

Chapel



Monday, February 24

8:00am - Don Scallon - Family

Tuesday, February 25

8:00am - Joseph & Marie Hokes - Pat Hokes

Thursday, February 27

8:00am - Tammy Kazmierczak - Family

Friday, February 28

8:00am - Howard Stritzel - Frank & Hilde Mohr

7:00pm - Stations

Church

Wednesday, February 26 - Ash Wednesday

9:00am - All Parishioners

7:00pm - All Parishioners

First Sunday of Lent

Saturday, February 29

3:30pm - 4:00pm - Confessions

4:30pm - Sally Logar - Family

Sunday, March 1

8:30am - Dennis Groboske - Family

11:00am - Howard Stritzel - Stephanie Smith

Pray for the Sick: Pray for the Sick: *David Blackburn, Herb Kuepfer, Jose' Magister, Sandy Vasbinder, Leon Denomme, Jim Hempfling, David Myers, Kathy Borowy, Shirley Livchak, Jerry & Lee Severns, Bille Updegrove, Robert Falatic, Al Machovina, Jim & Pat Wracker, Cathy Buckland, Don Gates, Ken Schroeder, Shayne Reisinger, Dennis Frabotta, Kali Palco, Stacie Foor, Guy Page, Dan McDonnell, Traci Jacobs, Roger Simpkins, Colette Williams, Bill Hempel, Mary Miller, Jim Kohler, Marie Wiencek, Carole Mitchell, Bob Berdstron, Dan Barcikowski, Mary Stefanek, Robert Soltis, Tom Rahrig, Shirley Berdstron, Annette Dillion, Harrison & Hunter Pippert, and Bob Lewis.*

Please call the Parish Office 440-926-2364, or email us at info@olqpgrafton.org to have a name of a friend or relative included in this list.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

LENT 2020 – God Sees Through the Windows of Our Heart

Ash Wednesday – Wednesday, February 26th

9:00am Mass

7:00pm Mass

Weekday Masses – Chapel

Wednesday, 6:30pm (with Eucharistic Adoration from noon-6:30pm except March 11th)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – 8:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays Noon – 6:30pm – Chapel (except March 11th will be in church)

Stations of the Cross – Fridays at 7:00pm – Chapel

February 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, (except March 13th will be in church)

No Greater Love video series will be held every Friday evening at 7:30pm in the hall (following Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm). Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *No Greater Love* is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ’s amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ’s life. You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary.

Week 1 February 28: The Prayer of the Agony

A Look at Confession: Wednesday, March 4th, 7:00pm in the hall (following 6:30pm Mass in the chapel). Last fall we had two sessions on what is the Mass. To continue with the sacraments, we will look at the Sacrament of Reconciliation as we begin Lent and prepare for the Diocesan wide Evening of Reconciliation.

Diocesan wide Night of Confession: Wednesday, March 11th, our parish and all of the parishes in the Diocese will offer “An Evening of Confession” from 5:00-8:00pm. Parishioners are asked to evangelize by inviting family and friends who are away from the Church to join in this special Lenten practice. Priests at all parishes will be present for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For more information, go to welcomecatholics.com.

A Night with Archbishop Fulton Sheen: Sunday, March 8th, 5:00pm. Several of the programs of Archbishop Fulton Sheen that were televised in the 1950s and 1960s will be shown, and an opportunity for the older generation to reflect back on their faith journey and to help the younger generation tap into their wisdom and guidance. A light meal will begin this evening.

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PASTOR'S CORNER: Do you have a 'go to prayer?' You know, a prayer you use as a regular or comfort prayer when in need. And yes, "Help!" can be that prayer. A parishioner had shared his 'go to prayer' which is: "Thank you Lord that you have sacrificed your son in order for me to have a chance to enter heaven." It is a reminder of the great sacrificial love of God and that we have the option of responding to that love or rejecting it. Every day, every moment, the offer of life is placed before us. As we heard in the 1st reading last weekend from Sirach (15:15-20), "Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him." As we prepare to enter the season of Lent, I invite you to reflect upon what is preventing you from responding to God's invitation. Through the practices of fasting, almsgiving and prayer we journey through Lent with the commitment to take a deep look at our heart. What in our heart needs to be healed? Forgiven? Cleansed? What is distracting us from drawing closer to our God who desires a relationship with us? This weekend you will receive a Lenten brochure that lists most of the activities during Lent along with a prayer commitment card. This commitment card is for your own personal use to hold yourself accountable to the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. There are a number of opportunities that are being offered. How are you going to respond to God's invitation to draw closer to Him through these Lenten days? How will you take advantage of rooting out those things that are holding you back from fully responding to God's invitation to Life?

Fr John

LENT 2020 - (continued)

Sunday Gospel Reflection: Saturday, March 14th at 10:00am in the hall. We will be looking at the gospels for the 3rd Sunday of Lent through Easter Sunday. After reading each gospel, time is spent sharing what stood out in the gospel for each individual. In doing this we become attentive to hear what message God has for us through his Word.

Trapper Jack speaking on "Mary, His Messenger." Sunday, March 22nd, 6:00pm. Using his own special brand of wit, Trapper Jack will have you inspired and awakened to the wonder of Our Lady. For 25 years he helped Northeast Ohio radio listeners wake up with his unique blend of wit, civic pride, and spirituality. Now come hear him in person.

Best Lent Ever: Receive daily emails with short inspirational videos, practical tips to incorporate into your daily lives, and encouraging stories. Sign up at BestLentEver.com/ParishSignUp. These daily video programs will be based on the book *Rediscover the Saints* by Matthew Kelly.

Rediscover the Saints: The Women of Faith who will meet on March 11th and the Men's Faith Sharing who will meet on February 23rd and March 26th will be using this book for their sessions.

Prayer cards/bookmarks: These bookmarks list those candidates preparing for 1st Communion, Confirmation and those in preparation to be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Please keep these candidates for the initiation sacraments in your prayers during the season of Lent.

"Lenten Blessings Await": These daily reflection booklets will be available at the doors of the church along with booklets for families and for children. These contain a Scripture passage and reflection for each day of Lent.

Operation Rice Bowl: As part of our faith community's Lenten observance, we will participate in Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program, Operation Rice Bowl. For thirty-one years, Operation Rice Bowl has inspired Catholics in the United States to **pray**, **learn** and **give** as we increase our understanding of our global community and connect with the principles of Catholic Social Teaching throughout our Lenten journey. We encourage you to participate in Operation Rice Bowl at home with your family and loved ones. The Rice Bowl and information materials are available at the doors of the church.

Thank you for your generous support of our Parish, and your help with the needs of the community through your ongoing participation in our various ministries.

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|--------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Sunday, Feb 16: \$ | 10,834.31 | | |
| E-Giving: \$ | 690.00 | | |
| Total: \$ | 11,524.31 | \$ 10,634.00 | \$ 890.31 |
| Sunday Y-T-D: \$ | 373,229.07 | \$361,556.00 | \$11,673.07 |

Mortgage Red: \$ 10,228.68
 Mortgage: \$519,868.85
 * **Note** - The Mortgage Reduction from January includes \$8,000 from the calendar club raffle.

SUNDAY GOSPEL: *Matthew 5:38-48* Jesus tells us that, as Christians, we are not simply to eschew revenge, but instead to will and act for the good of our persecutors, tormentors, and enemies. How is this possible? In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus offers the guidelines by which he will live his life of perfect, self-giving love and holiness. From the cross he will pray for his crucifiers: “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34). The teachings of Jesus are hard. They call us to strip away all hatred and anger in order to be the people we have been created to be, made in the image and likeness of the living God. And when it seems impossible, we can rely on Christ within us, the one who prayed for his executioners, to lead the way to forgiveness and healing.

- Living Liturgy 2020

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING: Upcoming diocesan training sessions for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion that are located in the area will be:

Saturday, March 14 at St. Martin of Tours Parish,
 Valley City from 9:00-11:30am

Sunday, July 19 at Holy Martyrs from 2:00-4:30pm

Sunday, August 16 here at Our Lady Queen of Peace
 from 2:00-4:30pm.

Registrations are now being taken for the March 14th session by calling the parish office. Go to dioceseofcleveland.org for a full listing of other locations in the diocese.

Congratulations to our newly baptized children of the Parish:

Gianna LeeAnn Mason

daughter of Erick & Lauren Mason

Lucas Robert Zacharias

son of Timothy and Cassandra Zacharias

May they grow as children of God with the support and witness of our parish community.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: “But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” (MATTHEW 5:44) Remember, the foundation of a stewardship way of life is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from “me” and moves it towards God and others. The goal is to make our entire day a prayer and to allow God into every moment, especially when we encounter challenging situations and people.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION: In the Gospel this week, Jesus encourages us to love everybody, especially those we dislike or those who dislike us. We should treat everyone how we wish to be treated, and not retaliate when others provoke us. Other people will recognize us as Jesus’ followers by the love we share. Question of the Week: What is a loving way to respond to someone who upsets you? Family Prayer: Help us, Jesus, to remember to love everybody as you do. Help us to stay calm when we are upset and to be kind when we are angry. Amen.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence which means one large meal and two smaller meals as well as abstaining from meat. The law of fasting is for those 18 - 60 years old.

The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence which means no meat is to be eaten on those Fridays. The law of abstinence is obligatory for all who are 14 years and older.

Why? On Fridays during Lent, we particularly remember the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. In memory of this great sacrifice, we continue the tradition of penance and sacrifice – the abstaining from meat on Fridays is an outward manifestation of an interior reality: the conversion of our hearts.

COUNTERS: We are really in need of Money Counters for the Sunday collection. We count on Monday mornings at 8:30am. There are 5 teams so you would be scheduled once every 5 weeks. Please call the office or let Father know if you can help.

MEN’S FAITH SHARING: The next gathering for men will be Sunday, February 23rd at 6:00pm in the parish hall. We will be reflecting upon the ‘25 questions that will change your life’ from Matthew Kelly’s book *Rediscover the Saints*. Get a jump start on the Season of Lent and spend some time reflecting with and supporting other men on our shared faith journey of life.

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This Week in the Parish:

Sunday, February 23

9:30am - GLFF (Parish Hall)
6:00pm - Men of Faith (Parish Hall Rm. 1)

Monday, February 24

7:00pm - Choir Practice (Church)
7:00pm - Compassionate Friends (Parish Hall Rm. 1)
7:00pm - Festival Mtg. (Parish Hall Rm. 2)

Tuesday, February 25

6:00pm - Pack 152 Pack Mtg. (Parish Hall)

Thursday, February 27

7:00pm - Scripture Study (Parish Hall Rm. 2)

Friday, February 28

1:30pm - Keystone Pointe
5:00pm - KOC Fish Fry (Parish Hall)
7:30pm - No Greater Love Video (Parish Hall Rm. 1)

Saturday, February 29

2:00pm - Jr. Choir Practice (Church)
5:30pm - Choir Practice (Church)

Sunday, March 1

9:30am - GLFF (Parish Hall)



SCRIPTURE STUDY: On Thursday, February 27th we will continue our very stimulating study of "PETER", with Session Nine (9) from the FORMED LECTIO series (**no computer is required**). Meet with us at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall room 2. This study will cover "Peter bar Johah", "How Peter Came to Rome" on pages 186-206 of the study guide. Study guides will be provided and are available in the Parish Office, or can be downloaded from "Formed". All are invited, come understand more of your faith, and you do not need a computer to participate. If anyone has questions please contact Rick Gallaher at (440) 458-6335 for comments or assistance.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Our next meeting will be Saturday, March 7, 2020 at 10:30am in the Parish Hall. Anyone is welcomed whether you can knit, crochet, or sew. Join us for fellowship and sharing. Any questions, call Kathy Smeltz at 419-544-2491, Sue Schneigenberg at 440-926-1610 or Kathy Behlke at 440-935-3344. See everyone Saturday.

FORGIVING AN ENEMY

Who has not forgiven an enemy has not yet tasted one of the most sublime enjoyments of life.

—Johann Kaspar Lavater

PARISH INFORMATION

† **Weddings:** Couples need to make arrangements at least six months prior to the wedding date.

† **Baptism:** Baptisms are celebrated at a mutually convenient time. Please call the office to make arrangements.

† **Ministry to the Sick:** Please notify the office for visits to parishioners in the hospital.

† **New parishioners:** Are asked to register as soon as possible at the Parish Office or by phone.

† **Inquiry Classes in the Catholic Religion:** Persons interested in becoming Catholic are asked to contact the Parish Office for information about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, RCIA.

THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS: Our next meeting will be on Monday, February 24th at 7:00pm. If you or someone you know has experienced the loss of a child, this group is a supportive, safe place for you and your grief to be surrounded by people who care and understand. For more information contact Terri Zunis at 216-469-5311.



KOC LENTEN FISH FRY: Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Fridays will be back again this year starting with Friday the 28th of February and running through the next 5 Fridays. Great tasting Lake Perch dinners will be waiting for you and your family. The other good news is that there is no price increase from last year and the cost of children's dinners has been reduced.

FORMED.ORG: Thanks to the Lady's Guild, Holy Name Society and Knights of Columbus who paid the annual fee, our parish has renewed our subscription to formed.org, an immense online resource to the Catholic faith, which includes thousands of movies, programs, podcasts and books. There is no cost to you! All that you need is an email address to sign up or sign in. Take some time to explore and find new ways to grow in your faith! Look for the suggested Lenten resources through FORMED handout in the Gathering Area.

CALENDAR CLUB: Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets to participate in the OLQP 2020 Calendar Club! We are happy to say that 90 out of 100 tickets were sold, all proceeds will benefit the mortgage reduction. Congratulations to our January winner Jim Lynsky and our bonus winner Rick Wiedenmannott!