

ST. THERESE PARISH

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2020-SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



V. Simon of Cyrene Helps Jesus Carry His Cross

Once again the humility of Jesus is shown by His being below Simon. Jesus is carrying only the bottom of the Cross, but His Head is bowed in exhaustion. It is not merely the weight of the wood, but the weight of our sins that Jesus carries now. In the lower left we once again have tools: a ladder and a hammer. On the one hand they remind us of the sign that will be hung above Christ: Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews. On the other hand, however, the ladder is showing us that the Cross is the way for us to climb to Heaven.



VI. Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus

Like our Blessed Mother, St. Veronica humbles herself in front of Jesus as she ministers to Him. Likewise, Jesus and Veronica share a look of deep intimacy and spiritual union. St. Veronica's tremendous love for Christ merited for us all the gift of Veronica's Veil. After Veronica wiped the face of Jesus with it, Our Lord's face was miraculously placed upon it. According to tradition, that image would become the inspiration for the Icon of Christ Pantocrator and would forever change our depictions of Jesus. Lastly, the three nails are pictured above Christ and Veronica symbolizing them as the way to merit Heaven and forever gaze upon God.

MARCH 8, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 7

Vigil

SS. P&P 4:00PM Burke Family
St. T 5:30 PM Rudy & Rose Firem

Sunday, March 8-Second Sunday of Lent

SS. P&P 8:30AM The People of the Parish
St. T 10:30 AM Leonard Roslan

Monday, March 9-St. Frances of Rome

St. T 6:30 PM Golias & Shiplett Families

Tuesday, March 10

No Mass

Wednesday, March 11

St. P&P 8:30 AM Joseph T. Snyder (AM)

Thursday, March 12

St. T 8:30 AM Rudy N. Guzman

Friday, March 13

SS. P&P 8:30 AM Annette Slovenski (AM)

Saturday, March 14

Vigil

SS. P&P 4:00 PM Homolka & Gagliardi Families
St. T 5:30 PM Johanna Regel

Sunday, March 15-Third Sunday of Lent

SS. P&P 8:30 AM The Poor Souls in Purgatory
St. T 10:30 AM The People of the Parish

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



The **Diocesan-wide Evening of Reconciliation** is on Wednesday, March 11. Confessions will be heard at St. Therese Church from 5 -8 p.m. Our **Communal Penance Service** (with SS. Peter & Paul Parish) will take place on Sunday, March 29, at 3 p.m. at St. Therese Church.

St. Therese Parish

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February 29/ March 1

Collection: \$6,936.50* Envelopes Used: 192
Black & Indian: \$259 St. Vincent de Paul : \$25
PSR: \$5 Catholic University: \$3
Latin America: \$5 Catholic Relief Services: \$10
Central & Eastern Europe: \$55

*Figure includes the following:

Parish Only \$1,124 Restoration: \$73
Altar & Flowers: \$52 Ash Wednesday: \$624
Children: \$2

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, Joyce Peck, Dennis Yarmesch, Al & Dolores DiBaggio, Stanley Faiken, Greg Skuta, Joe Suster, Pat Kipfstuhl

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



Stations of the Cross are held at noon at St. Therese Church and at 7:30 p.m. at SS. Peter & Paul Church on the Fridays during Lent, through April 3.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

OUR YOUNG CHURCH...

PSR: We will have regular PSR class, but the students are welcome to wear their pajamas! Doors open at 5:30 pm and class starts at 6:00 pm. We will have light snacks.

This week's Lenten Family Challenge is to have a television and internet free evening one day this week. Spend time with your family by playing a favorite board or card game.

Attention Seniors

Our next Seniors' meeting will be on Monday, March 16, at 1:30 p.m. in the church hall.

Weekend Drawing

The \$100 winners of the drawing for the weekend of February 29-March 1 were **Domenick DeCaprio** and **Denise Kipfstuhl**. Congratulations!



There are sand timers in baskets near the church entrances. These are to remind us to spend some time with Jesus during Lent. Please take one.

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.

Knights of Columbus Dinners

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.

Wednesday March 25 Stuffed Cabbage Dinner

Reservations by Sunday March 22 - 8 pm

Prepared by Maple Heights Catering

Dinner consists of 3 Stuffed Cabbages, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Garden Salad, Rolls and Butter
Take-outs are available. The Isabella Guild will be selling Bakery.

TO PLACE RESERVATIONS, PLEASE CALL 216-662-2277 Option #2

Stuffed Cabbage Dinner is \$10

ASK FATHER!

Q The Orans position for the Our Father. When does it end?



A The orans position refers to holding your arms up to your shoulders. The priest takes this position whenever he offers a prayer directly to God, such as during the Eucharistic Prayer. According to the *General Instructions for the Roman Missal* (also known as the GIRM), the laity are not required or encouraged to take the orans position at all- nor are they prohibited from taking it. Where did this custom come from then? A number of priests in the 1990's noted the great affection that the Caribbean Catholic community prayed the Our Father *with arms raised* in the orans position. These priests then encouraged many Catholics to adopt this posture, who were not part of this particular community. Unfortunately, these priests did not realize that their encouragement of this custom went against the liturgical principle that the people should not imitate the priest. "The priest has his parts, the people have theirs" is one of the guiding principles of the Second Vatican Council's liturgical reforms. Subsequently, the Vatican clarified that there would be neither a requirement for people to raise their arms nor a prohibition of such during the Our Father. Thus, there is no legislation or official clarification on the orans position except that we will not be getting any.

Here's my advice though: lower your arms after the Our Father is done. The GIRM does specify that concelebrants are to lower their arms after the Our Father is done. Since we have a ruling on that, it makes sense to me that only the main celebrant should have his arms raised for the prayer after the Our Father. As should be clear from the above, this is my personal opinion and is not mandatory.

If any parish organization or group of individuals would like to volunteer to host a Refreshment Weekend in March or any upcoming month, please call the parish office at 216-581-2852. They are held on the 4th Sunday of the month and the Saturday evening before. Thank you!

Saturday March 21 - K of C Council Annual Wing Ding

PLEASE PURCHASE TICKETS IN ADVANCE

Saturday March 21 from 7 to 9 pm

SCOREBOARDS 10333 Northfield Road

Tickets are \$25 Each. Event includes Wings, Pasta, Pizza, Veggie, Draft Beef (Bud & Bud Light), Wine & Soda.

Tickets may be purchased by calling Will Skladany @ 216-544-6785 or Don Zamiska @ 440-241-4783

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SS.Peter&Paul A/R Sodality bus trip to Presque Isle Casino Tuesday April 21, 2020

Cost: \$35.00 per person (\$20.00 in slot comps). Leave SS. Peter & Paul school parking lot at 9:00AM (bus will be there at 8:30AM). Need PD card no. or birthdate 2 weeks prior to departure. Leave casino at 5:15PM. (Bus will be there at 5:00PM.) Payment , please make checks payable to Sts. Peter and Paul Altar & Rosary Sodality. For reservations call Sue at 216-581-6078 or cell 216-952-9219(Emergency Only).

Employment Opportunity

Marymount Child Care Center is looking for two responsible adults, one for a full time position and one for a part-time afternoon position. If interested please contact Michelle at 216-518-2120. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma.

There will be a **Divine Mercy Holy Hour** on Sunday, March 8, at 2:30 PM in Saint Monica Church and on Sunday, March 22, at 2:30 PM in St. Therese Church. All are welcome!

Little Black Books

We have again made available the Little Black Books for your use during Lent. They are near the entrances of the church and at the rectory. An envelope is included with each book for your donation. Purple books are for children.



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.

**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.

Isabella Guild

The calendar and the longer days tell us it is March, and the Isabella Guild is getting the word out to all of us that IT IS TIME FOR OUR SALAD LUNCHEON, a sure sign of spring. Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 21. Put on those BLUE SUEDE SHOES and join us for a fun time. Doors open at noon, we will enjoy all the delicious food at 1:00, and the entertainment will start after the luncheon. Tables of 8 can be reserved. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased from Marlene Kuczmarski or any Isabella member. We will have our famous basket raffles, table prizes, door prizes and split raffle. Sounds like a good time to get away and enjoy good food with good friends and have a really GREAT TIME.

Our general business meeting is on Wednesday, March 18, at 7 p.m. in the K of C annex hall. We will end the month of March with a bus trip on Tuesday, March 31, to Mountaineer. Many events to keep the fun in the month of March. Come join us as we celebrate spring!

All Saints Federal Credit Union

You are cordially invited to our 78th Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 21, at the Knights of Columbus Club 4130. Doors open at 6 p.m. Please join us for sandwiches, salad and dessert. Your officials will present the Annual Report and announce results of the election for directors. Attendance tickets are required but **Free to Members**. Contact the Credit Union at 216-587-0631 or 440-888-3663. Hope to see you there!!!

SAVE THE DATE! Holy Name High School invites you to attend the **Green Wave Gala: Irish Pub Crawl on Saturday, March 28, 2020** from 6:00 to 11:00 PM at Holy Name. Ticket information and sponsorship details are online at www.holynamehs.com/auction2020. Not able to attend? **You can support Holy Name by purchasing a \$10,000 Raffle Ticket, or entering for the chance to win a trip to either Boston, MA or Louisville, KY.** For more information, visit the website or call the Advancement Office at 440-886-0300, ext. 104. Thank you for supporting our students!

St. Monica Church, 13623 Rockside

Call 216-662-8685 to register or questions. Tuesday, March 10—Springing into Creative Blossoms. Come find out how creating can encourage brain activity and relieve stress. Shcarra Benn from Creative Leo Designs will be here! Painting and art made easy for everyone!

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

The Week Ahead:

Sunday, March 8

HNS Coffee & Donuts after 10:30 a.m. Mass, H

Monday, March 9

Scout Troop Meeting 7 p.m., S

Tuesday, March 10

Bible Study 6:30 p.m., S

Recalibrate 7 p.m., S

AA 7:30 p.m., H

Wednesday, March 11

PSR 6 p.m., S

Evening of Confession 5-8 p.m., C

Thursday, March 12

Bingo 6:45 p.m., H

Bear & Webelos Scout Meeting 7 p.m., S

Friday, March 13

Stations of the Cross noon at St. Therese Church;

7:30 p.m. at SS. Peter & Paul Church

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

The Lord be with you.

This week we are examining how Christ's Death made up for our sins. As Catholics we affirm that Jesus' Passion and Death repaired our relationship with God.

Question 453. Which are the chief effects of the Redemption?

Answer. The chief effects of the Redemption are two: The satisfaction of God's justice by Christ's sufferings and death, and the gaining of grace for men.

Question 454. Why do we say "chief effects"?

Answer. We say "chief effects" to show that these are the most important but not the only effects of the Redemption -- for all the benefits of our holy religion and of its influence upon the world are the effects of the redemption.

Question 455. Why did God's justice require satisfaction?

Answer. God's justice required satisfaction because it is infinite and demands reparation for every fault. Man in his state of sin could not make the necessary reparation, so Christ became man and made it for him.

My commentary.

Before tackling satisfaction theory, let us dwell upon Question 454. The *Baltimore Catechism* correctly emphasizes that all graces were won for us by the Paschal Mystery. Every single person - whether they are Catholic or not - who has received divine assistance has received it on account of Jesus and His Redemptive Death. When we consider the super abundance of graces that come through Our Faith, we cannot even count them all. When we consider the particular graces that God has given the world in addition to those, we should weep in thanksgiving for such Divine Mercy.

To say that Divine Justice demands satisfaction is to say that God deserved an act of reparation to apologize for mankind's transgressions against Him. To understand the unique nature of this satisfaction, we need to consider both the harm that was done and the nature of the offended party. First, when Adam and Eve sinned (and all subsequent mortal sins), they disfigured creation in an infinite way. Each human soul is so precious and valuable that a mortal sin is worse than the obliteration of the entire material universe. Second, the party offended by all of sin is God, and He is infinite. Think of it this way. When we sin against our siblings, we owe them an apology of x. When we sin against our parents, we owe them x+y. Why? Since we owe our parents honor for their gift of life, our apology must reflect this. Following these two reasons, the human race owed God an infinite act of reparation - an apology grander than the universe.

Jesus was able to offer such an act because He was both human and divine. By being a man, Jesus could act on our behalf. That is why we call Jesus the New Adam. By being divine, Jesus could act in an infinite and unbounded way - His Passion, Death, and Resurrection became the central act of all time and space. Thus, what mankind could never do by itself, Jesus accomplished for us.

The critical difference between Catholic and Protestant theologies is that we affirm that we can cooperate and expand Christ's atonement. Our understanding of grace and merit is nothing other than our affirmation that our acceptance of grace leads us to live out Christ's Death and Resurrection. Every time we love like Him, we bring His Redemption to that place and time. Although we do not merit *de condigne* (in strict justice), we do merit congruously the ever deepening Love of God and man. May this blessed season of Lent afford us many such moments of grace where our death to sin allows to live forever in Love.

In Christ,

Fr. John