

Sunday, March 2, 2025





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# **Eucharistic Adoration:**

Wednesdays: 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm (Holy Trinity) Thursdays: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm (Holy Trinity) Thursdays: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm (St. Mary)

# **Confessions:**

Mondays: 7:00 to 7:25 pm (St. Mary) Saturdays: 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm (St. Mary) Saturdays: 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm (Holy Trinity)

# Sacraments

# Baptism:

Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements **Anointing:** 

Please call to make arrangements with a priest

# Marriage:

Couples who are registered members of the parish should contact the pastor at least 6 months in advance of the intended date.

# **Office Hours**

All parishioners are welcome to call or visit us at either office.

<u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> For the next few weeks on Tues. and Thurs. the Holy Trinity parish front office will be closed when the St. Mary parish office is open. One person is going between both buildings.

Thank you for your patience.

# **Avon Catholic Community Office Hours**

Mon - Fri..... 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Holy Trinity)
Tuesday......8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (St. Mary)
Thursday......12:30 to 4:30 p.m. (St. Mary)
\*Office closed daily from 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

# **Bulletin Information**

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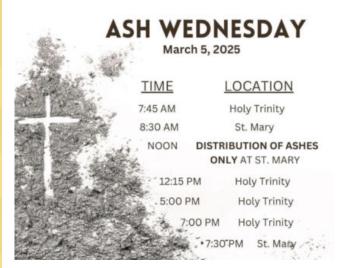
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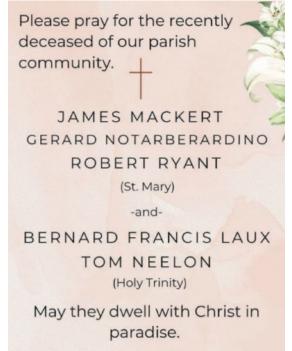


MASS INTENTIONS		
	HOLY TRINITY	ST. MARY
Mon. March 3		
7:45 A.M.	DeAntonio Family (Eileen Schlather)	
7:30 P.M.		Steve Csire (Jack & Roxane McGervey)
Tues. March 4		
7:45 A.M.	Russ Negray (Anonymous)	
Wed. March 5 ASH WEDNESDAY		
7:45 A.M.	Linda Kromer (Beth Gassman)	
8:30 A.M.		Parish All Souls
Noon		ASHES ONLY AT ST. MARY @ NOON. Not a full Mass.
12:15 P.M.	Parish All Souls	
5:00 P.M.	Parishioners	
7:00 P.M.	Parish All Souls	
7:30 P.M.		George & Rita Boone (Vicki Fisher)
Thurs. March 6		
7:45 A.M.	Morning Prayer	
7:30 P.M.		Living & Deceased members of Altar & Rosary
Fri. March 7		
7:45 A.M.	Mary Lou Urig (Mary Novotny & Family)	
8:30 A.M.		Parish All Souls
Sat. March 8		
8:30 A.M.		Deceased members of the DiFrancesco Family (Toni Burch)
4:00 P.M.		Mary Ann Czarney (Family)
5:00 P.M.	Mark Hrusovsky (Family)	
Sun. March 9	First Sunday of Lent	
7:30 A.M.	Living & Deceased members of the Ladies Guild	
8:00 A.M.		Living & Deceased members of the Holy Name Society
9:00 A.M.	Barbara Seders (Seders Family)	
10:00 A.M.		Parishioners
10:30 A.M.	Parishioners	
Noon	Maria Pia Bello (Anthony Bello)	Parish All Souls



Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of <u>fasting</u> and <u>abstinence</u> for Catholics. Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. The USCCB recommends a fasting age of 18 until 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are recommended beginning at age 14 and onwards.







# DISCIPLESHIP DIGEST with desi

This past Thursday, our parish came together for the Ministry Fair; a beautiful testament to the many ways the Holy Spirit is moving within our community. Each ministry represented a branch of the same vine, bearing fruit for the Kingdom of God. I want to extend my deepest gratitude to every person who prepared, served, welcomed, and shared their passion for the ministries of our parish. Your dedication and faithfulness reflect the heart of our mission: to serve, to evangelize, and to grow as disciples of Christ.

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of the importance of being formed as disciples: "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit?" The ministry fair was a powerful witness to the fact that discipleship is not a solitary journey. We need one another. We need teachers, mentors, and companions who help guide us along the path of faith. And as we grow in our discipleship, we are then called to lead others—not blindly, but with hearts shaped by Christ.

Jesus continues, saying, "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." The ministries in our parish are the fruit of good trees—faithful disciples who have rooted themselves in Christ. The success of our ministry fair is not simply measured by attendance or sign-ups, but by the way, hearts were stirred to serve, grow, and bring the Gospel into our daily lives.

May we continue to cultivate the gifts God has given us, ensuring that our lives, our ministries, and our parish bear good fruit for the Kingdom. Let us remain steadfast in our mission, always mindful that "from the fullness of the heart, the mouth speaks." I hope this fair was a reminder that we are all called to bear good fruit together.

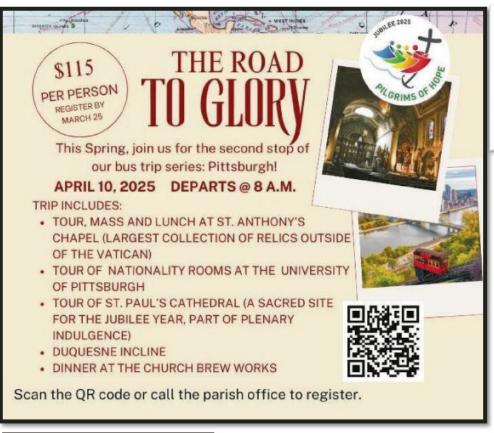
A huge *thank you* to everyone who gave their time, energy, and enthusiasm—not only to prepare for the fair but also to stand at their tables, smiling and answering the same question 47 times: "So, what exactly does your ministry do?" Your patience and passion did not go unnoticed! Truly, thank you again to all who made this event possible. May God continue to bless our efforts, and may we all keep growing—rooted in Christ, full of joy, and maybe just a little more willing to say "yes" when the Holy Spirit nudges us toward something new. May He continue to bless the work of our hands and the witness of our hearts!

# Desi

Desi Gould Director of Evangelization









**Mother Daughter Retreat** 

The Behold Retreat on March 22 is designed for adult & teen women in the spirit of Mary's fiat. Held at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, the retreat will close with the Vigil Mass at 4 p.m. celebrated by Fr. Menkhaus. Register:

dioceseofcleveland.org/behold

# Boy Scout Troop 462 Annual Pancake Breakfast



Open 8 a.m. - Noon support Troop 462 as they serve up breakfast in the Holy Trinity gym. MENU: pancakes, sausage, coffee, orange juice. Take out available.

# **Please Pray For Our Troops**

# Pray for our Troops from Holy Trinity:

Michael Bergen Patrick Bergen Paul Bohnert John Camp Ethan Cutright Cayden Fischbach Garet Fischbach Dillon Franciscus Grace Fryer Emma Kennelly Ryan Kennelly Shawn Komora Alex Leigh Jacob McCann Matthew O'Donnell Dominic Opron Hannah Price Katie Schlather Michelle Kennelly Sweeney Daniel Vrablic David Vrablic

## Pray for our Troops from St. Mary:

Amber Derryberry ■ Gabrielle Greszler ■ Richard Greszler ■ Tres Greszler ■ Riley Oldenburgh

We invite all families to include their sons and daughters to our prayer list. Please call the Parish Office with their name and branch of the military. You may email the information to: bulletin@avoncc.org.

We thank them and you for your sacrifice.

# Pray for the Sick at Holy Trinity:

Tina Doss Abshire Thomas Ackim Greg Bierek Kelly Callahan David Carroll Mary Christner Matt Gould Kelly Konya Theresa Lattimore Janice Leemans Marguerite Morphey Patrick
O'Toole Paula Parker Cathie Pleischl Chad Rawlings Regis
Saltis Tom Shaughnessy Robert Shinko Amanda Shultzberger
Brittany Snahnican Vinny Thomas Mary Travagliante-Bloss
Paul Tremblay Venla Urig Jennifer Varga Shirley Zalac and for all of our homebound parishioners.

# Pray for the Sick at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception:

Anne Benisek 

Kurt Cummings 

John Good 

Edie HealanPepin 

Daniel McGhee 

Kaylee Sanders 

Ed Schuredell 

Martin 

Wilczenski 

Judith Wilczenski and for all of our homebound 
parishioners.



# **Lent 2025**

Devote yourself this season of Lent to prayer, scripture and giving to others as an actof holy virtue. May this guide serve as a resource to help you journey to the foot of the cross.

# Wednesday, March 5

Ash Wednesday.

Holy Trinity: 7:45 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 5 p.m. 7 p.m. St. Mary: 8:30 a.m. Noon (Distribution of Ashes Only) 7:30 p.m.

# Friday, March 7

Simple Supper (hosted by Faith Formation) and the Living Stations of the Cross by Elyria Catholic.

Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. at St. Mary. Stations will begin at 7 p.m. in the church.

# Friday, March 14

Stations of the Cross at Holy Trinity at 7 p.m. (led by the Director of Religious Education)

# Wednesday, March 19

Evening of Confession, a diocesan-wide evening dedicated to healing and renewal.

Holy Trinity and St. Mary will be open for confession from 5 - 8 p.m.

# Friday, March 21

FISH FRY at St. Mary - time, menu and further details will be announced soon!

Stations through the eyes of Mary at 7 p.m. located at St. Mary. (led by Women's Ministry)

# Friday, March 21 - 23

Cluster parish Lenten retreat opportunity at the Jesuit Retreat Center (located in Parma). \*\* See additional info

# Friday, March 28

Stations of the Cross followed by a Lenten organ concert performed by Mark Slatter at 7 p.m. at St. Mary.

# Friday, April 4

Soup and Stations at Holy Trinity (led by Children's Ministry & Youth Ministry). Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. in the gym with stations at 7 p.m. in the church.

# Friday, April 11

Treasure of the Triduum with Zak Jester, Director of Youth Ministry, St. Raphael.

Program begins at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity. Stations of the Cross will follow at 7 p.m. (led by Faith Formation).

Both will take place inside the church.

\*A schedule for Holy Week will be provided separately.



Blessed is She Lenten Devotional for Women

# Under the Olive Tree

Small group discussion Wednesdays 9AM ~ March 5th - April 16th

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# St. Mary's Avon Holy Name

at St. Mary's School Gymnasium



Friday, March 21st



# **DINNER MENU:** served with french fries, creamy coleslaw, bread & butter

Fresh Lake Erie Perch \$19.00 4-pieces, breaded & fried perch with tartar sauce

Fried Butterfly Shrimp \$16.00 12-pieces, breaded & fried shrimp with cocktail sauce

Perch & Shrimp Combo \$18.00 2-pieces, breaded & fried perch with tartar sauce plus 6-pieces breaded & fried shrimp with cocktail sauce

Baked Walleye \$18.00 8oz. seasoned and oven-baked walleve with tartar sauce

# SIDE DISHES:

Cup of Clam Chowder \$4.00 Cup of Mac & Cheese \$3.00 Side of French Fries \$3.00 Slice of Cheese Pizza \$2.00 3-piece Potato & Cheese Pierogies \$3.00

# Suzin L. Chocolatier **Spring Candy Sale**

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ORDERS DUE = FRIDAY, MARCH 14 ORDER PICK UP = WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9 (HT) THURSDAY, APRIL 10 (SMIC)



# LENTEN RETREAT



FRIDAY, MARCH 21 - SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025 JESUIT RETREAT CENTER

Register at: JesuitRetreatCenter.org/calendar



Stations, Through the Eyes of Mary takes place the evening of the Fish Fry at St. Mary at 7 p.m.



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# St. Elizabeth Shelter meal donation for March 13 that St. Mary will provide includes:

- -Sloppy Joe
- -Green beans
- -Mac & Cheese
- -Brownies
- -Individually wrapped breakfast, snack and dessert items are welcome.
- -Travel size, toiletries & personal items (new, packaged) welcome.

You may call the parish office with questions or Deb Janosik.



Thank you to all of those who participated in the Knights of Columbus Essay Contest (pictured above). Congratulations to Jack Baird who was the winner this year.



Time † Talent † Treasure

January 26, 2025.....\$5,691.19

February 2, 2025.....\$6,768.63

February 9, 2025.....\$5,850.62



# TODAY - St. Elizabeth Shelter meal donation for March 2 that Holy Trinity will provide:

-Chicken casserole (\*recipe specific, found online htavon.org, under parish life, scroll down to outreach/support groups)

-Cooked mixed vegetables -Salad -Dessert

Please package your meal donation in a spill-proof container for transportation. Please deliver donated meal items between 3—3:30 p.m. to the church parking lot.

**Future Leaders in the Making** Our 8th-grade students are proudly showing off their high school spirit after recently receiving their acceptance letters!



As they prepare for the next chapter of their academic journey, we celebrate their hard work, accomplishments, and bright futures ahead. We are proud of each of them and excited to see the impact

**Congratulations** to our 8th grade girls' basketball team on winning the Tier II Championship! Their hard work, dedication, and teamwork throughout the season led them to this well-deserved victory. We are so proud of their perseverance and sportsmanship both on and off the court.

A big shoutout as well to our 7th grade girls' team, who finished as runners-up in their division! They played with determination and heart, and we know their future is bright.

# Time † Talent † Treasure



January 26, 2025.....\$7,852.00 January Faith Direct....\$29,341.22 February 2, 2025.....\$8,245.20 February 9, 2025.....\$7,204.00 February 16, 2025.....\$5,895.01



8th grade girls basketball team and coaches raise their CYO Championship trophy.





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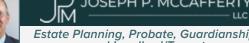


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