



Mass Intentions

Monday	February 19th
5:00 p.m.	Carl and Dorothy Diedrick
Tuesday	February 20th
8:30 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Parish
Wednesday	February 21st Peter Damian, bishop
5:00 p.m.	Jim Smith
Thursday	Feb. 22nd The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
8:30 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Parish
Friday	February 23rd Polycarp, bishop/martyr
	Day of abstinence from meat (age 14 & up)
8:30 a.m.	Catherine Gorman
Saturday	February 24th
9:00 a.m.	Justin Hoover
4:30 p.m.	The Daly Family
Sunday	February 25th 2 nd Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Parish
9:30 a.m.	The Fada and Hartman Families
11:00 a.m.	Jenna Smith

Readings for the Week of February 19th

Mon:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tue:	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wed:	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thur:	1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 16:13-19
Fri:	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Sat:	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sun:	Gn 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Mary Ann Smith** and for the consolation of her 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 **Bobby, Corie, Ed, Eli, Evan, Jake, Jim, Linda, Mark, Mary, Matt, P.J., Pat, Patrick, Susan, Victoria** and all who have asked for our prayers.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday Collection 02/11/18	\$6,856.24
Capital Improvement Fund	\$294.23
Envelopes	210

Thank you for your continued generosity.

[2nd Collection February 18th - Black & Indian Mission]
[2nd Collection February 25th - Capital Improvement Fund]



My Friends,

With the Lenten season upon us, there are several opportunities available for deepening our life of faith. First of all, I would like to encourage everyone to take advantage of our cluster Parish Mission. Paul Koleske will be joining us for a 3 night Mission Series entitled: 'Igniting the Light of Christ within You.' He will challenge us to a deeper living out of our faith in Christ. The Mission begins this Sunday evening at 7pm at St. Agnes Church when Paul will speak about 'Connecting with the Light of Christ.' On Monday evening, Paul will be here at St. Mary's again at 7pm to speak about 'Experiencing the Light of Christ.' On Tuesday, we will gather at St. Jude's at the same time to hear him speak about 'Living the Light of Christ.' I am sure that Paul will give us a powerful witness to what it means to be a disciple of Jesus and hope that you will be able to join us.

On Saturday, February 24th, the Catholic Men's Fellowship of Northeast Ohio will be holding their annual conference at the Holiday Inn on Rockside. It is an all day conference that begins at 8am and ends with 4pm Mass. The theme this year is: 'Developing your relationship with Christ.' One of the presenters is Greg Wasinski whom you may remember from our parish mission last year. There are some forms in the bookrack to register. You can also go to www.cmfneo.com to register on line.

Once again this year, the diocese is promoting through public media the 'Evening of Confession' on February 28th where priests will be available at all diocesan parishes from 5-8pm to hear confessions. If you know someone who has been away from the church, you might encourage them to receive the sacrament that evening.

Fr. Charlie

Cluster Parish Mission

Presenter: Paul Koleske

7:00pm - Sunday, February 18th - St. Agnes Church
"Connecting with the Light of Christ."

7:00pm - Monday, February 19th - St. Mary Church
"Experiencing the Light of Christ."

7:00pm - Tuesday, February 20th - St. Jude Church
"Living the Light of Christ."



Pierogi Lunches - Join us on Fridays during Lent [thru March 23rd] 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!

Pre-Baptism Class will be held **Wednesday, February 21st** 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 9th 2018.

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



This Week in our Parish

Monday	February 19th
5:30 p.m.	Helping Hands Ministry - Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	Cluster Parish Mission - Church
Tuesday	February 20th
5:00 p.m.	Hot Meals - Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Cluster Parish Mission at St. Jude Church
Wednesday	February 21st
6:30 p.m.	Pre-Baptism Class - Weigand Room
7:00 p.m.	R.C.I.A. - Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	Choir - Choir Loft
7:00 p.m.	CANA Club - Cahill Library
Thursday	February 22nd
9am - 5pm	Eucharistic Adoration - Lower Church
6:00 p.m.	Parish Council - Conference Room
Friday	February 23rd
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 25th
9:30 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Children
11:00 a.m.	Pre-School P.S.R. - St. Joseph Building
7:00 p.m.	Living Stations - Church

200 Club Winners: 02/18/18 Timothy Kirchner #195

CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS: Thursday, March 1st 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.



Our March Book Club book is titled Beneath a Scarlet Sky: A Novel by Mark Sullivan. We will meet on Thursday, Mar. 15th at 7pm in the Cahill Library. All are welcome.

Lent is a great time to try something new! The **CANA Club** for St. Mary's married couples meets this Wed., Feb. 21st at 7pm in the Cahill Library [on the 1st floor of the School Guardian Angel Bldg.] Come meet couples you haven't yet met; socialize & learn from each other. For more information, please call Laurie 440-823-8473 or Pat 440-323-8634.

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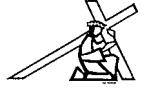


We are invited to **pray** with our families and faith communities; **fast** in solidarity with those who hunger; **learn** more about our global community & the challenges of poverty overseas; and **give** sacrificial contributions to those in need. Rice Bowls are available at the entrances of the Church. Please take one home and bring it back filled with your donation on Palm Sunday. Thank you.



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.

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM, MARCH 2ND: Ms. Maureen Dee, Executive Director of the Treatment, Prevention and Recovery Services at Catholic Charities will be our speaker. Join the First Friday Forum for spiritual refreshment, fellowship & good food at LCCC Spitzer Conference Center 11:30am. Tickets: \$18. RSVP by calling 440-244-0643 or ffflorain@gmail.com by Monday, February 26th.

Your Mercy: Transforming Lives and Communities.

The **2018 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal** is underway!
THANK YOU to all who have pledged so generously! Our Parish Goal this year is **\$76,583.00**. If you have not yet filled in a pledge card or responded to the mailing, it's not too late-appeal envelopes are still available at the Church entrances. We invite you to view inspirational stories: www.catholiccommunity.org/2018Appeal.

Grief Support Group "*Hopeful Hearts*" for grieving seniors 60+ will meet Tues., Feb. 28th, 1-2:30pm at Holy Spirit Family Ctr., 410 Lear Rd, Avon Lake. Meetings are held the 4th 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.

Gentle Woman Fellowship meets on First Fridays at St. Clarence Parish Ctr., 30106 Lorain Rd., N. Olmsted. Our next gathering is Friday, Mar. 2nd beginning with the rosary at 9:30 in the chapel followed by Mass. Fr. Robert Cole from Sacred Heart Parish in Oberlin will be our speaker. His talk will be "We Are People Who Believe in Life". All women are welcome. No reservations needed. Bring a friend. Questions? Contact Mary Hoover at 330-636-1698 or Mary Tschanz at 440.235.6258.