



Parish Schedule & Mass Intentions



From the Pastor's Desk

February 27	Saturday Lenten Weekday
5:00pm	Mass (<i>Louis G. Bianco</i>)
February 28	Third Sunday of Lent
8:30am	Mass (<i>People of the Parish</i>)
9:45am	Parish School of Religion (Woodridge)
11:00am	Mass (<i>Cynthia Ligan, deceased 2/06/2016</i>)
February 29	Monday Lenten Weekday
8:30am	Mass (<i>Ethel and Clarence Steelman</i>)
7:30pm	Scripture/Prayer Group (Hall) all welcome!
March 1	Tuesday Lenten Weekday
8:30am	Mass (<i>Timothy A. Schaefer</i>)
7:00pm	Parish Finance Council Meeting (Hall)
March 2	Wednesday Lenten Weekday
7:15pm	Mass (<i>Theodore M. Terzano, d. 3/12/2007</i>)
8:00pm	AA Meeting (Church Hall)
March 3	Thursday Lenten Weekday;
	St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin
8:30am	Mass (<i>Deacons Ordained 1974</i>)
March 4	Friday Lenten Weekday; St. Casimir
	World Day of Prayer
8:30am	Mass (<i>Deceased of the Bischof Family</i>)
7:15pm	Stations of the Cross
7:45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
March 5	Saturday Lenten Weekday
3:45-4:30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00pm	Mass (<i>Leonard and Bernice Stevens</i>)
March 6	4th Sun. of Lent, Laetare "Rejoice" Sunday
8:30am	Mass (<i>People of the Parish</i>)
9:45am	Parish School of Religion (Woodridge)
11:00am	Mass (<i>Robert M. Patrick, d. 2/04/2016</i>)

Hungering for a Healthy Start

The next stop on our CRS Rice Bowl journey is the African nation of Rwanda, where we're reminded to care for the unborn. This week we pray for pregnant mothers, that they may have the medical and nutritional support they need to raise healthy, thriving children. Visit www.crsricebowl.org for more info.

Scriptures for Week of February 28, 2016

Sunday	Ex 3:1-8a,13-15 1Cor 10:1-6,10-12 Lk 13:1-9 or Ex 17:3-7 Rom 5:1-2,5-8 Jn 4:5-42
Monday	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday	Dn 3:25, 34-43 Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday	Dt 4:1, 5-9 Mt 5:17-19
Thursday	Jer 7:23-28 Lk 11:14-23
Friday	Hos 14:2-10 Mk 12:28-34
Saturday	Hos 6:1-6 Lk 18:9-14
Sunday	Jos 5:9a,10-12 2Cor 5:17-21 Lk 15:1-3,11-32 or 1Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41



**Daily read and pray
the Scriptures!**

On this Third Sunday of Lent God's word to us gives us is both a challenge and hope. We are reminded of God's patience with us in our struggles. God challenges us to acknowledge our failures and is ever gracious to all who willing open their hearts His loving mercy. Let us pray...

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Collect, Third Sunday of Lent Roman Missal, 3rd Edition

General Intercessions

For families who are threatened by selfishness, arguments, self-righteous anger, or intimidation, that they seek help and find it. Let us pray to the Lord.

Family Perspectives

In this third week of Lent, the gospel challenges us to repent. What are you clinging to that is actually destroying you? It could be anger that is eating you up; a jealousy that hardens your heart; or a false pride that blinds you to the goodness of others. These things can destroy us and the relationships that we value. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy let us see repentance in a positive light as an opportunity to be embraced by Jesus' great mercy that will set us free.

Remember to pray for...



Ann, Arthur, Emma Aguilar, Susan Allanson, Monica Baird, Garth Bender, Richard Bennett, Celia Bican, Logan Boone, Heidi Burmeister, Johannah Conner, Joshua Conner, Kevin Fetty, Millie Fritz, Tom Gardner, Chris Gibbs, James Ging, Marilyn Griffith, Eric Haymaker, Tayha Hostetler, Bob and Kathy James, Ellen Jansen, Jill, Kathleen Jones, Maureen Joyce, Marca Kaplar, Carol Leach, Paul, Marcene, John McDermott, Megan, Audrey Menke, Bill Misencik, Ashley Munoz, Natalie, George Novak, Carroll O'Donnell, Richard Edward and Richard William Parker, Anika Patrick, Bridget Perez, Michael Phillips, Rita, Bruno Ruppel, Rosanne Sanford, Bonita, Theresa "Tess" Slenn, Paul Stephen, Bruce Styles, Marla Sliwinski, Clara Szydowski, Ita Taninecz, Patty Tesmer, Laura Tories, Marianne, Stephen, Paul Trecaso, Sylvia Trecaso, Karen Vincent, Minnie Wagner, Patricia Wiatrowski, and all those who have asked for our prayers or are in need...



February 28, 2016
3rd Sunday of Lent

*Sir, leave it for this year also,
and I shall cultivate the ground
around it and fertilize it; it may
bear fruit in the future.*

Luke 13:8-9

Couples Evening Out

All married and engaged couples are warmly invited to a **Couples Evening Out on Saturday, April 9, from 5-9:30pm at St. Sebastian Parish, 476 Mull Ave., Akron, OH, 44303.** The guest speaker will be **Fr. Tim O'Connor**, a priest in the Matamoras Diocese in Mexico. Discover reasons to invite Christ into your relationship and how to get beyond the bills, homework, traffic and any other trying moments in your marriage. Attend Mass, renew your vows, enjoy dinner and more. **Registration deadline is April 1.** Send your name, address, phone, email, and payment addressed to **Couples Evening Out, PO Box 362 Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44222. \$50 per couple; checks payable to St. Sebastian Parish.** (Financial assistance is available). For more info, contact **John or Eileen Patton at 330-307-2298 or jhowardp@hotmail.com.** Sponsored by West Side Catholic Couples, a ministry of St. Sebastian, St. Vincent, St. Mary and St. Bernard Parishes in Akron.

Feast of St. Joseph Celebration

Joseph's Home, a ministry of the Sisters of Charity Health System, will host a **celebration of the Feast of St. Joseph Friday, March 18.** Admission is free and all are invited. **Mass begins at 4pm in Holy Trinity Chapel, located in St. Vincent Charity Medical Center, 2351 E. 22nd St., Cleveland, OH, 44115.** A reception will follow in the **St. Vincent DePaul room.** Validated parking tickets will be provided for guests who park in the lot directly across from the St. Vincent Charity Medical Center main entrance on East 22nd St. **Please RSVP by March 16!** For full event information, directions and to RSVP visit www.josephshome.com/events.html or contact Joseph's Home Director of Development Nathan Munn at **216-875-4634 or nmunn@sistersofcharityhealth.org.**

Tutors Needed!

Seeds of Literacy, provides free basic education and GED prep to adults in the Cleveland area. Volunteer tutors help students one-on-one at a variety of skill levels and subjects. Tutor training sessions held **Saturday, March 19, 9am-3pm (Seeds West), Friday, April 22, 9am-3pm (Seeds East), Saturday, May 21, 9am-3pm (Seeds West) and Wednesday, June 15, 5-8pm (Seeds West).** Contact Alexandria Marshall at 216-661-7950 x15, alexandriamarshall@seedsofliteracy.org or visit seedsofliteracy.org. Seeds West: 3104 West 25th St., 3rd Floor, Cleveland, OH 44109. Seeds East: 13815 Kinsman Rd. Cleveland, OH 44120.

CANA II Remarriage Preparation

CANA II is a marriage preparation series for couples, in which one or both have been married before, or one or both will become a stepparent. Includes Active Parenting for Stepfamilies series on subsequent evenings. Held at Holy Spirit Parish, 410 Lear Road, Avon Lake, Ohio 44012. Cost is \$125 per couple. Register at www.cdocle.org/program/cana-ii. Held on Saturday, March 12th from 8:30am-6pm (includes 5pm Mass). Active Parenting Series will be held on Wednesday, March 16th from 6:30-9pm.

Pre-Cana Day

St. Rita Parish will have a Pre-Cana day for engaged couples Saturday, March 19. This one day marriage prep program satisfies diocesan requirements. Program is \$70 per couple. For more info, call Heidi or Drew Samuto at 440-836-3401 or stritchprecana@gmail.com.

2016 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal

It's not too late to contribute to the 2016 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal! To donate please visit www.catholiccommunity.org/page.aspx?pid=397 or call 800-869-6525. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity! For stories of inspiration and for more info, visit www.catholiccommunity.org/2016Appeal.

Black and Indian Mission Collection

Thank you for your prayers and donations for the Black and Indian Mission last weekend! Your support helps build the Church in our African American and Native American communities (including our diocese which received \$70,000 from the Black and Indian Collection in 2015). Parish religious education programs, evangelization projects, youth and young adult outreach efforts and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help us spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! May God bless you for your kindness!

Catholic Relief Services Collection

Next week, our parish will take up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection.** This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people. **Thank you in advance for your generosity to The Catholic Relief Services Collection and to Jesus in disguise.** For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Weekend of February 21, 2016

<i>Sunday Offering</i>	<i>2,382.00</i>
<i>Black and Indian Mission (additional)</i>	<i>130.00</i>

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