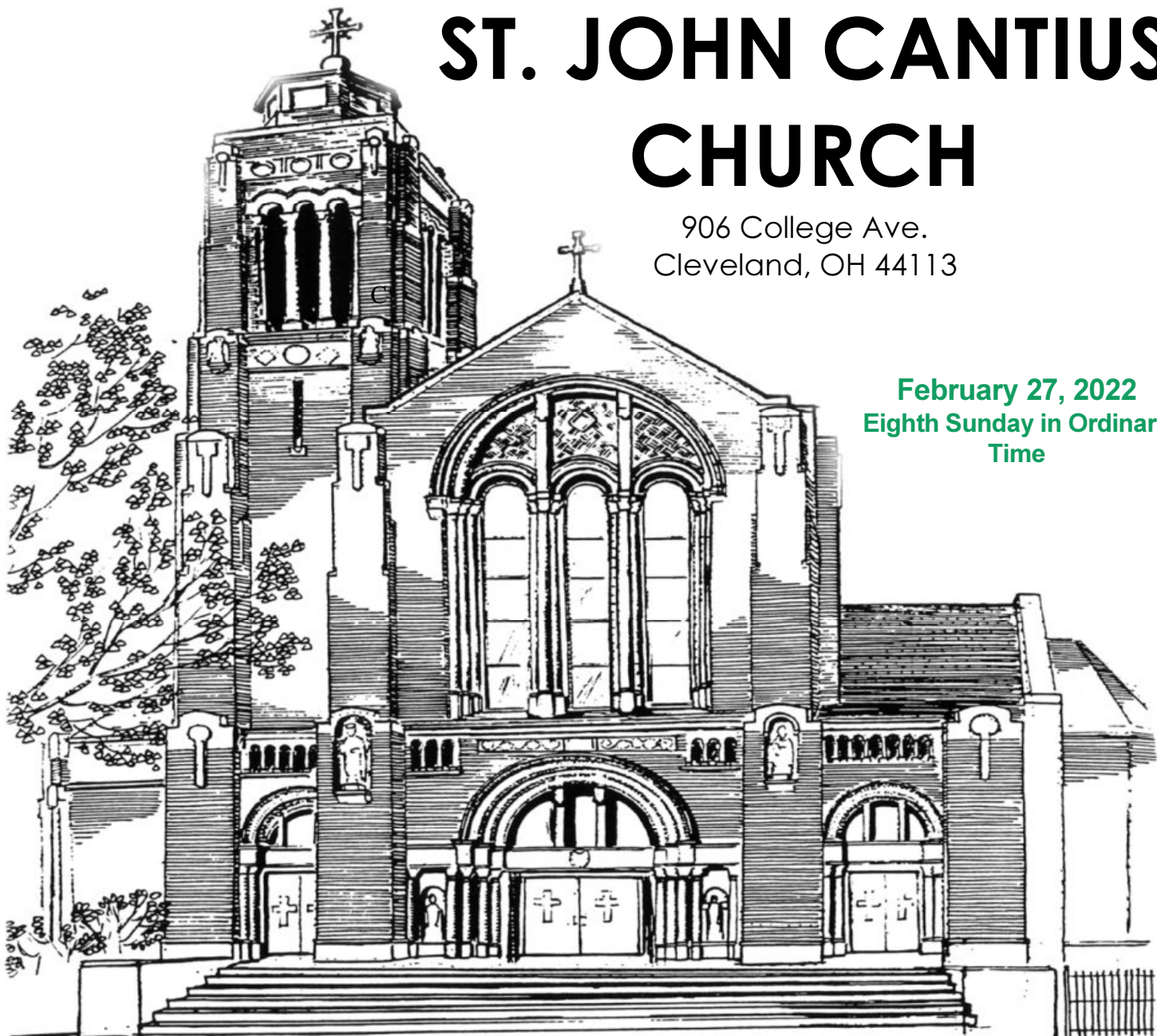


# ST. JOHN CANTIUS CHURCH

906 College Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44113

February 27, 2022  
Eighth 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.

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

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

9:30 a.m. ☩ Helena Bak  
 11:30 a.m. ☩ Florence Sutowski

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

6:30 p.m. Parishioners of S.J.C.  
 Novena following Mass

**TUESDAY, MARCH 1**

No Mass

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2 Ash Wednesday**

10:00 a.m. Atonement  
 6:30 p.m. ☩ Sophie & Peter Czernek

**THURSDAY, MARCH 3**

No Mass

**FRIDAY, MARCH 4**

No Mass

**SATURDAY, MARCH 5**

4:00 p.m. ☩ Richard Konarski

**SUNDAY, MARCH 6**

9:30 a.m. ☩ Marcin & Janina Jagiela  
 11:30 a.m. ☩ Parishioners of S.J.C.

**COLLECTION FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Saturday 4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>\$ 1,710.00</b>
<b>Sunday 9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>\$ 368.00</b>
<b>Sunday 11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>\$ 732.00</b>
<b>Mail</b>	<b>\$ 185.00</b>
<b>Eoffering</b>	<b>\$ 709.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,704.00</b>

**PASTOR'S THOUGHTS**

Next week Wednesday we begin the season of Lent. It's Ash Wednesday. While Ash Wednesday is NOT a holiday of obligation, it marks the beginning of our Lenten journey. We will have Mass on Ash Wednesday at 10:00 am in Polish and at 6:30 pm in English. Please join us as we begin this most solemn season by marking ashes on our foreheads as a sign of our humility and dependence upon Jesus.

Second, we will celebrate Stations of the Cross following every Saturday 4pm Mass and after every 11:30 am Mass on Sundays during Lent. This will hopefully make it more convenient for you to join us in this traditional Catholic Lenten devotion.

Third, the traditional Polish devotion "Gorzkie Zale" will follow each of the 9:30 am Polish Masses on Sundays. Please join us for this beautiful reflection on the lamentations of Jesus Christ.

Fourth, to celebrate Lent, St. John Cantius is hosting the professional choral group, Quire Cleveland. They will be performing a free Lenten concert on Friday March 4th at 7:30 pm in our church. The following is an Excerpt from their webpage about the concert . . . .  
*"Quire shares further messages of St. John in two motet settings by Demantius and rounds out the Passion story with complementary chorales from Bach's St. John Passion. We invite you to join us for what will undoubtedly be a performance unlike any you have ever heard - at one of three beautiful and historically significant Cleveland churches - as we continue our Lenten collaboration begun in 2020 with Cleveland churches founded by eastern European immigrants: St. John Cantius (Polish) and St. Vitus (Slovenian), adding for this series the Hungarian parish, St. Elizabeth of Hungary."*

Finally, I would like to review the church's current Lenten observances and regulations of fasting and abstinence from meat products. There are two separate sets of regulations - one for fasting which means to refrain from eating food and abstinence which means refraining from meat products. Fasting is only mandatory on two days of the entire church year. First is Ash Wednesday and the second is Good Friday. Fasting is mandatory for those 19 years old up to and including those age 59. "When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one meal as well as two smaller meals that together are equal to a full meal." (USCCB). Please note the exception from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, "Those that are excused from fasting and abstinence regardless of age would include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes . . . Those who are pregnant or nursing woman. In all cases, common sense should prevail....." (USCCB)

Abstinence from meat and meat products is required on every Friday in Lent for all Catholics 14 years old and up. May God continue to pour His blessings upon each of you and upon our great nation. 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, Kenneth Schrembeck, Barbara Skalski, Jessie & Chris Stachurski, Albert & Irene Stepnowski, Joshua Szymczak, Janice Tkacz, Roberta Virzi, Virzi Family, Emilia Wojcik, Hettie Wojtonek, and anyone we may have omitted.

**HUMOR: COMMON CENTS**

Little Johnny is always being teased by the other neighborhood boys for being stupid. Their favorite joke is to offer Johnny his choice between a nickel and a dime Little Johnny always takes the nickel. One day, after Johnny takes the nickel, a neighbor takes him aside and says, "Johnny, those boys are making fun of you. Don't you know that a dime is worth more than a nickel, even though the nickel's bigger?" Johnny grins and says, "Well, if I took the dime, they'd stop doing it, and so far I've made 20 bucks!



**OGŁOSZENIA PARAFIALNE**

W tym tygodniu przypada Sroda Popielcowa. W tym dniu Msze św. Będą w następujących godzinach. O godzinie 10:00 rano polska Msza św., i wieczorem o godzinie 6:30 po angielsku. W tym dniu obowiązuje nas wszystkich ścisły post, czyli nie wolno spożywać pokarmów mięsnych. Można tylko zjeść jeden raz posiłek do syta.

Przez cały okres Wielkiego Postu w Niedzielę po polskiej Mszy św. będą Gorzkie Zale.

**ZIARNO SŁOWA BOZEGO**

W dzisiejszą niedzielę przed Jezusem staje nieuleczalnie chory grzesznik. Był jak martwy, uschnięty pień, nieruchomy wrak człowieka. Z wielką wiarą i zaufaniem, które nie zna przeszkód, prosi żeby mógł być zdrowym człowiekiem. Otrzyma jeszcze więcej."Synu, odpuszczają ci się twoje grzechy". U Jezusa na pierwszym miejscu jest zawsze to, co powinno być na pierwszym miejscu. Jezus uzdrawia najpierw duszę chorego, odpuszczając mu grzechy. Te słowa przebaczenia nie mogły się pomieścić w chorych umysłach niektórych ludzi, dlatego słycać protesty: „Czemu On tak mówi, On bluźni. Któż może odpuszczać grzechy, jeśli nie Bóg sam jeden”. Dzisiejsza Ewangelia podkreśla podstawową prawdę naszej wiary, że Chrystus posiada boską wszechmoc i władzę. Podkreśla również Jego nieskończone miłosierdzie i współczucie dla naszych cierpień. Jezus wszystko słucha. On rozkazuje chorobie i grzechowi, i wszystko znika. Już od dwóch tysięcy lat powtarza Jezus te zbawienne słowa: "Odpuszczają ci się twoje grzechy". W tym celu stał się On człowiekiem, żeby zgładzić grzechy ludzkości. Dlatego właśnie przebywa wśród nas, żeby nam powtarzać pocieszające słowa ewangeliczne, kiedy przytłoczeni ciężkimi jak góry grzechami, przystępujemy do Niego, który jest wszechmocnym i miłosiernym lekarzem dusz. Ludzie bardziej niż czegokolwiek potrzebują przebaczenia, lekarstwa dla duszy na wszystkie błędy życiowe: potrzebują dłoni, która może wymazać wszystkie czarne stronice życia. Potrzebujemy Boga, który przemówi naszym ludzkim językiem: „Odpuszczają ci się twoje grzechy”. Cóżby nam pomogło, gdyby Bóg dał nam cały świat, a nie mógłby nam odpuścić naszych grzechów? Pozostalibyśmy nadal nieskończenie biedni i na zawsze nieszczęśliwi, gdyż grzesznik jest naprawdę nieszczęśliwy. Wszyscy jesteśmy chronicznie chorzy. Zawsze nosimy w sobie chorą duszę. Oto mamy lekarza, Jezusa, który leczy dusze i przebacza. On jest samym miłosierdziem. Upadnijmy na kolana przed Bogiem, który stał się człowiekiem, aby zbawić człowieka. Skorzystajmy z Bożego Serca i z Bożego miłosierdzia.





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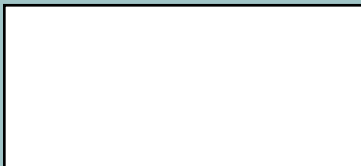
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