Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 18, 2018

"Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." John 12: 20-33

The grain of wheat is a sign of hope in the Resurrection despite our Good Fridays, of God's enabling us to turn our lives around and up into the light of joy and fulfillment, of the ultimate triumph of light over darkness, of goodness over evil, of life over broken grain of wheat teaches us an important lesson about love - that the risk of continuing on despite the obstacles and of losing some part of ourselves for the sake of someone else is the price of love. But in taking on the hard work of loving as God loves, we experience the harvest of the grain - in our willingness to "die" to our fears, to put aside our own needs and wants, to struggle through the darkness and muck, to let our lives be pulled apart, we discover love that can only be of God. Christ gave His life on the tree of the cross in order that new life might come forth; in taking up our own crosses with Christ's selflessness and compassion, we can transform our lives and the lives of those around us in the complete joy of Easter.

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Sm 7: 4-5, 12-14,16; Rm 4: 13,

16-18, 22; Mt 1: 16, 18-21, 24

Tuesday: Nm 21: 4-9; Jn 8: 21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8: 31-42

Thursday: Gn 17: 3-9; Jn 8: 51-59 Friday: Jer 20: 10-13; Jn 10: 31-42 Saturday: Ez 37: 21-28; Jn 11: 45-56

Sunday: Mk 11: 1-10; Is 50: 4-7; Phil 2: 6-11;

Mk 14: 1-15: 47

LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saint Clement: Saturday, March 24th

8:45 am - 9:30 am

Monday, March 26th

5:45 pm - 6:30 pm

Saint James: Saturday, March 24th

12 noon - 1 pm (Chapel)



Sisters of St. Joseph Prayer Line:

216-252-0548

The Fridays of Lent



The Fridays of Lent at Saint Clement Church are an opportunity to enter into a deeper relationship with Jesus.

All are invited to spend time with Jesus at any or all of the following devotions:

Noon Rosary
Noon to 5:15 pm Eucharistic Adoration
3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
5:15 pm Celebration of Mass
6:00 pm Stations of the Cross
followed by Benediction

Make this a special Lent as you journey with the Lord.

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 Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 19 - Saint Joseph, Spouse of

the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:15 PM Special Intention

Tuesday, March 20 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM † John Lyons

Wednesday, March 21 - Lenten Weekday

5:15 PM † Kay Murphy

Thursday, March 22 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM † Poor Souls in Purgatory

Friday, March 23 - Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo

5:15 PM † Dan Herdmann

Saturday, March 24 - Blessed Oscar Romero

8:00 AM † Jeffrey Neumann

4:00 PM † Eric Green

Sunday, March 25 -Palm Sunday

9:00 AM † John & Shirley Malloy

11:00 AM For the People of the Parish

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

<u>Liturgical Ministers</u>

Lector Schedule

Saturday, March 24:

4:00 pm J. Wagner

Sunday, March 25:

9:00 am J. Flood 11:00 am K. Reilly

Eucharistic Minister Schedule

Saturday, March 24:

4:00 pm M.K. Kolenz, P. Machesky, C. McCallum Sunday, March 25:

9:00 am C. Kelly, K. Brocklehurst, B. Radvansky 11:00 am Deacon Danny, T. Clynne, R. Clynne

Server Schedule

Saturday, March 24:

4:00 pm F. Senft, J. Cook

Sunday, March 25:

9:00 am A. Brocklehurst, J. Brocklehurst, J. Mangan

11:00 am J. Reilly, M. Dineen, G. Wagner

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil – 4:00 pm Sunday Masses – 9 am & 11 am



Holy Week

Monday

5:15 pm – Mass

Tuesday

8:00 am - Mass

Wednesday

5:15 pm – Mass

7:00 pm – Tenebrae Service – St. James

Holy Thursday

7:00 pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday

8:00 am – Morning Prayer

12 Noon – Stations of the Cross

3:00 pm – Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday

8:00 am – Morning Prayer

12 Noon – Blessing of Food

7:30 pm – Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

9:00 am & 11:00 am - Mass



Lakewood Catholic Academy Parent Letter

Letters were mailed out to the parents of students currently attending LCA. If anyone has NOT received their letter, please contact Fr. Workman, ASAP. Please call Fr. Workman at the Rectory at 216-226-5116.

The Development of the Unborn Child

In honor of the Annunciation of Our Lord, when Jesus was conceived in Mary's womb, we would like to present to everyone the miraculous 40-week journey in a baby's life, from conception to birth. The famed geneticist, Dr. Jerome LeJeune, who was appointed by our beloved Pope Saint John Paul II as the first president of the Pontifical Academy for Life, put it very simply in describing, most logically, the newly conceived zygote: "He is a being and being human, he is a human being."

We would love to have all of you follow along with us as we explore the week-by-week developments in every unborn child's life. Be sure to check out next week's bulletin as we start the journey.

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.

ACADEMIC ACCOLADES

Congratulations! to the following Saint Edward High School students who are on the Honor Roll for the current grading period:

Honors: Fitzpatrick Metzger Daniel Miller Joshua S. Staviscak Patrick E. Triesel

Pot of Gold Winners

\$25 Mary Hall, Mark Storch, Alyssa Bir, Julie Madigan, Tom Resek, Mark Wagner





Lent is a season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The Spring 40 Days of Life Campaign coincides with Lent and is also a time when we are asked to pray and fast for an end to the taking of innocent unborn babies' lives by abortion. During this campaign so far, 196 lives have been saved. Please join us in prayer and fasting. Go to:

www.40daysforlife.com

to get a daily update from around the world.

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 athletics@lcasaints.com. Additional information will be provided to those expressing interest individuals 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.

Finance Corner

Collection for weekend of March 11 - \$ 6,943.36

Monthly Collection - \$ 110.00

Catholic Relief Collection - \$ 222.00

St. Augustine Hunger Center Collection - \$ 85.00

Online giving - Monthly \$ 800.00 - Weekly \$ 509.00

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



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 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!

Daily Prayer Online

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

<u>Institute of Catholic Studies -</u> 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.

THE ROCK 126

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!

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.

