228.00
St. Monica Fund	\$ 500.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 12.00

Answer to This Week's Religion Question

What does the word "Genesis" mean?

Answer: "Beginning".

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!

Please support St. Monica Respect for Life Ministry and save 50% on Restaurants (fast food to fancy), Westside Market, Leisure time activities, Golf, Dry Cleaning, retail stores, and much, much more! **Entertainment 2018 Books** are \$30. Anyone purchasing a 2018 Entertainment Book will receive a **FREE 2017 Entertainment Book** (while supplies last). Also available is the popular **Our Town Book & All-Around Dining Directory** (\$28). **Delivery is free!** Call Regina at 216-661-6616. Our Respect for Life Ministry supports Womankind Maternal & Prenatal Care Center; 40 Days for Life, underwrites the "Choose Life!" educational program for St. Benedict Youth412, and other outreaches to build a Culture of Life.

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! **For more information call Diane @ 216.702.5007.**

Parish Activities

MONDAY, September 4

All Buildings Closed—Labor Day

TUESDAY, September 5

2:00 Senior Board Mtg (F)
4:00 Athletic Practice (g)
7:00 MH K of C Board Mtg (AR)

WEDNESDAY, September 6

12:00 Tai Chi (J)
4:00 Athletic Practice (g)
6:30 Growing Our Faith (c)

THURSDAY, September 7

4:00 Athletic Practice (g)
7:00 Pastoral Council Mtg (cc)

FRIDAY, September 8

4:00 Athletic Practice (g)
7:00 PTU Movie Night (parish grounds)

SATURDAY, September 9

9:00 Sandwich Saturday (J)
9:00 Syriac Orthodox Church (AR)
10:00 Bereavement (cmr)

SUNDAY, September 10

8:00/10:00 Coffee & Donuts (c)
2:30 Divine Mercy (+)

YOUTH MINISTRY



We have officially kicked off a new school year and look forward to regular youth group meetings beginning in September! **All students are required to have a completed registration form on file.** Parents/guardians may stop in at drop off to complete a form. **This year doors lock at start time for safety - please plan to arrive early. Light snacks provided.**

Sept 7, 7-8:30pm High School in the Youth Room

Sept 10, ALL Students, Oktoberfest 12:30 Outdoor Mass, 2-4pm Service Project @ Klima Grove, Cuyahoga Hts.

Sept 13, 6:30-7:30 High School (special project) in the Youth Room

Sept 21, 7:8:30, Middle School in the Youth Room

Questions? Call Nancy Heineke at (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

Readings for the Week of September 3, 2017

Sunday	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27
Monday	1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday	Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10, 11; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday	Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Saturday	Saint Peter Claver, Priest Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

St. Therese Parish Presents: Oktoberfest

Sunday, September 10, 2017

Klima Gardens

4646 East 71st Street

Cuyahoga Heights, Ohio 44125

12:30 Outdoor Mass Under the Pavilion

Chinese Raffle & 50/50 Raffle

Bier, Brats, Kraut, Potato Pancakes, Hot Dogs & more

Kids Games, Dancing and the Accordion Man!!

For ticket information call: 216.581.2852

RETROUVAILLE (rediscovery), which is supported by the Catholic diocese of Cleveland, but open to couples of all faiths, consists of a weekend experience for couples and six follow up sessions. A registration fee of \$150 is required to confirm your reservation. For more information concerning the program, or to register, please call Marce or Liz Gliha at 440.357.6580 or 1.800.470.2230, or go online to www.helpourmarriage.org.