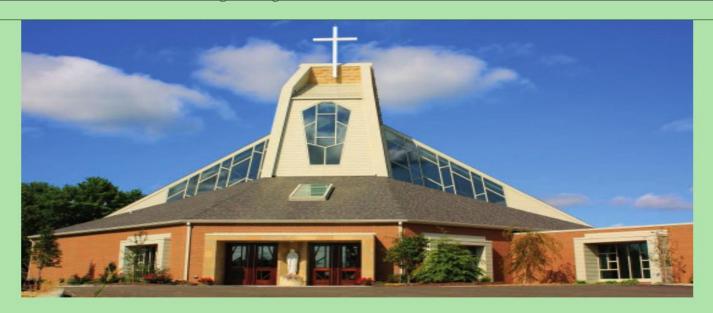
September 17, 2023 — Twenty - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I give you a new commandment: love one another.

As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." - John 13:34



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MASS SCHEDULE

Church

Saturday Vígíl.....4:30pm Sunday.....8:30am & 11:00am

Weekday Mass

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday-Friday....9:00am (Chapel) Wednesday 6:30pm (Church)

Confessions

Saturday...... 3:30-4:00pm

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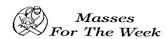
We are a Roman Catholic family centered in the Eucharist, rooted in our immigrant traditions since the 1800s and devoted to our Blessed Mother. Humbly guided by the Holy Spirit, and with the warmth and hospitality that springs from a small community, we seek to share our faith in Jesus Christ through prayer, devotion, education, stewardship, and service to others.

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 8:30am - 5:00pm



Monday, September 18 (Chapel)

9:00am - NO MASS

Tuesday, September 19 (Chapel)

9:00am - NO MASS

Wednesday, September 20 (Church)

6:30pm - NO MASS

Thursday, September 21 (Chapel)

9:00am - NO MASS

Friday, September 22 (Chapel)

9:00am - NO MASS

Saturday, September 23

4:30pm - Gabriel & Lucas Bales - Bales Family

Sunday, September 24

8:30am - Mona Pleban

11:00am - Dr. Edward Tomko - Pat Tomko

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

Tuesday

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday **Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary**

Time

Sir 27:30 - 28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-

12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Monday 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9; Lk 7:1-10

1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6;

Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 7:31-

Thursday Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13 Friday

1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-

20; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 8:4-

Sunday **Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-

24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

just to let you know

WELCOME! If you are interested in joining OLQP, please call the parish office at 440.926.2364 or go to our website at www.olaparafton.org. Registration forms are on our website and by the bulletin board in the Gathering Area.

BULLETIN DEADLINES:

For inclusion in a weekly bulletin, please submit all announcements to Joanna at jblaz@olqpgrafton.org by the following dates:

Sunday September 24 by 5:00pm Monday, September 18 Sunday October 1 by 5:00pm Monday, September 25

FATHER JOHN'S CORNER:

The 1st reading for Mass this weekend from Sirach 27:30-28:7 has some very powerful lines to reflect upon. It starts out: "Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight." Spend some time reflecting if you have anger that you are holding on to. And then the line: "Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the Lord?" And then it is all put into perspective: "Remember your last days, set enmity aside; remember death and decay, and cease from sin!" Take time this week to look back at this reading from Sirach and see how God's Word is calling you to forgiveness.

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks in his book *The Dignity of Difference*, writes about the pain of generations of exile and persecution, culminating with the Holocaust, that is written into the Jewish soul and so into their identity. It cannot be forgotten: "How can I let go of that pain, when it is written into my very soul? And yet I must. For the sake of my children and theirs (the enemy's), not yet born. I cannot build their future on the hatred of the past, nor can I teach them to love God more by loving people less. Asking God to forgive me, I hear, in the very process of making that request, His demand of me that I love others. I forgive because I have a duty to my children as well as my ancestors... I honor the past not by repeating it, but by learning from it – by refusing to add pain, grief to grief. That is why we must answer hatred with love, violence with peace, resentment with generosity of spirit and conflict with reconciliation."

Anyone who is seeking to become Catholic is invited to come on **Monday, September 25**th at **7:00pm in the parish hall** to see what is involved through the RCIA. There is no commitment to join the sessions at this time. Initially, these first sessions help you to see if this is where God is calling you. This year we are structuring the sessions in order to also assist those who are Catholic to draw closer to God. If you are seeking to become Catholic or wish to deepen your faith, please contact me or Elizabeth.

I will be away this week on retreat. I will be keeping all of you in my prayers.

---Fr. John



DO YOU KNOW?

How about deepening your understanding of the Eucharist as a part of the Eucharistic Revival? We are offering a 3-part series "Forming our Liturgical Lives: The Meaning of Living out the Eucharist." Beginning Wednesdays (Oct 4 and 11) we will be showing a short video (less than 30 minutes) followed by a discussion on the meaning of the Mass. Bishop Michael Woost, Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland in conjunction with the Worship office of the Diocese, brings this video series to parishes to renew us in our worship and in living out the divine life of Christ. We will be meeting in the Gathering Area at 7:00pm, following 6:30pm Mass for one hour. This one hour will enrich your life and your participation at Mass.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Thursday, September 28th is the second powerful lesson of "Philippians-Life in Christ" from the FORMED LECTIO series. Please meet with us at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. Session 2 will cover "Partnership in the Gospel" on page 19 of the study guide. Study guides are free, and available at the Church Office or at the Study. You do not need a computer to attend the sessions and you can join us at any time. Please contact Rick Gallaher at (440) 458-6335 for comments or assistance.

MASS COORDINATORS

We are in need of mass coordinators for all masses. It is a very rewarding ministry. A training session will be held in November. Date will be posted in our bulletin.

If you are interested and have questions please call Bonnie Scallon at (440) 309-0094.



HOLY NAME SOCIETY PIG RAFFLE

Winning ticket to be drawn at the Holy Name Society Kielbasa Dinner on **Saturday November 11th**. Winner to be notified if not present.

1 ticket for \$10 3 tickets for \$25

Half a Pig to include: Ham, Pork Chops, Loin Roast, Boston Butt, Picnic Roast, Spareribs, Bacon, Sausage All Custom Cut

CLEVELAND CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The 5th Annual Cleveland Catholic Women's Day of Reflection is dedicated to enriching the lives of women as they are inspired to grow in relationship with the Lord and each other. This year's theme is "Let yourself be loved." St. Elizabeth of the Trinity.

Event details: **Saturday, October 21**st from **8:30 AM to 4:00 PM** at Magnificat High School Register at https://www.clecatholicwomen.org/

Diocese of Cleveland Marriage & Family Ministry – Red Bird Ministry (pregnancy, baby, child loss) workshops September 23, 2023

Red Bird Ministries will also host a retreat at St. Bridget Kildare Parish, Parma, on Saturday, September 23 for couples and individuals grieving pregnancy loss or the loss of a child. Special thanks to Catholic Cemeteries for sponsoring the workbooks for the couples. The materials are easily adaptable for individuals grieving the loss of a pregnancy, baby, or child.

Registration for both events can be found at https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/offices/parish-life/marriage-and-family-ministry/events

Twenty -Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time The Cross of Forgiveness

Why should we forgive those who hurt us? The gospel this Sunday gives three reasons: First, because Jesus commands it. Second, because forgiveness is part of loving one another. And third, because we want to be forgiven for our sins.

Obviously, Jesus expects us to forgive one another. Here he commands us to forgive unceasingly, without limit. Now that could be a challenge for even the most patient person. So does forgiveness exclude tough love? Does it mean we have to let someone hurt us over and over? No, it is possible to forgive someone and also prevent them from hurting us, if we do it with love (the second reason.) For instance, we might forgive an alcoholic family member, but still insist that they get help. We can forgive a son or daughter who breaks the law, but still let them face the consequences so they learn from their mistake. We may forgive a friend who borrows money without repaying it, but still refer them to a credit counselor, instead of lending them more money. Since forgiveness is part of love, it is also part of tough love.

That leads to the third reason: We forgive because we want to be forgiven. Or more accurately, we forgive because we have been forgiven. Jesus has already died for our sins. His resurrection shows us that the Father accepted the sacrifice of his Son Jesus for our sins. If we truly believe that Jesus is risen and that we will rise to eternal life with him in spite of our sins, how can we refuse to forgive someone who hurts us? When we promise to take up our cross each day to follow Jesus, we must remember why Jesus took up his cross and realize that we have to forgive as he does. That is why the cross is such a powerful symbol. It challenges us to accept suffering for Jesus' sake. It reminds us that sometimes our cross is simply forgiving someone rather than hurting them back or hating them. If Jesus gave his life to forgive us, how willing are we to spread that forgiveness around?

--Tom Schmidt

SUICIDE PREVENTION/AWARENESS MONTH

September is Suicide Prevention/Awareness Month. The Ministry of Comfort & Healing will have a table in the Gathering Area after all masses this weekend to support this national crisis. Please stop by to browse the many resources made available to all.

DIGNITY OF LIFE

Dignity of Life is threatened in Ohio. A proposed amendment to Ohio's Constitution claims to recognize reproductive freedoms, but it furthers a culture of death and removes current safeguards for women. As Catholics we find the proposed amendment dangerous, unjust and contrary to our belief in the sacredness of life. Decline to sign any petition to put this amendment on the November ballot. Pray, Learn, and Volunteer by visiting the "Protect Them Both" resource center at www.ohiocathconf.org/protect

Copies of the prayer "Protect Them Both; Prayer to Defeat Ohio's Abortion Amendment" are in the Gathering Area. Please take one and pray it daily.

54-DAY ROSARY NOVENA

Sign up for a daily email reminder with novena prayers at: www.pray540hio.org

HOLY NAME SOCIETY SOCK & UNDERWEAR DRIVE Sept 16/17 & 23/24

Bring your donations of new men's socks, underwear in any size for the homeless and needy or if you prefer cash donations to be used to purchase socks and underwear to Our Lady Queen of Peace. Proceeds of the Drive Recipient: Elyria Hospitality Center Sponsored by the Cleveland Diocesan Holy Name Society.

Order of M Christian Initiation

RCIA

Interested in becoming Catholic? If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Fr John or Elizabeth Miketo for information on the RCIA process. The Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults is a process of growing in awareness of God's call in one's life and the teachings of the Catholic Church which form one in responding to God's call.

FLU SHOTS



Pharmacist Jason Buga from Discount Drug Mart will be available to administer flu shots on Sunday, October 1, 2023. Two vaccines will be available: the standard, quadrivalent vaccine for

individuals aged 7-64 years and the high-dose, quadrivalent vaccine for individuals aged 65 and older. Discount Drug Mart will attempt to bill the vaccine to insurance so please bring any current insurance information. The cost of the vaccines will be \$30 for the standard dose (ages 7-64) and \$70 for the high-dose (ages 65 and older). In an effort to maintain social distancing, vaccines will be administered in the Parish Hall on an appointment basis. Appointments will be available on Sunday, October 1st from 8:00am-12:30pm. Please reserve an appointment time on OLQP's` website for your family and fill out an administration form and vaccination prescreening form for each individual receiving a vaccine prior to your appointment. Administration forms and the pre-screening forms are available on the website to print or will be available in the hall at the time of your appointment. Call the office at 440-926-2364 if you need help scheduling your appointment. Walk-ins are welcome during this timeframe but please note that appointments are taken first so there may be a slight wait time. We will be located in the Parish hall next to the kitchen. Any questions or concerns, call Linda Wolfe 440-387-3751 or email Jason Buga jbuga@discountdrugmart.com.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday Saint Januarius, Bishop & Martyr

Wednesday Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest & Paul Chong Ha-sang, Companions, Martyrs

Saint Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist Thursday

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest Saturday

LADY'S GUILD

We invite all ladies of the parish to join us for our 1st meeting after the summer break. The meeting is Monday, September 18th at 7:00pm. in the parish hall. Refreshments will be provided by the officers. We look forward to seeing you.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH IN TRANSITION

O faithful God, as your people, we cherish our memories and our history as a sacred gift. We also ask you to guide us in our time of transition. We need your wisdom that we might be receptive to change, conversion and growth. We need your grace to redirect our hearts that we may be willing to offer ourselves in joyful service.

Do not allow fear, ignorance or pride to limit the work of your spirit, nor custom to prevent the creativity within us from bearing fruit. Open our hearts to the call of the Gospel. Give us courage and renewed hope that we may meet the challenge of being the Church in our time. Amen



PROTECT THEM BOTH PRAYER TO DEFEAT OHIO'S ABORTION AMENDMENT

Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state, and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Ohio from laws that disregard their health and safety.

Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. Father, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life, preserving parental rights, and accompanying pregnant women in need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us!

St. Joseph, Protector of the Unborn, pray for us!

WATCH OUR PRO-LIFE VIDEO Faith & Healing, Part 1





FORGIVENESS

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

--Ephesians 4:32

FAITH FORMATION / UPDATES

This weekend, in the Gospel of Matthew Jesus teaches that we must forgive one another as God has forgiven us. This can seem overwhelming and daunting and may bring up some yucky feelings. But it doesn't have to, if we take a breath, say a prayer, and focus on doing the next right thing, we can find the path.

The end of this week brings about the beginning of fall and... the beginning of PSR (Parish School of Religion)! PSR starts next Sunday, doors open at 9:30 AM with class starting at 9:35 AM or right after the 8:30 AM Mass. Reminder parents of Kindergarten to 3rd grade need to drop off and pick up their child(ren). Class dismisses at 10:50 AM, just in time for those looking to go to the 11:00 AM Mass. All registered families have received verification emails. If you have not, check with Elizabeth to make sure you are registered.

Thank you to the generous volunteers who make this program possible!

MUSIC MINISTRY



Do you love to sing and have fun? The Music Ministry is kicking off the 2023-2024 season!

The Music Ministry is a great way to:

- Worship God through song
- ♦ Serve the Parish Community
- Meet great people
- ♦ Have fun!

Practices are on **Monday evenings from 7:00pm to 8:30pm**

For more information, call Deb at 440-865-9387



THANK-YOU for your generous support of OLQP and your help with the needs of the community through your ongoing participation in our various ministries.

	<u>Actual</u>	Goal	<u>Difference</u>
Sunday, Sept 9/10:	\$8,726.50		
E-Giving:	\$4,867.00		
Total:	\$13,593.50	\$12,551.00	\$1,042.50
YTD:	\$132,821.95	\$138,061.00	(\$5,239.05)



Sunday, September 17

Holy Name Society - Sock & Underwear Drive

Monday, September 18

7:00pm - Lady's Guild Mtg.

Tuesday, September 19

Wednesday, September 20

Thursday, September 21

9:30am - Divine Mercy Chaplet

5:30pm - Community Meal

7:00pm - Festival Recap Mtg.

Friday, September 22

Saturday, September 23

Holy Name Society - Sock & Underwear Drive 10:00am - Altar Server Training-Part 3

Sunday, September 24

Holy Name Society - Sock & Underwear Drive 9:35am-10:55am - PSR

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 23/24 Holy Name Sock & Underwear Drive
- ♦ September 25 RCIA
- September 27 Living Out the Eucharist Series
- October 1 Flu Shots

Congratulations to **Alexandria Clark** whose daughter **Karmen Rose Clark** was baptized last weekend.

May she grow as a child of God with the support and witness of our parish community.



Wedding Banns

I - William Hendrickson & Lindsey Browske

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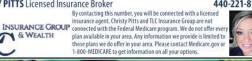


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