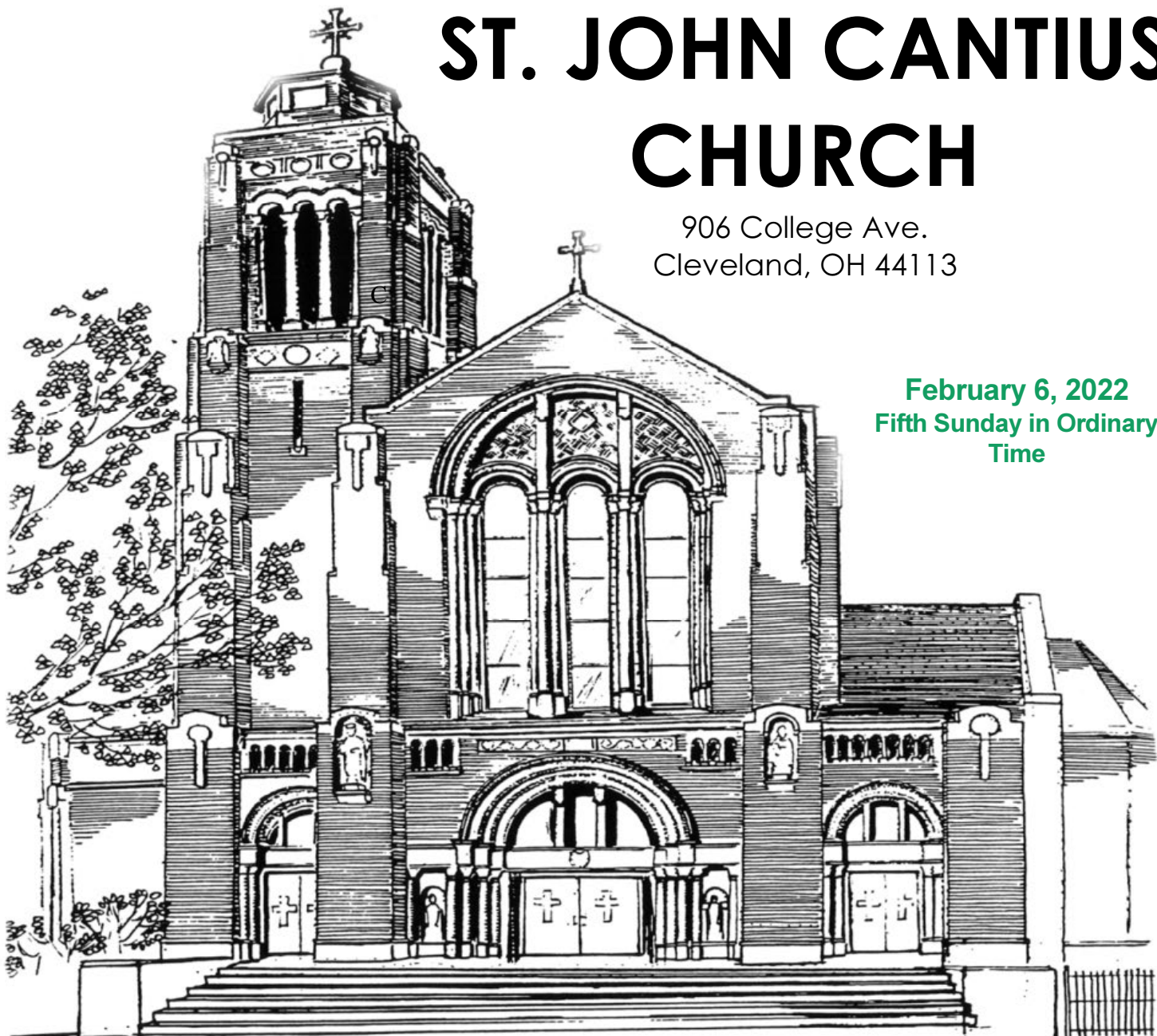


ST. JOHN CANTIUS CHURCH

906 College Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44113

February 6, 2022
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary
Time



PASTORAL STAFF

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Mon (Miraculous Medal Novena), Tues, Weds 6:30 pm
Thursday 8:30 am
Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm
Sunday 9:30 am (Polish) & 11:30 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:15-3:45 pm
Sunday (Polish) 9:00-9:30 am

BAPTISM: Baptisms may be scheduled at most anytime. Please call the rectory and speak with the Pastor to make baptismal arrangements.

FUNERALS: We request that you first contact your funeral director before contacting the parish. This will insure that your requested date is available for both the funeral home and the church. After the date has been chosen, the funeral director will contact the parish with all the details to set up the funeral. Finally, a representative from the parish will contact you about planning the Mass or parlor service for your loved one..

WEDDINGS: Wedding arrangements are made by contacting the pastor. There is a 6 month minimum wait from the day you contact the pastor and your actual wedding date. This allows for proper wedding preparation and instruction. Please call the pastor if you wish to inquire further about details on having your wedding at St. John Cantius.

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

9:30 a.m. † Teresa Cieslik
11:30 a.m. † John Saplak Sr.
John Saplak Jr.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7

6:30 p.m. Living Giamarco Family
Novena following Mass

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

No Mass

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

No Mass

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

No Mass

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

No Mass

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

4:00 p.m. † Marian Bujanowski

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

9:30 a.m. † Francisek Kobialka
11:30 a.m. † Richard Konarski

COLLECTION FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 4:00 p.m.	\$ 1,288.00
Sunday 9:30 a.m.	\$ 394.00
Sunday 11:30 a.m.	\$ 709.00
Mail	\$ 185.00
Eoffering	\$ 625.00
Total	\$ 3,201.00

PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

This weekend we will bless throats after all the Masses as this past week we celebrated the feast of St. Blaise. You will also see blest candles available at the entrances of the church. Candles were blest this past week on the feast of the Presentation of Jesus, often called Candlemas Day. The cost is \$5.00 per box. Many ethnic people including the Polish, often light these candles during inclement weather as a tradition to keep them and their homes safe.

Lent begins in about one month and this year it begins on Wednesday March 2nd (Ash Wednesday). We will celebrate two Masses on Ash Wednesday March 2nd. First, 10:00 am in Polish. Second, 6:30 pm in English. Please note that Ash Wednesday is NOT a holy day of obligation therefore there is NO vigil Mass on Tuesday, the day before. You are encouraged to attend Ash Wednesday Mass to being Lent as a reminder we are all in need of repentance and God's mercy. The diocese has furnished instructions for the distribution of ashes during the pandemic and they will be given as normal, on the forehead right after the homily.

This year to continue to make Stations of the Cross convenient and due to the lack of attendance on Friday's at 630 pm. I will offer stations after both weekend Masses (4pm Saturday and 1130 am Sunday) during Lent for those wishing to remain in church to pray the stations. Please consider attending as it will be quite easy to remain after Mass for about 15 min to pray with the parish community. Perhaps you could commit to this extra prayer experience on the weekends rather than 'giving something up' this Lent. "Word Among Us" guides will also be available for FREE at the entrances of the church. There will be other opportunities during Lent that I will share in the next few weeks.

Finally, I am seeking input to re-design the cry-room space. It's a mess! It is mostly used for storage and the entire room is in poor condition. Some ideas offered were to make it a chapel of Divine Mercy. We have the beautiful picture and relic of St. Faustina Kowalska already on the wall by St. John Paul. We could easily place the painting on the wall and get a larger Reliquary for her relic and place those items inside that cry room space. Some suggested a small Eucharistic Chapel for private prayer. When the church is completed, we could easily lock the side church entrance door and the sacristy door and leave the outside door open for a few hours each day for people to come and pray. Someone suggested a chapel to Helen Pelczar, the Mystic who was a parishioner of our parish. I would need to find out since she is not a saint if we could do this. Any workable ideas will be run past our parish council for consideration. If you have any thoughts or ideas on how to better utilize the space, please give me a call.

Thank you, Fr. Roach

IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember the sick and infirm of the parish in your prayers: Craig & Sam Bak, Barbara Bak, Barbara Byers, Walter & Carol Buczek, Delores Cass, Eileen Chase, Susan Daly, Roseanne Ewazen, Edward Falkowski, Ann Kilbane Friedl, Stella Fryger, Lloyd Gordon, Mieczyslaw Janczura, Anne Kalas, Diane Kearsy, Stella Kobak, Josephine Kohut, Fran Kopack, Henry & Rita Kozlowski, Ted Kusek, Theresa Lipka, Barbara Lishko, Larry & Pam Makowski, Greg Masevice, Edward Pieciak, Lou Potokar, Joyce Resek, Betty Ryba, Stanly & Victoria Ryncarz, Barbara Skalski, Jessie & Chris Stachurski, Albert & Irene Stepnowski, Joshua Szymczak, Janice Tkacz, Roberta Virzi, Virzi Family, Emilia Wojcik, Hettie Wojtonek, Edward Zubel, and anyone we may have omitted.

BLESSED CANDLES

In the Polish tradition, the legend relates that Mary, the Mother of God of the ‘Blessed Thunder Candle’ (Matka Bosnia Gromniczna), watches over the people on cold February nights. The thunder candle wards off deadly wolves and protects peasants from harm. Many today take these blest candles (Gromnica) and keep them in their homes to light during storms, lightening, and any inclement conditions. In Poland, the dying are often given the Gromnica to help light their way to eternity.

These blest candles will be available for purchase for \$5.00 per set of two after all weekend Masses February 5/6.

CHUCKLE: Ham sandwich issues

A Jewish rabbi and a Catholic priest were good friends. They were at a community picnic one day and the priest was eating a ham sandwich. "You know," he said to his friend, "this ham sandwich is simply delicious. I know you're not supposed to eat ham, but I don't understand why something as good as this would be forbidden to you. Why don't you break down and try one?" To which the rabbi replied, "Sure, at your wedding."



ZIARNO SŁOWA BOZEGO

Dobrze wiemy, że Pan Jezus zawarł całą swoją Ewangelię i prawo w jednym przykayaniu miłości: Będiesz miłował Boga nade wszystko, a bliźniego swego jak siebie samego. Bóg jest największym Dobrem i samą dobrocią, dlatego najważniejsza dla Niego jest miłość. Każdy człowiek jest dzieckiem Bożym, podobnie jak my: Bóg go miłuje podobnie jak nas: Chrystus przelał za niego swoją krew, podobnie jak za nas. Stąd wypływa obowiązek miłowania Go jak siebie samego. Jest to bardzo wzniosłe i piękne, ale bardzo trudne.

Bracia i Siostry! Dzisiejsza Ewangelia jest jeszcze jednym wezwaniem do chrześcijańskiej wspańałości i miłości, do braterstwa i jedności w Chrystusie. Świat jest tak boleśnie rozdarty przez egoizm i nienawiść, co jest wyraźnym znakiem, że zaparł się Chrystusa, podeptał Ewangelię, gdyż egoizm i nienawiść jest Ewangelią szatana. Chrześcijanin jest tylko o tyle chrześcijaninem, o ile swym sercem i postępowaniem miłuje Boga i bliźniego. Tylko wtedy jesteśmy braćmi Chrystusa i dziećmi Bożymi, gdy jesteśmy braćmi nawzajem dla siebie w Bogu i w Jego miłości. Nasza wzajemna miłość jest legitymacją chrześcijaństwa. Przyjrzyjmy się dokładnie legitymacji naszego życia. Prawdziwa chrześcijańska legitymacja nieraz bardzo drogo kosztuje.

OGŁOSZENIA PARAFIALNE

3 lutego przypada święto Sw. Błażeja Biskupa i Męczennika. W tym dniu w tradycji kościoła święci się gardła specjalną świecą zwaną Błażejki. W dniu 5 i 6 lutego po wszystkich Mszach będzie poświęcenie gardła w kościele.

TAX CONTERIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you file tax and need a copy of your yearly 2021 parish contributions, we ask you to fill out the portion below and deposit it in the collection basket. We ask if you could please utilize email (pdf) as your first choice or picking up the statement at the rectory or we can bring it to Mass with a phone call. The most expensive way is US Mail.

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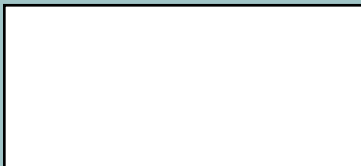
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