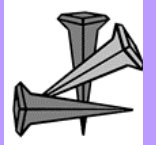


SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS

FEBRUARY 25, 2024



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PASTORAL STAFF

Reverend Luigi C. Miola, Pastor
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 Miss Julie Bell, Receptionist

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday 7:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m.
 Sunday 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
 Holy Days 7:30 a.m., Noon & 6:30 p.m.
 Mon. - Sat. 7:30 a.m.
 Mon. - Tue. - Wed. 6:30 p.m.
 Holidays Consult Bulletin

ROSARY

Monday at 6:00 pm.
 Monday through Saturday 8:00 a.m.

VESPERS

Tuesday and Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.

DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART-First Friday 8:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday: Before First Friday between the Masses.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We ask that parents attend a Baptism Preparation Program before a child's baptism. Arrangements may be made through the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements should be made through the Parish Office at least six months before the wedding date.

HOME VISITATION AND ANOINTING

Arrangements for Holy Communion and the Anointing of the Sick to the homebound can be made through the Parish Office. Please let us know when a family member is hospitalized or enters a nursing home.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

The RCIA welcomes all adults or teens who are non-baptized, baptized non-Catholics, or Catholics not yet fully initiated who desire to enter the Catholic Church. Please contact the Parish Office.

NEW PARISHIONERS AND REGISTRATION

Please call the Parish Office when moving into the parish.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

24 Hours a Day. Please call the Parish Office for scheduling details.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

Mondays from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 (September through May)
 Mrs. Roberta Bugaj, Sacramental Coordinator
 PSR Principal (216) 475-4300

ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Our school provides Catholic education for students Gr. 1-8.
 Mrs. Lisa Oriti, School Principal 216-662-9380
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 Saint Benedict Catholic School- <https://st.benedictohio.org>

ST. BENEDICT EARLY CENTER

Our school provides Catholic education for preschool and kindergarten.
 14600 Turney Rd., Maple Hts., Ohio 216-475-3633

Today's Scripture: Abraham offers the ultimate sacrifice of thanksgiving, the gift of his very son. This sacrifice prefigures the sacrifice of Jesus who died for us all. In his transfiguration, Jesus discloses a suffering messiahship.

MASS INTENTIONS:

SATURDAY: FEBRUARY 24 LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:30 am Steve & Ann Anielski (Julie)
4:30 pm Lois Zimmerman (Ken Zimmerman)

SUNDAY: FEBRUARY 25 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 am For The People
11:00 am Anthony & Josephine Russo and Edward & Elizabeth Baroni (James & Marianna Baroni)

MONDAY: FEBRUARY 26 LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:30 am Dawn Defeo (John C McElhone)
6:30 pm Zolar Family (The March Family)

**TUESDAY: FEBRUARY 27 LENTEN WEEKDAY
SAINT GREGORY OF NAREK, ABBOT, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

7:30 am For The Intentions Of Isabel & Jeff Pohto (Family)
6:30 pm Joseph Blaha (Family)

WEDNESDAY: FEBRUARY 28 LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:30 am Dorothy Janosik (Family)
6:30 pm Patricia Kuenzel and Norm & Chuck Dusek (The March Family)

THURSDAY: FEBRUARY 29 LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:30 am Dolores Machen (Denise & Bob)

FRIDAY: MARCH 1 FRIDAY LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:30 am Angela & Giuseppe Siracusa (Family)

SATURDAY: MARCH 2 LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:30 am Jean Marie Dolezal (Paul & Valerie Battistone)
4:30 pm Jane Chuppa (Family)

SUNDAY: MARCH 3 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 am John Zimmerman (Ken Zimmerman)
11:00 am For The People

When was the last time you were told...

You are Forgiven!

You are invited to an: **Evening of Confession.** EVERY Catholic church in the Diocese of Cleveland will be OPEN for the sacrament of reconciliation. **Wednesday, Feb. 28, 5-8 pm.** *Open the door in 2024!*

Martineers: **Attention All Seniors**

The Martineers **WILL NOT** be meeting in **January or February** due to unpredictable weather during those months. We will resume meeting in March!

Parish Collection February 18, 2024

Sunday Envelopes	\$4,184.00
Repair and Maintenance	\$ 300.00
Cloak Fund	\$ 383.00
Utilities	\$ 230.00
Donations	\$1,035.00
Candles	\$ 112.09
Eastern European	\$ 158.00
Black/Native Missions	\$ 151.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 10.00
Parish Life	\$1,000.00

PLEASE PRAY: Please keep in your prayers the sick and the homebound of our parish: Marissa, Patrice Adams, Mary Ann Anselmo, Joyce Armstrong, Kathi Bayun, Gaylene Bielawski, Lisa Bielawski, Margaret Blaha, Helen Blasko, Mary Ann Blatnik, Sue Boyne, Judith Carr, Robert Carr, Kathy Carrabine, Alexis Cerio, Christie Cerio, Drew Chernisky, Paul Cramer, Kevin Deka, Roger DiPenti, Judi Filisko, Jeff Fossa, Bob Frey, Bob Gerber, Frank Gerber, Loretta Gerber, Mark Gerber, Danny Goins, Lorenzo Gramuglia, Grant family, Ed Hall, Virginia Harley, Alicia Hernandez, Carla Hernandez, Gilbert Hernandez, Robert Hernandez, Christine Hexter, Bob Hrovat, Danny Houlahan, Dick Hovan, Anthony Hrich, Helen Husky, Virginia Jannazo, John Klamar, Emily Kondash, Cynthia Konopa, Jeffrey Ksiazka, Nina Kucinic, Nicole Kukoleck, Sean Kukoleck, Ronald Lewayne, Fred Lisy, Patty Lisy, Diana Markosky, John McDonald, Alexis McElhone, Denise Mummery, Judith Nagorski, James Neitzel, Cameron North, Jim Obley, Sr., Denis Osowski, Marilyn Palko, Margit Papay, Jim Piskura, Jessica Provateare, Dan Remar, Irene Remar, Betty Rembowski, Cortney Ruggeri, Jonathan Sedor, Daniel Sholz, Edwina Stefanski, Janet S., Betty Takitch, Petar Tokic, Jean Toth, Gerald Towalski, Jeffrey Virzi, John Virzi, Frances Yartz.

Please Pray for Our Most Recently Deceased:

William Holl
Kenneth Gajda
Tim Greenfelder

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace, Amen.



Stations of the Cross
will be Fridays during Lent in the church starting at 7:00 pm

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

Sat: February 24	7:30 am Mass 8:00 am Rosary 3:00 pm Confessions 4:30 pm Mass—St. Benedict Hospitality 6:00 pm Vigil for Peace in Ukraine at Cath. of St. John the Evangelist (1007 Superior Ave., Cleveland)
Sun: February 25	9:00 am Mass—Coffee & Donuts. St. Benedict Hospitality 11:00 am Mass—St. Benedict Hospitality
Mon: February 26	7:30 am Mass 8:00 am Rosary 6:00 pm Rosary 6:30 pm Mass— PSR Mass for Grades 4 & 5. Following Mass, Parish Communal Penance Service
Tues: February 27	7:30 am Mass 8:00 am Rosary 6:15 pm Evening Prayer (Vespers) 6:30 pm Mass
Wed: February 28	7:30 am Mass 8:00 am Rosary *5:00-8:00 pm Evening of Confession (Every Catholic Church Open for Reconciliation) 6:00 pm Rosary for Healing 6:15 pm Evening Prayer (Vespers) 6:30 pm Mass
Thurs: February 29	LEAP DAY 7:30 am Mass 8:00 am Rosary 7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal in the Church
Fri: March 1	7:30 am Mass 8:00 am Rosary 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
Sat: March 2	7:30 am Mass 8:00 am Rosary 3:00 pm Confessions 4:30 pm Mass
Sun: March 3	9:00 am Mass 11:00 am Mass-Anointing of the Sick

Light on the Liturgy

by Ed Francis

2nd Sunday of Lent: United to Christ, the World's Salvation

Today's Readings: <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/022524.cfm>

(continued from last week)

We the adopted children of God; we are God's Chosen People of the New Covenant and members of the Body of Christ. All of this is possible because, through Baptism, we have been joined to Christ in his dying, rising and glorification at the Father's right hand. We have a personal, intimate relationship with Christ, our Lord and brother. Through him, we have the same personal, intimate relationship with God our Father and with the Holy Spirit, our life and inspiration – the relationship that God intended at creation, the relationship that makes us children of God. Jesus has reconciled us to the God who created us.

Our relationship with Christ also unites us with one another as the Body of Christ in a community called Church (*ecclesia*: assembly), commissioned to continue the work of Christ, building the Reign of God, proclaiming the Good News that God's love has overcome the power of sin and evil and has made it possible for us to overcome these tendencies toward sin in our own lives. In this way, we not only demonstrate that sin and evil can be overcome, but we also allow God's love for all people to shine through our lives. It is valid to say that God depends on us to let the world know who God really is.

What this all tells us is that we are saved, redeemed, and made who we are by our relationship with Christ and, through him, with the Trinity – whose very life is a continuous act of love. We are not a people of the Law; St. Paul makes this clear (Rom 6/14; Gal. 3/23-29). We are a people of grace, saved not by what we do, but by the gracious love of God. This does not mean that we are free to do whatever we want. We are a people of "the rule of law." Laws and rules are necessary for the good ordering of society. Laws, especially the New Law proclaimed by Jesus (Mt., chaps. 5 – 7), are meant to guide us to live according to God's Way. However, we Christians witness to God's Way, not by trying to force others to believe and live as we are called to live. Christians have tried that before, and it has always failed (recall the *Inquisition*). We witness to, and proclaim, God's Way by loving God and one another, following the example and teachings of Jesus. (cont. next week)

St. Benedict Early Learning Center

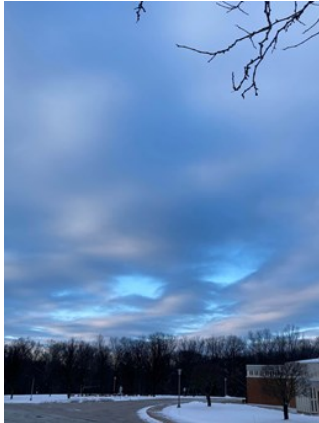
St. Benedict Early Learning Center (located on the campus of St. Martin of Tours Church in Maple Hts.) is looking for a part-time assistant teacher in our daycare. Student ages range from 6-weeks to 3 years of age. Background checks and VIRTUS training will be required prior to start date. Interested candidates please submit a resume and contact information for three references. Please contact Mrs. Malone at: cmalone@stbenedictohio.com with any questions.

Catholic Charities Thanks YOU:

THANK YOU to all who made a gift to Catholic Charities at St. Martin of Tours. Because of your support, hundreds of thousands of individuals will be given help + hope in the Diocese of Cleveland. You can still make a donation by visiting [Catholic-Community.org/donate](https://www.catholiccommunity.org/donate) OR text CCHOPE to 41444.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I had the opportunity to visit Seton Hall University, in the past, for a week of theological updating. An impressive group of educators and scholars. Joseph Fitzmyer being one and George



Aschenbrenner another. The first biblical and the other in spirituality. I must say they were both challenging and enlightening. There was a line from the Gospel of Luke that we were to consider. That would be Luke 5:8 where Peter was astonished at the catch of fish and fell at the feet of Jesus (prior to this he had addressed Jesus as Master (teacher)) while here, he said DEPART FROM ME LORD, I AM A SINFUL MAN. Not aware of the association with the Prophet

Isaiah I had the thought that Peter was looking to avoid discipleship in relationship to Jesus. I was corrected, as in Isaiah who expressed that he was a man of unclean lips. What followed both encounters was the direction of being missioned. It would seem that the season of Lent is a time to consider our own relationship to being disciplined and missioned. As we celebrated the Chair of Peter this past week I became aware of how Peter himself fell short in the way of discipleship and what comes to mind is his threefold denial after the arrest of Jesus. The charcoal fire comes to mind as he was warming himself. What also comes to mind is the charcoal fire that Jesus used to prepare a meal in John's gospel where Peter confessed his love for Jesus three times as well. From what I gathered in reading for the morning there was one commentator who spoke of Peter being rehabilitated. He was restored to right relationship, in a manner of speaking, and was given the direction of feeding and tending and feeding the sheep. There is a quote from Alice Walker that I keep on my desk. It reads "anything they truly love can be saved, first in their own hearts, and then in the hearts of others. They have only to make their love inseparable from their belief and both inseparable from hard work." It begins with each of us to be conscious of where rehabilitation needs to happen in our own lives. Lent is a season of restoration and reform where we seek to be repaired and renewed and free from the residuals of sin. How well then do we need to appreciate the kind of dwelling place we are by virtue of our own baptismal identity. As we anticipate the renewal of our baptismal vows in the coming weeks may we be more conscious (Aschenbrenner here) and so avail ourselves of the opportunity to consider our love for Christ and His for ourselves. Despite our sinful inclinations may we seek to be restored in his Way and Truth and Life. With the psalmist may we "wake at dawn to praise our Lord" with our minds and hearts and lips.

Readings for the Week of February 25, 2024

Sunday:	Gn 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ps 116: 10, 15-19 Rom 8: 31b-34 Mk 9: 2-10
Monday:	Dn 9: 4b-10 Ps 79: 8-9, 11, 13 Lk 6: 36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1: 10, 16-20 Ps 50: 8-9, 16bc- 17, 21, 23 Mt 23: 1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18: 18-20 Ps 31: 5-6, 14-16 Mt 20: 17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17: 5-10 Ps 1: 1-4, 6 Lk 16: 19-31
Friday:	Gn 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105: 16-21 Mt 21: 33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7: 14-15, 18-20 Ps 103: 1-4, 9-12 Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32
Sunday:	Ex 20: 1-17 OR 20: 1-3, 7-8, 12-17 Ps 19: 8-11 1 Cor 1: 22-25 Jn 2: 13-25

READINGS FOR THE DAY

TO FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE DAILY READINGS VISIT
< [HTTP://USCCB.ORG](http://USCCB.ORG) > AND CLICK ON TODAY'S DATE
ON THE CALENDAR.

TELEVISED AND RADIO MASS SCHEDULE HELPFUL GUIDE FOR TELEVISION VIEWING:

- Sunday at 10 am WUAB Channel 43, the CW
Cox Communications Cable subscribers may select channel
45. Mass airs each week Sunday at 11:30am.

HELPFUL GUIDE FOR RADIO AND AUDIO LISTENING:

- WINT-1330 AM airs Mass each Sunday at 9:00 am
The Rock 1260 AM Sunday at 10:30 am

Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. **To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at (216) 334-2999 OR email: response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org** You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about any inappropriate behavior.

St. Martin's Cloak Food Collection

For the foreseeable future, St. Martin's Cloak will only be accepting monetary donations. Your support of this very important ministry enables us to purchase gift cards for our neighbors and parishioners who are in need of food for their families. **May God Bless You** for your constant generosity.



There will be a Divine Mercy Holy Hour Today **February 25, 2024** at St. Therese's Church. Prayers start at 2:30 pm. All are welcome. Next Divine Mercy will be at St. Monica's **March 3, 2024**. Prayers will start at 2:30 pm.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Will you sit with our Lord and pray for the sanctity of life?

All are invited to attend an opening Mass, celebrated by Bishop Malesic, to kick-off the Bringing America Back to Life convention, on **Thursday, March 7 at 5 PM** at St. Michael Church. Eucharistic Adoration will commence after Mass until 10:00 PM Saturday, March 9. **Hourly slots are still available.**

St. Michael Catholic Church

6912 Chestnut Rd
Independence, OH 44131

Adoration Sign Up

volunteersignup.org/HX97Q

More Info

tomkekurtzcoh.com



Parish Communal Penance Service

February 26, 2024—7:00 pm

We will celebrate the Parish Communal Penance Service immediately following the 6:30 pm Mass. There will be several Priests available to hear individual confessions.

Rosary for Healing and Protection of Sexual Abuse Victims

- **February 28, 2024 starting at 6 pm**, we will pray the Holy Hour for the Healing and Protection of Sexual Abuse Victims. We will start with the Rosary and end with Mass. If you cannot come but want to pray with us, pick up a copy of the Rosary in the vestibule or **the Rectory**.



Bible Study

Everyone Invited, All Are Welcome! No preregistration needed. Next Study will be **Wednesday, March 6, 2024—The Hidden Kingdom—Matt Chapters 11-13**. We will meet in St. Martin of Tours school at 7:00 pm.

Anointing of the Sick & Healing Prayer

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated on **Sunday, March 3, 2024 at the 11:00 am Mass**. Following mass, members of the healing prayer team will be available to pray with you for your intentions.

Home Visitation and Anointing

Arrangements for Holy Communion and the Anointing of the Sick to the homebound can be made through the Parish Office. *Please let us know when a family member enters a health care facility.*

From Bobbi Bugaj

On Ash Wednesday I noticed the new banner on the Ambo. It reads "BY HIS STRIPES WE ARE HEALED." The banner has been a source of meditation, just swirling around and my heart said "I noticed." I appreciated it was from Isaiah 53, so I went and researched the text. It is part of the Suffering Servant and a messianic prophecy about the One who was to come. This part of the prophecy presents and reflects as to Jesus's suffering. The banner quotes the last line of verse 5. "But he was pierced for our sins, crushed for our iniquity. He bore the punishment that makes us whole, by his wounds we were healed." The punishment that makes us whole. Another line that just swirled around between heart and head saying "did you notice the two of them together?" I love Lent, it gives me things to consider about my relationship with God and while some of those things can be pointed in a direction that I am not going in, always in hope. The hope because I think of piercing that my sins can cause and how about fatigue that leads to poor choices of word and actions that I have done to others and to God. That by His stripes I am healed in confession, in the Eucharist in my transgressions. I know that every Sunday as I prepare for Mass, I admit through the penitential act that I am a sinner and I love it even more when as the liturgy is planned with the Confiteor, the penitential rite when I acknowledge to both God and the people in the pews that I am maybe not that servant of Christ that I say I am. My actions have consequences and maybe sometimes not good one(s) due to unfortunate actions. The prayer at the end of the Penitential Rite is: "May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life." Then, except during Advent and Lent, we go straight into the Gloria. I find it healing that I bring my stripes with me when I come and find forgiveness, experience the transformation of bread to His body and wine to His blood. That I am healed, sustained for the journey out the doors of the church. That what I have received, what those stripes have given me is healing. I experience hope, healing, strength, peace and love in Father's prayer: "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." My word "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed." Then I receive communion and have Jesus's body, Jesus's blood within me. Changing me and healing me. By those stripes I hopefully acknowledge that I am changed, my relationship with God is restored and rejuvenated. These thoughts bring hope, that in my relationship with God, I can be in His image, following Jesus's path to eternal light. The new banner is a wonderful reminder during Lent for me to become aware again about the many prayers at Mass, my participation should not be just words but through the lens: BY HIS STRIPES WE ARE HEALED.

Coffee and Donuts TODAY

after 9:00 am Mass.



FASHION SHOW/LUNCHEON

MARLYN PRAZNIK 216-218-2482

WHAT? Tickets are available now for the St. Monica Guild Fashion Show/Luncheon

WHEN? on April 21, 2024.

WHERE? Join us as we *Celebrate Spring!* at Woodside Event Center, 5025 E. Mill Road (off Wallings @ I-77).

COST? The ticket price of \$35

INCLUDES: Woodside's signature salad, green beans almondine, rolls, dessert, regular and decaf coffee and hot or iced tea. You have a choice of Chicken Piccata with Angel Hair Pasta or Stuffed Shells with Ricotta Cheese and Marinara Sauce. A Gluten free substitute can also be pre-ordered.

PLUS: we have beautiful prizes for you and the opportunity to win any of our basket and cash raffles. Tickets can be purchased at our Guild Meeting or by contacting me at 216-218-2482, mpraznik@aol.com. **Get your tickets early for the best table selection!** We are setting tables for 8 but can add up to 10 per table if you need it.

Knights of Columbus Dinner

Wednesday Night Dinner - March 6 Corned Beef Dinner or Sandwich meal Cost: \$15 Prepared by Lori's Custom Catering
Reservations due: **Friday March 1 @ 8 pm** Phone 216-662-2277

****Corned Beef Dinner will consist of —Corned Beef, Cabbage, Red Skin Potatoes, Carrots**

****Corned Beef Sandwich will consist of —Corned Beef, Cabbage, Home Made Potato Salad, Rye Bread, Dill Pickle, Swiss Cheese**

EVERYTHING IS PACKAGED - PRE-ORDER ONLY - TAKEOUT ONLY—
Curbside Pickup - READY TO HEAT SERVING TIME 4 - 6 PM PICK-UP at 10806 Granger Road - Club 4130 ! **Please leave your complete name, phone number, and number of dinners you will be picking up. Please no changes day of dinner.**

The parishioners from Saint Mary and Our Lady of Hope in Bedford, Ohio are inviting you to a Lenten Mission beginning on Sunday, March 10th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary, 340 Union Street, Bedford, OH 44146. This will be a three-day mission (Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday) that will begin at 7:00 p.m. each night, ending on Tuesday, March 12th. Father Damian Ference, Vicar for Evangelization, Secretary for Parish Life and Special Ministries, and Professor of Philosophy at Borromeo Seminary, is the Mission speaker. The first night, Father Ference will talk about God and creation. Monday night will be about sin and redemption, and the final night will cover the sacraments and mission. Please bring your bibles.

There will be a social hour of coffee and cookies in the Choir Room of St. Mary Church starting at 6:00 PM, before the Lenten Mission starts.

Please call St. Mary Church, Bedford, OH Parish Office at 440.359.8205 for any questions. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION: GRIEF SUPPORT

The Catholic Cemeteries Association offers free, safe, and compassionate monthly **Grief Support meetings** and Memorial events. The next Grief Support meeting is **Sunday, March 17th at 3:00pm for in-person support** (at 6 locations), and **5:00pm for virtual support** and the topic is: **"Spring, Easter and Grief: Times of Sacred Transition"**. For details, visit: <https://www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx>

For more information or questions, call Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

"A Closer Walk With Thee" – CCA Monthly Grief Support E-Newsletter: To subscribe to this valued grief support resource, go to the signup form at : <https://bit.ly/ccabereavementbulletin> or contact Rhonda at rabrams@clecem.org or 216-930-4866.

Catholic Cemeteries Association One-Year Anniversary

Masses, March 18th - 20th: The one-year death anniversary of a loved one can be a very difficult time for grieving families. For this reason, we remember the faithful departed entrusted to our care, and we pray for the peace and consolation of their families in a special commemorative Mass. The Mass is celebrated annually near the March feast day of St. Joseph (March 19th), our model and intercessor for the grace of a peaceful passage from this life to our eternal home. This year we honor the faithful departed through Mass intentions at three local parishes, allowing families to select a Mass location and time that is most convenient for them to attend.

- **Monday, March 18th 12:00pm** – The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist (livestreamed), 1007 Superior Ave., Cleve.
- **Tuesday, March 19th 8:30am** – St. Bridget of Kildare Parish, 5620 Hauserman Rd., Parma OH 44130
- **Wednesday, March 20th 6:30pm** - Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 4341 East 131st St, Garfield Hts OH 44105

From the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland—Lenten Resources:

My Daily Prayers—“My Daily Prayers” is a FREE daily recording of prayers led by the bishops and priests. It offers encouragement to enter into a deeper, personal relationship with God. Sign up at: dioceseofcleveland.org/mydailyprayers OR stmartinoftours.info

Bishop Malesic's Daily Reflections

Each day of Lent, Bishop Malesic shares daily scripture reflections posted on the diocesan website and on his social media platforms (@BishopMalesic).

Lenten Resources

A Lenten resource page is available on the diocesan website including additional information about My Daily Prayers, Bishop Malesic's reflections, a Fish Fry listing, Stations of the Cross (Fridays) and a Lenten reflection download from our Newman Catholic Campus Ministry. dioceseofcleveland.org/lent

Holy Cross Cemetery – Pre-Planning Seminar

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on **Saturday, March 16th, 2024, at 1p.m.** Please join us to learn more about the necessary steps to pre-planning the burial process, burial options including options for cremated remains, and the Catholic burial rite. We kindly ask that you **RSVP** to this event to Holy Cross Cemetery – 14609 Brookpark Rd., Brook Park, Oh. **216-641-7575 ext. 3** or bstrauchon@clecem.org

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

RICE BOWL – 2024

Lent is a time of spiritual and personal growth when we strive to deepen our relationship with God, to seek His forgiveness, and to make a change of heart through our Lenten prayers, fasting, and almsgiving. It is a time when we, at St. Martin of Tours, embrace the worldwide Rice Bowl Project.

This simple box is a tool for collecting Lenten alms. It helps us align ourselves with the poor, the unfortunate, the destitute as we donate our Lenten sacrifices to the needy by joyfully adding coins and bills to the box.

Each one of us is created and placed on earth by God, at this time in history, in this particular place, and given a role to play by God that is given to no one else. Let us live our lives in a way that allows others to see Christ in us. Be kind, freely forgive, smile as we pass each other, offer a hand to someone in need. Our actions speak volumes and touch more lives than we could possibly imagine.

As you leave the church today, please take a rice bowl and calendar you will find in the vestibule. Place the box in a prominent spot in your home and encourage all members to add monies from their sacrifices to it. They will be collected during Holy Week. **Thank you and God bless you.**

All Things 1260 AM Radio the Rock!

- ~Monday through Friday at 4 PM for “Beacon of Truth”.
- ~Monday through Friday at 5 PM “Kresta in the Afternoon”
- ~Monday through Friday at 10 PM Join Fr. Mike Schmitz as his popular podcasts “Bible in a Year” and “Catechism in a Year” have been reformatted for radio.
- ~Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 3 PM The Chapel of the Divine Mercy
- ~Tuesdays at 3 PM we will air the Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus
- ~Fridays at 3 PM Stations of the Cross for Priests
- ~Saturdays at 2 PM Ace McKay for “Catholics Coast to Coast”
- ~Sundays at 4 PM “Word on Fire” with Bishop Robert Barron

For AM 1260 The Rock’s complete program schedule, prayer requests and more visit www.am1260therock.com Or call us at 216-227-1260.

AM 1260 The Rock is having a monthly Mass said for YOU.

All are welcome to celebrate Mass:

- ◆ **St. John Neumann, Strongsville – Monday March 11th at 9:00 am.**