St. Anthony of Padua Parish

May the Light of Faith shine forth from our parish as a beacon to guide our community to the Lord. When life seems difficult and troublesome, may our faith offer us security and strength. When we come together to celebrate God's gifts may the Holy Spirit fill us with joy.

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Nominated Members
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Stephen Kristoff, Jennifer Takacs

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Chair—**Rick Gurley, Trevor Theobald, Tom Langer,**
Brian Holmes, Linda Hlebak (parish accountant)

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL 4 p.m.
SUNDAY 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
DAILY MASS: Wednesday at 8 a.m.
CONFESSIONS every Saturday at 3p.m. or anytime by appointment.

MEETINGS/GROUPS

Parish Council	**354-4525**
Altar/Rosary	**221-7140**
1st Tuesday September - May	
Parish Life Commission	**354-4337**
Finance Committee	**354-4525**
Music Ministry/Choir/Cantors	**251-6820**
Building/Maintenance	**354-4525**
Spiritual Blessing Card Ministry	**354-3769**
Good Samaritan Fund/Food Bank	**357-6714**
Aluminum Recycling	
All items can be placed by the garage or call	**354-4525**
Spiritual/Liturgical Commission/Lectors/Eucharistic	
Ministers/Acolytes/Ushers	**354-4525**
Bereavement	**354-4525**
Prayer Line Requests	**352-7703**
Jail Ministry / Dee Trepal	**382-1889**

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR) September-May

Steve Biro, Parish Catechetical Leader
Director of Junior High and High School Ministry
steve@stafh.org

Grades K-7 on Sundays 11:00a.m.-12:00 noon
Confirmation grade 8+ scheduled Sundays 6:00-7:30 p.m.

BAPTISMS
Please call the rectory to set up an appointment.

WEDDINGS
Six months notice is required.
Please call the rectory to set up an appointment.

January 24, 2021 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well

Forty Days for Life

From February 17 – March 28, you are invited to join with other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer 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 right-of-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 Church gymnasium on Sunday, February 14 at 2 PM. For more information contact John Noall at clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com or 216-245-9744

First Reading: When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out. (Jon 3:10)

Psalm: Teach me your ways, O Lord. (Ps 25)

Second Reading: For the world in its present form is passing away. (1 Cor 7:31)

Gospel: The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel. (Mk 1:15)

Next Week's Presider Schedule

Sat. 1/30	**4 p.m.**	**Fr. Schaut**
Sun. 1/31	**8 a.m.**	**Fr. Schaut**
Sun. 1/31	**10 a.m.**	**Fr. Schaut**

Electronic giving is available on our website: **www.stafh.org.** Thanks to all who use the online giving option.

Announcements

Ministers Schedule

Please let Deacon John know if you would like to be included in the Ministers Schedule as a Lector or Eucharistic Minister.

Weekday Mass

There will be a daily mass celebrated every **Wednesday at 8 a.m.**

How you ever felt you wanted to share your faith? Do you enjoy talking with children and young people? Are you tech savy? Have you ever thought about sharing your faith? If you have answered yes to these questions, you should consider being a **PSR teacher** for next PSR year 2021-22? If you are interested please call **Steve Biro, PCL 440-354-4525** or by email **steve@stafh.org** to discuss further. There is an interview process and catechetical teacher training included in this process.

Please pray for our **Parish Pastoral Planning Team** as we begin the task of refocusing, reimagining and reenergizing our parish as we move forward into the future. At this time, we are in the beginning stages of reevaluating our parish and our parish needs.

Steve Biro

Mass Intentions

Sat. 1/23	**4 p.m.**	**Mary & Julius Sabo**
Sun. 1/24	**8 a.m.**	**Edward Ignat**
Sun. 1/24	**10 a.m.**	**David Dalhoff**
Sat. 1/30	**4 p.m.**	**James O. Spence family**
Sun. 1/31	**8 a.m.**	**Dave Dalhoff**
Sun. 1/31	**10 a.m.**	**Parishioners**

Collection for January 17, 2020

Regular Collection:	**$2160**
Online Giving:	**$1929**
Building Fund:	**$550**
Initial Offering:	**$20**
Christmas:	**$315**
Faith and Values	**$5**
Solemnity of Mary:	**$115**
Catholic University:	**$24**
In Memory of James Toth:	**$30**
In Memory of Philip Pillar:	**$100**

Thank you for your Generosity !

Calendar

Jan. 24	**Confirmation Session 11 a.m.**
Jan. 31	**1st Reconciliation for First Communion Students only 11 a.m.**
Feb. 17	**Ash Wednesday 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.**

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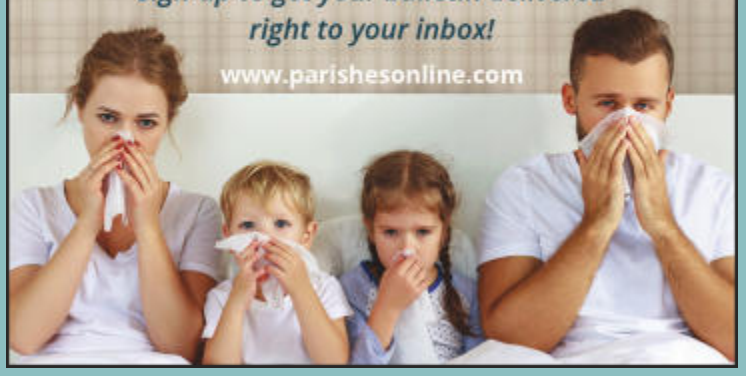
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