



February 16, 2020  
Sixth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

906 College Avenue  
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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.

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****LITURGY SCHEDULE  
ROZKŁAD MSZY SW.****SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

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

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

6:30 p.m.   ✠ Josephine Czerapowicz

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

8:30 a.m.    Fr. Leonard Bacik and all priests

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

6:30 p.m.    Fr. Jeff Barnish and all priests

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

8:30 a.m.   ✠ Fr. James Beatty and all priests

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

7:00 p.m.    **NO MASS**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

4:00 p.m.    Parishioners of S.J.C.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

9:30 a.m.   ✠ Antoni, Stefan Lobaza  
11:30 a.m.   ✠ John Pleva

**COLLECTION FOR THE WEEK  
Regular Sunday**

<b>Saturday 4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>\$ 1,538.00</b>
<b>Sunday 9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>\$ 340.00</b>
<b>Sunday 11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>\$ 867.00</b>
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**REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

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**RECOILATION AND HEALING**

Lent is a wonderful time to celebrate the reconciling love and the healing grace our Lord offers us. Like all religious experience, Lent takes preparation.

Reconciliation is what God does. We prepare for it by opening ourselves up, by reflecting on the areas of darkness in our lives into which God so deeply desires to shine a light. It might begin with a simple question: Where might God be offering me forgiveness and healing?

If my answer is, "I don't know," then I have some reflecting to do. I can examine my life-what I have done and what I have failed to do-and see what graces are offered me there.

Coming to genuine sorrow for our sins is difficult. We might think that anything that makes us feel bad about ourselves is something to be avoided at all costs. If we avoid guilty feelings, we ask God to rouse in us a sense of embarrassment, leading to deep sorrow, about any way that we may not have been faithful, honest, loving, selfless, or generous. We can look at our responsibilities as neighbors, employees, members of a parish or congregation, parents, spouses, sons, or daughters.

We might be intimidated by the size of the problem that comes to mind when we ask where God might be offering us forgiveness and healing. It might be a pattern of bad behavior toward our spouses and family. It might be our vices. I might say, "I feel sorry for how I treat my spouse or my children." We may feel remorse for all the good intentions that never make their way into action.

It is important not to stop there. No problem we have sums up all of who we are before God and others. The issues that come to mind might yield clues about some larger patterns. For example, I see that I tend to be loose with the truth at times. What does this reveal about me? I may discover that the real pattern of sin has to do with a deeper dishonesty or lack of integrity: hiding from God, leading a double life, not being who I really am called to be, trying to manage my life on my own terms, manipulating others for my own needs and desires. When the light of God's love shines into this level of self-awareness, I am touched by a powerful experience of reconciliation. Even here, in a place I might be most embarrassed and feel most naked, God is loving me and offering me wholeness and joy.

**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 capella concert.

**BUS TRIP**

The Ladies Guild is sponsoring a Bus Trip to see the Covered Bridges of Ashtabula Count and the Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine. See the flyers at the exits for more information.

**February  
Month of  
The Holy  
Family**



**Pastor's Thoughts**

Is there any pre-preparation that we can do for the season of Lent? Often we have to prepare for many things before they happen like medical tests, running a marathon, passing a test and the like. Just imagine that this Lent is going to be different from all the other Lent (s) in your life. Lent is a wonderful season of grace for us if we give ourselves to it and prepare ourselves for it. And, we will give ourselves to it to the degree we make it happen by commitment. Next week I will be putting a schedule in the bulletin about an upcoming Lenten program on Sundays in between the 930 and 1130 mass. It will be a video series as it was in Advent, but this time it will focus on various Saints, theologians, and role models of our church. We are also hosting a Lenten concert on February 28 at 7:30 pm by the professional group "Quire Cleveland." It will be a Lenten journey of music/ prayer through the singing of the Lamentations of Jeremiah. To make this year different, you have to prepare and to plan. Please consider attending some or all of our Lenten offerings in order to make this the best Lent ever! I would like to share a quote I read . . . "By failing to prepare you prepare yourself to fail." Fr. Roach

**ADDICTION AWARENESS WORKSHOP**

St. Malachi Parish at West 25 & Detroit, is offering a free one-day addiction awareness workshop in St. Malachi Center (behind the church), on Saturday, February 29, 2020, from 9 AM to 4 PM. Snacks and beverages provided. Donations always welcome. Relevant topics will include: the opioid epidemic; addiction/alcoholism as a brain disease; effects of drinking/using on others; treatment options; 12-steps programs of recovery; community resources. For a brochure or to register, visit us at: [www.stmalachi.org/samaritan-ministry-2020](http://www.stmalachi.org/samaritan-ministry-2020) or contact Judy Stowe (216 280-0675 or [judystowe@gmail.com](mailto:judystowe@gmail.com) or St. Malachi Rectory 216 861-5443.

**IT'S TAX TIME**

Do you need a financial statement of your 2019 Church contribution? If so, fill out the form and we will forward the statement to you. If you want it mailed please provide a self addressed business size letter envelope with a stamp.

**2019 Financial Statement**

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