5TH SUNDAY St. Monica

March 26, 2023

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#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

The Parish Office is open 8:00 am-5:00 pm. Monday - Thursday and 8:00 am- Noon on Friday

MASSES: 7 days a week Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Monday-Friday: 8:00a.m.

**Bulletin Announcements due to** srjoyce@saintmonicachurch.net by NOON on Friday

# **PARISH CLERGY**

Rev. John J. <u>Mullee</u>, Pastor Rev. Theodore Marszal, Senior Parochial Vicar Rev. Thomas G. Montavon, **Retired, in Residence** Stan Drozell, Deacon

### PASTORAL STAFF

Sister Helene Skrzyniarz SSJ-TOSF, Parish Catechetical Leader srhelene@saintmonicachurch.net

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: We, the parish of St. Monica, work to create a Christlike family, welcoming all people where one encounters a loving God, by serving the spiritual, educational and social needs of the community.

**BAPTISM:** Please make arrangements in advance. Baptisms are performed on Sundays, immediately following the 10:45 a.m. Mass. Pre-Baptismal instruction is required for parents. Please call the Parish Office for time of next scheduled class.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Adults and school-age children seeking full membership in the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist can make an appt. to continue their conversion process by calling the Parish Office.

**RECONCILIATION:** Opportunities to celebrate God's forgiveness in one's life are available on Saturday afternoons from 3:15-3:45 p.m. Individual appointments with a Priest can be arranged.

**MATRIMONY:** The Diocese of Cleveland requires a 6-month preparation period for marriage. Call the Parish Office to set your wedding date and plan your celebration.

CONFIRMATION: Any adult or high school student needing Confirmation, please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Celebrated upon request. Call the Parish Office to make arrangements with one of our Priests.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Please call the Parish Office to register.

ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Provides Catholic education for students K-8. School hrs.: 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Before & After Care available. Mrs. Lisa Oriti, School Principal

EUCHARIST FOR THE HOMEBOUND: Parish Team and Staff Members visit the homebound on a monthly basis. If you or someone you know is homebound and would like to receive communion, call the Parish Office.

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# Lenten Schedule

Stations of the Cross (Mary's Way of the Cross) March 31, 2023 at 3:30 P.M.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions March 26, 2023 12:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Sacrament of Penance after 8:00 A.M. Masses the week of Holy Week: April 3, 2023 April 4, 2023 April 5, 2023 & after the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday, April 7

La Riqueza de La Fe / The Wealth of Faith 26 a 28 de Marzo a las 7:00 P.M. March 26, 2023 March 27, 2023 March 28, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD April 2, 2023 Masses 4:00 P.M., 9:00 A.M., & 10:45 A.M.

> MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK April 3, 2023 Mass 8:00 A.M. followed by Confessions

**TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK** April 4, 2023 Mass 8:00 A.M. followed by Confessions

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK April 5, 2023 Mass 8:00 A.M. followed by Confessions Tenebrae 6:30 P.M.

> **HOLY THURSDAY** April 6, 2023 Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 P.M.

**FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD [GOOD FRIDAY]** April 7, 2023 The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 3:00 P.M. followed by Confessions







**THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT** April 8, 2023 Food Blessing 1:00 P.M. Mass 8:45 P.M.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD April 9, 2023 Masses 9:00 A.M. & 10:45 P.M.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER** (Divine Mercy Sunday) April 16, 2023 Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet following the 10:45 A.M. Mass

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#### LITURGY SCHEDULE

# <u>Sunday, March 26</u> Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00 Edward & Agnes Ostrosky10:45 People of the Parish

Monday, March 27 Lenten Weekday

8:00 Michael J. King

<u>Tuesday, March 28</u> Lenten Weekday

8:00 Francis Michael Major

Wednesday, March 29 Lenten Weekday

8:00 Frank Shipta

<u>Thursday, March 30</u> Lenten Weekday

8:00 Stanley Bykiewicz

<u>Friday, March 31</u> Lenten Weekday

8:00 Raymond Nadolski

<u>Saturday, April 1</u> Lenten Weekday

4:00 Henry & Wanda Rowinski

<u>Sunday, April 2</u> Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:00 People of the Parish10:45 Joseph & Margaret Dubas

Catholic War Veterans Auxiliary meeting is Monday, March 27th in the school basement at 3:30 pm.

# Pastoral Scene continued

surrounds you, limit its presence. Any compulsive calls or texting for mere chatter and no purpose, try finding a quiet place with the Lord. As we move toward Holy Week may we begin to quiet and unclutter our lives for this most important week which is called holy.

Father Ted Marszal

# Pastoral Scene

# Young People of St. Monica's

I would like to address the young people who attend St. Monica Church, as we continue our Lenten journey to Easter. Sometimes it happens, older adults, forget the challenges and struggles of growing up. In fact, the struggles of young people are real struggles. Those struggles can take on many forms from being too tall or short, stout or skinny, intelligent or academically challenged, popular or a loner, rich or poor and the list goes on.

The need to belong and be a part of a group especially, when this group places demands which are contrary to Christian Catholic life, can be challenging. The curiosity of the mind about different things can take us down roads which can complicate our lives even further. There is a need to search out peers who are like minded and adult role models who can give direction to your real challenges and problems. I know that these challenges are real! As we grow up, we forget to look at the wider picture of life. We can be so focused on the immediate situation. It is often difficult to see a teachable moment or another door opening up for us. The happenings cannot always be talked about with parents but actually talking with them and being open would be the ideal. The ideal is not always there but others can be found who can assist in our dilemmas, they need only be sought out.

The added dimension of a relationship with Jesus needs to be a part of this picture. The early years of our education answered some of our "child" questions but, as we grow into adulthood, we continue to face new challenges and questions which is a natural happening. In it all, we must also grow in our relationship with Jesus, who is "the way, the truth and the life." I would like to offer some suggestions for the remaining weeks of Lent to help in the journey to Easter. It is truly a time to seek the Lord. Concerning the use of the computer, limit your time on the computer for games or surfing the internet. If music is something that constantly

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# Activities CALENDAR

# Monday, March 27

3:15 p.m. CWVA Meeting (c)4:15 p.m. Walking Class (J)7:00 p.m. Holy Name Board Meeting (F)

## Wednesday, March 29

6:30 p.m. G.A. Meeting (+)

### Thursday, March 30

4:15 p.m. Walking Class (J) 7:00 p.m. Ward 7 Block Watch (AR)

# Friday, March 31

3:30 p.m. Mary's Way of the Cross (+) 5:00 p.m. Set U Sandwich Saturday (J)

# Saturday, April 1

9:00 a.m. Sandwich Saturday (J) 6:00 p.m. 250 Club Dinner (c)

# Sunday, April 2

1:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. (F) 7:30 p.m. A.A. (c)



Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended to the family and friends of:

# Frank Restifo

who was recently buried. May he, and all of our dearly departed, rest in peace.



I Abigail Cordell & Robert Barrett, Jr.



# STEWARDSHIP

March 19, 2023

Sunday Offering\$	5,522.00
St. Monica Fund\$	179.00
Misc. Special Envelopes\$	342.00
Catholic Relife Services\$	473.00

Please note our average weekly expenses are \$13,546.00

Please continue to mail in your donations, donate online or drop off at the office. You can also drop your donation in the baskets in church. Thank you for your continued support.



#### Please keep in your prayers the following members of our Parish Community:

Gerald & Carol DeLooze, Marilyn, Mary Jane Speno, Ronald Rajewski, Dorothy Hover, Lisa Bielawski, Gaylene Bielawski, Special Intentions, Carol Hardon, Mike W, Rose Ann Heineman

The names will remain in the bulletin for two months. Please call the parish office if your name or a loved one's name needs to be added to the list. If you have a special intention you would like remembered in **prayer**, **please call Lillian Neptune (216) 662-5464.** 

Saint Monica Church is holding a PreCana Program on Saturday, April 15.



This program is put on by married couples of the Parish to encourage you to learn how to work at your future marriage and beyond. You will need to register by calling the Parish Office at 216-662-8685.

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# Sandwich Saturday

Join us Saturday April 1st



(Not Joke) beginning at **9:00 am** in the lower level of the Parish Office. This month, sandwiches are delivered to **Front Steps Housing—Cleveland** Any guestions, call the Parish

Office 216-662-8685.

<u>All are invited to join the fun.</u>

WARD 7 BLOCK WATCH

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch, sponsored by Councilman Tom Vaughn, will meet Thursday, March 30th at 7:00 PM in the St. Augustine room of St. Benedict School. Our guest speakers will be members of the

Garfield Hts. School Board. Nonperishable food items for the St.Vincent DePaul Food Pantry would be appreciated. All are welcome.



For more information contact Gail, 216-662-9213.

# Bakeless Bake Sale Is Almost Over

The Ladies of the St. Monica Guild 2023 Bakeless Bake Sale is almost over It is one of the ways we raise much

needed funds to help support St. Monica Church. Donation envelopes can be found at the doors of the Church, or you can place any amount you would like to donate in an envelope marked **"LADIES GUILD BAKELESS BAKE SALE"** and turn it in through the Church collection basket, drop it off at the Parish Office, or even mailed it to the Parish Office if that is easiest for you. We will be collecting donations from now through March.

We will accept cash or checks made out to "St. Monica Guild."

Thank you in advance for your participation in this fundraiser, and should you have any questions, please feel free to contact either Kathy Zack 216-650-2158 or Mary Lou Krawczyk 216-407-7152

# Calendar Fundraiser



If the office is closed simply use the mail slot located just to the left of the office door.

# Parish FUNDRAISER

# Easter Flowers and Decorations

Envelopes were included in your most recent packet of Church envelopes.

You are encouraged to remember your deceased loved ones by using this envelope.

We ask that you please <u>CLEARLY PRINT</u> the names on the envelopes and turn them in at the Parish Office or through the collection basket as soon as possible, but no later than **Palm Sunday, April 2**<sup>nd</sup>, in order to get the names on the bulletin boards in the Rockside Road vestibule of the Church for Easter.



Vinners

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# **Divine Mercy Sunday**

As a sign of Jesus' forgiving love and mercy, the Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Jesus told Saint Faustina: "I want this image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter: that Sunday is to be the Feast of Mercy. Whoever will go to confession and receive the Holy Eucharist will receive complete forgiveness of sin and punishment." A deed of mercy was also asked by Jesus. Giving food to the St. Vincent de Paul pantry, providing a ride to a neighbor to Mass, or donating to Operation Rice Bowl are just a few ways we can show Jesus' love and mercy to our neighbor.

Our Lord gave Saint Faustina the Novena of Divine Mercy which consists of nine days of prayer for all people to recognize Jesus' love and mercy. The novena, which is said privately, begins on Good Friday and is to be said for nine days, each day praying for a different intention to bring souls back to Our Savior. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is also said and may be continued daily throughout the year. The novena booklets may be obtained at the doors of the Church.

All are invited to attend special devotions on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> following the 10:45 a.m. Mass. The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will include Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image and the relic of St. Faustina, and Benediction.



# Garfield Heights Knights of Columbus Wednesday Night Dinners

Reservations by Friday, March 31 @ 8pm Wednesday, April 5 Pierogies New Day Cost \$13.00

Prepared by Lori's Custom Catering phone 216-662-2277 --- MAILBOX #2

Please Note: We have changed our voicemail service. Please listen to the entire message before leaving an order. Thank You.

Dinner Consists of: 5 Potato Pierogies, Grilled Onions, Sour Cream, Apple Sauce and Vegetable.

EVERYTHING IS PACKAGED PRE-ORDER ONLY—Take Out Only Curbside Pickup– Ready to heat NO BAKERY. SERVING TIME 4-6 PM Pickup at 10806 Granger Road—CLUB 4130 Please leave your complete name, phone number and number of dinners you will be picking up. Please no changes day of. Thank you for your continued patronage. If someone else is picking up leave their name also.

# Golubski Deliberato

On Sunday, April 2, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. we will be hosting our Annual Vigil Light Service at the Garfield Heights Civic Center.

Because the Covid-19 pandemic caused us to suspend this annual service the past three years, we are especially honored this year to be able to bring this annual tradition back to our community. It is our wish that those who experienced a recent loss come together to share in the warmth and healing of this vigil light service. Just as the flame of a candle burns brightly to light the darkness, so too, may these vigil candles illuminate the darkness of your loss.

If you and/or your family are interested in attending, please call us at **(216) 883-3900** for reservations. We invite you to share this information with friends and family who might like to participate, however, since seating and candles are limited, we simply now request that a reservation be made for a candle in remembrance of your loved one, as well as the number of guests that will be attending. Deadline for reservations is Monday, March 27, 2023.

The Garfield Hts. Civic Center is located at 5407 Turney Rd. We look forward to seeing you. Once again, our warmest wishes to you and your family.

The family and staff of **Golubski Deliberato Funeral Home** 

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**Spring Greenery Celebration!** 

# We're Sprouting the Green At Our 37th Annual Fashion Show/Luncheon

Sponsored by St Monica Church Ladies Guild Sunday, April 23, 2023 1:00 PM

Birchwood Banquet & Party Center 7540 Northfield Road, Walton Hills, OH 44146

\$ BASKET RAFFLES \$ CASH RAFFLES \$ PRIZES \$



AND FASHIONS From BLOSSOMS N BOWS BOUTIQUE 357 W Aurora Rd, Sagamore Hills, Ohio www.blossomsnbows.com

Donation: \$30 per person Buffet (with assistance for those who need it) Includes Chicken Marsala, Tender Roast Beef Au Jus Oven Browned Potatoes, Vegetable Medley, Salad, Assorted Cold Salads, Fruit Tray, Rolls, Desserts and Beverage

> For Tickets, Contact: Marlyn Praznik 216-218-2482 mpraznik@aol.com

# OCRSRICE BOWL

Our sacrifices lead us to the Resurrection.

Lent can feel like a long time. Sometimes we'd like to skip right to Easter! But just like studying for a test, practicing a sport or saving money, we often must do difficult tasks, make sacrifices and overcome obstacles to reach a worthy goal.

The 40 days we spend praying and doing penance help us prepare to celebrate the Church's greatest feast day. Jesus had to go through his passion and death before he could rise. Our sacrifices enable us to experience—in a small way— Christ's suffering, and they lead us to the joy and wonder of his resurrection.

Over the last few weeks, we've learned how people in Honduras, the Philippines and Kenya made sacrifices so their families and communities can thrive.

In Honduras, Rony fixed his reservoir and installed a low-cost system to water his fields. Although this work took time and effort, Rony's hard work allowed him to provide food for his family and is helping his son achieve his soccer dream!

In the Philippines, Raul and Rhodora changed their jobs to ensure their granddaughters can be healthy and finish school. It was challenging for them to learn a new and different type of work—raising fish—but it was worth it to help support their granddaughters.

In Kenya, Rebecca learned how to use a new water system and different ways to farm. She also taught others in her community to use these new techniques. Rebecca spent time learning and teaching, but her sacrifice is now benefiting her family and entire community.

How are you doing with your Lenten resolutions? How are your prayer, fasting and almsgiving going? Reflect on your Lenten journey and what you would like to accomplish or do differently during the final weeks of Lent to prepare for Easter.



# **5TH SUNDAY IN LENT**





**ETRANCE CHANT** 374 The Glory of These Forty Days

#### FIRST READING Ezekiel 37:12-14

Thus says the Lord GOD: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Psalm 130:1-8

#### R. (7) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to my voice in supplication.

#### R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

If you, O LORD, mark iniquities, LORD, who can stand? But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered.

### R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

I trust in the LORD; my soul trusts in his word. More than sentinels wait for the dawn, let Israel wait for the LORD.

#### R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

For with the LORD is kindness and with him is plenteous redemption; And he will redeem Israel from all their iniquities.

#### R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

### SECOND READING Romans 8:8-11

Brothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.

### GOSPEL John 11:1-45

Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill. So the sisters sent word to him saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in a day? If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if one walks at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." He said this, and



then told them, "Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him." So the disciples said to him, "Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved." But Jesus was talking about his death, while they thought that he meant ordinary sleep. So then Jesus said to them clearly, "Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe. Let us go to him." So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go to die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, "The teacher is here and is asking for you." As soon as she heard this, she rose quickly and went to him. For Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still where Martha had met him. So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her saw Mary get up quickly and go out, they followed her, presuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?"

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days."

Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

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**PRESENTATION AND PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS** 696 In Every Age

**COMMUNION CHANT** 345 Turn to Me

**FINAL PSALM OR HYMN** 647 Lord of All Hopefulness





