

Liturgy Schedule

Chapel

Monday, August 7

8:00am - William Wracker - Family

Tuesday, August 8

8:00am - Dominic Zunis - Family

Thursday, August 10

8:00am - George Downs - Family

Friday, August 11

8:00am - Henry & Catherine Kantosky - Bill & Dorothy Kantosky

Church

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 12

3:30pm - Confessions

4:30pm - Mary Lou Patrick - Family

Sunday, August 13

8:30am - Living and Deceased members of the Holy Name Society

11:00am - Laura Bansek - Ted, Sally & Amanda

Pray for the Sick: *David Blackburn, Betty Kuepfer, Jose' Magiste, Sandy Vashbinder, Leon Denomme, Mike Wilson, Pam Jenkins, Jim Hempfling, David Myers, Kathy Borowy, Shirley Livchak, Dave Kleinhenz, Jerry Severns, Carol Cordy, Nancy Johnson, Tami Lynsky, Jeanne Kowalski, Dorothy Pondy, George Banjoff, Betty Hempel, Cindy Kulp, Robert Falatic, Phillip Buckland, Vanna Buckland, Bromley Harrod, Skip Pasadyn, Robert A. Strauss, Rose Meadow, Linda Kearney and Abbie Gordon.*

Please call the Parish Office 440-926-2364 to have a name of a friend or relative included in this list.

READING FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13;
Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35;
Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14;
Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

WELCOME BISHOP PEREZ: With great joy, we prepare for the Solemn Installation of Bishop Nelson J. Perez as the 11th Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland on September 5, 2017! Both the Solemn Vespers on Monday, September 4, 2017 at 5:30pm. and the Solemn Installation on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 2:00pm. will be available via various forms of media! Stay tuned for more information on how to be connected to this incredible moment in our diocesan history!

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD: There is a break in the Sundays of Ordinary Time as we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. Liturgy Publication's "Sourcebook 2017" has the following reflection on this feast day:

The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord reminds us about the depth of mystery that surrounded Jesus Christ – mystery in the sense that we can never exhaust who he really is or categorize him in any way. Fully human, he may indeed have needed a tent or place to camp out on the mountains, like Peter asked. But just when the Apostles may have been getting really comfortable with their understanding of Jesus as friend and teacher, they catch a glimpse of his heavenly glory, challenging them to remain open to Christ communicating to them who he is as Son of God. We have moments like the Apostles each time we encounter and grapple with a new and challenging image of God in the Scriptures. Remaining humble and open to the revelatory action of God's Word and Spirit is a way to enter ever more deeply into the mystery of who God is for us in Jesus Christ.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: Please turn in your special requests for the September - November scheduling period by Monday, August 7th. Special Request Forms can be found in the St. Joseph's room or you can fill out the form online at: olqppgrifton.org/em-request-form.

Tuesday, August 15th is **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. A Holy Day of Obligation. Sign up sheets for masses are in the St. Joseph's room.

The Transfiguration of the Lord



PASTOR'S CORNER: When Bishop Perez takes over as the Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland on September 5th, he will be inheriting a committee that Bishop Lennon formed two years ago to study and make recommendations regarding the staffing of parishes given the projections of priests in the next 30 years. In the bulletin last week I spoke of the goals that Parish Council has set that will enable us to continue to grow and thrive in the midst of the changes taking place in the Church, as well as in society. A study of Catholic parishes by the staff of the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA), "Catholic Parishes of the 21st Century," identifies the following most significant changes in the last 30 years:

1. The U.S. Catholic population has moved from the Northeast and upper Midwest to the South and Southwest, leaving empty, old and decaying physical plants in the urban centers in the Northeast. (this is one of the reasons you see so many parish closings in our diocese as well as others in the North and Center U.S.)
2. In 1990, there were just over 34,000 diocesan priests in the United States; in 2014 there were 16,462 active diocesan priests. In 2014, 3448 parishes were without a resident priest. Parish leadership has been supplemented by permanent deacons and lay ecclesial ministers.
3. There have been significant decreases in Mass attendance and participation in the sacraments. In 1965, 55% of Catholics attended Mass weekly; that was down to 41% in 1985 and 24% in 2010.
4. There has been a major increase in cultural/ethnic diversity in the U.S. church. In the 1980s, foreign born Catholics made up a little more than 10% of the U.S. Catholic population; in 2014 this category had increased to 25%, or 16.8 million people.

It is with statistics such as this that lead us as a Church to respond to the changes and to seek ways to strengthen the parish. The two primary goals of Parish Council, to minister to families with children and to increase participation and volunteerism in ministry, are a first step to help us to strengthen the parish and to adapt to the changing face of the Church in our area. We are blessed to be in a parish that is seeking to ensure a strong Catholic presence for generations to come. Please keep the parish and the Parish Council in prayer as we move forward as the Body of Christ in our age.

And thank you to all who volunteered at the parish festival and for all who came out to support it. A recap of the festival will be coming soon.

Fr. John

SYNOD: The Catholic bishops of the world are planning to meet in October 2018 for the 15th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. The theme of this gathering is "Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment." In preparation for this major synod on youth, Pope Francis wants to gather input from the Catholic faithful. Consequently, the Diocese of Cleveland has made available a survey questionnaire to gather information on the current state of the young in our diocese that will be included as part of the pre-synod discernment document. The survey can be found on the diocesan website home page, www.dioceseofcleveland.org. All are invited and encouraged to participate by taking this short survey. The bishops of the United States pray that the results of this survey will help them more fully understand the experience of young people in our Church and in our country -- their hopes, dreams, fears and struggles -- so that the synod may bear fruit in offering more insight and direction to our ministry with young people.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? If you know someone who may be interested in becoming Catholic now would be a good time to give them that nudge that they may need. It is a good time during these next few months to help them to come in touch with the call of God in their lives and to direct them to myself, Grace Ogonek, Sally Logar, Chuck Rink, Sandy Kinter, Lynda Kestner or Pat Whitman. We would be more than happy to sit down with them to answer questions and ease anxieties. The RCIA process for those seeking to become Catholic will begin in September. Also if you are interested in being on the team that journeys with the candidates to the Easter sacraments please let us know. It is so rewarding sharing ones faith and being nurtured by those seeking a deeper relationship with God through participation in the Catholic Church.

TOTALITY

Totally love him, who gave himself totally for your love.

—St. Clare

Thank you for your generous support of our Parish, and your help with the needs of the community through your ongoing participation in our various ministries.

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Sunday, July 30: \$	8,679.30	\$ 9,000.00	(\$ 322.70)
Sunday Y-T-D: \$	45,166.10	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 166.10
Mortgage Red: \$	2,134.00	\$ 2,750.00	(\$ 616.00)

FESTIVAL REPORT: As soon as all the expenses have been paid a full report will be made to the parish.



BUTTERFLY RELEASE: The Liturgy Committee invites you to attend "A Loving Release" on Sunday, August 13, 2017 at 2:00pm which was originally planned for July 9th. The

release will take place around the water feature, followed by refreshments.



BLOOD DRIVE: The Life Share Bloodmobile will be at Our Lady Queen of Peace Hall on Sunday August 6th to receive your donation to save the lives of others. The Blood Bank is in critical need of all blood types, so join in our Honor Roll to give the Precious gift of LIFE. We really need your donation this time of year, so help us reach our goal of 25 donations. Contact John Keyse (440) 387-1980 if you have any questions.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: Do you want your marriage to last a lifetime? Do you never want to fall out of love? Many couples who have learned Natural Family Planning discover it helps their marriage in many more ways than they anticipated. To learn more visit neonfp.org. Classes starting August 14th in Westlake and in September in Broadview Heights and Cleveland; register online.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Our next meeting will be this coming Saturday, August 12th at 10:30am in the Parish Hall. We will have samples of no-sew prayer shawls/lap throws out of fleece. Anyone who can't crochet/knit, but are interested in helping to make no-sew prayer shawls, bring a pair of scissors and come this Saturday to our work/fellowship meeting. Any questions, call me, Kathy Smelts at 440-327-4784 or Sue Schneigenberg at 440-926-1610. See everyone Saturday.

Join us at The FEST! Join us next Sunday, August 6, 2017 for The FEST – our 17th Annual Catholic Family FESTival from Noon until 10:00pm at the CPL (28700 Euclid Avenue in Wickliffe). Join with thousands from across our region, for a day of faith, family, and great fun! Listen to the inspiring music of Laura Story, Matt Maher, Crowder, and for King & Country. There's plenty of FREE close parking. There's great family affordable food.... thanks to Executive Caterers and Marc's. There's something for everyone at The FEST. The day concludes with a beautiful outdoor Mass at 8:00pm followed by an incredible American Fireworks display. We have EVERYTHING you need for the perfect family day AND IT'S ALL FREE.... thanks especially to our friends at: Marc's, PNC, Notre Dame College, Barons Bus and Sherwood Foods. Check out all the details online at: www.theFEST.us. Please join us.

GLFF NEWS: Our faith formation program for children from preschool through ninth grade will begin on Sunday, September 10th. Online registration will be available after the parish festival. If you have any questions, please contact Grace Ogonek at gogonek@olqpgrafton.org.

YOU DID IT FOR ME: 82 year old Jeannie* came to the U.S. in 1989 on a VISA status. She worked as a housekeeper for three decades. Years ago a lawyer told Jeannie that he could help her gain citizenship. He charged \$2500. Jeannie paid, but she never heard from the lawyer again. Jeannie was afraid of being deported. One Sunday, she read in a church bulletin that Catholic Charities had an immigration services office. She made an appointment. The case manager explained everything and walked Jeannie through the whole citizenship application process. Today she is a citizen.

Catholic Charities provided immigration services to 323,151 clients in 2015.

**Name changed to protect privacy*
To learn more, visit www.CatholicCharitiesUSA.org

SING YOUR SONG

Alas for those who never sing, but die with their music within them.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes

This Week in the Parish:

Sunday, August 6

8:30am - Blood Drive (Parish Hall)

Friday, August 11

1:30pm - Keystone Pointe Nursing Home

Saturday, August 12

8:00am - Food Pantry (Parish Hall)

10:30am - Prayer Shawl (Parish Hall Rm. 1)

Sunday, August 13

2:00pm - Butterfly Release (Water Feature)

40th ANNUAL WALK OF HOPE IN SUPPORT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2017!

Here is a wonderful opportunity for you to both assist in supporting the ministerial needs of persons with disabilities in our Diocese while affirming the dignity of human life. The 40th Annual Walk of Hope will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2017 at St. Augustine Church, Cleveland, 2486 W. 14th Street in Cleveland in the Historic Tremont neighborhood. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.; the Walk is at 9:00 a.m.; there will be a Raffle at 10:30am; and then a Special Walk around Lincoln Park at 11:00 a.m. For further information, contact Marilyn Scott at 216-334-2963 or mjscott@ccdacle.org or Dennis McNulty at 216-334-2962 or dmcnulty@ccdacle.org, visit the website at <http://ccdacle.org/disability> or find us on Facebook. Join us at the 40th Annual Walk of Hope on Saturday, October 7th! This event is for persons with or without disabilities. Let's walk together!

SENIORS BUSTRIP: The Seniors will be taking a bus trip to Wellington Park on Thursday, August 10th. They will take a tram ride around the park and have lunch afterwards at the Elks. The bus will leave the church hall parking lot at 10:00am.

PARISH INFORMATION

† **Weddings:** Couples need to make arrangements at least six months prior to the wedding date.

† **Baptism:** Baptisms are celebrated at a mutually convenient time. Please call the office to make arrangements.

† **Ministry to the Sick:** Please notify the office for visits to parishioners in the hospital.

† **New parishioners:** Are asked to register as soon as possible at the Parish Office or by phone.

† **Inquiry Classes in the Catholic Religion:** Persons interested in becoming Catholic are asked to contact the Parish Office for information about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, RCIA.

FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE: Thanks to all who helped out with our Family Promise Host Week in July. The week went very smoothly, and the guests particularly enjoyed all the home-cooked meals and special activities, including Christmas in July, a therapy dog, and a visit from the Fire Department. We will host again in October and welcome all volunteers, both new and returning, interested in easing the weary path of our homeless neighbors in need. It takes about 300 volunteer hours to make the week run smoothly and we can really use YOUR help! Please call Linda (216-701-3954) or Christine (440-315-7689) for more information!



BOXES FROM HOME: The Altar and Rosary Society of St. Vincent de Paul Church sends "Boxes from Home" to deployed soldiers. Do you have a loved one or friend you would like to send a box to? Please call Dorothy at 984-2192 with the soldier's Name, Rank, Branch of Service and the overseas mailing address.

LADIES NIGHT OUT: VIP tickets will go on sales next weekend after all the masses. Cost for the tickets are \$10 each and the winner of the VIP contest will be announced after the 11:00am mass on August 27th. Regular tickets sales for the event go on sale after the 11:00am mass on September 10th.

