WELCOME

Masses

Saturday | 4:00pm Sunday | 9:00 and 10:45am Mon - Fri | 8:00am No Mass on Thursday

Confession

Saturday | 3:15pm

Parish Office Hours

Mon - Thurs | 8:00am - 5:00pm Friday | 8:00am - Noon Saturday & Sunday | Closed

Parish Clergy

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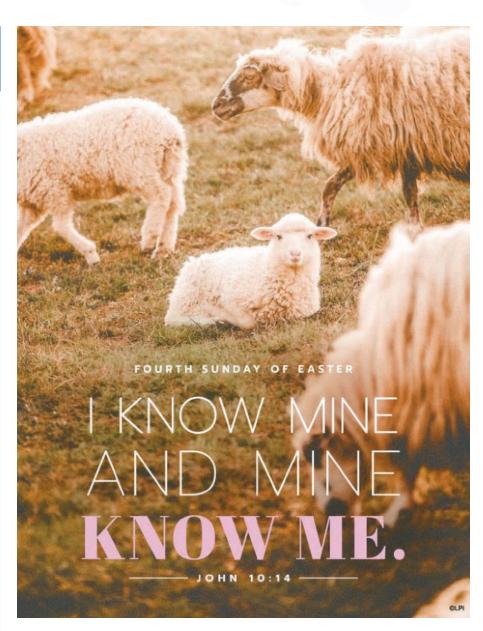
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PASTORAL SCENE

Pastoral Scene

Easter Blessings on this Good Shepherd Sunday

Please remember to observe sacred silence before and after Mass- I have to remind myself to close the Sacristan door so that our conversations do not interfere with people quieting their hearts preparing for the Eucharist. We are looking at stand up signs to place around the church to remind us to be more reverent.

Did you know there is a couple that comes in every week, sometimes with their grandson, to volunteer watering the flowers and cleaning and tidying up God's House?

This Week's Highlight

My Daily Prayer

Do you like to begin your day with prayer?

Do you need some prayer time during your lunch hour?

Do you like to end your day with prayer?

The Diocese of Cleveland is pleased to offer daily audio prayers delivered to you via email every morning.

The prayers are led by a variety of clergy from the diocese and provide a simple way to create and sustain a prayerful relationship with God.

Sign up at

dioceseofcleveland.org/mydailyprayers

They are humble and probably would not want me to mention their names. They are also members of our parish and finance council.

Blessings to our Ladies Guild for all the work and love in preparing the 38th annual fashion show.

Pope John Paul encouraged people many times to find life to the full by following Jesus as he said words like this, "Do not be afraid to open the doors to Christ..." In Palestine the shepherd brought the sheep into the sheepfold every night. It was a circular stone wall with an opening or door where the sheep entered. Once the sheep were inside for the night the shepherd slept in that opening or door all night. The sheep could not get out without stepping over the shepherd's body which meant they would not get out at all during the night. Jesus is the gate, anyone who enters through him will be safe, and will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. Others steal and kill and destroy but Jesus is the Good Shepherd.

As we contemplate Jesus the Good Shepherd, Saint Pope John Paul II declared the fourth Sunday of Easter a Day of Prayer for Vocations. We pray that many may listen to the voice of Jesus as he calls, that they may enter the sheepfold through him and be safe and have life and live it to the fullest.

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 61st WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Each year, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations invites us to reflect on the precious gift of the Lord's call to each of us, as members of his faithful pilgrim people, to participate in his loving plan and to embody the beauty of the Gospel in different states of life. Hearing that divine call, which is far from being an imposed duty – even in the name of a religious ideal – is the surest way for us to fulfil our deepest desire for happiness. Our life finds fulfilment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruit, and what path we can follow in order to become signs and instruments of love, generous acceptance, beauty and peace, wherever we find ourselves.

We continue to pray for peace in our hearts and the world. Our Lady of Fatima- Pray for Us! Fr John

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 Sunday Offering
 5,173.61

 St. Monica Fund
 389.00

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 222.00

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Sunday Offering\$6,100.50 St. Monica Fund......\$706.00

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



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 21
4th Sunday of Easter
9:00am George Stepanik
10:45am People of the Parish
Monday, April 22
Easter Weekday

8:00am Living & deceased Fr

Lukachinsky & Family

8:30am Exposition following mass **Tuesday, April 23**

Easter Weekday 8:00am Cpl. Brad Davis

15th Anniversary

Wednesday, April 24
Easter Weekday

8:00am Antonio Iacovone

Thursday St Mark, EvangelistNo Morning Mass

Friday, April 26
Easter Weekday

8:00am Harry & Harriet Ramey

Saturday, April 27 Easter Weekday

4:00pm The Glasko Family

Sunday, April 28 5th Sunday of Easter

9:00am People of the Parish 10:45am Allen Yakich

for the Homeless



Join us every Thursday at 6:00 pm in Church as we pray the Rosary.

All are invited.

In Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended for the family and friends of:
Frank Zorc
Who was recently buried.
May he and all of our dearly departed rest in peace

SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

Please pray for the Seminarians of the Cleveland Diocese

Please join us in praying for the following seminarians this week:

Monday: Sean Neville
Tues: Arthur Bordenschatz
Wed: Charles Cairnie
Thurs: Noah Furin
Friday: Jeremy Gaugler
Sat: Jeremy Shafer
Sunday: Pray for
Missionaries

Please

Dorothy Hanzlick, Sally Weiskopf, Danny Weiskopf, Nina Hubiak, Agnes Ungarsky, Jeff Machado, Frank Zorc, Joanne Reddinger, Baby Zander, Fr. Ted Marszal, Annie Runyeon, Anthony Bifro, Maggie Hojnowski (infant), Gaylene and Lisa Bielawski, Marianne Toma

Pray For the

Please call the parish office if you would like to add a name to the prayer list.

216-662-8685

THIS WEEK

Activities CALENDAR

Monday, April 22

4:00pm Spring Sports Practice (g)

4:00pm Walking Class (J)

Tuesday, April 23

4:00pm Spring Sports Practice (g)

Wednesday, April 24

4:00pm Spring Sports Practice (g)

6:30pm G.A. Meeting (+)

Thursday, April 25

3:00pm School (g)

4:00pm Spring Sports Practice (g)

4:00pm Walking Class (J)

7:00pm D.H.N. Meeting (c)

7:00pm Ward 7 Block Watch

Meeting (cmr)

Friday, April 26

4:00pm Spring Sports Practice (g)

Saturday, April 27

8:30am Men of the Vine (ocu1&2)

Sunday, April 28

7:30pm A.A. Meeting (c)

Location Code

Church (+)

Cafeteria (c)

Cafeteria Meeting Rm (cmr)

Gym (g)

Old Cr Union (ocu1) & (ocu2)

St Augustine Rm (AR)

St. Francis Rm/Office

Building (F)

St. Joseph Rm/Office

Building (J)

St Monica Rm (MR)

Pavilion (p)



Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch

sponsored by Councilwoman
Jenn Newrones, will meet
Thursday, April 25th
at 7:00 PM
in the cafeteria of

St. Benedict School. Our guest speaker will be

Judge Nicholas Celebrezze of Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court.

Nonperishable items for the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry would be appreciated.

All are welcome.

For more information contact Gail 216-662-9213.



II Megan Volinski and Tyler Bias I Toni Powers and Daniel D'Amico





April Calendar Winners

Wednesday, April 10th Mark Whittaker
Goodtime III Tour for 2 \$60 & \$50 Cash
Total Value \$110

Thursday, April 11th D Miller
Covenant Bookstore \$50 gift card,
Caterina's Fine Jewelry gift card \$50 &
Tiny Saints \$36. Total Value \$136

Friday April 12th Mary Moebius
Restaurant Gift Card Variety Pack, Olive
Garden \$15; Panera \$15; Dunkin \$10;
Slymans \$10; Culvers single scoop \$12 &
Outback Bloomin Onion \$10
Total Value \$72

Saturday, April 13th Sister Joyce
Darden Restaurants \$25 gift card, &
Ricco's Beauty Salon gift card \$25 Total
Value \$50

Sunday, April 14th **Jim Marvin**Novak's Flowers Shoppe \$50 gift card
Total Value \$50

Monday, April 15th Darlene Horvath
Cash \$150 Total Value \$150



Southeast Suburban Post 1812 Auxiliary

Meeting Monday, April 29, 2024 at 3:15 pm Parish Office, downstairs Members please try to attend.

Carnation Sale

In honor of Mother's Day
May 11th and 12th
The Ladies Guild will be selling carnations
before and after all the Masses,
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Honor Roll

January 16 through March 20, 2024

Rebecca Murowsky—First Honors
Sara Radosevic—First Honors

First Honors —Grade Point Average of 3.7 or above

AM 1260 The Rock Mass of the Month for Our Listeners and Donors and their intentions



Can you believe AM 1260 The Rock is starting its 10th year!

We first broadcasted on May 11th, 2015. In gratitude, we have a monthly Mass said for YOU – our listeners and donors and your intentions. Each 11th day of the month, (except May 10th), we will have a Mass said at a different parish in the Diocese of Cleveland. All are welcome to celebrate Mass as prayers are offered for you, our listeners, and benefactors. The April Mass is at Immaculate Conception in Cleveland, Thursday April 11th at 8 AM; May is at The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist on Friday, May 10th at 12:00 PM, and June will be at Conversion of St. Paul Shrine on Tuesday, June 11th at 12:00 PM. In addition to the Mass of the Month AM 1260 The Rock staffers pray for our listener intentions daily. Do you have a prayer request? Visit https://am1260therock.com/ and click on "Request Prayers" under the Contact Us tab or call 216-227-1260.

SACREMENT INFORMATION

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.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): Adults and school-age children seeking full membership in the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist can make an appointment 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 wanting Confirmation, please call the Parish Office.

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.



May 2024 - Jesuit Retreat Center Programs & Retreats - Celebrating 125 Years

Jesuit Retreat Center, 5629 State Rd, Parma, OH 44134. https://www.jesuitretreatcenter.org

LifeSHIFT - Transitions, Work & Ignatian Journey Retreat. Friday, May 3, 5:00pm - Sunday, May 5, 1:00pm. *Presented by Tom Bachhuber, Ed.D and Fr. Paul O'Connor, SJ.* LifeSHIFT is an opportunity to reflect on life and faith while considering new career, job, work, life transitions, caregiving, and/or retirement, using themes of Ignatian Spirituality. Cost: \$200-\$325

What Should We Do About Climate Change? (Virtual). Monday, May 6, 7:00 - 8:30pm EST. *Presented by Michael Reiling, M.Ed.* Join an engaging group conversation about how to decarbonize our planet and mitigate climate change using the highly-researched En-Roads Climate Solutions Simulator. Cost: \$10

Liturgy & Ignatian Spirituality: Mass & Ignatian Reflections in May. Tuesdays, 8:00 - 8:45am. May 7, 14, 21, 28. On Tuesdays, the Jesuit Retreat Center offers Mass in the Main Chapel followed by a brief reflection on Ignatian Spirituality. Free will offering (registration is not necessary).

May Sabbath Days - a Personal Retreat Day. Tuesday, May 7, 8:30am - 3:30pm. Come and spend a day of renewal and prayer at the Jesuit Retreat Center. Cost: \$50

The Universal Christ by Richard Rohr: A Book Discussion (Virtual). Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:30pm EST. *Presented by Michael Reiling, M.Ed.* May 7, 14, 21, 28. Presented by Michael Reiling, M.Ed. A virtual book discussion on Richard Rohr's *The Universal Christ*. Cost: \$40

A Day of Prayer: On the importance of Mother Mary's message for our own lives. Thursday, May 9, 10:00am - 3:00pm. *Presented by Fr. Bernie Owens, SJ.* A day of prayer on the importance of Mother Mary's message for our own lives, given at Lourdes, France in 1858. Cost: \$50

Hearts on Fire 2024 - Jesuit Retreat Center's Annual Fundraising Dinner. Friday, May 10, 6:00 - 8:30pm. As part of our 125th Anniversary, we will be honoring and celebrating our Jesuit Partners: Jesuit Midwest Province, John Carroll University, Saint Ignatius High School, Walsh Jesuit High School and Church of the Gesu. Visit our website for tickets and sponsor packages.

May 7-Night Directed Retreat. Sunday, May 19, 5:30pm - Sunday, May 26, 1:00pm. Directed Retreats are a time of sacred silence, an invitation to step away from the pressures and demands of daily responsibilities, and an opportunity for sustained personal prayer. Cost: \$825-\$1,175

May Morning Prayer for Women. Monday, May 20, 9:30 - 11:00am. Women from all walks of life are invited to pray together and learn more about the beauty of prayer. Led by Sr. Mary Ann Flannery, S.C., this prayer group will refresh your spirit and help you find strength in regular prayer habits. Free Will Offering (walk-ins welcome, registration not required).

May Weekend Directed Retreat. Friday, May 24, 5:30pm - Sunday, May 26, 1:00pm. Cost: \$300-\$400

Cinema & Conversation: *The Lady in the Van*. Monday, May 27, 7:00 - 9:00pm. Join us in May for the 2015 British film, *The Lady in the Van*, starring Maggie Smith and Alex Jennings. Free Will Offering.

A Day of Prayer: On the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Thursday, May 30, 10:00am - 3:00pm. *Presented by Fr. Bernie Owens, SJ.* A day of prayer on the Sacred Heart of Jesus its scriptural origins, historical development, and spiritual significance for ourselves, for today's church, and for the world. Cost: \$50

READINGS & SONGS

Entrance Chant 403 Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Today (LLANFAIR)

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said: "Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed. He is the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved."

The Responsorial Psalm Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 28-29

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have been my savior.
The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD; we bless you from the house of the LORD. I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have been my savior. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his kindness endures forever.

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

READINGS & SONGS

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-2

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Gospel John 10:11-18

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father."

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