

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

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SUNDAY OF EASTER ND BEAR **JOHN 15:16**

OUR MISSION

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.

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PASTORAL SCENE

Pastoral Scene

The Annunciation and the Lunar Eclipse

The solar eclipse on Monday, April 8 2024 drew millions to good viewing spots in the "path of totality". As you might expect, I was one of them. However, rather than trying to find a spot closer to Lake Erie, I chose a bench at Saint Andrew Abbey as my viewing spot. Why? The Abbey is at the top of one of the highest spots in Cleveland, so I expected a good viewing spot – and it was! As a result, I share with you my thoughts and meditation during this experience.

This Week's Highlight

Mother's Day Carnation Sale

In honor of Mother's Day, next weekend the Ladies Guild will be selling carnations before and after all the Masses. Due to flower price increase, the cost is \$2 per flower or 3 for \$5.

Say it with flowers!

THANK YOU for supporting our Guild.

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In the Book of Revelation, Mary is represented with the moon at her feet and clothed with the sun (12:1). The moon is often used as a symbol for the Blessed Mother – it has no light of its own but reflects the light of the sun (or should I say 'her Son'). At night the moon is a friendly light which one can look at directly, and it gently reminds us that it is the sun's reflected light that makes the moon shine. The new fact I learned was that the moon is far more than just a decorative symbol – its gravitational pull keeps the earth in balance.

As I felt the cold wind and watched the darkening of the sky, I thought about the Feast of the Annunciation itself. In many ways it reflected the visit of the Archangel Gabriel to Mary and her "Yes" freely given to Gabriel's invitation. The Incarnation (the conception of the Son) depended upon the free consent of a most holy and favored girl's "light". The Sun for that fleeting moment depended upon the moon!

Mary never eclipses Jesus, but Jesus was the light of Mary's holiness and life. Mary's "Yes" gave permission for the light of her Son to breakthrough the darkness of a sinful world.

When darkness was upon the earth, God said *Fiat lux (*let there be light) and Mary's reply *fiat mihi* (be it done unto me) made it possible for the Son to be among us!

Sister Helene

STEWARDSHIP FOR APRIL 21, 2024

Sunday Offering\$	5,014.44
St. Monica Fund\$	346.00
Misc. Special Envelopes\$	544.00

STEWARDSHIP FOR APRIL 28, 2024

Sunday Offering\$	6,289.50
St. Monica Fund\$	270.00
Misc. Special Envelopes\$	97.00

PRAYER



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 5 6th Sunday of Easter 9:00am People of the Parish 10:45am James Mullee

Monday, May 6 Easter Weekday 8:00am Geraldine Cubbal 8:30am Exposition following mass

Tuesday, May 7 *Easter Weekday* 8:00am All Souls

Wednesday, May 8 Easter Weekday 8:00am Sylvester Helinski



Thursday, May 9 *Easter Weekday* No Morning Mass

Friday, May 10 Easter Weekday 8:00am Living & deceased of Fr. John Mullee's Family

Saturday, May 11 *Easter Weekday* 4:00pm People of the Parish

Sunday, May 12 The Ascension of the Lord 9:00am Edward & Agnes Ostrosky 10:45am Lottie Hunt

There will be a Divine Mercy Holy Hour this Sunday at 2:30PM in Church with Eucharistic Adoration, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Benediction. All are welcome!





Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended for the family and friends of: Ruth Misischia and Mathew Alan Franks Who was recently buried. May she and all of our dearly departed rest in peace.

SUPPORT OUR

Please pray for the Seminarians of the Cleveland Diocese Please join us in praying for the following seminarians this week: Monday: Craig Ziobert Tuesday: Johannes Benninghoff Wednesday: Jake Cermak Thurs: Steven Zbiegien Friday: Gregory Hovan Sat: William Martzaklis Sunday: Pray for all Mothers

Please Pray For the Parishioners Listed Below

Sheldon Stein, Dorothy Hanzlick, Sally Weiskopf, Danny Weiskopf, Agnes Ungarsky, Jeff Machado, Joanne Reddinger, Annie Runyeon, Marianne Toma 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, May 6

4:00pm Spring Sports Practice (g) 4:00pm Walking Class (J) 6:30pm Holy Name Meeting (c) Tuesday, May 7

1:00pm Women' Faith Study (F) 4:00pm Spring Sports Practce (g) 6:30pm Pastoral Council Mtg (F) 7:00pm Western Reserve Coin Club (c)

Wednesday, May 8

4:00pm Spring Sports Practice (g) 6:30pm G.A. Meeting (+) Thursday, May 9 4:00pm Spring Sports Practice (g) 4:00pm Walking Class (J)

Friday, May 10 4:00pm Spring Sports Practice Saturday, May 11 8:00am Men of the Vine (ocu1&2) 5:30pm 7th/8th Grade Dance (g/c)

Sunday, May 12

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

\$1,000 Holy Name Monthly Raffle Winners - April

\$500.00 Greg Rowinski Ticket #830 Seller: Greg Rowinski Captain: Bill Simon

\$500.00 Card Players Ticket #2298 Seller: Bob Hubiak Captain: Will Skladany

1679 tickets were sold

Tickets for the May drawing can be purchased from any Holy Name member Or in the parish office. The next drawing will be Sunday, **May 26th** after the 10:45 Mass in the Church.



April Calendar Winners

Tuesday, April 23rd Alyson Olszewski Pro Football Hall of Fame \$90 gift card, Shell gasoline \$25 gift card Applebee's \$25 gift card. Total Value \$140 Wednesday, April 24th Dominic Armeni Home Depot \$25 gift card, Los Gallos \$30 gift card Total Value \$55 Thursday, April 25th Bonnie D'Angelo Meijer \$100 gift card Total Value \$100 Friday, April 26th M Iglodi Target gift card \$20, Culver's double scoop \$8 gift card, and a Giant Eagle \$25 gift card Total Value \$53 Saturday, April 27th Joseph Kruzel London Pickle Works \$25 gift card, Creekside Restaurant \$25 gift card. Total Value \$50 Sunday, April 28th Marge Mizer Baraona's \$50 gift card Total Value \$50 Monday, April 29th Milt Holherman Cash \$150

Garfield Heights Knight's of Columbus

This weekend, before and after all Masses the Knight's of Columbus will be collecting for their Measure Up Campaign. All donations will be used to help mentally challenged individuals.

OTHER INFORMATION

Trinity High School

is hiring van drivers for the 24-25 school year. Drivers start at \$15.00 per hour and work mornings from 6:15 am until around 10:00 am and in the afternoon from 1:15 pm until around 4:30 pm Monday through Friday during the school year. You do not need a CDL for this position! Please call or email Jenn Newrones (216-581-5753 or newronesj@ths.org)

Mission for Peace May 31—June 4, 2024 with the Dominican Sisters of Peace

RINITY

HIGH SCHOOL

The <u>Dominican Sisters of Peace</u> invite single, Catholic women, ages 18-45, to attend a no-cost "Mission for Peace" prayer and service immersion program, designed to help women explore contemporary Dominican life. Experience Dominican PRAYER, enjoy a behind-thescenes glimpse of COMMUNITY LIFE with our Sisters, engage in SERVICE to the local community, and reflect on God's call and PURPOSE for your life.

This five-day service program begins at 9:00am on Friday, May 31, and concludes at noon, Tuesday, June 4 at the Dominicans Sisters of Peace Motherhouse, 2320 Airport Drive, Columbus, Ohio. For more information, call, or text Sister Mai-dung Nguyen at 405-248-7027 or email <u>mai-dung.nguyen@oppeace.org</u>. (The sisters can offer some travel assistance on a need basis).



III Toni Powers and Daniel D'Amico





HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEWS President Dave Kolo

St. Monica Holy Name Society had 8 members attend the Annual Diocesan convention on Feb. 17 at St. Brendan Parish. Fr. Damien Ference from the Diocese of Cleveland had a very inspirational talk about the "Biblical Foundation of the Eucharist". It was very fitting as the Cleveland Diocese is focusing on the Eucharist this year. Our Holy Name Society had 7 men marching in the St. Patrick's Day parade in downtown Cleveland. Dave Kolo, Joe Vishey, Jeff Kovach, Frank Leone, Bill Skladany, Jim Joyce and Paul Lysobey braved the cool and blustery weather that day



While the Christmas Manger scene was on display, a number of our members helped to clean out the old choir loft in the church. The manger scene statues are stored there, but there was also the remnants of 2 restrooms, and misc. items no longer needed. After a good cleaning, the Holy Name men put away the manger statues, and now *Sue and George Medvetz* have resumed putting up the very beautiful and inspirational outdoor scenes each month

Quite a few of our members helped out at the annual fish fry here at St. Monica. It was a great parish project, and it was very successful! Our Holy Name Society held it's annual French Toast Breakfast in February, covered all the expenses and donated the \$1000.00 in proceeds to our parish. Special thanks to *Will Skladany* and the many members who helped with setup, cooking, serving, cleanup, and split raffle.

Expenses of \$1000.00 were paid for by our society for light bulbs, sink and plumbing repairs, and the repair and new battery for the lift used in the church for high level work. We are planning to clean and seal the statues and stone at the Mary shrine as soon as the weather permits.

New members are always welcome and even if you can't make the meetings please join and attend Mass with us on the second Sunday of the month at the 9am Mass.

The St. Monica Summer Series Presents:

Party at the Pavilion

June 13th

July 11th

2024



The SweetTarts a Female Retro Revue

Have a dance down Memory Lane with The Sweet Tarts!!!!

These three gals have been singing forever and they bring it together in a fun, colorful, sweetsounding show. You can look forward to hits and most loved girl-group songs from the 1960's and beyond. Get ready to twist, jerk and swim on June 13th.

Joey Tomsick Orchestra

Joey Tomsick is a popular bandleader, accordionist, radio polka disc jockey, and travel host. Joey has performed Cleveland Style polkas for 25 years, since he was a teenager. He has recorded several albums including the award-winning "Smile." He has received annual Polka Hall of Fame awards for Musician of the Year, Band of the Year, and Button Box Player of the Year. Joey is the editor of the Polka Hall of Fame's Quarterly Newsletter, and is a founding trustee, serving the past 20 years.

Brian Papesh Party Band

The Brian Papesh Party Band serves as the Saturday house band for Downtown Cleveland's Hofbrauhaus, and has performed at many private parties, weddings, dances, and community events throughout greater Cleveland and surrounding areas since the 1980's. This seasoned group of professional musicians play a great mix of party music from playing authentic sounding Rock n Roll, Country, Motown to dynamic sounding Polkas as well as other genres.

Come One, Come All, it's Pary Time

Join with Friends and Family and enjoy free entertainment. Hungry, no worry, we will be selling Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Sausage with onions and peppers, Nachos and Cheese, Pop, Water, Beer (ID required)

don't forget the ICE CREAM

Party begins at 5:00pm and ends at 8:00pm. Music: 5:30 - 7:30pm

ST. MONICA GUILD THE GRAPEVINE 2024



Board Night Out:(Off Site) WEDNESDAY, MAY 1 - 6:00 P.M. SIMON'S, BRECKSVILLE, OH

Guild Carnation Sale - May 11th & 12th (Before/After All Masses) SAY IT WITH FLOWERS..... HAPPY MOTHERS DAY - MAY 12th

> Jennings Social: WEDNESDAY, MAY 15 - 2:00 p.m. Membership Meeting: THURSDAY, MAY 17 - 6:30 P.M. MEMORIAL DAY - MAY 27th



Symbolism of the Carnation Flower -

Ancient Roman Legend-According to legend, the Carnation Flower appeared after the Crucifixion of Christ. When mother Mary wept at the death of her Son, her tears fell to the earth. Carnations sprang forth from each spot where Mary's tears stained the art. This legend lends credence to the theory that the carnation earned its name from incarnation

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MANDY CORSI - 216-408-0765

I would like to start with a big 'Thank You' to the chairperson of our 38th Annual Guild Luncheon & Fashion Show, Marlyn Praznik. This was the third year Marlyn has chaired the event and what a success it was! The luncheon was held at Woodside Event Center on Sunday, April 21st; we sold tickets to near capacity and the comments from the attendees were positive-from the venue, to the food, to the centerpieces, the raffles, and the fashions.

Thank you to everyone who helped in anyway at the luncheon and the weeks prior to working on creating the baskets. And to our lovely models and generous donors, we could not do this event without the help of those who participated in any way, you are <u>ALL</u> appreciated so much. May God Bless everyone one of you!

The month of May we will be honoring all mothers, living and deceased and special honor to our Blessed Mother, Mary. We will have our annual Carnation Sale Mother's Day Weekend (May 11th and 12th) before and after all the Masses. Look for details in the bulletin!

> May God Bless You, Mandy

PROGRAM

KATHY ROWINSKI - 216-663-9852

<u>Thank you</u> to our April speaker, Jennifer Newrones, who is the Garfield Heights Ward 7 Councilperson (St. Monica Church is located in Ward 7). We all got to know a fellow Guild Member better. <u>Please join us on Thursday, May 16th, at 6:30 p.m.</u>, as we honor our Blessed Mother Mary with our annual May Crowning ceremony and recitation of the rosary. All are welcome! Please join us!

CARNATION SALE

KATIE MEDVETZ - 216-215-0344

In honor of Mother's Day, The Ladies Guild will be SELLING CARNATIONS May 11th & 12th, before and after all Masses. Due to flower price increases, the cost is \$2.00 per flower or 3 for \$5.00. SAY IT WITH FLOWERS! And THANK YOU for supporting the Guild.

FASHION SHOW/LUNCHEON

Thank you to all who attended or donated to our 38th Fashion Show/Luncheon on April 21, 2024 at Woodside Event Center. 304 meals were served and the comments I have received have been overwhelmingly positive! A special thank you to all who helped out with the ticket sales, baskets and setup of this event; to Linda Mayausky and Maryann Wieliczko who canvassed the Cleveland area for donations; to our models, Guild members Raine Austen, Sue Carruozzo, Kelly Eppich, Deborah Rowinski, Kathy Rowinski and Louise Triptow who did an awesome job showing off the beautiful fashions from Blossoms & Bows; and to Guild member Debra Sarnowski for volunteering to do the models' hairdo's that were beautiful! (PS: Debra is available for weddings if you are looking for someone to do hair.) Because of all of you, it was a big success!

ROSARY CHAIN

CHRISTINE PAYNTER 216-475-4205

Thank you for all the thoughts and prayers being sent for members, spouses, friends and loved ones. Please have a sunny Spring season!

SUNSHINE

BARB OKUROWSKI - 216-406-3731

Get Well/Thinking of You greetings were sent to member Agnes Ungarsky. Sympathies were sent to the family of member, Nina Hubiak, who recently passed away. Thank you for keeping me posted on our members so we can let them know we are thinking of them and keeping them in our prayers.

TRAVELING MADONNA

RITA STANOWICK 216-662-1513 / ROSEMARY WELICH 216-410-5003

The Traveling Madoma is visiting with **Rosemary Welich for the month of May**. She will travel to the home of **Viola Peterre to visit for the month of June**. **Please call Rita or Rose** if you would like to have our Blessed Mother visit in your home.

JENNINGS SOCIAL

LAURA MUROWSKY - 216-587-2172

There were 25 residents and several guests that participated in playing Bingo this month at our Jennings Social. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon of games, and afterwards, refreshments. Thank you to Sue Kolo, Mary McFeely and Kathy August for volunteering again this month. Much appreciated! The next Jennings Bingo Social will be on Wednesday May 15, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. Please join us. The residents very much look forward to our visit!



Ronnie Motyka	May 6 th	Sue Kolo	May 9 th	Donna Eles	May 10 th
Debra Zack	May 12 th	Joyce Zuranski	May 13th	Theresa Pokorny	May 15 th
Joan Chamberlin	May 30 th		100		

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO POST AN ARTICLE IN THE GRAPEVINE NEWSLETTER, PLEASE CONTACT SUE MEDVETZ AT (216) 662-8257 OR EMAIL <u>MEDVETZS4791@ATT.NET</u>. ARTICLES <u>MUST</u> BE SUBMITTED <u>NO LATER THAN</u> MONDAY <u>MAY 20TH</u>, FOR THE JUNE GRAPEVINE NEWS Editor: Sue Medvetz



MARLYN PRAZNIK - 216-218-2482

READINGS & SONGS

Entrance Chant 443 Come, Holy Ghost (LAMBILLOTTE)

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage. Peter, however, raised him up, saying, "Get up. I myself am also a human being."

Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him."

While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Then Peter responded, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?" He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

The Responsorial Psalm Psalm 98:1-4

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds; His right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

The LORD has made his salvation known: in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice. He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God. Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; break into song; sing praise.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Second Reading 1 John 4:7-10

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

READINGS & SONGS

Gospel John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

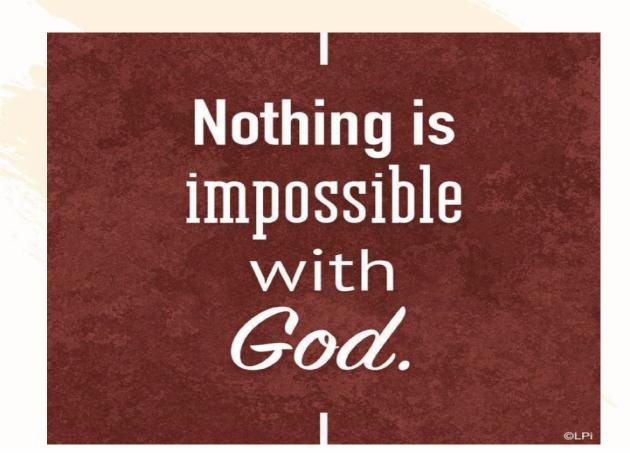
"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

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Offertory Chant 723 God Is Love (Joncas)

Communion Chant 637 In Christ Alone

The Concluding Rites 498 Hail, Holy Queen





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