UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, February 21:
- PSR/Atrium from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- First Communion Session for Parents and Children – 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in Atrium
- Please join us for coffee/donuts after 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses

Tuesday, February 23: RCIA meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Education Room. Topic: Penance & Anointing

Wednesday, February 24: Evening of Confession from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Holy Rosary.

Friday, February 26: (Day of abstinence from meat)
- Eucharistic Adoration after 12:15 p.m. Mass until 1:45 p.m.
- Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m. in Church

Sunday, February 28:
- PSR/Atrium from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- First Communion Session for Children – 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in Atrium
- Please join us for coffee/donuts after 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses

Lenten Schedule

Note that on all Fridays of Lent, those age 14 and older are asked to abstain from meat.

We invite you to one hour of Eucharistic Adoration after the 12:15 p.m. Masses on all Fridays of Lent and to attend Stations of the Cross on all Fridays of Lent at 7:00 p.m.

Evening of Confession on Wednesday, February 24 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Holy Rosary (individual confession) and at churches throughout the Diocese of Cleveland.

† Rest in Peace †

Sean Emling

LITURGICAL MINISTERS for February 27-28

Lectors:
- 5:00 p.m. Rosetta Vercellino
- 8:30 a.m. Caroline Koepke
- 11:00 a.m. Christiana Lodigiani
- 8:00 p.m. Greg Mangino

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
- 5:00 p.m. Anne DeMarco, Dan Gordon, F. DiFranco
- 8:30 a.m. Claire Miller, Chris Trotta
- 11:00 a.m. Gail Francioli, Jeshrene Enerio
- 8:00 p.m. Steve Bacik, Rose Spena, Monica Karboski

Altar Servers:
- 5:00 p.m. F. DiFranco, M. Trentanelli
- 8:30 a.m. P. Gaughan, N. Trotta
- 11:00 a.m. I. Parks, E. Parks
- 8:00 p.m. S. Bacik, R. Spena
My Dear Parish Family,

Covenant is not a word that is in most people’s everyday vocabulary; however, knowing what it is and is not is crucial to understanding the Scriptures, particularly the Hebrew Scriptures. Wikipedia defines it as “an agreement, contract, undertaking, commitment or guarantee.” The biblical definition is quite different. A covenant is simply “a binding agreement or compact between two or more parties, often of unequal stature.” The Hebrew origin of the word is berîyth which has at its root the verb “to cut.” Keep that in mind as we reflect upon our first reading from Genesis.

Abram is starting to worry about God’s promise regarding his descendants and his possession of the land. He does not doubt God’s faithfulness but he reminds God that his own biological clock is ticking, ticking away. God reassures him that his descendants will number like the stars of the sky, a number too large to count. (By today’s estimates some $1 \times 10^{24}$). Abram asks the Lord, “how am I to know that I shall possess it?” Understand that the nature of this question does not exhibit doubt but rather a better understanding of his role in this process akin to the Blessed Virgin’s question at the Annunciation, “How can this be since I have no relations with a man?”

The Lord’s response to his question is utterly amazing. God initiates a covenant with the man Abram to demonstrate the seriousness of God’s intent to keep His promise. God condescends to enter into this arrangement with one of His creatures even using the human ritual for covenants, berîyth. Passing through the two halves of the animals is symbolically saying ‘Should I violate this covenant, I call down this same fate upon myself.’ This is a serious promise!

Another word for covenant is testament. This story from Genesis is one of the ‘oldest’ testaments we have in our salvation history in which God is exceedingly generous with His part of the relationship. What God initiated with Abram with a promise of progeny He brought to fulfillment in the new and everlasting testament with His one and only chosen Son, Jesus Christ. Through this Son, God our Father promises us more than a personal heritage of descendants. He will make us His own adopted sons and daughters. What a promise!

Peace of Christ,
Deacon Bruce
Are you interested in the Catholic Faith?
We invite you to learn what the Church teaches & be introduced to some of our parish members. These also are opportunities for you, and others that you may wish to invite, to ask those perplexing and difficult questions you may have about the Church. These gatherings are for inquirers & are open to those who are not baptized, as well as those who are baptized Christians from Protestant or Evangelical backgrounds, or baptized Catholic but have not received Eucharist & Confirmation. The sessions are Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Please contact Fr. Joseph Previte or Anne DeMarco at (216) 421-2995. Topic, February 23: Penance & Anointing

Solemnity of Saint Joseph – Saturday, March 19
Solemn Mass & Saint Joseph Table Luncheon
Mass at 10:00 a.m. and luncheon to follow in the hall. Tickets are available in the parish office or on Sunday mornings in the hall during coffee/donuts following the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Adults: $15.00; Children under age 12 are only $5.00.
Proceeds to benefit the poor.

Christians throughout the world marked February 15 as a day to remember the courage and religious fortitude of twenty-one Coptic Christians who were executed one year ago by Islamic State terrorists in Libya. The Coptic Orthodox Christian Church will be joined by the Roman Catholic Church, the Eastern Orthodox Church and other Christian denominations in observing the somber anniversary. These Coptic Christian hostages were executed for no other reason than their faith in Jesus Christ. The men executed that day were native Egyptians, with one exception, a young African man. The executioners demanded that each hostage identify his religious allegiance. Given the opportunity to deny their faith, under threat of death, the Egyptians declared their faith in Jesus. Steadfast in their belief, even in the face of evil, each was beheaded. Their compatriot was not a Christian when captured, apparently, but given the opportunity to declare his faith, he reportedly replied: “Their God is my God.” This particular crime against humanity was a grotesque example of the violence Christians face daily in such areas of the world as Libya, Iraq, and Syria. We note the inspiration and testimony to the power of faith even in adversity.
(Adapted from an article in the Wall Street Journal by Bishop Demetrios of Mokissos)
We invite you to pray: Mary, our Mother, Comfort of the afflicted, Refuge of the oppressed, pray for all those who suffer because they proclaim their faith in your Son. Strengthen and console them in the hour of trial. Amen.

The Holy Rosary Capital Campaign
PARISH GOAL: $1,300,000.00
Pledges Made to date: $1,114,157.96
Payments Made to date: $960,296.53
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 parish. If interested in making a pledge or one-time contribution, please call (216) 421-2995. Payments may also be made automatically through Faith Direct. Thank you for your generosity & prayers.

Stitch Ministry Invitation:
For Those Who Crochet, Knit & Sew
The Holy Rosary Stitch Ministry invites you to join us in the Church Hall on the second Thursday of each month from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We crochet, knit, and sew. We make blankets and shawls for the homebound, hats for small children, and blankets for infants in need. Our current project is blankets for newly baptized infants of Holy Rosary. Whether you come on Thursdays or work on your own at home, you can bring your finished items and new yarn donations to the specially marked box in the Church Hall or to the parish office. Thank you!

Respect Life Collection
Lenten Work of Mercy
The Holy Rosary Respect Life Ministry invites the parish to participate in a Lenten Work of Mercy by donating items needed for the Rose-Mary Center in Euclid, Ohio, a local charity providing support to disabled children and adults in our area. Boxes are located near the church entrances to collect your donations. An informational flyer for you to take home containing a list of needed items is located on the lid of the box. Residents of Rose-Mary Center and community group homes are constantly in need of the following items (new):
- Socks (size large)
- Men’s Undershirts (S, M, L, XL and XXL)
- Girls underwear (sizes 12 and up)
- Boys underwear (size 12 and up)
- Women’s underwear (sizes 5-10)
- Men’s underwear (sizes 30-38)
- Sweatshirts (boys large, girls M-L, women S-XXL, men S-XXL)
- hats and gloves (men’s sizes)
- Bathing suits (all sizes)
- Washcloths
- Bath towels
- Twin size sheets and quilts
- Book bags and backpacks
- Flashlights
- Lunch boxes (soft-sided)
- Shampoo
- Soap
- Deodorant
- Art/crafts supplies: construction paper, paints, glue, markers, crayons, colored pencils
- AA batteries, AAA and C batteries and more!

The Holy Rosary Respect Life Ministry thanks you in advance for your generosity during this Lenten season.

See the full list of needed items at:
www.rose-marycenter.com/give

Bulletin Submissions may be sent to tmooore@holy-rosary.org before Monday at 5:00 p.m., or 216-421-2995, ext. 18.

Bringing America Back to Life
Pro-Life Convention
March 11-12, 2016
Embassy Suites, Independence Cleveland Right to Life’s annual convention has become the premier educational platform of the pro-life community.

Please see the flyers available in the back of church for information on the many speakers and how to register or call 440-281-1502 or visit www.bringingamericabacktolife.org.
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***This Week’s Schedule***

Monday, February 22, 5:45 p.m. Labre Homeless Outreach brings food & friendship to those living outdoors. Contact Labreinfo@case.edu.

Tuesday, February 23, 6:15 p.m. Lectio Divina Prayer Group in the IFC. Please contact Peter Liao at plil21@case.edu for more information.

Thursday, February 25, 7:00 p.m., Newman Night in the IFC. As part of our Lenten JUST’ice TALKIN series, Sr. Cecelia Liberatore will tell us about her ministry with incarcerated women and lead a discussion about justice and mercy in the U.S. court system. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 25, 8:15 p.m. Newman Vision Planning Meeting in the IFC. Share your ideas for Newman programs and events. Learn what you can do to keep the Catholic community at CWRU/CIA/CIM vibrant!

Friday, February 26, 6:00 p.m. Newman Student Fish Fry in Holy Rosary’s Parish Hall. Come enjoy this Lenten social tradition to be followed by Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7:00 p.m. Please contact sxb671@case.edu for more information or to volunteer!

***Upcoming Events***

Tuesday, March 1, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation in the Inter Faith Center. Don’t miss this opportunity to go to confession on campus during the season of Lent. There will be a brief opening prayer, and then priests will be available for individual confession. A dinner/snack will be available in the IFC for those who desire.

2016 First Step Programs: Continuing education regarding marriage & divorce in the Church during the Holy Year, the Jubilee of Mercy

Everyone is welcome to: Deepen knowledge of the Church’s teaching on marriage; Learn about the Church’s ministry to the divorced/separated in the Diocese; Hear about the annulment process and how to submit a case; Discover a path to healing after divorce in order to strengthen marriage; Learn about the Church’s ministry to the divorced/separated caregivers in your prayers.

Karen Algido
Jim Anderson
Michael Antonacci, Jr.
Judy Barnhart
Karina Bellassai
Susan Bartelett
Betty Bierut
Gabriella Bogardy
Susan Borgmann
Lisa Boyd
Eleanor Ann Bramante
Michael K. Buchholz
Mary Ellen Buell
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