



February 9, 2020
Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

906 College Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio
44113

St. John Cantius

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 6:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, Thursday 8:30 a.m.
 Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday 9:30 a.m. (Polish) & 11:30 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:15–3:45 p.m.

BAPTISMS: Before any detailed arrangements are made, prospective expecting parents must attend Pre-Baptism Class. Arrangements are to be made at the Rectory in advance.

FUNERALS: Arrangements must be made with the Rectory before publication in the newspaper.

WEDDINGS: Arrangements are to be made in person at the Rectory at least six (6) months in advance. All couples planning to be married must attend Diocesan Pre-Marriage Instructions.

POLICY: Once a parishioner turns 18 years old be or she must register on their own. Only parishioners who are registered for at least six months and are active members may request Baptism, Marriage or Sponsor Certificates.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**LITURGY SCHEDULE
ROZKŁAD MSZY SW.****SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

9:30 a.m. † Joseph & Jadwiga Ryncarz
11:30 a.m. † John Saplak Sr. & John Saplak Jr.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

6:30 p.m. † Emily Trela

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:30 a.m. † Presiders Intention

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

6:30 p.m. † Cathy Dec

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

8:30 a.m. † Franciszek Kobialka

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

7:00 p.m. **NO MASS**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

4:00 p.m. † Irene Wyderka

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

9:30 a.m. † Piotr, Janina, Walter Polutrenko
11:30 a.m. Parishioners of S.J.C.

COLLECTION FOR THE WEEK**Regular Sunday**

Saturday 4:00 p.m.	\$ 1,205.00
Sunday 9:30 a.m.	\$ 401.00
Sunday 11:30 a.m.	\$ 836.00
Mail	\$ 227.00
Eoffering	\$ 345.00
Total Collection	\$ 3,014.00

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**Pastor's Thoughts**

Each year on February 14, we remember our sweethearts and loved ones on "Valentines Day." According to Hallmark there are more than 1 billion cards in the United States exchanged every February 14th second only to Christmas. Just how did this special day of love, romance, flowers, cards and candies get connected to a saint? Saint Valentine, officially known as Saint Valentinus of Rome, was a third-century Catholic priest. Fr. Valentinus got into troubles when Emperor Claudius II in 270 AD issued a decree that Roman soldiers could no longer enter into marriage. Claudius believed marriage hindered a full and total commitment of a soldier to his primary "on call" obligation to the Roman army and empire. He further issued a decree banning all marriages of Roman soldiers. As a priest, Valentine believed in the sanctity of matrimony and to his demise, Valentinus secretly began marrying Roman soldiers. He was eventually caught and thrown in prison and ordered to be executed. Before his execution while in jail, he is reported to have performed a miracle by healing Julia, the blind daughter of his jailer Asterius. Julia and her entire family came to believe in Jesus and were baptized as Roman Catholic Christians. The legend continues that on the eve of his execution on February 14th, St. Valentinus wrote the very first "Valentine Card." He addressed a card with a brief note to the healed daughter of his jailer Asterius. In the note he wished Julia peace, happiness and always be courageous in her fight of faith and love for God no matter what. He signed the card, "Your Valentine." The next morning, St. Valentine was beheaded. Truly then, the foundation of Godly love is rooted in sacrifice - for if it cost nothing, then it means nothing . . . Happy Valentines Day! Fr. Roach

APPRECIATION DINNER

On **Sunday February 16th at 1:00 pm** we would like to say thank you to all of our volunteers by offering a dinner at Sokolowski's. We cordially invite all who volunteer in our parish - parish ministers (Eucharistic ministers, servers, lector's, music ministry etc); our Parish Council; Finance Council; Festival Volunteers; Festival Committee; Golden Agers; Ladies Guild; decorating crew; and anyone else I may have forgot (LOL). This year we have two choices for dinner - Chicken Mozzarella or Stuffed Cabbage. You must make a reservation to attend, either by phone (216 781-9095 X 2 for Joe Sutowski - if not available, leave your Name, phone number, number attending, and your dinner choice(s). You may also email us at cantius906@att.net. **The cut off is Wednesday February 12**

IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember the sick and infirm of the parish in your prayers: Craig & Sam Bak, Barbara Bak, Barbara Byers, Ted Blanda, Fr. John Bryk, Walter & Carol Buczek, Edward Bugala, Paul Bugala, Delores Cass, Teresa Cieslik, Jean Elko, Roseanne Ewazen, Ed Falkowski, Janice Franczek Ron Gracon, Ann Kilbane Friedl, Stella Fryger, Nicole Fuqua, Lloyd Gordon, Mieczyslaw Janczura, Anne Kalas, Diane Kearsey, Josephine Kohut, Fran Kopack, Henry & Rita Kozlowski, Ted Kusek, Theresa Lipka, Barbara Lishko, Larry & Pam Makowski, Greg Masevice, Toby Morgan, Valerie Sopczyk Nester, Edward Pieciak, Lottie Pilat, Frank Plewa, Mildred Polanski, Lou Potokar, Joyce Resek, David Ross Jr., Betty Ryba, Barbara Skalski, Jessie & Chris Stachurski, Albert & Irene Stepnowski, Alex Sutowski, Olga Sutowski, Marlene Sutowski, Joshua Szymczak, Roberta Virzi, Adele Walczak, Emilia Wojcik, Hettie Wojtonek, Edward Zubel, and anyone we may have omitted.

CONCERT

St. John Cantius will host a Lenten concert by “Quire Cleveland.” The group, Quire Cleveland chose St. Vitus and St. John Cantius to perform a program of music to the settings of the Lamentations of Jeremiah. The Lamentations remind us of so many immigrants from Europe, Slovenia, and Poland who made Cleveland their home over a century ago and built these two beautiful landmark churches. We thank Quire Cleveland for choosing our parish to host this beautiful evening of choral singing. The concert will be held in our church on Friday February 28 2020 at 7:30 pm. Quire Cleveland will take a free will offering to help cover costs of their work and expenses related to the concert. Please mark your calendar for this exciting event. Post Cards are available at the church entrances to distribute to your friends or other groups you feel may enjoy this a cappella concert.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2020 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal is underway with an in pew commitment process taking place this weekend. This is not a special collection; rather, the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal represents the chance for all Catholics to make a significant pledge, payable in installments, to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland in order to support it’s mission of a society that stands united in it’s support of the “least among us.” Many parishioners have received a letter from Bishop Perez requesting their support. If you have not received this letter, please respond to the in-pew commitment process today! If you have received the mailing, please respond to it.

ZIARNO SŁOWA BOZEGO

Dzisiejsza krótka Ewangelia jest niezwykle wymowna i wiele od nas wymaga. W ubiegłą niedzielę widzieliśmy jak Jezus kreślił sylwetkę nowego, Bożego człowieka, obywatela królestwa niebieskiego. Musi on być skromny, pokojowo usposobiony, miłosierny, czystego serca, spragniony Boga i świętości i cierpliwy nawet wówczas, gdy jest ofiarą niesprawiedliwości. Dzisiejsza Ewangelia dodaje, że ten nowy człowiek nie może się ukrywać w jakimś ciemnym kącie, z dala od świata. Przeciwnie, on musi żyć wśród ludzi i być dla nich solą i światłem. Chrystus wyraźnie powiedział: „Wy jesteście solą ziemi – wy jesteście światłem świata”.

„Wy jesteście solą ziemi”. Sól jest przyprawą do pokarmu i zachowuje go od zepsucia. Taką właśnie rolę wyznacza Jezus swoim uczniom. Ich obowiązkiem jest strzec człowieka od zepsucia, niewiary i grzechu, zaprawiać go cnotami: dobrocią miłością i świętością. Taki jest obowiązek każdego, kto został ochrzczony. Przez całe stulecia solą naszej ziemi byli nasi praojcowie. Nasze chrześcijaństwo jest dziełem Boga i ich. Teraz jest naszym obowiązkiem być solą naszej ziemi na dzisiaj i na jutro. Czy nią jesteśmy! Czy nasze życie jest naprawdę chrześcijańskie.

„Wy jesteście światłem świata”. Oto jeszcze jedno porównanie i obraz. Światło umożliwia człowiekowi znalezienie drogi i chroni go przed zabłądzeniem. Chrześcijanin przez wiarę i całe swoje życie ma być dla innych światłem i drogowskazem do Bożej prawdy, a zabłąkanych ma zawracać na Boże drogi. Jeżeli nie jest światłem, to jest ciemnością, a więc zgubą dla siebie i innych. Podobnie jak zwierciadło odbija słoneczne światło, tak chrześcijanin powinien odbijać Jezusa Chrystusa.

Nie mogę być jakąś żaróweczką, która ledwie błyszczy, ale potężną lampą, oświetlającą całe pomieszczenie. Takie jest nasze życiowe zadanie.

IT’S TAX TIME

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