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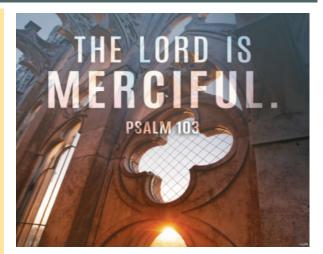
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# **MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm, 6:00pm Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm Monday-Friday: 7:00am and 8:00am Holy Days: 5:30pm (Vigil), 7:00am, 9:00am, 5:30pm, 7:00pm



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**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21** 

- 7:00AM All Souls Day Intentions 8:00AM Kalie Kulesa
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle. 7:00AM Geniveve Peters

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8:00AM	<b>Marlene</b> Profitt

- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr. 7:00AM James F. Svoboda 8:00AM Margaret Pasciak
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24 7:00AM Joseph & Mary Ondrisek
  - 8:00AM Katie Caruso
- **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25** 
  - 7:00AM Jean & Paul Palisin 8:00AM Mary Ann Koenig
- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26 4:30PM Peter Dagostino
  - 6:00PM Janet Dobransky
- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time. 8:00AM For People of the Parish (living & deceased) 10:00AM Mrs & Mrs Koloday

10:00AM Mr. & Mrs. Kolodgy

12:00PM Anthony LoSchiavo

Ilease Iray For: David Antosiak, Dominic Arotzarena, Chad Bigley, Karen Burke, Rick & Christopher Buzinski, Terry Cook, Donna Cornell, Janet Cron, Marcia Demko, Margaret Double, Norbert Erker, Jack Ernest, Greg Findura, Ryan Kelly Fosco & baby Jayden, Anne Kilbane-Friedl, Sandra & Logan Friedl, Frances Funtek, Sam Gappa, Olivia Garvin, Josephine Gaul, Robert Gielski, Frank Gumina, Rose Marie Hewitt, Ron Hicks, Celeste Hurley, Marian Jarabek, Colleen Jarvis, Kim Jesionek, Janet Johnson, Lou Ann Keith, Betty Kilbane, Donald Kotarsky, Anthony Kronholz, Cynthia Kufleitner, Andrea Lagzdins, Bernice Laskan, Brian Lear, John J. Lieske, Pat Lieske, Corinne Lipinski, Michelle Maczko, Thomas Madej, Andy Magnani, Steven Marusa, Edward & Josephine Maskulka, Lenore Masterson, Claudia Mazanec, Rosemarie Medvin, John Metzger, Jane Najlepszy, Mary Niec, Ann Marie Niziolek, Rose Nosse, Dora Oney, Gabe Papke, Marla Perko, John Peters, Carrie Piechowski, Nick & John Precario, Matthew Powers, Brian Puhaulik, Leigh-Ann Revay, Kendall Rossi, Christopher Reeves, Lorraine Schmidt, Margaret Sheridan, Helen Smith, Joan Smyke, Doug Stos, Sylvia Stibley, Diane Straub, Logan Thomas, Richard Turocy, Annie Vorndran, Margaret and Mary Williamson, Cathy Yappel, Christopher Yurko, Tina Weaver, Abigail Weir.



Baptized on Sunday, February 13, 2022: Scarlett Hayes Gedeon

SRest in Peace

Kalie Elizabeth Kulesa Margaret Passe

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#### SUNDAY THOUGHT Luke 6:27-38

Once again, this weekend our hearts are stretched by our Gospel selection. Jesus says such wonderful things about living. Imagine not getting angry when others cause us harm. What would it be like to have a heart so open to forgiving every hurt that came our way? How would we live if we were not tied down to the things we count so very precious in life? Jesus' teachings seem so wonderfully idealistic and yet quite impossible to live out. The good news today is that Jesus never asks anything of us that He does not also supply the grace to fulfill. The key to Christ-like living is being set free from the cares of the world and the principles of our fallen nature that formed and shaped us. As we learn to rely on the Holy Spirit's power within us, we will find ourselves able to live by a different set of principles – the principles of the Gospel - that are the fruits of our relationship with Jesus.

# **CELEBRATING THE SAINTS** Saint Joseph Calasanz, Founder (1557-1648)

A native of the Kingdom of Aragon in Spain, Joseph Calasanz received an outstanding education and was ordained to the priesthood. After serving in a succession of prestigious posts in his homeland, he went to Rome.

There Joseph joined the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, which taught Sunday school to children. When Joseph saw the suffering of the many homeless and poor children who were turned away because of their inability to pay, he conceived of something entirely new: free education for the poor. A friend offered two rooms in a parish in the slums, and with three other priests, Joseph opened a school in November 1597. Within a week, the school had one hundred pupils. Soon, new spaces were found, and Joseph moved in with the priests who had joined him, founding the Piarist Order. By 1612, they had been granted papal support and were serving 1,200 students.

Joseph suffered greatly when a hostile priest used his influence to have Joseph detached from his own order. For the last twenty-six years of his life, Joseph lived under a cloud of manufactured false accusations, and the Piarists lost their papal status. Joseph bore it all with patience until his death at the age of 90 in 1648. Afterward, his name was cleared, and the Piarists were reestablished. Today, they serve worldwide. Saint Joseph Calasanz's feast day is celebrated on August 25.

#### ST. ANTHONY STATUE

Sometime during the night of February 11, 2022, vandals pushed the statue of St. Anthony of Padua off the pedestal in front of the rectory and school. The statue has been damaged in the fall and we are in the process of determining the possibility of repairing it. Please say a prayer for those who committed this senseless act of vandalism.



2022 from 8 am to 12 noon.

Seating is limited so RSVP will be required via email at <u>wfmstanthony@gmail.com</u> or by calling the parish office at (440) 842-2666.

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW IN UPCOMING BULLETINS.

# THE GLORIOUS ROAD TO JOY PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

These years of pandemic have left all of us feeling a bit more isolated and anxious than we care to be. Let's come together for a parish retreat this Lent that will help us all to be renewed in our joy. Together we will explore the glorious experiences on which joy is built, we will learn how to become resilient to joy-sapping shame, and we will discern more keenly the loving presence of God in our lives. Each night will consist of a lively one hour talk, after which we will return home with some journal questions to ponder. Please plan to join us these three nights, from **February 27 - March 1**.



Our presenter, Fr. Mark Ott, was ordained for the Diocese of Cleveland in 2001. Since 2012, he has been teaching Sacred Scripture at St. Mary Seminary in Wickliffe, and preaching Weekend Masses at Holy Martyrs Church in Medina.

# **BLOOD DRIVE**

Please donate blood with Vitalant at the blood drive being held **Sunday**, **March 13**, **2022** from 9:00am to 1:30pm. Blood mobiles will be located at the school entrance. **Appointments are recommended and can be made by logging into www.Vitalant.org.** Walk up donations will also be accepted day of the drive. Help save a life by donating.



From March 2 – April 10 you are invited to join with other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of pray-

er and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray anytime between 7 am to 7 pm during the 40-day vigil in the public rightof-way outside **Preterm** - 12000 Shaker Blvd, Cleveland, 44120 or **Planned Parenthood** - 25350 Rockside Rd, Bedford Hts, 44146, or **Family Planning** – 462 Chardon St, Painesville, 44077.

Join us at the Kickoff Rally at Our Lady of Mount Carmel-Wickliffe on Sunday, February 27 at 2 pm. Keynote Speaker is Fr. Stephen Imbarrato. Contact John Noall <u>clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com</u> or 216-245-9744 for more information.



The 2022 Catholic Charities Appeal is underway with an inpew commitment process taking place

this weekend. This is not a special collection; rather, the Catholic Charities Appeal represents the chance for all Catholics to make a significant pledge, payable in installments, to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland in order to support its mission of a society that stands united in its support of the "least among us."

Many parishioners have received a letter from Bishop Malesic requesting their support. If you have not received this letter, please respond to the in-pew commitment process today! If you have received the mailing, please respond to it. There is a box on the inpew envelope to indicate that you have responded by mail.

Be the Light. Your support of the 2022 Catholic Charities Appeal helps us to carry out the mission that Jesus entrusted to us: I say to you, whatever you did for



one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Please consider a generous gift that will change the lives of the 400,000 who are served each year in Northeast Ohio. Please pray for the success of the Appeal, which provides for essential programs and services in need throughout all eight counties of the Diocese of Cleveland.



office to help.

## ST. ANTHONY'S LENTEN FISH FRY

Mark your calendar now to once again enjoy St. Anthony of Padua's delicious Lenten Fish Fry. We will continue to offer <u>carry out</u> <u>only</u> Fish Fries every Friday evening during Lent (including Good Friday) from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. from the cafeteria kitchen of the school. Volunteers are <u>always welcomed</u>. Leave your name at the parish

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**Pick of the Week: The Wild Goose: Episode 10, The Spirit and the Desert.** Sometimes we might feel like we're stuck in spiritual deserts. In this episode of The Wild Goose, Fr. Dave Pivonka shares how the Holy Spirit is present even in these times of desolation. Also check out, Formed Now! The Next Pope. As we celebrate the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter this week, join Dr. Tim Gray and George Weigel as they discuss the past, present, and future of the papacy!

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#### THE FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

Every year on February 22, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter. Confusing to many, this feast is less about an ancient piece of furniture than it is about the office of the pope and his role as a sign of unity and peace. How to celebrate the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter. Pray for the pope, your local bishop and the unity of the Church. Our leaders in Church rely on the prayers of the faithful. It is especially fitting on this day to pray that God grants them whatever grace they need to fulfill the duty of their office. Since the Chair of St. Peter also symbolizes the unity of the Church, today is a good day to pray for an end to divisions within the Church. This includes division and politics within the Catholic Church as well as the divisions that separate Catholic, Orthodox, Protestant and other branches of Christianity.

# WEEKLY PRAYER

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20, 2022**

- Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/ 1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38
- Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 9:14-29
- Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19
- Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/Mk 9:38-40
- Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20/Mk 9:41-50
- Friday: Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/Mk 10:1-12
- Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8/Mk 10:13-16
- Next Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

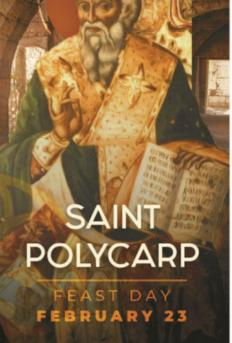
# **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20, 2022**

Sunday:	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Presidents' Day; St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday:	The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
Wednesday:	St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
Next Sunday:	8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

# LIVE THE LITURGY

#### Inspiration for the week

"Love your enemies and do good to them." We have such a hard time with this teaching! But it doesn't end there. Jesus continues with turning the other cheek when struck, giving to everyone who asks, doing to others as you would have them do to you, being merciful, stopping our judgment of others, forgiving, and giving. We are okay when God does these things but get a little anxious when we realize that God really wants us to do them too! Secular justice and Gospel justice are definitely not the same. We need to remember that we are made in the image of God, not the image of ourselves. The Christian is called to act like Christ even in those situations where a more assertive or defensive response may seem more justifiable. In order to live up to this call we have to leave our resentment and need for retaliation behind, lose our defensiveness and bring into our mind and heart the realization of who we represent in this world. We are not here to satisfy or promote our own well-being and agenda. We are here for God's. That's a hard nut to crack especially when it comes to loving and forgiving people who do hurtful and violent things.



# SAINT OF THE WEEK

As a disciple of St. John, the Evangelist, St. Polycarp was able to hear about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection directly from those who witnessed it. Because Polycarp was ordained as Bishop of Smyrna by St. John, he is one of three chief Apostolic Fathers, along with Clement of Rome and Ignatius of Antioch.

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During his life Polycarp defended the Church against heresies. His important writing, the *Letter to the Philippians*, quoted the Gospels and Acts of the Apostles, stressing Paul's authority in the Church and setting out clear arguments against the gnostic heresy that denied Christ's divinity.

The early period of the Church was a dangerous time to be a Christian and like many, St. Polycarp was martyred. He was captured by Romans and sentenced to burn at the stake. However, the fire did not touch him, instead rising up like sails around him. Seeing that the flames would not injure Polycarp, the Romans stabbed him instead. The Martyrdom of Polycarp is perhaps the earliest fully preserved account of a Christian martyr.

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#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2022 | 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FIRST READING "Today, though the LORD delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm the LORD's anointed." (1 Sm 26:23)

PSALM The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)

# SECOND READING

Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one. (1 Cor 15:49)

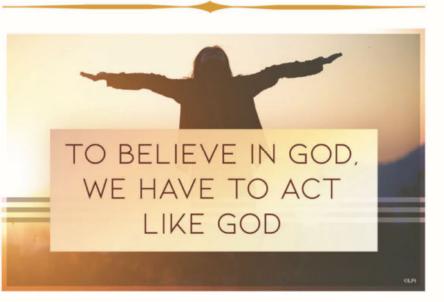


"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." (Jn Lk 6:36)

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# **WORSHIP & MEDITATION**



#### GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Sometimes, Jesus' teachings don't seem to make practical sense. When we hear things like love your enemies and do good to them, turn the other cheek when struck, give to anyone who asks, do to others as you would have them do to you, be merciful, stop judging, forgive, and give to others, we get a bit unsettled. After all, it's okay for God to do all of these things, but does He really want us to do them, too? Many good-hearted Christians really draw the line with some of these ideals and say, "No way!" They even remark that if someone did something hurtful to someone they loved, they would have no reservations seeking severe retribution. There is still this persistent thinking, even among those who consider themselves Christian, that a violent action deserves a violent response. Somehow, we continue to justify this.

Yet, it is most clearly against the very grain of the Gospel. Part of our difficulty has more to do with understanding God's love. We wrongly think that sinful or hurtful actions and evil people somehow are seen as lesser in God's eyes. They are not. God loves the sinner as much as He does the saint. And, both of these inclinations exist in every human being, even those who consider themselves holy. Both the capacity for good and the disposition toward evil exist in every one of us. Viktor Frankl has this to say when reflecting on the Holocaust: "Our generation is a realistic generation because we have learned what a human being really is. When all is said and done, man is that same creature who invented the gas-chambers of Auschwitz; but he is also that being who walked upright into those chambers with the prayer 'Shema Yisrael' on his lips."

If we believe in God, we have to act like God. Whether we like that idea is another issue. If we don't then perhaps, we need to reconsider our faith and whether we really believe in Jesus Christ. We are made in the image of God, not the image of ourselves. The Christian must, at all costs, leave resentment and the need for retaliation behind, lose defensiveness and bring into the mind and heart the realization of who we represent in this world.

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