

 **Mass Intentions**

- Monday February 12<sup>th</sup>**  
5:00 p.m. Frederick J. Tabler
- Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup>**  
8:30 a.m. Betty Storch
- Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday**  
Day of fast (ages 18-59) and abstinence from meat (age 14 & up).  
8:30 a.m. Coleman and Kunsman Families  
12:15 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Parish  
7:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Parish
- Thursday February 15<sup>th</sup>**  
8:30 a.m. Fr. Joseph C. Weigand
- Friday Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> Day of abstinence from meat (age 14 & up)**  
8:30 a.m. Jeanne Esch
- Saturday Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> Seven Founders of the Order of Servites**  
9:00 a.m. Carl & Dorothy Diedrick  
4:30 p.m. Stephen and Therese Solet
- Sunday February 18<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Parish  
9:30 a.m. The Ursem and Peloquin Families  
11:00 a.m. Lillian O'Dell



My Friends,

Ready or not Lent is here. This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday so please check the bulletin for Mass times with the distribution of ashes. We have also included an insert with suggestions for your Lenten observance. The disciplines of Lent are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These are the antidotes to our sins against the two great commandments. Prayer reconciles our relationship with God. Almsgiving reconciles our relationship with our neighbor. Fasting disciplines the self so as to put God back at the center of our lives.

As the moral foundation of our society continues to crumble, our Lenten observance becomes more critical than ever. Drawing our strength from the Gospels, we need to lead the way to greater reverence and compassion for all God's children. We need prayer to deepen our bond in God's love. The Eucharist is the heart of not only reconciling but also drawing us into deeper communion with our God and one another.

If God is alive and well in our lives, it is impossible to ignore the needs of our brothers and sisters. As St. John instructs us, if you say you love God and hate your neighbor, you are a liar. It is opportune that we are in the middle of our Catholic Charities Campaign at this time. I can't think of a better way to serve the needs of those struggling around us.

Included in today's bulletin insert is Pope Francis' prayer for World Communication Day. When I read it during my homily a couple of weeks ago, several of you requested that I publish it. I think it is the perfect prayer for us to pray each day of Lent. Based on the Prayer of St. Francis, we pray not only for ourselves but also for our country and our world. We have some serious reconciling to do. May this Lenten season truly be a time of grace for all of us.

*Fr. Charlie*

Readings for the Week of February 12<sup>th</sup>

- Mon: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67- 68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13  
Tue: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21  
Wed: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6,16-18  
Thur: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25  
Fri: Is 58:1-9; Ps 51:3-6, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15  
Sat: Is 58:9-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32  
Sun: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Fr. Phil Pritt** and for the consolation of his loved ones.

*In your prayers...*

This week, please remember all in our parish community, the intentions in our intention book, our family and friends in need, especially **Betty, Bob, Bobby, Charlie, Corie, Ed, Eli, Evan, Jim, Linda, Mark, Mary, Matt, P.J., Pat, Patrick, Sharon, Susan, Tom** and all who have asked for our prayers.



**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Sunday Collection 02/04/18	\$12,790.41
Helping Hands Ministry	\$940.00
Envelopes	245

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

- [2<sup>nd</sup> Collection February 11<sup>th</sup> - Catholic Charities Appeal]  
[2<sup>nd</sup> Collection February 18<sup>th</sup> - Helping Hands Ministry]



**February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Mass Schedule:  
8:30am, 12:15pm and 7:00pm**

[Day of fast (ages 18-59) & abstinence from meat (age 14 and up).]

**SNOWFALL OF CASH**

January 31<sup>st</sup>: \$ 75 Shirley Wise  
Special Prize: \$500 Marilyn Peloquin

**Thank you to all who sold and/or purchased  
Snowfall of Cash Calendars.**

**Pre-Baptism Class** will be held **Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>** from **6:30-8:30pm** in the Weigand Room. Babies & Godparents are welcome. To register, please call the Parish Office at 323-5539. Our next class will be May 9<sup>th</sup> 2018.

## 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### This Week in our Parish

**Monday February 12<sup>th</sup>**  
 5:30 p.m. Helping Hands Ministry - Conference Room  
 6:30 p.m. P.S.R. - St. Joseph & Marian Buildings

**Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup>**  
 5:00 p.m. Hot Meals - Cafeteria

**Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup>**  
 11am-1:30pm Pierogi Lunch - Parish Hall  
 7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. - Conference Room



**Thursday February 15<sup>th</sup>**  
 9am - 5pm Eucharistic Adoration - Lower Church  
 11:00 a.m. Altar & Rosary - Rosary & Benediction  
 + Luncheon & Meeting - Weigand Room  
 7:00 p.m. Book Club - Cahill Library

**Friday February 16<sup>th</sup>**  
 11am-1:30pm Pierogi Lunch - Parish Hall  
 1:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross - Church  
 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross - Church

**Sunday February 18<sup>th</sup>**  
 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Children  
 11:00 a.m. R.C.I.A. - Weigand Room  
 11:00 a.m. Pre-School P.S.R. - St. Joseph Building  
 12:30 p.m. Secular Franciscans - Retreat - Lower Chapel  
 7:00 p.m. **Cluster Parish Mission at St. Agnes Church**

200 Club Winners: 02/11/18 Laura Friend #212

**CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS:** Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup> 2018, Abbot Gary Hoover will be celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation in our parish. Adults having received Baptism and First Holy Communion who wish to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Sister Mary Dorothy at the Parish Office 323-5539.

### Altar & Rosary Society



St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society will meet this Thurs., Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> in the Lower Church at 11am for the Rosary and Benediction followed by coffee/pastries and a short business meeting in the Weigand Room.



Our February Book Club book is titled Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood by Trevor Noah. We will meet on Thursday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Cahill Library. All are welcome.

Pierogi Lunches begin Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> and will continue for the next 6 Fridays in the Parish Hall 11am-1:30pm. Cost: \$6. Lunch includes: 5 Sophie Choice Pierogi, sour cream and/or onions, tossed salad, apple sauce, roll & beverage. Dine in or pick-up in the Parish Hall. Call 323-5539 x231 to place an order. Tell your friends...



\*Pierogi Lunches can always use your HELP! From prep, to serving to clean up. If you are interested please contact Joyce Snyder at 440-775-1967 or [chippers2@zoominternet.net](mailto:chippers2@zoominternet.net).



Our school enrolls children in grades kindergarten through grade 8 with a preschool for four year olds. An extended day program is available for all students until 6pm. If you are interested in visiting the school or if you have any questions, please call the school office at 440-322-2808.

All are invited to join us for  
**Stations of the Cross**  
 on Fridays during Lent at 1:00pm in Church



Registration for the 2018-2019 school year for Preschool, Kindergarten and NEW students to St. Mary School has begun. Call the school for registration information at 322-2808. When registering, students new to St. Mary School must bring the following documentation: Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate, Record of First Communion (if applicable), immunization records and legal custody papers (if applicable). A student registering for Kindergarten must be 5 years old by September 30, 2018. Registration will be considered complete when Parish registration has been verified and the school office has received the required documents. Tuition assistance is available.



Our Parish will be serving dinner this Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> from 5-6pm in the School Cafeteria. Volunteers are always appreciated to serve or help with preparation at 3pm.

### ...and Jesus said...FEED THE HUNGRY

The next Saturday that we take dinner to St. Elizabeth's Center in Lorain is February 17. If you could furnish a pasta with meat, salad, rolls or dessert please call me by Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you. [Can always use a driver.] Maryann 440-458-6159

Grief Support Group "*Hopeful Hearts*" for grieving seniors 60+ will meet Tues., Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, 1-2:30pm at Holy Spirit Family Ctr., 410 Lear Rd, Avon Lake. Meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. Open to the community at no charge, no reservations required. Sponsored by Hospice of the Western Reserve & Holy Spirit Bereavement Ministry. For information Contact Chemarra Bryant, Bereavement Coordinator, HWR 892-6680 or Mary Lou 933-4423.

### Your Mercy: Transforming Lives and Communities.

Your support of the 2018 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal helps us to carry out the mission that Jesus entrusted to us: *'I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'* Please pray for the success of the appeal, which provides for essential programs and services in need throughout all eight counties of the Diocese of Cleveland. We invite you to view inspirational stories:

[www.catholiccommunity.org/2018Appeal](http://www.catholiccommunity.org/2018Appeal).

### CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SISTERS

National Catholic Sisters Week, March 8-14, is a celebration of the lives & legacies of women religious who have dedicated their efforts to bring the Good News to those they serve. Please join the Sisters of the Cleveland Diocese in the local celebration on Sat., March 10<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 pm at Magnificat High School. For more information or to register, go to [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com) and click on Celebrate Catholic Sisters. You can also contact Sr. Kate Hine, SND at [khine@ndec.org](mailto:khine@ndec.org) or call 440-476-6094.