

February 25, 2018
Second Sunday of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS
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 Kozsey
12:00 noon – dec'd members of the Dawson, Jurek & Haugh Families

John Ritondaro
Terry Speelberg
The Dawson Family

Monday, February 26, 2018
7:30 am – Robert Amstadt

Mark & Rene Plent

Tuesday, February 27, 2018
7:30 am – Rose Janson

The Janson Family

Wednesday, February 28, 2018
7:30 am – Rosemary Malley
5:00 pm to 8:00 pm – Evening of Confessions

Tom & Judy Benda

Thursday, March 1, 2018
7:30 am – Wilmer Lynn

Francine Lynn

Friday, March 2, 2018
7:30 am – Dominic Kaveliski
9:20 am – Charles Basler
7:00 pm – Stations of the Cross

Judy Jerson
The Hochdorfer Family

Third Sunday of Lent
Saturday, March 3, 2018
4:30 pm – Mathilde Seifried

The Papson Family

Sunday, March 4, 2018
8:00 am – Lee Eiermann
10:00 am – Rose Samuto
12:00 noon – Donald Plocica

Lillian Eiermann
The Samuto Family
Liz & Paul Couter

Meetings this Week

Day	Activity	Time	CR
Mon. 2/26	Prayer Group	9:30 a.m.	CR
	PSR Gr. 1-5	6:15 p.m.	Clsm,SL,Caf.,ABC
	First Communion Make-up Parent	6:30 p.m.	ABC
	RCIA	6:30 p.m.	HR
Tues. 2/27	Weight Watchers	5:00 p.m.	ABC
	12 step Mtg.	6:00 p.m.	CR
	Linedance	6:00 p.m.	Caf.
	Men's Bible Study	7:00 p.m.	ABC
	Lifeteen	7:00 p.m.	SL
	Soulcore	7:00 p.m.	HR
Be My Witness	7:00 p.m.	BR	
Wed. 2/28	Bible Study	9:00 a.m.	CR
	PER Inc.	9:00 a.m.	BR
	SVDP	7:00 p.m.	CR
Thurs. 3/1	Pinochle Club	6:00 p.m.	FR
	WOW Lent team	7:15 p.m.	HR
	Boy Scouts	7:30 p.m.	ABC
Fri. 3/2	Fish Fry	4:00 p.m.	BR,Caf.,ABC
	Video Group	7:00 p.m.	CR
Sat. 3/3	Blood Pressure Screening	5:30 p.m.	HR
Sun. 3/4	Blood Pressure Screening	9:00 a.m.	HR
	Youth Life Nights	6:00 p.m.	ABC/Caf.
	PSR 6-8 gr.	6:30 p.m.	Clrms,SL,Caf.



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
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. Joesetta 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.

MEN! - Ready for ACT 2? Men on a Journey! - Bible Study Edition continues our study of the book of ACTS. We will meet on Monday February 26 at 7:00pm at St. Mary, Chardon where we will dive into the 2nd chapter of ACTS. Hope you can join us - it is amazing to learn so much more about the Bible!

Pray for those whom have died.
Caterina Ujcich, mother of Anna Piscitelli



Friendship Breakfast will be held next Sunday, March 4 following the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses. Please join us for coffee, juice, donuts and fellowship.

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

“God put Abraham to the test.” These are the opening words of the First Reading for the Second Sunday of Lent this week (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18). God asks Abraham to offer his son Isaac as a holocaust on a height in the land of Moriah. Isaac was his only son and he loved him very much. While Abraham is willing to obey God, God stops Abraham from harming Isaac. Abraham’s obedience to God is rewarded with promises from God to make Abraham’s descendants “as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore.”

The Gospel reading (Mark 9:2-10) takes us to the mountain of the Transfiguration. Here, Peter, James and John see Our Blessed Lord transfigured in glory. A voice comes from a cloud and says, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” God the Father would give us his only Son as the perfect Lamb of sacrifice who would pay the penalty for our sins and, hence, reconcile us to the Father.

God will never be outdone in generosity. We encounter God both in the mountaintop experiences of life and in the valleys and plains of everyday living. As St. Paul tells us in his letter to the Romans, “God...did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all (cf. Romans 8:31b-34).”

As we continue our Lenten journey, we do well to pray for generous hearts. Generosity takes many forms, just as the giving of time, talent and treasure can take many forms. Taking the time to really listen to someone or volunteering to serve others can be ways that we can allow the light of Christ to shine through us. Those who give cheerfully and lovingly are themselves blessed in the act of giving.

God bless you.

Fr. Dan Redmond



Congratulations to the winners of St. Mary's Free Throw Basketball Contest. Sponsored by St. Mary's Knights of Columbus—Council #15942.

Mission

Don't miss **St. Mary's Lenten Mission: Igniting the Light of Christ Within You** on March 5, 6, 7. Our presenter, Paul Koleske, is a Catholic inspirational musician and composer. We begin on March 5th with dinner at 5:30 pm in the Banquet Room with the presentation immediately following at 6:15 as the children leave to attend the kid's Mission. Let the Holy Spirit minister to you during this moving mission with Paul Koleske!

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 your cost, just bring your receipts the night of the party. Please bring a dessert or appetizer. Beverages will be provided. The cost is \$5.00 for non-members.

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

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

We are in need of **bakery and snack type foods** for the evenings following the mission presentations on March 5,6,7. Please bring your goodies to the Hospitality Room or the Banquet Room. For additional information please call Mike Boehnlein at 440-286-8879. Thank you for your generosity.



Any woman who has felt the baby stir inside her and any man who has seen that tiny heart pulsing on an ultrasound screen, knows that abortion is about ending a life. Please continue to pray for an end to the atrocity of abortion.

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.

Please join the **St. Mary Women of the Well Ministry at a Lent Reflection Day: Saturday, March 10, 2018 11:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. MASS.**

We will be challenged and encouraged by speakers, including our pastor, Fr. Dan Redmond, and through table discussion. We will contemplate our experiences and foster spiritual growth in personal reflection time. In group prayer, Adoration, and Mass, we will support each other as we strive to more fully surrender ourselves to the Lord on our Lenten journey. 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. Also, 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.

The registration deadline is March 1. Forms are in the bulletin, at www.stmarychardon.org and in the Gathering Space. We have been praying for you and hope that you will join us!



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.

Thank you for supporting Life Teen and we wish all of you a prayerful Lenten season! Sincerely, Sherry and Chris Loxterman and the entire Core Team.



Attention all Bakers: We need small baked items for the Confirmation reception Monday, March 12. Please label donations "Confirmation" and bring it to the Hospitality Room on Sunday, March 11. Thank you for

your generosity!

We also need a few people to help set up, serve, and clean-up for the reception. Please contact the PSR office at 286-6531 or psroffice@stmarychardon.org if you would be able to help make this a special day for our Confirmandi.



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.



St. Mary's Fish Fry
Fridays in Lent 4:30-7:00pm
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: Entree 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 (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.

Community News

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.



Pre-Cana

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.

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 prayerful reflection, input sessions, sharing, and personal quiet time. A continental breakfast and lunch are provided. \$20/pp.
Register by March 5, 2018. Questions, please contact Sr. Carol Marek, SND at 440.279.1183.

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.



St. Jerome is preparing for their Centennial Celebration. We are trying to contact all alumni of the parish and school. If you are one of them could you please update your contact information by emailing saintjerome100@gmail.com or

calling 216-481-8200. We are planning a number of events and reunions between September 30th 2018 (the feast of St. Jerome) and September 29, 2019. We would love to see you!

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

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 handcrafts 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.



Growing Through Grief Bereavement Support Program.

Have you been grieving for a year or longer and still don't feel like your coping any better? Do you feel like you are walking alone and no one understands what you are feeling? If the answer is yes, please join us! This program offers suggestions for working through the stages of grief and finding ways to continue on. It provides an opportunity to share your thoughts and feelings in an environment of understanding and empathy. These sessions will be Tues. evenings, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3 and 10. They will be held at St. Gabriel's Parish in the Religious Education Office in the school from 7:00 –8:30 p.m. You do not have to attend all sessions. For more information, please call Eileen at 440-244-1447.



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.

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

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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!

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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.