

Mass Intentions This Week**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)****Tuesday, March 17, 2020 St. Patrick 's Day****6:00 PM Mass-St Patrick Parishioners****Thursday, March 19, 2020****6:15 PM Josip Terebuh-Boris Terebuh****6:45 PM Lenten Penance Service****Friday, March 20, 2020****5:00 PM Stations of the Cross****Saturday, March 21, 2020****3:00 PM Confession****4:00 PM Gil Misplon-Misplons Family****Upcoming Dates:****CONFESSIONS: during Lent—beginning at 3:00 PM****21 March, 28 March, 4 April—This is before the 4:00****PM Mass on Saturday.****Mar 16, 2020 (RCIA Rm) Bible Study, 2020, 7:00 PM****March 20, 2020, 5:00 PM Way of the Cross****March 20, 2020, 5:00 PM Lenten Fish Fry****Mar 21, 2020, 7:00 AM (RCIA Rm) Session 22: TMIY: The 7th Day: The Wedding Feast at Cana****Mar 24: 7:00-9:00 PM "The Light is On for You"****Weekend Mass Attendance—Mar 7 & 8, 2020-394**

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| Sunday Offering | \$ 5,942.00 |
| Improvement Fund | \$ 1,105.00 |
| Assessment | \$ 5.00 |
| Lent | \$ 1,281.00 |
| Haiti | \$ 410.00 |
| Total Collections | \$ 8,743.00 |

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 21, 4pm****Servs: Spencer & Sloan Stolly, Josais Robles****Lectors: Tim Smith, Robert Rhoades****Minists: Mary Smith, Mike Vektorino****Sun Mar 22, 10:00 am****Lect: Patrick & Chloe Stolly, Cale Kline****Minists: Terry Stolly, Eric Tom****Lectors: Patrick & Jennifer Tynan****Continued....**

Amidst this grand diversity of the archdiocese, the uniting force is the leadership of the archbishop. The See of Cincinnati has been blessed with nine worthy successors to Bishop Fenwick. Today Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr is leading this local church with the help of a strong tradition of Catholic community leadership and the prayers of the faithful.

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati, rich in history and sprawling in geography, is a microcosm of the Catholic Church in the United States – and of the nation itself. In its 19 counties one finds cities and towns; suburbs and rural areas; farms and factories; affluence and poverty. In some reaches of the Archdiocese the Catholic population is heavy, in others it is sparse. But in all of them, the local church is a venerable presence and a continuing influence for more than half a million Catholics and their neighbors through its churches and chapels, schools, hospitals, nursing homes and retreat centers. It has been that way almost from the beginning of the diocese.

Early 19th century Catholic settlers to what is now Ohio were under the spiritual care of the Diocese of Bardstown, Ky. Priests from Kentucky occasionally went north of the Ohio River on missionary visits. One such missionary was Edward D. Fenwick, a Maryland-born Dominican priest who had established a province for his order in Kentucky. His efforts on behalf of the growing number of Irish and German Catholic immigrants in the Ohio Valley led to the creation of the Diocese of Cincinnati in 1821, with Father Fenwick as its first bishop. It was just two years after the first Catholic Church was built in Cincinnati at what is now the corner of Liberty and Vine Streets. Many of Bishop Fenwick's visionary actions are still bearing fruit more than 180 years later. For example, he founded a diocesan newspaper called The Catholic Telegraph. Stagecoach and riverboat carried it throughout the diocese and beyond. Today, the Telegraph is the oldest continuously published Catholic newspaper in the United States. And its reach extends worldwide through the archdiocesan web site. Bishop Fenwick opened a school for the rapidly growing diocese in 1824 with 24 pupils under the direction of a Sister of Mercy from France and a lay woman. In the 21st century, the seed that he planted has grown into the sixth largest federation of Catholic schools in the country. These Catholic schools are everybody's schools, welcoming students from different academic, social, economic and religious backgrounds. In the urban areas of Dayton and Cincinnati, where special funds make Catholic education available to families of limited means, half the students are not Catholic.

Also still flourishing is the Athenaeum of Ohio/ Mount St. Mary's Seminary, the first Catholic seminary built west of the Alleghenies and today the third oldest in the country. It has its roots in St. Francis Xavier Seminary, which Bishop Fenwick began in 1829 with four seminarians. In a long history involving several names and locations, almost 60 bishops received their priestly education at what is now the Athenaeum. Today this institution also trains men and women for lay ministry. The Archdiocese is fortunate to have four other Catholic institutions of higher learning: Mount St. Joseph University (Sisters of Charity) and Xavier University (Jesuit) in Greater Cincinnati; Chatfield College (Ursuline Sisters) in Brown County; and the University of Dayton (Marianist). Although none of them is owned or operated by the Archdiocese, each is an important Catholic presence under the spiritual leadership of the Archbishop of Cincinnati.

The original Diocese of Cincinnati was massive in geographic size, including all of Ohio, Michigan, and part of the Northwest Territories. By the middle of the 19th century, the diocese was confined to the southwestern corner of Ohio but elevated to an archdiocese. Today it encompasses 211 parishes in 8,500 square miles administratively divided into three areas – Cincinnati, Dayton and the Northern Area.

The central administrative offices for the Archdiocese are located in Cincinnati at 100 E. Eighth Street, with other offices at Dayton and Sidney. Supported by these offices, parishes and schools operate with a measure of autonomy.

Also located in Cincinnati is the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains, the most important church in the Archdiocese. A cathedral is important because it holds the cathedra, or chair, which is the symbol of the bishop's teaching authority in the local Christian community. In a sense the Cathedral is the bishop's church, although it also has a rector. Many of the key rites of a diocese, such as the ordination of new priests, take place in the cathedral. The Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains, at Eighth and Plum Streets, was the biggest cathedral west of the Alleghany Mountains when it was built in 1845 to serve a rapidly expanding immigrant Catholic population. One architectural authority called it "the handsomest and most monumental of Greek Revival Churches."

Dayton is the second largest industrial and population area of the Archdiocese, with archdiocesan branch administrative offices at Archbishop Daniel E. Pilarczyk Center on Needmore Road. It was the birthplace of two recent archbishops of Cincinnati, Daniel E. Pilarczyk and the late P.F. Leibold.

The most heavily rural portion Archdiocese lies to the north of Dayton. In the northernmost counties, Mercer and Auglaize, the most significant features of the landscape are the farms and the steeples of the many Catholic churches. In fact, west central Ohio is well known as the Land of the Cross Tipped Churches. Many of the towns have the same name as the local Catholic parish – St. Anthony, St. Henry, St. Joseph, St. Peter, St. Rose, St. Sebastian and St. Wendelin. This area of the diocese is also home to the Marian Shrine of the Holy Relics, a beautiful chapel which pilgrims visit to see its collection of more than 1000 relics of holy men and women.

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, first come first served.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READING:

Mon., Mar 16: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b Pss 42:2-3,43:3-4 Lk 4:24-30
 Tues., Mar 17: Dn 3:25,34-43 Ps 25:4-5ab,6-7bc,8-9 Mt 18:21-35
 Wed., Mar 18: Dt 4:1,5-9 Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20 Mt 5:17-19
 Thurs., Mar 19: 2 Sm 7:4-5a 12-14a,16 Ps 89:2-5,27,29 Rom 4:13,16-18,22 Mt 1:16,18-21,24a
 Fri., Mar 20: Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-11b,14,17 Mk 12:28-34
 Sat., Mar 21: Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4,18-21b Lk 18:9-14



1 Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a
 Ps 23:1-6
 Eph 5:8-14
 Jn 9:1-41

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.

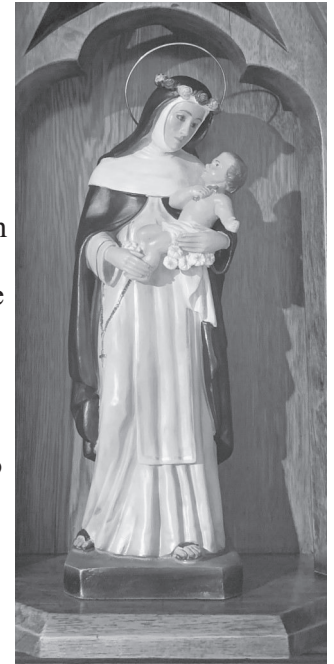
ANGEL OF GOD, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide, Amen.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (937. 592.9455)

*Hours: 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Tuesday & Thursday;
 5:00-7:00 pm, Wednesday. Dates: Mar 3,4,5, 2020
 Money Spent: \$2807.00 Clients: 80 Need: laundry detergent, dish soap, toilet paper.
 THANK YOU!*

St. Rose of Lima

The statue of St. Rose of Lima is located to the immediate left of the tabernacle. St. Rose of Lima was born in 1586 in Lima, Peru and given the name Isabel Flores de Oliva. St. Rose was given the nickname of "Rose" because of her beauty. As a child, the Child Jesus appeared to St. Rose and taught her to read and write. St. Rose wanted to become a nun from a very young age and as she grew older and men were looking to marry her, St. Rose would rub her face with pepper and cut her hair to deter the men.



After much debate, the parents of St. Rose gave her a room to herself so that she could spend many hours praying. It was said St. Rose would only sleep for two hours a night so that she could spend more time in prayer. St. Rose would commit to many penances secretly. St. Rose's father would not allow her to become a nun, but by the age of 20 St. Rose became a member of the Third Order of Saint Dominic. St. Rose lived a life a devout prayer, helping the poor, and practiced many severe penances for 11 years after becoming a Third Order Dominican. St. Rose died at the age of 31 on August 25, 1617. St. Rose is the first canonized saint that was born in the western hemisphere. She was canonized by Pope Clement X in 1623. St. Rose is the patron saint of florists and gardeners. The feast of St. Rose of Lima is celebrated on August 23rd.

Prayer: O God, You filled St. Rose with love for You and enabled her to leave the world and be free for You through the austerity of penance. Through her intercession, help us to follow her footsteps on earth and enjoy the torrent of Your delights in heaven. Amen.

LENTEN FISH FRY

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