

Liturgy Schedule

Chapel

Monday, January 30

8:00am - Claude Grieve - Grieve Family

Tuesday, January 31

8:00am - Margaret Slisko - Linda Jarven

Thursday, February 2

8:00am - Lois Bohac - Jackie Stefancin

Friday, February 3

8:00am - Freda Spinks - Friends

Church

Saturday, February 4

3:30pm - *Confessions*

4:30pm - Catherine & Henry Kantosky - Bill & Dorothy Kantosky

Sunday, February 5 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am - Margaret Slisko - Grace Pijor

11:00am - David Grieve - Grieve Family

Pray for the Sick: *Bob Sutherland, Traci Jacobs, Jim Muth, Ted Bansek, Colleen Taylor, Ron Roberts, Irene Noster, Dick Stillwell, Debbie Musacchia, Bill Bauer, Norma DelSesto, Sheryl Peters, Dorothy Holloway, Judy Cook, Nathan Galant, Roman Wearsch, Patricia Lorenz, Sheila Hokes, Marica Friend, Mary Shetler, Betty Kirsch, Veronica Gallagher, William L. Nolan, Mike Radca, Donna Sequin, Ken Jacobozzi, Ann Scaglio, Lynn Shukait, Michael Philip, Carol Blasko.*

Please call the Parish Office 440 926-2364 to have a name of a friend or relative included in this list.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: Statements will be made available to all who request them. Contact the parish office if you would like a yearend statement.

LENTEN FAMILY NIGHT: Reserve Wednesday, February 15th at 6:30pm for the Lenten Family Night. This evening will include activities and learning for all ages. Plan now to jump start your Lenten practices.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30, or any readings from the Mass "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18

Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

"The Doxology and the Great Amen"

Corinna Laughlin and Kristopher W. Seaman

The word *doxology* comes from Greek and means "words of glory." The most familiar doxology for Catholics is the one we pray at the conclusion of each decade of the Rosary: "Glory be to the Father . . ." There are doxologies in the Mass as well, for example, at the end of the Lord's Prayer: "For the kingdom, / the power and the glory are yours / now and for ever." Another important doxology comes at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer: "Through him, and with him, and in him, / O God, almighty Father, / in the unity of the Holy Spirit, / all glory and honor is yours, / for ever and ever." At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer, in the presence of the Eucharistic Lord, the priest sings this burst of praise to God the Father. It is through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the Holy Spirit's power, that we can give God glory and honor. How can we not sing Amen?!

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FIRST FRIDAY FORUM: The next Forum is Friday, February 3rd 2012 from 11:30am - 1:00pm at The Spitzer Conference Center. This months speaker will be the Rev. William A. Thaden, Pastor, Sacred Heart Chapel. Rev. Thaden's presentation is "Beyond Business As Usual: Steps Toward Growing An Engaged Church". Reservations are \$15 per person and include a Luncheon Buffett. Please call 440-244-0643 for reservations. Reservation deadline is 3:00pm Friday January 27.

CATHOLIC MEN'S FELOWSHIP OF NORTH-EAST OHIO: Men! Want a spiritual jump start? Make plans to attend the Catholic Men's Fellowship of Northeast Ohio annual "Answer the Call" conference at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School in Cleveland. The Saturday, February 25th conference will be a day of dynamic speakers, music, fellowship and much more. The conference begins with a light breakfast at 8:00am and concludes with 4pm Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Richard Lennon. Registration includes breakfast, lunch, and all the conference programs. Log on to www.cmfneo.com for more information and to register.

LEADERS:

Leaders are like eagles. They don't flock. You find them ... one at a time.



UPCOMING DATES:

Ash Wednesday, February 22
Easter Sunday, April 8



Pastor's Corner: This week is Catholic Schools Week. It is the week of the year when the Catholic Schools celebrate their accomplishments and open registration for next year. An interesting note is that last week was No Name-Calling Week. Yes, you heard me right. A week that “aimed at ending name-calling of all kinds and providing schools with the tools and inspiration to launch an ongoing dialogue about ways to eliminate bullying in your communities.” We hear so much about bullying these days but have we looked at how our own language contributes to this issue. Pay attention when you are watching the zillion political ads and news stories. What words do you use to describe these candidates? What about in the parking lot, waiting for your child from school or practice? What words are you using to describe teachers, administrators, coaches or other parents? Our youth hear us and if it is okay for us to use language that demeans someone it must then be okay for them to use it. As the Body of Christ we must act differently than what is socially acceptable and that includes our use of language and how we treat others. This week, and every week, may we pay careful attention to what we say about others so that our words show respect for another.

Fr. John

BUILDING COMMUNITY: Our Parish Mission Statement identifies us as a small community that comes from warmth and hospitality. There are many ways to preserve and develop the values of a small community and one of them is by eating! Gathering to socialize and eat good food is a great way to renew friendships and make new friends. And we have plenty of opportunities to do that over the next couple of months:

- Spaghetti Dinner** - February 4th
sponsored by Our Ladies Guild
- Breakfast** – February 19th
sponsored by Holy Name Society
- Fish Fry** – March 2nd, 9th, 16th and 30th
sponsored by Knights of Columbus

See the bulletin insert for details of these events.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT? As the Season of Lent quickly approaches (February 22). I am gathering some ‘best kept’ Lenten practices. What are some of these things that you have done or given up for Lent in the past? Write me some of these practices and I will print them in the bulletin on February 19th so that others may be inspired to choose Lenten practices that will help to change them during Lent. Either write me at frjohn@olqpgrafton.org or drop me a note in the mail or offertory collection.

PARENT MEETING: Parents who are preparing their child for First Communion are asked to attend the Parent Meeting, next Sunday, February 5 at 9:30am in the Chapel.

FAITH SHARING GROUPS FOR LENT: We are offering once again an opportunity to join a faith sharing group to reflect upon the Lenten Sunday readings and to seek ways of implementing the scripture in our daily lives. We will be using “Open Our Hearts” which is a small group guide. Based on the Sunday readings of Lent, this guide book provides an outline for each session with a commentary that is thought-provoking, conversation questions, prayer, activities and suggestions for Christian living.

You are invited to form a group of your own with family and friends which will meet in the home or a space can be provided in the parish hall. These groups could consist of 4-10 people. Or you can join a group at the parish. The cost will be your time for these sessions and risk of having your heart opened to God’s presence.

Being a part of a faith sharing group is a great way of deepening your relationship with God and gaining more out of the Sunday Mass. Contact your friends to join you or meet new friends through the parish groups. Please call the parish office to register or you can fill out and turn in the registration form in the bulletin. If you have questions, please contact Fr. John at the parish office.

Registrations need to be made by February 8th.

Small Group Faith Sharing:

- I would like to be a part of a faith sharing group at the parish.
The best times are:
 - Wednesdays, 7:30pm following 7:00pm Mass.
 - Fridays, 7:30pm following 7:00pm Stations of the Cross.
 - Saturdays, 10:00am.
 - Other _____ (Please list day and time)
- I would like to form a faith sharing group with friends and family
 - I would be willing to host a group in my home.
 - I have a group formed but would like to use the parish hall
 - I would like further information.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

This Week in the Parish:

Sunday, January 29

9:30am - GLFF (Parish Hall)

Monday, January 30

6:30pm - Family Promise Mtg. (Parish Hall)

Wednesday, February 1

7:00pm - RCIA (Parish Hall Rm. 2)

Thursday, February 2

7:00pm - Parish Council (Parish Hall)

Friday, February 3

1:30pm - Keystone Pointe Nursing Home Visitation

Saturday, February 4

10:00am - HH Food Distribution (Parish Hall)

2:00pm - Junior Choir (Church)

5:30pm - Lady's Guild Spaghetti Dinner (Parish Hall)

Sunday, February 5

9:30am - GLFF (Parish Hall)

9:30am - 1st Eucharist Parent Meeting (Chapel)



SPAGHETTI DINNER:

The Lady's Guild will be having their annual spaghetti dinner on Saturday, Feb. 4th from 5 to 7:00pm in the parish hall. The menu consists of spaghetti, homemade meatballs, salad, rolls, dessert, and beverage. Cost is \$8 for Adults; \$5 for children ages 4-11; and children 3 and younger are free. Tickets will be sold at the door and carryout will be available. Various raffles will be held during the dinner with proceeds to benefit the church. Come out and enjoy a delicious meal with family and friends! For more information, contact any member of the Lady's Guild.



This weekend **Our Lady's Guild** will have an informational display in the Gathering Area.

Please stop by to learn about **Our Lady's Guild** and how they serve the parish. Also be sure to ask them about what it takes to become a member.

FAMILY PROMISE – Thank you to all those who helped out with the Family Promise Hosting week. We could not have done it without you. One family will be out of the program this week and will be in their own place soon. We really appreciate your time and support of this program and hope to see you in May for our next hosting week.

HEALTH SCREENING: The Parish Nurse Ministry will be conducting a free health screening to check your blood pressure and blood sugar on February 12th following the 8:30am mass.



FAMILY PROMISE: Upcoming Family Promise/ Interfaith Hospitality Sessions. Become a volunteer and bring warmth and comfort to those without homes:

1. February 11th 11:00 - 2:00 First Church UCC, Oberlin in the JFO Room. Meet our new Executive Director as she conducts her first training session!

2. The Cleveland Orchestra's Amici String Quartet will present an hour of beautiful music on Sunday, Feb. 19 at 3 p.m. at First Church, Oberlin, U.C.C. * Concert admission is free. Donations will be invited to benefit homeless families through Family Promise of Lorain County and the Interfaith Hospitality Network. A catered reception will follow. Family Promise is very much indebted to these first rate professional musicians for giving of their time and talents and hopes every church will be represented in the audience of this exciting event.familypromiselorainco.org

3. *Buy One Give One:* The Company Store will match each purchase of a comforter with a donation of one to a homeless child served by Family Promise. And you get 20% off! Visit familypromiselorainco.org for more information.

WEEKEND RETREAT: The Benedictine Monks of Saint Andrew Abbey in Cleveland welcome young men between the ages of 18-45 who wish to discern a monastic vocation to attend the "Living with Benedict" weekend February 10 –12 , 2012. Contact Fr. Gerard, OSB email: gerard@cbhs.net

HELPING HANDS has started a new program. We are going to host a community dinner, the third Thursday of every month. We are asking for your help. Last week a flyer was in the bulletin asking for volunteers; hopefully you will consider helping. If you cannot volunteer your time, monetary donations can be made to Helping Hands. Thank you for ALL of your support.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH AND PARENTS

Mark your calendars!

1) **Sunday, January 29th 7:00pm** at *Elyria Catholic High School* to hear an engaging Catholic Speaker/Musician, Sean Forrest. He will be sharing stories, playing music, and using some humor to deliver a powerful message. Admission is free (donations accepted).

2) **Sunday, Feb 26 6:30 pm** **HERE** at *Our Lady Queen of Peace* Greg Wasinski will relate the importance of the "Let Me Be..." attitude in prayer. Greg will convey a message of inspiration and faith to leave you feeling renewed in the Spirit. Visit wasinski.com for more information on Greg.

3) **Friday, May 11th 7:00pm** at *St Francis de Sales in Akron*. Jen Filipiak will be taking high school youth to hear Justin Fatica speak about the power of God's Love and discover what it means to live for Jesus through his Hard as Nails Catholic Ministry. Justin is an *intense* speaker! Visit www.hanm.org for more information on Justin.