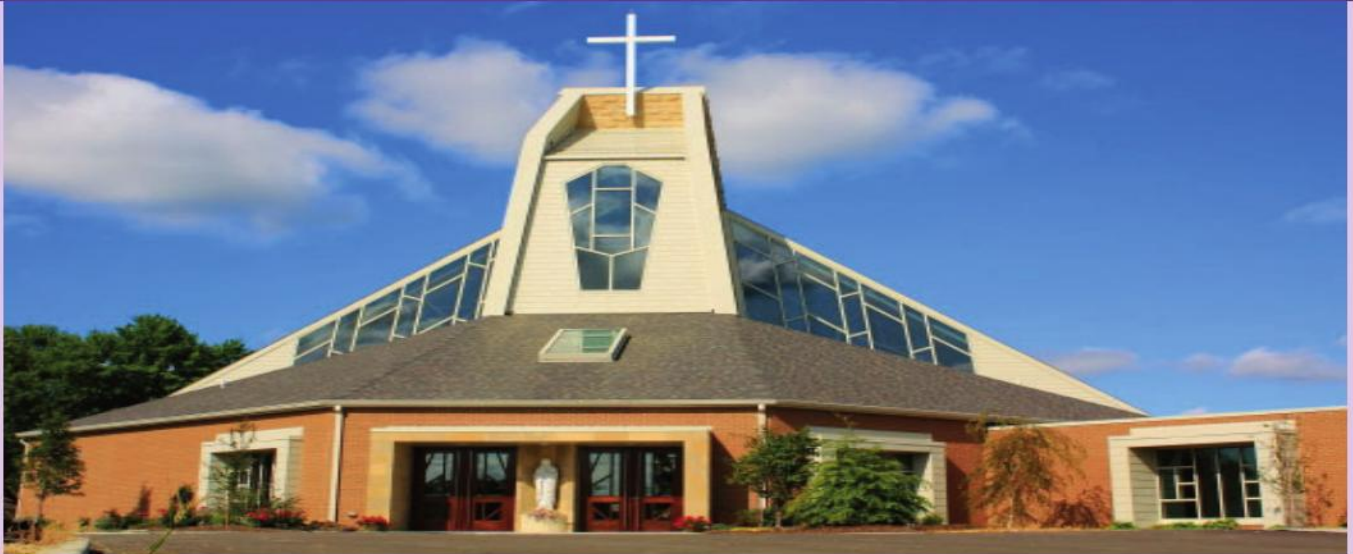


March 3, 2024 – Third Sunday of Lent

“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again;
but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst..” -- John 4:13-14



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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

Sunday, March 3, 2024 - 3rd Sunday of Lent



Masses For The Week

Monday, March 4 (Chapel)

9:00am - ALL Parishioners

Tuesday, March 5 (Chapel)

9:00am - Josephine Blaz - Family

Wednesday, March 6 - (Church)

6:30pm - ALL Parishioners

Thursday, March 7 - (Chapel)

9:00am - Joanne Pasadyn - John & Ann Laubenthal

Friday, March 8 - (Chapel)

9:00am - For those needing healing - Ernie Walker

Saturday, March 9

4:30pm - ALL Parishioners

Sunday, March 10

8:30am - Living & Deceased members of the Holy Name Society

11:00am - Donna Lynch - Carl & Pat Filipiak

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Please call the Parish Office on (440) 926-2364 or email us at info@olqpgrafton.org 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 March 10 by 5:00pm Monday March 4

Sunday March 17 by 5:00pm Monday March 11



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Monday

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday

Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday

Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday

Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

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

FATHER JOHN'S CORNER:

My older siblings have told me that every Sunday night we all sat around the television to watch *The Fulton Sheen Program* (1961-1968). I do not remember that. Archbishop Sheen who won two Emmy Awards for Most Outstanding Television Personality, featured on the cover of Time magazine and has been called the first televangelist had a very large viewing audience. Earlier in his ministry he had hosted *The Catholic Hour* from 1930-1950 on NBC radio and then the television program "*Life is Worth Living*" from 1952-1957.

This Sunday night we will show episodes from "*Life is Worth Living*" in particular '*Man, Captain of His Destiny*' and '*Is America's Religion Religious?*' And possibly if time permits '*Nurses and Doctors*.' Come see for yourself this icon of the Catholic Church. There will be soup starting at 6:00pm for a short time prior to enjoy some fellowship time before the movie.

On Wednesday at 7pm, following 6:30 Mass, we will be showing the second half of the program on St. Benedict. In this segment his Rule will be discussed which established the order within the monastic life. However, this order for living the Christian life can be applied to the secular life as well as the religious life. There are things we can learn as to how to order our day so that whether we are at work or play we are attuned to the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Starting this weekend, we will be using the Cycle A readings for Mass in place of the Cycle B readings for this year. Cycle A focus more on baptism and preparation for baptism and are encouraged when there are Elect preparing for baptism. The Elect, those to be baptized, will be going through three Scrutinies on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent. The Scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the Elect; to bring out, then strengthen, all that is upright, strong and good. You will be seeing our 6 Elect at various Masses these three weeks. Please keep them in your prayers as well as our catechumen who will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

-Fr. John

Lenten Schedule

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.

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

Communal Reconciliation Service: 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.

Weekday Masses during Lent

Wednesday, 6:30 pm

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – 9:00 am

LENT 2024 – Healing Hearts, Our Lenten Journey!

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; through March 20th.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 7:00 pm: March 8th, 15th, 22nd

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

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.

Pivotal Players, Bishop Robert Barron Video Series, Saint Benedict and Saint Ignatius of Loyola: Wednesday at 7:00 pm: 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.

Sunday Gospel Reflection: Saturday, March 9th at 10:00 am in the hall. We will be looking at the gospels for the 4th 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.

Scripture Study: meets on Thursday, March 14th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall to learn more about the Formed Lectio Series.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group: 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.

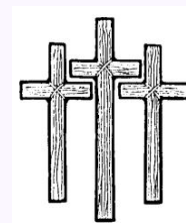
Prayer Bookmarks: These bookmarks list those candidates preparing for 1st Communion, Confirmation and those in preparation to be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Please keep these candidates for the initiation sacraments in your prayers during the season of Lent.

A Season for Healing Hearts: 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.

Daily Lenten Video Reflections: 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.

Lenten Resources: 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



NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most
precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of
Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of
the world in reparation for the outrages,
sacrileges and indifference by which He is
offended. "He stays here with us: He is God
with us. Seek him without tiring; welcome him
without reserve; love him without interruption:
today, tomorrow, forever!"

--St. John Paul II

GOD

God seeks us where we are,
not so that we stay there,
but so that we may come to be where He is,
so that we may get beyond ourselves.

--Pope Benedict XVI

SCRIPTURE STUDY



Thursday, March 14th is the Fifth lesson of
"Peter" (Cornerstone of Catholicism) from
the **FORMED LECTIO** series. Please meet with us at
7:00pm in the Parish Hall. Session 5 will cover "Peter
and the KEYS-The Primacy of the Church" on page 85
of the study guide. Study guides are free, and availa-
ble 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.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Chil-
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inform everyone about the protection of children
from sexual abuse. To report any past or present
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by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers
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Also, please contact the Diocesan Response Service
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make a gift, it's not too late! Pledge envelopes are still
available in the Gathering Area.

OUR LADY'S GUILD
NCAA Championship Game

It's March madness and the Lady's Guild is selling squares for the Championship Game on April 8. There will be 2 payouts: \$400 at the half and \$600 for the final score. Squares will be available at all masses throughout the month of March. We accept cash, check or Venmo.

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



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!

ST. MARY CEMETERY

Please remove all decorations by Sunday March 10th as we prepare the cemetery for Easter. **Any decorations left after March 10th will be discarded.** New decorations may be placed beginning March 20th.

TOGETHER - 
LET US PRAY ...

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH IN TRANSITION

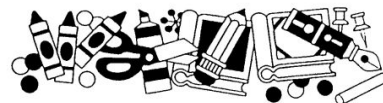
O faithful God, as your people, we cherish our memories and our history as a sacred gift. We also ask you to guide us in our time of transition. We need your wisdom that we might be receptive to change, conversion and growth. We need your grace to redirect our hearts that we may be willing to offer ourselves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



TENEBRAE

The Our Lady Queen of Peace Choir, joined by area musicians, will be presenting "Song of the Shadows" for the Tenebrae Service on **Wednesday, March 27th, at 8:00 pm in the Church**. Walk with Jesus during His final days. Our journey begins as He enters Jerusalem, and ends as He is led to His death. This deeply moving service invites us to contemplate the love and sacrifice of Christ.



OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE SCHOLARSHIP

OLQP will be awarding two \$500 scholarships - one to a graduating high school senior and one to a current college student. To be eligible, a candidate must be a parishioner of Our Lady Queen of Peace and active in the parish, or active in the church on the college campus where they attend school. Applications can be picked up in the Gathering Area, Parish Office or via the OLQP website. Applications must be submitted **by May 15th**.



FAITH FORMATION/UPDATES

Thank you to all those who joined us for our Lenten Faith Family Activity! It was wonderful to see the interactions and hear the conversations. A special shout out to our Catechist Team for making it all possible. If you have been thinking about joining our team for next year, please contact Elizabeth for more information.

During the season of Lent, the Church has special rituals, called Scrutinies for catechumens – people who will be baptized into the Catholic Church at Easter. The Scrutinies give catechumens a chance to search their conscience and to grow in their knowledge of Christ the Savior. Today is the first of three weeks and we pray for our catechumens in their final weeks of preparation.

HOMEBOUND?

If you or someone you know would like to receive communion please contact the parish office 440-926-2364. Also, if you are a Eucharistic Minister and would like to take communion to the homebound and those in local facilities and/or the hospital, please contact the office as well.

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS

If you are 70 ½ or older, you may be able to make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA that will help us in our ministry and reduce your taxable income. Talk to your advisors and IRA administrator for more information and to be sure that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as our parish. Questions? Contact Joanna Blaz in our parish office at 440.926.2364 or visit: www.catholiccommunity.org/ira.



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>	<u>Difference</u>
Sunday, Feb 24/25	\$8,473.75		
E-Giving:	\$4,674.00		
Total:	\$13,147.75	\$12,551.00	\$596.75
YTD:	\$437,539.14	\$439,285.00	(\$1,745.86)



The Week Ahead

Sunday, March 3

9:35am-10:50am - PSR

6:00pm - Soup and Bishop Sheen

Monday, March 4

6:30pm - BINGO!

7:00pm - RCIA

Tuesday, March 5

Wednesday, March 6

2:30pm-6:30pm - Adoration

7:00pm - Lenten Video Series

Thursday, March 7

9:30am - Divine Mercy Chaplet

12:00pm - Sr. Potluck Luncheon

7:00pm - Parish Council Mtg.

Friday, March 8

7:00pm - K of C Fish Fry

7:00pm - Stations of the Cross

7:30pm - Night Prayer

Saturday, March 9

10:00am - Gospel Reflection

Sunday, March 10

9:35am-10:50am - PSR

2:00pm - Communal Reconciliation

IN SYMPATHY

SYMPATHY to the family of **Patricia Norris** who passed away recently.

May he rest in the peace of Christ.

SENIORS' ACTIVITIES

SENIOR MINISTRY UPDATE

Please join us at the Potluck Luncheon on **Thursday, March 7 at noon in the parish hall**. Our speaker will be Deacon Paul Kipfstuhl from the Cleveland Diocese on the topic "Nourished by the Eucharist". Kielbasa, sauerkraut, and mashed potatoes will be provided – bring a dish or dessert to share and a donation to cover main dish. We look forward to seeing you and your friends! Sponsored by Seniors Ministry. Any questions, call Margie and Ray at 330.418.7722.

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