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"You shall love the Lord, your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." Matthew 22:37 & 28:19

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 9:00-9:30 AM or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples should call the Parish Office upon their engagement to arrange a date for their wedding. The bride or groom must be a registered parishioner of Our Lady of Victory.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil	5:00 PM
Sunday	8:30 & 11:00 AM
Daily (Mon -Thur)	8:30 AM
Holydays & Other	As announced within

OFFICE HOURS

PARISH: Mon-Fri	8:30-4:00 PM
RELIGIOUS EDUC.:	8:30-4:00 PM
LUNCH (offices closed):	12:00-1:00 PM

(Offices closed holidays & major holydays)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms can usually be scheduled for any weekend Mass. Attendance of a preparation workshop for first-time parents is required. Parents can call the Parish Office to arrange a date for Baptism, and to check dates for the Baptismal Workshop. Sponsors can call the Parish Office for details about acquiring a Certificate.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Available at any time to those who are ill, facing surgery, or in danger of death. Sacramental care is provided by chaplains at all area hospitals. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

This is a process for those interested in the faith of the Catholic Church. For more information, contact Linda Herold at 633-3637 or email her at lherold@ourladyofvictory.net.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Parents can call the Parish Office for information.

The Spirit
drove Jesus
out into the
desert, and he
remained in
the desert
for forty days,
tempted by
Satan.
He was among
wild beasts, and
the angels
ministered
to him.

Mark 1:12,13

PRAYER FOR EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL (to be prayed before the Blessed Sacrament)

Lord Jesus, as we gather at your altar, you give yourself to us in the Most Holy Eucharist, so that we might become what we receive.

May we be transformed forever by your love that stretches forth to us from this altar.

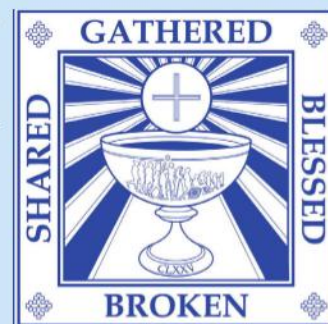
May your sharing in our humanity humble us to share in your divinity.

Heal our brokenness with your real presence and help us to draw strength from you in the Eucharist. Unite us to you in this Sacrament that brings healing and redemption.

As we glorify you by our lives, give us grace and courage to share your love with a world sorely in need of your mercy. May your true presence bring hope to those on the peripheries, dry the tears of the poor and the wounded, and end our divisions.

May your Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity be a constant source of revival for us. Let us become one with you as we seek the peace of your kingdom where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

www.dioceseofcleveland.org/eucharist



MASSES & SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

(ALL PRAYER/MASSES ARE LIVE-STREAMED. WEEKEND MASSES ARE ALSO BROADCAST OVER FM 93.7)

Live stream Facebook at:

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Monday, Feb 19	(8:30 am-C) Jonathan Lorkowski All Souls (7:00 pm-PC) Adoration/Night Prayer Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday, Feb 20	(8:30 am-C) Diann Vogliano (7:00 pm-PC) Adoration/Night Prayer Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday, Feb 21	(8:30 am-C) Armando & Angelina Colella (7:00 pm-C) Stations of the Cross Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Jl 2:12-13; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday, Feb 22	(8:30 am-C) Edward Westover All Souls (7:00 pm-PC) Adoration/Night Prayer Chair of St Peter, Apostle 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:18; Mt 16:13-19
Friday, Feb 23	(No Mass) (7:00 pm-PC) Adoration/Night Prayer Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-4, 5-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday, Feb 24	(9:00 am-C) Confessions (1:00 pm-C) 1 st Reconciliation (5:00 pm-C) Anton & Anna Tumpek Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday, Feb 25	(8:30 am-C) Paul & Patricia Anthony, and Carl Lamont Bayless (11:00 am-C) Christopher Bird <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i> Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

In Our Parish – What/Where/When

MONDAY, FEB 19 – PRESIDENT'S DAY

**Offices Closed

TUESDAY, FEB 20

WEDNESDAY, FEB 21

AA Meeting/FH/10:00 am

THURSDAY, FEB 22

Bible Study/PCR 100/2:00 pm

Women's Book Study/PCR 100/7:00 pm

FRIDAY, FEB 23

SATURDAY, FEB 24

Confessions/Church/9:00 am

**1st Reconciliation/Church/1:00 pm

**Lenten Alms Collection

SUNDAY, FEB 25

Child Liturgy of the Word/Church/8:30 am

Confirmation Session/Library/9:45 am

PSR Preschool/PCR 102/9:45 am

PSR K-6 Grade/THS/10:00 am

Life Teen Edge 7-8 Gr/PCR 101/10:00 am

Life Teen Session 9-10 Gr/PCR 101/5:00 pm

**Lenten Alms Collection

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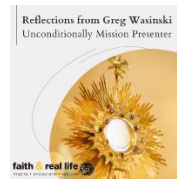
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From the Pastor's Desk

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2024 CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL – Your support helps 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.' **Our parish goal this year is \$78,150.** Please consider a generous gift that will change the lives of the 400,000 who are served each year in Northeast Ohio. Please respond to Bishop Malesic's letter directly, or if you took a Catholic Charities envelope home last weekend, please return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible. **Make checks payable to Catholic Charities, NOT Our Lady of Victory.** You may also donate online by visiting www.catholiccommunity.org/2024Appeal.

REFLECTIONS FROM GREG WASINSKI: YOU ARE WORTHY - I grew up in the first part of my "Catholic" life without realizing What/Who was present before me every Mass in the Eucharist. Now, I'm inviting you into a new level of relationship with Christ through Holy Communion. **Leading up to my Parish Mission for Our Lady of Victory March 17-19,** I'll be sharing a few simple thoughts to begin guiding you on some of the points I will touch upon, as they relate to reviving our soul through the Eucharist.



We start with two aspects of our Catholic life that help form the foundation to feel the presence of Christ in the Eucharist: Desire and Worthiness. Jesus always accepts us despite our brokenness or lack of understanding of what is hidden from our human senses in Holy Communion. We are worthy because of His mercy. He craves a relationship with us and is always looking for us to accept His unconditional love. We show Him our love in return by how much we desire to receive Him.

Reflection Question:

What do you want from Jesus in this Sacrament? Is there anything holding you back?

Celebrating Notes

THERE WILL BE A PRAYER VIGIL FOR 'PEACE IN UKRAINE' on Saturday, Feb 24 at 6:00 pm at the Cathedral of St John the Evangelist, 1007 Superior Ave, Cleveland, and will be hosted by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland and Greater Cleveland's Ukrainian community, as we mark the 2nd anniversary of the war. Please join Bishop Edward Malesic and clergy from the Orthodox communities this Saturday.

➔ **THE PARISH OFFICE** will be closed *Monday, Feb 19* in celebration of President's Day, and will *re-open Tuesday, Feb 20, at 10am*.

LENTEN INFORMATION:

- † **Alms Collection:** We invite you to place your financial gifts in an envelope marked "**Lenten Alms**" each week through Holy Thursday, which will then be shared between Blessed Trinity Food Pantry and Tallmadge Good Neighbors. *Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Victory, or donate online through Faith Direct by visiting www.ourladyofvictory.net*, and we will send one exchange check.
- † **Lenten Resources for all ages:** Available after Mass while they last. **A free-will donation is appreciated.** Holy Week, Triduum, and Easter (the *Little White Book*) will be available closer to Easter.
- † **Place last year's blessed Palms** in the containers near the entrances of the Church anytime now through Palm Sunday.


Question of the Week

Reading: Mark 1:12-15

Adults: The words we hear today and on Ash Wednesday are to 'repent and believe in the gospel'. This is not just a momentary conversion but a way of life that is meant to be lifelong with enduring fidelity to the Lord. How does your life reflect this; what else will you do?

Children: What tempts me to lose my focus on Jesus? What helps me get my focus back?

Coming Events/News in our Parish

 **THE RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE** is scheduled for *Monday, Feb 26, from 12:00-6:00 pm* in **Finnerty Hall**. Donors should schedule in advance at www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass, or call 1-800-733-2767. **If you've received a vaccine**, you must know/provide the manufacturer's name. **Red Cross** is actively addressing health disparities through its **Sickle Cell Initiative**. Over 100,000 Americans, predominantly of African descent, are affected by sickle cell disease. **One in 3 African American blood donors are a match for people with sickle cell disease.** *Appointments are required*, as walk-ins will not be accepted (call 1-800-733-2767). *No youth are allowed to attend.* *Any refreshments must be pre-packaged only.* Thank you!

ACME CASHBACK REWARDS - SUNDAY, FEB 18, IS THE DEADLINE to turn in your Acme store receipts, **dated Aug 1, 2023 - Feb 15, 2024**. Place them in the containers near the doors of the Church. **5%** of your purchases are CASH BACK to our Youth Ministry! Thank you!

"THANK YOU!" – Your parish never ceases to amaze us. You are a wonderful example of God's love in action. It all started about 20 years ago with Emma Colletti and Doug and Carol Fox and through the years a host

of others have also volunteered at St Bernard's Hunger Programs, and they continue month after month, year after year...almost 27,000 people were fed in 2023...The cost to operate the 3 Hunger Programs is over \$100,000 annually...we could not exist without YOU! **THANK YOU SO MUCH!"**
With much gratitude, St Bernard Hunger Program

140TH ANNUAL NATIONAL BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION – This week, you'll find in your envelope packet/Faith Direct, an opportunity for your support, which helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast, including the Diocese of Cleveland. Schools, parish religious education, and diocesan ministries depend on your help. Please be generous, and thank you!

News & Notes in our Neighborhood

JOIN QUEEN OF HEAVEN PARISH as we welcome five local speakers during our Lenten Speaker Series *each Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm after the 6:30 pm Mass, beginning Feb 20*. Social to follow. Need more information or have questions? Call the Queen of Heaven Parish Office at (330) 896-2345 or visit the parish website at www.queenofheavenparish.org/len2024 for details regarding speakers.

Celebrating the Sacraments

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS:
25th:

ERICH & ELIZABETH LEIPOLD – 2/20/99

WELCOME NEWLY REGISTERED:

ELIZABETH SULLIVAN
REBECCA TOMAYKO
(Welcome home!)

Caring Commission

Pray for the Sick: Rebecca Carney, John Charterina, Agnes Clark, Betty Coudriet, Danny Firth, Floss Firth, Doug Fox, Daysha Furtney, Robert Giet, Gerry Hollenack, Julianne Jenkins, Dan Lane, Nancy Litten, Mary Lombardo, Tom Lorkowski, Lin Mattingly, Alex Maximovich Jr, John Moran, Mary Jane Morris, Judith Mullen, Christine Naso, Chloe Pasco, Anne Richards, George Serba Jr, Paula Simmons, Joan Smarrito, Kay Lynn Tafini, Tina Testa, Lou Wells, J P Zalar, *and all who suffer from the coronavirus.*



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We pray with the Church that Sandy Casalinova (mother of Franco) may share in the peace and joy of the Risen Lord.

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