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FIRST SUNDAY OF
LENT



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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9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

The Sacrament of Reconciliation During Lent

Lent is the traditional time of penitence when Catholics are encouraged to take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (a.k.a. Confession). As a confessor for almost 23 years, I want to offer you some tips and advice regarding what to avoid during your confession. In fact, there are four major mistakes that people seem to make during their confessions:

1. Avoid confessing the sins of other people.

I understand how frustrating people can be, especially when they are close to us. We are frustrated by spouses, parents, children, siblings, friends, co-workers, etc. Often times, we can even unjustly blame these other people for our own sins and poor choices. Confession, however, is a time to reflect on our own spiritual lives. It is not a time to vent about everyone else, but rather a time to ask God's forgiveness for our own sins. It is a time for us to take personal responsibility, not blame others, and ask God for his mercy and strength moving forward in our lives.

2. Avoid offering lengthy back stories or an overabundance of information regarding the sins you are confessing.

Often times when people come to confession they feel a need to offer some type of explanation as to why they sinned. They offer an overabundance of information because they feel that the priest needs to understand every detail in order to grant God's forgiveness. This is completely unnecessary. God already understands the details of your life. The priest just needs to be told specifically what sins you've committed in order to give you absolution. If the confessor needs additional information or clarification, he will ask you for it. In this way, you can avoid your confession turning into a counseling session, which is not the purpose of the sacrament.

3. Avoid being so non-specific to the point of not actually mentioning your sins in your confession.

Often times when people are nervous or hesitant in the confessional, they will choose not to say what they are specifically sorry for having committed. This is especially true if it has been a long time since their last confession. They will say things like, "Over the years I've committed a lot of sins", or "I've broken nearly every commandment", or "My sins are too many to mention". All these may be true, but confession is about being direct and specific about what sins you have committed in order to receive God's forgiveness. By trying to lump everything together, you are simply avoiding being honest with yourself, your confessor, and God. Further, if you don't confess specific sins, then the priest cannot grant you absolution, because he doesn't know specifically what you are asking forgiveness for. The fact is there is nothing you have done that will shock, anger, or dismay your confessor. The priest is there to offer you God's forgiveness, and therefore there is no reason you shouldn't be completely honest.

4. Avoid confessing your emotions.

This area is a big issue for many people coming to confession, because people today seem to confuse sins and emotions. Sins are concrete actions (or omissions) that we have chosen to commit. Therefore please avoid confessing things like anger, frustration, impatience, etc. because they are not sins. Even though these emotions may lead us into the occasion of sin, or lead us to temptation to sin, they themselves are not sinful. It is choosing to act out wrongly because of our emotion that is sinful. Also, just because you "feel bad" about something doesn't necessarily mean you have sinned. For example, you may feel bad that you had to scold your child about not touching a hot stove, but that doesn't mean you have sinned (in fact, it means you are a good parent!).

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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: God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you." (Gn 9:8-10)

PSALM: Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant. (Ps 25)

SECOND READING: It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. (1 Pt 3:21)

GOSPEL: He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. (Mk 1:13)

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass



Sunday - Feb. 18th - 1st Sunday of Lent

10:00 am - †Caroline & Thomas Schlipf
Requested by: Judith Duffy

Monday - Feb. 19th - President's Day

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

Tuesday - Feb. 20th - Weekday Mass

8:30 am - †James D. Reagan
Requested by: James F. Reagan

Saturday - Feb. 24th - 1st Sunday of Lent Vigil Mass

4:00 pm - †William & Betty Visnesky
Requested by: Bill Visnesky

Sunday - Feb. 25th - 1st Sunday of Lent

10:00 am - †Margaret Saltis
Requested by: Carol Bainbridge

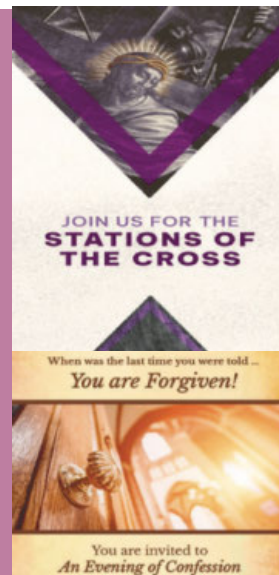
STATIONS OF THE CROSS - EVERY FRIDAY

1:15 pm Children's Stations with the School &
7:00 pm with Deacon Paul

(February 23rd, March 1st, March 8th
March 15th - No School Stations,
March 22nd)

EVENING OF CONFESSION WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

St. Teresa from 5:00-6:30 pm
St. Anthony from 6:00-8:00 pm



READINGS FOR THE WEEK FEBRUARY 18, 2024

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10



Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, February 24th at 4:00 pm

Lectors: Laura V.

Eucharistic Ministers: Patty R., Jerry D., Pam W.

Sunday, February 25th at 10:00 am

Lectors: Steve B., Karen B.

Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa S., David L.

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1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

OFFERTORY REPORT

AMOUNT BUDGETED WEEKLY..... \$6,240.00
 SUNDAY COLLECTION (1/28/2024) \$4,758.00
 7/1/2023 TO DATE +/-) BUDGET..... -(\$10,137.53)



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.



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

A covenant is a formal agreement between two parties. Assuming both parties enter into the covenant of their own free will, it is a bond that cannot be broken. As time goes on, that covenant will be tested and its validity questioned by skeptics, but it will remain if it is real.

God's covenant with his people is real. It began with a promise made to Noah and was renewed in the person of Jesus Christ. It has been tested by man through sin and by evil through Jesus' trials in the desert. But here in 2024, it still remains as strong as ever.

This Lent, take time to rediscover and reflect on this covenant God has with us. Reclaim your baptism and make it a motivating factor in how you live your life. Take the opportunity this Lenten season provides to increase your devotion and spirituality. You will be tested and you will suffer trials, for life is not always easy. But God has always upheld his part of the agreement. Now is the time to take our part in this covenant more seriously.



PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Gloria Badillo	Janet Baxter	Joanne Bilancini	Maryann Boylan	Tim "Swampy" Burton	Lynn Coscho
Pat Costello II	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
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Juan Gonzalez	Vicky Herrmann	Clara Hodorowski	Kevin Holley	Phyllis Holomuzki	Jennifer Humphrey
Baby Jackson	Al Jacobs	Devin Jarvis	Sylvia Johnston	Johnna Kuhar	Amanda Jacobs-Leadbetter
Deacon Luis Maldonado	Dean Martin III	Rita McConley	Dolores Melley	Sandra Merkly	Jen Mitterholzer
Ellen Morgan	Frank Murphy	Mary Nazario	Luci Payne	Elizabeth Raddell	Emily Raddell
Joe Rizzo	Amy Schmidt	Jack Tocchi	Audali Torres	Rosa Torres	Nanette Truffin
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.

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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

St. Anthony & St. Teresa Parishes Combined Lenten Mission

Temptation: The World, The Flesh, and The Devil

**Presented by The Very Reverend Sean Ralph,
Rector of the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist**

**When: March 10th (St. Anthony Church), 11th (St. Teresa Church), and
12th (St. Anthony Church)**

What Time: 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

As we enter the Holy Season of Lent, our parish mission will focus our attention on a topic that affects us all: Temptation. Fortunately, for three evenings we have a wonderful mission speaker to aid us in our fight against our adversary. Father Sean Ralph will expertly guide us in an examination of the topic from three different perspectives: worldly temptation, bodily temptation, and the activity of the Devil.

Please prioritize our Parish Mission as part of your Lenten spiritual activities. Come and listen to what God wants you to know about temptation in your life.



PASTOR'S COLUMN CONTINUED

Bonus Tip: *If you have a bad memory, or you are nervous, write down your sins*

No priest will ever get mad at a penitent for using a "cheat sheet" to remember what they want to confess. Everyone is there for the same purpose: the salvation of your soul. If you need to make a note in order to remember what you want to confess, please do it! By using a note you will maximize your time in the confessional, as well as insure you didn't forget any of your sins. Making a note for yourself can become an excellent step in your examination of conscience prior to your confession.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a beautiful gift from God that we should all use to grow in our spiritual lives. Hopefully, by avoiding the four mistakes I have just mentioned, your confession can be more meaningful and beneficial for you. Confession isn't meant to be a torturous experience for anyone involved. I pray you reflect on these tips, and make time to put them into practice by going to confession during the season of Lent.

~*Rev. Edward J. Smith*

A DONATION HAS BEEN MADE

for the Organ Fund by Millie Benggale.



JOIN US FOR OUR ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

St. Anthony of Padua Parish School & Pre-School is having a School Open House on Wednesday, February 21st from 5:00-6:30 pm.

We are currently taking applications for New Students for the 2024-2025 School Year!

Spaces are limited, so come see what we are all about.

Go to www.stanthonylorain.org for more information.

Any questions, call 440-434-2069.

LORAIN INTERNATIONAL PRINCESS PAGEANT

We are now accepting applications for the 56th Annual Lorain International Princess Pageant in June. Open to girls ages 16-24 who reside in Lorain County and Vermilion. This is not a beauty contest, rather, it is a scholarship pageant that highlights the pride of one's family heritage and their community. **To apply to represent your nationality, visit www.loraininternationalfestival.com by February 26th.**

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM - 3/1

The First Friday Forum of Lorain County will hear from Dr. Frank O'Linn, Secretary for Education and Superintendent of Schools for the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, who will be speaking on the "Future of Catholic Schools in the Cleveland Diocese: Catholic Schools for All" at our luncheon on Friday, March 1st. Come join us for good food, fellowship and a great speaker. Lunch begins at 11:30 am at the Spitzer Conference Center of Lorain County Community College, 1005 N. Abbe Rd. Elyria with Dr. O'Linn speaking at Noon. *All reservations need to be received by 6 pm on Monday, February 26th.* Call 440-320-3272 or email fflorain@gmail.com with your reservation. Cost is \$25 at the door or mail a check to 320 Middle Ave., Elyria, OH 44035.

UNBOUND...A DAY OF HEALING PRAYER - 4/6

Catholic Renewal Ministries is hosting, UNBOUND...a day of Healing Prayer with Matt Lozano, Director of Training - Heart of the Father Ministries. Come learn what Unbound can do in your life.

Experience God's love & healing grace through Unbound prayer.

Join us at St. Peter Catholic Church, 35777 Center Ridge Road, North Ridgeville, on Saturday, April 6th.

Praise & worship the goodness of God. Doors open at 8 am, program runs 9 am - 4:30 pm.

Early Bird Postmarked by March 1st: \$75 includes continental breakfast & lunch.

Postmarked by March 25th: \$85 includes continental breakfast & lunch.

The Registration deadline is Wednesday, March 25th. 'Walk-ins' are welcomed - \$85, lunch not included.

Prayer teams will be available. If you wish, please attend Mass at 8 am at St. Peter Church.

For more info, call Marge Zampino, 216-990-0919 or Mary Cusack, 330-687-8843.

Register by PayPal at crmweb.org or by mail. Send your check made out to CRM to:

Marge Zampino, 2747 Vincent Drive, Seven Hills, Ohio 44131.

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If you would like to submit an article for an upcoming Bulletin, please send requests to obermillerk@stanthonylorain.com by Monday at 10 am.
Bulletins are sent to print every Tuesday!



LENTEN Fish Fry

St. Teresa of Avila Parish
1878 Abbe Road
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All Fridays of Lent
4:30-7:00pm

DINE IN & DRIVE THRU

DINNERS

All dinners include coleslaw, dessert, roll, and your choice of: fries, cabbage & noodles, mac & cheese, or pierogi.

Lake Perch 3 pieces of perch	\$20
Shrimp 10 pieces of shrimp	\$20
Combo 2pc perch & 6pc shrimp	\$20
Pierogi 6 pieces	\$12
Mac & Cheese	\$12

Dine in dinners receive your choice of: coffee, tea, lemonade, or iced tea

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New England Clam Chowder	\$6
Pierogi: Potato & Cheese - 5pc	\$5
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Cabbage & Noodles	\$5
Fries	\$5

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