



## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17 - VIGIL

\*4:30PM - Sister Mary Laura Bouhall, OSU

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

+9:00AM - People of the Parish

\*11:00AM - Corinne Hughes

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19 - LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00AM - Anna & Jonathon Moner

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20 - LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00AM - James & Marie Maund

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 - ST. PETER DAMIAN

7:00AM - Richard Pelleschi

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22 - THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

7:00AM - Rev. Joseph Piskura (Living)

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23 - ST. POLYCARP

7:00AM - Louis Worch, Jr.

8:15AM - John & Josephine Dedinsky - Student Liturgy

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24 - LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:15AM - February Birthdays

+\*4:30PM - Paul Stazzone

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00AM - People of the Parish

\*11:00AM - Edward Sowers

+Cup Mass

\*Mass of Remembrance

## Financial Blessings

Collection for February 11th.....	\$7,071.57
Faith Direct as of 2/4.....	\$4,735.00
Maintenance Collection.....	\$1,547.00
Votive Candles.....	\$85.00
Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.	

### PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Please remember David Abel, Lisa Roginsky, Silvio Cortese, Robert Giachetti, Jr., Barbara Matyas, Anna Wohlgemuth, Sr. Mary Catherine McNamara, SIW and Gilberto Mendez, Jr. in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

## Weekly Schedule

**Monday, February 19th** No School, PSR or RCIA  
4:00-10:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym



### Tuesday, February 20th

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 Finance Meeting - Rectory

7:00 PM Rosary for World Peace - Chapel

### Wednesday, February 21st

5:00 PM Bingo - Gym & Utopia Hall

### Thursday, February 22nd

4:00 PM-10:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym

7:00 PM Cub Scouts - Cafeteria

7:00 PM PTU Meeting - Utopia Hall

7:00 PM Pro-Life Rosary - Church

7:30 PM Adult Choir - Church

### Friday, February 23rd

2:00 PM Stations of the Cross - Church

2:30 PM-6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church

**3:30 PM-6:30 PM Confessions - Church**

6:00 PM Benediction & Stations - Church

7:00 PM Praise & Worship - Church

**Saturday, February 4th** Utopia Rental **Donut Sale**

**Sunday, February 25th** Athletics: **Donut Sale**

9:00AM-11:30AM Men's Basketball-Gym

10:00AM-11:00 AM First Communion Meeting - Utopia Hall

6:00 PM-8:00 PM High School Youth Ministry

### 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.

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

As Lent is in full swing, you have to ask yourself, what is it that you really want to accomplish this Lenten season? Lent is a time to reflect on our bad or even sinful habits. It is also a time of change. Maybe there are people we need to forgive, maybe there is someone that we need to show a little extra patience to or there just may be someone that we need to show a little more love and compassion to.

These are all good and wonderful things to try and accomplish but the real question that we really need to reflect on and pray over is, "What is our relationship with God like?" It is easy to rip off a Hail Mary or Our Father every now and then and feel no commitment to our Creator. It is easy to say, "I will go to Mass next weekend?" or "I just went. I don't need to go every week." How often have you really sat down with the Scriptures? When was the last time you made the sacrifice and attended the Stations of the Cross?

If our relationship with God is poor, this Lent is a time to ask ourselves, "Why do I not feel God in my life?" You could ask yourself, "Why do I feel that I do not need God in my life?" We sometimes use the excuse, I am too busy for God. None of us knows the time when God will call us to stand before Him in judgment. We all are accountable for our words and actions before God. There will come a time when we will be called to explain our relationship with God or the lack there of. If God does not see you, talk with you or better yet, if you have totally forgotten about God, how do you plan on receiving salvation?

See, this is what Lent is all about. Lent is about reconnecting with God. It is about finding God in your life or it can simply be about deepening your relationship with our God and Savior. Life is short. People die every day, the old and young alike. Tragedies happen, sickness ravages and violence can kill. This is not to make people depressed, but it is a wakeup call. If our relationship with God is poor or non-existent then let this Lent be a time of love and growth in the Lord.

These forty days will go by fast. Please make them special.

Peace and Goodness,  
*Fr. Bill*

# FIRST WEEK OF LENT

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

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

**St. Agatha**, also known as Agatha of Sicily, is one of the most highly venerated virgin martyrs of the Catholic Church. It is believed that she was born around 231 in either Catania or Palermo, Sicily to a rich and noble family.

From her very early years, the notably beautiful Agatha dedicated her life to God. She became a consecrated virgin, a state in life where young women choose to remain celibate and give themselves wholly to Jesus and the Church in a life of prayer and service. That did not stop men from desiring her and making unwanted advances.

However, one of the men who desired Agatha, Quintianus, because he was of a high diplomatic ranking, thought he could force her to turn away from her vow and force her to marry. His persistent proposals were consistently spurned by Agatha, so Quintianus, knowing she was a Christian during the persecution of Decius, had her arrested and brought before the judge. He was the judge.

He expected her to give in to his demands but she simply reaffirmed her belief in God by praying: "Jesus Christ, Lord of all, you see my heart, you know my desire. Possess all that I am. I am your sheep: make me worthy to overcome the devil." With tears falling from her eyes, she prayed for courage.

To force her to change her mind, Quintianus had her imprisoned in a brothel. Agatha never lost her confidence in God. This enraged Quintianus and he sent her to prison. He had her tortured and sent back to prison with no food or medical attention. But the Lord gave her all the care she needed. After more torture, Agatha prayed, "Lord my Creator, you have ever protected me from the cradle; you have taken me from the love of the world, and given me patience to suffer: receive now my soul."

## 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.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

Praise & Worship - Join us this Friday, February 23rd at 7pm in the church for a night of worship and praise of Our Lord. There will be scripture, song and reflection. We will end the evening with a procession and Benediction.

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!

## EXPERIENCE GOD'S MERCY

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

## LENT 2018: CRS RICE BOWL

In Iraq, we encounter Majd and his family, people forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.



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, Pearl Beningo, Robert Bonus, Sr., Rafael Nivar and Joe Carnivale. 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

**Blue Army Holy Hour** - If your goal is to pray more during Lent, come to the Blue Army Holy Hour on Sunday, February 18th at 2pm in the Chapel. Beautiful prayers and devotions to Our Lady of Fatima are offered before the Blessed Sacrament. A social follows.

ST. CHARLES BORROME0: 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 the 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.

## TRAVELING MADONNA

The statue is at the home of **Robert Kristof** 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.

## 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.

## FAITH FORMATION

RCIA - There will be no RCIA next week. We will celebrate the Rite of Election this Sunday at the 9am Mass.

CONFIRMATION - Just a reminder that our next meeting is Sunday, March 11th.

## PSR

The PSR classes have completed their Called to Protect lessons and are better prepared on how to make sure they are in a safe environment. This week, the students have begun their Lenten preparations and are reflecting on ways that they can better live out their Christian values so as to gain a deeper understanding of Jesus' love for us. They have discussed ways that they can make the most out of their Lenten journey.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Time is running out to sign up for our annual high school retreat. The retreat is scheduled for March 3rd and 4th at the St. Leonard Youth Retreat Center. The weekend is planned and directed by teens from the parish. More info and online registration is available on the parish web site ([www.stmparish.net](http://www.stmparish.net)). Please keep those who will make the retreat and will be planning the retreat in your prayers in the coming week.

## ATHLETICS

Do you like NCAA March Madness? Then we've got the ticket for you! St. Thomas More Athletics is selling a sweepstakes ticket (similar to our fall football sweepstakes ticket) that gives you the chance to win money based on how well your teams go. Each ticket is assigned 4 teams and points are accumulated based on how far your team goes in the NCAA tournament. Tickets are \$10 each (and they include a \$10 Dina's coupon). Order your tickets via the parish web site ([www.stmparish.net](http://www.stmparish.net)) or purchase from any board member. Tickets will also be available the weekend of February 24th and 25th during our next donut sale. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## MEN'S CONFERENCE

**Men...LAST CALL!** Advance and on-line phone registrations need to be in by Tuesday, February 20th, for the 18th annual Catholic Men's Conference "**Answer the Call**" to be held on Saturday, February 24th at the Holiday Inn Rockside. Registration at the door will be \$40. Log on to [www.cmfneo.com](http://www.cmfneo.com) for registration and more information.

## HIGH SCHOOL HONORS

**Padua High School** honors the following parishioners who have received academic honors for the second quarter: Chloe Amoroso, Madison Hangauer, Matthew Kazimour, Danielle Krakovsky, Erica Kriausky, Erica Marquardt, Stephanie Marquardt, Lindsey Matier, Madison Moran, Thomas Morell, Amanda Nill, Colin Pavlus, Kyle Schloemer, Kelsey Schloemer and Kelly Wallenhorst.

**Saint Joseph Academy** honors the following parishioners who have received academic honors for the first semester: Heaven Bartell, Patricia Butler, Paola Camacho-Colon, Julia Henderson, Brighton Howe, Juliana Howe and Kyleigh Streeter.

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From February 14-March 25, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life - 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray anytime between 7am to 7pm during the 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Preterm (12000 Shaker Blvd, Cleveland), or Planned Parenthood (25350 Rockside Rd., Bedford Heights), or Family Planning (54 South State St., Painesville). Please help spread the word about this important community outreach. Contact John Noall at [clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com](mailto:clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com) or 216-245-9744 for more information.

### Readings for the Week of February 18, 2018:

Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [Jn 6:63b]/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

## LENTEN REMINDERS

Good Friday, March 30th, is a day 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 23rd, March 2nd, March 9th, March 16th and March 23rd.

## SCOUT NEWS

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.

## CHICO'S BUS TRIP

Join us on Wednesday, March 7th for a trip to Presque Isle Downs. Cost is \$30/person. Casino Bonus: \$30 free slot play. Call Chico at 216-551-7561 to book your trip.

## OUR LADY OF LOURDES SHRINE

French Toast Breakfast (French toast, bacon or sausage, coffee or tea and juice) and Mini Craft Fair at the Shrine (21281 Chardon Rd, Euclid) on Sunday, March 4th from 8:45-11:30am. Cost is \$5. Please join us for food, fun & fellowship! For more information please call 216-481-8232.

## SAINT PIO COMES TO THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND



### CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

1007 SUPERIOR AVENUE EAST  
CLEVELAND, OH 44114-2582

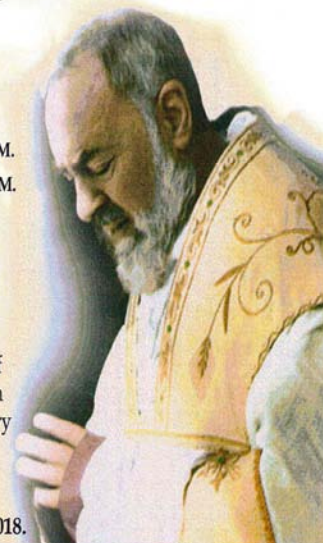
SUNDAY & MONDAY, MARCH  
4TH AND 5TH, 2018


FROM SUNDAY AT 1:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.  
AND MONDAY AT 6:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

For information about the public  
veneration, please call  
(216) 696-6525 x 4120, or send an email  
to [jmiles@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:jmiles@dioceseofcleveland.org)

Come and venerate the official relics of  
Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, on the occasion  
of the 50th commemoration anniversary  
of his passing.

A Mass in honor of Saint Pio will be  
celebrated at 12:00 P.M. on March 5, 2018.



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## 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 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