Parish Mass Schedule

Saint Ann Church
Sat 4:00 PM
Sun 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM
Mon through Fri 8:00 AM

Saint Philomena Church
Sat 4:00 PM
Sun 10:00 AM

Reconciliation

Saint Ann Church
Saturday 3:00 PM

Saint Philomena Church
Saturday 3:30 PM

Parish Staff

Pastor
Rev. John P. McNulty, D.Min, M.A.

Parochial Vicars

Parish Deacons
Deacon Raymond L Daull—retired
Deacon Richard Woods—retired

Principal
Mrs. Gerry Whiteley

Pastoral Minister
Mr. Zakary Jester

Director of Religious Education
Mr. Joseph Alto

Director of Music Ministry
Ms. Meg Matuska

Parish Secretary
Mrs. Christian Gracie

Welcome to Communion of Saints:
To register, please schedule an appointment with a member of the parish staff.

Mission Statement:
Communion of Saints Parish, the Catholic community of Cleveland Heights and East Cleveland, is united by our faith in Jesus Christ, celebrated through the Eucharist, inspired by the word of God and the example of the saints. We are committed to living the gospel through worship, education, caring for all people, and being a sign of Christ’s presence.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.” - Lk 14:27

Baptism: Arrangements are made by contacting a member of the parish staff or by calling the rectory office. Meeting with a staff person before baptism is expected.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made 6 to 12 months prior to wedding. Please contact the parish office.

Initiation into the Catholic Community;
Adults and families seeking entrance into the Catholic community are asked to contact a member of the parish staff.

Religious Ed.: PSR classes are held Sunday morning at 10:15 AM. Please contact the office for information.
From the Desk of Fr. John McNulty

In this week’s bulletin is the Financial report for Communion of Saints Parish for the fiscal year 2018/19 (July 1, 2018—June 30, 2019). This report was sent to the Finance Office last month. The parish report compares this year’s income/expenses to the previous year (2017/18). The last column is the projected budget for this fiscal year. The report is self-explanatory. I do wish to share some thoughts:

- Our weekly collections have decreased over the last three years. This last fiscal year the collections were down $36,000.00. The parish depends greatly on the weekly collections to meet financial obligations. I ask that all parishioners reflect on their support of the parish and its ministries and consider increasing the weekly offering.

- The parish is faced with major capital improvements that must be addressed regarding our buildings at both sites. This last year over $400,000.00 was spent on the repairs of the buildings. The building & grounds committee is presently addressing necessary repairs of the Powers hall roof, major tuck pointing on the school building, the interior repair of the walls in St. Philomena, replacement of railings at the Ozanam Center etc. Many of the repairs made on the building you can observe (e.g. the new steps into Walsh Hall) but most repairs are not visible immediately (e.g. tuck pointing). These repairs must be done. Our buildings are wonderful but old and I, like you, do not want then destroyed.

- The parish is blessed with the St. Ann Church and School Endowment that provides some income each year to address capital improvements at the St. Ann site. This past year the parish received $130,000.00. I am most grateful to the board of the Endowment Board and the Building & Grounds Committee for their advice each year. I thank all of you as faithful Catholics of your support and care for COS.

The Permanent Diaconate Office has assigned a man in formation for the permanent diacurate to spend this formation year here at Communion of Saints Parish. It is my hope that Matthew Grasso will introduce himself to you when he begins his pastoral year. There is a letter in this week’s bulletin from him to all the parishioners. Please welcome Matthew as he joins us for this year.

There is a calendar meeting on Monday, September 23rd at 7 pm in Walsh Hall for all organizations of the parish. A representative from each group is to be present.

Have a good week!
Fr. John McNulty

SCHOOL NEWS

The students of Communion of Saints School will be joining the parish on most Fridays for daily Mass at 8:00am. We hope to see you there.
**Please remember in prayer**, those listed and all of the sick of our parish, their loved ones and caregivers

Jerry Adams  
Scott Benson  
Kim Boyles  
Dane Stricker Buening  
Helen Burney  
Jeanette Bussey  
Ed D’Amato  
Kathryn Deskins  
Of our parish, their loved ones and caregivers

Mark Hoynes  
Danielle Goodridge  
Mike Feeney  
Patrick Feeney  
Danielle Goodridge  
Hayley Hargrove  
Jim Harless  
Sandra Heath  
Mark Hoynes  
James Jefferis  
William Jefferson  
Pat Kelley  
Jerry Kiehl  
Lydia King  
Juan King  
Michael Lachman  
Salvatore Lamont  
Louise Lucas  
Patrick Martin  
Casimir Matuszak  
Lilyan Matuszak  
Mary Meehan  
Mary McGowan  
Brian McLaughlin  
Timothy McMonagle  
Christopher Miller  
Antonio Montinola  
Julia Montinola  
Minka Moon  
Nathaniel Moon  
Taminika Moon  
Jan Payne  
Julia Rispoli  
Manuel Salvador  
Rita Schlemmer  
Veronica Shanklin  
Geraldine Singleton  
Bill Smoot  
R. J. Stanton  
Patricia Starrett  
Sarah Thomas  
Michelle Triska  
David Waldeck  
Marge Waldeck  
Kathleen Warshaw  
Roy Wasson  
Ray Weigand

Please call the rectory to add or remove a name. Thank you

**To request a prayer shawl** for yourself or someone you know, please contact nohandsbutsyou@gmail.com or 216-632-1923

**Rest in peace**: Please pray for June I. Howland and Norma Smith. May she experience the peace of Christ.

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**Calendar & Use of Space Meeting**

There is a "calendar meeting" on Monday, September 23rd at 6:45 pm in Walsh Hall for all organizations of the parish and outside groups who use parish/school space on a regular basis. At least one (1) representative from each group must attend. Any group who does not send a representative will have their events canceled.

**Little Rock Scripture Study**

Little Rock Scripture Study is offering two opportunities to study God's word.

An intermediate level study on First Corinthians (10 sessions) will be held on Wednesday evenings beginning September 18th.

For those new to bible study, Acts of The Apostles (10 sessions) will be offered on Tuesday evenings beginning September 17th.

Registration information is on the kiosks.

**Fiscal Year 2019-20**

*September 1, 2019*

*Weekly average for Monthly EFT = $3,149.46*  
*Weekly EFT = $2,366.00*  
*September 1st Basket = $9,168.58*  
*September 1st Total = $14,684.04*

Thank you for continuing to support our parish ministries

Weekly or monthly gifts through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) ensure a regular source of operating income for our parish, our school and our ministries. If you would like to enroll in EFT, please contact the parish office at 216-321-0024.

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**Music Ministry**

*at Communion of Saints*

Come join us!

**Cherubim Choir**  
Grades K-2, Mondays 4:15-4:55pm

**Seraphim Choir**  
Grades 3-8, Mondays 5-6 pm

**Adult Choir**  
Tuesdays 7-9 pm, beginning Sept 3  
*We are especially in need of male voices!*

**Handbell Choir**  
Tuesdays 6-6:45, beginning November 5

**Cantors Instrumentalists**  
It’s not too late to join a choir – we have opportunities for all ages!

Contact Meg Matuska for more information: mmatuska@communionofsaintsparish.org  
(216) 321-0024, ext. 145

This weekend, we’ll begin singing the Mass in Honor of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne by Michael Joncas at all weekend liturgies. You can hear recordings of the various parts of the Ordinary of the Mass at this link: [https://www.giamusic.com/store/resource/mass-in-honor-of-st-rose-philippine-duchesne-album-x957300](https://www.giamusic.com/store/resource/mass-in-honor-of-st-rose-philippine-duchesne-album-x957300)

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**Answering God’s Call**

My name is Matthew Grasson, I am a third-year candidate in the Permanent Diaconate Formation Program for the Diocese of Cleveland. My wife, Donna, and I have two daughters, Ashley and Jennifer. We reside in Twinsburg and are members of SS. Cosmas and Damian Parish.

My initial discernment regarding a possible calling from God to the diaconate resulted in my applying to the Diaconate Aspirancy Program in 2016. At the conclusion of that aspirancy year, I was formally accepted as a candidate into the formation program.

This is a four-year process where the candidate engages in four pillars of formation: human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral. The academic classes are held at the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe.

One aspect of formation is field education. This ministerial training is performed at a parish, other than the candidate’s home parish, and offers the candidate the opportunity to put into practice what he is learning in formation. This current year, I have been placed at Communion of Saints Parish, where I will work with Fr. McNulty and the parish staff to develop skills for my future ministry. During the months of September 2019 through April 2020, I will be worshipping with you; and I look forward to meeting many if not all of you. During this time, please know that I will be keeping all of you in my daily prayers and ask for your prayers of support for me and my family as I continue my discernment to the permanent diaconate.

A Permanent Deacon is ordained through the Sacrament of Holy Orders. According to the Second Vatican Council, deacons are ordained “not unto the priesthood, but into a ministry of service”. If anyone has any questions about the diaconate, please feel free to either contact me or contact the Diaconate Formation Office at 440-943-7651.

Mr. Matthew Grasson
PARISH ACTIVITIES

FIELD YOGA is held weekly in Walsh Hall every Wednesday 9:00-10:00 am, hosted by Julie Schlemmer of the Cleveland Clinic Wellness Center. $5/session, pay as you go. Contact the parish office with questions.

WOMEN’S FAITH GROUP - Women’s Faith Group will start off the fall season with a dessert and munchies gathering for an evening of socializing on Thursday Sept. 5th, 2019 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room. If the weather is nice, we may move outside to the Mary Garden or nearby. If you would like, bring a dessert or snack to share. We will provide iced tea and lemonade.

On Sept. 19th, we will begin reading and discussing Letter to a Suffering Church: A Bishop Speaks on the Sexual Abuse Crisis by Bishop Robert Barron. Copies are available for free, and you can get yours by coming by on Sept. 5th to join us or by picking up a copy in the Rectory office.

We plan to meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room and welcome any interested women in the parish to join us.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Murgiano at 216-258-1193 or kmurgiano@ameritech.net or Eleanor Ryan at 216-905-1581 or eryan@familvry@sbglobal.net

NO HANDS BUT YOURS CRAFT MINISTRY: Meets the first and third Tuesday of each month 5:30-7:00pm in the Rectory. Experienced or looking to learn we would love to have you. Our ministry will work to pro-vide prayer shawls, baby blankets, and hats and scarves to those in need. Contact nohandsbutyours@gmail.com or 216-632-1923 with questions.

1820 MEN’S FELLOWSHIP AND PRAYER GROUP gathers the 1st Tuesday of the Month - 7:00 PM St. Ann’s side chapel and the 3rd Saturday of the Month - 7:30 AM St. Ann’s side chapel (then somewhere for breakfast and conversation). For more information, contact Kevin Mitchell Kevin.P.Mitchell@gmail.com

PAGETURNERS : Join us at 7:00 p.m. in the Faculty Room of the School. Contact Jane Harris for info at jamma932@sbcglobal.net or 216-932-5006

Sept. 17 The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris. Based on the real-life experiences of Holocaust survivor Ludwig (Lale) Sokolov, this novel is a testament to the human spirit and the power of love to bloom in even the darkest places. And it’s hard to imagine a place darker than the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camps. Over the course of three years, Morris interviewed Lale, teasing out his memories and weaving them into her heart-rending narrative of a Jew whose unlikely forced occupation as a tattooist put him in a position to act with kindness and humanity in a place where both were nearly extinct.

FAITH BOOK DISCUSSION Please take the time to read this book even if you cannot join us for the discussion on Thursday September 26 at 9am in the Parish Meeting Room. See Nell Ginley for a book.

Letter to a Suffering Church: A Bishop Speaks on the Sexual Abuse Crisis “The sexual abuse scandal has gripped the Catholic Church for the past thirty years, and continues to wreak havoc even today. It’s been a diabolical masterpiece, one that has compromised the work of the Church in every way and has left countless lives in ruin. Many Catholics are understandably asking, “Why should I stay? Why not abandon this sinking ship before it drags me or my children under?” In this stirring manifesto, Bishop Robert Barron, founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries and Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, explains why this is not the time to leave, but the time to stay and fight.”

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to sort clothing and put together and distribute bags of groceries at the Fr. Michael Wittman Ozanam Center located at St. Philomena Church. The Center services individuals and families in need of clothing and food from East Cleveland and Cleveland Heights as well as several other surrounding communities. The Center is open every Saturday from 10:00 am-1:00pm. Volunteers should arrive about 9:30am. Please contact the parish at 216-321-0024 if you have any questions.

This week, we’re camping so NO Insight Night.

Next week is our KICK-OFF COOK-OUT after the 11am Mass. All High Schoolers are invited, nay, COMPELLED to join us. See you then!!!

If you are a 7th or 8th Grader (or a parent thereof), make sure you get signed up for Break Through this year! Our first meeting is September 17th in the Upper Room and I’m excited to get started! You can find forms and more info in the Parish Office or at YoCoS.org/junior-high—and feel free to address any questions to Zak Jester at ZJester@CommunionofSaintsParish.org. Thanks!
**September 8, 2019**

**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 pm (CHA)  Anthony DeBaggis
4:00pm (CHP)   Betty Novak
9:00 am (CHA)  Parishioners of CoS Parish
10:00 am (CHP)  Edward Daull
11:00 am (CHA)  Nasri Nakhoul

**Weekday Masses at St. Ann Church**

Monday (09/09)  St. Peter Claver, Priest
8:00 am    Winifred and Alvira Bruns Family
Tuesday (09/10)  Weekday
8:00 am    Robert, Nancy and Brien Boylan
Wednesday (09/11)  Weekday
8:00am  Mary Shalanski
Thursday (09/12)  Weekday
8:30 am    Brigid McNulty
Friday (09/13)  St. John Chrysostom, bishop and Doctor of the Church
8:00am    Jim McNulty
Saturday (09/14)  Weekday
4:00 pm (CHA)  Nathan McNulty
4:00pm (CHP)   Angela & Myles Roche and Maryellen Thomson

Sunday (09/08)  Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am (CHA)  Deany Cousineau
10:00 am (CHP)  Parishioners of CoS Parish
11:00 am (CHA)  Jane and George Blatt

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**WEDDING BANNS**

II    Molly Gordon and Cosmo Berardinelli
I Hannah O’Donnell and Shane Lee Wong

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Please remember in your prayers all couples celebrating wedding anniversaries. To add your anniversary to the list please call the Rectory.

- September 10  Jackie and Tom Fox
  Laura and Tom Rayburn
- September 12  Rose and Lee DeAngelis
- September 13  Donna and Bob Kirsch
- September 15  Jean and Jim Cogan

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT. 8, 2019**

Sunday:  Wis 9:13-18/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 [1]/
        Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33
- Monday:  Col 2: 6-12 / Kj 6:6-11
- Tuesday:  Col 2: 6-15 / Lk 6: 12-19
- Wednesday:  Col 3: 1-11 / Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday:  Col 3:12-17 / Lk 6: 27-38
- Friday:  1 Tm 1: 1-2, 12-14 / Lk 6: 39-42
- Saturday:  Nm 21: 4b- 9 / Phil 2: 6-11 / Jn 3: 13-17
- Next Sunday:  Ex 32: 7-11, 13-14 / 1 Tm 1: 12-17 / Lk 15: 1-32

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