HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

Sunday, February 8:
• PSR/Atrium from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.
• First Communion preparation for Parents and Children from 11:10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (School building)
• Pre-Baptism Preparation: 2:00 p.m. in the Adult Ed Room (School Building)

Tuesday, February 10:
• RCIA at 7:00 p.m. (Adult Ed Room)
Topic: Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation

Sunday, February 15:
• No PSR/Atrium today
• Father Andy Turner will speak at noon on the topic Loving What You Do by Living Christ’s Call – college students and young adults are welcome and lunch is included (School building)

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 18th

Holy Rosary Men’s Ministry
Men of all ages are invited to join together for prayer and discussion on Saturday, February 21—and the third Saturday of each month – beginning with the Rosary and morning prayer at 8:00 a.m. and followed by a discussion of The Seven Storey Mountain by Thomas Merton. Please gather for prayer in the church hall during the renovation. Contact Fred at (216) 321-4596 if you have questions or would like to be added to the email list.

Beverly Battista
Anne Daley Cavin
Rev. John Weigand

LITURGICAL MINISTERS for February 14-15
Lectors:
5:00 p.m. Marie Frank
8:30 a.m. Caroline Koepeke
11:00 a.m. Rosetta Vercellino
8:00 p.m. Eddie Occhionero

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
5:00 p.m. Marija Rowane, Jim Bindas, Leroy Dierker
8:30 a.m. Fred Karboski, Felipe Gomez del Campo
11:00 a.m. John D’Angelo, Gail Francioli
8:00 p.m. Steve Bacik, Denise Feyes, Sharon Bramante

Altar Servers:
5:00 p.m. E. Martin, C. Martin
8:30 a.m. C. Karboski, L. Karboski
11:00 a.m. L. Schneider, T. Schneider
8:00 p.m. S. Bacik, D. Feyes

IMPORTANT RENOVATION REMINDER
Work on the church building continues!

Just a reminder that all Masses will be held in the hall during the renovation process and we thank you for your patience during this time. Please note that the hall will be unlocked a half hour before all Mass times. Construction photos are on the parish website: www.holy-rosary.org.
My Dear Parish Family:

Once again during this brief window of Ordinary time, our gospel is taken from the Gospel according to Mark. Scholars tell us that Mark was the first of the four gospels to be put to parchment. His style of relating the events of Jesus and His ministry are often succinct and lacking in details. For example in today’s gospel Mark packs a lot of “action” into just 11 verses. For this reason it would be easy to overlook a very important verse: “Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed.”

Because of the numerous miraculous healings and the expelling of demons, there was no little amount of excitement and “buzz” surrounding Him. Yet, amidst this flurry, our Lord Jesus found a way to seclude himself from all that and went off to a deserted place, where He prayed.

Jesus, while in the midst of His mission here on earth, knew that He needed to remain in communication with His Father in heaven in order to remain “on plan” with His Divine Will. So He prayed, early and often. In this particular instance it almost appears that the fruit of this occasion of prayer was to remind Jesus of the breadth of His mission, that is, “Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.”

There is a lesson here if we think about this for just a moment. Jesus, the second person of the Blessed Trinity from all eternity, now in human flesh knew of His need to pray and found a way to do it despite the monumental task that lay before Him! What does that say to us His disciples? How much greater is our need to pray than that of our Lord?! If Jesus who is fully divine and fully human, felt prayer was so essential to remaining in communion with His Father, how much more essential must it be to us who are merely human? I am sure there are many very worthwhile, even charitable things that occupy our days – raising children, working, looking for work or doing works of charity that build up the Kingdom of God – but these cannot excuse us from meeting the Lord in prayer daily. Nothing we do can be as important as what Jesus did during His public ministry. So, forget the excuses. He found time to pray. So should we.

If you missed me at Mass last week (and it is certainly okay if you did not) it was because I was on retreat, trying to find that deserted place, where I could pray. It was a blessed, quiet time away from the usual business in which I learned a great deal about the Holy Spirit AND… how great is my need to grow in prayer. To come to this realization was a grace. One of the fruits of that grace is that after nearly six decades of praying, I am only just beginning to learn how.

Peace of Christ,
Deacon Bruce

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Lent is quickly approaching – Students will be available at all Masses to help you sign up for a weekly, hour-long Lenten Small Faith Group.
Or contact Sharon at sxb671@case.edu for more info.

***This Week’s Schedule***

Monday, February 9, 5:45 p.m. Labre Homeless Outreach meets at Sigma Chi to bring food and friendship to those outside. Contact Labreinfo@case.edu.

Tuesday, February 10, 6:15 p.m. Lectio Divina Bible Group in the IFC. Contact Peter Liao at pll21@case.edu for more information.

Thursday, February 12, 7:00 p.m. Weekly Newman Night in the IFC. Dr. Jonathan Tan, the new Hallinan Chair of Catholic Studies, will share “The Breadth of Cultural Diversity in the Catholic Church.” – complete with stunning visual images! Free snacks.

Thursday, February 12, 8:00 p.m. Newman Vision Planning/Leadership Meeting in the IFC. All students are welcome – Topics this week will be planning for E. Cleveland Service, Eucharistic Adoration Tuesday, February 17, and Kairos 4th Day Club Friday, February 20.

Saturday, February 14, Newman Service Day in East Cleveland – 3 time frames available. Lent is a time for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving – get a jump start by giving of your time to address poverty and hunger. We need 3-6 volunteers at each of the following times:

* 9:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. – Food and clothing distribution at St. Vincent de Paul Ozanam Center
* 1:30-4:00 p.m. – Cook a meal and serve it to the poor
* 4:00-6:30 p.m. – Serve meal and converse with guests at Our Family Home Center.

Contact sxb671@case.edu to reserve a spot in the van!!

***Upcoming Events***

Sunday, February 15, 12:00 noon, join Fr. Andy Turner for a discussion about “Loving what you do by living Christ’s call.” Lunch will be provided on the 3rd floor of Holy Rosary’s school building – a great way to prepare for Ash Wednesday!
Pre-Baptism Preparation – Today!
Sunday, February 8th at 2:00 p.m., in the Adult Ed Room.
Please call Tammy Moore at (216) 421-2995, ext. 18 if you’d like to attend. Baptismal preparation is required before the Baptism of your first child only. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the Sacrament of Baptism and about sharing our beautiful Catholic faith with your child.

Respect Life Ministry
The Holy Rosary Respect Life Ministry meets the third Monday of each month following the 7:00 p.m. Mass at approximately 7:40 p.m., in the Adult Ed Room of the School. The next meeting will be on February 16th as we plan for the remainder of 2015. If you can come early, please join us first for Mass in the hall at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Miraculous Medal devotional prayers.

Enjoy Some Mardi Gras Fun
– at Saint Mary Seminary
An invitation from seminarian Andrew Hoover:
Friday, February 13 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Homemade gumbo, desserts, 50/50 raffles, music, children’s games and SMS jackets for sale. Tickets are available at the door – only $10.00 adults and $5.00 for children under 12. All proceeds supports the seminarians’ student activity fund for the men in formation for the priesthood.
Saint Mary Seminary, 28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe.
Call 440-943-7600 with questions.

40 Days for Life – New Vigil Begins during Lent
From February 18-March 29, join in 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Pray peacefully outside Preterm, Cleveland or at other locations in our area. For more information or to volunteer, call John at 216-245-9744 or via email at clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com. You may also visit the website at www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland.

Stitch Ministry Invitation
The Stitch Ministry invites you to stitch on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 11:00 am to 1:00 p.m. We have an ongoing need for tied fleece blankets (all sizes), baby blankets (all sizes), hats and/or scarves for toddlers/small children and adults. We will also accept your donations of gift cards, yarn and fleece fabric. Contact Patricia Cornacchione at (216) 791-7166 or via email at cornacchione@sbcglobal.net for more information about where to meet during the renovation!

Department for Marriage & Family Ministry
The Department for Marriage & Family Ministry in the Diocese of Cleveland invites you to visit www.foryourmarriage.org for the latest news, Catholic teaching and practical helps. It’s a helpful resource for engaged couples, married couples, parents and young adults.

Evening of Confession: March 4
On Wednesday, March 4, 2015 our parish and all of the parishes in the Diocese of Cleveland will again offer “An Evening of Confession” from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Parishioners are asked to evangelize a little bit and invite family or friends who may have been away from the Church to join in this special Lenten practice. Priests at all of the 185 parishes will be present for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As Pope Francis says, “God never tires of forgiving. Never tire for asking.” More information is available at www.welcomecatholics.com.

Sunday Afternoon Speaker Series for Young Adults
— Presentation and Lunch —
College Students and Young Adults are invited to attend a Sunday afternoon presentation in the school building following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Lunch is included!

Presenter: Father Andy Turner
Date & Time: February 15, 2015 at Noon
Topic: Loving What You Do by Living Christ's Call

Father Turner will reflect on living missionary discipleship in union with Christ in the context of our present lives and vocations.

Living With Benedict Weekend
Single young men between the ages of 18 and 45 who are interested in discerning God’s will for their lives are invited to participate in the “Living with Benedict” monastic spirituality weekend at St. Andrew’s Benedictine Abbey in Cleveland (near University Circle) that will take place on February 13-15. Contact Fr. Finbar at finbar@cbhs.edu or 216-721-5300, ext. 273. You can also visit standrewabbey.org. The theme will be “The Spirit of Lent.”

CRS Rice Bowl – Begins During Lent
Join our parish community and more than 13,000 Catholic communities across the U.S. in a life-changing Lenten journey with the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl. Please pick up your family’s rice bowl next Sunday, and don’t forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app!
Remember, your Lenten sacrifices change lives.
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults:

Our lives sometimes go through seasons of change; of closeness to God and distance from him. Yet God the Father’s love is steadfast and ever-present to those who seek with a sincere heart, no matter what sins or situations have caused separation. If you have thought about becoming Catholic and beginning a new “season” in your life, please contact Father Joseph Previte or Anne DeMarco, at 216-421-2995.

Pray for our men & women in the military, law enforcement & fire fighters

- Third District Cleveland Police • Battalion I Cleveland Firefighters • City of Bedford Safety Forces
- Firefighter Nicholas Angie, Kirtland • First Lieut. Timothy Berger, Marines
- Sgt. Dan Clementi, Shaker Hts. Police Dept. • Rct. Frank DiPenti, Marines
- Lt. Guy Estergall, Cleveland Fire Dept. • Patrol Officer Christopher Frato, Jr., Shaker Heights • Firefighter Joseph Frato, Akron • Cpl. Aaron Gobidas, Marines • Ryan Gvora, Mayfield Heights Firefighter • William Madan, Mayfield Heights Firefighter • Nicholas Mandato, Air Force • E-5 Miles McGeehan, U.S. Army • Sgt. Sean Moriarty, Army • Sgt. Kevin Owens, Beachwood Police Dept. • Joseph Della Rosa, U.S. Coast Guard • Captain Jonathan Royer, Marines • Firefighter Michael Scabbo, Bedford • Matthew Scalisi, Cleveland Clinic Police Dept. • Deputy Rex Smith, Minnehaha County, SD • Mark Stack, Marine Reserves & Lorain Firefighter • Patrol Officer Matthew Sustarsic

PRAYER INTENTIONS: Please pray for the following members of the Holy Rosary community & for their caregivers:

Karen Algiro • Anthony Dottore • George Mertel
Maria Alveses • Sadie Falorio • Joseph Monaco
Jim Anderson • Alison Feighan • Gus Nahra
Michael Antonacci • John Feighan • Nancy Olah
Danny Antonacci • Lynne Feighan • Mark Peck
Donna Antonacci • Evelyn Franzioli • Danielle Pelessec
Judy Barnhart • Maureen Gannon • Michael Peluso
Karina Belllassai • Anthony Gatto • Emily Pinzone
Susan Barlett • Jackie Gallagher • Shane Prichard
Betty Bierut • Nick Grasso • Ray
Gabriella Bogardy • Marilyn Hanlon • Alexis Renick
Susan Bargmann • Ron Hanlon • Holly Renick
Lisa Boyd • Terri Hannaford • Susan Royer
Britt • Michalina Hocevar • Bob S.
Michael K. Buckholtz • Frank Horvath • John Sabetta
Mary Ellen Buell • Aileen Hyden • Donnie Sack
Joan Burns • Josie Falorio Kolus • Joann Sack
Stacey Burnette • Rose LaMattina • Tom Satyshur
William Carson Family • Salvatore C. Lamont • Antonino Scarpetti
Eve Chamberlin • Lida • Bill Schaefer
Jose Christofano • Morgan Maloney • Zeta May Sikole
Marie Cilenti • Bobby Mandato • Charles Skripko
Margaret Cipullo • Norma Mandato • Joe E. Strumbly
Patricia Cornacchione • Ron Mandato • John Swicki
Jackie Crabi • Robert Manion • Karyn Thomas
Thomas W. Cullinan • Brian Martin • Jeff Vandermeulen
Michael P. Curran • Jim Martin • Cordelia Willets
Mary D’Angelo • Denise Martinez • Donald Worthington
Dawn Darcangelo • Terri McGee

Please call 216-421-2995 to be added or to be removed from the prayer list.

Information for Parents of Children Receiving First Communion in 2015

First Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 12, 2015.

If you are Holy Rosary parishioners and your child is in 2nd grade, he or she is to receive First Communion at Holy Rosary – even if they are attending a diocesan school and are not enrolled in the PSR/Good Shepherd Program here. Please contact the Parish Office at (216) 421-2995 for more information and if you have any additional questions.

Holy Rosary Capital Campaign

Continuing the Tradition

PARISH GOAL: $ 1,300,000.00
Pledges Made to date: $ 1,083,496.55
Payments Made to date: $ 677,648.06

We are grateful for the sacrificial pledges and payments made by parish families and friends who believe in Continuing the Tradition that is Holy Rosary. If interested in pledging, please call (216) 421-2995. Thank you for your generosity and prayers.

The future starts today, not tomorrow.
– Pope St. John Paul II

Feast Volunteer Invitation

The annual parish celebration of the Feast of the Assumption is six and a half months away, but the planning has begun! If you have volunteered before and are interested in becoming more involved – we are in need of someone to chair a few of the stands. If you are new to the parish and would like to meet other parishioners and learn more about our four day annual religious celebration and parish fund raiser, please contact Tammy at the Parish Office at tmoore@holy-rosary.org or (216) 421-2995. This is a fun event which requires many volunteers, preliminary planning and organization ahead of time. Mark your calendar for the Feast of the Assumption and save the dates: Thursday, August 13 to Sunday, August 16, 2015!

Are You a Registered Holy Rosary Parishioner?

If you are attending Mass regularly at Holy Rosary Church and have not yet registered as a parishioner, we invite you to fill out a registration form – please call the Parish Office at (216) 421-2995.

We look forward to officially welcoming you!