

# Fourth Sunday of Lent

## March 11, 2018

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him..." John 3: 14-21

In the Gospels, Jesus reveals a God of life and restoration, a God who seeks not our punishment or humiliation, but our healing and reconciliation with Him and with one another. The God Jesus reveals is not the God of condemnation and destruction, but the God of forgiveness, mercy and compassion. God is detached neither from us nor from the universe He set into motion. God is not about death but about life. The God revealed by Jesus is the Father of creation who constantly seeks to create and nurture life, to heal the broken and broken-hearted, to raise up those who have fallen down and those who are pushed aside. God's own Messiah comes as a "light" to enable humankind to realize the great love and mercy of God. We meet God - God the loving parent, the compassionate physician, the good and wise friend - in the person of Jesus, in whom we discover our identity as children of God and participants with God in the work of re-creation.

### **Sisters of St. Joseph Prayer Line:**

216-252-0548



### **Scripture Readings for the Week**

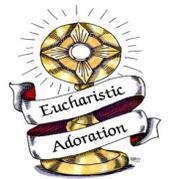
Monday: Is 65: 17-21; Jn 4: 43-54  
Tuesday: Ez 47: 1-9, 12; Jn 5: 1-16  
Wednesday: Is 49: 8-15; Jn 5: 17-30  
Thursday: Ex 32: 7-14; Jn 5: 31-47  
Friday: Wis 2: 1, 12-22; Jn 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30  
Saturday: Jer 11: 18-20; Jn 7: 40-53  
Sunday: Jer 31: 31-34; Heb 5: 7-9; Jn 12: 20-33

### **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.

### **"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 ensure 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 available in the gathering area.

### **Mass Intentions for the Week**

Monday, March 12 - Lenten Weekday

5:15 PM † Tim McDonough

Tuesday, March 13 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM † David Martin

Wednesday, March 14 - Lenten Weekday

5:15 PM † Debbie Westerfield

Thursday, March 15 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM † Deceased of the Buck Family

Friday, March 16 - Lenten Weekday

5:15 PM † Poor Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, March 17 - Saint Patrick

8:00 AM † William & Gayle Craighead

4:00 PM † Warren Speer, Sr.

Sunday, March 18 - 5th Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM † Jim Roba

### **Daily Prayer Online**

Make a sacred space in your day!

Visit: [www.sacredspace.ie/](http://www.sacredspace.ie/).

### **Funeral Choir Members - Join Us!**

St. Clement Music Ministry is looking for singers to join our Funeral Choir. If you have time to occasionally volunteer in the mornings and like to sing, we could use your voice in our parish Resurrection Choir. The work of the choir is simple, and rehearsals are not needed. You simply show up at the church 30 minutes prior to the funeral, find out hymns requested, and participate in Mass.

While this is a ministry of the church, it is also a precious gift to the family of the deceased. The purpose of this ministry is to honor our brothers and sisters in Christ by sharing His gift of His Son as prayer. You do not have to be an active member of the weekend choir to join. Funeral Masses are held Monday through Saturday, usually at 10 am.

Please contact Jean Smith at 216-536-8593 if you would like to share in this gift of bringing comfort to families of our parish who have recently lost a dearly loved family member. There is a great spirit of joy and fellowship among those who are involved in our parish music ministry. Please join us. You will be most welcome!

### **Liturgical Ministers**

#### **Lector Schedule**

Saturday, March 17:

4:00 pm J. Barker

Sunday, March 18:

9:00 am S. Donahoe

11:00 am M. Miranda

#### **Eucharistic Minister Schedule**

Saturday, March 17:

4:00 pm A. Grunder, S. Grunder, T. Smith

Sunday, March 18:

9:00 am B. Poling, J. McMaster, K. Elder

11:00 am R. Brown, S. Lanzer, J. Lanzer

#### **Server Schedule**

Saturday, March 17:

4:00 pm J. Grunder, G. Pandos

Sunday, March 18:

9:00 am J. Elder, K. Donahoe, B. Donahoe

11:00 am B. Janesz, L. Janesz, J. Janesz

## LIVING STATIONS



Living Stations is a live action reenactment of the Stations of the Cross, featuring music from artists of today.

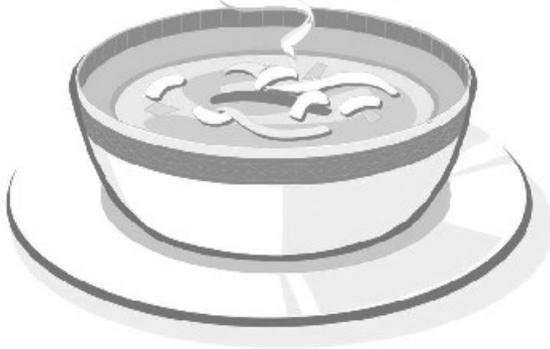
The Living Stations is a combination of the 14 traditional Stations of the Cross and the Scriptural Stations as introduced by Pope Saint John Paul II. Each scene powerfully displays humanity and humility, clearly demonstrating the painful journey Jesus had to endure. This prayerful service is a spiritual experience that will enrich your Lenten journey and will stay with you throughout the year.

Presentations will be held:

Palm Sunday, March 25, 6:30 pm at St. James

Good Friday, March 30, 7:00 pm at St. Mark, Cleveland

# SUP SALAD BREAD NIGHT



**Saturday, March 24, 2018  
5:30p.m.**

**St. Clement Church Hall**

*Potluck bring your favorite soup, salad or bread.  
Beverages and paper products will be provided.*

## **Saint Vincent de Paul Meeting**

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society will hold their March meeting **Wednesday, March 21st, at 7 pm at O'Neill Healthcare**, located on Bunts Road, just north of Detroit Avenue, **at 7 pm**. Use the Assisted Living entrance. New members and visitors are always welcome!

## **Pot of Gold Winners**

\$25 Elizabeth Cox, Kelsy Birsic,  
Tim Speer, Trudi Bodi,  
Emily Lockshine, Charlotte Dziak



## **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.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE.** Once again, we have witnessed the horrific evidence of the "Culture of Death" in our nation with the latest school shooting which took **17 innocent lives**. The 40 Days for Life Campaign is a focused period of prayer and fasting to ask God to turn our nation back to a "Culture of Life" and to end the daily taking of thousands of innocent lives through abortion. We encourage **EVERYONE** to pray and fast each day to end this slaughter. For more information, go to [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com), or call John at 216-245-9744, or Judy 216-671-4981.

## **Are You Involved in LCA Athletics?**

The time and effort of the many volunteers who assist with LCA athletics is greatly appreciated. Their willingness to be involved indicates an understanding of the benefits our student athletes receive from their participation in the many sports LCA offers.

In the weeks ahead, the LCA Athletic Board (LCAAB) will review applications from individuals interested in joining the board. While certain professional skills, such as balancing the program's budget, are essential to our success, enthusiasm for youth sports is the first requirement of all LCAAB members.

If you are already involved in LCA athletics, and you are interested in using your enthusiasm to assist in the administration of the LCA athletic program, please email the LCAAB at [athletics@lcasaints.com](mailto:athletics@lcasaints.com). Additional information will be provided to those individuals expressing interest in this opportunity. Please note that the application deadline is **Friday, March 30th**. Any questions can be directed to Nick Peura, President of LCAAB, at [npeura@indelco.com](mailto:npeura@indelco.com).

## **Finance Corner**

Collection for weekend of **March 4** - \$ 7,171.00  
Monthly Collection - \$ 440.00  
St. Augustine Hunger Center Collection - \$ 1,931.00  
Online giving - Monthly, \$ 780.00 - Weekly, \$ 609.00

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

## **Catholic Cemeteries Association** **Monthly Grief Support Sunday**

Please join us for an hour of sharing, listening, learning and healing along your grief journey. Our Grief Support leaders are certified as Ministers of Consolation by the National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved, Inc. God's strength will be renewed in you as you join with others traveling similar paths of readjustment after a loss. We do not want you to grieve alone. The next gathering is **Sunday, March 18th**, at the following locations:

3:00 PM at St. Joseph Cemetery, Avon

3:00 PM at Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park

3:00 PM at Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron

The March 18th topic is "Springing Forward: How is Your Grief Maturing?"

No registration is required, just come and join us. For more information, visit our website: [www.clecem.org/bereavementministry.aspx](http://www.clecem.org/bereavementministry.aspx), or call Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

## **Poor Clares' Prayer Line**

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

## **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.

## **Institute of Catholic Studies -** **2018 Lecture Series**

Each year the Institute of Catholic Studies at John Carroll University brings to its students, faculty, and broader community a group of experts on issues of contemporary relevance to the Catholic intellectual tradition and Jesuit higher education. **Join us on Sunday, April 8th, at 7:30 pm when Bishop Nelson J. Perez presents "An Evening with Bishop Nelson J. Perez"**, in the D.J. Lombardo Student Center LSC Conference Room, John Carroll University, 1 John Carroll Blvd., University Hts., Oh. 44118. All lectures are free and open to the public.



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](http://www.am1260therock.com) to listen live, or tune in at AM 1260 The Rock on your car radio during your daily commute!



## **Seeds of Literacy**

Seeds of Literacy, a nonprofit organization offering free, one-to-one tutoring in adult basic education and GED preparation, **has an urgent need** for more tutors. Volunteer tutors work individually with students on reading, writing, and math skills, offer encouragement and support, and help students develop confidence and positive attitudes about learning. A tutor training session will be held on **Saturday, March 24th, from 9am to 2pm** at the Seeds Resource Center at 3104 W. 25th Street, 3rd floor, (corner of W. 25th and Clark) in Cleveland. There is secure parking and building security.

To register, or for more information, please contact Sharon Farrer, Volunteer Coordinator, at (216) 661-7950, ext. 115.

