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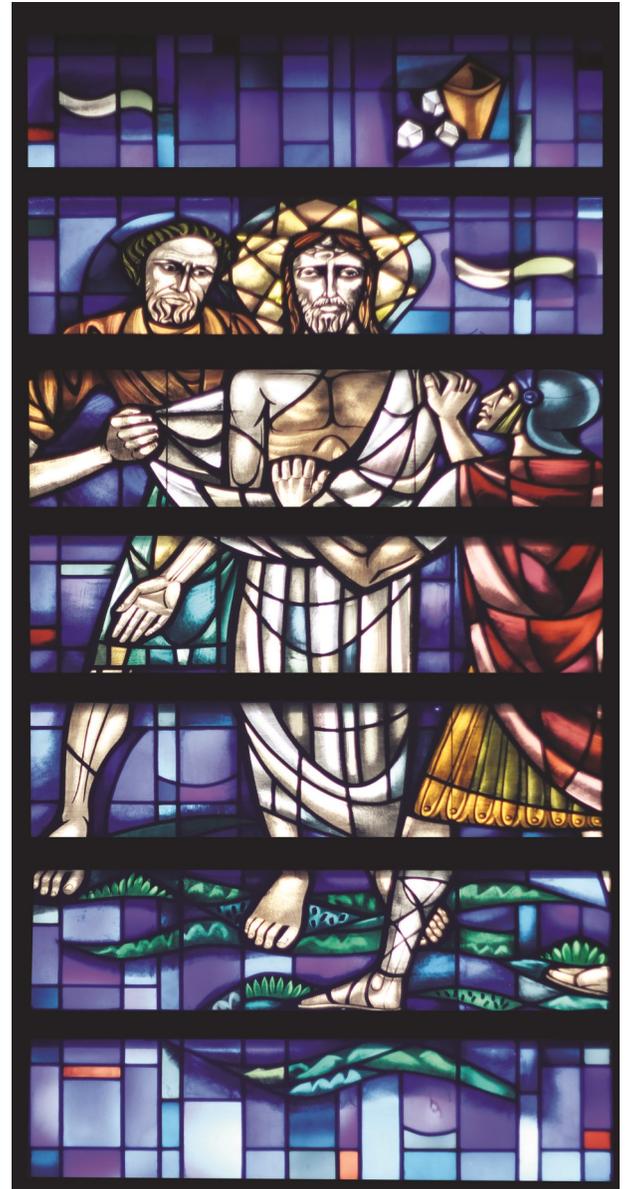
SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2020-FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



IX. Jesus Falls a Third Time

Our Lord, exhausted from His beatings, collapses on the ground. For the first time He closes His eyes and looks like He wants to sleep. This posture is a prediction of His Death and burial. Also, for the first time the soldiers are actually looking at Jesus. The soldier holding the Cross has an expression of disgust on his face: for a moment he has begun to realize his sinfulness. The other soldier coldly prods Jesus with the shaft of spear to make Him stand back up, which is a foreshadowing of His Side being pierced. In the bottom left hand corner the whip is pictured with its ends in the shape of tears. Just as the soldier scourged Christ willingly but is now sorrowful, we too eventually shed tears for our offenses against God's love.



X. Jesus' Clothes are Taken Away

Bruised but not broken Jesus stands still as the soldiers strip away His garments. Greedy for gain the soldiers will play dice for His mantle, which is symbolized by the dice in the top right hand corner. The soldiers look at Jesus and each other and see only a victim - a man that they can take from. Jesus stands with His Arms down to show His vulnerability and peacefulness. Like a lamb taken to slaughter Jesus does not cry out but meekly makes the ultimate sacrifice. Whereas the soldiers are ready to take, Jesus is ready to give His Life away for us.

MARCH 22, 2020

NO PARTICIPATION AT MASSES PER THE CLEVELAND CATHOLIC DIOCESE. FR. JOHN & FR. CLYDE WILL BE CELEBRATING PRIVATE MASSES FOR THE INTENTIONS BELOW.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 21

Vigil

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

Sunday, March 22-The Fourth Sunday of Lent

SS. P&P 8:30AM The People of the Parish
St. T 10:30 AM Richard & Wanda Golias

Monday, March 23-St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

St. T 6:30 PM Stella Piontkowski

Tuesday, March 24-St. Oscar Romero

No Mass

Wednesday, March 25-The Annunciation of the Lord

St. P&P 8:30 AM Bernadino, Maria & Rocco Schieda

Thursday, March 26

St. T 8:30 AM Johanna Regel

Friday, March 27

SS. P&P 8:30 AM Giovanni, Rocco & Marianna Casigna

Saturday, March 28

Vigil

SS. P&P 4:00 PM The Living and Deceased Members of the Hetman & Sajewski Families
St. T 5:30 PM The Mendolera & Mancuso Families

Sunday, March 29-The Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

Readings for the Week

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41
Monday: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

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Due to the COVID-19 Virus, all parish events have been cancelled until further notice: this includes Mass and Confession. If it is an emergency or you are in danger of death, please call us. We are currently in the process of making the church safe for people to visit. Know that you are in our prayers; please pray for us. If you have any questions, please call the parish office at 216-581-2852. -Fr. John and the St. Therese Staff

March 14/15

Collection: \$4,041.00 Envelopes Used: 128
Black & Indian: \$26 Holy Thursday: \$5
Good Friday: \$5 Black & Indian: \$26
Central & Eastern Europe: \$17

*Figure includes the following:

Parish Only \$258 Restoration: \$15
Altar & Flowers: \$300 Ash Wednesday: \$21
Children: \$1 Easter: \$5
Initial Offering: \$205

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, 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.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

OUR YOUNG CHURCH...

PSR: Due to the COVID-19 Virus, PSR has been cancelled until further notice. Communication between the PSR Coordinator and Parents will remain open via REMIND. Parents, check REMIND, emails and the mail for any further information and lessons for your children.

Lenten Family Challenge: Surprise someone by doing a task or chore that they normally do at home.

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. 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. To contact either one by phone, please call the St. Therese Parish Office at 216-581-2852 and leave a message on extension 10.

Isabella Guild

The Isabella Guild has postponed their salad luncheon and their March 31 bus trip. Check future bulletins for further information.

Knights of Columbus Dinner

The Knights of Columbus have cancelled their dinner for March.

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.

Weekend Drawing

The \$100 winners of the drawing for the weekend of March 14/15 were **John Zenda** and **Paulina Manrique**. Congratulations!

ASK FATHER!

There is no Ask Father question today, but please read Fr. John's column at the end of this bulletin for important information.



Please pray for our recently deceased:
Adeline Trzaska
Shirley Wagen



Congratulations to **Joe & Anita Juby** who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on March 21!



AM 1260 The Rock Offers Additional Weekend Masses for the Faithful

AM 1260 The Rock will be offering our listeners additional opportunities to join in the Sunday liturgy. Beginning this weekend, you will be able to join us for the Sunday liturgy at the following times:

The Diocese of Cleveland Mass for the Homebound will be broadcast at its regular time 10:30 AM Sunday AND at 4 PM Saturday.

The Mass from EWTN will be broadcast at 8 AM Sunday AND again at 5 PM Sunday.

And, don't forget that weekday Masses are aired each weekday at 10 AM.

Please visit our website at am1260therock.com for our full schedule.

While we may be separated physically, we can be united in prayer for our world, for our Church, and for all those affected. **Pray With Us!**

In addition to the Holy Mass, **AM 1260 The Rock** offers numerous opportunities for prayer throughout the day.

Holy Rosary: 5:30 AM and 9:30 PM

Divine Mercy Chaplet: 5 AM Monday through Friday; 3 PM Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

Stations of the Cross for Priests: Fridays during Lent at 3 PM

Devotion to the Holy Face: Tuesdays during Lent at 3 PM.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My dear Lord and Savior. Though I am, but a sinful servant, I approach you with confidence. I am truly sorry for having offended you by my sins, because you are infinitely good. I have a great desire to receive You in Holy Communion, and since I can not now be united to you in the Blessed Sacrament, I beseech You most earnestly to come to me at least spiritually and to refresh my soul with the sweetness of your grace.

Come my Lord, my God and my all. Come to me and let me never again be separated from you by sin. I wish to become like You. Teach me your blessed ways. Help me with your grace to practice meekness; humility; purity; charity and all the virtues of your sacred heart. Oh, my Jesus! I consecrate to you my heart with all its affections, my soul with all its powers and my body with all its senses.

In union with you I will live and labor and suffer to do the heavenly Father's will. I will ever be mindful of the presence of my God and strive to be perfect. Bless me in life and in death, that I may praise You forever in heaven. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

This column will be different from our usual conversations. Today I need to talk with all of you about the present state of the Covid 19 Pandemic and how it will effect our spiritual lives. Although I am not an expert on communicable diseases, I have been following this virus since the second week of January.

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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).

There will **not** be a **Divine Mercy Holy Hour** on Sunday, March 22, in St. Therese Church.

All Saints Federal Credit Union
Our 78th Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 21, has been cancelled.



Who won Best Fish Fry for 2019? Find out in this issue of Northeast Ohio Catholic Magazine. Read about the Viera family along with high school student Nick Wells, as they share their faith journey. You'll find summer camps for your kids and advice on planning for yours or your loved ones future in a senior living community. Arriving in your mailbox now or read it on our website at dioceseofcleveland.org.

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Annual Candlelight Vigil

The Vigil has been postponed. Details on a rescheduled date will be announced as soon as possible.

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The Virus Itself

As of the afternoon of Monday, March 16, 2020, there were fifty confirmed cases of Covid 19 in Ohio. More troubling than the number of cases is that some of these cases cannot be traced back to anyone who had been traveling in an already infected area. That means that the epidemic has reached Ohio and likely infected many more people than fifty. As testing becomes more widespread, the number of confirmed cases will climb very quickly. A reasonable estimate is that between 1,000 and 10,000 people are already infected in Ohio. The priority now is to keep the number of concurrent infections as low as possible so that our hospital system does not get overwhelmed.

Let's take the area around Marymount Hospital as an example for why keeping the concurrent number of infected people low is essential. Garfield Heights has a population of 27,000. Given that there are approximately 3 hospital beds per 1000 persons, that means we have approximately 81 beds for Garfield Heights residents. Usually hospitals run at 66% capacity, that means we have 27 extra hospital beds or 1 extra bed for every 1,000 persons. Now, approximately 18% of people who contract the virus will need a regular hospital bed or an ICU bed.

So how many concurrent people can be sick with Covid 19 in Garfield Heights at one time without the hospital being overwhelmed? 150. As long as we are below that number, the mortality rate for this outbreak will be very low, maybe as low as 1%. Once we go over that number things get worse. Let's take the scenario of 4% of our population being sick at once, which would be 1000 people sick at once in our town. We would need 180 beds. That means 153 people would not get the care they needed and half would likely die such that the death rate would be 8%, which is the current death rate in Italy.

Since no one wants people to die unnecessarily, the government has begun to shut down businesses. I actually expect that further restrictions, including a national travel ban will happen soon. If we follow what has worked in Italy, then we will need a two week period of no travel except to purchase food and medicine followed by a two month period of restricted travel. Many businesses will operate with their employees working from home or at reduced hours. Many will simply shut down. This economic and social disruption is a much better alternative than allowing the virus to kill large numbers of people.

What can you do now? First, buy basic supplies to last at least a week if you have not already. I suspect that by the time everyone reads this, a rationing system will have been established. The government will likely limit not how much we buy but how often we are allowed to buy supplies. Second, have great hygiene and cleanliness. Everything that we do to stay healthy and clean will reduce the impact of this outbreak. Third, self-isolate as much as possible. If you are older than 65, stay in your home. Every person we do not meet now is now a person whose life we might be saving by slowing the spread and severity of this outbreak. Fourth, stay informed. Unfortunately, the main stream media has been very poor in their reporting. Chris Martenson of Peak Prosperity (<https://www.peakprosperity.com/>) has been my primary source of good information on this pandemic. Lastly, pray. I will say more on that below.

When will this end? If we all work together on this, we will be back to normal by August. However, this might simply be the first wave of several. There is strong evidence that certain temperature and humidity ranges allow the virus to spread very quickly. Accordingly, we could have a series of flare-ups in other countries for the next year. Until a vaccine is created, we might need to practice a great deal of restraint. It is conceivable that international travel only gets back to where it was two weeks ago in the middle of next year.

Spiritual Care

On Monday afternoon the Ohio Conference of Catholic Bishops prohibited public Mass to keep people safe. I was talking with my friend, Fr. Andrij Hlabse, S.J., who lives in Rome, about their experience. He misses celebrating Mass with people, but he is firmly convinced that self-isolation is the only way to keep people healthy. Although people can come and visit the church buildings, they may not congregate as a group. The police have actually broken up ad-hoc Masses, when a group of people chanced upon a priest celebrating a private Mass. As of the writing of this article, we do not have our diocese's directives on this. Those will be posted on our website once they become available.

Granted that you are allowed to visit the church, we will have a few hours designated for Eucharistic adoration each day. There will likely be a limit on how many people can be in the church at a time, and that will be enforced. I am also working on recording the Masses that I will be celebrating and uploading them to the website or YouTube. There are wonderful resources online, on television (EWTN), and on the radio (AM 1260).

There are plenty of ways to pray at home as well. The Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and reading the Bible are wonderful ways to nourish your faith. I suspect that people will find ways to electronically pray with each other as well via Skype and FaceTime. No one prays alone! Even when we are by ourselves, all of the Church Triumphant and Church Militant is praying with us.

Finally, be of good cheer! With Easter we celebrate Christ's victory over death and sin. Christ has already conquered our fears and our isolation. Let us with great gentleness meet our savior in the depths of our hearts. Know that I am praying for you all every day. Please pray for me, and we will have the strength that only God can give.

In Christ,

Fr. John