

Mass Intentions This Week

Saturday, March 7, 2020

3:00 PM Confession

4:00 PM Saint Patrick Parishioners (Pro Populo)

Sunday, March 8, 2020

10:00 AM Scott J. Liles-Vicki Stratton

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

8:00 AM Frank & Rose Sweeney-Sweeney Family

Friday, March 13, 2020

5:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 14, 2020

3:00 PM Confession

4:00 PM Frank Giannola Sr-Mary Ann & Jon Manock

Sunday, March 15, 2020

10:00 AM Saint Patrick Parishioners (Pro Populo)

Upcoming Dates:

CONFESSIONS: during Lent—beginning at 3:00 PM

14 March, 21 March, 28 March, 4 April—

This is before the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday.

March 13, 2020, 5:00 PM Way of the Cross

March 13, 2020, 5:00 PM Lenten Fish Fry

Mar 14, 2020, 7:00 AM (RCIA Rm) TMIY: The 6th

Day: The Home at Nazareth

Mar 16, 2020 (RCIA Rm) Bible Study, 2020, 7:00 PM

Weekend Mass Attendance—Feb 29 & 1 Mar, 2020-412

Sunday Offering	\$ 6,104.00
Improvement Fund	\$ 135.00
Assessment	\$ 10.00
Easter	\$ 20.00
Lent	\$ 1,983.00
Ash Wed.	\$ 1,034.00
Total Collections	\$ 9,286.00

Our Gifts to GOD—Many contribute generously. We all need to share the burden of parish support. May God bless your sacrifice for Him!

March Ministry

Sat Mar 14, 4pm

Servs: Sutton Daring, James & Megan Dillon

Lectors: Anne Reames, Deb Jones

Minists: Sharon Hess, Susan Brewer

Spanish Mass, no Ministry servers

Sun Mar 15, 10:00 am

Lect: Aaron & Alivia Campbell, Josais Robles

Minists: Bonnie Verseles, Becky Jones

Lectors: Lacey Campbell, Kelly Steggeman

Tues, Mar 17 6pm

Servs: Fiona & Liam Sweeney, Lucy Johns

Lectors: Lisa Brandel, Julie Quay

Minists: Shirley Fromm, Eric Tom



LENT is upon us. Even those who do not share our faith or celebrate this penitential season are typically aware of it. They see “Lenten specials” offered at restaurants and hear their friends refer to what they “gave up for Lent.”

Yes, Lent is a time for small sacrifices in repentance for our sins – fasting and abstaining from meat on Fridays in accordance with Church law, and often other acts of voluntary self-denial in line with long-established tradition.

In recent decades, there has been a healthy emphasis on giving up bad habits and sinful behaviors, such as gossip and grudges, during Lent, in addition to or instead of doing without a favorite food or drink. Catholics may also observe Lent by spiritual reading, volunteering to help others in need, attending a day of reflection, or participating in Mass daily.

At all Lenten liturgies, the priest and deacon wear purple and the Alleluia is not sung. On the three middle Sundays of Lent, a series of ancient rites of self-searching and repentance called the scrutines are celebrated for the elect – those who are seeking baptism, confirmation and First Communion at the Easter Vigil.

The cumulative effect of all these practices is that Lent feels different from the rest of the year, both on Sundays and throughout each week.

At the same time, however, what we do during Lent should affect how we live our lives after Lent. Think of it as a kind of reset button for our lives. The traditional Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are powerful tools to help us soberly re-examine our lives and our relationship with Christ, determine what needs to change, and begin that process.

While communal prayers such as Mass and the Stations of the Cross are important, so is individual, meditative prayer. In the world of 24/7 cable, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and podcasts – all of which can have many positive effects – it is more important than ever that we take some quiet time for spiritual reflection, especially during Lent.

One important tool for reflection that comes into your home is The Catholic Telegraph. The archdiocesan newspaper is an essential source of faith formation and spiritual development, as well as news. This is true every month, but in this issue you will find a special focus on Lent from many different perspectives.

The CT also has a wonderful new service called The Daily Divina. This is a brief passage from Scripture and a single question for reflection that is e-mailed to subscribers each morning, weekends included, to give you nourishing food for thought all day. You can subscribe at thecatholictelegraph.com/digital-subscriptions.

Another vital habit to cultivate is the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which is particularly appropriate during Lent. Through this great gift, God gives us the means to confess our sins and begin anew. To make Lenten access to the sacrament more easily available, all parishes/parish regions of the Archdiocese will be open for confession and private prayer from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24. We call this The Light is On for You because the light of the confessional is like a porch light welcoming us home. It reminds us that the light of Christ shines in the darkness for all of us, whatever our failings and whatever our challenges. Learn more at encounterpeace.org.

LENT is an opportunity to “repent and believe in the Good News,” to make a change in our relationship with the Lord and with others – not just for six weeks, but for the rest of our lives. I urge you to make the most of it.

Most Rev Dennis M. Schnurr

MASS INTENTIONS: Please, fill out the form below and drop in the collection basket or mail to the office. There is a \$5 stipend for each Mass requested. **PLEASE, PRINT!**
Intention: _____
Offered by: _____
Date requested: _____
Mass requested: _____
We will make every attempt to get them on the date you request, however, funerals, prior requests and other events may prevent this, a specified date needs a 3 week notice to meet publication deadlines.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READING:

Mon., Mar 9: Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8-9,11,13 Lk6:36-38
 Tues., Mar 10: Is 1:10,16-20 Ps 50:8-9,16bc-17,21,23 Mt 23:1-12
 Wed., Mar 11: Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6,14-16 Mt 20:17-28
 Thurs., Mar 12: Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 16:19-31
 Fri., Mar 13: Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a Ps 105:16-21 Mt 21:33-43,45-46
 Sat., Mar 14: Mi 7:14-15,18-20 Ps 103:1-4,9-12 Lk 15:1-3,11-32



Ex 17:3-7
 Ps Ps 95:1-2,6-9
 Rom 5:1-2,5-8
 Jn 4:5-42

Rosary will be recited: Sat at 3:30 pm & Sun at 9:15 am before the Mass. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Parish Prayer Line: Tammy Bauer, 937.441.0645

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: If you are a registered parishioner who is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the office.

ANGEL OF GOD, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide, Amen.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (937. 592.9455)

*Hours: 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Tuesday & Thursday;
 5:00-7:00 pm, Wednesday. Dates: Feb 25,26,27, 2020
 Money Spent: \$999.56 Clients: 43 Need: laundry detergent, spaghetti sauce, mashed potato, shampoo.
 THANK YOU!*

Statue of St. Aloysius Gonzaga

The statue of St. Aloysius Gonzaga is located on the far left side of the high altar. St. Aloysius was born in Castiglione, Italy in 1568. His first words as a child were the names of Jesus and Mary. St. Aloysius at a young age had a devout life of prayer. He decided at the age of 9 that he decided he wanted to live a religious life and made a vow of virginity. At the age of 11 he started to teach the catechism to poor children and was fasting three days a week. St. Aloysius received his first Holy Communion from St. Charles Borromeo. St. Aloysius did not want a career in the military and wanted to join the Jesuits. After much persistence, St. Aloysius' father allowed him to join the Jesuit order at the age of 18 and served in a hospital during the plague of Milan. St. Aloysius then became sick and received his last rites from St. Robert Bellarmine. St. Aloysius died in June of 1591 and the name of Jesus was the last thing that St. Aloysius spoke before dying. The feast of St. Aloysius is celebrated on June 21st.



Prayer: *O Saint Aloysius, adorned with angelical manners, although I am thy unworthy servant, I recommend to thee in an especial manner the chastity of my soul and body; I conjure thee, by thy angelical purity, to commend me to Jesus Christ, the spotless Lamb, and to His most holy Mother, the Virgin of virgins. Preserve me from every grievous sin; never suffer me to sully my soul with any impurity; whenever thou seest me in temptation or danger of sin, ward off from me every impure thought and affection, and awakening in me the remembrance of eternity and of Jesus crucified, imprint deeply in my heart the sentiment of the fear of God. In flame me with divine love, in order that by imitating thee on earth, I may merit to enjoy God with thee in heaven. Amen.*

UNLOCKING DIVINE MERCY

*2020 Lenten Talks
 March 8 and 15, 4:00 PM*

Join Father Shawn and fellow parishioners as we study the origin, Biblical foundations, and devotions arising from Divine Mercy! Bring a rosary to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and join us for an optional pot-luck following the talk.

Winner Harvest Barn, 7317 OH-47, Degraff Oh

LENTEN FISH FRY

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus
 FRIDAYS 5:00-7:00 pm