

APRIL 14, 2024



St. Monica CHURCH

WELCOME

Masses

Saturday | 4:00pm

Sunday | 9:00 and 10:45am

Mon - Fri | 8:00am

No Mass on Thursday

Confession

Saturday | 3:15pm

Parish Office Hours

Mon - Thurs | 8:00am - 5:00pm

Friday | 8:00am - Noon

Saturday & Sunday | Closed

Parish Clergy

Pastor | Rev. John J. Mullee

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Rev. Theodore Marszal

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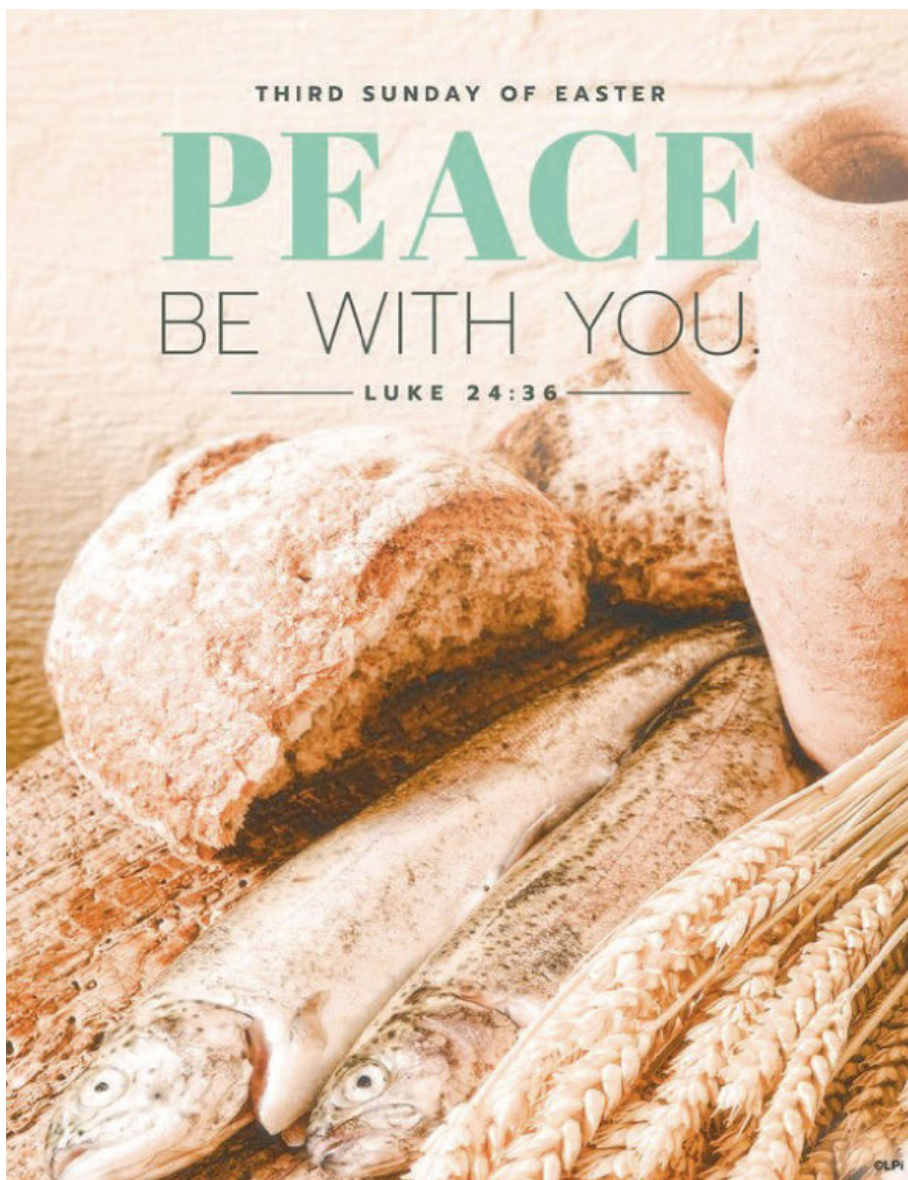
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by NOON on Friday the week before.

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St. Benedict | (216) 662-9380

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OUR MISSION

We, the parish of St. Monica, work to create a Christlike family, welcoming all people where one encounters a loving God, by serving the spiritual, educational and social needs of the community.

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PASTORAL SCENE

Pastoral Scene

The Miracle of the Holy Fire in Jerusalem

Until Trapper Jack told us about the Miracle of the Holy Fire, I had no clue that this recurring miracle even existed. It occurs yearly, on the Orthodox Easter Saturday, at the same time, in the same manner, and on the same spot – the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem which also contains both Golgatha, the little hill on which Jesus was crucified, and “the new tomb” given by Joseph of Arimathea that received Jesus’ dead body. Although our Easter changes

dates each year for Catholics and Protestants, the Orthodox Easter does not because it follows the Julian Calendar, not our Gregorian Calendar.

The miracle of the Holy Fire happens at 2:00PM, but already around 11:00 AM, the church itself and the land around it are ‘erupting’ with visitors. At 1:00 PM, local authorities’ elbow through the crowds..... Their function is to represent the Romans in the time of Jesus, to seal the tomb of Jesus, so that his disciples would not seal his body and claim that Jesus had risen. The Israeli officials seal the tomb of Jesus, but first they enter the tomb to check for any hidden source of fire which could produce the miracle through fraud.

A blue light from the very stone on which Jesus laid rises from it. At a certain point, the light rises and forms a column from which others are able to light their candles, but it is fire that does not burn with any heat! The fire is changed with a blue light – and it rises and forms a column in which the fire is of a different nature. It is from that light that arises, so the Patriarch can light his candle and then light the Coptic Patriarch’s candle as well. The flame then is presented to all present in the Sepulcher.

The miracle is not confined to the Church itself, because the blue fire appears and is active outside the tomb. It ignites candles spontaneously, even from a distance, often moving around the Church and spontaneously attesting to the blue light that has lit one’s candle. The miracle of Holy Fire is almost like a sacrament to those at the ceremony. It makes the Resurrection of Christ present to all as if he had died only a few days ago. The biggest argument against fraud is not the testimony of the patriarchs or priests. It is the testimony of participants whose candles have been lit spontaneously, and there are thousands of those!

Miracles cannot be proved, have never been filmed and probably never will be. The true miracle in the Christian tradition has only one purpose – to extend the Grace of God in creation. It depends upon the faith of the people, for without faith no miracle can happen!

Believing the Holy Fire Comes,
Sister Helene

This Week’s Highlight

Mark Your Calendar It’s Party at the Pavilion Time

Party at the Pavilion #1

June 13th

Party at the Pavilion

#2

July 11th

and

Parish Picnic

August 25th



STEWARDSHIP FOR APRIL 7, 2024

Sunday Offering	\$ 5,971.50
St. Monica Fund.....	\$ 1,620.00
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St. Monica Fund.....	\$ 145.00
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Good Friday.....	\$ 363.00
Easter	\$ 11,824.25



Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended for the family and friends of:
 Frank Calapa
 Who was recently buried.
 May he and all of our dearly departed rest in peace

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 14

3rd Sunday of Easter

9:00am People of the Parish

10:45am John & Jean

Kusmierczyk

Monday, April 15

Easter Weekday

8:00am Michael Wyrzykowski

8:30am Exposition following mass

Tuesday, April 16

Easter Weekday

8:00am Kevin Rowinski

Wednesday, April 17

Easter Weekday

8:00am All Souls

Thursday, April 18

Easter Weekday

No Morning Mass

Friday, April 19

Easter Weekday

8:00am Michael Vondrembse

Saturday, April 20

Easter Weekday

4:00pm Bea & Bob Sabatka

Family

Sunday, April 21

4th Sunday of Easter

9:00am George Stepanik

10:45am People of the Parish

SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

Please pray for the Seminarians of the Cleveland Diocese

Please join us in praying for the following seminarians this week:

Monday: Kyle Rosser

Tuesday: Travis Seagraves

Wednesday: Mitch Carson

Thurs: Cameron Ferrell

Friday: Nathan Frankart

Sat: Joseph Truong Viet Ho

Sunday: *Pray for Seminary Faculty & Staff*



Join us every Thursday at 6:00 pm in Church as we pray the Rosary. All are invited.

Pray for individuals struggling with addiction.

Please Pray For the Parishioners Listed Below

Dorothy Hanzlick, Sally Weiskopf, Danny Weiskopf, Nina Hubiak, Agnes Ungarsky, Jeff Machado, Frank Zorc, Joanne Reddinger, Baby Zander, Fr. Ted Marszal, Annie Runyeon, Anthony Bifro, Maggie Hojnowski (infant), Gaylene and Lisa Bielawski, Marianne Toma

*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, April 15

4:00pm Spring Sports Practice (g)
4:00pm Walking Class (J)

Tuesday, April 16

4:00pm Spring Sports Practice (g)
6:30pm St Vincent de Paul Mtg (F)

Wednesday, April 17

4:00pm Spring Sports Practice (g)
6:30pm G.A. Meeting (+)

Thursday, April 18

3:00pm School (g)
4:00pm Spring Sports Practice (g)
4:00pm Walking Class (J)
6:30pm Guild Meeting (c)

Friday, April 19

4:00pm Spring Sports Practice (g)

Saturday, April 20

9:00am Syriac Orthodox Church (J)

Sunday, April 21

7:30pm A.A. Meeting (c)

Fish Fry Frozen Leftovers

Interested is a good deal on frozen leftovers.
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Salmon—6oz serving size \$4.00 each
Pierogies—5# bag \$12.00 each
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Pre-Cana Retreat

The SS Cosmas & Damian's Pre-Cana Retreat will take place on Sunday, April 21, 2024. Registration is due by Monday April 15, 2024. More information available on the registration link: [2024 Pre-Cana Registration](#). If you have any questions, please contact Charlene Vance at 330-840-9943. (St. Monica's will not have a Pre-Cana Retreat this year)

Thank You !

SE Suburban Post 1812 Aux. of the Catholic War Veterans. Thanks to everyone who supported our recent Strudel Sale, sorry we were sold out before 10:45 Mass you help many people in need. Thank You.

Guild Meeting

The April Guild meeting is this Thursday, April 18th at 6:30 in the cafeteria. All are Welcome

My Daily Prayer

Do you like to begin your day with prayer?
Do you need some prayer time during your lunch hour?
Do you like to end your day with prayer?
The Diocese of Cleveland is pleased to offer daily audio prayers delivered to you via email every morning. The prayers are led by a variety of clergy from the diocese and provide a simple way to create and sustain a prayerful relationship with God.

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dioceseofcleveland.org/mydailyprayers

Prayer to St. Michael

**St. Michael the Archangel,
Defend us in battle;
Be our protection against the
wickedness
and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him,
we humbly pray;
And do thou, O Prince of
the heavenly host,
By the power of God,
thrust into hell
Satan and all evil spirits
who wander through the world
for the ruin of souls.
Amen.**



Garfield Heights Knights of Columbus Wednesday Night Dinners

Reservations by Friday,

April 19 @ 8pm

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Wednesday, April 24

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Marriage & Banns

| Megan Volinkski and Tyler Bias



April Calendar Winners

Monday, April 1st **Frances Arko**

Two tickets to see the Cleveland Orchestra
at Severance Hall Value \$100

Tuesday, April 2nd **Fr Ted Marszal**

Harry's Steakhouse \$40 gift certificate
Clip-ity Clop Western Wear \$25 gift card
Value \$65

Wednesday, April 3rd **Diminic Armeni**

Pettiti's 2 \$25 gift card. Value of \$50

Thursday, April 4th **Darlene Malicki**

Costco gift cards \$100 Value \$100

Friday April 5th **Virginia Supan**

Ricco's Beauty Solon \$25 gift card and Bath
& Body Works \$25 gift card Value \$50

Saturday, April 6th **Gary Marotta**

Pet Supply Plus, \$25 gift card and
Amazon \$50 gift card Value \$75

Sunday, April 7th **Mr & Mrs Harnocz**

Olive Garden \$15 gift card, Bob Evans \$20
gift card, Courtyard Café \$15 gift card and
Simon's Restaurant & Deli \$15 gift card
Value \$65

Monday, April 8th **Mark Hojnowski**

Ice Cream maker and Accessories
Value \$100

Tuesday, April 9th **Kathleen Schrciber**

Cuyahoga Valley Railroad \$40 gift card and
Darden Restaurants \$25 gift card
Value \$65

OTHER INFORMATION

Christ our Light!

Easter boldly proclaims that Christ is the Light stronger than all the darkness. He is our way, our truth and our life. He is the path of peace.

Come on Sunday, August 4 as we gather in the light of summer to rejoice in the Eternal Light of Christ at The FEST. Our 23rd Annual Catholic Family FESTival takes place at the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe.

Come and enjoy the best national Christian artists: **Casting Crowns, We the Kingdom, Cochren & Co., Caleb & John.** There are inspiring and fun activities for the kids and grandkids. There are meaningful displays, family friendly food, opportunities for prayer and reflection. There's something for everyone at The FEST. The day will conclude with an inspiring outdoor Mass with Bishop Malesic and Bishop Woost.

Invite your family and friends to join you for this amazing day of faith, family and fun – all for FREE – thanks to our friends at: **Marc's, First Day School Supplies, and Baron's Bus.** This summer bask in the joy and Light of Christ at The FEST.



THEFEST

Visit the TheFEST.us

Mission for Peace—May 31-June 4, 2024—with the Dominican Sisters of Peace

The Dominican Sisters of Peace invite single, Catholic women, ages 18-45, to attend a no-cost "Mission for Peace" prayer and service immersion program, designed to help women explore contemporary Dominican life. Experience Dominican PRAYER, enjoy a behind-the-scenes glimpse of COMMUNITY LIFE with our Sisters, engage in SERVICE to the local community, and reflect on God's call and PURPOSE for your life.

This five-day service program begins at 9:00am on Friday, May 31, and concludes at noon, Tuesday, June 4 at the Dominicans Sisters of Peace Motherhouse, 2320 Airport Drive, Columbus, Ohio. For more information, call, or text Sister Mai-dung Nguyen at 405-248-7027 or email mai-dung.nguyen@oppeace.org. (The sisters can offer some travel assistance on a need basis).

Celebrate Spring!

At Our 38th Annual Fashion Show/Luncheon

Sponsored by St Monica Church Ladies Guild
Sunday, April 21, 2024
1:00 PM

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*That you, rooted & grounded in
love, may have strength to
comprehend with all the holy ones
what is the breadth and length
and height and depth of the love
of Christ.*
~ Ephesians 3:17-18



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Grow in every way into him.

~ Ephesians 4:15

April 28th, 2024
12:30-4:00

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Entrance Chant 415 Alleluia! Alleluia!

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter said to the people: "The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied in Pilate's presence when he had decided to release him. You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses.

Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away."

The Responsorial Psalm Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-9

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

When I call, answer me, O my just God,
you who relieve me when I am in distress;
have pity on me, and hear my prayer!

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

Know that the LORD does wonders for his faithful one;
the LORD will hear me when I call upon him.

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

O LORD, let the light of your countenance shine upon us!
You put gladness into my heart.

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

As soon as I lie down, I fall peacefully asleep,
for you alone, O LORD,
bring security to my dwelling.

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

Second Reading 1 John 2:1-5a

My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments. Those who say, "I know him," but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them. But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

READINGS & SONGS

Gospel Luke 24:35-48

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.

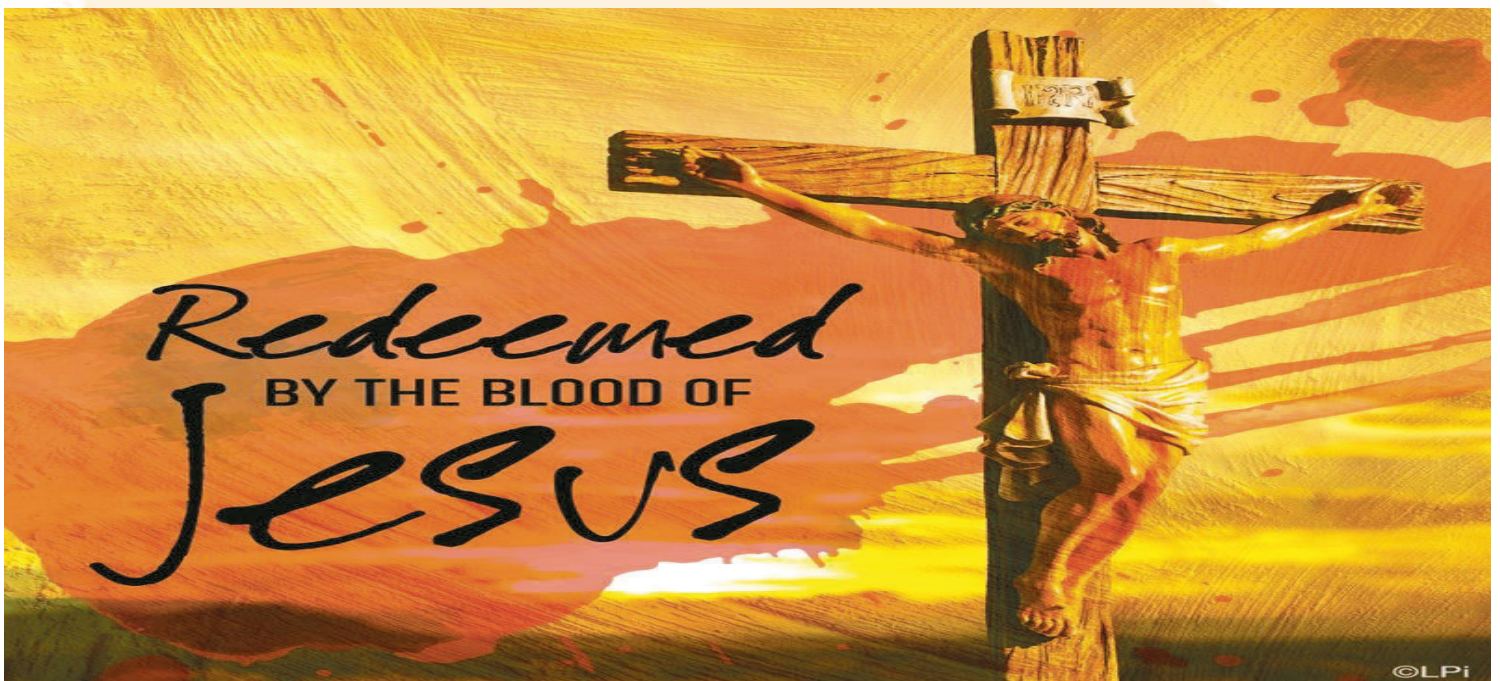
He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

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Offertory Chant 701 Dona Nobis Pacem (Traditional)

Communion Chant 779 In the Breaking of the Bread

The Concluding Rites 566 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name



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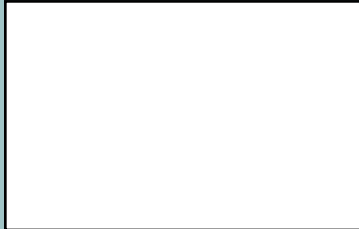
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