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**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

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**3RD SUNDAY OF LENT**

Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” - Jn 4:10

### Mass Intentions & Readings for the Week

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### THE WEEK AHEAD

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

**MONDAY, MAR 16**
- 8:05 AM Rosary followed by 8:30 AM Mass
- 9:00 AM Adoration
- 3:00 PM Divine Mercy
- 7:00 PM Our Journey with Jesus/HH
- 7:00 PM Cancer Support Group/GA

**TUESDAY, MAR 17**
- 8:05 AM Rosary followed by 8:30 AM Mass
- 8:30 AM Mass
- 9:15 AM Memento Mori/GA
- 7:00 PM Memento Mori/GA

**WEDNESDAY, MAR 18**
- 8:05 AM Avilas followed by 8:30 AM Mass
- 9:00 AM Bible Study
- 6:00 PM Bereavement Ministry/UR

**THURSDAY, MAR 19**
- 8:05 AM Rosary followed by 8:30 AM Mass
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal/C

**FRIDAY, MAR 20**
- 8:05 AM Rosary followed by 8:30 AM Mass
- 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross/C

**SATURDAY, MAR 21** SVDP Easter Food Collection
- 5:00 PM Mass

**SUNDAY, MAR 22** SVDP Easter Food Collection
- 8:30 AM Mass
- 9:30 AM PSR/HH

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**Q** Does watching Mass on TV fulfill my Sunday obligation?

**A** In the age of instant communication, email, voice mail and teleconferencing, many people wonder if these media of communication can be used for sacraments. Many priests, I am sure, have had people ask about going to confession on the phone. While it may seem like a convenient way to do things, there are many reasons why we don’t.

Watching the Mass on television can be a good thing, especially for those who are shut-in. But it really doesn’t fulfill our obligation. The obligation to attend Mass is more than just simply listening to the Mass or following the prayers and the readings. Gathering together as a community of faith is important. Sacraments are community events where we encounter God and one another. When we gather together, we are most visibly the Church, the Body of Christ. Besides, television is a one-way medium. It allows us to watch without really being able to give a response. In faith, our response is as important as anything that we hear. We need to take an active part in the religious expression of our community.
Several people have asked me about precautions regarding the flu and the outbreak of the coronavirus. Common sense wins out. Since my own bout with cancer three years ago, I intentionally wash my hands before the distribution of communion. Most of our Eucharistic Ministers do the same thing. I wash my hands several times throughout the day. When I cough, I try to do it into my own sleeve. I drink plenty of water each day. I try to get my proper rest. I will rarely drink from a common cup unless I am the first one to take from it. My situation may be radically different than most, but these precautions are now a part of my daily life.

At the sign of peace if you do not want to shake hands, because you have a cold, or you are more susceptible to illness a simple smile and nod of the head will suffice. You are not required to take from the chalice, especially if you are prone to any kind of cold or flu. A general rule is don’t attend church if you are sick. Remember common sense should prevail. I hope this helps with our celebrations through the end of the flu season.

If you were to do a study on the woman in today’s gospel, you could conclude that she had a virus but not like the flu or the coronavirus. Her virus was attacking her spirit and soul. She was morally and spiritually depleted. She had made choices and left many empty relationships in her wake. She was a person struggling with finding herself. She needed some direction and hoped that her life could be turned around. Jesus was there at the right time.

What is so amazing about this moment at the well in the middle of the day? Jesus encounters her and knows a good deal of her personal battles. Jesus is there to heal her soul. Hopefully, if Jesus brings peace to her soul from her shadowy past, she will begin to live a better life. Jesus heals from the inside to the exterior. Her own personal, self-inflicted wounds have inflicted havoc on her spirit. She needs healing and Jesus will provide what she needs.

Once Jesus helps her recognize the difficulties of her past the healing begins. The decisions of her past have made her life like the well they are standing by in the middle of the day. The well is depleted and so is she. Jesus does not hesitate. He offers life giving water that will well up into eternal life. She wants the water but does not fully realize Jesus is offering himself as that which will bring healing and forgiveness.

This Samaritan woman’s life will never be the same. She is so touched by her encounter with Jesus she cannot contain herself. She goes and shares her good news to where she came from. Here is the dilemma for her. Why would those in her town ever listen to her if they too know her shady past and many selfish relationships? She has been changed to the point it does not matter to her what people might think of her, she will share this news and her new life with the world. Sounds like evangelization to me.

“Love, Life, and Lent: Perspectives on Non-Violence” continues this coming Wednesday, March 18th from 7PM-8:30PM at Old South Congregational Church. Pastor Dan Schoonmaker from St. Hubert’s Episcopal Church will offer a presentation entitled, “Non-Violence and Sin.” This sounds like a powerful topic.

The following week on Wednesday, March 25th, I will offer the presentation entitled, “Non-Violence and Grace.” We will meet at the Kirtland Temple Visitors Center. More information in next week’s bulletin.

Our Easter Basket Food Collection continues until Palm Sunday, April 5th. Please bring your non-perishable food items to the Gathering Area and place items in the bins. Thank you for your generosity.

Memento Mori or “Remember Your Death” will continue with reflection sessions this Tuesday at 9:15 AM-10:15AM in the Gathering Area. The later session at 7PM-8PM will also take place in the Gathering Area.

We had a great celebration of Confirmation last Friday. Bishop Marty Amos was the principle celebrant and he connected very well with all the young people who received the sacrament. Thank you to Gina Rensi, Jackie Fatica, parish staff, maintenance staff, and everyone else who had a part in making this celebration a great experience for our confirmandi and their families.

We now direct our focus towards Holy Week and all that takes place during that time. I hope you stick with your Lenten Practice and Observances. God has so much to give and all he asks is an open heart to receive much like the Samaritan woman we hear about in today’s gospel. Remember how important our prayer and worship strengthens us. Have a great Lenten week.

This week’s message from Fr. Dave...
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 remaining Tuesdays
of Lent: March 17th, March 24th, March 31st and
April 7th. We are looking forward to a spirit-
filled devotions.

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.

River Valley Paper Bins
Effective April 1st, River
Valley Paper Bins will be
removed. While over time
the paper recycle bins added
revenue to the bottom line,
we are now achieving less
than $5/month from the paper and cardboard
in the two bins. Our garbage bin, currently located
near the barn, will be moved to the concrete pad
currently housing the two paper bins. This will
prevent us from having to pour a new concrete
pad, as the garbage bin is damaging the pavement
in front of the barn. To those of you who have been
so kind as to provide your recycling to Divine Word
over the years, thank you!

Joseph House
Joseph House is in need of children’s
clothing, sizes 4 thru 14. Thank you
for your continued generosity!

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.

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.

Humor from the Caddyshack
Getting Older:
-I don’t call it getting old, I call it outliving
the warranty.
-Does memory foam in your shoes prevent you
from forgetting why you came into the kitchen?
-You drop something when you’re younger, you just
pick it up. When you’re older and you drop
something, you stare at it contemplating if you
actually need it anymore.
-I find these days that most of my conversations
start out with, “Did I tell you this already?” or “What
was I going to say?”

Father Jim

Divorce Recovery for Catholics
Divorce Recovery for Catholics, an 8 Week Support
Group, designed to meet the needs of
those who are divorced or separated,
is being held at St. Mary Church, 401
North Street, Chardon, from 7-9 PM, Thursday
evenings, March 12th through May 7th. It’s not
too late to join! 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.

Ivy Women’s Center Banquet
Project SOS is now Ivy Women’s
Center. Please join us at LaMalfa
Party Center (5783 Heisley Rd.,
Mentor) on April 30th or May 1st. Doors open at
6PM, dinner at 6:30PM. There are area businesses
that already believe so strongly in this mission that
they have underwritten the entire cost of the
banquet. Therefore, there is no cost to attend and
because of their generosity, 100% of donations
given will go directly towards transforming lives.

The banquet is a night of sharing and celebrating
the miracles God has provided in the lives of the
women that have come to our centers. We average
about 400 women a year that choose abortion in
Lake & Geauga Counties. We know God’s heart
breaks not just for the babies’ lives that are lost but
by the impact that decision has on the women for
the rest of their lives. Our centers truly care about
both!

You can register at www.bellateam.com or by
calling the Bella office at 330-856-3616.
**“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.

**News from AM 1260 The Rock**
Now more than ever, our priests need our prayers. The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest. Come and learn how to start a group at your parish by attending an information session at AM 1260 The Rock on **Thursday, March 19th** at 7 PM at our studios at 145 Ken Mar Industrial Pkwy in Broadview Heights. Seating is limited, so please call us at 216-227-1260 if you plan to attend. “That our prayers may find the heart of every priest and bishop.”

**Young Catholic Professionals**
Are you in your 20s and 30s? Join the Young Catholic Professionals in our upcoming events this March and April where we’ll network, engage in fellowship and reflection, and offer spiritual guidance. We hope to see you there!

Lent Retreat  
**Saturday, March 28 | 9AM-2PM**  
Church of the Gesu  
*Joyfully Gifted: Discovering your Spiritual Gifts*  
Speaker Paul J. Kim  
**Tuesday, April 14 | 6:30PM-8:30PM**  
St. Ursuline College  
*The Catholic Millennial’s Guide to Adulting*  

**Flock of Friendship**
Flock of Friendship is an east side over 40 Catholic singles group based at St. Paschal Baylon Church (5384 Wilson Mills Rd., Highland Heights). Membership is free and events are social, volunteering and spiritual. **Friday, March 27th** at 7 PM join us for our monthly game night at St. Paschal’s Life Center. This is one of our best attended events and is good for old and new members. Please bring a snack to share, money for pizza, and your favorite game. Tell Jim Lis at 440.227.9189 that you are coming. For more information: flockfriends@yahoo.com.

**Northeast Ohio Catholic Magazine**
Who won Best Fish Fry for 2019? Find out in this issue of Northeast Ohio Catholic Magazine. Read about the Viera family along with high school student Nick Wells, as they share their faith journey. You’ll find summer camps for your kids and advice on planning for yours or your loved ones future in a senior living community. Arriving in your mailbox now or read it on our website at dioceseofcleveland.org.

**Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC)**
Next week be sure to use your envelope for CRSC. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support disabled refugees, and bring Christ’s love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and **help Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).
Stewardship Report-03/07 & 03/08/2020
Weekly Collection (240 envelopes): $13,511.00
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YTD Collection: $529,342.85
YTD Goal: $520,623.00
YTD Collection surplus/deficit: (+) $8,719.85

St. Vincent de Paul
In today’s Gospel, Jesus says; “My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work.”

Through your almsgiving, you are doing the will of the Father and finishing the work of Jesus. Know that your nickel, dime and quarter is multiplied by the coins placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.

Meet Yvone
Meet Yvone from Kenya. She learned proper nutrition and hygiene practices to help keep her healthy and in school. Yvone now has a chance to dream and the strength to follow those dreams. How can you ensure that young people in your community receive proper nutrition? Visit www.crsricebowl.org for more information.

Easter Food Collection News
The Easter Food Collection takes place until Palm Sunday. Please continue to bring non-perishable foods, cleaning supplies and paper products and place them in the bins in the Gathering Area. Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted! All donations are going to be used to fill the baskets to be distributed to those in need in our community.

Legacy Fund
As we demonstrate our devotion to God this Lenten season, we are reminded to be stewards of our faith. By providing a gift through your estate planning, you leave a sign of your commitment to continue the good work of the Church. To begin planning for your legacy, or to become a member of the Divine Word Legacy Society, please contact Fr. Dave or Shari Allwood at the parish office or Sandy Lucas of the Catholic Community Foundation at (216) 696-6525 x1640, email: slucas@catholiccommunity.org for a confidential conversation.

Remember Our Sick & Suffering!

Please take a moment to lift these individuals up in prayer this week. Please notify the parish office when a name can be removed from the list. Thank You.

Welcome New Parishioners
Mary Barresi
Jim & Becky O’Reilly and family

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
March 21st-22nd, 2020

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