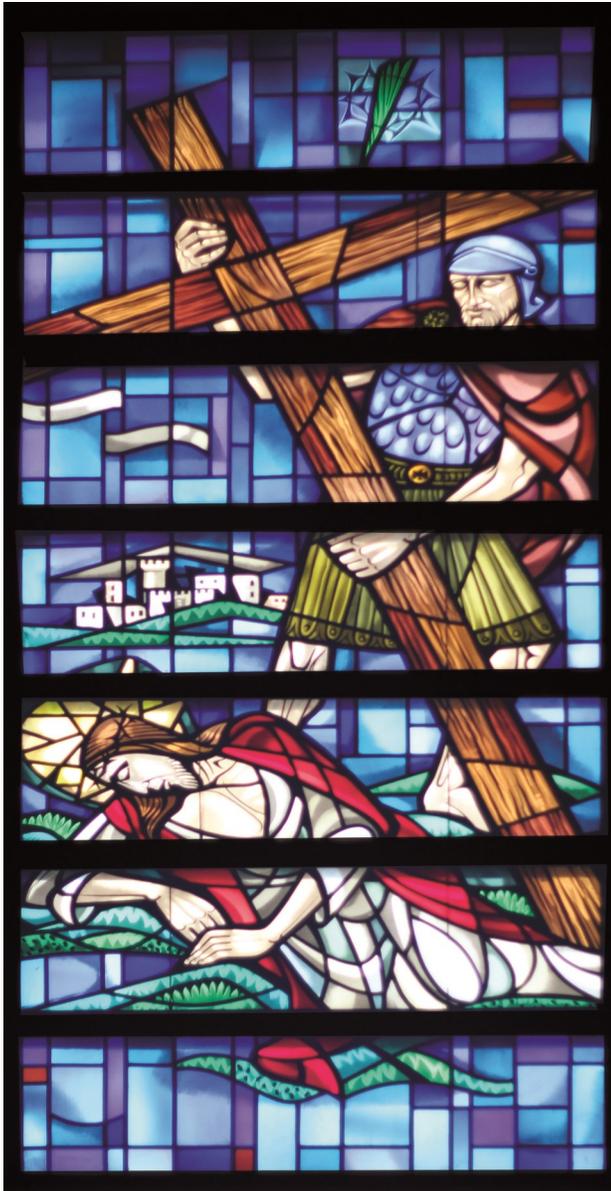


# ST. THERESE PARISH

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2020-THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS



### VII. Jesus Falls the Second Time

In this station we see Our Lord exhausted after His fall. The Roman soldier stands with the Cross and kicks Jesus to get Him up again. In the background we see Jerusalem on the side of the Roman. On the top of the window we see the reeds that the soldiers struck Jesus with as well as the Crown of Thorns that they mocked Him with. Like a sheep going to the slaughter, Jesus does not cry out but with great humility suffers for us.



### VIII. Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem

Kneeling before Jesus are the faithful women of Jerusalem. Whereas all the apostles (except for John) have run away, the women have journeyed with Christ to His Death. As they lament His sufferings, Jesus prophesies the destruction that will befall Jerusalem for choosing the world over God. Once again, we see the faithful looking upon the Face of Jesus and being consoled by it. On the top of the window we see a thurible, empty and ready for incense. This foretells the discovery, by these women, of the empty tomb when they will go to prepare His Body.

# MARCH 15, 2020

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

### Saturday, March 14

#### Vigil

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

### Sunday, March 15-Third Sunday of Lent

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

### Monday, March 16

St. T 6:30 PM Richard Lenczewski

### Tuesday, March 17-St. Patrick

No Mass

### Wednesday, March 18-St. Cyril of Jerusalem

St. P&P 8:30 AM Mildred Witkiewicz

### Thursday, March 19-Feast of St. Joseph

St. T 8:30 AM Dolores Kryz

### Friday, March 20

SS. P&P 8:30 AM Vincenzo Tota (AM)

### Saturday, March 21

#### Vigil

SS. P&P 4:00 PM Tony Hrestak (AM)  
St. T 5:30 PM Sam Camiola

### Sunday, March 22-Fourth Sunday of Lent

SS. P&P 8:30 AM The People of the Parish  
St. T 10:30 AM Richard & Wanda Golias  
Divine Mercy Holy Hour at 2:30 p.m.

## Readings for the Week

**Sunday:** Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

**Monday:** 2 Kgs 5: 1-15b; 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:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16;  
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

**Friday:** Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

HAPPY

ST. PATRICK'S DAY, MARCH 17

AND

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH,  
MARCH 19



St. Joseph

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### March 7/8

Collection: \$7,566.00      Envelopes Used: 206  
Black & Indian: \$45      Holy Thursday: \$4  
Good Friday: \$4      Home Missions: \$5  
Central & Eastern Europe: \$15

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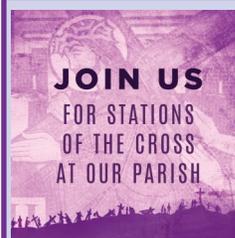
Parish Only \$590      Restoration: \$50  
Altar & Flowers: \$139      Ash Wednesday: \$235  
Children: \$2      Easter: \$40  
February We Share: \$1,868

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. And please note: Our **Communal Penance Service** is on Sunday, March 29, at 3 p.m. in St. Therese Church.

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### OUR YOUNG CHURCH...

**PSR:** Class starts at 6:00 pm, and the doors open at 5:30 pm with light snacks. This Wednesday, March 18th is the CONFIRMATION MEETING with Fr. John. The Confirmation students along with their parents AND sponsors are expected to attend this meeting at 6:00 pm in the PSR Building.

Lenten Family Challenge: Send a note or card of encouragement to a priest or a member of a religious community.

**Youth Ministry:** Youth412- the next youth group meeting will be Wed. 3/25, in the PSR school building -5:30 doors open & meeting starts 6:00 - 7:15

With the resignation of our DRE for Saints Peter and Paul Church and St. Therese Church, we are happy to have Tracy Johnson leading The Youth Ministry Group. Tracy has been a Youth Ministry Volunteer as well as a PSR School Teacher for many years. You can reach Tracy via email at [Youth\\_Group@sttheresegarfield.org](mailto:Youth_Group@sttheresegarfield.org) Joanna Parsons is coordinating the PSR School Program. Joanna was a PSR Teacher for several years and was helping with various aspects of the program this school year. She too is a Youth Ministry Volunteer. Joanna can be reached via email at [PSR\\_Program@sttheresegarfield.org](mailto:PSR_Program@sttheresegarfield.org). To contact either one by phone, please call the St. Therese Parish Office at 216-581-2852 and leave a message on extension 10.

### Attention Seniors-Different Time!

Our next Seniors' meeting will be on Monday, March 16, at 1 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.

### Weekend Drawing

The \$100 winners of the drawing for the weekend of March 7/8 were **Kathy Cermak** and **Sophie Tessmer**. 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.

### ASK FATHER!

**Q** What does the priest mean when he says, "my peace I give you" ? You say this in the Mass. Thanks.

**A :** The "peace" referred to here is harmony and order derived from the enjoyment of love. When we love as God wills, we experience joy - the literal enjoyment and satisfaction of our minds and hearts. That joy is to reorder our entire selves, including our appetites and desires, as well as our communities. Thus, the peace here is a reordering of what is broken into conformity with God's divine will.

**Q** Is the greeting "Peace be with you" optional? Some Masses do not say it, like on EWTN and other churches.

**A :** The sign of peace is optional, but the greeting is not. Most priests, myself included, enjoy sharing the sign of peace - the handshake or hug - that comes before Communion. Like the petitions, however, this does not have to happen at Mass. It makes sense for televised Masses to drop it since the people at home usually cannot give anyone else the sign of peace. We should note though that with the exchange, "The peace of the Lord be with you always," and, "And with your spirit," the entire congregation has implicitly exchanged their goodwill and peace.



### Choir Practice Reminder:

Wednesday, March 18,  
6:45 p.m. in the church.

### 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

### Change in the office

Our parish officer manager, Linda Schiavone, is stepping down from her position effective March 27th. She will remain a part-time secretary, but she will no longer be working full time. If you or someone you know is interested in being our new parish office manager, please contact Fr. John. Lastly, make sure to congratulate Linda for a good job done!



# MARCH 15, 2020

## **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 22, at 2:30 PM in St. Therese Church. All are welcome!

## **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, 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](http://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 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! Please call Marlene Kuczmarski at 216-662-6645 for more info on any of these events.

## **Knights of Columbus Dinner**

**Wednesday, March 25, Stuffed Cabbage Dinner  
4 - 7 pm**

**Reservations by Sunday March 22 - 8 pm**

**Prepared by Maple Heights Catering -  
Cost .... Adult \$10 children under 12 \$8**

**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**

## **Annual Candlelight Vigil**

Golubski Deliberato Funeral Home will host its Annual Vigil Light Ceremony in the Garfield Heights Civic Center on Sunday, April 5, 2020 at 3:00pm. Residents within the community who have experienced a loss in their lives are encouraged to attend this free Vigil Light Ceremony. We open this invitation to not only those families we have served, but to every family who has experienced a difficult time

The afternoon service will include a guest speaker. Since seating is limited, we ask that you call Golubski Deliberato Funeral Home at (216) 883-3900 for reservations or questions. You may also call to reserve a Vigil Light even though you are unable to attend.

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### The Week Ahead:

#### **Monday, March 16**

Seniors' Meeting 1 p.m., H  
Scout Troop Meeting 7 p.m., S

#### **Tuesday, March 17**

SVDP 6 p.m., R  
Bible Study 6:30 p.m., S  
Recalibrate 7 p.m., S  
Social Concerns 7 p.m., St. Rita Room  
AA 7:30 p.m., H

#### **Wednesday, March 18**

PSR 6 p.m., S  
Youth Group 6 p.m., S  
Choir Practice 6:45 p.m., C

#### **Thursday, March 19**

Bingo 6:45 p.m., H  
Liturgy Commission Meeting 7 p.m., R  
Wolf Scout Meeting 7 p.m., S

#### **Friday, March 20**

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.

Today we are examining one of the most important but least understood concepts of our faith: grace. What is grace? How did Christ merit grace for us? Let's find out using the *Baltimore Catechism* as our guide.

#### **Question 456. What do you mean by grace?**

Answer. By grace I mean a supernatural gift of God bestowed on us, through the merits of Jesus Christ, for our salvation.

#### **Question 457. What does "supernatural" mean?**

Answer. Supernatural means above or greater than nature. All gifts such as health, learning or the comforts of life, that affect our happiness chiefly in this world, are called natural gifts, and all gifts such as blessings that affect our happiness chiefly in the next world are called supernatural or spiritual gifts.

#### **Question 458. What do you mean by "merit"?**

Answer. Merit means the quality of deserving well or ill for our actions. In the question above it means a right to reward for good deeds done.

My commentary.

Grace is the gift of God's life to us. Grace comes from the Latin word, *gratia*, which refers to a gift, the act of giving a gift, the act of receiving it, and the thankfulness for the gift. That's a lot in one word! The Early Church, following St. Paul, loved the word grace because it captured a dynamic process that changed the relationship of giver and receiver. Grace established a real and ongoing relationship that united the giver and receiver through the gift. What is this gift? The presence of God within us. Grace is our participation in divine life. What Jesus' human nature experienced naturally, we experienced by adoption in grace. When grace exists inside of us, we exist as part of God.

"Supernatural" likewise comes from the medieval Latin phrase *gratia supra natura*, which translates into, "grace building upon and enhancing nature." St. Thomas and other theologians wanted to emphasize how grace compliments and develops our human nature while remaining distinct from it. Unlike in heaven, while on this earth we can forfeit this tremendous gift although it is not meant to be lost. Moreover, grace is not perceptible to our senses, but it can use them to help us love God more deeply. Such is the romance of the soul wherein God invites each of us to know Him as He Knows Himself. Next week we will distinguish between the two kinds of grace and how we grow in them.

Lastly, merit. If you guessed it had a Latin root, you are correct: *merere*, which means to earn or deserve. Just as Question 458 notes, "merit" refers to the quality of being owed a reward for our actions. We can further distinguish two kinds of merit: "strict justice" and "congruous." As I have mentioned before, the merit of strict justice (a.k.a. *de condigne* merit) refers to being owed something by right of justice. Only Christ merits our salvation in this way by His Passion and Resurrection. "Congruous merit," in contrast, is when we are owed something by how pleasing we are to the gift giver. When you impress your boss by how well you handled a situation, you congruously merit a compliment. In a similar way we congruously merit deeper grace by our cooperation with the grace we have already received.

When we talk about being temples of the Holy Spirit, we are reminding ourselves that God has chosen to dwell within us. By the Paschal Mystery we are configured in the Person of Jesus to live both a human and a divine life here on earth. The mark of that life is God's Love. Although we will experience great sufferings in this life, we are already victors in so far as we have that life alive in our hearts.

In Christ,  
Fr. John