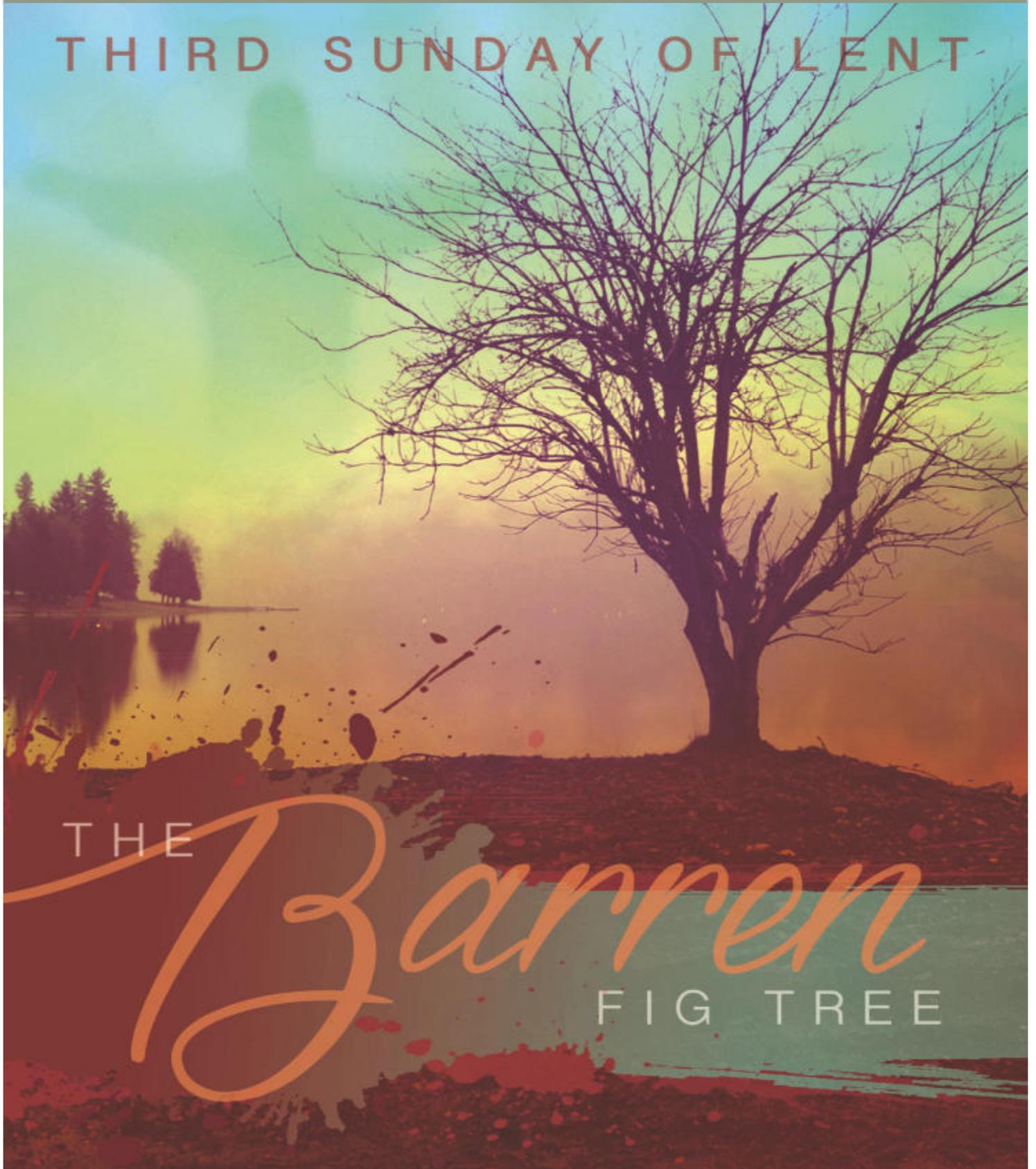


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My dear friends in Christ,

We have arrived at the mid-point of our Lenten journey. This Third Sunday of Lent affords us the opportunity to look back to Ash Wednesday and our Lenten resolutions. How have things been going? If we have growing closer to Christ through almsgiving, fasting and prayer; God be praised! If we have slipped on that path; God be praised as we allow him to pick us back up and straight anew today! We must always remember that we are never without hope. St. Paul reminds us of the reckless love of God and the great hope of our call that we hear in today's second reading:

"Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength." (1 Cor 1: 24-25).



Part of that reckless and passionate love of God that may seem out of character is what we experience in today's Gospel. Jesus, returning to the heart of the Jewish faith in the Temple, makes a whip out of cords and drives out the money changers and others who have made his Father's House a den of thieves. I wanted to touch upon this kind of anger, a righteous anger that helps put things right. When presented with the all-famous question of, "What would Jesus do?" one of my favorite replies is a reminder that flipping tables is a viable option. The story of Jesus clearing the temple of the people who used it to make a profit is actually told in all four gospels, and He did flip tables and call out those who turned the sacred place into a market. Yet whenever I gladly mention this, the best of my friends reminds me that, "It doesn't work that way." Why not?

Anger is a powerful emotion, and it drives quite a variety of actions. It can be used to wound people, but can also be used for good. This emotion is something we are allowed to feel. Even the Bible instructs us to, "Be angry but do not sin..." (Ephesians 4:26). Feeling angry itself is not wrong; Jesus felt angry, and He is incapable of any sin. Some injustices, such as abortion, are

very public. It's often easy to see the impact it has, and there are many opportunities available to be involved in making a change (<https://lifeteen.com/blog/jesus-triggered-rightously-angry/>).

Others – like bullying at your school, or the betrayal of your trust – might be more personal and difficult to understand. Sometimes we feel like we have to hide our anger about these things, instead of allowing ourselves to express it positively for the good of ourselves and others. What makes anger right or wrong, then, lies in how we handle it. There are some important distinctions to make between anger being righteous and being self-serving, so let's first take a look at what anger is not.

Righteous Anger is Not Hatred

Anger can be a hurtful emotion. If you hold onto it long enough, it does more damage to you than anyone else. It's bitter, and it can taint everything you see about a person until it seems impossible to see the good. ***It can be easy to nurture the neutral feeling of anger into the sinful act of hatred.*** Sometimes hatred seems powerful while love seems weak; but when you face a choice between the two, loving when it's not easy is the one that takes more strength. We're told to love and, as difficult as it may be at times, Jesus gives us the grace to love others, but that has to start by not letting anger grow into hatred.



Righteous Anger is Not Revenge

There are times I would like nothing more than for someone who has done something unjust to feel the repercussions of their own actions. And there have even been times that I could have made them feel those repercussions more severely, had I sought to. ***But think of all that energy spent to make someone else hurt – and how would that be any better than what they have done to hurt me or my loved ones?*** It wouldn't be.

When someone has hurt you, or someone close to you, you have a right to be upset — you have a right to be angry. You even have a right to wish for justice. But we were never made to take revenge when someone has hurt us. ***When faced with the chance to take things into our own hands or to love whoever hurt us, loving once more is the better choice.*** And when we feel like we must do something, prayer is always a good choice. Tell God how you feel, turn it over to Him, and know that in the end, He is the ultimate Judge of every situation.

Righteous Anger is Not Condemnation

It's a very interesting thing that even after driving the buyers and sellers out of the temple, Jesus never once publicly damned them to Hell. He certainly could've! He granted forgiveness and healed the blind; the Son of God has the authority to condemn as well, but He didn't. He responded to His anger about what was happening, spoke the truth about it, and He stopped it. Even in His anger, He led with love. **From that moment forward, those in the temple had a decision to face: continue as they had, or change their ways for good. If they chose to change, there is no doubt Jesus would have mercy, forgive their past, and welcome them with loving arms.** He would not hold them to that one moment or refuse them forgiveness. Yet this was a choice only they could make, and a choice Jesus would respect either way. We must remember that, even when we're angry, even when we're righteously angry, we do not have the authority to condemn, and instead recall that Jesus gives us all the gift of mercy over and over no matter how many times we fall.

Righteous Anger is a Gift

You can be thankful when you're angry. When you're hurting inside for someone or something, it seems that the last thing you're thinking of is to be grateful for that feeling. **The thing is, having a level of understanding to realize what is right and wrong, and further having the capacity to desire to set things right, takes wisdom.** Hard as it may be to consider, whoever has caused this hurt might not even realize it; they might lack the ability to see how their actions affect others, or they might never have been taught how to make loving decisions.

Even when difficult, it's a gift to be able to understand these things and feel a desire to make the situation right. Your feelings can be a motivation to make positive changes; if changes inspired by righteous anger are what God is calling you towards, it is indeed a gift, despite the sorrow and hurt.

Righteous Anger is Used for Good

Lastly, the point Jesus made in the Temple was to direct the matter back to the Father. **Not acting on personal interest, He was seeking to return the temple to its purpose of praise, not profit.** He asked, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have made it a den of robbers." (Mark 11:17). This action sums up much of what we've already seen in righteous anger, as the next logical step. When inspired by sorrow, and when we realize it is a gift to be aware of what hurts us or our loved ones or of what offends God, we naturally want to do what we can to help. **While other peoples' actions are not your responsibility, the situation can arise that allows you to change it into something fruitful – even if it is just loving the person who hurt you – and you can take it!**

In the end, remember that you are never alone in feeling anger – but the best thing you can do is to be aware of this emotion and how you are using it. You are never too young or old to use righteous anger for good if you allow it to

encourage you to make a positive change. Instead of letting feelings bring you down, you can use them for the will of God!



Know of my continued prayers as we walk forward as God's Family here at St. Angela's along the Lenten path. Always remember that Jesus Christ can transform even the hardest heart into a fertile field for his mercy to grow and flourish. Never give up on God who will never give up on us! As a reminder of that great love and mercy, we will be offering the **Anointing of the Sick on the 5th Sunday of Lent (March 20th & 21st)** after all the weekend Masses and at a special anointing Mass at 2:00pm on the 21st. Mark your calendars for this special opportunity and invite friends to family who need the holy anointing to join us. We will reflect more on this healing sacrament next week in the bulletin.

Pax et Gaudium,
(Peace & Joy)
Fr. Rob



OREMUS PRO INVICEM (Pray for one another)

In your prayers, please remember those in need of healing, especially:

Frances Allington, Maureen Ashdown, Paul Boscoe, Ella Burns, Lainey Chisholm, Levi Chisholm, Andy Corcoran, Joseph Crupi, Ken DeCrane, Francisco Deras-Solits, Jean DiRuggiero, Peggy Drew, Aranka Gajzer, Woody Granger, Ann Hawk, Frank Hawk, Hank Hout, Jerry Jesonosky, Megan Keefe, Fr. Jim Lee, Robert Lynch, Maureen Materna, Imelda Moenter, Deborah Mortack, Frances Parcaro, Michael Pitts, Marion Rich, William Schmidt, Margaret Simmons, Ann Stromp, Matthew Yaroma, Charlotte Zak and Daniel Zak.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for Joann A. Chernikovich. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK



SUNDAY: Ex 20:1-17 / Ps 19:8-11 / 1 Cor 1:22-25 / Jn 2:13-25 / Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 / Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 / Jn 4:5-42, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

MONDAY: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab / Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4 / Lk 4:24-30

TUESDAY: Dn 3:25, 34-43 / Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9 / Mt 18:21-35

WEDNESDAY: Dt 4:1, 5-9 / Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 / Mt 5:17-19

THURSDAY: Jer 7:23-28 / Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 / Lk 11:14-23

FRIDAY: Hos 14:2-10 / Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14, 17 / Mk 12:28-34

SATURDAY: Hos 6:1-6 / Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab / Lk 18:9-14

NEXT SUNDAY: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 / Ps 137:1-6 / Eph 2:4-10 / Jn 3:14-21 / Ps 23:1-6 / Eph 5:8-14 / Jn 9:1-41

FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE ARMED SERVICES

Lord, we pray for all family members in the armed services, especially those who have asked for prayers:



Jason Actis, Liam Anglin, Christopher Ceren, Captain Kevin Comiskey, Brent Cox, Patrick Elfers, Michael P. Gallagher, James Graham, Ron Grethel, Shane Hillman, Michael Hills, Derek Lisowski, Coulton Manning, Reese Marsh, Matthew Martis, Dan Meleason, Joseph O'Malley, Andrew Pipak, Captain Christopher Salisbury, and Jonathan Traczyk.

Please keep all of our armed forces stationed here and in foreign lands including those disabled by war in your prayers.



PARISH RAFFLE

SELL THOSE TICKETS!



Additional tickets are available at the Parish Center or can be mailed upon request.

\$5 per ticket | \$20 for a book of 5 tickets

The next early bird drawing for \$500 will be held on March 18th
Be sure to get your tickets soon. **You can't WIN if you don't PLAY!**

GRAND PRIZE DRAWING

Saturday, April 10th after the 4:30 pm Mass

Two Grand Prize Drawings - \$5,000 each

Seller prizes - \$500 each

Help us sell tickets! Ask your friends, family and coworkers!

This raffle benefits our entire parish community



Monday, March 8

8:30AM Mary Nieberding

Tuesday, March 9

8:30AM Agnes Kelly

Wednesday, March 10

8:30AM Anna Mae McGuirk

Thursday, March 11

8:30AM Brian Dunn

Friday, March 12

8:30AM Mary Kerr

Saturday, March 13

8:30AM Theresa Tenninges

4:30PM John Donelon

Sunday, March 14—4th Sunday of Lent

7:30AM Carl Lachendro & the Parish

9:30AM Rob Benko

11:30AM Deceased of the Mulroy & Krupar Families

5:30PM John T. Kapusta & Andrew Michael Dorogi

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Did you know that every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood? And right now there is an urgent need for donors of all blood types, especially type O, to give now and help ensure blood products are available for patients this spring.

St. Angela's will be hosting a blood drive .

Sunday, March 14th

8 a.m.—1 p.m. in the Social Hall.

To schedule an appointment, visit

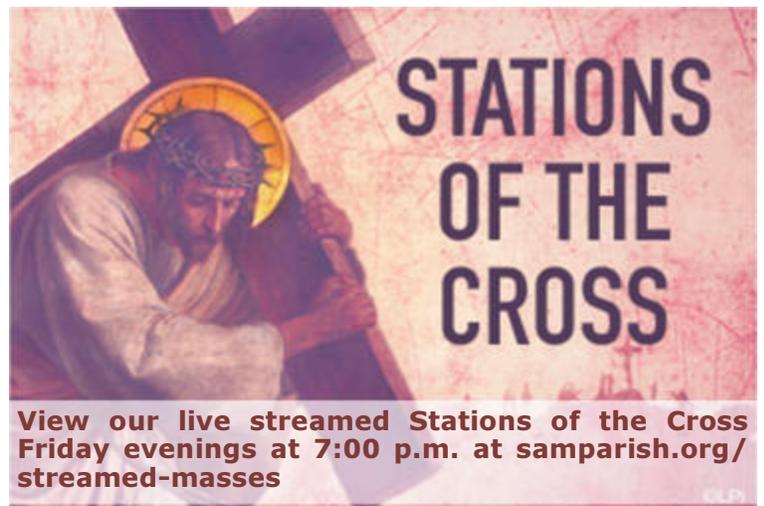
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St. Angela Merici is participating in a parish-wide survey! Please Read

We are participating in a parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute! We need your help! Fr. Lanning has appointed me as the point person for this study which will help put together a plan for the future pastoral needs of not only our parish but of the Diocese as a whole.

Please help us by participating in a 10–15-minute survey online. The survey can be accessed through an online link through March 22nd. It will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish’s efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole. We will share the link with you a bit closer to the launch of the survey.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Fr. Lanning and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. This also offers you, our members, to offer feedback and insight into the forthcoming priestly assignments in the diocese. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

If you prefer a paper copy you may pick up a paper copy of the survey after daily and Sunday Masses. They will be located at the entrance and exits of the church. Printable version of the survey is also available <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/dpp7g1ppc4> or on our website www.samparish.org. To submit the completed paper survey, please drop off in the collection baskets or at the front desk of the parish office. To make special arrangements for getting a paper copy, please contact Fr. Rob Ramser at (440) 333-2133 ext. 130.

Thank you for helping with this important project, and may St. Angela continue to watch over and guide our parish. Peace & Joy,

Fr. Rob

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Theology on the Rocks
Topic: St. Patrick and St. Joseph: Their
Connection to Christ, Church, and Culture
Monday, March 8 – 7:00 p.m.—via Zoom

Dan Guion, CORE Ministry at St. Joseph Academy, Cleveland

It is March in Cleveland, so what comes to mind? St. Patrick's Day, right? But, the Catholic Church calls us to examine the life of St. Joseph and his example. Dan Guion will join us to take a look at both saints, their connection to Christ, the Church and to our culture.

Join us for a wonderful evening exploring the lives of these two saints. We will again have breakout discussion time. We hope you can join us!

Limited to 90 computer audience so please register in advance at www.theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west

HOLY CROSS CEMETERY – Pre-Planning Seminar

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on Saturday, March 13, 2021, at 1 p.m. Please join us to learn more about your Catholic burial options, including options for cremated remains.

Attendees will receive a personal reference guide and savings certificate.

We kindly ask that you RSVP to this event to prepare for proper social distancing. Attendees are required to wear a facial covering throughout the seminar.

HOLY CROSS Cemetery
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CCA One-Year Anniversary Mass – March 19th 10:00 a.m.

We pray for your peace and consolation and we remember your dearly departed loved ones from the past year in our special One-Year Anniversary Mass. This Mass is celebrated annually on March 19th, the feast day of St. Joseph, the patron saint of a happy death. This year's One-Year Anniversary Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on March 19, 2021 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 4341 E 131st Street, Garfield Heights, OH 44105. For more information contact Rhonda at (216) 930-4866 or rabrams@clecem.org.

CCA "In-Office" Grief Support March 21st 3:00 p.m.

Catholic Cemeteries Association continues with our free monthly in-office grief support groups on March 21st with limited seating for social distancing. We offer a comfortable, private, and safe environment where you are free to explore your grief. Meetings are open discussion format, surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is on your heart. They do not build off each other so you can stop in any month and fit right in. If you are not yet able to talk about your grief, come and listen and be in the presence of those who understand.

The March topics are "Springing Forward/ Easter: Rising Up with Jesus". We meet the 3rd Sunday of every month from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at six locations:

Saint Joseph Cemetery, Avon (NEW office); Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron (office); Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park (office); Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland (office); All Saints Cemetery, Northfield (office); All Souls Cemetery, Chardon (office).

Meeting sites are sanitized and seating is arranged so everyone is at a safe distance. Participants are asked to RSVP so we can plan appropriate social distancing at each location. We require all in attendance to wear protective facial coverings.

To RSVP or for questions, please contact Rhonda at rabrams@clecem.org or (216) 930-4866.

CCA "Virtual" Grief Support March 21st 5:00 p.m.

The Catholic Cemeteries Association will be hosting a **Virtual Sunday Grief Support Group on Sunday, March 21 at 5pm**. This new support group, hosted via Zoom, will cover the same material as our in-person Sunday Grief Support Groups. The discussion topics are "Springing Forward/ Easter: Rising Up with Jesus". Registration is free and open to anyone seeking bereavement support. Register for our **virtual meeting** at <http://bit.ly/ccavirtualgriefsupportgroup>. For more information, contact Rhonda at rabrams@clecem.org or (216) 930-4866.

"A Closer Walk With Thee" – CCA Monthly Grief Support E-Newsletter:

Subscribe to the Catholic Cemeteries Association's monthly grief support e-newsletter, "A Closer Walk with Thee". This e-newsletter is emailed the first Tuesday of each month to any family/individual who has expressed an interest in our bereavement programs. To subscribe to this valued grief support resource, visit <https://www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx> and click the tan signup box on the right side.

Cincinnati Catholic Men's Conference

The Cincinnati Catholic Men's Conference, featuring Fr. Mike Schmitz, is being held on **Saturday, March 13th, 2021** at St. Ignatius Loyola Church in Cincinnati, OH.

The conference is **FREE** this year and you can attend in-person or watch virtually from the comfort of your home.

Please register today for a Faith-filled half-day where men from all over the country will enjoy Catholic inspiration and spiritual growth. Speakers include Fr. Mike Schmitz, Dr. Ray Guarendi and Ruah Woods President/JTM Foods CEO and Tony Maas.

Get complete information on the conference and register for FREE at [Cincinnati Men's Conference.com](http://CincinnatiMen'sConference.com). #CincyMen @CatholicSpeakers.

Catholic Men's Fellowship Annual Conference Saturday March 13, 2021 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Calling all men to this Lenten mission! Attend this year's conference virtually from your home computer or mobile device.

Learn and be inspired by this year's speakers:

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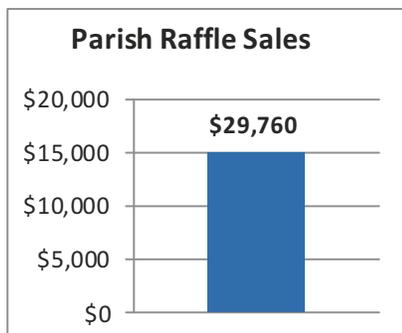
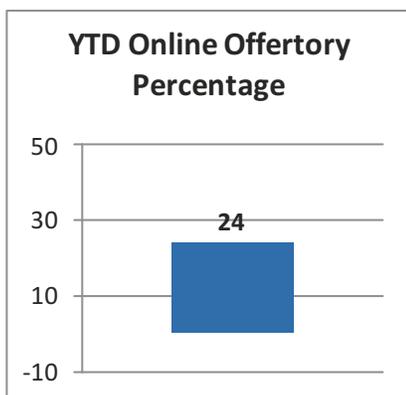
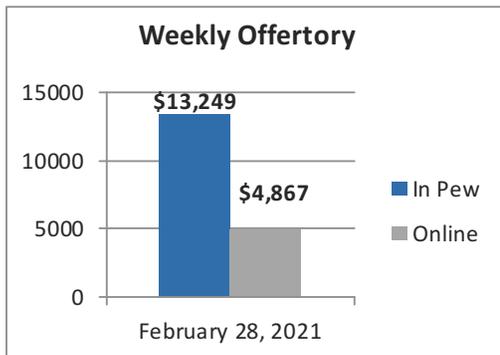
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Natural Family Planning Classes: Contact Timothy and Mary Ellen Jakubisin at (440) 779-5793, or go to www.ccli.org

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Funerals: Arrangements must be made at the Parish Center before any publication in the newspaper.

Jesuit Retreat Center Programs & Retreats—March 2021

Jesuit Retreat Center, 5629 State Rd, Parma, OH 44134. <https://www.jesuitretreatcenter.org>

Men's Lenten Retreat. Friday, March 12, 5:30 p.m. - Sunday, March 14, 11:00 a.m. Join Fr. Greg Hyde, SJ, retreat director and facilitator, for two days of prayer, reflection and presentations. Explore the themes and movements of this great season of Lent as we move towards Holy Week and the Easter Triduum. After a challenging year, come to the peace of the Jesuit Retreat Center to reflect on God's grace and activity in your life. Retreat begins with dinner on Friday evening and concludes with Liturgy on Sunday morning. **Cost: \$180**

March Morning Prayer for Women. Monday, March 15, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Women from all walks of life are invited to pray together and learn more about the beauty of prayer. Led by Sr. Mary Ann Flannery, S.C., this prayer group will refresh your spirit and help you find strength in regular prayer habits. Just bring your Bible and come as you are! Price includes coffee and pastry. Registrations are encouraged, but walk-ins welcome! **Cost: \$10**

Women's Lenten Retreat. Friday, March 19, 5:30 p.m. - Sunday, March 21, 11:00 a.m. Join Sr. Mary Ann Flannery, SC, retreat director and facilitator, for two days of prayer, reflection and presentations. Explore the themes and movements of this great season of Lent as we move towards Holy Week and the Easter Triduum. After a challenging year, come to the peace of the Jesuit Retreat Center to reflect on God's grace and activity in your life. Retreat begins with dinner on Friday evening and concludes with Liturgy on Sunday morning. **Cost: \$180**

Cinema & Conversation: *Son of God*. Monday, March 22, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Join us at Jesuit Retreat Center on the 4th Monday of each month for films that inspire and entertain. After each movie, there will be time for conversation and questions. We continue in February with the 2014 film, *Son of God*. Due to COVID social distancing, please make a reservation and wear a mask. **Free Will Offering.**

Holy Week Individually Directed Retreat and Days of Prayer. Monday, March 29, 5:30pm - Friday, April 2, 1:00pm. Jesuit Retreat Center will be offering individually directed retreats during Holy Week. Come for a five-day silent retreat with spiritual direction. Cost includes room, meals and spiritual direction. There will also be days of private prayer and reflection on Holy Thursday (April 1st) and Good Friday (April 2nd) from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (free will offering). **Cost: \$450**

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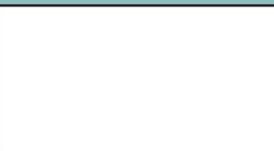
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