



**St. Adalbert/
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament
The 1st African American Catholic Church
in the City of Cleveland
The 2nd African American Catholic Church
in the United States**

1st Sunday Birthday Blessings/March 7
2nd Sunday Rosa March 14, 2021 at 10:30am
3rd Sunday February 21, 2021-Thomas Clark
Scholarship Fund

St. Charles Borromeo, 1260FM the Rock
February 22nd at 7:00 PM
February 28, 2021 / Catholic Charities Appeal

Mass Intentions: Victims of House Fires

Zoom Rosary Thursday Evenings / 6:30pm
[Contact Fr. Gary to join]

RCIA/C Thursdays at 7pm / Our Lady of Peace
Please pray for those who have begun the faith journey
to become Catholic.

Fr. Gary Chmura, Pastor, 216.881.7647
Fr. Nicholas Mtey / Fr. Andrew Morkunas
Sr Jacinto Kimaro, CSESM / Sr. Rita Mary Mrema CESM
Sr. Miriam Fidelis, O.SU 440.213.4417

Saint Adalbert Campus President: James Smith
Saint Adalbert School Principal: Jamie Smith
Music Ministry: Theresa Bumpers/Sandi Gay Chapman
Praise Dance Coordinators: Megan Lipian/Janice Sims
Parish Council Chair: Irene Morrison
Parish Finance Council Chair: Phillis Fuller Clippis

*From the hearts of Saint Adalbert/Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, School, Faculty, Staff and Teachers: We cannot begin to express our thanks and gratitude to all who generously contributed to the family that was devastated by the fire a couple of weeks ago. The outpouring of love, prayers and support are amazing and appreciated.
THANK YOU. Fr. G*

First Sunday of Lent

Lent is here! Traditionally, as Catholics, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving quickly come to mind!

Have you ever thought of Lent as a yearly opportunity? Each year Lent gives us six weeks to take a long, loving look at our lives and to realign our values and priorities in line with God's desires for us. Lent becomes that opportunity to "return to God with our whole heart."

What will you experience in the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving? What have you learned about yourself, your faith, and God through your own Lenten practices?

Each of these can enrich our faith and strengthen our discipleship. It's good to have a plan for doing as well as a plan for being. Be prepared for those plans to change as you become more attentive to God's voice.

Lenten Devotions at AM 1260 The Rock. Please join us for Lenten Devotions on AM 1260 The Rock! These devotions will air on **Tuesdays and Fridays during Lent.** On Tuesdays at 3:00 PM, we will air the Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus. On Fridays at 3:00 PM, we will host the Stations of the Cross for Priests. **The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy will continue to air on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 3:00 PM during Lent.** We wish you a fruitful and peaceful Lenten journey and we will keep you in our daily prayers.

Lent has begun! Operation Rice Bowl funds poverty and hunger alleviation programs, both locally and internationally. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on how hunger and malnutrition affect our human family, and on the need to take action to end this global injustice. Please see Irene Morrison if you have not received your rice bowl. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

"God Calling" airs Sundays at 4:30 PM / **AM 1260 The Rock** and features vocation stories from priests, religious, married, and single Catholics. Veteran broadcaster Paul Orlosky hosts this 30-minute glimpse into how God calls each one of us. February's lineup includes:

- 2/21-Fr. Joe Mamich, Pastor-St. Joseph Parish, Strongsville
- 2/28-Deacon Bill and Nancy Fredrick, St. Joseph Byzantine Church, Brecksville

Sunday Grief Support - Catholic Cemeteries Association continues with our free monthly in-office grief support groups, **TODAY February 21st** with limited seating for social distancing. Meetings are open discussion format, surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is in your heart. If you are not yet able to talk about your grief, come and listen, and be in the presence of those who understand. The February topic is "Experiencing God's Loving Embrace." We meet the 3rd Sunday of every month from 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm at Calvary Cemetery Cleveland (office); All Saints Cemetery Northfield (office); All Souls Cemetery Chardon (office). To RSVP or for questions, please contact Rhonda at rabrams@clecem.org or 216-930-4866.

STEWARDSHIP:

Thank you for your weekly contributions. We appreciate your sacrifice during these challenging times. Tax Statements have been mailed or hand delivered.

Irene Morrison expresses her sincere, heartfelt thank you, appreciation and gratitude for the cards and prayers at the loss of her brother Larry and the illness of her brother Leeland.

Mass Intentions: What a great way to have a prayer and Mass offered for your intentions, such as health, family, remembrance of deceased, or for a friend or idea. Please contact Fr. Gary, Sr. Rita or Phillis Clippis to schedule your mass intentions.

Wellness Checks:

Please remember to check on your elderly friends, neighbors, and relatives. They would appreciate the call. Prayer Lists are available in the back of the church for your use.

AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILY PRAYER

God of Mercy and Love,
we place our African American Families
before You today.

May we be proud of our history and
never forget those who paid a great price for
our liberation.

Bless us one by one and keep our hearts
and minds fixed on higher ground.
Help us to live for You and not for ourselves,
and may we cherish and proclaim the gift of life.
Bless our parents, guardians and grandparents,
relatives and friends.

Give us the amazing grace to be the salt of the earth and
the light of the world. Help us, as Your children, to live in
such a way that the beauty and greatness of authentic love
is reflected in all that we say and do.

Give us a healing anointing to those less fortunate,
especially the motherless, the fatherless,
the broken, the sick and the lonely.

Bless our departed family members and friends. May they
be led into the light of your dwelling place where we will
never grow old, where we will share the fullness of
redemption and shout the victory for all eternity.

This we ask in the precious name of Jesus,
our Savior and Blessed Assurance. Amen.

I Dream a World- *Langston Hughes*
I dream a world where man
No other man will scorn,
Where love will bless the earth
And peace its paths adorn
I dream a world where all
Will know sweet freedom's way,
Where greed no longer saps the soul
Nor avarice blights our day.
A world I dream where black or white,
Whatever race you be,
Will share the bounties of the earth
And every man is free,
Where wretchedness will hang its head
And joy, like a pearl,
Attends the needs of all mankind-
Of such I dream, my world!

Cleveland Food Bank -

Throughout Northeast Ohio, one in six people have been food insecure. Undoubtedly, this number is rising incredibly quickly as people are out of work during the COVID-19 crisis. The Greater Cleveland Food Bank looks to bridge the meal gap, connecting individuals with the nutritious meals they need to succeed. If you need help to get or keep your benefits, find a pantry that serves your area, or to see if you meet the guidelines for assistance, call the Food Bank at call 216-738-7239, or visit <http://GreaterClevelandFoodBank.org>.

Home Energy Assistance Program - (HEAP) Help for Dominion Energy Ohio Customers - If you are facing a financial hardship, Dominion Energy Ohio has several payment and assistance options for your unique situation. Dominion recently increased its contribution to the EnergyShare program, making additional dollars available this year to residential Customers struggling to pay their bills. You can learn more online at < DominionEnergy.com > and search for the keywords "energy assistance." During these unprecedented times, the company encourages you to pay your bills as you normally would to avoid a large balance later. If you've fallen behind on your bill, please contact Dominion Energy Ohio at 800-362-7557 for help with payment arrangements.

You are invited us for a Zoom Gathering **Black History Month** discussion, Monday, February 22 at 7pm. Phillip Clippis will be the presenter/moderator. Please contact Fr. Gary for a link via Zoom. garychmura@gmail.com.

Catholic Charities Annual Appeal - This year's appeal theme is Love Your Neighbor. Your generous support will transform the lives of others, to offer dignity, possibilities, and companionship to those who are most vulnerable. The 2021 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal will take place next weekend in our parish. As in the past, an in-pew commitment process will take place.

All who have not received the mailing from Bishop Malesic, or have not had a chance to respond to it, will be asked to consider making a generous pledge to support the ministries and services provided by Catholic Charities. If you have received the mailing, please respond generously to it and we ask you to also complete the in-pew envelope and indicate by checking the box that you have responded by mail.

Double your impact! A generous donor will match your gift, up to \$1 million. Do twice as much good when you give online at < CatholicCommunity.org/Match. Stories of inspiration and more information are at: CatholicCommunity.org/2021Appeal.

Please join **Monica Starks on February 27, 2021 at 10am** for a virtual workshop. **Down But, Not Out: Breaking Generational Curses.** Topics include: COVID-19 testing and vaccination /Estate Planning /Wealth Planning /Open Discussion/raffle tickets. Registration and additional information please visit: www.monicastarks.com

Food for Thought:

"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."