Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time <u>February 15, 2015</u>

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged Him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out His hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." Mark 1: 40-45



"If you wish, you can make me clean," the leper says to Jesus. The leper's request of Jesus is a challenge to each one of us. We can transform our lives and world in the goodness of God - if we wish. Jesus' compassion makes it possible for us to perform our own miracles of healing and reconciliation, to restore to health and community those society considers "lepers" to be vehicles of God's grace to the broken-hearted, the lost, the despairing. But what is first needed is the openness of heart and the humility of gratitude that enables us to put aside our own fears and doubts and interests to do so. Christ the Healer and Reconciler promises us the grace to be imitators of His compassion and forgiveness whenever we are ready to take the first step in healing the wounds and cleaning the "leprosy" that afflicts us and divides us from one another.

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 4: 1-15, 25; Mk 8: 11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6: 5-8; 7: 1-5, 10; Mk 8: 14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2: 12-18; 2 Cor : 20 – 6: 2;

Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30: 15-20; Lk 9: 22-25
Friday: Is 58: 1-9; Mt 9: 14-15
Saturday: Is 58: 9-14; Lk 5: 27-32
Sunday: Gn 9: 8-15; I Pt 3: 18-22;

Mk 1: 12-15

BAPTISMS

Our Parish Community welcomes:

Maxwell Lee Taylor Son of Nathaniel & Lisa Taylor



Sisters of St. Joseph Prayer Line:

216-252-0548

<u>ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE</u>

FEBRUARY 18, 2015

8:00 AM 8:15 AM

SAINT CLEMENT SAINT JAMES

5:15 PM

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7:00 PM

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Lenten Fast and Abstinence

<u>Fasting</u> is obligatory for all who are between the ages of 18 and 60. Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. Two small meals may be taken, not to equal one full meal.

<u>Abstinence</u> from meat is obligatory for all who are 14 and older.

<u>Ash Wednesday</u> and <u>Good Friday</u> are obligatory days of fast and abstinence. <u>Fridays</u> in Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 16 - Weekday

5:15 PM Catherine & Paddy Livingston

Tuesday, February 17 - The Seven Holy Founders

of the Servite Order

8:00 AM Rita McMaster

Wednesday, February 18 - Ash Wednesday

8:00 AM Helga Gerhardt5:15 PM Rosalie Faraci

Thursday, Feb. 19 - Thursday after Ash Wednesday

8:00 AM Barbara Taylor

Friday, February 20 - Friday after Ash Wednesday

5:15 PM William & Gayle Craighead

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 21 - Saint Peter Damian

8:00 AM Frank Martau4:00 PM George Tabeling

Sunday, February 22 - First Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM For the People of the Parish 11:00 AM Irene Ryan & Hilda Seiler

<u>Lakewood Catholic Academy Parishioner</u> <u>Tuition Meetings with Fr. Workman</u>

For those families requesting to receive approval for parishioner tuition rate, they are required to attend one informational meeting with Fr. Workman. As part of Fr. Workman's policy in regards to receiving approval, he meets with at least one parent or guardian every other year. At this meeting, the families will be given the 2015-2016 Parishioner Agreement for Approval of the Parishioner Tuition Rate. Fr. Workman will notify the school of those families who have been approved. The meeting dates are as follows:

Saint James in the Parish Office:

Saturday, February 28th at 1 pm Tuesday, March 3rd at 6 pm

Saint Clement in the Church Hall:

Sunday, March 1st at 1 pm Wednesday, March 4th at 6 pm

Poor Clares' Prayer Line

Do you need prayer today? Are your loved ones, co-workers or neighbors in need of God's loving guidance? Call the Poor Clares' Prayer Line at 216-361-0783.

Liturgical Ministers

Lector Schedule

Saturday, February 21:

4:00 pm B. McCallum Sunday, February 22:

9:00 am J. Ronan 11:00 am M. Miranda

Eucharistic Minister Schedule

Saturday, February 21:

4:00 pm C. McCallum, S. Grunder, A. Grunder Sunday, February 22:

9:00 am J. McMaster, M. Mangan, D. Mangan 11:00 am Deacon Danny, D. Stark, J. Walsh, K. Hayton, J. Lanzer, S. Lanzer, D. Setta

Server Schedule

Saturday, February 21:

4:00 pm P. Mullen, A. Grunder, J. Grunder Sunday, February 22:

9:00 am J. Mangan, E. Martin, A. Martin 11:00 am V. Setta, B. Setta, O. Setta

"Can You Spend Some Time With Me?"

On the **Fridays of Lent** we will have a special time of Adoration. Beginning with the **Rosary** at 12 noon, we will have **Exposition of the Holy Eucharist** during the afternoon. This is a

great opportunity to spend some private time with Jesus as you journey through Lent. At 3 pm, we will recite the **Divine Mercy Chaplet. Mass** will be offered at 5:15 pm with **Stations of the Cross and Benediction** beginning at 6 pm. All are welcome to visit the Lord during this special time. To insure the safety of the Church and Holy Eucharist, volunteers are needed so that there is always someone present in the Church. Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Area and the Rectory.

Mass Intentions - 2015

The Mass Intention Book for 2015 is open. You might like to remember the birthday or anniversary of your living loved ones, as well as the deceased. Mass stipends are \$10 each. Please stop by the Rectory office, or call the office at 226-5116 Monday thru Friday.

Pot of Gold

(\$25) Lauren Tabor, Mary Gerber, Marie Smith, Juliann Savoca, Karen Hruska, Fred Nickels



Confirmation

For many months, Saint Clement and Saint James students have been preparing for Confirmation together. The students represent eight different schools. On Monday, February 16th, the students will be Confirmed at Saint Clement Church at 7pm. All are welcome to join us for this joyous occasion!

Saint Clement Family PSR Where Families Journey in Faith Together

No Family PSR February 16th. All are welcome to attend Confirmation at Saint Clement.

Praesidium - Called to Protect

We will implement the *Called to Protect* program to enhance the ongoing efforts of the Diocese of Cleveland to provide training for adults and children in matters of protection from abuse and creation of safe environments. *Called to Protect* is a multi-media training program created by Praesidium, a national leader in risk management. The *Called to Protect* series presents current abuse prevention information to parents, children, youth and young adults.

<u>Called to Protect for Young Children</u> - teaches ageappropriate information to children in kindergarten through 5th grade. They learn rules about protecting their bodies and what to do if someone tries to break the rules. This program will be offered on **Monday**, **February 23rd**, **at 7pm** at the Saint Clement Church Hall. Parents are required to attend with their children.

Called to Protect does not replace the Virtus training program. For more information, please call Colleen at 216-226-5116.



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18th. It is an annual opportunity to renew and deepen our relationship with Christ the weeks before the celebration of His resurrection on Easter, April 5th. How are you most likely to prepare yourself during Lent for Easter?

- Spend more time in prayer
- Do good works for others
- Personal acts of sacrifice and self-denial
- Seek forgiveness by having my confession heard
- All of the above

Online Giving Update...

Online Giving is well underway with great Online Giving is an electronic tool for contributions so you can give via the Internet and maintain your giving, even if you cannot be here at Mass. This also helps the parish streamline our cash flow, especially during bad weather or vacation times. Visit our website to sign up and to begin contributing automatically to our parish. This convenient new system does not require you to contact your bank to sign up. You can use your checking or savings account and the funds will be automatically transferred to our parish bank account. The convenience of this system allows you to make changes at any time to fit your needs. You can see reports on your contribution history and generate tax statements at each year's end. Visit: www.osvonlinegiving.com/1735 to get started, or click the icon located on Saint Clement Parish's main website www.stclementlakewood.com. Any questions? Call Alyssa Nadin at 226-5116.

40 Days for Life

From February 18th to March 29th, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life, 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Preterm at 12000 Shaker Blvd., Cleveland, 44120; or Planned Parenthood at 25350 Rockside Road, Bedford Hts., 44146; or Family Planning at 54 South State St., Painesville, 44077. Please help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information, and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact John Noall at 216-245-9744, or email:

clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com

Try Something New This Lent

Are you searching for something to make the 2015 Lenten season more meaningful? Traditionally, Lent is a time when we pray and fast in preparation for Easter and Resurrection of our Savior. You are invited to pray and fast as part of the 40 Days for Life Campaign to save the lives of all unborn children by ending abortion.

Please take one of the prayer cards you will receive and daily say the prayer on the back. If you would like to join us in an hour of silent prayer and witness, feel free to speak with one of the Respect Life members in the gathering area. We go every Saturday following the 8 am Mass from St. Clement's parking lot. We simply stand and pray the Rosary as a witness to the sanctity of all life. Everyone is welcome to join us.

More than 9,699 children have been saved from abortion. Hundreds of women, and men, have been spared from the pain and regret of abortion. 107 abortion workers have quit their jobs. 59 abortion facilities have closed and gone out of business following 40 Days for Life campaign outside their doors.

Please check out our updated website:

www.stclementlakewood.com

It has more content, more photos, more pages, Google Calendar, and enhanced navigation!

Men's Journey of Faith Weekend

Men of the Parish are invited to participate in the Men's Journey of Faith on February 28th and March 1st at St. Luke's Parish. Join the men for a weekend of listening, learning, praying, reflecting and respite. Too busy? Then you are the perfect candidate! Participants in the past have ranged in ages from 18 to 81. To register, or for questions, please contact Gary Rick, Lay Director, at:

garyrick23@yahoo.com

Moving?

Please notify the Rectory office of any change of address so that we can update our records. You can call the Rectory Office at 216-226-5116, or email us at stclementlakewood@cox.net.

CENTERING SPACE

14812 Lake Avenue, Lakewood - 216-228-7451

Lenten Reflections

On Creation & Connectedness
Each Monday in Lent - 7pm to 9pm
February 23rd

March 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd Registration by February 20th. Donation welcome.

Reflective Prayer

every Tuesday & Wednesday
7 pm to 8 pm
and Wednesday afternoon
1:30 pm to 2:30 pm
In silence we listen for God's word
and respond from our hearts.

River's Edge - Saint Joseph Center

Sister Juanita Shealey, CSJ, invites you to the Annual Black History Celebration "Come to Learn More About Our Common Heritage," Saturday, February 21st from 2pm - 4pm at the Saint Joseph Center, River's Edge, 3430 Rocky River, Drive, Cleveland.

Finance Corner:

Collection for weekend of February 8th - \$ 9,198.47 Online Giving - \$ 265.00 St. Augustine Hunger Center - \$2,195.41 Thank you for your continued support and generosity for the parish.

Lakewood Catholic Academy News...

Register for 2015 Spring Sports

It's time to begin registration for the Spring 2015 LCA sports. Registration is open now through Monday, March 2nd. All LCA students and PSR students are eligible to participate. Practices begin in March and competitions run April through May. Track and Field-boys and girls, grades 3 - 8. Boys Volleyball - boys grades 4 - 8. Boys Volleyball - boys grades 1 - 8. Additional details on the registration website. All registration is online, visit:

www.lakewood-catholic-academy.sportssignup.com/site.

Rewards Program

LCA participates in several company reward programs which generously supply valuable equipment, books, or cash to them. Please take a moment to sign up, selecting LCA as your school of choice, at the following stores and websites: Giant Eagle at school code 4905); Heinen's at heinensrewards.com; and Target at target.com/tcoe. If you are already signed up, thank you, but please check to see that the registration is still valid at this time. Your support makes a difference! These funds help SSO (Saints Service Organization) provide important programs for LCA's wonderful teachers and school community. Thank you from SSO!

Bulletin Advertisers

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"Brown Bag Lenten Discussion Series"

St. Mary of the Falls Church, 25615 Bagley Road, Olmsted Falls, is offering a Lenten discussion series called, "TRE ORE: The Seven Last Words of Christ." Each week we will listen to a talk given by Fr. Robert Barron about one of the last seven words and discuss its meaning. All we ask is that you bring a Brown Bag lunch to eat and join in our discussions. We will meet on the Wednesdays of Lent - February 25th, March 4th, llth, 18th and 25th, from 12 noon to 1 pm in the Community Room. Beverages will be provided. What an easy way to bring Christ into your life this Lent during your lunch hour! Any questions, call Fr. Greg Schaut at 440-235-2222.

Daily Prayer Online

Make a sacred space in your day! Visit: www.sacredspace.ie/.

Coffee & Donuts

Please join us after the 9am & 11am Masses for coffee, donuts and fellowship in the church hall.