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Jonathan Withrow
Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson
Reverend Dave Woost
Pastor

MASS SCHEDULE:
Monday through Friday: 8:30 AM
Saturday Evening Vigil: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM
Rosary: Monday through Friday: 8:00 AM

RECONCILIATION: Saturday from 4:00–4:45 PM or anytime by appointment.

BAPTISM: Arrangements are to be made in advance. Parent Baptismal Class and Sponsor’s Certificate are required. Please call the Parish Office to register.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements must be made at least 6 months before the wedding. Please contact the Parish Office before you set your date or reserve your hall.

OFFICE HOURS:
Monday–Friday 9:00 AM–5:00 PM
Closed Saturday & Sunday

Second Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2020

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” - Mt 17:5b

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**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**SUNDAY, MAR 8** SVDP Easter Food Collection
- 8:30 AM Mass
- 9:30 AM PSR/HH
- 11:00 AM Mass

**MONDAY, MAR 9**
- 8:05 AM Rosary followed by 8:30 AM Mass
- 9:00 AM Adoration
- 1:30 PM Divine Mercy Cenacle/GA
- 3:00 PM Divine Mercy
- 7:00 PM Our Journey with Jesus/HH
- 7:00 PM Parish Life/UR

**TUESDAY, MAR 10**
- 8:05 AM Rosary followed by 8:30 AM Mass
- 9:15 AM Memento Mori/GA
- 7:00 PM PSR/HH
- 7:00 PM Memento Mori/GA

**WEDNESDAY, MAR 11**
- 8:05 AM Avilas followed by 8:30 AM Mass
- 9:00 AM Bible Study
- 4:30 PM PSR/HH
- 5:00– 8:00 PM Diocesan Evening of Confession/C
- 6:00 PM Bereavement Ministry/UR
- 7:00 PM Perspectives on Non-Violence/HH

**THURSDAY, MAR 12**
- 8:05 AM Rosary followed by 8:30 AM Mass
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal/C

**FRIDAY, MAR 13**
- 8:05 AM Rosary followed by 8:30 AM Mass

**SATURDAY, MAR 14** SVDP Easter Food Collection
- 2:00 PM Wedding: Majewski and Alioto
- 5:00 PM Mass
- 6:00 PM St. Patrick’s Day Dinner/HH

**SUNDAY, MAR 15** SVDP Easter Food Collection
- 8:30 AM Mass
- 11:00 AM Mass

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Q: Our prayer group is discussing ways we can change and strengthen our faith. What one thing could we change that would have the greatest impact on our faith?

A: A famous coach once said that when the team is in trouble and things aren’t going well, go back to the basics; when the team is winning and things are going well, go back to the basics! Any renewal program, faith development, or spiritual growth effort has to start with the basic core of what it means to believe. If the foundation is not strong, the house will not stand.

So if you work on one thing, begin with the idea that God is love, who loves us and calls us to love one another. If we really take that belief to heart, it changes how we see God, ourselves, and one another. It would change how we pray, how we treat others, and how we understand and live our own life. Our sense of mission and purpose will be more focused on God’s plan and our role in it. Love is the core of faith, the goal of life, and the hope of heaven. Whatever we do to strengthen and deepen our faith will begin and end with love.
From one extreme to the other and what we find is the same result! Last week in arguably his weakest moment other than his death on the cross, Jesus is tempted by everything the Devil can throw at him. That is one extreme. Today we see the other extreme as Jesus takes Peter, James, and John, up the mountain and but for a moment is transfigured before them. This witnessed event will be a precursor to his glory beyond the cross that he will endure for the world.

Having Peter, James, and John present on the mountain of transfiguration and seeing Jesus' glory, will impact his friends. Immediately they want to set up camp and stay and bask in his glorified presence. They will not realize the relevancy of this moment till after Jesus’ death. What happens on the mountain that day will be something they can carry with themselves throughout the Public Ministry of Jesus and will help them carry on in great hope. Just like the temptations heard of last week, the transfiguration gives us a hint into the identity of Jesus.

What is so powerful about these two Lenten gospel readings is that Jesus continues to move forward. The Temptations in the desert are the ultimate preparation for his Public Ministry. The Transfiguration on the mountain has Jesus calling his closest disciples back down to the daily tasks that await them. Their mission is not to get caught up in Jesus glorified rather, to take what they experienced and integrate it into their daily lives. The experience of Jesus glorified will hopefully keep them from despair and faithlessness.

As you heard in the announcements after Mass last weekend this is the fullest our calendar gets in the parish. The push through Lent, Confirmation (this past Friday), Holy Week, and First Communion brings with it a continued focus on all those on our parish staff. Here are a few events coming our way.

Life, Love, and Lent: Perspectives on Non-Violence is a five-week series of presentations presented by five churches in the Kirtland community. Divine Word, East Shore Unitarian Church, St. Hubert’s Episcopal Church, The Visitor Center to the Historic Mormon Temple, and Old South Unity Church of Christ. This week’s presentation on Wednesday, March 11th we will be the host Church for the gathering and presentation with the other four congregations. Pastor Ian Lynch from Old South will provide the presentation and Seth Bryant from the Kirtland Temple Visitor Center will facilitate the evening. We begin at 7PM and end at 8:30PM. The presentation will be on “Non-Violence and Glory.” The connection between the brutality of the Cross and the glory of the resurrection and how that connects to non-violence will be examined. I hope you will consider attending.

This Wednesday evening March 11th from 5PM-8PM we have our Diocesan Evening of Confessions. Every parish, including Divine Word, will have priests available to hear confessions at that time. We also have our Lenten Communal Penance Service on Tuesday, March 24th at 7PM in the Church.

Next Saturday, we have our annual St. Patrick’s Day Party. This has been a great gathering for our parish to raise money for worthy causes. This year’s proceeds will be split between Joseph House, Our Sunday Meal’s Program at St. Philip Neri, and for Adam Hess a parishioner who has been battling a severe spinal cord injury over the past year. Tickets are available in the parish office and after Masses this weekend.

Our Easter Basket Food Collection continues through Palm Sunday weekend. Please bring non-perishable food items to the Gathering Area and place items in the bins. Thank you for your assistance.

Memento Mori or “Remember Your Death” will continue with reflection sessions this Tuesday, March 10th from 9:15-10:15AM in the Gathering Area or 7PM-8PM in the Gathering Area. Please continue to read the daily reflections and write down any insights you would like to offer to the group sessions.

The second week of Lent takes us from the Mountain of Temptation to the Mountain of Transfiguration. These events delve deep into the mystery of Jesus’ identity. Hopefully these moments of Jesus’ life help us in our own relationship with the Lord to realize all he experienced would eventually lead to the Cross and Resurrection. Stay on course and remain focused on your Lenten observances. Stay true to your commitment during these sacred days. I hope to see you throughout the week as we prepare for the most intense holy days of the life of Jesus.

Have a great Lenten Week.
**Growing Through Grief - Bereavement Support Series**

Grief is like having broken ribs. On the outside you look fine but with every breath it HURTS. After the loss of a significant person in our lives, we experience a wide variety of feelings and emotions. We are here to help you work through the stages of grief and find ways to continue on. Please join us on Wednesday evenings from 6:00PM to 7:30PM thru March 18th in the Upper Room. Feel free to join us even if you’ve missed previous sessions. To register or if you have any questions please call Debbie Lokar at the parish office.

**Breadth of Life Luncheon**

Gary Hunter, Executive Director of Ohio Route 6 Tourist Association, will speak at the March 11th Breadth of Life Luncheon. He will take you on a visual, historic ride across Route 6 through the State of Ohio and beyond. A life-long resident of U.S. Highway 6, he has been promoting Route 6 and surrounding communities for years. He and his wife, Pat, have traveled through all 10 counties in Ohio and all 14 states through which it runs. The luncheon will be held at St. Noel’s Parish Hall in Willoughby Hills from Noon to 2 p.m. Cost is $18 per person which includes tossed salad, lemon pepper cod, parsley buttered red potatoes, vegetables and cheesecake. All are welcome.

**Divorce Recovery for Catholics**

This 8 Week Support Group, designed to meet the needs of those who are divorced or separated, will begin Thursday, March 12th and run through May 7th, at St. Mary Church, 401 North Street, Chardon, from 7-9PM. Sessions are designed to offer direction, support, and the tools for coping with this life-changing experience. For more information or to register, please call Catholic Charities at 352-6191 or 1-800-242-9755, or email kjubeck@st-gabriel.org. There is no charge for this program, all materials are provided, and it is open to people of all faiths.

**Cancer Support Group**

Our Cancer Support Group will meet on Monday, March 16th at 7PM in the Gathering Area. We meet for ninety minutes and we simply share our story and offer support to one another. Feel free to bring a friend for your own personal support.

**Humor from the Caddyshack**

Dictionary of Evaluation Terms:
- Average: not too bright.
- Exceptionally well qualified: has committed no major blunders.
- Zealous attitude: opinionated.
- Character above reproach: one step ahead of the law.
- Unlimited potential: will stick with us until retirement.
- Strong adherence to principles: stubborn.
- Conscientious and careful: scared.
- Quick thinking: offers plausible excuses for errors.
- Takes pride in work: conceited.
- A keen analyst: thoroughly confused.

Father Jim

**Divine Mercy Cenacle**

Monday, March 9th at 1:30PM the Divine Mercy Cenacle will be meeting in the Gathering Area. We will be reviewing weeks 6 and 7 of the Cenacle Formation Manual. I look forward to your input and presence. Debbie Lokar

**Memento Mori**

If you have registered and have your book, the dates for the Lenten Spiritual Devotion “Memento Mori” are on the Tuesdays of the Lenten Season from 9:15AM to 10:15AM or from 7:00PM to 8:00PM. We will meet on the following Tuesdays: March 10th, March 17th, March 24th, March 31st and April 7th. We are looking forward to a spirit-filled devotion.

**Retrouvaille Weekend**

The next Cleveland Retrouvaille Weekend is scheduled for March 27th - 29th. This is a Lifeline for Troubled Marriages. Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring – your relationship cold, distant – thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but both of you want to try again? Then the Retrouvaille program may help. RETROUVAILLE, which means rediscovery, is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, but it is open to couples of all faiths. This program consists of a weekend experience for couples and six follow up sessions. A registration fee of $150 is required to confirm your reservation. For more information concerning the program, or to register, please call Marce or Liz Gliha at 440.357.6580 or 1.800.470.2230, or go online to www.helpourmarriage.org.
“Forgiven” Study Program
This Lenten season, we recommend the FORMED program, “Forgiven: the Transformative Power of Confession.” It is a 3-week, video-based study that can be done individually. Go to formed.org/signup, select your parish, register with your name and email address, check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED to access thousands of movies, programs, audio files and books.

Adoration
Would you consider giving the Lord, who is the giver of time, a visit during Lent? Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for Adoration every Monday (except holidays) following the 8:30 AM Mass until 10PM. Our Lord welcomes you and would like to see you. We have a need for substitutes during Adoration. If you are available, please call Debbie Lokar at the parish office. Experience His love and peace and grow deeper in love with Him.

Four Seasons Book Club
The Spring season will soon be upon us so let’s check out another good read. On Heaven and Earth presents a series of conversations from the man who became Pope Francis, Jorge Mario Bergoglio and Rabbi Abraham Skorka. They share their thoughts on faith, family, prayer, guilt, death and many other topics. Both men sought to build bridges among Catholicism, Judaism, and the world at large. Hope you can join us Tuesday, May 12th at 7 PM in the Gathering Area to share your opinions, questions, likes and dislikes regarding the book. Please acquire it on your own.

Volunteers Needed
Need Service hours? Looking to help out at the church? Youth Ministry office could use some help organizing and packing retreat items for storage. If you are interested, please call Gina Rensi 440-606-0217.

Caregiver Support Group
SUPPORTING EACH OTHER – A support group for caregivers of those with dementia and Alzheimer’s will be at St. Helen’s, Newbury. We will meet in the gathering space after 8:00AM Mass on Saturday morning, March 14th. This group will meet once a month and is a “faith-based group.” Please pass the word to anyone you know caring for a loved one. Any questions, please call Carol Joyce at 216-978-1911.

Food, Fun & Festivities
St. Patrick’s Day Dinner and Fundraiser
Saturday, March 14th following 5PM Mass in Hanson Hall
This festive evening will include Irish music, a multitude of baskets to be raffled, and a live auction -- guaranteed fun! The delicious homemade dinner includes corned beef and cabbage, colcannon, potatoes, carrots and dessert. Soda, iced tea, beer, and wine will be provided.

Food has been generously donated by local companies. All proceeds from the evening will benefit Joseph House, St. Philip Neri Hot Meals Program and Adam Hess. Volunteers from Holy Name Society (assisted by members of the Joseph House Board) will be cooking and serving the meal. Only $20.00 per person! Tickets can be purchased at the parish office. Cash or check (made payable to Holy Name Society) accepted. Please get your tickets soon as the deadline is Wednesday, March 11th. Only a very limited number of tickets will be available the night of the event. Thank you!

Hot Meals Program Needs Our Help
Help is needed to serve the Hot Meals Program at St. Philip Neri Community Center on Sundays, May 24th or May 31st. For further information or to let us know you are available please contact Debbie Lokar.

JCU Lecture
The Institute of Catholic Studies at John Carroll University invite you to hear the lecture: Faithful Citizenship: What Would Augustine Say?, given by Rev. James T. Bretzke, S.J., S.T.D, Professor of Theology, John Carroll University. This lecture will be held on Thursday, March 19 at 7:30PM in the LSC Conference Room of the DJ Lombardo Student Center at John Carroll University. This lecture is free and open to the public.

Wedding Banns
III Kyle Majewski & Dominique Alioto
St. Vincent de Paul
In the Gospel, Jesus is transfigured and a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased: Listen to him.”

Do we listen to Jesus when he asks us to take care of our brothers and sisters who are suffering? Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor celebrate the grace of God’s love this Easter.

Meet Trinh
Trinh's family are farmers in Vietnam. They have been affected by climate change. What would you do if your source of nutrition was threatened? How can we support those whose livelihoods are vulnerable to weather? Visit www.crsricebowl.org for more information.

Easter Food Collection News
The Easter Food Basket collection is underway. Please bring non-perishable foods, cleaning supplies and paper products to place them in the bins in the Gathering Area. Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted! Also, please mark your calendar for Sunday, April 5th and join us in Hanson Hall following the 11 AM Mass to pack & deliver the baskets to those in need in our community.

Simplify Your Life with Automated Giving!
Are you looking for an easy way to simplify your life? With our Automated Giving Program, the parish receives your donation automatically! Money is transferred from the account of your choice directly into Divine Word’s account. No more mad rush to find your weekly envelopes or a pen to write a check. Automated Giving makes your financial stewardship simple! Call Dee Germano in the parish finance office at 440-256-1412 to set up your Automated Giving Program.

Remember Our Sick & Suffering!

Welcome New Parishioners
John & Maura DeGreen and family