

Liturgy Schedule

8:30 Morning Prayer, Rosary, Monday through Friday

Monday, September 18 Weekday

8:00 Cymbor Family

Tuesday, September 19 Weekday

8:00 Nancy Bialkowski (anniv)

Wednesday, September 20 Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-Sang, and Companions, Martyrs

8:00 James Baroni

Thursday, September 21 Saint Mathew, Apostle and Evangelist

8:00 Deceased Members of the Kozuch / Bulanda Families

Friday, September 22 Weekday

8:00 Mike Pucci, Sr

Saturday, September 23

3:15 Confessions

4:00 George & Emma Gogol

Sunday, September 24 Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 People of the Parish

10:00 Joseph & Margaret Dubas

12:00 William Winslow & Mary Bollinger



the following members of our Parish community: **Robert Govang, Vivian Budd, Marie Sabol, Jaclyn Guiditti, 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.



Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended to the family and friends of **Richard Lasker** who was buried this past week. May he and all our dearly departed, rest in peace.



Congratulations to our newly baptized Christians: **Sofia Louise Puma and Jackson Anthony Pekar** and their families.

Religion Question of the Week

Who was the 13th Apostle?

Did You Know?

Did you know there are 20 acres of grounds owned by St. Monica Church?

One Liner

“You don’t stop laughing because you grow old; you grow old because you stop laughing.”

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

Installation of Bishop Nelson Perez

Last Tuesday Bishop Nelson Perez was installed as the 11th Bishop of Cleveland. He was installed by Archbishop Dennis Schnurr of Cincinnati. Over 1,100 people attended this event, including 45 Bishops, 400 Priests and Deacons and 200 Sisters, Brothers and Pastoral Ministers.



In his homily, Bishop Nelson told us that he wanted to be “part of us”. And not the other way around.

The Apostolic Delegate to the United States described him as a person “who knows how to smile”. The ceremony lasted almost three hours, with beautiful music sung by four different choirs. We are proud of our new Bishop, and look forward to his assignment in the Diocese of Cleveland.

Our next Community Breakfast will be on Sunday September 24, 8:30 to 12:00 in the school cafeteria.

The menu will be Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Hash Browns, Juice, **Fresh Baked Cinnamon Roll, and Beverage for \$6.00 for adult and \$3.50 child. Cinnamon rolls will also be for sale to take**



ST. MONICA'S MEAL MINISTRY

home. Dine in or carry out. We are handicapped accessible. Please join us for good food and fellowship. Sorry no service after the 12:00 mass.

Next week, there will be a special collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ, here and around the world in developing countries, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. Fifty percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

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

Mustard Seed Faith

As of late, I've been contemplating the parable of the Mustard Seed. To refresh your memory, it's a short passage that appears in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke.

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.'" (Matthew 13:31-32)

These images stir my imagination a bit. My wife Maureen's favorite holiday movie was *Miracle on 34th Street*...the original 1947 version with Maureen O'Hara and Natalie Wood. While I can take the movie or leave it (I miss my wife, but not the movie all that much!), I must admit that there's a particular quote within it that has always intrigued me: "Faith is believing in something when common sense tells you not to." I'm not sure as to whether or not I agree with that statement. Maybe faith is not so much an "either/or" as it is a "both/and" concept.

In my life, I have found many times that a little faith can go a long way. Take for example, my faith in God. I'm not one that necessarily believes that God moves us around life like a chess piece on a game board, but I do believe that God watches over us, cares for us, walks with us, and above all – loves us unconditionally. To me, the love of God is common sense – and not at all difficult to believe.

But what about the case where ourselves or a loved one is going through a traumatic life event? Is having faith still a matter of common sense? Going back to my chess board theory, I find it very unlikely that (in general terms) God gives us diseases or strikes us down. Rather, I think most of that is just a result of living in this world. After all, how many people living in this world do you know that are 150 years of age or older? We all live – we all die...it's the way of the world. What I tend to believe in such situations is that God walks with us, and just maybe he helps us to find lessons in all of this that will help us to become better people, or that will help someone else who is witnessing our life event.

Not unlike most people, I've experienced a number of tragic situations in my life. I am hardly a Pollyanna...and in each event I went through periods of anger (maybe a little fear of the unknown) and uncertainty as to my courses of action. However, I never felt like God was punishing me for something or being vengeful in some way or abandoning me. As a matter of fact it was my faith in God's love and compassion that helped pull me through each time (sometimes kicking and screaming along the way), but got me through none the less. And compared to that of many others, my faith is just a mustard seed – a tiny speck of what it probably should be.

More to come.....

Bob Soeder

All Around Town and 2018 Entertainment Books

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 and other outreaches to build a Culture of Life.

LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR ANNUAL CARD PARTY GATHERING AGAIN. JOIN US ON OCTOBER 10TH IN THE ST. AUGUSTINE ROOM AT 2PM. THE COST IS \$3.00. WE ARE TAKING RESERVATIONS SO WE CAN HAVE A HEAD COUNT. OUR MENU WILL BE ARBY'S SANDWICHES AND THE BEVERAGES WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE SENIORS. JOIN US AGAIN FOR A FUN FILLED AFTERNOON AND MEET WITH OLD FRIENDS AND NEW FRIENDS. CALL GERRY GOLEM AT 216-581-1777 FOR RESERVATIONS TO LET HER KNOW YOU ARE COMING. A HEAD COUNT IS NEEDED FOR SANDWICHES. PAYMENT IN ADVANCE IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.



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 \$28 per person. Extra dozen clams \$8.00. Beer, Ice Wash & Pop provided. Ticket deadline, September 22nd. For tickets call Chet @ 216. 475.1965 .**



PSR Is Now In Session

Parish School of Religion classes begin on Monday, September 18, with a family Mass at 6:30 pm at Saint Martin of Tours Church, after which all students

will report to their classrooms to begin another GREAT year of growing in faith.

If you are new to Saint Monica Parish or have children who have not been previously enrolled in this program, please contact the Parish Office or Sister Helene. We look forward to having you join us!

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 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 Sept. 9 / Sept. 10

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| Regular Sunday Envelopes | \$ 8,024.00 |
| St. Monica Fund | \$ 541.00 |
| Children's Envelopes | \$ 6.65 |
| Hurricane Harvey Relief | \$ 4,422.00 |

Answer to This Week's Religion Question

Who was the 13th Apostle?

Answer: St Mathias was chosen to replace Judas.

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



Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union

Every year, Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union provides the opportunity for Catholic schools in Ohio to apply for grants to support outside educational programming, technology upgrades, purchasing of new books, or more. **Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union awarded St. Benedict Catholic School with a \$5,000 grant!** The grant will be used to increase and advance the technology for our new STREAM program. The STREAM program incorporates the disciplines of Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art and Mathematics through classroom projects.



Wines Around The World

There is still time to reserve your spot for the 5th Annual Wines Around the World event. The event will take place at **St. Benedict Catholic School on Saturday, October 14th**. Come and spend the evening building community relationships while sampling a variety of different wines and heavy appetizers. There will also be an opportunity to participate in wonderful raffle baskets and silent auction. **Please RSVP to this event by Wednesday, October 4th to the parish offices of St. Monica or St. Martin of Tours. Any questions please call the school office at 216-662-9380.**



Parish Activities

MONDAY, September 18

4:00 Athletic Practice (g)

TUESDAY, September 19

1:00 Nursing Home Visitors Mtg (F)

4:00 Athletic Practice (g)

6:45 SVDP Mtg (p.o. kitchen)

6:45 Boy Scouts (c)

7:00 MH K of C (AR)

WEDNESDAY, September 20

12:00 Tai Chi - Meditation in Motion (J)

4:00 Athletic Practice (c)

6:30 Confirmation Orientation Mtg. (+)

8:00 Ushers Mtg (c)

THURSDAY, September 21

4:00 Athletic Practice (g)

6:30 Guild Mtg (c)

7:00 Line Dancing (g)

FRIDAY, September 22

11:30 Diocesan Mtgs (AR)

4:00 Athletic Practice (g)

SATURDAY, September 23

9:00 Breakfast Prep (k)

10:00 Bereavement (cmr)

SUNDAY, September 24

8:30—12:00 Breakfast Serving (c)

2:00 CWV Clambake (g)

FR. NATHAN CROMLY: "MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE"

Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2017, Talk Begins At 7 p.m.

Cornerstone of Hope

5905 Brecksville Road, Independence

What is your treasure? What do you look for out of your every day? What is most important in your life? If God and the Catholic faith are not at the top of your list, or even in the top three, is it any wonder why you find Mass so boring, outdated, or "optional." Tonight you will discover why you are here, why God created you and what He created you for. God has a purpose and mission in your life and through your participation in the mass it is our hope that you will come to see that there is a lot more going on at Mass than you ever imagined. Talk is free to attend, but a free-will offering will be collected to benefit Fr. Nathan's Ministry efforts. Italian meal (pasta, meat, salad, dessert) available for a charge.

Program

* Rosary 5:45 p.m.

* Mass 6-6:30 p.m.

* Dinner 6:30-7:15 p.m.

* Fr. Nathan talk "More than meets the Eye" 7:15-8 p.m.

Dinner (Optional, but must pay in advance online)

* \$8.00 child's dinner 14 and under

* \$15.00 adult meal

Call Cornerstone of Hope at 216.524.4673 with questions.

Register on line at :

<https://form.jotform.us/72254472730151>

Readings for the Week of September 17, 2017

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| Sunday | Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 27:30—28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35 |
| Monday | 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9; Lk 7:1-10 |
| Tuesday | Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6; Lk 7:11-17 |
| Wednesday | Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gón, Priest, and Paul Chóng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 7:31-35 |
| Thursday | Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13 |
| Friday | 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Lk 8:1-3 |
| Saturday | Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 8:4-15 |
| Sunday | Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18, 18a; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a |

K of C Wednesday Night Dinner

DATE: Wednesday September 76, 2017

TIME: 4 - 7 PM

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

MEATLOAFDinner consists of: **Dinner will consist of Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Salad, Rolls & Butter**Costs: **Adults - \$10 Children Under 12 - \$8**

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

DINNERS BY: LORI'S CUSTOM CATERING**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: 216-662-2277 mailbox #2****DUE BY MONDAY SEPTEMBER 25 - NOON**

The Isabella Guild will also be selling fresh bakery

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.**