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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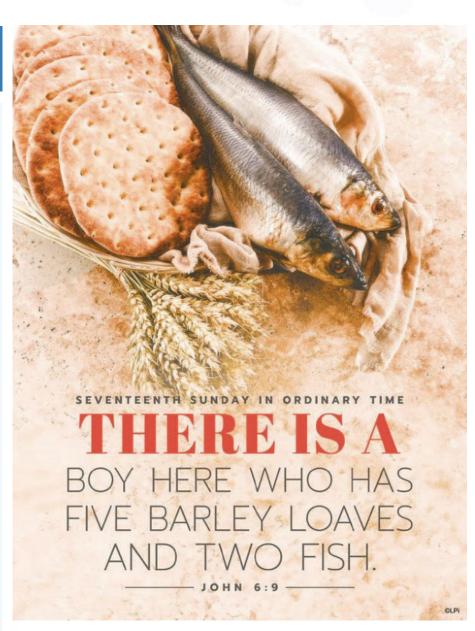
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PASTORAL SCENE

Pastoral Scene

Sometimes Moments of Darkness are Not Passing

No, this is NOT going to be a sad story, but this "Sharing" will look at passing moments of darkness and confusion in my life (and maybe in yours), and how to rise above them.

Each morning, I drive by a billboard that states, "Passing moments of Darkness are not always passing." Most of the time I nod my head, but there are those days where the full extent of what that billboard says

This Week's Highlight

Reminder the Annual Parish Picnic

August 25th. We begin with our outdoor Mass at 12:30 at the Pavilion, followed by the Brian Papesh Party Band, good food and wonderful friendships

Remember to turn in

Your Raffle Tickets
And donation for the baskets

hits home. Even though I am generally a joyful person, darkness and confusion do rear their ugly heads in my life, and I feel as if the Lord is taking me on a journey "through a dark moonless and starless sea" to find Him once again."

Sound familiar? This 'voyage' usually pushes itself into my life at the end of the Easter Season -mirroring the empty tomb experience that integrated me into the transformation celebrated in the
Easter Vigil ceremonies themself. The ancient Holy Saturday liturgy recalls Jesus's descent to the
dead, where he preaches the good news of his triumph over sin and death, releasing all those bound
since the time of Adam and Eve. Those moments of darkness and confusion were the reality that
Mary Magdalene experienced after the death of Jesus, and her visit to his tomb. Once Mary Magdalene heard Jesus speak her name, however, her life changed!

Like Mary, Jesus takes me at times through the mysterious cloud of the Paschal Mystery where I discover once again what it means to convert, leave myself behind, and accompany Jesus in his travels from Galilee to the foot of the cross in Jerusalem, and to share my renewed joy wherever I am scheduled to work that day..

Jesus may have left me waiting for him on that silent Sabbath of darkness and confused at the empty tomb when I began my journey to work, but he also rewards me with the gift of himself through deeper faith, hope, and love. I hear His voice in my heart, and THAT in itself, makes all the difference.

Always smiling (or trying to) Sister Helene

STEWARDSHIP FOR JULY 21, 2024

 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 note our average weekly expenses are \$13,546.00



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 28 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time9:00am George A Schwarz
10:45am People of the Parish

Monday, July 29 Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus 8:00am Ronald Smith 8:30am Exposition following mass

Tuesday, July 30 Weekday 8:00am Dennis Woloszynek

Wednesday, July 31 St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest 8:00am Helen & Ted Golubski Thursday, August 1
St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop &
Doctor of the Church
8:00am Priest Intention

Friday, August 2 Weekday 8:00am Greg & Kathy

8:00am Greg & Kathy Rowinski (Anniversary)

Saturday, August 3 *Weekday*4:00pm The Varrati Family

Sunday, August 4 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time9:00am People of the Parish
10:45am Samuel & Elizabeth

Kravetz



There will be a
Divine Mercy Holy Hour
Sunday Aug11th, at 2:30PM in Church
with Eucharistic Adoration, the Chaplet of
Divine Mercy, and Benediction.

All are welcome!

Pray for Counties at War

In Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended for the family and friends of:
Albert Franzoline, Jr
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: Jonathan Green
Tues: Andrew Bendahan
Wednesday: Thomas Byrne
Thurs: Augustine Drexler
Friday: Stephen Vavro
Sat: Miguel Estrada
Sunday: Pray for Parents
of Priest

Please Pray For the Parishioners Listed Below

Andrew P's Family, Cindy Sobelewski, Danny Weiskopf,
Sally Weiskopf, Geo, Ray Stachowiak,
Toni Oden, John Virzi, Jeff Virzi,
Lisa Bielawski, Gaylene Bielewski,
Joan Chamberlin, Joanne Reddinger

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, July 29

4:15pm Walking Class (J)

Wednesday, July 31

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

Thursday, August 1

4:15pm Walking Class (J)

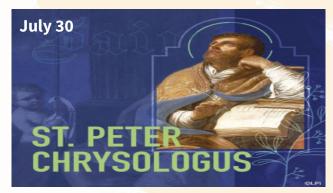
Sunday, August 4

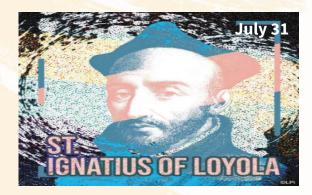
7:30pm A.A. Meeting (c)

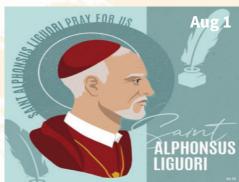
My Daily Prayer

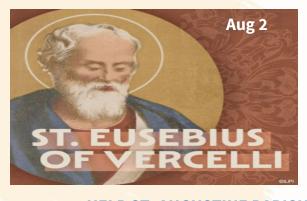
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Do you need some prayer time during your lunch hour?
Do you like to end your day with prayer?
The Diocese of Cleveland is pleased to offer daily audio prayers delivered to you via email every morning.
The prayers are led by a variety of clergy from the diocese and provide a simple way to create and sustain a prayerful relationship with God.

Sign up at dioceseofcleveland.org/mydailyprayers









HELP ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH

The Cupboard/Closet ministry of St. Augustine, Tremont, is in need of gently used summer/seasonal clothing as well as backpacks and luggage on wheels that can be pulled. Donations can be marked "St. Augustine" and brought to the parish office. Please, no suitcases or old-style luggage. People living outside use portable luggage to transport and store their belongings. Thanks for your help!



James Patrick Michael Zenda



Party at the Pavilion



Thank You

Let us take a moment to say thank you.

To **everyone,** Sponsors, Patrons, Volunteers, Bands, Participants!
We all had a wonderful time coming together as a community sharing good music, good food, and most of all Good People.

Because you were there it worked, fun was had by all and we left a little money for the parish.

The goal of Party at the Pavilion has always been to come together as a community in friendship.

As in the past small profits were made. This year we let \$2,821.90 for the parish.

Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland Pre-Planning Seminar

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on

Saturday, August 3rd, 2024, at 1p.m. in the main office building of Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland.

Please join us to learn more about the necessary steps to pre-planning the burial process, burial options including options for cremated remains, and the Catholic burial rite.

We kindly ask that you **RSVP** to this event to

Calvary Cemetery - 216-641-7575 ext. 2

or email bstrauchon@clecem.org.

August is Make-A Will Month

Did you know August is national

"Make-a-Will" Month?

Having an up-to-date will in place is a powerful way to plan for the future and protect the people and ministries you care about.

Thanks to the

Catholic Community Foundation's partnership with FreeWill, you can use their free self-help estate planning platform. You will be guided through the process of writing your legal will in 20 minutes or less.

It is a great way to support your parish, Catholic Charities, Catholic Education, or another ministry of the diocese.

Get started at www.catholiccommunity.org/freewill

We Need Your Help!

As we are preparing for our **Annual Homecoming Picnic and Raffle** on August 25th,we are looking for help from people who would be willing to sponsor one of the baskets for our **Chinese Raffle Baskets**. All you need to do is purchase items of a certain theme, gift cards or even provide a total basket of goods. Maybe ask a friend to help sponsor a basket. We are trying to make each basket worth between \$75.00 - \$100.00 each. We would like to have at least 20 - 25 baskets for this raffle so as many people can win one of these great prizes.

Suggested themes for these baskets are:

Rainy Day Games • Gardening • Great Outdoors • Pets • Christmas • Baking Road Trip • Car Care • Beauty / Spa • Back to School • Or Something **YOU** Like









If You would like to participate, please contact the parish office.

Homecoming Picnic and Raffle Tickets

Don't forget about returning your tickets for our **Special Raffle** baskets. You should have received these in the mail in early June. If you did not receive these, or need more, please contact the parish office. Each of these baskets contains \$250.00 in cash, a bottle of wine, Malley's Chocolate and a few other goodies all would enjoy! Our goal this year is \$20,000.00 in ticket sales.

ALL monies raised from this raffle help support our Parish

* Please note that due to a unexplained reason from the mailing house, some of our parishioners received 2 envelopes with the letter and tickets in them. We apologize for the inconvenience and will work to make sure it does not happen again.

Homecoming Picnic and Raffle Sponsorships

If you have a business, or know of someone that does, there is still time to become a sponsor for this picnic. Sponsorship opportunities begin at \$100.00.

If interested please contact Jim Joyce at 216 548 9510

The Highlight of the Summer!

Join us next Sunday, August 4, 2024 for The FEST at the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe. For thousands across our region, it's the highlight of the summer as we come together for an inspiring day of faith, family and fun – all for FREE. Come and hear the best Contemporary Christian artists (Casting Crowns, We the Kingdom, Cochren & Co., Caleb and John) Wander around the 56 acre campus of the CPL and find opportunities for prayer, reflection, Confession and Adoration. There are engaging displays and give away items for the adults, along with lots of activities for the kids and grandkids (petting zoo, BMX Shows, crafts and so much more). Check out all the details at www.theFEST.us.

Each year we hear from thousands of Catholics that The FEST is the highlight of their summer, and the FEST Mass is their favorite part of the day! Join Bishop Malesic and Bisho Woost on Sunday, August 4, 2024 for a beautiful outdoor Mass starting at 8 pm followed by an American Fireworks display. There's plenty of close, free parking for the entire day and especially the Mass. Check out all the details for this FREE family day by going to www.theFEST.us.

The FEST is FREE thanks to the support of great sponsors -- Marc's, Baron's Bus, the Diocese of Cleveland. The FEST raffle is also a big help to creating this great family day.

You can win great prizes and help keep The FEST free and open to all.

Check out the details by going to: www.theFEST.us/raffle



St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry Needs

Fruit Spread, Jelly, Cake Mix, Spaghetti Sauce, Pancake Mix, Oatmeal, Flour, Sugar, Ramen, Tuna, Sardines, Salmon, Cereal, Canned Fruit, Vegetables, Canned Meet, Orange Juice,







Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Body Wash, Shampoo, Deodorant, Razors, Q-Tips, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Kleenex

August 2023 - Jesuit Retreat Center Programs & Retreats

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

Keeping A Personal Journal. Mondays, 7:00 - 8:30pm EST. August 5, 12, 19, 26. *Presented by Michael Reiling, M.Ed.* This program promotes regular writing as an opportunity to reflectively explore the meaning and movement of life. Participants can be new to journaling, occasional journalists seeking new topics to write about. Cost: \$40

Liturgy & Ignatian Spirituality: Mass & Ignatian Reflections in August. Tuesdays, 8:00 - 8:45am. August 6, 13, 20, 27. 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).

August Sabbath Days - a Personal Retreat Day. Tuesday, August 6, 8:30am - 3:30pm. We have carved out time in the JRC calendar for those who would like to come to JRC - to pray in our chapels, to sit in quiet reading in the library, to walk and meditate on the beautiful grounds. Cost: \$50

History and Life of Sr. Ignatia Gavin, CSA: The Angel of Alcoholics Anonymous. Wednesday, August 7, 7:00 - 9:00pm. *Presented by Sr. Judith Ann Karam, CSA and Marissa Ortosky-Dorantes*. Join us for an inspiring presentation on the remarkable life of Sr. Ignatia Gavin, CSA, also known as the Angel of Alcoholics Anonymous. Free Will Offering.

August Weekend Directed Retreat. Friday, August 9, 5:30pm - Sunday, August 11, 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: \$300 - \$400

August 6-Night Directed Retreat. Fri, August 9, 5:30pm – Thurs, August 15, 1:00pm. Cost: \$625 - \$1,000

Journey Into Wholeness: The Spiritual Exercises and the Enneagram. Friday, August 23, 5:00pm - Sunday, August 25, 1:00pm. *Presented by Bill Hobbs.* Both the Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius of Loyola and the Enneagram are insightful tools to help us move toward freedom, integration, and wholeness. Weekend includes presentations, conversation, discussion, and time for personal prayer and reflection. Cost \$250 - \$350

The Chosen: Behind-the-Scenes Look. Monday, August 26, 6:30 - 8:00pm. Deacon Will & Liz Yoho share their experiences of being Extras on the set of The CHOSEN, a Hollywood quality series about the life of Christ. Find out what happens behind the scenes of a major production movie. See pictures of Matthew's tax collection booth & John the Baptist's jail cell. Cost: \$15

Cinema & Conversation: *Teilhard: Visionary Scientist.* Monday, August 26, 7:00 - 9:00pm. After the movie, there will be time for conversation and questions. We continue in August with the documentary film, *Teilhard: Visionary Scientist*, which explores the life and teachings of Jesuit theologian and scientist, Fr. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin. Free Will Offering (walk-ins welcome, registration not required).

READINGS & SONGS

Entrance Chant 589 O God beyond All Praising

First Reading 2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah bringing to Elisha, the man of God, twenty barley loaves made from the firstfruits, and fresh grain in the ear. Elisha said, "Give it to the people to eat." But his servant objected, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" Elisha insisted, "Give it to the people to eat." "For thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and there shall be some left over." And when they had eaten, there was some left over, as the LORD had said.

The Responsorial Psalm Psalm 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD, and let your faithful ones bless you.
Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might.

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

The eyes of all look hopefully to you, and you give them their food in due season; you open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

The LORD is just in all his ways and holy in all his works.

The LORD is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Second Reading Ephesians 4:1-6

Brothers and sisters: I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

READINGS & SONGS

Gospel John 6:1-15

Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee. A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. The Jewish feast of Passover was near. When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" He said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people recline." Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat. When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world." Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain alone.

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Offertory Chant 680 Amazing Grace

Communion Chant 779 In the Breaking of the Bread

The Concluding Rites 686 How Can I Keep from Singing



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