

First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2018

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and He remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.

Mark 1: 12-15

Our Lenten desert experience is a time for striking that balance between realizing our humility before God and our identity as God's beloved. When we are consumed by the notion that we are in total control of our lives, when we have arrogantly self-absorbed because of what we possess and what we have achieved, we should take out the first "paper" and remember - I am dust and ashes. But when we feel abandoned, when hope seems far away, when we feel lost in the Lenten wilderness, we need to embrace the message of the second sheet - I am God's beloved; I am created in God's image. May these next six weeks before Easter be a time for striking that balance in our lives - a balance between humility that leads to selflessness and joy in the ever-present love of God in our midst.



Pray for the Deceased

Richard Geib



May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday: Lv 19: 1-2, 11-18; Mt 25: 31-46

Tuesday: Is 55: 10-11; Mt 6: 7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3: 1-10; Lk 11: 29-32

Thursday: 1 Pt: 5: 1-4; Mt 16: 13-19

Friday: Ez 18: 21-28; Mt 5: 20-26

Saturday: Dt 26: 16-19; Mt 5: 43-48

Sunday: Gn 22: 1-2, 9, 10-13, 15-18;
Rom 8: 31-34; Mk 9: 2-10

Diocesan-Wide Sacrament of Penance

On **Wednesday, February 28th**, all churches in the Diocese of Cleveland will offer "*An Evening of Confession.*" The celebration of the Sacrament of Confession is one of God's gifts to help us as we journey towards God's kingdom and strive to serve God's people entrusted to our care. Reconciliation will be held at Saint Clement Church from 5:45 pm to 8:00 pm. As Pope Francis says, "*God never tires of forgiving us; but we sometimes tire of asking Him to forgive us.*" Bring your family and invite friends who may have been away from the church.



I Michael Blumel & Erin Bartlett

Coffee & Donuts

Coffee & donuts are served on Sundays after the 9 am & 11 am Masses. All parishioners and visitors are invited to join us in the church hall for coffee and fellowship.



Mass Intention Book 2018

The Mass Intention Book for 2018 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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 19 - Lenten Weekday

5:15 PM † John Scimenti

Tuesday, February 20 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM † William Sr. & Gayle Craighead

Wednesday, February 21 - Saint Peter Damian

5:15 PM † Debbie Westerfield

Thurs., Feb. 22 - The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

8:00 AM

Friday, February 23 - Saint Polycarp

5:15 PM † Theresa Barker

Sat., February 24 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM † All Souls

4:00 PM † Deceased Members of the
Ramagli & Rocco Families

Sunday, February 25 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM † Millie Kerg

11:00 AM For the People of the Parish

"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 will soon be available in the gathering area and the Rectory.



During this year's Lenten season, tune into AM 1260 The Rock! Cleveland's Catholic radio station offers a variety of reflections and catechesis to draw your household closer to the most Sacred Heart of Jesus during this time of His sorrowful passion. Visit: www.am1260therock.com to listen live, or tune in at AM 1260 The Rock on your car radio during your daily commute!

Liturgical Ministers

Lector Schedule

Saturday, February 24:

4:00 pm J. Wagner

Sunday, February 25:

9:00 am J. Flood

11:00 am K. Reilly

Eucharistic Minister Schedule

Saturday, February 24:

4:00 pm M.K. Kolenz, P. Machesky, C. McCallum

Sunday, February 25:

9:00 am Deacon Danny, R. Czerski, C. Czerski,
K. Brocklehurst, B. Radvansky, T. Rehl,
J. Lutterbaugh

11:00 am N. Gatica, T. Clynne, R. Clynne,
R.M. Janesz, T. Janesz, D. Stark, G. Rick

Server Schedule

Saturday, February 24:

4:00 pm G. Pandos, G. Wagner, F. Senft

Sunday, February 25:

9:00 am A. Brocklehurst, J. Brocklehurst, J. Mangan
11:00 am J. Cook, M. Dineen, J. Reilly

Sisters of St. Joseph Prayer Line:

216-252-0548

Moving?

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



Lenten Fast and Abstinence

Fasting 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.

Abstinence from meat is obligatory for all who are 14 and older.

Ash Wednesday and **Good Friday** are obligatory days of fast and abstinence. **Fridays** in Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

Pot of Gold Winners

\$25 Tom Smith, Cole Finefrock,
Steven Grauel, Jessica Grant,
Sandy Barrow, Nancy Cserbak



Spring 40 Days for Life Campaign

Would you like to see an end to abortion? Would you like to help save babies' lives? If you said "YES," then we invite you to join us for 40 days of prayer and fasting and/or standing and peacefully praying during the Spring 40 Days for Life Campaign. It began **Wednesday, February 14th and ends March 25th**. To find out more, go to www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland, or call John at (216) 245-9744, or Judy at (216) 671-4981.

Lakewood Catholic Academy Track & Field

Registration is now open until February 28th!

CYO Track & Field for students in grades 3 - 8. Practices begin in mid-March, meet will begin in late March and run through mid-May. Athletes compete in running races of various lengths and jumping and throwing events. Intramural Track & Field for students in grades 1-2. Practices will begin in early April, meets begin in April and run through early May. Athletes compete in running races in various lengths and jumping and throwing events. Any children who are LCA students or parish members who attend PSR are eligible to participate. Please visit our registration website to learn more or to register at: <http://lakewood-catholic-academy.siplay.com/site>.

Martha's Day Out

An annual ladies Lenten Retreat will be held on **Monday, March 12th, from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm** in the Fr. Keller Center at St. Adalbert Parish in Berea. Check-in begins at 8:00 am and includes a continental breakfast. The program begins at 9:00 am and includes a presentation by the keynote speaker, Stations of the Cross, Reconciliation and the Rosary. It concludes with the celebration of the Mass and Eucharist, followed by a catered luncheon. The keynote speaker is Rev. James J. Kulway, Parochial Vicar from Mary Queen of the Apostles Church. The registration cost is \$ 20.00. Please make checks payable to Saint Adalbert Church and mail your payment along with your name, phone number, and parish name to Saint Adalbert Church, 66 Adalbert St., Berea, OH 44017. Also, please mark "Martha's Day Out" on the outside of the envelope. Call Saint Adalbert at 440-234-6830 to register by phone.

Chili Night Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who came to Chili Night on February 3rd. We had about 60 people attend. There were nine delicious chilis to sample, and many types of breads and desserts. Thank you to all the people who helped put Chili Night together - Carm, Kathy, Jean, Tracey, Peg, Geri, Deacon Danny, Sue, Jim and Warren. Also, a big thank you to Bill Trentel for making the flyers. Thank you also to the people who helped with cleanup. Mark your calendar for Soup, Salad and Bread Night on Saturday, March 24th.

An Evolutionary Lent

Teilhard de Chardin once said that accepting evolution as the way God acts changes everything. It does! Join us at River's Edge, 3430 Rocky River Dr., Cleveland, on **March 3rd from 9 am to 2 pm**, as we reflectively transform ourselves through the cross to a newness of life. Registration is \$50 and includes lunch. To sign up you can contact our office at 216-688-1111, ext. 251, or visit our website at www.RiversEdgeCleveland.com. We hope you will be able to join us!

Saint Clement Scholarship Program

Saint Clement Parish is pleased to again offer the Saint Clement Scholarship Program for the 2018-2019 academic school year. The scholarships are available to all active parishioners who will be attending a Catholic grade school, Catholic high school, or a Catholic university/college in the Fall of 2018. The rules of eligibility and applications for the scholarship are available online at: www.stclementlakewood.com, or in the Rectory office. Applications will be due to the Rectory office no later than March 5th, 2018, and recipients will be announced on April 29, 2018. Any questions can be directed to Fr. Workman at (216) 226-5116.

Finance Corner

Collection for weekend of February 11 - \$ 6,553.00

Monthly Collection - \$ 175.00

Candlemas - \$ 25.00

Central & Eastern Europe Collection - \$ 25.00

Home Missions Collection - \$ 71.00

Ash Wednesday Collection - \$ 97.00

Online giving - Monthly \$ 1,070 - Weekly \$ 389.00

Thank you for your continued support and generosity to the Parish.

THEOLOGY ON TAP | WEST

Food, Fellowship, and Faith for Young Adults in their 20's and 30's

Fr. Jim Cosgrove

Parochial Vicar at St. Christopher Parish, Rocky River

"Confess Your Face Off:

Jesus' Personal Invitation to Mercy"

February 21, 2018 @ 7PM

Beachcliff Tavern, Rocky River



ToTWestCLE@gmail.com



- 7PM Happy Hour
- 7:30 Guest Speaker
- FREE Appetizers
- Cash Bar
- \$5 Admission (Cash)

OR Pre-Sale Online:

totwcle.ticketleap.com

Saint James Lenten Fish Fry Dinners

Ahoy Matey! The fish will be running at St. James through March 23rd, from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm in the lower church. Catch your choice of baked cod or flounder, fried shrimp, pierogies with choice of sides - potatoes, macaroni & cheese, applesauce or coleslaw. Roll & butter, homemade clam chowder, pizza, dessert and pop will be available. Coffee is free. Adult meals are \$8 and double entrée \$12; kids meals \$4. Family friendly atmosphere with live music and kids activities! Take-out available. For questions, call Fran (216) 221-3567. Sail on over for food and fun!



Jesuit Retreat House Events

Savoring and Silence in Prayer

Lenten luncheon Monday, February 26th, 11:30am to 1:30pm. The program will be presented by Rita Carfagna. How can Lent become a time to open ourselves more deeply to God's embrace? Knowing that God offers us God's love continually, how can we better open our hearts to receive this extraordinary gift from God? Two prayer practices, the Ignatian Examen (savoring) and contemplative prayer (silence) invite us to explore and experience God's love. Cost: \$30. Jesuit Retreat House, 5629 State Rd., Parma. To register, please call 440-884-9300, or visit www.jrh-cleveland.org.

Paper Retriever Bin

Recycle your newspapers, catalogs, magazines, office and school papers and bagged shredded paper. The green and yellow bins are located in the back parking lot. The proceeds benefit our parish.

Online Giving

Visit our website to sign up and to begin contributing automatically to our parish. Visit: www.osvonlinegiving.com/1735 to get started, or click the icon located on Saint Clement Parish's main website : www.stclementlakewood.com.

Record of 2017 Contributions

If you would like a statement of your total contributions to St. Clement Church for 2017, please complete the form and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Rectory. Kindly include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you would like your statement mailed, or it will be available in the Rectory office. Please allow a few weeks for your statement to be ready.

Name _____

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