

**MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF 2/12/2017**

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**PRO LIFE CORNER** Pope Benedict's Encyclical - "God is Love" Pope Benedict XVI says the following words in his first encyclical letter "God is Love": "In sacramental communion I become one with the Lord, like all the other communicants. As Saint Paul says, "Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread" (1 Cor 10:17). Union with Christ is also union with all those to whom he gives himself. I cannot possess Christ just for myself; I can belong to him only in union with all those who have become, or who will become, his own. ... Love of God and love of neighbour are now truly united: God incarnate draws us all to himself. ... Here the usual contraposition between worship and ethics simply falls apart. "Worship" itself, Eucharistic communion, includes the reality both of being loved and of loving others in turn. A Eucharist which does not pass over into the concrete practice of love is intrinsically fragmented" (n. 14). These words remind us of our calling to love all our neighbors, born and unborn. PriestsforLife.Org

**REFLECTION --** Drawing an inspiration from the readings of today, I do believe very strongly that when we die and the time comes for us to be judged, God will not ask us how many good deeds we did in our lives, but rather with how much love we did them. In the Gospel Jesus explicitly teaches us that sins are committed in the human mind and heart, if one has the definite intention of doing wrong even if the decision is not acted on. If for example we hate someone so bitterly that we want to kill him or her, Jesus says we are guilty of murder – it is called murder by intention. It is the same with adultery. Even if you say that you have never be unfaithful to your wife or husband if you harbor lustful thoughts for another in your heart, you are still committing the sin though in your heart. We can therefore, summarize sin into three categories; disobedience and rebellion to God's commandments, sin of neighbor against neighbor and ultimately the sin of pride. It is because as it is stated in the penitential rite of the Mass; "-----That I have sinned through my own fault, thought and words -----" Let us ask God to give us discernment that we may truly observe his law and keep it with all our hearts. - Rev. Caroli Shao, AJ

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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

By the early 1950s some scholars were calling for the restoration of Communion of the faithful on Good Friday, since by then only a priest received, consuming the host from the Holy Thursday repository. In 1955 the new Good Friday liturgy was timed to begin at three o'clock everywhere, and included the option of Holy Communion, but without the Precious Blood that had originally been part of the liturgy. Today, there is increasing debate among theologians. Some feel that it would be better to fast from the Eucharist on Good Friday, focusing on the mystery of the cross and highlighting the Easter Communion. Others say that this Communion infuses the sadness of the day with awareness of Christ's victory. It is not a day of mourning, of course, and the Passion according to John grounds the liturgy in a sense of Christ's victory over death and the triumph of the cross. The tradition is rich and varied, and we are still in the early stages of recovering an ancient way of doing things.—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Why do we call the day "good"? The English and Dutch languages share this name, and its origin stems from the name "God's Friday." The traditional name for the day in Latin is *Feria VI in Parasceve*, which translates as "The Sixth Day of the Week of Preparation." Other languages make do with "Holy Friday." In another part of England, as in Denmark, the people used to call it "Long Friday," a good description for a quiet day without work and no chance for play or a good meal!

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**YOU DID IT FOR ME -** The 2017 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal actively begins in each parish this weekend! This year's appeal theme is: You Did It For Me. The love of Jesus powers our mission at Catholic Charities. With your help, we reach out to people who suffer from personal loss, disabilities, violence, hunger, and poverty. As the People of God we are one human family, with a bond that enriches our society and provides grace to overcome every obstacle. We are called to carry out the teachings of Jesus Christ with mercy, charity, and thanksgiving. How will you respond? As in the past, an in-pew commitment process will take place this weekend, February 11-12. All who have not received the mailing from Bishop, or have not had a chance to respond to it, will be asked to consider making a generous pledge to support the ministries and services provided by Catholic Charities. If you have received the mailing, please respond to it. There is a box on the in-pew envelope to indicate that you have responded by mail. We invite you to view the stories of inspiration and more information at [www.catholiccommunity.org/2017Appeal](http://www.catholiccommunity.org/2017Appeal). Thank you for your generous spirit!

**CELEBRANT SCHEDULE**

|   |                |                |                 |
|---|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <b>MASS TIME:</b>                           | <b>5:00 PM</b> | <b>8:00 AM</b> | <b>11:00 AM</b> |
| February 11 & 12                            | Rev. B. Koka   | Rev. Franz     | Rev. C. Shao    |
| February 18 & 19                            | Rev. Franz     | Rev. C. Shao   | Rev. B. Koka    |
| All Sundays at 9:30 AM: Rev. Bede Kotlinski |                |                |                 |

**February 4 & 5**

General Collection: \$4,061. Children's: (8) \$5.65  
Issued: 220 Returned: 87  
Utilities: \$607.00 Building: \$100.00  
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

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**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**February 12, 2017**

*Please pray for the following:*

|                 |                    |                     |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Edwin Moore     | Frances Hasenstaub | Burley Blankenship  |
| Margaret Clarke | Patricia Burfield  | Noel Walters        |
| Victoria Bailey | Anne Marie Kufner  | Rose Marie Soeder   |
| Wanda Eland     | Sally Ann Gaghan   | Rosemary Shannon    |
| Agnes Hogan     | Judith Kenny       | William J. Patronit |
| Larry Pearce    | Theresa Dailey     |                     |

Those served by our Community Food Pantry  
 If you would like someone added to this prayer list please call  
 the Parish Secretary at 216-631-5633. Thank you.

| <b>LITURGICAL MINISTRIES</b> |                      |                    |                      |
|------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| <b>February 11 &amp; 12</b>  |                      |                    |                      |
|                              | <b>Saturday 5 PM</b> | <b>Sunday 8 AM</b> | <b>Sunday 11 AM</b>  |
| <b>Lector</b>                | Doris Durica         | Barbara Rieth      | Frank Kosmeril       |
| <b>Euch.Min:</b>             | Candra Krisch        | John Rieth         | Diane & Paul Beargie |
| <b>Acolytes:</b>             | Terry Shannon        | Kevin Kroesen      | Erin & Augie         |

  

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**SAINTS/OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 02/12<sup>(o)</sup> = Optional**

**Sunday:** Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
 World Marriage Day

**Tuesday:** Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Valentine's Day

**Friday:** The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites

**Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary

**READ THE BIBLE WITH THE CHURCH (Daily Mass Readings)**

**Monday:** Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11

**Tuesday:** Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday:** Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26

**Thursday:** Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33

**Friday:** Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1

**Saturday:** Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13

**Sunday:** Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13;  
 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

**SAVE THE DATE!** The West Shore Chorale will be Performing for us at St. Stephen Catholic Church on Sunday, February 26, 2017 @ 3 PM. This concert is free but a freewill offering will be taken to benefit the Church. The West Shore Chorale was founded in 1968 by a group of Lakewood residents dedicated to bringing excellent choral music to Cleveland's West Side. Debuting at the Lakewood Civic Auditorium in May 1969, the Chorale has been an anchor in the lives of singers and audience members for decades. Music will include Schubert "Mass in G" and a collection of hymns, folk songs and spirituals. More info on the group may be found by going to [westshorechorale.org/](http://westshorechorale.org/)

**FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION** – Due to the Catholic Charities In-Pew Appeal this weekend, we will postpone our Food Pantry Collection until next weekend. Thank you for your continued support, not only financially but also with your time and talents!

**THIS WEEK'S CHURCH SERVICES**

**Saturday, February 11 Church**

**4:15 - 4:45 PM** Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)  
 Pray the Holy Rosary

**5:00 PM** Vigil of the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 † Tony Chresos

**Sunday, February 12 Church**  
**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM** † Patricia Gee

**9:00 AM** Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)  
 Pray the Holy Rosary

**9:30 AM** Tridentine Latin Mass  
 (Septuagesima Sunday)  
 The Intentions of Lois Opincar

**11:00 AM** Alumni Sunday Mass  
 Living & Deceased Members of the Alumni Association  
 † Russell Sutherland

**Monday, February 13 (Chapel)**

**6:30 PM** † Cesare Chiaradonna

**Tuesday, February 14**

**7:00 AM** (Church) Latin Mass (Feria)  
 † † Myron & Patrick McDevitt

**6:30 PM** (Chapel) † † Margaret T. & Roland M. Sittley

**Wednesday, February 15 (Church)**

**6:30 PM** Latin Mass (Feria)  
 Intentions of Thomas and Dawn Cables

**7:00 - 8:00 PM** Holy Hour

**Thursday, February 16 (Church)**

**6:30 PM** Latin Mass (Feria)  
 † Raymond Pianka

**Friday, February 17 (Chapel)**

**6:30 PM** The Members of this St. Stephen Parish

**Saturday, February 18 Church**

**4:15 - 4:45 PM** Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)  
 Pray the Holy Rosary

**5:00 PM** Vigil of the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 † Helen Ujvari

**Sunday, February 19 Church**

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:00 AM** The Living & Deceased Members of this Parish

**9:00 AM** Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)  
 Pray the Holy Rosary

**9:30 AM** Tridentine Latin Mass  
 (Sexagesima Sunday)  
 † Coletta Spuhler

**11:00 AM** Sunday Mass  
 † Maria Lourdes Becerra

Call the office at 216.631.5633 to schedule a Mass Intention.  
 The customary stipend (offering) for a Mass is \$10.  
 We still have weekday Masses available.