February 18, 2024 - First Sunday of Lent

"Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mark 1:15



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MASS SCHEDULE

Church

Saturday Vigil......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

MISSION STATEMENT

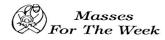
We are a Roman Catholic family centered in the Eucharist, rooted in our immigrant traditions since the 1800s and devoted to our Blessed Mother. Humbly guided by the Holy Spirit, and with the warmth and hospitality that springs from a small community, we seek to share our faith in Jesus Christ through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

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Parish Office Hours

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



Monday, February 19 (Chapel)

9:00am - ALL Parishioners

Tuesday, February 20 (Chapel)

9:00am - For those seeking forgiveness - Ernie Walker

Wednesday, February 21 - (Church)

6:30pm - Robert Falatic - Margaret Falatic

Thursday, February 22 - (Chapel)

9:00am - ALL Parishioners

Friday, February 23 - (Chapel)

9:00am - ALL Parishioners

Saturday, February 24

4:30pm - Donald Scallon - Family

Sunday, February 25

8:30am - ALL Parishioners

11:00am - The Page Family - Judy Page

Prayer Intentions: Tina Abshire, Kristen Barney, Kathy Borowy, Lou Burrows, Deborah Cormier, Cathy Cornish, Rita Denomme, Jennifer DuPont, Ethel Faber, Karen Faulkner, Walter Fowler, Dennis Frabotta, Alyassa Frost, Don Gates, Marcie Grealis, Marilyn Hamm, Dorothy Hannes, Richard Heath, Joan Henschel-Blake, Gloria Janosko, James Kwiatek, Joyce Lark, Debbie Listwak, Ron Listwak, Toni Long, R. Lottman, Jose' Magiste, Neil Maier, Maureen Malaska, Elise Martin, Hannah Haas Martin, Christopher Miller Family, Michele Miller, Becca Mullins, George & Margaret Murray, Philip Myers, Rhonda Norman, John O'Connor, Ron O'Hearn, Jane Peyton, Donald Plas, Adam Postelwait, Colleen Ray, Tom Reminder, Gladys Rising, Adam Rone, Mary Ross, Cristina Safille, George Schaefer, Monica Schaefer, Paul Smith, Rhonna Smith, Thomas Southam, Megan Thrasher & Family, Al Traxler, Ted Turner, Rick Tylicki, Roger VON Seggern, Melody Wallace, Dick & Nancy Webber, Ezra Weller, Daniel White, Pat Wittine, Amy Woodburn, Pat Wracker & Bernadette Zielinski.

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

BULLETIN DEADLINES:

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

Sunday February 25 by 5:00pm Monday February 19 Sunday March 3 by 5:00pm Monday February 26

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday First Sunday of Lent

Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22,

Mt 4:4b; Mk 1:12-15

Monday Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-

16

Tuesday Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt

6:7-15

Wednesday Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Jl 2:12-13;

Lk 11:29-32

Thursday 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16:18; Mt

16:13-19

Friday Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8;

Mt 5:20-26

Saturday Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119;1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-

48

Sunday Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15, 16

-17, 18-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

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

FATHER JOHN'S CORNER:

This weekend I will be giving an update on the building project at all the Masses. The summary is that we will be starting the construction of the office center in the months ahead. We will have to hold off on the construction of the parish/event center at this time due to an increase in construction costs and other factors. What this means is that we will be able to start the office center sooner than anticipated and with probably a minimal mortgage. In addition to the offices, the center will have two conference rooms that can be used for small groups, PSR classes or meeting space. There will also be a relatively large atrium or gathering area that will be used for socials after Mass and other events. This office center will be able to meet our current needs, will be connected to the church and will also provide for the connection to the future event or parish center. In the Prayer for the Church in Transition which has been used throughout the building campaign process, we prayed for God's wisdom that we might be receptive to change, conversion and growth. In consulting with the Parish Council, Finance Council and Building Committee in re-evaluating the building project, I feel it is best to change our original plan and build only the office/parish center at this time. The completed building will be something we will all be proud of. Thank you to all who are making this project possible through your sacrificial donations and prayers.

<u>This Wednesday</u> will be the first of two segments on the life of St. Benedict. In addition to being enlightened by his spiritual life the scenery in the video of the locations where he lived are amazing. <u>The video will begin at 7pm in the Gathering Area of the church following the 6:30pm Mass.</u>

<u>Saturday at 10am in the hall</u> will be the first of 3 sessions of a book study on the Eucharist. We will be looking at the introduction and chapter 1 of the book "This is My Body." Copies of the book are available in the St. Joseph room off the Gathering Area.

The next couple of weeks are filled with many other opportunities to grow in your relationship with God this Lent. Next Sunday 2/25 is the Lenten Family Activity beginning at 9:30am in the hall. Wednesday the 28th is the Diocesan wide Night of Confessions from 5-8pm in every Catholic church in the diocese. We will be having a Lenten Parish Evening with Greg Wasinski on Thursday the 29th and Soup, Sandwiches and Archbishop Sheen will be Sunday March 3rd. And there is so much more to fill in the empty slots! Please read through the bulletin for all these Lenten activities.

-Fr. John

FAST AND ABSTINENCE:

Good Friday is a day 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.

<u>Diocesan wide Night of Confession:</u> Wednesday, February, 28th our parish and all of the parishes in the Diocese will offer "An Evening of Confession" from 5:00-8:00 pm. 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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Opportunities to celebrate the sacrament will be on:

Saturdays during Lent from 3:30-4:00 pm

Thursday, March 21st- 9:30 am

Monday, March 25th - 7:00 pm

<u>Communal Reconciliation Service</u>: Gather as a community for a Prayer Service followed by the opportunity for Reconciliation with a variety of priests on hand. Sunday, March 10th at 2:00 pm.

LENT 2024 – Healing Hearts, Our Lenten Journey!

Weekday Masses during Lent

Wednesday, 6:30 pm (except February 28th) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – 9:00 am

Weekday Masses during Holy Week, March 25th to March 29th

Monday 6:30 pm, Tuesday 9:00 am, Wednesday 9:00 am, Thursday 7:00 pm

Good Friday Passion of the Lord Service, March 29th: 3:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesdays from 2:30 pm-6:30 pm; February 21st through March 20th. February 28th: 2:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 7:00 pm: February 23rd March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd

Night Prayer: Join us after Stations of the Cross every Friday.

Lenten Family Gathering: Sunday, February 25th. All Families are welcome to join us in the Parish Hall from 9:35 AM to 10:50 AM on Sunday, February 25th. Children and parents alike will rotate through a series of Lenten Activities together as a family unit. You do not need to be registered as a PSR Family to attend.

<u>Lenten Mission:</u> Thursday, February 29th, 6:30 pm, Greg Wasinski presents: Inspire, Encourage, Restore: a Lenten event for EVERYONE, no matter where you are on your faith journey. Explore the deeper meaning of the Eucharist and WHY we Believe what we believe.

Soup and Bl. Bishop Fulton Sheen: Sunday, March 3rd at 6:00 pm, gather for a Soup Dinner and viewing of Bl. Bishop Fulton Sheen videos.

<u>Pivotal Players, Bishop Robert Barron Video Series, Saint Benedict and Saint Ignatius of Loyola</u>: Wednesday at 7:00 pm: February 21st, March 6th, 13th, and 20th. Join us as we hear from Bishop Barron about "Pivotal Players" – those saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of western civilization.

<u>Sunday Gospel Reflection:</u> Saturday, March 9th at 10:00 am in the hall. We will be looking at the gospels for the 1st 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.

<u>Scripture Study:</u> meets on Thursday, February 22nd and March 14th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall to learn more about the Formed Lectio Series.

<u>Divine Mercy Prayer Group:</u> Join us as we journey with St. Faustina and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy every Thursday morning from 9:30 am to 10:30 am.

Best Lent Ever: Receive daily emails with short inspirational videos, practical tips to incorporate into your daily lives, and encouraging stories. Sign up by registering at *dynamiccatholic.com/lent*.

<u>Prayer Bookmarks:</u> 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.

<u>A Season for Healing Hearts:</u> These daily reflection booklets will be available at the doors of the church and in the parish office, along with booklets for children and one for families. These contain a Scripture passage and reflection for each day of Lent.

LENT 2024 – Healing Hearts, Our Lenten Journey! (cont'd)

<u>Daily Lenten Video Reflections:</u> A short video each day reflecting on the daily Mass readings, explaining the Scriptures, and providing a concrete ideas on how to apply them to the Christian life. Sign up by going to FORMED button on the parish website.

<u>Lenten Resources</u>: The Diocese of Cleveland has a list of resources that can be used for personal growth during these 40 days of Lent. These can be found at *dioceseofcleveland.org*

Operation Rice Bowl: As part of our faith community's Lenten observance, we will participate in Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program, CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program for families and faith communities in the United States who want to put their faith into action. Through CRS Rice Bowl, participants are invited to hear stories about their sisters and brothers in need around the world and devote their Lenten prayers, fasting and alms to change the lives of those who suffer in poverty. The Rice Bowl and information materials are available at the doors of the church.



INVITE US DEEPER

Almighty and ever living God,
you invite us deeper into your world,
your people,
your Lent.

May this time be one of outward focus; seeking you in those we often ignore. Help us live a Lent focused on freedom, generosity, and encounter.

Give us hearts hungry to serve you and those who need what we have to give.

- Author Unknown



UNCONDITIONALLY REFLECTIONS

"One"

Receiving Holy Communion is not only about finding Jesus in the Eucharist, but it's about our goal to completely lose ourselves in His love and life. Seeing ourselves as one with Christ, not figuratively, literally being the earthly dwelling of His presence to allow Him to transform us to become more like Him in every way. We must not separate the Catholic we are on Sunday from the one we are the rest of the week or vice versa - WE ARE THE CHURCH.

Reflection Question: Paragraph 1370 of the Catechism reminds us of the beauty of the "Communion of Saints."? In what ways, does this make receiving Holy Communion even more powerful for you?



CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Thank-you to all who made a gift to Catholic Charities last weekend. Because of your support, hundreds of thousands of individuals will be given help + hope in the Diocese of Cleveland. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to make a gift, it's not too late! Pledge envelopes are still available in the Gathering Area.

OUR LADY'S GUILD

Our Lady's Guild would like to thank everyone who purchased Super Bowl squares, meatball subs and 50/50. Your support is greatly appreciated.

The 50/50 winner was: Dawn Cendrosky.

The winners of the Super Bowl squares were:

Mikey Cendrosky - 1st quarter Jean Luehring - 2nd quarter Jean Luehring - 3rd quarter Frank Browske - final score

OUR LADY'S GUILD & HOLY NAME SOCIETY BINGO NIGHT!!

Monday - March 4, 2024

Hall opens at 5:30pm Bingo begins at 6:30pm

16 Games for \$20 / \$50 payout per game

50/50 / Pull -Tabs Food & Drink Available



FIRST FRIDAY FORUM OF LORAIN COUNTY March 1, 2024 Dr. Frank O'Linn

The First Friday Forum will present Dr. Frank O'Linn speaking on the future of Catholic Schools in the Cleveland Diocese. The luncheon will be held **Friday, March 1st** with <u>lunch served at 11:30a and speaker from 12:00p to 1:00p</u>. The Forum takes place at the Spitzer Conference Center of Lorain County Community College, 1005 N. Abbe Rd. in Elyria. <u>Reservations are required by 12:00n0on Monday February 26th</u>. Cost is \$23. Make plans to attend by calling or emailing the Parish Office o we can all be seated together.





HOLY NAME SOCIETY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday - February 18, 2024 9:00am - 12:30pm

WHERE: Our Lady Queen of Peace Hall

WHAT: Pancakes, Eggs & Sausage Coffee, Orange Juice & Milk

COST: Free Will offering

<u>Carry Out available</u> 50/50 Raffle Basket Raffle



K of C LENTEN FISH FRY

The Knights of Columbus Fish Fry continues **this Friday from 5:00pm-7:00pm**. We are serving up great tasting lake perch, shrimp & Pierogi dinners starting at \$17. Your hot meal will be brought to you within minutes of placing your order. Take-outs are available. See you Friday!

PARISH FESTIVAL

OLQP's annual Parish Festival will be <u>Saturday</u>, <u>July 27th</u>. A planning meeting will be held **Thursday**, **February 22 at 7pm in the parish hall**. Anyone interested in helping to plan for this exciting parish event is asked to come with ideas and suggestions of building upon last year's festival. People are needed for planning each of the various events. New ideas welcome.

FAITH FORMATION/UPDATES

Growing closer to God should be a daily pursuit, but just like eating healthy and getting exercise, sometimes it can fade into the background. Thankfully, we have the Season of Lent to bring awareness and support to help us. Take a look at our offerings to find ways and activities to help you develop a deeper and stronger relationship.

One way to do that is.... Our first Family Lenten Activity. All families and family members are invited to the Parish Hall next Sunday, 2/25 at 9:35 AM. Families will travel as a unit throughout a variety of Lenten activity stations and have a chance to talk with each other and learn more about our faith.

This weekend our RCIA Catechumens and Candidates will travel to the Cathedral for the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion. Please keep them, their Sponsors and the RCIA team in your prayers as they continue to prepare for full initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation:

Owen Arms, Adriana Loera, Anthony Loera, Clara Loera, Chelsea Loera and Ryan Wissel

Eucharist and Confirmation: Emily Nagy

PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

All are invited to attend a Prayer Vigil for Peace in Ukraine at **6pm Saturday, Feb. 24 in the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in** Cleveland. The event, marking the second anniversary of the war, will be hosted by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland and Greater Cleveland's Ukrainian community. Bishop Edward Malesic is scheduled to be the principal speaker and clergy from the orthodox communities are expected to participate. For more information, email cma@gmail.com



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>	<u>Goal</u>	Difference
Sunday, Feb 10/11	\$7,173.60		
E-Giving:	\$5,320.60		
Total:	\$12,494.20	\$12,551.00	(\$56.80)
YTD:	\$408,143.39	\$414,183.00	(\$6,039.61)



Sunday, February 18

9:00am - Holy Name Pancake Breakfast

2:30pm - Rite of Election (St. John Cathedral)

Monday, February 19

OFFICE CLOSED

7:00pm - RCIA

Tuesday, February 20

Wednesday, February 21

2:30pm-6:30pm - Adoration

7:00pm - Lenten Video Series

Thursday, February 22

9:30am - Divine Mercy Chaplet

7:00pm - Parish Festival Mtg.

7:00pm - Scripture Study

Friday, February 23

7:00pm - K of C Fish Fry

7:00pm - Stations of the Cross

7:30pm - Night Prayer

Saturday, February 24

10:00am - "This Is My Body" Book Study

Sunday, February 25

9:35am-10:50am - PSR



SYMPATHY to the families of *James Plascak & Raymond Hutnyak* who both passed away recently.

May they each rest in the peace of Christ.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Thursday, February 22nd is the Fourth lesson of "Peter" (Cornerstone of Catholicism) from the FORMED LECTIO series. Please meet with us at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. Session 4 will cover "Peter the Rock-The Primacy of Jesus" on page 63 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 join us to find out more about our first Pope. Contact Rick Gallaher at (440) 458-6335 for comments or assistance.

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