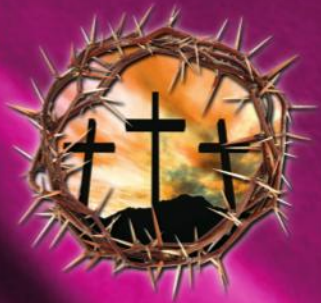




4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



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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.

Jesus said to
Nicodemus:
"Just as Moses
lifted up the
serpent in the
desert, so must
the Son of Man
be lifted up, so
that everyone
who believes in
him may have
eternal life."

John 3:14,15

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, Mar 11	(8:30 am-C) Dorothy Giet (7:00 pm-PC) Adoration/Night Prayer Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday, Mar 12	(8:30 am-C) Conrad C Ott (7:00 pm-PC) Adoration/Night Prayer Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday, Mar 13	(8:30 am-C) Dec Members of Agape Prayer Grp (7:00 pm-C) Stations of the Cross Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday, Mar 14	(8:30 am-C) Diann Vogliano (7:00 pm-PC) Adoration/Night Prayer Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday, Mar 15	(No Mass) (7:00 pm-PC) Adoration/Night Prayer Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday, Mar 16	(9:00 am-C) Confessions (4:30 pm-C) Rosary for Life (5:00 pm-C) Tim Lopus Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday, Mar 17	(8:30 am-C) For the Parishioners (11:00 am-C) Zachary Lohr (4:00 pm-C) Parish Lenten Mission followed by a Social in Finnerty Hall <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i> Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

In Our Parish – What/Where/When

MONDAY, MAR 11

TUESDAY, MAR 12

WEDNESDAY, MAR 13

AA Meeting/FH/10:00 am

Prayer Shawl Ministry/Library/1:15 pm

THURSDAY, MAR 14

Bible Study/PCR 100/2:00 pm

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

FRIDAY, MAR 15

SATURDAY, MAR 16

****40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil/Ch, Car, Home/8:00 am-4:30 pm**

Confessions/Church/9:00 am

****Lenten Alms Collection**

SUNDAY, MAR 17 – St Patrick's Day

Child Liturgy of the Word/Church/8:30 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

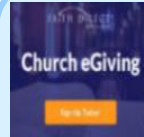
****Parish Lenten Mission followed by Social/Church, FH/4:00 pm**

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

****Lenten Alms Collection**



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From the Pastor's Desk

REFLECTIONS FROM GREG WASINSKI leading up to his Parish Mission for Our Lady of Victory March 17-19:

HOPE - If Catholics are not careful, we can find ourselves focusing only on the Last Supper and the suffering of the Passion of Jesus in the Eucharist. However, the profound beauty beyond the death of our Lord, is that the story doesn't end there. We experience the hope found in the resurrection to know our personal "Good Friday" is not the end. We WILL have the victory of an Easter Sunday to help us move forward. Jesus' glory, goodness, and exponential grace give us the strength on this earth to overcome anything. Find Jesus in the Eucharist and allow His entire story of victory from His birth to His Ascension live within you.

Reflection Question: Read Catechism 1347 - Jesus LOVED to share meals with His disciples. In what ways can you see Holy Communion as an intimate meal of hope with the risen Christ?

5-PARISH COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION Sunday, Mar 10 at Our Lady of Victory at 2:00 pm. If you were not able to participate in the Diocesan Evening of Confession on Wednesday, Feb 28, here is another opportunity before Easter. Several priests will be available for individual Confession.



DID YOU KNOW? - *Laetare* is the first word — meaning "rejoice" — in the Latin text. On Laetare Sunday, the Church expresses hope and joy in the midst of our Lenten fasts and penances. Call it pink — or, more fittingly, rose — this change in color indicates a glimpse of the joy that awaits us at Easter, just before we enter into the somber days of Passiontide.

Question of the Week

Reading: John 3:14-21

Adults: “For God so loved the world”... Like Nicodemus, we too, come to Jesus at night, in darkness. How will you spend the rest of Lent as someone who has encountered this Light? With whom will you share it?

Children: God’s love for me never changes, even when I sin. How can I show my love for God?

Coming Events/News in our Parish

OUR PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY is held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Join us **Wednesday, Mar 13 at 1:15 pm in the Parish Center Library**. If you are aware of anyone who would benefit from receiving a blessed shawl, please call or stop by the Parish Office, or if you need more information about this ministry, call Beth at 330-607-4182 or Rosemary at 330-808-0299.



TIME TO SPRING CLEAN THE CHURCH! Join with others (bring your buckets, rags, Murphy’s and whatever else you might need) to Spring Clean the Church as we prepare for the coming high Holy Days! We will gladly provide the dirt and pray you will provide the cleaning! **The first date is Friday, Mar 15, 9:00 am.** An alternate date, if needed, is Friday, Mar 22, 9:00 am. See you then and THANK YOU in advance for your help.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE – Our Lady of Victory will celebrate this nation-wide campaign on **Saturday, Mar 16** with a day of prayer and fasting to end the violence of abortion. You, your family, and friends are all invited to participate by praying at church or in your home. The Vigil hours are **8am to 4:30 pm**. Then, at **4:30 pm in church, a parish rosary**, led by the Respect Life Team, will be offered for God’s favor to turn hearts and minds from a Culture of Death into a Culture of Life. Attendees of the 5pm Mass are encouraged to come earlier and join together in a spirit of unity for this dedicated parish rosary. “Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life.” USCCB



A HUGE THANK YOU AGAIN, TO ALL who were able to participate in January’s March for Life, spend time in prayer for The Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn, or lend your financial support to the following local ministries (total amounts shown): *Right to Life of Northeast Ohio’s Media Campaign* - **\$465**; *Embrace Clinic and Care Ctr* - **\$595**; *The Highlands* - **\$280**; *Street Outreach Services* - **\$200**; *Summit County Collaborative Against Human Trafficking* - **\$315**. May God bless each of you as you have continued to be a blessing to so many in need!

LENTEN ALMS COLLECTION: To-date you have generously contributed **\$2,372.65** (does not include Faith Direct) to be shared with Blessed Trinity Food Pantry and Tallmadge Good Neighbors. As often as you are able through Holy Thursday, please continue to give, making **checks payable to Our Lady of Victory**, or donate online through Faith Direct by visiting www.ourladyofvictory.net. Thank you!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES 2024 APPEAL –Please return your envelope to the Parish Office ASAP. **Our parish goal this year is \$78,150.** Please make **checks payable to Catholic Charities, NOT Our Lady of Victory**. Catholic Charities will acknowledge receipt of your gift. Thank you for your generosity. For more information or to donate online, visit their website at www.catholiccommunity.org/2024Appeal.

News & Notes in our Neighborhood

ST BERNARD’S HOT MEAL PROGRAM –Adults and high school youth are invited to serve dinner at St Bernard’s Hot Meals, on **Wednesday, Mar 20**. Please arrive around 3-3:30 pm to be prepared to serve hot meals at 4:30 pm. For participating youth, please provide your own transportation along with a signed permission slip. St Bernard’s will supply gloves. If you can help or have questions, contact Patty Ayers at 330-310-1921.



THE WOMEN’S BOARD OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SUMMIT COUNTY invites you to join us for our Annual Luncheon, Style Show, Silent Auction and Raffle on **Thursday, April 11, at Guy’s Party Centre, 500 E Waterloo Rd, Akron**. Cost is \$32. **Reservations are required by March 29**. Make checks payable to Women’s Board of CCC/SC and mail to Catholic Charities Attn: Lori Limbacher, 812 Biruta St, Akron 44307. Include your name, address, and phone number. Please indicate if you have a seating preference with specific people. More info available at cedocle.org/womensboard. Proceeds benefit the programs of Catholic Charities of Summit County.

PARISH PARTNERS FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION NEWS (Holy Family and Immaculate Heart of Mary Parishes/Schools, St Eugene, St Joseph, Our Lady of Victory Parishes):

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY – As our partners in Faith, please consider volunteering to teach an elective to the Junior High students at **Immaculate Heart of Mary School**. If you have a hobby or interest that you would like to share with our students on a weekly basis for a semester, we need you! Please contact the IHM School Office at 330-923-1220.

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL, 3163 Kent Rd, Stow, is now offering enrollment for 3-yr old Preschool, and 4-yr old Pre-Kindergarten ½-day or full-day programs. Call 330-688-3816 to schedule a tour. Holy Family School is a National Blue Ribbon school of excellence.

OUR LADY OF THE ELMS OPEN HOUSE – **Sunday, Mar 24 from 12:00 – 2:00 pm**. Discover the transformative power of an all-girls education! Tour the campus, and connect with teachers and coaches. Learn about scholarships and financial aid at www.theelms.org/spring24 or call 330-752-2507.

Caring Commission

Pray for the Sick: Rebecca Carney, John Charterina, Agnes Clark, Debi Coudriet, Danny Firth, Floss Firth, Doug Fox, Daysha Furtney, Robert Giet, Angela Haubiel, Gerry Hollenack, Julianne Jenkins, Dan Lane, Nancy Litten, Mary Lombardo, John Lorkowski, Tom Lorkowski, Lin Mattingly, Alex Maximovich Jr, John Moran, Mary Jane Morris, 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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