

February 18, 2018
First Sunday of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS

First Sunday of Lent
Saturday, February 17, 2018
4:30 pm – Mary Klasa

Ralph & Jean Kordel

Sunday, February 18, 2018

8:00 am – Leon Mitterer
10:00 am – Rose & Andrew Samuto
12:00 noon – Theresa Ricco

*Dorothy Mitterer
The Samuto Family
Mindy & Dave McCall*

Monday, February 19, 2018

7:30 am – Fred Beck

Theresa Speelberg

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

7:30 am – Lillian & Stephen Nagy

The Nagy Daughters

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

7:30 am – Brittany Littlejohn

Cheryl Zagar

Thursday, February 22, 2018

7:30 am – Leonard Kowalczyk

Theresa Kowalczyk

Friday, February 23, 2018

7:30 am – Harry Jerson
9:20 am – John Garrity & Katie McDannell

*Judy Jerson
Barbara Garrity*

Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday, February 24, 2018
4:30 pm – Bill Waitinas

Pam Waitinas

Sunday, February 25, 2018

8:00 am – Maggie Ritondaro
10:00 am – Robert Kozney
12:00 noon – dec'd members of the Dawson, Jurek & Haugh Families

*John Ritondaro
Terry Speelberg
The Dawson Family*



Stephanie Ambrogio
Walter Anderson
Karen Baptie
Helen Barto
Jules Berry
Gia Biondo
Agnes Blackley
Kevin Bonko
Louise Borawski
John Bowyer
Katy Brent
Carol Browne
David Browne, Sr.
Jacob Brunton
Barbara Cahill
Christine Calabro
Doug Campbell
Jim Carlson
Rose Casillo
Linda Clapacs
Nathan Cole
Ann Marie Costa
Baby Crum
Sharon Davis
Mindy DeMent
Ann Marie DiBlasi
Edward Divincenzo
Ed Ferrall
John Ferrara
Jeff Foster
Mike Foster
Denise Friend
Eleanor Gale
Norman Galloway
Ralph Geraci
Rudy Gerlica

Christopher Gilbey
Matthew Gleeson
Lisa Goodall
Nancy Hart
Bill Henry
Phil Hlabse
Justin Hostutler
Lillian Hruska
Linda Ippolito
Lynne Johnson
Carl Kangas
Norma Kangas
Donna Kinney
Thomas Kirchner
Donald Kocies
Fred Koizumazi
Gary Kolesar
Jeanne Kubrin
Tom Lampman
George Lanstrum
Rita Lavrich
Dave Layman
Nicholas LeBlanc
Betsy LeBlanc
Carol Machi
Barbara Malise
Mary Malloy
Michael Malone
Pete Mancuso
Sr. Joretta Marie
Mary Ellen Martin
Nancy McCauley
Jack McMeecham
Thomas McNulty
Joe Meyers
Eugene Milliron
Annette Moore
Skip Murray
Rose Napalo
Ruthann Olp
Diane Oriani
Frank Penavic
Dave Peterson

Antoinette Primozi
Thomas Quinn
Richard Rakovan
Brady Reynolds
Fran Reynolds
Rosalie Robichaud
Sandy Rockafellow
Dahlia Sak
Bob Schneider
Cathy Schonauer
Albert Serafini
Mary Seuffer
Lillian Shieff
Mark Shoag
Tom Smith
Mark Spluvak
Anthony Staraitis
Walter Staraitis
Tom Starr
Nathaniel Stolle
Merrill Stukbauer
Raymond Sulak
Dennis Susman
Rick Swenders
Mark Taddie
Anita Triozzi
Kenneth Udovic
Chantel Vargo
Cristol Vecchio
Ned VonLindern
Lauren Watts
Charlotte Whiting
John Carter Wolf
Colbie Wolf
Edilio Zamora
Barbara Zingale

Additions or Deletions please contact the Parish Office at 285-7051.

Meetings this Week

Mon. 2/19	Prayer Group	9:30 a.m.	CR
	50+ Social	12:00 p.m.	ABC
	RCIA	6:30 p.m.	HR
	Parish Council Mtg.	6:30 p.m.	FR
Tues. 2/20	Weight Watchers	5:00 p.m.	ABC
	12 step Mtg.	6:00 p.m.	CR
	Linedance	6:00 p.m.	Caf.
	Soulcore	7:00 p.m.	HR
	First Communion Parent Mtg. Knights of Columbus	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	BR Ch, ABC
Wed. 2/21	Bible Study	9:00 a.m.	CR
	PTU Mtg.	6:00 p.m.	SL
	Mission Partnership	7:00 p.m.	HR
Thurs. 2/22	Community Supper	5:00 p.m.	Caf.
	Soulcore	5:30 p.m.	HR
	Catechist Training	6:00 p.m.	BR
	Boy Scouts	7:30 p.m.	ABC
Fri. 2/23	Fish Fry	4:00 p.m.	BR, Caf., ABC
	Video Group	7:00 p.m.	CR
Sat. 2/24	Life Teen	5:00 p.m.	ABC, Ch
	Chardon Baseball Fundraiser	6:30 p.m.	BR
Sun. 2/25	Youth Life Nights	6:00 p.m.	ABC /Caf.
	PSR 6-8 gr.	6:30 p.m.	Clrms, SL, Caf.

Weekly Collection

RSC Sunday, February 11, 2018 (\$15,266.26 (379 donors))

Weekly Budget	\$19,000.00
Weekly Contributions	\$1,147.00 (32donors)
SVDP	\$26.00
Children's Envelopes	\$3.00
Adopt-A-Student	\$10.00



St. Mary's Knights of Columbus will host a Rosary, Feb. 20 in the chapel at 7:00 p.m. Please join our Knights in prayer to our Holy Mother.

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

Lent 2018 is upon us. Our spiritual journey through this holy season began last Wednesday with the observance of Ash Wednesday, a day of fasting and abstinence. This Sunday is the First Sunday of Lent. The first reading from the Book of Genesis speaks to us of the covenant between God and Noah. Never again will all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood. The sign of this covenant will be the bow in the clouds.

The first letter of St. Peter tells us that the water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves us now. Mark's Gospel takes us to the desert where Satan unsuccessfully tempted Our Lord. Jesus then begins his public ministry. He says, "This is the time for fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel (Mark 1:12-15)."

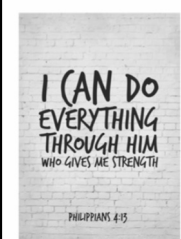
Those words of our Lord are as true today as they were 2,000 years ago. This is the time to repent. This is the time to believe in the gospel. Lent reminds us that we must believe in the entire gospel. Indeed, forgiveness, love and mercy are essential aspects of the gospel message. At the same time, the reality of sin, the need for repentance and the judgement of God must never be overlooked or dismissed. They too comprise essential elements of the gospel.

When our Lord tells us that we should not judge, He is simply stating the truth. We cannot and should not judge the state of a person's soul or judge them as good or evil. It is morally wrong to do so and we are not qualified. Only God can see into a person's soul. We are all sinners in need of God's forgiveness. What we can do is hate the sinful action itself. Certain actions are objectively wrong and sinful. Hating the sin but loving the sinner is the Christian way. If we offer fraternal correction to another, it is to be done out of love for that person. We want what is best for their soul, as all that we do has eternal ramifications. There is heaven, there is purgatory and there is hell. Likewise, if we receive a genuine correction from another, we should be grateful for their concern.

"Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that He might lead you to God (1 Peter 3:18-ff)." Let's allow the Lord's grace to heal us in this Lenten season through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Let's avail ourselves of the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation if we have not done so for some time. I would also invite you join us for weekday Mass (along with regular participation in Sunday Mass). Please join us for the Stations of the Cross each Friday evening during Lent at 7:00 p.m.

God bless you.

Fr. Dan Redmond



Listen to the Word

As Lent approaches, you may want to spend time listening to the Daily or Sunday readings.

You can hear a wonderful live reading of the daily scripture readings here –

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings-audio.cfm>

Enjoy !!!

MEN! - The end of February approaches and brings with it our monthly **Men on a Journey!** prayer and discussion group. Please join us on **Saturday February 24th at 7:00am at St. Mary Chardon** as men support men on our journey of faith.

Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact Gary Burling: gt2784@roadrunner.com.



Life Nights are every Sunday and they begin at 6:00 pm and end by 8:15 pm. We have a full semester planned of Life Nights and Spirit Days planning. Also, speaking of Spirit Days, Life Teen is gearing up for Spirit Days, which is the confirmation retreat for the 8th graders who will be making their confirmation. Spirit Days is Saturday March 3rd and Sunday March 4th, therefore, please keep the 8th graders in your prayers.

Also, if anyone has any questions about Life Teen, donating food gift cards or donating a meal to assist with food every week, please contact us at lifeteen@stmarychardon.org. Lastly, since we have entered into the season of Lent, let us reflect on the love that Christ has for each and every one of us, no matter how difficult things become. We are all his children and he wants all of us to be reminded that we are loved by him.



Help with our Junior High STEM project

The junior high is in need of over 1500 empty and rinsed 2-liter bottles. There will be a large container in the gathering space for the 2-liter to be collected. Thank you for your support.

Kids Lent Event "Igniting the Light of Christ" March 5, 6, 7

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the Parish Lent Mission and Kids Lent Event! Several adult and teen volunteers are needed to help make the program a success! Please contact Judi Parker if you can help on one or more of the nights. jparker@stmarychardon.org



PRO-LIFE: 40 Days For Life seeks God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, thus bringing an end to abortion in America. Forty Days for Life has started. Please consider prayer and sacrifice to bring an end to the atrocity of abortion.

Community Supper: Thursday, February 22 from 5-7 p.m.



in the Cafeteria. Come for fellowship and a hot meal. Community Suppers are open to everyone in the community on the last Thursday of the month. The menu is Chef's Choice. The Girl Scouts will be serving. Please make reservations

by Tuesday, February 20 by calling the Parish Office, 440-285-7051. When making your reservation no names will be taken only the number of people being served. A Free Will offering is accepted from those who can contribute. If your parish organization would like to help out by serving at a future Community Supper and providing a dessert, please contact the Parish Office, 285-7051.



Prayer Shawl will meet directly after the **noon mass in the Community Room on Sunday, February 18th.**



Over the years individuals have been ministering to the needs of the Catholic residents in four health care facilities right here in Chardon. Each week they do a communion service for the Catholic residents. We are currently in need of more Eucharistic ministers to help in this ministry. If you are a Eucharistic minister or someone you know could volunteer to assist, just one day each month it would ease the burden for those who are currently involved in this ministry. It would only require about 2 hours of your time each month.

If you can assist please contact **Deacon Larry at 440-285-7051 ext. 21 or contact me at Lboehnlein@stmarychardon.org** .

Empty Nesters~ It's time for Corn beef and cabbage!



Please join us in the cafeteria on **Saturday, March 17 after the 4:30 Mass for our annual St. Patty's Day Party.** We are in need of about 8 people to volunteer to bring the

Corned beef, potatoes, carrots and cabbage. (You will be reimbursed for you cost, just bring your receipts the night of the party. The cost is \$5.00 for non-members. Beverages will be provided.

Reservations are required, please RSVP to Linda Lakatosh at 440-279-3709 or Peggy Soucek at 440-724-1866.



50+ Club—Pizza Party ~ February 19th ~ 12 Noon ~ ABC Room.

Pizza & Salad will be served. "Come & Enjoy". Bring a dessert and a raffle prize. Questions?? Call Delores at 440-286-9836.



AM 1260 The Rock, WCCR Cleveland, invites you to an

open house on Thursday, February 22nd from 2-5 PM to celebrate the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, the patron of the station. Stop in any time between 2 and 5 PM for light refreshments, tours and prizes, and to meet, staff, board, volunteers and other listeners of AM 1260 The Rock. 145 Ken Mar Industrial Parkway, Broadview Hts., OH. (216)277-1260 ~ am1260therock.com

Attention! Our monthly Avila Holy Hour will be this Wednesday, February 21st, immediately following the 7:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet and Litany. Please join us in praying for our priests and religious. Any questions call Mike Kawalec at 440-226-9187.



Please pray for our Confirmation and First Communion Candidates. Select the name of a candidate from the basket in the gathering space and pray for them as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation.





St. Mary's Fish Fry
Fridays in Lent 4:30-7:00pm
Feb. 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23



All Proceeds Benefit St. Mary's School "Adopt a Student" Tuition Assistance Fund

Tradition

Community

Fellowship

Support

Spirit

Information:
Mike Boehnlein
440-286-8879

All You Can Eat Buffet

St. Mary's Banquet Room

Pricing for Dine In Guests

Adults \$13 Children 6-12: \$6, Age 5 and under eat free!

Dine In Menu Includes:

Beer Battered Cod, Baked Cod, Breaded Shrimp,
 Homemade Clam Chowder, Weekly Soup Special, Green
 Beans, Pizza, French Fries,
 Baked Macaroni and Cheese, Pierogies, Salad Bar,
 Cabbage and Noodles, Rolls, Soft Drinks,
 A la Carte Homemade Dessert Table (additional \$1)

Carryout Pricing

Adult Dinner: \$12, Children 6-12: \$5

Includes: Entre and Sides, 1 Salad Bar Item, Roll and Butter
 Children age 5 and under pick 2 items free!

*Share with
 your
 Community:*

*Donate to
 "The Loaves
 and Fish
 Fund"
 Lenten meals
 for those who
 can least
 afford it.*

Desserts for the Fish Fry

The wonderful desserts that are a part of the Lenten Fish Fries have always come courtesy of the parishioners of St. Mary. Once again, we are asking the parishioners to donate a dessert to one of the Fish Fries during Lent. The listing is setup according to first letter of each parishioner last name:



Last Name ~ A to I (March 9)
 Last Name ~ J to Q (Feb. 23—March 16)
 Last Name ~ R to Z (March 2—March 23)



Desserts can be dropped off in the cafeteria after school or by 4:00 p.m. on the one of the days listed for the your last name. Please put your name and phone number on any dishes that may come with the desserts so that they can be returned to you.

Thank you in advance for contributing something delicious to this year's Lenten Fish Fries.

Dear Women of the Parish, Family, and Friends,

Please join the St. Mary Women of the Well Ministry at a Lent Reflection Day.

Surrender

Speakers
Table discussion
Personal reflection
time



Group prayer
Adoration
Mass

Saturday, March 10, 2018 11:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. MASS

St. Mary Banquet Room, 401 North Street Chardon OH 44024

Lunch will be provided.

There is no fee, but we will have a free will offering. Thank you!

Please bring a sweater or sweatshirt for layers, and anything you would like to have for Adoration time, such as a rosary or Bible.

These items will be gratefully accepted for St. Vincent de Paul: cake, cookie, or brownie mix, Bisquick, syrup, peanut butter, jelly, canned meat (no tuna), Easter paper products. Thank you.

For any questions, please contact Christine Kolonko at (440)867-3556.

Registration deadline is March 1.



KEEP TOP HALF -----



PLEASE **PRINT** & TURN IN:

Name: _____

Cell #: _____ Home #: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Any special dietary needs: _____

PRINT emergency contact NAME and PHONE:

_____ I am willing to be a table leader, if needed, & will receive instructions by email.

Please submit the bottom half by **Mar. 1** to the display or the Parish Office, or mail to:
St. Mary Church, 401 North St. Chardon, Ohio 44024. Note "WOW Lent Day" on the envelope. Thank you.

Community News

Lenten Day of Prayer at *Bethany Retreat Center—Embracing Trust*

How difficult it is to put our whole trust in God! Many times we want to choose the immediate, the tangible, the seen rather than trust completely in God whose wisdom and providence see far beyond our vision. We are invited to embrace the call to trust.

2 CD Lectures by Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI with Time for Reflection and Sharing. Facilitated by Sr. M, Jeanette Brown, SND. **Saturday, March 3, 2018 from 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.** Register with Sr. Jennifer Kramer by February 17, 2017. 440-279-1143 or jkramer@ndec.org. Suggested Donation: \$25.00 (includes lunch).

CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SISTERS

National Catholic Sisters Week, March 8-14, is a celebration of the lives and legacies of women religious who have dedicated their efforts to bring the Good News to those they serve. Please join the Sisters of the Cleveland Diocese in the local celebration on **Saturday, March 10th from 1-4 pm at Magnificat High School**. For more information or to register, go to Eventbrite.com and click on Celebrate Catholic Sisters. You can also contact Sr. Kate Hine, SND at khine@ndec.org or call 440-476-6094.



The American Heritage Girls Troops OH0433 and OH0818 would like to thank you for your help in supporting our Shoe Drive. Because of your

generosity and donations, we collected over 3,550 pairs of shoes! Your donations will go on to help those in need in developing countries. Once again, Thank You! Interested in joining? Go to www.americanheritagegirls.org and Find Troop OH0818 at St. Helen's.



ATTENTION ENGAGED COUPLES

St. Helen is offering a Pre Cana Day for couples planning to marry this year or in the near future on Saturday, March 24, 2018 at St. Edward parish in Parkman, Ohio.

This is an excellent way to begin your marriage preparation, beyond all the

sometimes overwhelming details of planning a wedding. Registration forms are on the Parish website St.Helen.com Deadline for registration in March 1st. Registration is limited so we encourage early registration.

Please consider joining other engaged couples who are planning their sacrament of marriage at our Pre Cana Day.

Special pilgrimage In the Footsteps of Paul the Apostle featuring a 3 night Greek Islands & Turkey Cruise. Dates of travel Sept. 19-29, 2018 from Cleveland Hopkins Airport with Bus pick up at both St. Helen's Newbury and St. Anselm Chesterland, Ohio. Spiritual direction by Fr. Jay McPhillips and Fr. Steve Spisak. Call Jim Adair at The Catholic Tour in Newbury for brochures and further information or simply check in the entrance to both Churches for Brochures.

Pilgrimage will be visiting: Athens, Pireus, Kalabaka, Philippi, Kavala, Thessalonki, Corinth in Greece, and Kusadasi (Ephesus) in Turkey, and the Greek Islands of Patmos, Heraklion, Santorini, and Mykonos.

Call Mr. James Adair at 1-855-564-1008 toll free or simply e-mail jimadair@thecatholictour.com

M*A*S*H

You are cordially invited to Benedictine High School's performance of M*A*S*H!

When: February 23rd at 7:00 p.m. and February 25th at 2:00 p.m.

Where: Benedictine's Father Timothy Buyansky Auditorium

Ticket Information: \$4 for Benedictine students and \$6 for everyone else.

VETERANS GET IN FOR FREE!

Email: Mrs. Mihalik at mihalik@cbhs.edu

Holy Land Gifts: will be here at **St. Mary Parish the weekend of March 3rd and 4th**. They will be

displaying handmade, hand-carved articles for sale. These include nativity scenes, crucifixes, rosaries, the last supper and many other beautiful religious articles. Because of the conflict in the region, many Christian families in Bethlehem are struggling to make ends meet. Holy Land Gifts represents over 100 Christian families who make a living selling traditional olive wood handicrafts and religious articles. When you purchase one of these beautiful gifts, you are helping artisans in the Holy Land provide for their families and live and work with dignity. This is critical, given the tension and oppression they experience in that region.

Please support this project to keep Christians present in the Holy Land, the birth place of Our Lord Jesus Christ.



An employment opening for administrative support in the office at All Souls Cemetery is currently available. Stop by the Parish Office for a Job Description. If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to contact Maria at All Souls Cemetery at 216-641-7575, ext. 4.

**Volunteers Needed
Father Michael Wittman Ozanam Center**

The Father Michael Wittman Ozanam Center is one of several food and clothing distribution sites operated by the St. Vincent de Paul Society of the Cleveland Diocese. The Center is located on the campus of St. Philomena Church in East Cleveland, Ohio. Its address is 13824 Euclid Avenue, just east of Eddy Road. St. Philomena Church is part of Communion of Saints Parish, a parish that also includes St. Ann Church.

The Center, founded in 2006, shortly after the death of Father Michael Wittman, who gave approval to establishing this ministry, has operated continuously for twelve years. Open for serving the poor every Saturday for three hours (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.), the Center's two primary purposes are to provide the needy of East Cleveland and surrounding zip codes with food and clothing assistance.

The Church of St. Mary, Chardon, has been one of the Center's participating parishes since its founding. At any given time, about fifteen parishes are involved. Each year, our parish is assigned ten Saturdays (once about every four weeks) and is expected to provide volunteer teams of six to ten people to assist on these dates.

The volunteer duties include the sorting of food items, the packing of food bags, the sorting and hanging of clothing items, and the distribution of food and clothing to the needy who come to the Center. More than one hundred households are served on average Saturday, with larger numbers around holidays. Most of the food is acquired (most often purchased) from the Cleveland Food Bank. All of the clothing is donated by individuals, groups, and parishes.

The personal commitment for a volunteer is generally two to four Saturdays per year, with each day involving about a five-hour commitment, including the commuting time. Volunteers frequently car-pool from our parish. To be involved in this ministry, you must be willing to step out of your normal comfort zone and deal with people who are significantly less fortunate than yourself and who are likely confronting issues that you are not required to face. The ministry provides a powerful means for parents to expose their families to service of others who are less fortunate. Under the supervision of their parents, age-appropriate youngsters are welcome to become volunteers.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer and receiving the 2018 schedule of volunteer days for our parish, please contact Bill Jackson at 440-285-9462. Volunteer teams are formed shortly before each day on which the parish is scheduled, based on availability and willingness to serve.

Women's Retreat:

Unleashing your God-given Goodness

Monday, March 12, 2018, 8 am- 2 pm, Notre Dame Education Center

Join us and other women of faith as Sr. Lisa Novak, SND leads a day of reflection for women, "Unleashing Your God-Given Goodness." Discover the forces God created within us to help us serve Him more fully. Retreat day will be filled with



Introduce your family with a new culture; find out what it is like to become a host family. Invite an exchange student into your home.

AFS intercultural programs. Afsusa.org. * 1-800 AFS info or Katie at 440-477-0940.

The Heart of Jesus Retreat - 2018—March 3rd and 4th—St. Helen's, Newbury.

Psalm 37:5 "Commit your way to the Lord. Trust in Him and He will act."

Are you ready to (re)commit yourself to the Lord? If so, the Heart of Jesus Retreat - 2018 is the perfect place to start. Open to adults 18 years and older, join us for this parish-wide, weekend experience as we grow closer to our Lord. The day-and-a-half retreat is a series of new talks and witnesses focused on developing an intimate relationship with Jesus. This year we are seeking His heart on topics including blessings and curses, fear, anger, the power of the Holy Spirit, and angels.

Registration forms can be found on the parish website. Any questions, please call Ben Miraglia at 440-477-0164 or Kim Steigerwald at 440-463-4806. You can also email us at heartofjesus@sthelen.com