March 8, 2020

Confirmation

CELEBRATION

Joshua Bauhof

Allison Day

Camdyn Fuller

Evan Hricovec

Sara Humphrey

Joshua Hurlbut

Savannah Jancsura

Sydney Jancsura

Emmersyn Nazario

Briana Pavlik

Joshua Stitchick

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 pm • **Sunday:** 10:00 am

WEEKDAYS

Monday & Tuesday: 8:30 am

HOLY DAY MASSES

Consult your weekly bulletin.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Wednesday: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

CONFESSION: Saturday 3:00 pm or by appt.
BAPTISM: At least one parent must be a parishioner & actively attend Mass prior to calling the Office. *Baptisms will be held on the 3rd Sunday of the month*
MARRIAGE: At least one member of the couple must be a parishioner & actively attend Mass prior to calling. Couples need to make arrangements *at least 6 months in advance.* No date may be reserved until discussion with priest of the parish.
ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Call the Parish Office

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

Grades 1−8 meet in school on Monday at 6:15 pm
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A young man from a very wealthy and prominent family was being divorced by his glamorous wife. His lawyer called with both good and bad news about the property settlement.

"The good news is that she isn't asking for any share of your future inheritance."

"Great!" said the young man. "What's the bad news?"

"Well," said the lawyer, "after the divorce, she's marrying your father!"

I thought of this old joke, because I imagine the wealthy young man had a similar feeling to that of an older man in our scriptures this week. I mean, just imagine this young man's feeling when he heard the news: the groaning and that sinking feeling in his gut.

In today's first reading, old Abraham must have felt something like that when God called him. At the age of 75, he was told to pack up his family and leave the only home he'd ever known. "I'm going to take you to a great new place," God told him, "but I'm not going to tell where." Terrific! Nothing like not being able to see where you're going! But isn't much of life like that? Time after time life thrusts us into a new place where we haven't been before, often with no map and no owner's manual. At each stage of life, a familiar door closes and another door opens, and behind it lies a new place whose shape we can barely see, with new tasks we can only guess at.

My friends, isn't that the very point of the story of Abraham. It's meant to remind us that none of us can possibly know the future and what it has in store for us. Only God, and God alone, has that knowledge. Therefore, our lives are a test of faith. We, like Abraham and countless generations of believers before us, have been asked to place our lives in God's hands with faithfulness and trust. God reminds us time and time again that He loves us and will make sure we have what we need, as long as we cooperate with his grace and trust in his promises. Therefore, as we continue our Lenten journey toward Easter, perhaps we are being called to examine how much we really trust God in our lives.

~Rev. Edward J Smith

Sunday - March 8th - 2nd Sunday of Lent
10:00 am - For Our Confirmandi

Monday - March 9th - St. Francis of Rome, Religious
8:30 am - Living & Deceased of the Parish
*****All school students will attend!*****

Tuesday - March 10th - Lenten Weekday
8:30 am - †Paula Tobias
Requested by: Mom

Saturday - March 14th - Lenten Weekday
4:00 pm - †Angel Gonzalez
Requested by: Nick Gonzalez

Sunday - March 15th - 3rd Sunday of Lent
10:00 am - For all who pray the Rosary for the Unborn

GOD BLESS OUR CONFIRMANDI,
who were confirmed
TODAY,
Sunday, March 8th!
May God Bless them,
their sponsors and their families!

OFFERTORY REPORT

Amount Budgeted Weekly……..... $4,807.69
Sunday Collection (2/23/20)…… $3,338.00
7/1/19 to Date over/(under) Budget….. ($10,472.31)

MY GIFT TO GOD REFLECTS HIS GENEROSITY TO ME.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross - Fridays of Lent
1:30 pm with the School Children
& 7:00 pm with Deacon Paul

Reconciliation - Every Saturday at 3:00 pm

Evening of Confession
Wednesday, March 11th from 5-8 pm

Lenten Penance Service
Sunday, March 29th at 2 pm

MASS SERVERS FOR MARCH 14TH & 15TH

Saturday, 3/14- 4 pm
A., M., & V. Smith

Sunday, 3/15 - 10 am
K. Antus & C. Collazo

DONATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE
In memory of **Mary Carole Patterson**
for *St. Anthony School*
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GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Please join us in our friendly, safe, and comforting grief group that meets the 3rd Sunday of each month. **Our next meeting is Sunday, March 15th at St. Joseph Cemetery in Avon.** Our Topic will be "Springing Forward: How is Your Grief Maturing?" For more details, visit www.clecem.org or contact Rhonda at rabrams@clecem.org or *216-930-4866.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH , 8, 2020

Sunday:	Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9
Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. Ps 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday:	Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

ADORATION CHAPEL

"Our lives must be woven around the Eucharist . . . Fix your eyes on Him who is the light; bring your hearts close to His Divine Heart; ask Him to grant you the grace of knowing Him, the love of loving Him, the courage to serve Him. Seek Him fervently." "To be alone with Jesus in adoration and intimate union with Him is the greatest gift of love, the tender love to our Father in Heaven." ***~St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta***

(Continued from last week) After a long sleepless night, it took everything I had to get out of my home and into the car. I arrived at the church and slowly crawled out of the car and then walked slowly into the sanctuary. Every movement was resisted by the inflamed nerves in my body as I slouched onto the hard cold chair. Doubled over before the Blessed Sacrament, I was barely able to sit, let alone pray. If the church wasn't so cold, I would have been tempted to slide off the chair onto the floor. Even so, I began to beseech our Lord on their behalf. The first victory was simply the ability to pray at all. My mind wandered to my senses in complaint and then to prayer and back. I didn't think I could make it another few minutes let alone an hour. I stayed engaged anyway. ***(To be continued)***

PRO LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Abortion kills so that someone might live differently.
When vice is bold, that is not the time for virtue to be timid.
Fight to end abortion and euthanasia.

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Gilbert Amador	Gloria Badillo	Lindsey Marie Ballas	Janet Baxter	Joanne Bilancini
Loretta Bliss	Tim "Swampy" Burton	Gary Butchko	Marvin Campbell	Donna Clark
Lynn Coscho	Ann Cusella	Ann DiFrancesco	Evelyn Donovan	Jerry Donovan
Anna Mae Ebinger	Bea Ellis	Denise Ellis	Deacon Jose Flores	Scott Friges
Jeff Garrison	Bea Giacobbe	Jey Gilles	Brian Grace	Renee Golowenski
Basilia Gonzalez	D'Arie Gonzalez	Delores Gonzalez	Jose Gonzalez	Jose Gonzalez Jr.
Juan Gonzalez	Fr. John Raphael Hadnagy, OFM Conv	Lenore Hales	Tim Haupt	Clara Hodorowski
Kevin Holley	Phyllis Holomuzki	Jennifer Humphrey	Al Jacobs	Sylvia Johnston
Ralph Koontz	Pepsi Lachowyn	Ann Marshall	Barbara McCalland	Deacon Luis Maldonado
Dolores Melley	Ellen Morgan	Victor Munoz	Mary Nazario	Mary Jane Penick
Nick Penick	Liz Profant	Elizabeth Raddell	Emily Raddell	Tim Rankin
Amy Schmidt	Elmer Schneider	Joan Schwartz	Deacon Jim Stewart	Celia Stanislaw
Andrea Taylor	Audali Torres	Rosa Torres	Peter Uies	Stacie Velasquez
	Sherri Wedgeworth		Peg Young	

Call the Parish Office if you would like to add someone to this list. Please notify us when to remove the name.

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Call the **"Prayer Line"** for immediate prayer requests, **Georgianna**: ***440-288-1644*** **or Dee:** ***440-984-3874***

SCHOOL UPDATES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

During this time of the year, one can feel the weather getting warmer. While we were not graced with a typical Ohio winter, we did have moments of cold and snow. Soon, the kids will be starting baseball practice and parents will be getting the pool ready for the summer. During a school year, spring is used as a time of reflection and planning for the upcoming school year. It is to study data, listen to stakeholders and create a vision for the school. In that spirit, I am asking if anyone has any feedback on how our school can get better or if you would like to let us know something we are doing well, please email me at alarconj@stanthonylorain.com. Thank you for always supporting us and I look forward in hearing from you. *~Mr. Julio Alarcon*

Weekly Activities

SUNDAY, MARCH 8 - CONFIRMATION
12:00 pm - Jr. Hoops Games (Gym)

MONDAY, MARCH 9
5:00 pm - Jr. Hoops Practice (Gym)
6:15 pm - PSR (School)
7:30 pm - New Life Prayer Group (Adoration Chapel)

TUESDAY, MARCH 10
9:00 am - Pierogi Production (Social Hall)
5:00 pm - Jr. Hoops Practice (Gym)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11
3:00 pm - Girl Scouts (Social Hall)
5:00 pm - Jr. Hoops Practice (Gym)

THURSDAY, MARCH 12
5:00 pm - Jr. Hoops Practice (Gym)

FRIDAY, MARCH 13
10:00 am - Pierogi Sale (Social Hall)
3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Holy Hour (Adoration Chapel)
5:00 pm - Jr. Hoops Practice (Gym)

SATURDAY, MARCH 14
9:00 am - Jr. Hoops Games (Gym)

SUNDAY, MARCH 15
11:00 am - PAC Sign Painting Party (Social Hall)
12:00 pm - Jr. Hoops Games (Gym)

ANNUAL PAC ST. ANTHONY GARAGE SALE

Join us **Saturday, March 21st, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm & Sunday, March 22nd, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.**

Please drop off donations on Thursday, March 19th & Friday, March 20th from 5:30-7:00 pm.

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR THE SPRING SIGN PAINTING PARTY

Come join us after Mass (around 11:15 am) on **Sunday, March 15th in the Social Hall** for a fun afternoon creating your own art sponsored by the School PAC! Choose between 4 sign designs and different base colors. Each sign is approx. 12"x15". **Cost is $35 with $10 of each sign going back to the school!** All signs need to be picked out & paid for by *Tuesday, March 10th*. Email ekatricak@gmail.com to RSVP or for any questions. Hope to see you there!

Parent Advisory Committee invites you to….

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY & EGG HUNT SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH

Join us for Arts & Crafts and fun with the Easter Bunny!

Breakfast will be served from 9 am - 12 pm.
Breakfast will be pancakes, bacon, fruit & beverage.
Tickets at Pre-Sale $5 or $6 at the door .

Take a picture with the Easter Bunny.
Bring your own camera

A **FREE** Egg Hunt for kids 9 and under.
Bring your own basket!

Egg Hunt Times:
0-3 year olds at 10:30 am
4-6 year olds at 11:00 am
7-9 year olds at 11:30 am

Donations of wrapped candy would be appreciated to help make this event a success!

Event is rain or shine!

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HOORAY!

It's Pierogi Time!

Remaining Sale Dates:

March 13th
March 20th
March 27th
April 3rd
April 10th

Help at the Hospital

Visiting the sick is one of the corporal works of mercy. Among the patients at St. John Medical Center, located on Crocker Road in Westlake, are many Catholic, and often they hunger for spiritual nourishment as they contend with illness. At SJMC we are blessed by the service of a Cadre of extraordinary ministers of holy communion (EMHC) who come from local parishes to volunteer their time. The hospital's pastoral care staff hopes to add to their numbers. If you are an EMHC, we invite you to consider and pray about participating in this ministry at SJMC. For more info, please contact Fr. Dan Fickes, *440-827-5248* or fr.daniel.fickes@uhhospitals.org.

Are you interested in becoming an EMHC?

We are in need of more Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Save the date for one of these formation training sessions:

Sept. 13th - St. Julie Billiart, N. Ridgeville
Sept. 27th - St. Joseph Parish, Avon Lake
Oct. 25th - St. Peter, North Ridgeville.

All sessions are 2:00 - 4:30 pm with check-in at 1:30 pm. Registration for each class ends the week prior. Contact the Parish Office, *440-288-0106,* for more info.

All are invited "To Give Up or Not to Give Up" *sponsored by Marian Guild*

Deacon Paul Heise will explore what we can do for Lent other than to give something up.

All parishioners, including men, are invited. We will start out with an opening prayer in the Church on **Monday, March 16th, 6:00 pm.** The evening will continue in the Social Hall with soup, bread and dessert & the presentation of our annual Lenten program.

Every month the Marian Guild requests a donation from the membership for the St. Vincent de Paul society's food pantry. **For the month of March, we would request that you bring a mini canned ham to the meeting.** Thank you for your continued support.

We hope to welcome many parishioners to this Lenten event.

Please return the coupon below in the offertory basket by March 11th.

Marian Guild Soup Supper - "To Give Up or Not to Give Up"

Please return by March 11th in an envelope marked Marian Guild Soup Supper

NAME _____ # ATTENDING: _____

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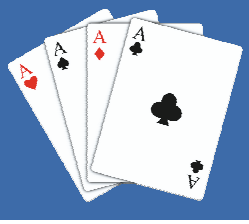
All profits from the trip will go to the St. Anthony Maintenance Fund.



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