

ST. THERESE PARISH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



I. Jesus is Condemned to Death

Here we see Christ after His scourging. Jesus is bloodied and beaten, but He neither boasts nor cries out. With His head bowed meekly and His hands tied, Christ submits to Pilate's sentencing. Even though he believes Jesus to be innocent, Pontius Pilate is already washing his hands of the whole affair hoping he can forget this mess. Yet, the rooster reminds us (as it did Peter) that this moment will have eternal consequences.



II. Jesus Carries His Cross

The cruelty of the soldier is shown by his haughty stature; he almost throws the cross at Jesus, not caring whether it crushes Him or not. At the bottom of the window we see a barbed whip. With great equanimity Jesus takes the instrument of His torture and death. He embraces the Cross out of obedience to the Father's Will. Even though Jesus willingly accepts His Passion, the Romans (and all of us sinners) still choose to punish the Spotless Lamb.

FEBRUARY 23, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 22

Vigil

St. T 5:30 PM Mark, Helen, & Joanne Callahan

Sunday, February 23-7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. T 10:30 AM Richard Milbert

Divine Mercy Holy Hour at 2:30 p.m.

Monday, February 24

St. T 6:30 PM Mary Hanzes

Tuesday, February 25

No Mass

Wednesday, February 26-Ash Wednesday

SS. P&P 8:30 AM Michael William Hydock

St. T Noon Intention of Celebrant

St. T 6:00 PM Ash Distribution

SS. P&P 7:00 PM Intention of Celebrant

Thursday, February 27

St. T 8:30 AM Casey Szubra

Friday, February 28

SS. P&P 8:30 AM Stefania Dolub

Saturday, February 29

Vigil

SS. P&P 4:00 PM Agnes Krupa

St. T 5:30 PM The People of the Parish

Sunday, March 1

SS. P&P 8:00AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

SS. P&P 8:30 AM Poor Souls in Purgatory

St. T 10:00 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St. T 10:30 AM Joanne Biegacki

(Scout Mass)

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2,17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2;

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the recently deceased:

Danny Deliberato

Elizabeth Wolski

Jacquelin Fisher

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Stained Glass Windows

Our Lenten Season begins February 26th with Ash Wednesday. Throughout Lent, our Stations of the Cross Stained Glass Windows located on the top tier of the church will be featured on the bulletin covers with brief descriptions. There are a total of 14 windows. Two windows will be pictured each weekend for 7 weeks. We hope you enjoy.

February 15/16

Collection: \$4,654.00* Envelopes Used: 171
Eastern Europe: \$15 St. Vincent de Paul : \$163

*Figure includes the following:

Parish Only \$465 Restoration: \$162
Ash Wednesday: \$50 Children: \$3
Fuel & Utility: \$5

Thank you!

Pray for the Sick :

Shirley Zwilling, Dori Herout, Sophie Tessmer, Nancy Kolecki, Patricia J. McHale, Joyce Kedzierski, Josephine Mathews, Anthony Amato, Daria Melnyc, John Kolar, David Bob, Charlie Dunlap, Kenny Krawczyk, Ann Duhanich, Janet Carrol, Sandy Skul, Char Jeloveck, Robin Buckley, Beverly Briggs, Raymond Toth, Patricia Tagliarini, Andy Garcia, Joyce Peck, Dennis Yarmesch, Al & Dolores DiBaggio, Stanley Faiken, Greg Skuta

If you know of any names that should be removed or added, please contact the rectory at 216-581-2852.

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



There will be a **Divine Mercy Holy Hour** Sunday, February 23, at 2:30 p.m. in St. Therese Church.

Lent Begins Ash Wednesday, February 26.

Check the Mass Schedule Column for Ash Wednesday Mass & Ash Distribution Times.

Our observance of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, a day of fast and abstinence for Catholics. Good Friday is also an obligatory day of fast and abstinence. Fasting is obligatory for all, ages 18-59. Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may be taken, not to equal one full meal. Abstinence from meat is obligatory for all, ages 14 and over. All Fridays during lent are days of abstinence. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection.



Fridays during Lent
Noon at St. Therese Church
7:30 p.m. at SS. Peter & Paul Church
Please join us!

Next week, we have the 136th annual **National Black and Indian Mission Collection**. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

OUR YOUNG CHURCH...

PSR will have class IN the church on Ash Wednesday (February 26, 2020). Please be there by 6:00 pm and pick up is CHANGED to 7:00 pm for this night only.

Please keep members of our Youth Group and their leaders in your prayers as they will be on retreat this weekend.

Weekend Drawing

The \$100 winners of the drawing for the weekend of February 15/16 were Cathy Kraine and Joyce Granfors Congratulations!

ASK FATHER!

Q "How do you keep concentrating during Mass? I find my mind wandering."



A First, take time to prepare for Mass by recollection. Think about Mass, its significance, and how it can help you. If there is someone you want to pray for, remember that person during Mass. Having a few prayers that we say before Mass (and getting to Mass early) will help us to stay focused on the Lord. The more we engage our minds about God, the easier it is to forget about the world. Second, find something in Church to focus on to bring yourself back to prayer after distractions happen. There's a reason we have a gigantic crucifix in the middle of the Church: to remember Him always. Third, breathe. The easiest way to stop a train of distractions is to focus on your breath going in and out of your lungs. Fourth, have some silent prayers you say during particular points of the Mass to help keep you engaged. For example, when I am holding up the newly Consecrated Host, I say, "Domine," or, "Lord." Lastly, learn to pray with your heart and your mind. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is a work of beauty - so is your soul. God intends for us to engage not only our voices but the depths of our souls at liturgy. The more our hearts rest in Him, the more our minds will find peace.

Some Notes from our Music Ministry.....
During Lent we will focus on *taking time* to reflect on Jesus' journey as we travel along with Him in song and prayer. This season we will be singing the Mass of Renewal: the Holy, Acclamation, Amen & Lamb of God. Please familiarize yourself with these beautiful selections in our Breaking Bread Hymnal (#863 thru #868). We will also try to introduce them prior to Ash Wednesday before Mass or Instrumentally.



Join the Holy Name Society for **coffee & donuts** after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, February 23, in the church hall.

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During lent we will take up the collection for the **Church in Central and Eastern Europe**. Your donation helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 20 countries still struggling to recover from Communist rule. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Please be generous to the collection. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/ccee.

Attention Seniors

Our next Seniors' meeting will be on Monday, March 2, at 1:30 p.m. in the church hall.

Old Palms

You're invited to bring in your old palms from now through Palm Sunday. You can leave them in the marked baskets near the Granger Road entrance. The palms will be reverently burned.

At St. Monica Parish: Join us on Tuesday, February 25, at 6:30 p.m. as Dawn Tucker and Dr. Kathy McGowan from Beltone Hearing present "Aging In Place". Find out why your hearing is so important to your overall health. Informative talk that should be helpful for many. Call 216-662-8685 to register.

Knights of Columbus Dinners

February 26 (Ash Wednesday) 2 fish, 2 shrimp, 2 pierogis, coleslaw, rolls & butter. Prepared by Lori's Custom Catering.

All dinners require reservations by Monday, Feb. 24 at noon. Please call 216-662-2277 option 2. Take-outs available. Adults are \$10 and children under 12 are \$8. The Isabella Guild will be selling bakery.

March 15 Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner or Sandwich. Dinner: corned beef & cabbage, red skin potatoes, carrots. Sandwich: corned beef, home made potato salad, swiss cheese, sauerkraut, rye bread & dill pickle. Prepared by Lori's Custom Catering.

All dinners require reservation by Wednesday, March 11, at 8 p.m. 216-662-2277 option 3. Cost is \$12 each.

40 Days For Life

From February 26-April 5, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life-40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray anytime between 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. during the 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Preterm (12000 Shaker Blvd. in Cleveland) or Planned Parenthood (25350 Rockside Rd. in Bedford Hts.) or Family Planning (54 South State St. in Painesville). Join us at the Kickoff Rally at St. Justin Martyr Church in Eastlake on Tuesday, February 25, at 7 p.m. Contact John Noall at 216-245-9744 or clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com for more information.

Konrad & Friends in Concert—Dr. Konrad Binienda & Friends will perform selected works of Chopin and other composers at the Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus (3649 East 65th St. in Cleveland) on Saturday, February 29, at 7:30 p.m. The concert is FREE thanks to generous support of the Charles & Helen Brown Memorial Foundation. Freewill offerings accepted.

Addiction Awareness Workshop—The Samaritan Ministry, St. Malachi Parish at West 25th St. & Detroit, is offering a FREE 1-day Addiction Awareness Workshop in St. Malachi Center (behind the church) on Saturday February 29, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For a brochure or to register, contact Judy Stowe at 216-280-0675 or judystowe@gmail.com or St. Malachi Rectory at 216-861-5343.



Save the date, Saturday, April 25, for the Garfield Hts. Knights of Columbus Council 4130 Annual Night at the Races at 10808 Granger Road, Grand Ballroom.

Employment Opportunity

Boys Hope Girls Hope is looking for an Operations Assistant to work 20 - 25 hours each week at our campus in Garfield Heights. Shifts are 6-8 hours and are typically scheduled between 12:30pm - 9:00pm, Monday-Thursday. Duties include: Student Transportation, Facility Maintenance and Program Support with the set up and clean-up of the evening meals for student participants. Please contact Margaret at mboros@BHGH.org for more information or apply directly on our career page at <http://bhghneo.org/get-involved/join-our-team/>

Diocese of Cleveland Catholic Men's Conference Saturday, March 21

Jesus Christ, our Teacher and Best friend is calling the men of the Cleveland Diocese to open their hearts and minds to his ever new, ever young message and program for leading a happy, purpose driven, fulfilled life whether single, married, divorced, active or currently inactive in church life. Presented by Catholic Men's Fellowship of Northeast Ohio, Diocese of Cleveland. Convenient location: Holiday Inn, Rockside. For more information and to register, go to www.cmfneo.com or call 877-208-5585.

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Week Ahead:

Sunday, February 23

Holy Name Society Coffee & Donuts after Mass, H
Church decorating for Lent after Mass, C
Youth Retreat at Loyola Retreat House
Divine Mercy Holy Hour 2:30 p.m., C

Monday, February 24

Scouts' Troop Meeting 7 p.m, S

Tuesday, February 25

Bible Study 6:30 p.m., S
Recalibrate 7 p.m., S
AA 7:30 p.m., H

Wednesday, February 26-Ash Wednesday

Our Ash Wednesday schedule is printed previously in this bulletin.

PSR 6 p.m., C

Thursday, February 27

Bingo 6:45 p.m., H
Parish Council 7 p.m., R
Scout Bear & Webelos 7 p.m., S

Friday, February 28

Stations of the Cross noon at St. T; 7:30 p.m. at SS. P&P

Saturday, February 29

Scouts Blue & Gold Pot Luck 1-3 p.m., S

H: Church Hall R: Rectory C: Church S: School

The Lord be with you!

We return to the *Baltimore Catechism* this weekend with a look at the role of charismatic and other extraordinary graces. God gives us these wonderful gifts to assist us in revealing His Goodness.

Question 446. What visible power was given to the Apostles through the coming of the Holy Ghost?

Answer. Through the coming of the Holy Ghost the Apostles received the "gift of tongues," by which they could be understood in every language, though they preached in only one.

Question 447. Why did such wonderful gifts accompany confirmation, or the coming of the Holy Ghost, in the first ages of the Church?

Answer. Such wonderful gifts accompanied Confirmation in the first ages of the Church to prove the power, truth and divine character of Christianity to those who otherwise might not believe, and to draw the attention of all to the establishment of the Christian Church.

Question 448. Why are these signs not continued everywhere at the present time?

Answer. These signs are not continued everywhere at the present time, because now that the Church is fully established and its divine character and power proved in other ways, such signs are no longer necessary.

Question 449. Were such powers as the "gift of tongues" a part of the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Answer. Such powers as the "gift of tongues" were not a part of the Sacrament of Confirmation, but they were added to it by the Holy Ghost when necessary for the good of the Church.

My commentary.

Just as we distinguish the habitual gift of sanctifying grace from temporary actual graces in general, we can further differentiate the charismatic graces, *gratia gratis dona*. To review, sanctifying grace is the indwelling of God's life within us that we receive from the sacraments. An actual grace is a gift from God that enhances us in some way - sometimes it is an inspiration, sometimes it is a feeling of encouragement, and other times it is strength. Actual graces come in all shapes and sizes, but usually an actual grace relates directly to a natural ability. The charismatic gifts are actual graces conferred upon someone that clearly go beyond our human nature.

We call them "charismatic" from the Greek word *χαρίσματα*, which means "freely given favor." In Latin we would render that *gratia gratis data*, or "graces freely given." These names emphasize that these graces are not owed to us but are free gifts. Moreover, they are given to us for the sake of others. As should be clear from Acts 2, the visible sign of the Apostles' speaking in tongues was given to vindicate their claims.

Throughout the Church's history God has worked miracles to enliven our Faith. Miracles happen more frequently than we realize, but the most important ones happen beyond our sight. It is a miracle of the highest order for a sinner to convert. The changing of a heart is a greater good than the illumination of the Earth by the sun. That God seems to prefer a more subtle approach to conversion today is a mark of God's patience and humility and an enticement for us to imitate those virtues. God may not always work the miracles that we desire, but He works the ones most to our collective benefit.

In Christ,

Fr. John