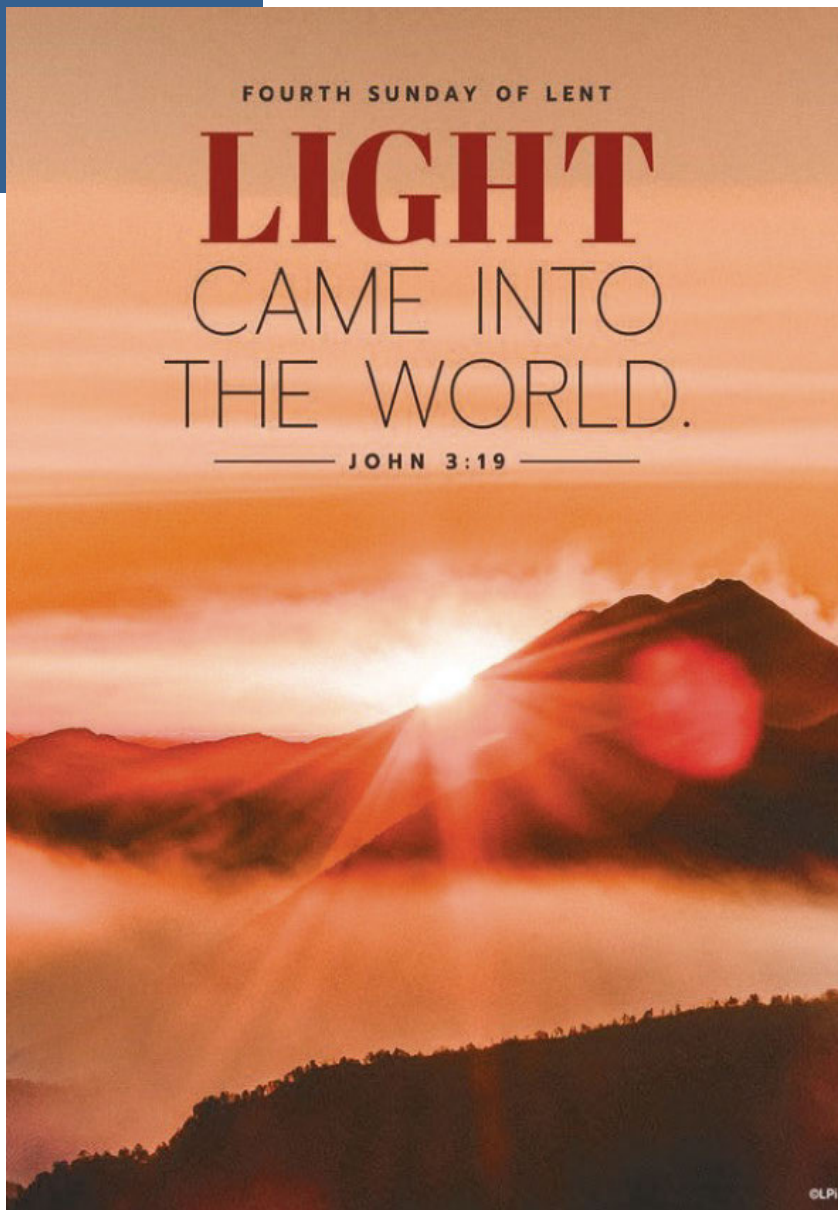


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Saturday | 4:00pm

Sunday | 9:00 and 10:45am

Monday - Friday | 8:00am

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Saturday | 3:15pm

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Monday - Thursday | 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Friday | 8:00 am - Noon

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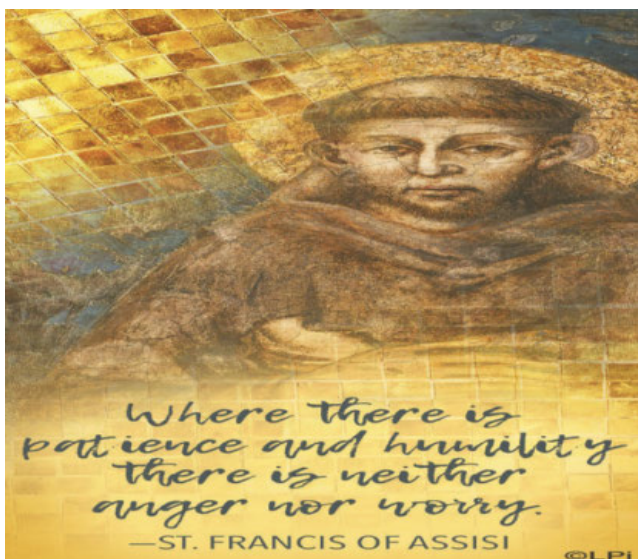
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Pastoral Scene

HEART BEFORE KNOWLEDGE

It's not uncommon to hear people complain that we Catholics often fail in communicating our faith. Fair enough. We can and should improve there. But it's interesting to notice that Jesus himself was implicitly accused by his disciples of a similar failure. The disciples were perplexed that he speaks to the crowds in ambiguous parables. The Lord's riddles leave many people more confused than before. He responds by pointing out that his parables have an intentional dual purpose: to hide (for some) and to reveal (for others) his Gospel: "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted" (Matthew 13:11). Is Jesus being unnecessarily difficult?



This Week's Highlight

A Journey to Joy!

Our Parish Mission is this week,

Sunday, March 10th

Monday, March 11th

Tuesday, March 12th

7:00 pm

Tuesday afternoon at 1:00pm

for Children

In the church

No. We have to remember that all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge lie hidden in him. He is the word of God from heaven to be planted in the earth of our humanity to bear great fruit. However, like a lover delicately pursuing his beloved, we're dealing with a relationship, not new data. When we aren't willing to personally accept Jesus into our lives, the "info" of the Gospel will simply not make sense to us. But when we are willing to accept Jesus into our lives, everything else starts to make sense. When others don't understand the Church or the Lord, let's be patient. Love is patient. Sometimes it has to hide before it is revealed.

Deacon Stan

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St. Monica Fund.....	\$ 1,188.00
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Please note our average weekly expenses are \$13,546.00



Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended to the families and friends of all who have recently died. May they and all of the dearly departed, rest in peace.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 10 4th Sunday of Lent

9:00am Walter & Julia Tabaj
10:45am Patrick & Jenny Ballato

Monday, March 11 Lenten Weekday

8:00am Michael Vondrembse
8:30am Exposition following mass

Tuesday, March 12 Lenten Weekday

8:00am Ann Marszal

Wednesday, March 13 Lenten Weekday

8:00am Bernice & Roger
Augustine

Thursday, March 14 Lenten Weekday

8:00am Paul Varrati

Friday, March 15 Lenten Weekday

8:00am Adam Gregg

Saturday, March 16 Lenten Weekday

4:00pm Living & deceased Lois &
Joe Styfurak Family

Sunday, March 17 5th Sunday of Lent

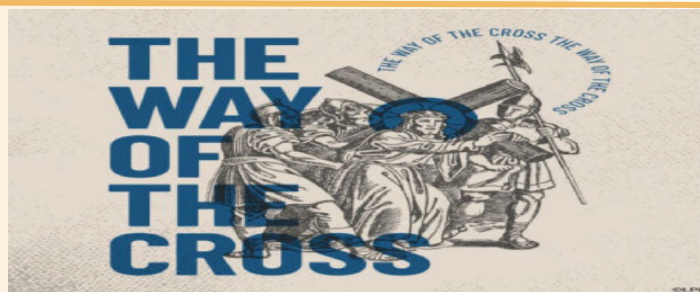
9:00am Frank Restifo
10:45am Daniel J Stanowick

SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

Please pray for the Seminarians of the Cleveland Diocese. Please join us in praying for the following seminarians this week:

- Monday: Thomas Bryne
- Tuesday: Augustine Drexler
- Wednesday: Stephen Vavro
- Thurs: Miguel Estrada
- Friday: Dan Jordan
- Sat: Nathan Menkhaus
- Sunday: *Pray for Parents of Priest*

**Stations
of the Cross
Friday at 3:30
in the
Church**



Please Pray For the Parishioners Listed Below

Frank Zore, Jennie Brikowski, Joanne Reddinger,
Baby Zander, Fr. Ted Marszal, Annie Runyeon,
Anthony Bifro, Maggie Hojnowski (infant), Gaylene and Lisa
Bielawski, Larry Piechowiak, Special Intention,
Marianne Toma, Sally Weiskopf,
Jerry Perchinske, Madeleine Iglodi

*Please call the parish office if you would like to add a name to the prayer list.
216-662-8685*

THIS WEEK

Activities CALENDAR

Monday, March 11

4:00pm Spring Sports Practice (g)
4:00pm Walking Class (J)
6:00 pm CWV Meeting (c)
7:00 pm Lenten Mission (+)

Tuesday, March 12

8:45am Confirmation Preparation (F)
2:00pm Senior Meeting (J)
4:00pm Spring Sports Practice (g)
6:30pm Baptism Class (F)
7:00pm Lenten Mission (+)

Wednesday, March 13

3:00pm Fish Fry Prep (c)
4:00pm Spring Sports Practice (g)
6:30pm G.A. Meeting (+)
6:30pm Series on Catholicism & the Saints (c)

Thursday, March 14

3:00pm Fish Fry Prep (c)
4:00pm Spring Sports Practice (g)
4:00pm Walking Class (J)

Friday, March 15

4:00pm Spring Sports Practice (g)
4:00pm Fish Fry (c)

Sunday, March 17

1:00pm Fashion Show Basket
Assembly (M)
7:30pm A.A. Meeting (c)



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Senior Meeting

The March meeting is this Tuesday,
March 12th at 2:00pm
in the St. Joseph Room .
New Members are Always Welcome



Series on Catholicism and the Saints

Please join us for an informative evening to reflect on the history, tradition, and joy of the Catholic Church Wednesdays during Lent. We will be exploring the Church through the Bishop Barron Series on Catholicism

Location: Cafeteria

Any questions please call Fr John (216-662-8685) Ext 115

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Thank you for considering this opportunity to make a difference at Zelie's Home.

OTHER INFORMATION

Business Manager – St. Monica Parish

This full-time position supports the mission, vision, and values of St. Monica Church by providing the Pastor with support in the financial administration and management of the parish. The business manager is responsible for the day-to-day accounting functions of the parish (payables, receivables, payroll, donations), and managing/preparing all budgetary, fiscal, and statistical records, including reports to the Pastor, Finance Council and Diocese. Additionally, he/she assists in the management of the campus facilities and human resources, preparing the agenda for the finance council meetings, and working with Diocesan entities to assure that all required controls and systems are in place per the Cleveland Catholic Diocese, State and Federal requirements.

Qualifications:

- A strong commitment to the values, teachings, mission, and ministry of the Catholic Church, St. Monica parish, and the Diocese of Cleveland.
- Bachelor's degree in business, accounting, or relevant program.
- Experience in administrative leadership/management.
- Excellent communication, interpersonal, and listening skills.
- Excellent organizational and time management skills.
- Experience in a non-profit or church setting is preferred, as is experience with journal-entry-based accounting and proficiency in using Microsoft Office Suite

Interested candidates, please submit a cover letter (including salary requirements), resume, and contact information for three (3) references.



In Sandra Amaya's home in Morazán, El Salvador, everyone helps with the chores. Early in the morning Sandra lights the firewood to cook, prepares coffee and sweeps the chicken coop. Oscar, her eldest son, helps make breakfast before walking nearly two hours to his high school. Nine-year-old Gamaliel grinds corn and, after having breakfast, goes to school accompanied by his father Santos and his little brother, Caleb.



Santos, Sandra's husband, is a farmer, but longer droughts and unpredictable rains have reduced his harvests and, therefore, his income. Seeking to earn extra money, Sandra began selling bread, tamales and empanadas. When she heard about a Catholic Relief Services project on raising chickens, Sandra didn't hesitate to join. She learned about preparing food for chickens and that they eat better if they are in a pen. She also learned how to vaccinate and take care of them if they get sick.

As soon as Sandra received some chickens from the project, she began to apply her knowledge. Now her family has access to their own eggs, which saves them money on food, especially now that prices are so high. In addition, her family eats healthier because they can eat a variety of foods, instead of just beans or tortillas with salt.

Sandra wants to keep learning and Santos supports her. "I made the decision to be a promoter because I wanted to have new knowledge; no one can take knowledge away from you," she says. "I discussed it with my husband and he agreed." When she travels far to attend a training, Santos takes care of the children. Upon her return, Sandra enjoys supporting other families by teaching them everything she learned.

Our Catholic faith teaches us how important it is to live in community for our growth and fulfillment. We believe that all people should participate in society, seeking the well-being of all, especially that of our sisters and brothers in need, just as Sandra does.

St. Monica Parish Lenten Fish Fries

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Community Town Hall Meeting



Tuesday, March 12th
6:30pm - 8pm

Garfield Heights Civic Center
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At this meeting, Garfield Heights Mayor Matt Burke and Maple Heights Mayor Annette Blackwell will introduce residents to the Cuyahoga County Scam Squad. The Scam Squad helps protect residents from financial fraud and scams. We hope to see you there!



Garfield Heights Mayor
Matt Burke



Maple Heights Mayor
Annette Blackwell



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Entrance Chant 528 Save Us, O Lord

First Reading 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the LORD's temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem.

Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power. All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah: "Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled."

In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing: "Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!"

The Responsorial Psalm Psalm 137:1-6

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

By the streams of Babylon
we sat and wept
when we remembered Zion.

On the aspens of that land
we hung up our harps.

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

For there our captors asked of us
the lyrics of our songs,
And our despoilers urged us to be joyous:
"Sing for us the songs of Zion!"

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

How could we sing a song of the LORD
in a foreign land?

If I forget you, Jerusalem,
may my right hand be forgotten!

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

May my tongue cleave to my palate
if I remember you not,
If I place not Jerusalem
ahead of my joy.

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

READINGS & SONGS

Second Reading Ephesians 2:4-10

Brothers and sisters: God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ — by grace you have been saved —, raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

Gospel John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”

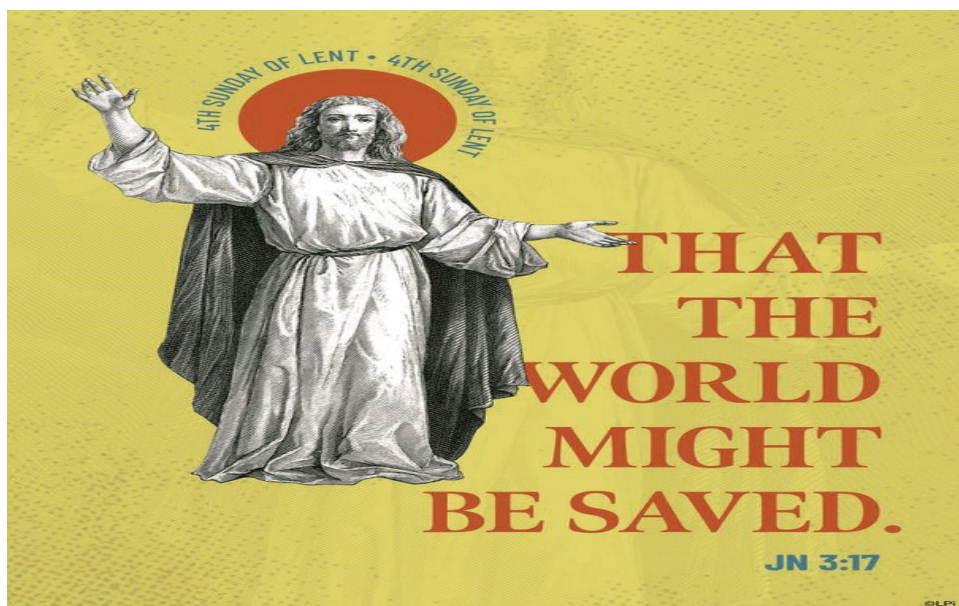
For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

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Communion Chant 687 You Are Near

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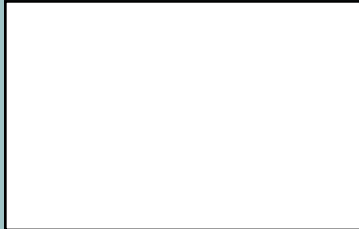
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