



Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." —Mt 4:8-9

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St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Pastoral Staff

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm, 6:00pm
 Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm
 Monday-Friday: 7:00am, 8:00am
 Holy Days: Vigil - 5:30pm
 7:00am, 9:00am
 5:30pm, 7:00pm

Parish Directory

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Confession Schedule

Saturday: 3:00pm-4:00pm
 or by appointment

School Directory

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 6

7:00AM Linda Naprstek
8:00AM David Pastva

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

7:00AM Michael Starr
8:00AM Stephan & David Grassi

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

7:00AM Lucille Younis
8:00AM Rosina CiQuecrane

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

7:00AM Philip Ruppert
8:00AM Irene Kalish

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

7:00AM Helen Betley
8:00AM Elinor Boehnlein
1:00PM Stations of the Cross
1:30-5PM Eucharistic Devotions
7:00PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

4:30PM Thaddius J. Baginski
6:00PM Frank Gurchensky

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, Second Sunday of Lent.

8:00AM For People of the Parish (living & deceased)
10:00AM Kazmierczak Family
12:00PM Mae Kaszar

Please Pray For: Martha Ashton, Ed & Helen Bartkiewicz, Irene Bednar, Maxine Cerny, Joe & Marcia Demko, Gary DiRosa, Ray Dmytriw, Margaret Double, Norbert Erker, Rita Fecek, Greg Findura, Anne Kilbane-Friedl, Sandra Friedl, Frances Funtek, Sam Gappa, Robert Gielski, John Gladden, Rose Marie Hewitt, Ron Hicks, Celeste Hurley, Marian Jarabek, Colleen Jarvis, Millie Jasany, Janet Johnson, Pat Jones, Michael Kaliszewski, Betty Kilbane, Donald Kotarsky, Cynthia Kufleitner, Karen Kulju, Andrea Lagzdins, Robert Laheta, Dorothy Laquatra, Isidoro LaRosa, John Lieske, Michael Lieske, Corinne Lipinski, Elizabeth Madar, Thomas Madej, John Martin, Edward & Josephine Maskulka, Emmett & Lenore Masterson, Claudia & Russell Mazanec, Peyton McCarthy, Rosemarie Medvin, Helen Marie Mendyka, John Metzger, Theodore & Dorothy Nagy, Jane Najlepszy, Mary Nicc, Rose Nosse, Dora Oney, Agnes Padar, Timothy Petro, Carrie Piechowski, Deanna Pisano, John Precario, Mary Jane Precario, Christopher Reeves, Leigh-Ann Revay, Vinny Ruvo, Frances Rymut, Mary Sabo, Lorraine Schmidt, Robert & Teresa Setele, Margaret Sheridan, Joe Skerl, Helen Smith, Doug Stos, Sylvia Stibley, Jack Taylor, Phyllis Tomaselli, Alice Tucker, Loretta Vacca, Annie Vorndran, Cathy Yappel, Andrew Yaronczyk, Christopher Yurko, Amanda Hope Zmecek.

In Sympathy

Florence Budney
Leonard Grabowski
Dorothy A. Molnar
Shirley A. Trausch
Donald Wakelee

Contribution for Weekend February 25/26, 2017:

Total Offering: \$13,659.00
Sunday Collection: \$10,115.00
Faith Direct: \$3,544.00

Poor Box: \$154.00

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Matthew 4:1-11

Today we are given a choice to be made. We can choose to begin the journey through the desert of Lent that leads to the celebration of our new and vibrant Easter Life or we can choose to do nothing during these next forty days. We can pretend that Lent has no meaning whatsoever for us, or we can choose the difficulties of going through the desert of self-examination and work of deeper conversion of heart. We can choose to stay just the way we are and not bother to take a closer look at our lives or we can face the facts that things may need to be done. The choice we make is important. It will affect us deeply. When Easter arrives we will have moved a step closer to friendship with Jesus and love of one another, or we will have taken a step backwards because life goes forward even if we don't. If we make the choice to journey to the Lenten desert we don't go alone, but we go with Jesus. Not beating ourselves up unmercifully by concentrating on how terrible we are, but to discover with God's help how good we are and how much more we can be. Don't let Lent be a missed opportunity, but a time of grace not to be neglected.

CELEBRATING THE SAINTS
Saint Lucian of Antioch, Martyr (+ 312)

Lucian was a native of Samosata which is today in southeast Turkey. His date of birth is unknown and little is known of his early life. As a young man he was educated at Edessa where he may have been converted to the Faith. Lucian returned to Antioch where he was eventually ordained a priest and where he quickly rose to become the head of the school of theology in that city. Lucian’s most famous student was the heretic Arius, who denied the divinity of Jesus, and consequently the Arians considered Lucian the founder of their school. For a time, Lucian suffered separation from the Rome Church, most probably because of his connection with another heretical voice of his day, Paul of Samosata.

At some point, however Lucian rejected Paul’s errors and reunited with the Body of Christ. When persecution began, Lucian was arrested at Antioch and sent to Nicomedia. He suffered a long imprisonment and, after he refused to sacrifice to idols, was tortured on the rack. Before Lucian was killed, he delivered before his persecutors a stirring defense of the Faith.

Lucian is remembered by the Church Fathers as a Scripture scholar who gave special attention to the literal meaning of the text. Revisions of the Old and New Testaments that were made by Lucian helped Saint Jerome in his own work of creating a new translation of the Bible into Latin that we call the Vulgate. Jerome esteemed his “a man of great talent” and he was eulogized by Saint John Chrysostom. Saint Lucian’s feast day is celebrated on January 7th.



THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS

It’s not too late to attend our parish Lenten program, “The Pivotal Players.”

Each evenings DVD presentation by Bishop Barron can stand alone. The program begins in church at 6:30 p.m. and concludes by 8:00 p.m. The next presentation is Wednesday, March 8, 2017 on St. Catherine of Siena. Come and join us.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Lent is the perfect time to make use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The sacrament is available every Saturday in the Eucharistic Chapel from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.



APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

Support of Persecuted Christians:

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

Every year Pope Francis asks us to join him in praying for our persecuted brothers and sisters. This year’s month of prayer for them falls during Lent, a good time to include fasting and alms-giving for them.

In his April 12, 2016 homily Pope Francis said that Christians face two kinds of persecution. One is bloody. It began right after the birth of Jesus when King Herod killed babies as he sought to eliminate Christ. “From that time until today there has been martyrs in the Church – men and women persecuted simply for confession and for saying that Jesus Christ is Lord.” Persecution “is the daily bread of the Church: after all, Jesus said so.”

The history of this “clear, explicit type of persecution” can be seen in Rome where “we go to the Colosseum and think of the martyrs killed there by lions.” And it is seen in countries like Pakistan where, last Easter, Christian were, “martyred just for celebrating the Risen Christ.” He added that “the Church is the community of believers, the community of confessors, of those who profess that Jesus is Christ. Indeed, the Church is the community of martyrs.”

What is the second kind of persecution? It is “not often spoken about.” It is “disguised as culture, disguised as modernity, disguised as progress: it is a kind of -- I would say somewhat ironically – polite persecution.” It happens “when someone is persecuted not for confession Christ’s name, but for wanting to demonstrate the values of the Son of God.”

This persecution is being institutionalized in the laws of nations that have historically been Christian. In this way “we see every day that the powerful make laws that force people to take this path, and a nation that does not follow this modern collection of laws, or at least that does not want to have them in its legislation, is accused, is politely persecuted.” This is a “persecution that takes away man’s freedom” and the right to “conscientious objection.” “This is the persecution of the world when the powerful want to impose attitudes and laws against the dignity of the children of God, persecute them and oppose God the Creator.” In both ways, the Church today is walking the Way of the Cross.

WEEKLY WORK OF MERCY

Consider putting a dollar or two in your CRS Operation Rice Bowl.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS UPDATE

St Anthony Knights of Columbus "round two" of The Youth Free Throw contest was held in our gym on February 20, 2017 and again it turned out to be quite a success. We had 18 first round winners from our parish and Assumption Parish in Broadview Hts. turn out for the competition. Congratulations to George Ochocki, age 11 and Richard Forgach, age 14 of St. Anthony's for winning their age group and moving on to the next round in on March 5th in Fairlawn Ohio. Best of luck to both young men.

Religious Order of the Week

Order: **Humility of Mary (HM)**

Charism: The sisters' charism is the humility of Mary, marked by a joyful spirit of simplicity and faith and a commitment to respond to God's call as we hear it in the needs of our times

Locations: Humility of Mary sisters currently serve in several locations in Northeast Ohio, including Cleveland, Akron, Canton, and Youngstown. They are also found in Florida, Kentucky, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and Haiti.

Website: <https://www.humilityofmary.org>

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**THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

No devotion is more suited to the Lenten Season than the Stations of the Cross. The Stations can be prayed private at any time. The Stations of the Cross are celebrated publicly twice every Friday during Lent at 1:00 p.m. with the parish school children and at 7:00 p.m. joined with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. If it's been a longtime since you prayed the Stations, come and join us.



Join our faith community—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl:

ENCOUNTER INNOVATION

We encounter the Singh family in India, where a mother and father are using innovative farming techniques to feed their family amidst a flood. How is God inviting us to think outside the box in service to others this Lent? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

PSR RE-REGISTRATION 2017-2018

PSR registration for the 2017-2018 school year is now underway. Re-registration forms have been mailed to your homes. We are asking that these forms be filled out and returned as soon as possible. This will aid us in planning class size and ordering books. For **new students**, registration forms can be picked up at the Religious Education Office in the school or by downloading the form from our web-site www.stanthonypaduaparma.org. If you have any other questions regarding registration please call Randy Harris at 440-842-2666.

PSR CALENDAR FOR MARCH

March 6 – PSR – **Early Registration Begins**

March 13 – PSR

March 18 – **Saturday – Jesus Day for Eucharist**

March 20 – PSR – **Begin Collecting Groceries for Carnival**

March 27 - PSR

PRESCHOOL CALENDAR FOR MARCH

March 5 – Class

March 12 – Class

March 19 – Class

March 26 - Class

**MONDAY, MARCH 6**

6:30PM PSR - School

7:00PM RCIA - LR

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

7:00PM The Way - CM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

2:00PM Social concerns Group - HR

6:30PM Pivotal Players Lenten Program - CH/HR

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

6:45PM Secular Franciscans Meeting - ch/HR

6:45PM Bingo - H

7:30PM Mixed Choir - CH

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

4:00PM Fish Fry - H



CARNIVAL NEWS

Our annual parish carnival is scheduled this year for **Wednesday, June 7th through Sunday June 11th**.

St. Anthony's has always been blessed with parishioners working one or several shifts during the carnival. Preparations for this year's carnival are already underway. Please consider volunteering your time as a booth captain or taking a shift for one or two days during the carnival. This is a great opportunity to become involved with the parish, meet new friends and visit old friends. Thank you for your continued support of our carnival and parish. Please contact Randy Harris at the rectory, 440-842-2666 for more information or to sign up!

HEY CATHOLIC! DID YOU KNOW...

Did you know that Innocent XI, in 1686, granted to the Franciscans, the right to erect the Stations of the Cross in all their churches. Eventually, the devotion spread throughout the universal Church.

WEEKLY MASS REMINDER

At the end of Mass, the people say, "Thanks be to God." Our final action is gratitude to God. He blessed us with the opportunity to come to Mass.



SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

Every week, our parish will promote vocations by encouraging the community to pray for our diocesan seminarians.

Please pray for Martin DeSantis

RCIA CORNER

The Diocese of Cleveland will be celebrating today (March 5) the Rite of Election. This is a celebration when all those seeking baptism or full reception into the Catholic Church come to St. John Cathedral to be blessed and recognized by the Bishop of Cleveland. For our parish, Kayla Bidwell is seeking to receive the Sacrament of Baptism at the Easter Vigil. Pray for her and for all those seeking baptism this Easter.



CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY CORNER

"A Catholic may sin and sin as badly as anyone else, but no genuine Catholic ever denies he is a sinner. A Catholic wants his sins forgiven - not excused or sublimated." — Venerable Fulton J. Sheen

FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your continued support of this important parish ministry. In order to keep our shelves well stocked, the requested items this week are pasta sauce, canned fruit and applesauce.



Please come and enjoy our Fish Fry being held each Friday in Lent, including Good Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. We feature a wide variety of food items such as breaded baked or fried fish, cod, pierogis and homemade noodles and cabbage. Our complete menu can be found on our webpage www.stanthonypaduaparma.org. Dinners are also available for takeout.

Evangelization Tip

Invite your friends to come to the fish fry. As they enjoy some good food, they will meet some good Catholic people as well.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

"If we accept that God's love is unconditional, that the Father's love cannot be bought or sold, then we will become capable of showing boundless love and forgiving others even if they have wronged us." — Pope Francis, *The Joy of Love*, 108.

50+ SOCIAL CLUB

Please join us on Thursday, March 16, 2017 in the hospitality room of the Church when Deborah Clementine from Greenbriar will be providing us with Lunch, Bingo and Prizes. We will begin at 12:00 P.M. with Stations of the Cross. Please plan to attend.



welcome all

Save the Date: An Evening of Confession
at all Catholic churches in the diocese.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15 | 5 - 8 PM



"God never ever tires of forgiving us!" -POPE FRANCIS

The readings today are timeless. They point to the reality of a world with many temptations and promises for a "better life" on our spiritual journey. Just as many before us here on earth from the time of Adam and Eve, to today, we face many challenges that keep us from being faithful to God and find ourselves in need of reconciliation with God and with one another.

However, as the psalmist reassures us today, God is all loving and merciful, willing to forgive us of our sins, if only we acknowledge and ask forgiveness. God is always there to answer our call, give us back the joy of salvation, and open our lips to again proclaim God's praise.

Pope Francis tells us, "Ah! Brothers and Sisters, God's face is the face of a merciful father who is always patient. Have you thought about God's patience, the patience he has with each one of us? That is his mercy. He always has patience, patience with us, he understands us, he waits for us, he does not tire of forgiving us if we are able to return to him with a contrite heart."

It is in the Sacrament of Penance that we are able to feel God's love and mercy. It is an opportunity to feel a graced moment on our spiritual journey. During the Rite of Penance after we have confessed our sins, received guidance and a penance from the priest, we receive a blessing and absolution. In that blessing we are reminded that our sins are forgiven. We are reminded of how much God loves us and we are challenged to do our best to avoid sin and live in God's love.

Pope Francis reminds us, "Let us not forget this word: God never ever tires of forgiving us... the problem is that we ourselves tire, we do not want to ask, we grow weary of asking for forgiveness. He never tires of forgiving, but at times we get tired of asking for forgiveness."

On Wednesday, March 15th from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm we all have an opportunity to ask for forgiveness. You are invited to the diocesan-wide Evening of Confession, an opportunity for individual confession at any parish church in the Diocese of Cleveland. We encourage you to invite someone you know to return to church, practice their faith and know they are welcome home.

Timeless
Message of
Love and
Forgiveness

First Sunday of Lent
2017 March 4/5