



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10 - VIGIL
4:30PM - People of the Parish
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 - SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00AM - Helen Dzierzawski (30 Day)
+11:00AM - Sophie Juran (30 Day)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12 - WEEKDAY
7:00AM - Dee Marzola

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 - WEEKDAY
7:00AM - Jim & Ann Marie Casey

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 - ASH WEDNESDAY
7:00AM - All Souls' Day Intentions
8:15AM - Mason Smerdel (Living) - Student Liturgy
11:15AM - Living & Deceased Members of the Naylor & Ritter Families

7:00PM - Maxine Gerwig
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15 - THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY
7:00AM - Stephen Rapsik

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16 - FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY
7:00AM - Rogelio Morales
8:15AM - Zelenka Family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17 - THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER
8:15AM - Sandy Pukys
4:30PM - Sister Mary Laura Bouhall, OSU (30 Day)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
+9:00AM - People of the Parish
11:00AM - Corinne Hughes (30 Day)
+Cup Mass

Weekly Schedule

Monday, February 12th
4:00-10:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym
6:45-8:00 PM PSR - Church
7:00 PM PPC - Rectory
7:00 PM RCIA - School

Tuesday, February 13th
1:00 PM Women's Guild Meeting - Utopia Hall
4:00-10:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym
4:00-5:00 PM Children's Choir - Church
6:00 PM Alpha - Utopia Hall
7:00 PM Rosary for World Peace - Chapel

Wednesday, February 14th
5:00 PM Bingo - Gym & Utopia Hall

Thursday, February 15th
4:00 PM-10:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym
7:00 PM Cub Scouts - Cafeteria
7:00 PM Holy Name - Utopia Hall
7:30 PM Adult Choir - Church

Friday, February 16th
11:30AM-3:00PM Lenten Luncheon - Utopia Hall
2:00 PM Stations of the Cross - Church
2:30PM-7:00PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
3:30PM-6:30PM Confessions - Church
7:00 PM Benediction & Stations - Church

Saturday, February 17th
9:00AM Cub Scouts - Utopia Hall
10:30AM-12:00PM Third Order of Mary - Rectory

Sunday, February 18th
9:00AM-11:30AM Men's Basketball-Gym
9:00AM-12:00PM PSR- Utopia Hall

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON: Steve Cottos
SECRETARY: Susan Sidley

REGISTRATION

Persons who live within parish boundaries should be properly registered. This includes all students in high school and college. Register with the priest after Mass. If you move out of the parish, please notify the rectory.

BAPTISMS

Sunday: 12:30 PM or during any weekend liturgy. Prior to baptism of their first child, parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptism class. Please call the rectory at 216-749-0414 to schedule an interview.

MARRIAGES

Should be arranged with a priest by calling the rectory 6 months prior to the wedding date. Individual conferences, plus attendance at a pre-marriage program, are required for proper preparation.

Financial Blessings

Collection for February 4th.....\$8,062.00
Maintenance Collection.....\$2,427.00
Votive Candles.....\$98.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

This Wednesday is Valentine's Day. This is a time we remember those who hold a special place in our lives. This Wednesday is also Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is also a time in which we begin our Lenten journey. I am sure most of you are thinking that it is unfair that a day meant for fine dinners, candy and flowers is now being preempted by no meat, no eating between meals and giving up all the things that we all like and want.

If we find ourselves complaining that I can't eat meat or I cannot even enjoy a couple of pieces of chocolate then we have no understanding of Lent or the meaning of the sacrifice. If God truly holds a special place in your heart than there is no question about abstaining from meat and fasting for the day. These little sacrifices are just what we do in order to honor the Lord our God.

The best gift we can give to the Lord is the gift of offering one's self and making many small self-sacrifices. Lent is about getting rid of the old sinful self and rising on Easter Sunday to a new person. A person who is faithful and holy. Too many times we have Lent come and go, never doing anything to show God how important He is in our lives. Why not try and make this Lent a time to truly deepen your relationship with the Lord. Allow God to touch your heart so that you will be changed into a compassionate and loving human being.

Sometimes Lent is not about giving up candy, cigarettes or alcohol, but about giving up our vices and replacing them with virtues. Why not try to give up on sarcasm and say only good things people may need to hear. This may sound easy, but it is not. It is very difficult and if it is not difficult then you are doing it wrong. We must try with all our might to change from being that negative person that everyone avoids and working at becoming the loving and compassionate person God created us to be.

Lent is a very important season in the Church's calendar. It is a time of deep reflection and soul searching. Lent is about growing closer to God through books, movies and prayer. May this Lenten season be challenging, but rewarding.

Peace and Goodness,

*Fr. Bill*

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

**Our Lady of Lourdes** - On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in the apostolic constitution *Ineffabilis Deus*. A little more than three years later, on February 11, 1858, a young lady appeared to Bernadette Soubirous. This began a series of visions. During the apparition on March 25, the lady identified herself with the words: "I am the Immaculate Conception."

Bernadette was a sickly child of poor parents. Their practice of the Catholic faith was scarcely more than lukewarm. Bernadette could pray the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Creed. She also knew the prayer of the Miraculous Medal: "O Mary conceived without sin."

During interrogations Bernadette gave an account of what she saw. It was "something white in the shape of a girl." She used the word *aquero*, a dialect term meaning "this thing." It was "a pretty young girl with a rosary over her arm." Her white robe was encircled by a blue girdle. She wore a white veil. There was a yellow rose on each foot. A rosary was in her hand. Bernadette was also impressed by the fact that the lady did not use the informal form of address (tu), but the polite form (vous). The humble virgin appeared to a humble girl and treated her with dignity.

Through that humble girl, Mary revitalized and continues to revitalize the faith of millions of people. People began to flock to Lourdes from other parts of France and from all over the world. In 1862 Church authorities confirmed the authenticity of the apparitions and authorized the cult of Our Lady of Lourdes for the diocese. (Franciscan Media)

## SEMINARIAN OF THE MONTH

**Scott Swinerton**  
**St. Mary of the Falls,**  
**Olmsted Falls**  
**I Theology, St. Mary**



Please keep Scott and all seminarians in your prayers as we continue to pray for vocations. To let him know that he is in your thoughts and prayers, send a card to him at 28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, OH 44092.



**ALPHA**  
**Tuesdays at 6pm**  
**in Utopia Hall**  
**All are Welcome!**

## MUSIC MINISTRY

On Saturday, February 24th, the Holy Name High School Choir will be singing for the 4:30pm Mass. This is a great opportunity for 7th graders as they begin to think about which high school they will attend. Please consider attending this Mass and hear the Holy Name High School Choir!

## PARISH PRAYER

O God, the Creator and giver of all things, bless this parish. Strengthen our faith; grant us the spirit of sacrifice and service so that, with Your grace, we may provide for the needs of our members, glorify You and sanctify ourselves. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE MONTH - FEBRUARY

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.



Vinny Mercurio, Nickola Badza, Ethel Whipkey, Patricia Blayney, Greg Jakupcik, Carol Loy, Mary Misch, John Misch, Raymond Misch, Allan Rzeszutek, James Malames, Anne Boughton, Sonny Peters, Raymond Kuhar, Jessica Kuhar, Stephen Kuhar III, Gregory Simecek, Alexis Simecek, Heather Hudak, Michael McClelland, Albert Baker, Luke Rosati, Bob Ducsay, Joe & Sandy Palumbo, Meg Zalar, Eleanor Royko, Robert Palumbo, Stephanie Ziolkowski, Martha & George Kysil and Sr. Mary Catherine McNamara, SIW. Please call the rectory by noon on Monday to add a name to the list. Names will remain on the list for the month.

## Cluster Corner

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE: 216-749-2323

**Day of Reflection** - Join the St. Anne's Ladies Guild as they present the Annual Ladies' Lenten Day of Reflection on Saturday, February 17th from 9am to 2pm. This year's theme is "Hope is our Anchor: Jesus is our Hope." There is no cost to attend and lunch is included.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO: 440-884-3030

**2018 Lenten Retreat** - "How to Get More to Be More" with Fr. Scott Goodfellow, Retreat Director. Sunday, February 25th at 7pm-Get More out of Prayer, Monday, February 26th at 7:30pm-Get More out of Mass and Tuesday, February 27th at 7:30pm-Get More out of Confession. All presentations are in the Church.

ST. LEO THE GREAT: 216-661-1006

**Bus Trip** - Join us on Thursday, March 15th for our "Amish Eyes are Smiling" trip. We will visit te Walnut Creek Flea Market, Coblentz Chocolates, Amish Country Theatre (lunch show included) and Walnut Creek Cheese (ice cream included). Cost is \$85/person. Please contact Joanne Todd at 440-526-3505 to book your trip. Save the Date - Mark your calendars for April 21st for the St. Leo the Great Athletic Annual Women's Reverse Raffle.

## PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Please remember Alina Eberhardt, Helen Krakovsky, Julius Tomeczko, David Abel, Lisa Roginsky and Rev. Philip P. Pritt in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

## WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild will have a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 13th at 1pm in Utopia Hall. Our entertainment will be provided by Bob & Shelly Orlandi. Refreshments will be served. Please join us!

## HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Our regular meeting will be on Thursday, February 15th at 7pm in Utopia Hall. All members of the Holy Name Society are welcome. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

## TRAVELING MADONNA

The statue is at the home of **Carol Bauchens** this week. Please call the rectory to sign-up to host the Traveling Madonna in 2018. Please continue to pray for our host families as they share their home with our Traveling Madonna.

## ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

Did you miss our Open House this past week? It is not too late! Call the school office to schedule a personal tour of the school (216-749-1660 x224). Tours are available from 7am-3pm and in the evenings. St. Thomas More School educates students in Grades Preschool-Grade 8.

## FAITH FORMATION

RCIA - Please pray for our candidates and catechumens as they enter Lent and draw closer to full communion in the Catholic faith. They will celebrate the Rite of Election on Sunday, February 18th at the 9am Mass.

CONFIRMATION - Please pray for our candidates as they continue to prepare for their final sacrament of initiation and enter in full communion with the Catholic church.

## PSR

The children in grades 1-5 have completed their Called to Protect training program. This program was implemented into the religious education requirements for the Diocese Cleveland by Bishop Lennon as "a commitment to safeguard the dignity and safety of all children." The training lesson teaches children about safe environments. Grades 6-8 take part in the program every other year and so will return to their lessons next year.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

There is still time for high school students to sign-up for our annual overnight retreat. Time Out 28 will be held on Saturday, March 3rd and Sunday, March 4th at the St. Leonard Youth Retreat Center. Details and online registration and payment can be found on our web site (stmparish.net). In your generosity, say a prayer for the teens who are busy planning this weekend.

This Sunday, February 11th, we will gather in the Youth Ministry Center for our weekly get-together from 6-8pm. Any and all high school students are welcome.

## ATHLETICS

Do you like March Madness basketball? St. Thomas More Athletics will be selling sweepstakes tickets (similar to the fall football sweepstakes). More info will be placed on our web site with the ability to request tickets. Tickets will be \$10 each and a total cash payout of \$700 is up for grabs!

## HIGH SCHOOL HONORS

**Holy Name High School** honors the following parishioners who have received academic honors for the second quarter: Brianne McGinty, Claire Murphy, Evan Nicholas, Rachel Polander, Alexis Rodriguez, Jeremy Sprosty, Elaina Tran and Seth Wallace.

**St. Edward High School** honors the following parishioners who have received academic honors for the current grading period: Charles Green and Luca Santillo.

**Saint Ignatius High School** honors the following parishioners who have received academic honors for the first semester: Erik Daugenti, Kevin Emery, Patrick Francis, Thomas Krisak, Sean McDonnell, Jonathan Ockunzzi, Nathan Previts, Timothy Rivera, Nicholas Schwitzgebel, Cole Streeter and Matthew Whipkey.

**Trinity High School** honors the following parishioners who have received academic honors for the second half term: Bradley Koblin.

## Readings for the Week of February 11, 2018:

Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31--11:1/Mk 1:40-45
Monday:	Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 [77a]/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18- 19 [12a]/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [ 19b]/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

## LENTEN REMINDERS

Ash Wednesday, February 14th and Good Friday, March 30th, are days of **abstinence** from meat (for those who have reached their fourteenth birthday) and also days of fast. The day of **fast** is limited to one full meal and two small meals (for those between the ages of 18 and 59). All Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. Fast and abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimum response to the Lord's call to penance and conversion. **Prayer** opportunities include the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 2pm (Student) and 7pm. An **almsgiving** opportunity is to participate in Operation Rice Bowl. **Confession** opportunities include Saturdays from 3-4pm. Please refer to the confession schedule. Our Cluster Communal **Penance** Service will be Sunday, February 18th at 3pm at Mary Queen of Peace. **Eucharistic Devotions** will be held on Fridays from 2:30-7pm in the Church.

## FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS

Every Friday during Lent we will have exposition of the Eucharist from 2:30-7pm. Call the rectory if you are able to commit to one half hour on February 16th, February 23rd, March 2nd, March 9th, March 16th and March 23rd.

## LITTLE BLACK BOOKS

We have a limited number of the Lenten Little Black Books available after Masses this weekend. This is a great way to guide your thoughts and prayers this Lenten Season. Due to the limited amount of books available, please limit yourself to one per household.

## SCOUT NEWS

Scout Sunday - February 11th is Scout Sunday at the 11am Mass. All current and past Scouts are encouraged to come celebrate Mass with us.

2nd Annual Cub Scout Leader Chili Cookoff - We invite ALL to come and help us judge the winner of our 2018 Leader Chili Cookoff on Saturday, February 17th in Utopia Hall after the 4:30 Mass and before the Cub's Pinewood Derby.

## UNITY CATHOLIC FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Please join us for Unity Catholic's Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 18th at St. Charles Borromeo in Corrigan Gym. The business meeting starts at 2pm with dinner to follow. Dinner is \$7.50 per member; reservations are required by 2/10. Please call 440-886-2558 with any questions or to make your reservations.

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## 2018 CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

The 2018 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal is underway with an in-pew commitment process taking place this weekend. Your support helps us to carry out the mission that Jesus entrusted to us: "I say to you, whatever you did for the least brothers of mine, you did for me." Please consider a generous gift that will change the lives of the 400,000 who are served each year in Northeast Ohio. Please pray for the success of the appeal. Thank you for your generosity!

## LENT 2018: CRS RICE BOWL

Trusting in the mercy and love of our Lord Jesus Christ, who invites us to "go and do likewise" in the spirit of the Good Samaritan, we voice our own petitions, asking for what we need, and for the needs of our brothers and sisters all over the world, saying, "*Lord, may we love as one human family.*"

## MEN'S CONFERENCE

**Men!** Plan to attend the 18th annual Catholic Men's Fellowship Conference "**Answer the Call**" on Saturday, February 24th, with keynote speakers **Peter Herbeck, Eric Mahl and Greg Wasinski**. The conference begins with a light breakfast at 8am and concludes with 4pm Mass. Registration includes breakfast, lunch and all conference programs. Log on to [www.cmfneo.com](http://www.cmfneo.com) for registration and more information.

## EXPERIENCE GOD'S MERCY

Join us on Wednesday evening, February 28th for the annual diocesan-wide Evening of Confession from 5-8pm.

## 2018 LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturdays from 3:00-4:00 PM

Evening of Confession

Wednesday, February 28th 5:00-8:00 PM

The following Fridays from 3:30-6:30pm

February 16th and 23rd

March 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd

## HOLY WEEK CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday, March 26th: 5:30-6:30 PM

Wednesday, March 28th: 5:30-6:45 PM

No scheduled confessions on Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday