

MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF 03/04/2018

Society of St. Stephen's meets on Monday, March 5 at 7:00 PM in the Club Room

St. Vincent de Paul meets on Tuesday, March 6 at 7:00 PM in the Club Room

Fish Fry every Friday from 4 PM until 7 PM. Senior citizen discount. Carryout available.

PSR classes continue on Saturdays at 10 AM in the Club Room

PRO-LIFE CORNER: Pope Benedict XVI on Life

"In the light of my recent Encyclical Letter on Christian love, I would like to underline the importance of the service of love for the support and promotion of human life. In this regard, even before active initiatives, it is fundamental to foster a correct attitude towards the other: the culture of life is in fact based on attention to others without any forms of exclusion or discrimination. Every human life, as such, deserves and demands always to be defended and promoted." – Address on February 5, 2006 www.priestsforlife.org

REFLECTION - In moments of difficulty some people forget God's presence in their lives. The book of Exodus reveals that in many occasions God was ever close with the people and answered the prayers of the key figures like Moses. The Lord rescued the people from the house of slavery, he provided food and water for their needs. In a final time God sent his only Son to save the world. Jesus brought satisfaction to all people, both Jews and Non-Jews. Those who welcome him with sincere hearts, like the Samaritan woman, were truly transformed. This lady was once living an unsatisfied life, she was lonely, failed in her marriage, hated the Jews, and lacked water for drinking. When she encountered Jesus, her life was transformed and she proclaimed openly "You are the Messiah". In her satisfaction she decided to abandon her old behaviors of hating Jews, the unsatisfying water, the jar, the well, and preached Jesus to all the people in the town. Followers of Christ are called to leave behind all the obstacles that hinder the growth of their faith, and live a transformed life in Christ full of joy, peace, and charity. Fr. Benjamin Koka, AJ

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL - In today's Gospel Jesus is asked "What sign can you show us?" Every day we can see signs of how God has visited us in the blessings of our lives. Let us be a sign of God's love by being a blessing to others. Please help our Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can be a sign of God's love to the suffering and poor. Simply write SVDP on the memo line of your check and your contribution remains here at St. Stephen's. Thank you for your generosity!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

If your parish is reading from Year B of the Lectionary today, and not Year A, as is normally done when there are elect present for the scrutinies and preparing for Easter baptism, you hear about Jesus driving the money-changers from the temple. If you wished to get as close as possible to this site today, you would in fact be at a Muslim shrine, the Dome of the Rock, built on the ruins of Herod's temple. Archeologists believe that this striking, gold-domed crown of a shrine is set precisely where the Holy of Holies once was. Jews believe that the rock is the exact spot where Abraham was prepared to sacrifice Isaac. It is not a mosque, as some think, but a shrine, the oldest one in the Muslim world. For them, the rock is the place from which the Prophet Mohammed ascended on a visit to heaven. The Crusaders mistook the shrine for the actual Temple of Solomon, and the infamous Knights Templar used it as their headquarters and model for their churches elsewhere. The geometric perfection of the shrine is a mathematician's dream. The inscriptions are not exactly hospitable though, since they encourage Christians to "depart from error" and declare that "Jesus son of Mary was only a messenger of God." In ancient times, those who prayed here after walking around the rock were given a certificate entitling the bearer to admission to paradise. The ticket had to be buried with them. Rev. James Field, Copyright © J.S. Paluch

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE - This week we are collecting for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps **restore the Church and build the future** in over 25 countries still struggling to recover in the aftermath of communist rule. Funds from this collection help support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/ccee. If you do not have an envelope simply write CCEA on the memo line. Thank you for your generosity.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Our fish fries are every Friday including Good Friday. We need donations of baked goods and volunteers to help serve. Baked goods may be dropped off any time after 3:00. If you'd like to help in the kitchen simply show up with a willing spirit!

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

MASSTIME:	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	11:00 AM
March 3 & 4	Rev. B. Koka	Rev. C. Shao	Rev. Franz
March 10 & 11	Rev. C. Shao	Rev. C. Shao	Rev. B. Koka

All Sundays & Holy Days at 9:30 AM: Rev. Bede Kotlinski

February 24 & 25 Offertory Contributions

General Collection: \$3,119.12 Children: \$3.60 (6)
Issued: 218 Returned: 92
St. Vincent de Paul: \$337.12
Building Fund: \$90.00
Thank you for each and every contribution!

Third Sunday of Lent
March 4, 2018

Please pray for the following:

Patricia Burfield	Father S. Michael Franz	Burley Blankenship
Michalyn Blasius	Terry Shannon	Deacon Moises Cruz
Dolores Bompiedi	Sidonia & Hans Speier	Victoria Bailey
Mike Schmidt	Sharon Sneed	Judith Kenny
Theresa Stebbins	Lawrence Blasius	Maria Micko

Our brave first responders; law enforcement, EMT's, medical personnel as well as our Military who volunteer to serve.

If you would like someone added to this prayer list, please call the Parish Secretary at 216-631-5633. Thank you.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES <u>March 3 & 4</u>			
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 8 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Lector	Steve McElroy	Barb Rieth	Katie Ganzer, Ursula Keck
Euch.Min	Candra Krisch	John Rieth	Diane and Paul Beargie
Acolytes:	Evelyn Truck	Kevin Kroesen	Minarik Brothers

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES <u>March 10 & 11</u>			
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 8 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Lector	Steve McElroy	Barb Rieth	Martin Joyce
Euch.Min	Candra Krisch	John Rieth	Diane and Paul Beargie
Acolytes	Evelyn Trucks	Kevin Kroesen	Lucas, Cloin & Katie

SAINTS/OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 03/04 (o) = Optional

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny

Wednesday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity

Thursday: St. John of God

Friday: St. Frances of Rome; Abstinence

READ THE BIBLE WITH THE CHURCH (Daily Mass Readings)

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

Alternate readings (Year A):

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;

Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

THE SCHOLA CANTORUM (SC) is the group that provides the music for the 9:30 am Latin Mass on Sundays. The SC is always welcoming new members! Any training or experience with music and any knowledge of Latin is appreciated but is not necessary.

An invitation is open to all men and women or boys and girls age 8 and over. See Nate Marinchick after 9:30am Mass or call the parish office at 216-631-5633.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE – From February 14 until March 25, you're invited to join other Christians for *40 Days for Life* Contact John Noall at 216-245-9744 www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland CLEVELANDPRAYSFORLIFE@GMAIL.COM

JOYFULLY GIFTED RETREAT will be held on Saturday, March 10th at St. Colman's. Please call (216) 651-0550 for further info or to register.

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH SERVICES

Saturday, March 3 Church

9:30 AM Latin Mass (Feria of Lent)

Special Intention of Sylvan & Mary Torkelson

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

5:00 PM Vigil of the Third Sunday of Lent
† Mario Pekar

Sunday, March 4 Church

Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM † Jim Karis

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

9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass

Intentions of the Thomas O'Donnell Family

11:00 AM German Sunday Mass
† Adam Schiebli

Monday, March 5 Chapel

6:30 PM † Elaine Stevens

Tuesday, March 6 Church

7:00 AM Latin Mass (Feria of Lent)

Healing for the Husni Family

6:30 PM (Chapel)
† Sylvia Snachez

Wednesday, March 7 Church

6:30 PM Latin Mass (Feria of Lent)
† Andrew Opincar

7:00 - 8:00 PM Holy Hour

Thursday, March 8 Church

6:30 PM Latin Mass (Feria of Lent)
† Edward Borawy

Friday, March 9 Church

5:00 PM † Larry Flinger

5:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 10 Church

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

5:00 PM Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Lent
† Tony Chresos

Sunday, March 11 Church

Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM The Members of the Parish

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

9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass
Laetare Sunday
† Coletta Spuhler

11:00 AM Alumni Sunday Mass
† Ben Gratzner

The Living & Deceased Members of the Alumni

Call the office at 216.631.5633 to schedule a Mass.
The customary for a Mass is \$10.00