



The Parish Staff wishes you a Blessed Easter!

St. Therese Parish

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SATURDAY VIGIL, March 30

9:00 p.m. For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, March 31– EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Reading I: Acts 10: 34a, 37-43

Reading II: Col 3: 1-4; Gospel: Jn 20: 1-9

8:00 a.m. Frances Kozuch

10:00 a.m. Joanne Gruzca (AM)

Noon Jerry Ridenour

MONDAY, April 1

Reading I: Acts 2: 14, 22-33; Gospel: Mt 28: 8-15

7:00 a.m. All Souls

7:00 p.m. Frank Kozuch, Sr.

TUESDAY, April 2

Reading I: Acts 2: 36-41; Gospel: Jn 20: 11-18

7:00 a.m. Grace DiMarco

WEDNESDAY, April 3

Reading I: Acts 3: 1-10; Gospel: Lk 24: 13-35

7:00 a.m. Charles Kurilko

THURSDAY, April 4

Reading I: Acts 3: 11-26; Gospel: Lk 24: 35-48

8:30 a.m. Evelyn Karpency

FRIDAY, April 5

Reading I: Acts 4: 1-12; Gospel: Jn 21: 1-14

8:30 a.m. Juliu Dunai

SATURDAY, April 6

Reading I: Acts 4: 13-21; Gospel: Mk 16: 9-15

8:30 a.m. Kucia & Kapelewski Families

4:30 p.m. Ralph Deininger

SUNDAY, April 7 – Second Sunday of Easter

Reading I: Acts 5: 12-16

Reading II: Rv 1: 9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Gospel: Jn 20: 19-31

8:00 a.m. Stephen & Stella Korpowski

10:00 a.m. Richard Milbert

Noon For the People of the Parish

March 23/24 Collection

Collection: \$8,412.78* Envelopes Used: 492

Eastern Europe: \$94 Holy Thursday: \$62

Good Friday: \$60 Missions: \$10

Little Sisters of the Poor: \$1,574.72

Catholic Relief Services: \$34

*figure includes the following:

Restoration: \$194 Children's \$30

School: \$142 Easter Flowers: \$169

Parish Use: \$580 Easter: \$740

Pray for the Sick of our Parish:

John Kwitkowski, Sharon Bahleda, Lenore Cruikshank, Kathy Cool, Clyde Burdette, Wanda Golias, Clare Joczzyk, Rich Hahn

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of

Glenn J. Miller

Ethel M. Gibbons

May our risen Savior grant them His peace!

Peace and Justice Gem

The only thing we can offer to God of value is to give our love to people as unworthy of it as we are of God's love.

St. Catherine of Siena



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Do You Know? Which New Testament figure typically is meant when early Church thinkers speak of “the Apostle”?

Youth Group

I would like to wish our middle and high school youth group teens and their families a blessed and holy Easter! Your presence at youth group lights up the world! Thank you to our parish family and especially our adult volunteers for your continued support!

Easter Blessings, Nancy Heineke, Youth Minister

Spring YOUTH412 calendars are being mailed to registered teens. Youth Group’s schedule is also available on our website. Go to sttheresegarfield.org and click on “youth ministry.” (Bottled water is needed for our spring meetings! Your generous donation can be dropped off at the parish office, marked for Youth Ministry.)

Mrs. Nancy Heineke, Coordinator of Youth Ministry
216-662-8685 ext. 123

A cluster ministry of St. Martin of Tours, St. Monica, SS. Peter & Paul and St. Therese Parishes

Seniors

Join the St. Therese Seniors for an upcoming bus trip to the Museum of Divine Statues followed by lunch at Sokolowski’s Restaurant. This trip will be on Tuesday, April 9. We will meet at St. Therese Church parking lot at 9 a.m. The cost is \$25 each for the bus and museum. Pay in advance to Mary Lou Kieta, 216-662-3592. There will be a one half hour guided tour followed by time to explore and shop at the gift shop. Lunch will be at Sokolowski’s University Inn. Each person pays for their own meal (\$8.75-\$9.75 with drinks and dessert extra). Come along for this great day. Any questions, call John Carrig at 216-581-0651.



The Holy Name Society and the St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank the winner of our March \$100 Giant Eagle gift card raffle for donating it to our St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you, Jim Juliano!

RECENT WEEKEND DRAWING WINNERS

NAME	DATE	AMOUNT
Carol Sabol	3/16	\$100.00
Paul Baron	3/17	\$500.00
Kerry Kipfstuhl	3/23	\$100.00
Gary Wolske	3/24	\$100.00

Women Growing in Faith

For our next activity, we will attend the Divine Mercy Hour at St. Monica Church on Sunday, April 7, at 1 p.m. following noon Mass. Please remember to start the novena prayers 9 days before April 7 as we discussed at our last gathering. Any questions, please call Susan at 440-838-5638 or Ann at 216-475-1961.

Social Concerns Tea

The St. Therese Social Concerns Commission is sponsoring its annual “Tea” on Saturday, April 20, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the K of C hall. Our program theme is “Hollywood’s Golden Era,” presented by Ms. Virginia Warnke. There will be basket raffles, door prizes and great food. Tickets are \$20. Please call Ann Kingzett for tickets at 216-475-1961. A limited number of tickets are available. The proceeds will benefit the St. Therese St. Vincent de Paul Society.



Answer: St. Paul

Come to the Table



Our parish will be presenting a three-evening series on prayer, as a follow-up to the lenten mission. The name of this series is *Come to the Table*. Prayer is a key aspect of the Christian life, and in

this Year of Faith this series will allow us to delve more deeply into it. We will hold the gatherings on Wednesday, April 10, 17, and 24, from 7-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Please call the rectory office at 216-581-2852 or use the registration form below to sign up for this interesting series.

I will attend the Come to the Table Series

Name _____

Phone # _____

Drop off at the rectory or in the collection basket.

****St. Therese "Gift Card" Fundraiser****

We have a solution to make life a little easier & less hectic, plus it helps the Church. Purchase gift cards of your choice. **Return the form with cash or check to the rectory.** Orders are placed each *Monday morning* and you can receive your cards the following *Tuesday*. The order form is in the church entryways or the rectory. Thank you for your support of our Parish. *This fundraiser is year-round!*



Name Change

As of March 1, 2013, the St. Therese/SS. Peter & Paul Federal Credit Union has changed its name. We are now known as ALL SAINTS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION. Only our name has changed. We are still the same credit union we always were. Our new website address is www.allsaintsfcu.com. Be sure to change this in your favorites. Visit our website for a list of questions and answers that you might have or contact us at 216-587-0631.



The Department for Marriage and Family Ministry, the Office for Worship, and the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist are pleased to announce the 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration. The Mass will be held on Sunday, July 28, at 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, with Bishop Richard G. Lennon as the celebrant. Reservations are now being accepted for couples married 50 years (married in 1963). Couples who are celebrating other significant anniversaries (55 or over) or who have missed previous celebrations are welcome to register and attend. Registration forms are available at the rectory office.

Festival of Praise at St. Monica Church

You are invited to a special evening of worship music and Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, April 26, from 7-9 p.m. Families, teens and adults of every age are welcome to this first time "festival" hosted by St. Monica Parish and presented by local musicians from our cluster. The evening will end with light refreshments and fellowship. Questions? Call Fr. Kawalec at 216-662-8685.

As a feature of the bulletin, each week we will have a small article about a different group or ministry of our parish. This week we are featuring:

Youth Ministry

Bridging childhood and adulthood, this ministry leads and supports teens towards a meaningful Catholic adult life. Youth412 and Junior412 youth groups provide Spirit-filled activities, field trips, social events and prayer time in a comfortable environment. Youth412 is for grades 9-12, and Junior412 is for grades 7 & 8. Adult volunteers are always needed to help chaperone and facilitate meetings as well as behind the scene tasks. For information contact Mrs. Nancy Heineke, Coordinator of Youth Ministry at 216-662-8685 ext. 123.

Block Watch

The next Ward 4 Block Watch meeting is Tuesday, April 2, at 7 p.m. at the Garfield Hts. Civic Center. The guest speaker is Joe Pagonakis of the Channel 5 News Team. The mayor and police chief will be on hand to answer questions and concerns of Ward 4. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

The Group Block Watch meeting is Wednesday, April 3, at 7 p.m. at the Garfield Hts., Civic Center. The guest speaker is Lisa Brazytis from Jennings Hall. Join city council members, the mayor, the police chief and neighbors for information and refreshments. All residents are welcome.

Job Career Center

The next sessions for the job career center at St. Monica Parish are Tuesday, April 9, and Tuesday, April 23, from 6-8:30 p.m. in the lower level of the school building.



Womankind thanks parishioners who recently donated baby food, clothes and miscellaneous items.

Jesuit Retreat House

The Jesuit Retreat House has many events coming up in April including a Married Couples Day of Recollection on April 7 and a Spring Scripture Study on April 8, 15, 22, & 29. For more information about any of these events and more, please call the Jesuit Retreat House at 440-884-9300 or go to www.jrh-cleveland.org.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Marriage Help

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you, too. For confidential information about or to register for the Cleveland April program beginning with a weekend on April 5-7 at the Hilton Hotel in Beachwood, call 800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

John Paul II Academy

John Paul II Academy is accepting applications for the 2013-2014 school year for PreK through grade 8. Please call Miss Lackney at the academy (216-581-3080) to set up an appointment. Come see what the good news is all about!

Pre Cana Day

There will be a Pre-Cana day for engaged couples at St. Monica Church on Saturday, April 27. This day includes Mass and meals. The cost is \$65 per couple. Please call the St. Monica parish office at 216-662-8685 to register.

Mending Hearts Bereavement Support

Marilyn Deliberato of Golubski Deliberato Funeral Home and Sr. Joann Poplar, SSJ-TOSF, Co-director of Pastoral Care at Marymount Hospital will begin a bereavement support group to be held in the Marymount Hospital conference room. The sessions will begin on Tuesday, April 2 and will run every Tuesday for five weeks from 6-8 p.m. It is free of charge. Anyone who has suffered a loss is welcome. Please come for an evening of consolation, friendship and healing. Please call Marilyn at 216-215-0187 or Sr. Joann at 216-587-8140 to reserve your space.

FREE Final Expense Workshop

This workshop will be held at Calvary Cemetery Cleveland Office at 10000 Miles Ave. on Saturday, April 6, from 1-2 p.m. Everyone who attends receives a valuable Catholic personal estate planning record book along with resources on cemetery and funeral information. Registration is appreciated. Please email mvujas@clevelandcatholiccemeteries.org or call Michael Vujas at 216-883-5471. Visit the website at www.clevelandcatholiccemeteries.org for all dates and locations.

First Step Programs

Are you interested in:

- Deepening your knowledge of the Church's teaching on marriage?
- Learning about ministry to the divorced/separated in the Diocese?
- Hearing the true facts about the annulment process and how to submit a case?
- Discovering a path to healing after divorce?

The First Step Programs are scheduled around the Diocese, open to anyone, with no pre-registration. The next session is Tuesday, April 9, at 7 p.m. at St. Peter Parish, 3655 Oberlin Ave. in Lorain, 440-282-9103. For more information call 216-696-6525, ext. 4000 or visit dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal.

Divine Mercy Sunday

St. Monica Church will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7, with a special noon Mass followed by Eucharistic adoration, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and veneration of the image of Divine Mercy and the relic of St. Faustina. All are welcome to join us in prayer and thanksgiving to Jesus.

Natural Family Planning

Learn a method of family planning that is marriage building, effective and morally acceptable. It is great for achieving or postponing pregnancy. The next series of NFP classes will begin Sunday, April 14, in Twinsburg. Register online at www.ccli.org.

Mass & XLT

Come to St. Basil the Great Catholic Church on Sunday, April 14, from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. for an awesome experience of Mass, eucharistic adoration, music and inspiration. All ages are welcome to focus on our blessed Lord's enduring presence that calls us to union with Him. A special welcome is extended to high school teens and young adults ages 18-40. Contact Fr. Kevin or Tommy at 440-526-1686 for any questions. St. Basil Church is located at 8700 Brecksville Road in Brecksville.

Sr. DeAnne requests prayers for the Sisters of St. Joseph Third Order of St. Francis who will be in Chapter of Elections from April 1- April 8.

From Fr. Dan

Happy Easter! Death no longer holds sway over us because God raised his Son from the dead! We celebrate this eternal truth every Sunday, but Easter Sunday is the day par excellence for calling to mind the tremendous love God has for us. We do this most especially by joining together to praise and worship the One who created, redeemed, and sanctifies us. The Church's biblical readings on Palm Sunday and Good Friday make it clear that the way of Christ is very different from the way of the world. He unfailingly placed his trust in his Father's love. Loving even his enemies, he did not reply to violence with violence, as we sinful humans so often do, and accepted crucifixion in order to save all of us from death. His confidence in his Father was vindicated by his resurrection.

Aren't we Christians to cultivate that same trust in the Father's power when others injure us? Love always is the answer. Last Sunday an assortment of parishioners watched the 2012 film *For Greater Glory*, which concerns the 1926-1929 uprising in some parts of Mexico against the government's anti-Catholic persecutions. It focuses on General Enrique Gorostieta, who led the armed resistance, known as the *Cristeros*. Another major role belongs to Jose Sanchez del Rio. Twelve years old at the start of the rebellion, he joined the *Cristeros*, was captured, tortured, and executed. Pope Benedict XVI beatified him for refusing to renounce his faith. The film doesn't depict Jose carrying weapons, but he indeed was an armed combatant. However, another character, Anacleto Gonzalez Flores, who resisted but not with violence, also was martyred. Benedict XVI beatified him, as well.

The film plays it loose with some historical elements. It left me thinking that most of the country resorted to armed conflict, but it didn't. The Church opposed violent resistance and instead banned all worship, so as bring pressure upon the government. A number of priests did take up arms. One, Fr. Jose Reyes Vega, has a big role in this movie as a general, while another, played by Peter O'Toole, refuses to support violence and is martyred. Pope John Paul II canonized 25 Mexican martyrs, 22 of them priests. Fr. Vega wasn't among them, for the Vatican insists that priests are never to serve as armed combatants. If priests aren't, how about everyone else? Is violence ever justified in order to defend the faith?

The film suggests that it is. But such violence didn't force the government to change its policies. Rather, negotiations between the Church and the Mexican government, facilitated by the U.S., ended the fighting. But even if the fighting contributed to the settlement, that's no excuse. Jesus' way teaches us that war always represents failure. He practiced nonviolent resistance, and this would have spared the lives of the 90,000 who died, while still restoring religious freedom. Violence begets violence. Though the Catholic Church's just war theory allows for

war under specific circumstances, settling differences by peaceful means must first be vigorously pursued.

I enjoyed this story, especially Jose's part in it. But it reminded me that one should question the messages sent by movies, the press, TV, books, and other forms of media. I disagree with the view of *For Greater Glory* that violence is the solution. Didn't Jesus say, "Stop, no more of this" (Luke 22: 49-51), and heal the injury of one in the arresting party when a disciple used a sword to cut off the man's ear? True, the Church teaches that violence is permitted in certain circumstances, such as self defense. Yet, we see there is a tension between this and Jesus' refusal to defend himself. We must look critically at our culture, which honors violence in its entertainment, and our government, which often is too ready to lead us into war before every peaceful alternative has been exhausted. Jose Sanchez del Rio was beatified not for taking up a gun to defend his faith but for professing Jesus as his Lord, despite torture and the threat of death. What is your take on the use of violence? This is a question each of us should consider, ever remembering that Jesus forgave those who crucified him, offered no resistance when arrested and put to death, and taught his followers to love their enemies.

THE WEEK AHEAD**Monday, April 1**

Seniors Meeting 1:30 p.m., hall

8th Grade Parents Meeting 6:30 p.m., hall**Tuesday, April 2**

No PSR

AA 8 p.m., hall

Wednesday, April 3

No Choir

Boy Scout PLC meeting 7 p.m., hall

Thursday, April 4

Bear Cubs 7 p.m., rectory

Spiritual Development 7 p.m., rectory dining

BINGO

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