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FIRST COMMUNION



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

In last Sunday's Readings (the 4th Sunday of Easter), we heard how Jesus presents Himself to His disciples as the "*Good Shepherd*" which is an easy way of describing a leader who is thoughtful, loving, and protective. Today, the 5th Sunday of the Easter Season, we have another symbolic image of Jesus - that of a living, growing and nourishing vine. Those of you who garden regularly will understand the meaning. For those of you who do not, our hope is that you will take the time to learn what this is all about.

The First Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles (9:26-31). Here we learn about an incident in the amazing life of Saul of Tarsus, later to become the great St. Paul. He was not one of the original apostles; rather, he was later drafted into that group by Jesus Himself. At first, the apostles were leery of him; but they soon learned how Jesus was to use him to "*grow*" the Church in the land of the Gentiles.

The Responsorial Psalm is (22:26b-32). This Psalm is a continuation of the one that Jesus cries out from the cross that begins with those immortal words: "*My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*" Today we read or hear the second part of this Psalm, the victory over death. It is a reflection on the resurrection and an assurance that Jesus Christ is risen and still lives among us.

The Second Reading is from the First letter of John (1 John 3:18-24). The opening lines of this passage refer to the sincerity of a loving heart, not a romantic infatuation. If our heart or conscience is free of anxiety, then we will know that we love God and our neighbor in the way we were meant to (the greatest Commandment). The last sentence of this passage speaks for itself. Read it again and see how it fits into the theme of the vine.

The Gospel Reading from John (15:1-8) is a great metaphor where Jesus compares Himself to a vine, perhaps a grape vine, where the harvest master, God the Father, prunes the branches in the winter preparing for the spring growth and the summer harvest. If we are truly disciples of Jesus, we won't mind this occasional pruning because it is for our own good. It is the new growth that produces the best grapes.

All the readings for today are concerned with belonging, nourishment and appreciation, something that we are all in need of. Life revolves around these needs and desires. Many people search high and low for them but do not find them. How sad because they are within our reach if we look in the right place, and that is in our own heart. These precious gifts are not "*out there.*" They must come from within us when, and only when, we are connected to the "*vine,*" Jesus Himself. So, you might give some thought to whether or not you are connected to Jesus and if not, why not? **Something to think about during your prayer time this week!**

~*Rev. Edward J. Smith*

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APRIL 28, 2024

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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Call the Parish Office

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SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him. (*Acts 9:27*)

PSALM: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people. (*Ps 22*)

SECOND READING: And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. (1 Jn 3:23)

GOSPEL: "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." (*Jn 15:5*)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK APRIL 28, 2024

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17



Sunday - Apr. 28th - 5th Sunday of Easter

10:00 am - For Our First Communicants

Monday - Apr. 29th - St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

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

Tuesday - Apr. 30th - St. Pius V, Pope

8:30 am - †Patricia Smith

Requested by: Joseph & Juanita Smith

Saturday - May 4th - 6th Sunday of Easter Vigil Mass

4:00 pm - Timothy & Carol Burton's 50th Wedding Anniversary

Requested by: Shawn & Brenda Burton

Sunday - May 5th - 6th Sunday of Easter

10:00 am - †Janet Mercurio

Requested by: Marilyn Mercurio



“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.” — Jn 15:1-2

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Saturday, May 4th at 4:00 pm

Lectors: Laura V.

Eucharistic Ministers: Jerry D., Carol B.

Sunday, May 5th at 10:00 am

Lectors: Celia F.

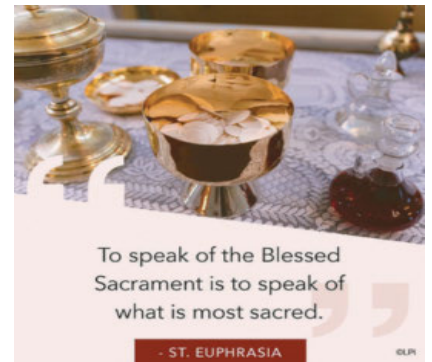
Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa S., David L., Joann T.

OFFERTORY REPORT

AMOUNT BUDGETED WEEKLY..... \$6,240.00
 SUNDAY COLLECTION (4/7/2024) \$7,469.27
 7/1/2023 TO DATE +/(-) BUDGET..... -(\$8,154.69)

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.



RECEIVE COMMUNION
 by making a throne:
 ONE HAND UNDER THE OTHER,
 READY TO RECEIVE
 our great King.

- ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM

PRAYER FOR THE TRUE PRESENCE

*My Lord and my Love
 Bread of Life, nourish me.
 Pascal Lamb, restore me.
 Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament,
 consume me as I consume you. Amen.*

**To our First Communicants:
 Congratulations on your First Communion.
 May you feel the warmth & comfort
 of the Lord's love with you every day.**



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	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
Vicky Herrmann	Clara Hodorowski	Kevin Holley	Phyllis Holomuzki	Jennifer Humphrey	Boston Lee Jackson
Pearl Jackson	Al Jacobs	Devin Jarvis	Sylvia Johnston	Johnna Kuhar	Amanda Jacobs-Leadbetter
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Peter Uies	Stacie Velasquez	Nick Vivens	Sherri Wedgeworth	Paul Winkler	Richard Yurovich

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,

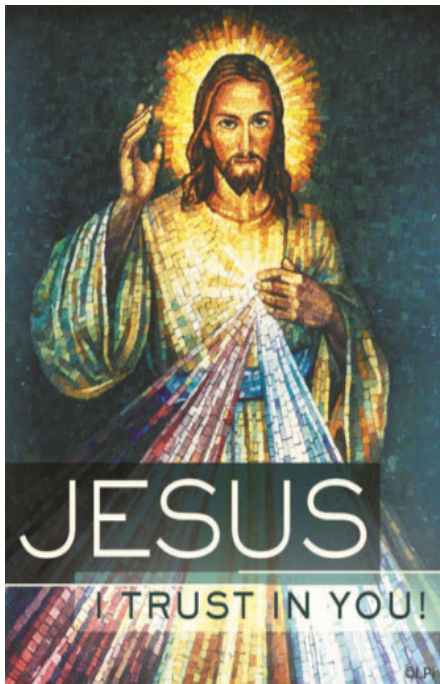
Linda: 440-667-9050 from 9 am - 3 pm or Terri, 440-320-3272 from 3 - 9 pm

ADORATION CHAPEL

“The life of mamma (St. Gianna Beretta Molla, wife, mother, doctor, Italy, 1922-1962) was an act and a perennial action of faith and charity; it was a non-stop search for the will of God for every decision and for every work with prayer and meditation, Holy Mass and the Eucharist,” explained St. Gianna’s husband to their children after her death.

St. Louis Marie de Montfort, priest, missionary, Marian devotee, France (1673-1716), used to remain after Holy Mass for thanksgiving at least a half hour, and he would not permit any need or assignment to serve as a reason for omitting it. He said, “I would not give up this hour of thanksgiving even for an hour of Paradise.”

“It was St. Catherine of Siena’s, (Virgin, Doctor of the Church, Patroness of Italy, 1347-1380) tremendous love of Jesus in the Eucharist that allowed her to go out to the poor and especially the very ill to administer to them as she did. Wasn’t this the Eucharistic spirituality that Mother Teresa of Calcutta lived out too - so that she could pick up the dying from the gutters of the slums, carry them to one of her clinics and care for them until they either got better or died with dignity? Love and devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist does that. They took very seriously the words of Jesus in Matthew 25: ‘Whatever you do for the least of my brethren you do unto me’ ” (v. 40)
~”St. Catherine of Siena: Saint of the Eucharist” Cynthia Trainque



DIVINE MERCY MEDITATION - MY OWN GLORY

But God has promised a great grace especially to you [Father Sopocko] and to all those ... **who will proclaim My great mercy. I shall protect them Myself at the hour of death, as My own glory. And even if the sins of souls were as dark as night, when the sinner turns to My mercy, he gives Me the greatest praise and is the glory of My Passion. When a soul extols My goodness, Satan trembles before it and flees to the very bottom of hell** (Diary, 378).

**The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, I claim Your promise for myself and for all apostles of Divine Mercy: May we be protected as Your own glory at the hour of death, and may Satan tremble and flee to the very bottom of hell. Amen!

“Jesus I Trust in You!”

PRO-LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK FROM PROLIFECORNER.COM

Many of the people who are opposed to abortion have been led to believe they should not “impose” their morality on others.

Think about this:

The ministry of the church involves far more than just being against sin or being “anti-abortion”. The church is pro-life in the fullest sense.

Our love is not just for those children yet to be born, but also for the mothers and fathers.

Our ministry is to hold before all people the unconditional love of God

Lord, let us not be cowards; give us the courage & wisdom necessary to stand up & fight the evil of abortion & euthanasia today. Amen!

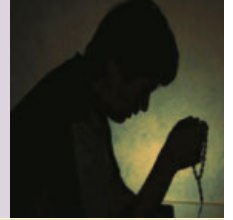


A DONATION HAS BEEN MADE

to St. Anthony Church in memory of **Joan Gluvna** by *Lauren Radke*

MONTHLY HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE AT ST. TERESA - 4/30

All are invited to come pray before our Eucharistic Lord on **Tuesday, April 30th at 7 pm** at **St. Teresa of Avila Church**. The Holy Hour will include Scripture Reading, Litanies & the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Questions? Call the church office at 440-934-4227



FIRST FRIDAY FORUM - 5/3

The First Friday Forum of Lorain County will hear for the first time from **Fr. Eric Garris**, the Director of Vocations for the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, who will be speaking on the *"Recruiting Candidates for the Priesthood"* at our luncheon on **Friday, May 3rd**. 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 Fr. Garris speaking at Noon. All reservations need to be received by 6 pm on Monday, April 29th. Call 440-320-3272 or 440-213-2132 or email fflorain@gmail.com with your reservation. Cost is \$25.

CHORAL SPECTRUM CONCERT - 5/5

Choral Spectrum invites you to join us for our final concert of the 2023-2024 Season, *"Water, Water Everywhere"* on **Sunday, May 5th at 3 pm** at **St. Peter Parish, Lorain**. We will be featuring music from the Renaissance to the modern day, all the music deals with the theme of water. The concert is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be taken. Choral Spectrum is a auditioned choir under the direction of Anthony Trifletti. Visit us at choralspectrum.org for more information.



MARIAN GUILD ANNUAL MAY LUNCHEON - 5/19

On **Sunday, May 19th** the Marian Guild will have their annual **May luncheon at 11:30 am** at the Lorain Senior Center on Garfield Boulevard.

All ladies of the parish are invited to attend!

We will have the crowning of the Blessed Mother, officers will be installed and new members will be honored.

In addition to a very tasty lunch, we will be entertained with several games of Bingo!

All winners will receive a little prize.

Very nice door prizes will also be given to a lucky few!

Please join us as we close out another prayerful and inspiring season.

For reservations, please call Terri George, 440-320-3272, or mail your reservation with \$15 to Terri George, 2220 E. Erie Ave., Lorain, OH 44052 by May 13th.

PARISH RUMMAGE SALE AT ST. TERESA

The St. Teresa of Avila Altar and Rosary Society will have a Parish Rummage Sale on

Friday, May 31st from 9 am to 4 pm & Saturday, June 1st from 9 am to Noon. Selling clothing only at \$5 per bag.

Donations are needed!

They can be dropped off on **May 20th-24th & May 27th-30th** from 9 am to Noon & 4 pm to 7pm in the church hall. Items that will be accepted are: clean clothing, books, small appliances (NO large appliances), jewelry & small household items.

If you have any questions, please call Jean, 440-949-7839 or Barb, 440-773-2201.



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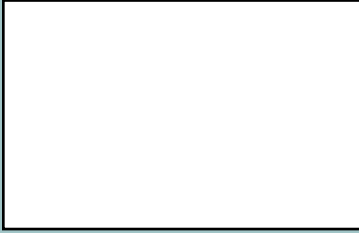
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