



March 21, 2021  
5th Sunday of Lent

In  
Faith | Hope

We Journey To You

LENT 2021



Our Lady of Peace  
Shaker Square's Catholic Church

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Temporary Office Hours

Monday-Friday 10:00am-4:00pm

Weekend Mass In The Main Church

Saturday 4:00pm  
Sunday 9:00am and 11:00am

Daily Mass In The Main Church

Monday-Friday 8:00am and 5:30pm  
Livestream at 8:00am and on demand

Confessions

Saturday 3:00pm-3:30pm  
Wednesday 5:00pm-5:30pm

Livestream links on our website or visit  
[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)  
and search "Our Lady of Peace Cleveland"

A note from Matthew...

This weekend brings to us the 5th Sunday of Lent, and a celebration for the Feast of St. Joseph (*which was officially on Friday*.) This weekend we will hear/see a beautiful message from Bishop Malesic, which he recorded specifically for our Community Meal and our Parishioners. It is just another example of how touching your goodness, care, and compassion is that you show towards others in our parish and community. Jesus said, "When you serve the least, you also serve me..." Think of how St. Joseph served the Lord by becoming the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and ultimately becoming the Father of Jesus; What a gift!

Let's today think of ALL fathers in the world, and together, using the example that St. Joseph made, strive to become more like him in all that we say and do.

Next week begins Holy Week; Let's make it the best one yet, no matter how we are gathering together. Use this last week of Lent to prepare your hearts and minds to journey with the Lord.

God Bless.....Matthew

# Our Lady Of Peace Church | What's Happening This Week

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, March 21 | 5th Sunday of Lent

**11:00am** +Parishioners of Our Lady of Peace

**7:00pm** +Lent Vespers (Online)

### Monday, March 22 | Lent Weekday

**8:00am** +Health and Prayers for Joyce Bouman

**5:30pm** +Intentions of the Castro Family

### Tuesday, March 23 | Lent Weekday

*St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop*

**8:00am** +Ron Scott

**5:30pm** +In Memory of Mike Bouman

### Wednesday, March 24 | Lent Weekday

**8:00am** +Jim Schuenger

**5:30pm** +Helen and William Gielincki

### Thursday, March 25 | Lent Weekday

*The Annunciation of the Lord*

**8:00am** +Health of Sr. Margaret Mary, HM

**5:30pm** +Blessings for Cindy Knowles Family

### Friday, March 26 | Lent Weekday

**8:00am** +Family of Diane and Jim Lardie

**5:30pm** +Frank R. Lucas

### Saturday, March 27 | Vigil Mass

**4:00pm** +Tony Nero

### Sunday, March 28 | Palm Sunday

**11:00am** +Parishioners of Our Lady of Peace

## Parish Financial Report

Please remember, during the pandemic, **we prefer that you use Faith-Direct**. It requires less paper handling and less trips to the bank (which is a 2-4 hour wait!). If you are unsure or would like us to help you set it up, please **call Kim or Father Gary at the office**. As always, **thank you** for your kind, continued support.

| Last Month (February) Totals   | Amount    | Current Month (March) Weekly     | Amount    |
|--------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Budget                         | \$22,000  | Weekly Budget                    | \$5,500   |
| Actual                         | \$17,095  | 03/14/21 Sunday Actual           | \$4,190   |
| Surplus/(Deficit)              | (\$4,905) | 4-Week Average                   | \$4,488   |
| Repair Fund and One-Time Gifts | \$2,890   | 4 Week Average Surplus/(Deficit) | (\$1,012) |

## This Week at OLP

### Monday, March 22, 2021

Lent Prayer (Online)

### Tuesday, March 23, 2021

Lent Prayer (Online)

### Wednesday, March 24, 2021

Lent Prayer (Online)

Adoration (Online)

Book Club (ZOOM 6:30pm)

### Thursday, March 25, 2021

Lent Prayer (Online)

Zoom Rosary Online 6:30pm

### Friday, March 26, 2021

Lent Prayer (Online)

Stations of the Cross (Online All Day) Live at 6:00pm

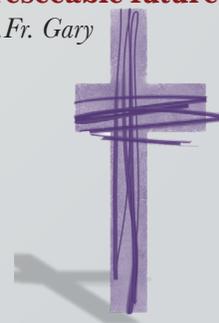
## Schedule Mass Intentions

We have **many openings** for **Mass Intentions** for both the Daily Masses and Weekend Masses. 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 Kim in the Office 216-421-4211 ext. 302** or by way of **email: office@olpchurch.com**. Intentions can also be scheduled from the parish webpage, **www.olpchurch.com** and clicking on the **online office tab**. We hope to hear from you!

## Mask Requirement in Church

We have received several complaints about parishioners not wearing masks in church. Please **note that nothing has changed**. We are still **required to wear masks in church at all times**. I have not witnessed anyone myself, but several others have commented recently. More obviously, we have many people who have **not received their vaccine** and we are experiencing many visitors into our church. Last but not least, **attendance has been picking up**. All of these factors should make it obvious why we are **strictly following these guidelines**, but I will reiterate again, it is also **diocesan and state law for the foreseeable future**.

*God bless.....Fr. Gary*



## Why Do We Cover the Statues?

This is a common practice in the church which has been carried out for centuries. In recent times, this is done just prior to the 5th Sunday of Lent. This fits with the season of Lent, which is meant to be a time of penance and deprivation. We deprive or “prune” ourselves in several ways -- fast and abstinence and not singing the Gloria or the Alleluia before the Gospel are other examples. Veiling of the statues takes place about half way through the season. Then, we commemorate Christ’s passion.

Finally, on Holy Thursday, we stop ringing the bells, and remove the Blessed Sacrament and deprive the church of light itself. It culminates with entering the church in darkness before the Easter Vigil. The veiling of the statues and crucifix are another form of “doing without” in order to focus our attention on the liturgical season. It surely comes as a bit of a shock when you first walk into the church and that is exactly the effect that is intended. Covering of the statues and allowing for little or no adornment of the church is another “help” in focusing on the passion and death of our Lord. This liturgical death of the Church reveals how Christ emptied Himself of His glory in order to save us from our sins and to teach us who we are.

Everything is unveiled before the Easter Vigil, when we walk out of that darkness into the resurrection. We suddenly see a spectacular church decorated in a spectacular fashion, with spectacular sounds and images. While the above description gives a very rational explanation of how this fits appropriately within the culmination of the Lenten season, there are several anecdotes as to how this tradition came into being. In the early church, there were no modern communications and many were illiterate, so this was a way of communicating to the faithful that the season of Lent was upon them. With respect to covering the crucifix, this is believed to be rooted in the Gospel according to John 8:59 and explained well by Abbot Guéranger, “At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.” As Christ hid himself from the rage of the authorities, so now he is hidden from the world in preparation for the mysteries of his passion. The presentiment of that awful hour [of our Savior’s passion] leads the afflicted mother [the Church] to veil the image of her Jesus: the cross is hidden from the eyes of the faithful. The statues of the saints, too, are covered; for it is but just that, if the glory of the Master be eclipsed, the servant should not appear. The interpreters of the liturgy tell us that this ceremony of veiling the crucifix on the Sunday before Jesus’ passion, expresses the humiliation to which our Savior subjected Himself, of hiding Himself when the people threatened to stone Him, as is related in the Gospel of Passion Sunday.

## Palm Sunday Next Weekend

Remember that **next weekend is Palm Sunday** and we will **re-institute the Sunday 9:00am Mass** (In Person/no livestream) Additionally, at all the Masses, please take home your **Holy Week Bag** that we will have prepared for you. On Sunday, **between the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses**, we will be **outside to distribute Holy Week Bags** and **Palms** for those who wish to **stay in their vehicle**. Please join us for Palm Sunday!

## Pope Francis Lent Prayer

**Fast from hurting words and say kind words. Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude**

**Fast from anger and be filled with patience. Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.**

**Fast from worries and have trust in God. Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.**

**Fast from pressures and be prayerful. Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.**

**Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.**

**Fast from grudges and be reconciled.**

**Fast from words; be silent and listen.**

## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.