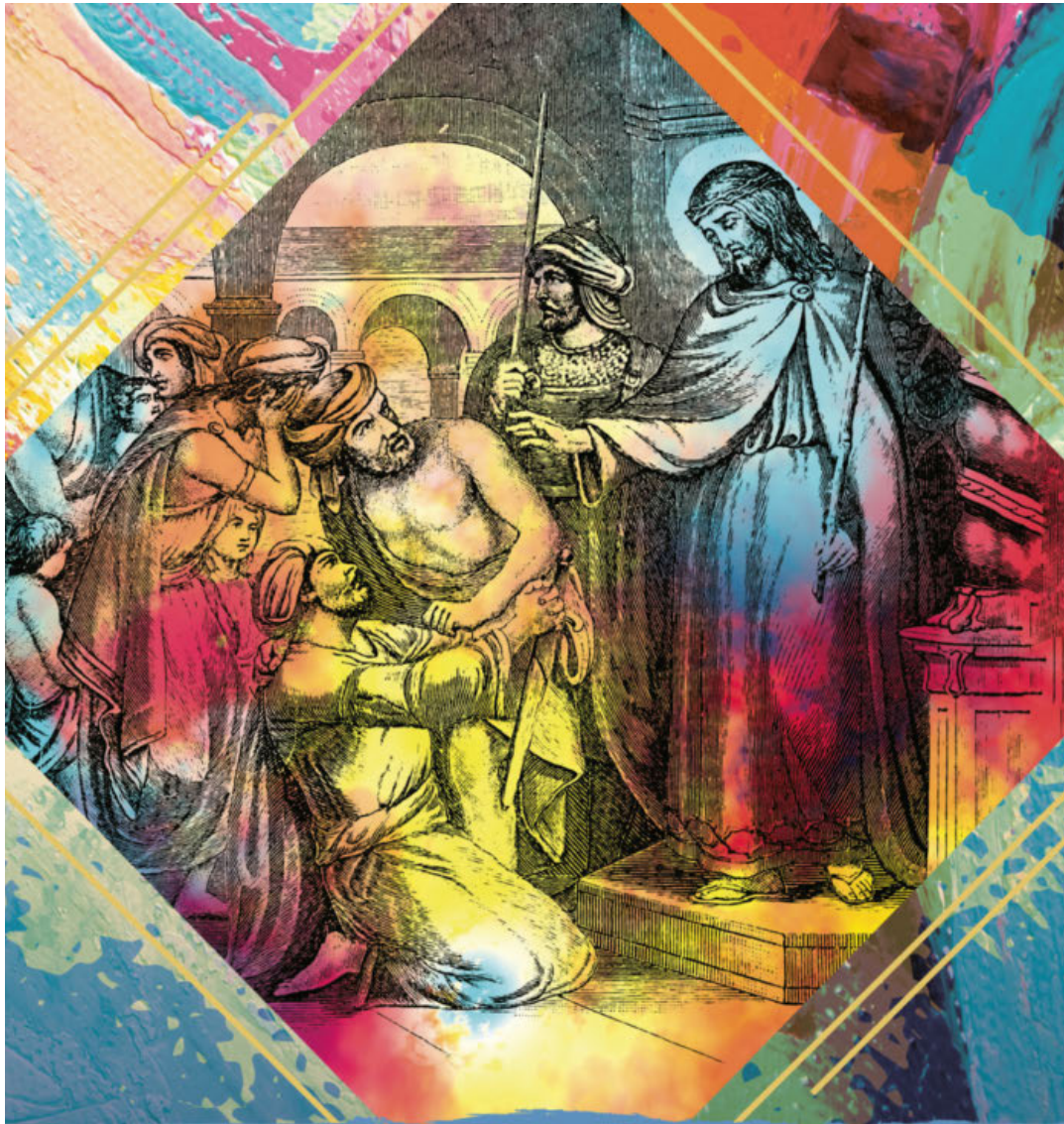


ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | SEPTEMBER 17, 2023



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?”
- Mt 18:33-35

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MASS SCHEDULE

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

WEEKDAYS

Monday & Tuesday:
8:30 am

HOLY DAY MASSES

Consult the bulletin

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

How intense the joy of a parent whose child has wandered off, but is eventually found, safe and sound! For a spiritual shepherd, the joy of saving one sinful and lost soul is beyond description. **An American Franciscan priest, Father Sixtus O'Connor, had the privilege of saving the soul of more than one of the Nazi war criminals condemned at the Nuremberg Trials of 1946.**

According to the National Catholic News Service, Fr. O'Connor, who had been a parish priest in Manhattan, New York, served during World War II as a U.S. Army chaplain in Germany. He had studied earlier in universities there and spoke German fluently. Certainly, it was because of this fluency with the German language that he was retained in service after the close of the war, and assigned as chaplain to the Nazi war-criminals imprisoned in the Nuremberg jail while they awaited trial. The prisoners came to respect this man of God because of his realism, faith, serenity, and compassion.

Among the prisoners were men who had held high positions in the Third Reich: Baldur von Schirach, head of the Hitler Youth; Hans Fritzsche, deputy minister of propaganda; Hans Frank, Governor of Nazi-held Poland; and Ernst Kaltenbrunner, who oversaw the Austrian Gestapo. Through prayer and patient discussion, Fr. Sixtus had the happiness of changing the hearts of these four major leaders. Von Schirach, a lapsed Catholic, sentenced to 20 years in prison, returned to devout Catholicism. Herr Fritzsche lived to praise the priest in his memoirs. Kaltenbrunner was grateful for the priest's defense when the Allied officials called him a total liar. He and Hans Frank made peace with God before they were executed. Frank, bound for the gallows, offered his life in atonement for his sins. What must have been Fr. O'Connor's gratitude to God at that moment. And on the day that Hans Frank died contrite, how great must have been the "joy in heaven."

~Rev. Edward J. Smith

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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 the pastor of the parish.

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SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. (*Sir 28:2*)

PSALM: The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion. (*Ps 103*)

SECOND READING: None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. (*Rom 14:7-8*)

GOSPEL: "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." (*Mt 18:21-22*)



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-3

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a



Sunday - Sept. 17th - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am - †Londa & William Nicola

Requested by: Caroline Butchko

Monday - Sept. 18th - Weekday Mass/School Mass

8:30 am - †For the Living & Deceased of the Parish

Tuesday - Sept. 19th - St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr

8:30 am - †Ignatius Gonzales

Requested by: Carol Gonzales

Saturday - Sept. 23rd - St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

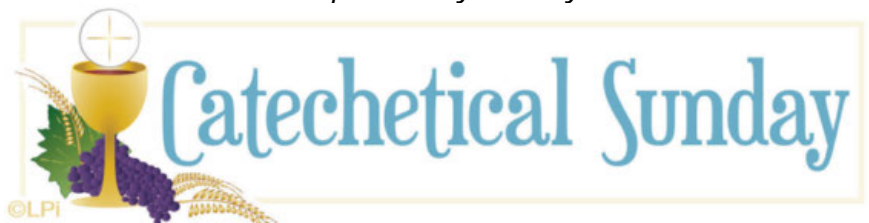
4:00 pm - †Robert Salkowitz

Requested by: Family

Sunday - Sept. 24th - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am - †Mary Cooper

Requested by: Family



CATECHIST'S PRAYER

With your fatherly blessing, Lord, strengthen these servants of yours in their resolve to dedicate themselves as catechists. Grant that they will strive to share with others what they themselves derive from pondering your Word and studying the Church's teaching. And let them gladly join those they teach in honoring and serving your name. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Saturday, September 23rd at 4:00 pm

Lector: Marybeth B.

Eucharistic Ministers: Marybeth B., Laura P.

Sunday, September 24th at 10:00 am

Lector: Anna S.

Eucharistic Ministers: Hilaire T., Karen L., Dan L.

Please call the Parish Office, 440-288-0106, for info on joining the Art & Environment Committee or becoming a Sacristan.

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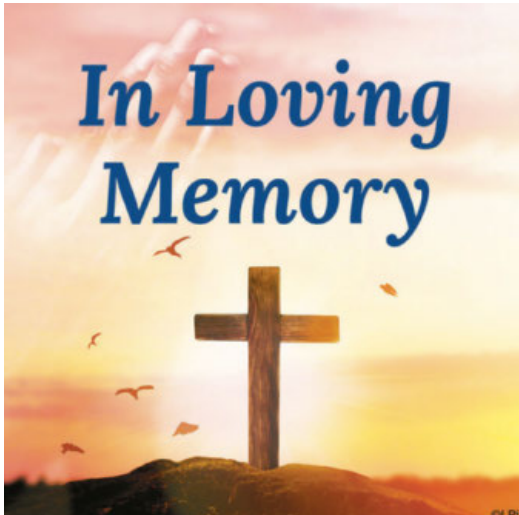
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OFFERTORY REPORT

Amount Budgeted Weekly..... \$6,240.00
 Sunday Collection (8/27/2023)..... \$5,790.00
 7/1/2023 to Date +/- Budget..... - (\$3,859.00)

MY GIFT TO GOD REFLECTS HIS GENEROSITY TO ME.

If you are unable to contribute, please submit your envelopes all the same as it is our most clear indication of active participation for Mass.



MANY PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

to Linda, family & friends, upon the death of her beloved mother

Velma Weichman on September 3, 2023.

Velma was a member of St. Anthony's since the 1950's.

May Velma's soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

LIFE IS CHANGED, NOT ENDED.



PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Gloria Badillo	Janet Baxter	Joanne Bilancini	Maryann Boylan	Tim "Swampy" Burton	Lynn Coscho
Ann DiFrancesco	Jerry Donovan	Anna Mae Ebinger	Denise Ellis	Deacon Jose Flores	Norma Jean Flores
Scott Friges	Bea Giacobbe	Virginia Glass	Barbara Glick	Brian Grace	Dan George
Renee Golowenski	D' Arie Gonzalez	Delores Gonzalez	Jose Gonzalez	Jose Gonzalez Jr.	Juan Gonzalez
Dawn Smith-Hathaway	Tim Haupt	Vicky Herrmann	Clara Hodorowski	Kevin Holley	Phyllis Holomuzki
Jennifer Humphrey	Baby Jackson	Al Jacobs	Devin Jarvis	Sylvia Johnston	Johnna Kuhar
Deacon Luis Maldonado	Dean Martin III	Rita McConley	Dolores Melley	Sandra Merkly	Jen Mitterholzer
Ellen Morgan	Mary Nazario	Luci Payne	Elizabeth Raddell	Emily Raddell	Joe Rizzo
Amy Schmidt	Patricia Smith	Jack Tocchi	Audali Torres	Rosa Torres	Nanette Truffin
Preston Uber	Peter Uies	Stacie Velasquez	Nick Vivens	Sherri Wedgeworth	Paul Winkler

Doris Zgola-Whitka

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

Call the "Prayer Line" for immediate prayer requests,

Linda: 440-667-9050 from 9 am - 3 pm or Terri, 440-320-3272 from 3 - 9 pm

ADORATION CHAPEL

"Recognize in this bread what hung on the cross and in this chalice what flowed from His side . . . whatever was in many and varied was announced before hand in the sacrifices of the Old Testament pertains to this one sacrifice which is revealed in the New Testament. Receive in this bread that which was hanged on the cross; receive in this cup that which was poured from Christ's side. For he will gain death, not life who thinks Christ is a liar."

~St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Nourished and sustained by Jesus in the Holy Eucharist and Mary's intercession, St. Peter Claver, a well-educated Jesuit priest, spent his life caring for black slaves in South America vowing to be "*the slave of the blacks forever*". St. Peter baptized 40,000 black slaves and brought them God's healing love through Holy Communion. With loving patience he fed, clothed and ministered to the sick reflecting God's love. *St. Peter Claver is the patron of all missions to the black people.*



Divine Mercy Meditation - Unite Yourself to Jesus

I am saying this that you may constantly unite yourself with Me through love, for this is the goal of the life of your soul. This act is an act of the will. Know that a pure soul is humble. When you lower and empty yourself before My majesty, I then pursue you with My graces and make use of My omnipotence to exalt you (*Diary, 576*).

**The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, I want to love You and constantly unite myself to You. Teach me how to lower and empty myself before Your Majesty. Keep my soul pure and humble before You. Amen.

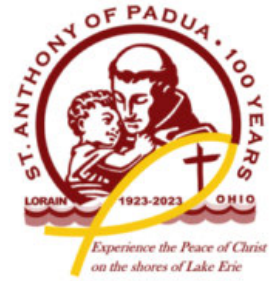


PRO-LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK - DO NOT CONFORM YOURSELF TO THIS AGE

St Paul tells us, "*Do not conform yourself to this age but ...discern...what is good and pleasing...*" **Since Roe v. Wade, around 63 million innocent children have lost their God-given right to live.** An entire class of persons, children in the womb, have been relegated to the status of "*chattel*", personal property, who can be disposed of by those more powerful than they. They have no power to resist. They are subject to abuse and destruction by those with more power, namely the power of the State. They have no voice that can be heard except our own. **Without doubt, the killing of innocent children in the womb is the pre-eminent moral evil of our age.** It is for this reason that we must "*not conform*" to this grave injustice. As St Paul tells us, we must instead stand on the side of truth and justice and "*what is good and pleasing to God*". We must recognize what both medical science and natural justice tell us: children in the womb are human persons with an inalienable right to life. Undoubtedly, the most important human rights issue of our age is to protect our "*first neighbors*" ---children in the womb. The womb is the "*first home*" of the whole human race and standing up for them is a matter of solidarity with our neighbor and love for the poor. We should not stand by while thousands of children every day are evicted and killed! **Our call (as St Paul reminds us) is to replace the current culture of death with a new culture of life and a civilization of love.**

HISTORY OF ST. ANTHONY CONTINUED

The new pastor, Fr. Dominic Manion, arrived at St. Anthony's on January 29, 1970. Parish activities remained in full swing as did nature yet, once again, the eroding beach front became a threat to the church property. A priority project was the building of a break wall to retain the lake bank and to protect the parish property from Lake Erie waves. About \$100,000.00 was spent on this three- hundred-foot long wall.



PLEASE TAKE SOME FLOWERS

There are rose of Sharon in buckets in front of the Social Hall.
They are free for you to take and enjoy!

SENIOR SOCIABLES MONTHLY MEETING - 9/21

Senior Sociables will meet on Thursday, September 21st at 12:30 pm.

The meeting will be held at Mulligans Restaurant located at 38244 Colorado Ave. in Avon. Please call Nancy Cline at 440-320-0374 to confirm your reservation by Monday, September 18th.
Hope to see you there!

DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND MARRIAGE & FAMILY MINISTRY – RED BIRD MINISTRY (PREGNANCY, BABY, CHILD LOSS) WORKSHOPS – 9/22 & 9/23

Clergy, staff and parish leaders are invited to a **Come and See event at St. Justin Martyr Parish, Eastlake, on Friday, September 22nd from 9:00am - 1:00pm.** Red Bird Ministry founders will present and share new bereavement resources. *The cost is \$10 for lunch.*

Red Bird Ministries will also host a retreat at St. Bridget Kildare Parish, Parma, on **Saturday, September 23rd for couples and individuals grieving pregnancy loss or the loss of a child.** *Special thanks to Catholic Cemeteries for sponsoring the workbooks for the couples.* The materials are easily adaptable for individuals grieving the loss of a pregnancy, baby, or child.

Registration for both events can be found at

www.dioceseofcleveland.org/offices/parish-life/marriage-and-family-ministry/events

CLEVELAND CONSORT OF VOICES TO PERFORM AT NATIVITY

As part of the celebrations of the 125 anniversary of the founding of Nativity B. V. M. Catholic Church, 418 W. 15th Street, Lorain, **the parish will be hosting a performance by the Cleveland Consort of Voices on Sunday, September 24th at 4:00 pm.** Please join us for this amazing musical experience, under the direction of Oberlin College Professor of Musicology, Dr. Steven Plank. Ample parking is available in the lot off 14th Street. *A freewill offering will be taken to defray costs, and refreshments will follow the concert.*

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