NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIZER JUNE 24, 2018

"John will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb, and will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. He will go before the Lord in the spirit and power of Elijah..." Luke 1: 5-17

When the time came for Elizabeth to have her child she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown His great mercy toward her, and they rejoiced with her. When they came on the eighth day to circumcise the child, they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother said in reply, "No. He will be called John." But they answered her, "There is no one among your relatives who has this name." So they made signs, asking his father what he wished him to be called. He asked for a tablet and wrote, "John is his name," and all were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened, his tongue freed, and he spoke blessing God. Then fear came upon all their neighbors, and all these matters were discussed throughout the hill country of Judea. All who heard these things took them to her, saying, "What, then, will this child be?" For surely the hand of the Lord was with him. The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the desert until the day of his manifestation to Israel.

Today we celebrate the birth of the last great prophet, John the Baptizer, the bridge between the Old and New Testaments, the forerunner of God's Christ. John gives his life to proclaim the presence of the Lamb of God in our midst. In our own time and place, prophets in the spirit of John proclaim the compassion and peace of God. Like John, we are all called to the work of the prophet - "one who proclaims." God sends each one of us forth to be His prophets of compassion, justice and forgiveness.

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Kgs 17: 5-8, 13-15, 18; Mt 7: 1-5

Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19: 9-11, 14-21, 31-35, 36;

Mt 7: 6, 12-14

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22: 8-13 – 23: 1-3; Mt 7: 15-20

Thursday: 2 Kgs 24: 8-17; Mt 7: 21-29

Friday: Acts 12: 1-11; 2 Tm 4: 6-8, 17-18;

Mt 16: 13-19

Saturday Lam 2: 2, 10-14, 18-19; Mt 8: 5-17

Sunday: Wis 1: 13-15 – 2: 23-24;

2 Cor 8: 7, 9, 13-15; Mt 5: 21-43



Mass Intentions

The Mass Intention book for 2019 is now open. There are still Mass times available for 2018. 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 216-226-5116 Monday through Friday.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, June 25 - Weekday

5:15 PM † All Souls

Tuesday, June 26 - Weekday

8:00 AM † Thomas J. Dugan

Wednesday, June 27 - Saint Cyril of Alexandria

5:15 PM † Donald O'Toole

<u>Thursday, June 28 - Saint Irenaeus</u>

8:00 AM † Fr. Alfred H. Winters

Friday, June 29 - Saints Peter & Paul

5:15 PM † Joseph Camino

Saturday, June 30 - The First Martyrs of

Holy Roman Church

8:00 AM † Gayle Craighead

4:00 PM † Dick Geib

Sunday, July 1 - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Mary Martin (Living)

11:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Communion Ministry at Fairview Hospital



"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day." (Jn 6:54)

In this exhortation, Jesus makes it abundantly clear that the Holy Eucharist is vital on

our journey to salvation and eternal life.

It is of utmost importance, therefore, that we, Catholics, receive Holy Communion as often as possible, and more so when we are ill, trusting and hoping that as we come face to face with our physical mortality, in His **REAL** and **FULL** presence, Jesus will restore us to health, or in case we die, He will lead us to eternal life.

You are invited and encouraged to become a **Volunteer-Eucharistic-Minister** at **Fairview Hospital** – to comfort, to encourage, and to support the sick by bringing them Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

If you are already a Eucharistic Minister, and are willing to help, please, call **Fr. Deogratias at 216 476 4929** to learn more about this consoling and compassionate ministry.

Liturgical Ministers

Lector Schedule

Saturday, June 30:

4:00 pm B. Caja

Sunday, July 1:

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

Eucharistic Minister Schedule

Saturday, June 30:

4:00 pm P. Machesky, C. McCallum, M. Kolenz Sunday, July 1:

9:00 am J. Lutterbaugh, T. Rehl, B. Poling

11:00 am S. Lanzer, J. Lanzer, D. Miller

Server Schedule

Saturday, June 30:

4:00 pm M. Mahoney, S. Mahoney

Sunday, July 1:

9:00 am M. Andrews, C. Andrews, M. Cmolik

11:00 am J. Cook, M. Dineen

The Development of the Unborn Child

<u>Week #14:</u> My facial expressions resemble those of my parents. My movements are graceful and my sex can now be determined. Except for the back and top of my head all of my skin is sensitive to pain.

CENTERING SPACE

14812 Lake Avenue, Lakewood - 216-228-7451

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Sunday, June 24th, 8 pm - 9 pm

Come celebrate the beginning of summer with a special prayer service. River's Edge is excited to partner with Centering Space for this program. The service will be held outdoors at a fire circle on Centering Space grounds. If you can, bring a lawn chair. There will be a **freewill** offering.

St. Augustine Hunger Center Collection

The St. Augustine Hunger Center collection will be taken up next weekend. St. Augustine Hunger Center is a nonprofit organization missioned to provide meals and other emergency assistance to the poor and needy individuals of all religions. We appreciate your generosity on behalf of this caring ministry.



Pot of Gold - Get Your Tickets In!!



There is just one week left before the first drawing of the year on July 1st for Pot of Gold. Be sure to get your tickets turned in so you don't miss out on the first drawing! Tickets are still

available after all Masses on the weekend, or at the Rectory office during the week. Your participation and donation will help purchase new doors for the church. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Pot of Gold Winners

\$25 Albert Waters, Gary Fabian, Rich Birsic, Jeanne McMaster, Timmy Sabolik, Julie Madigan



Thank you!!

We thank Cub Scout Pack 76 for their volunteer work this past weekend. The scouts laid mulch around the church and Rectory. We appreciate their hard work to help beautify the parish property! Thank you to Tony Pietromica for coordinating this project.

Attend Mass on Vacation...

If you have a computer, you can go to masstimes.org to find the Mass times almost anywhere in the world.

Lakewood Catholic Academy and Parish School Reunion

Calling all Sts. Cyril & Methodius, St. James, St. Clement, St. Luke and Lakewood Catholic Academy graduates! On Wednesday, July 4th, the LCA Alumni Association will be hosting our second Grand Reunion event from 12 noon to 2 pm. Please join us in our backyard for games and food from the River Dog Food Truck and East Coast Custard! Please RSVP to Paula Santa, LCA Director of Admissions, at psanta@lcasaints.com.

Lakewood Catholic Academy CYO Coaching

Are you interested in sharing your AKEWOOD time, talent and faith with the young ACADEMY members of our community? Do you

know someone else who might be as well? The Lakewood Catholic Academy Athletic Boosters Club is always looking to add to our roster of qualified coaches, so that we are prepared when the need arises. LCA student athletes participate in:

Fall: Football, cross country and girls volleyball

Winter: Boys and girls basketball

Spring: Boys and girls track & field

Coaches must be at least 19 years old and will be required to complete an application, CYO training and a background check. All training costs are covered by the LCAABC.

Please consider joining our CYO program as we inspire young people to know God, love God, and to serve God through athletics.

Email athletics@lcasaints.com with questions, or for an application.

Bulletin Advertisers

Check out the back of the bulletin. Our advertisers pay for the cost of the weekly bulletin. Please support them and let them know you're a member of our parish and appreciate their advertisement in our bulletin!

Finance Corner

Collection for weekend of June 17th - \$ 6,035.00 Monthly Collection - \$ 970.00 Children's Collection - \$ 2.00 Ascension Collection - \$ 10.00

Online giving – Monthly \$470.00 - Weekly \$469.00

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

<u>Camp Cheerful—July 14 - August 5, 2018</u> <u>We're Taking our Seniors to Camp this Summer!</u>

And you can come, too! Residents from the St. Augustine Health Campus will once again return to Camp Cheerful in Strongsville, the week of August 13th-16th. Many will stay overnight and more will come out each day to enjoy fishing, swimming, horses, cookouts, sing-a-longs and the great outdoors. Volunteers are needed from 9 am to 8 pm each day, Monday through Thursday, either individually or as a group. Come out and help residents fish, swim, play cards/games or move around the camp; bring, cook or help serve a meal; visit one-on-one. Join us for a morning, an afternoon, all day or all week! Your participation will ensure our residents have the fun camp experience they've looked forward to all year. St. Augustine said: "What does love look like? It has the hands to help others." Please contact Mary Gagen, Volunteer Manager, at 216-939-7601, or mgagen@st-aug.org.

Can You Help Our Seniors Have Summer Fun?

The annual Family Festival for the St. Augustine Health Campus takes place on **Saturday**, **July 21st, from 11 am - 2 pm** on the grounds of St. Augustine Manor at West 78th and Detroit. Many volunteers will be needed to help throughout the day so our elderly and disabled residents can enjoy an afternoon of fun activities and summer-themed foods. Can you "adopt-a-resident" for the day and be someone's buddy for the afternoon? Volunteer opportunities abound before, during and after the event. We need you to be the hands and feet of Christ to help make this day special for our deserving residents. Please contact Mary Gagen, Volunteer Manager, at 216-939-7601, or <u>mgagen@st-aug.org</u>.

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Annual Diocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held on Sunday, July 29, 2018, at 2:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, with Bishop Martin Amos presiding. Reservations will be accepted for couples married in 1968. Couples who are celebrating other significant anniversaries (55 or over), or have missed previous celebrations, are welcome to attend. If you wish to attend, please register by calling the Rectory at 216-226-5116.



Mark your calendar for the Saint Vincent de Paul's Society 2rd Annual OUTDRIVE HUNGER Golf outing to benefit its hunger centers. **Friday**, **July 20th, 2018**, from **8 am to 4 pm** at the Sleepy Hollow Golf Course, 9445 Brecksville Rd., Brecksville. Stay tuned for details soon!

SAVE THE DATE!!



The Annual Lakewood Catholic Academy Golf Outing will be held on **Saturday, September 8**^{th,} at the Bob O' Link Golf Club in Avon, with an 8 am shotgun start. All proceeds will benefit

LCA athletics. We fill quickly so please register early. We are also looking for sponsors - hole signs begin at only \$100. Register at: app.eventcaddy.com/events/lakewood-catholic-academy-open. Visit the site, or contact Pete Corrigan, at 216-978-1652, or at: pcorrigan@gmail.com for further information.



Are you looking for an opportunity for your family to grow in faith this

summer - for FREE? Join us for a family retreat day on Sunday, August 5th, at the 18th Annual FEST, beginning at noon at the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe. Outdoor Mass, Adoration, praise and worship (with We are Messengers, Mandisa, Big Daddy Weave, and TobyMac)...and more...it will inspire and engage the whole family! Moms don't forget to sign up for your mom's give away bag, thanks to our friends at Marc's.

Go to: www.theFEST.us/moms to register in advance. See you at the **FEST** - a great day of faith, family and fun—all for **FREE**.

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.

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.