Parish Office Hours
Monday thru Friday  9am-5pm  
Closed Saturday/Sunday/Holidays

Pastoral Staff
Pastor:
Rev. Carol B. Shao, A.J. (ext. 17)
Parochial Vicar:
Rev. Benjamin Koka, A.J. (ext. 14)
Latin Mass Celebrant:
Rev. Bede Kotinski, OSB
German Mass Celebrant:
Rev. S. Michael Franz (Ret.)

Parish Staff
Church Secretary:
Debbie Hemphill (ext. 11)
Church Accountant:
Russ Niebling (ext. 12)
Maintenance:
Glenn Rollins
Sacristan:
Melissa Daubert
Organists:
Joe Kolecik and Matthew Tirabassi
Lectors:
Virginija Muliolis and Teagan Webb
Latin Schola Director:
Nathan Marinchick
St. Vincent de Paul:
Steve McElroy (ext. 16)

Metro Catholic Parish School
1910 West 54th Street
Mary Lou Toler, Director
Sr. Anne Maline, SND, Director Emerita
216-281-4044

Sisters of Notre Dame Convent
1891 West 57th Street
216-631-0754

English Weekend Masses
Saturday: 5pm  
Sunday: 8am and 11am

Latin (Tridentine) Weekend Mass
1st Friday 6:30pm / 1st Saturday 9:30am
Sunday: 9:30am

German Weekend Mass
1st Sunday of every month: 11am

Weekday, Holy Days & Holidays
See full schedule inside bulletin

Reconciliation
Saturday 4:15-4:45pm  
Sunday 9-9:20am (or by appointment)

Baptism
The baptism of infants and children under the age of seven is celebrated monthly.
Call the Parish Office to Register.

Marriage
Weddings should be arranged with the Pastor at least 6 months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick / Funerals
Contact the Parish Office to arrange.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
Those wishing to become Catholic are encouraged to contact the Parish Office at 216-631-5633.

New Parishioners
Please contact the Parish Office to register.
This Week’s Church Services

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 7, Church
Vigil of the Second Sunday of Lent
4:15 – 4:45 PM  Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
5:00 PM  † Mario Pekar

Sunday, March 8, Church
Second Sunday of Lent
8:00 AM  Parishioners of St. Stephen
9:00 AM  Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)/Pray the Holy Rosary
9:30 AM  Tridentine Latin Mass— Thomas J. Cables Family
11:00 AM  Alumni Mass— Living and Deceased Members of the St. Stephen Alumni Association

Monday, March 9, Rectory Chapel
Lenten Weekday
6:30 PM  Susan Hatta

Tuesday, March 10
Lenten Weekday
6:45 AM  Tridentine Latin Mass (Feria of Lent) (Church)
           Living and Deceased Members of the Habjanic Family
6:30 PM  (Rectory Chapel)  † Darlene Wretcko

Wednesday, March 11, Church
Feria of Lent
6:30 PM  Tridentine Latin Mass— Special Intention —
           Gary and Cindy Wise
7:00-8:00 PM Holy Hour (Adoration, Confessions, Benediction)

Thursday, March 12, Church
Feria of Lent
6:30 PM  Living and Deceased Members of the Drnovsek Family

Friday, March 13, Church
Lenten Weekday
5:00 PM  English Mass— † Anthony Chresos
5:30 PM  Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 14, Church
Vigil of the Third Sunday of Lent
4:15 – 4:45 PM  Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
5:00 PM  † Mary Pearce Renner, † Elizabeth Pearce,
           † Lawrence Pearce

Sunday, March 15, Church
Third Sunday of Lent
8:00 AM  Emily Rogacs and Kurts Wagner
9:00 AM  Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)/Pray the Holy Rosary
9:30 AM  Tridentine Latin Mass— John & Isobel (Guadiz) Tobey
11:00 AM  Living and Deceased Members of the Bewley Family

Contact the Parish Office at 216-631-5633 to schedule a Mass. The customary stipend (offering) is $10.00.

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

Saturday 5PM  Sunday 8AM  Sunday 11AM
Mar 7 & 8  Fr. Caroli  Fr. Franz  Fr. Benjamin
† Mario Pekar

Mar 14 & 15  Fr. Benjamin  Fr. Franz  Fr. Caroli
All Sunday & Holy Days at 9:30am: Rev. Bede Kotlinski

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES  March 7 & 8

Saturday 5PM  Sunday 8AM  Sunday 11AM
Lector  Steve McElroy  Jim List  TBD
Euch.Min  Evelyn Trucks  Kevin Kroesen  Michael, Marcus Minarik
Acolyte  Cora Gandee & Lilly Duncan  Cora Gandee & Lilly Duncan  Mason Martina

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES  March 14 & 15

Saturday 5PM  Sunday 8AM  Sunday 11AM
Lector  Steve McElroy  Russ Nieling  TBD
Euch.Min  Evelyn Trucks  TBD  Matt Minarik
Acolyte  Cora Gandee & Lilly Duncan  Kevin Kroesen  Dianna Hosta, Mary Luciano

SAINTS & OBSERVANCES WEEK OF MARCH 8

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. Frances of Rome
Friday: Abstinence

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 8

Monday:  Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:  Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:  Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:  Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday:  Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:  Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday:  Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:45 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Walter Allen  Alberta Gall  Ann Malone
Luann Ashby  Mike Gallo  Tracy Martin
Victoria Bailey  Jack Grimm, Sr.  Jennifer Martinic
Besley Blankenship  Susan Hatta  Cielo McClain
Lawrence Blasius  Larry Haynes  Patricia McGonegal
Patricia Burfield  Barb Helon  Elizabeth Niehaus
Jack Busdiecker  Conor Hennessey  Barbara Rhie
Ann Caldwell  Catherin Henry  Mark Reynolds
Fr. Joseph Callahan  Cecilia Hoefer  Ken Schneider
Fran Corbin  Agnes Hogan  Terry Shannon
Frederick Courtright  Roger Hoy  Glenn Sneed
Deacon Mostos Cruz  Robert Johnson  Sharon Sneed
Rebecca D’Andrea  Renée Kolec  Ann Stomp
Dianna Daubert  Milan Kovatch  Isabel Guadiz Tobey
Edward Duritsky  Fred Krisch  Evelyn Trucks
Wanda Eland  Inis Lustri  Karin Whyde

Nicholas Johanni — Discernment of Holy Orders
Rose Johanni—Discerning Religious Life

Our brave First Responders who work tirelessly to keep us safe, especially
Chris Larson, our Sunday Cleveland Police Officer, and Lt. Timothy Maffo-Judd.
If you would like someone added to or removed from this prayer list, please call the Parish
Secretary at 216-631-5633. Thank you.
REFLECTION
This Sunday’s Gospel gives the transfiguration account of Jesus which reveals His Divine Life with the Father. The voice was clear “This is my Beloved Son...Listen to Him.” To share the glorious life, one is to listen to Jesus and follow his way. The way of Jesus among other things includes sacrifice, rejection, persecutions, death and the Resurrection. The experience of the Transfiguration calls us to trust in God and look beyond the hardships we encounter in life to share the Glorious Life of our Loving Father through Christ. The Lenten season offers us an opportunity to strengthen our faith and encourages sinners to return to Jesus who is the Way, the Truth and Life. Amen.

~ Fr. Benjamin Koka

Second Sunday of Lent — March 8, 2020
Christ Jesus . . . destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.
— 2 Timothy 1:10b

NEXT WEEK’S SECOND COLLECTION
Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 20 countries that still struggle to recover from Communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ceee.

FEBRUARY 29 & MARCH 1 OFFERTORY COLLECTION
General Collection: (59) $3,115.12 / Children: (8) $6.74
Ecclesia Nostra: (48) $3,067.00
Utility Fund: (3) $125.00 | Building Fund: $105.00
Food Pantry: $500.00
Ash Wednesday: (16) $348.00
Black and Indian Mission Collection: (10) $142.00
Thank you all for your generosity!
Number of Weekly Collection Envelopes Issued: 235

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF MARCH 8

Sunday, March 8
Schola Practice—8:30-9:15am (CR)
Latin Mass Social following 9:30am Mass (CR)

Tues., March 10
SVDP Ministry—6:30pm (CR)
Parish Council—7:00pm (CR)

Wed., March 11
Diocesan Evening of Confession 5:00-8:00pm

Thurs., March 12
Secular Servites 7:00 (CR)

Friday, March 13
Fish Fry—4:00–7:00pm (MCB)
English Mass—5:00 PM
Stations of the Cross—5:30 PM

Saturday, Mar 14
Sacramental Prep—11:00am (SFR)
- Confirmation

(CR)-Club Room (R)-Rectory (SFR)-St Francis Room (MCB)-Michael Bldg Cafeteria

Dear Families,

During Lent our parish will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that invites us to reflect on the challenges of global hunger — and our responsibility to respond to the needs of our global human family. Please consider these suggestions in your family’s Lenten plan:

- Use your CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar to guide your prayer, fasting and almsgiving.
- Read the Stories of Hope and daily reflections to inspire your Lenten journey—and guide your Lenten almsgiving.
- Prepare simple, meatless meals on the Fridays of Lent to eat in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world. You can find some recipes at crsricebowl.org.
- Visit crsricebowl.org to watch videos of the people and communities you support through your Lenten gifts to CRS Rice Bowl.

Thank you for participating in CRS Rice Bowl with your family. You can find the Rice Bowls in the back of the Church on the table near St. Rita. Yours in Christ—Fr. Caroli Shao

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
Olive oil looms large in the vocabulary of baptism. There are other oils in the pantry closet, from grapeseed to safflower to canola, but only olives yield the proper meanings. Olives don’t just happen; they are cultivated, nurtured, pruned, and fussed over; they are a sign of human and divine cooperation. Olives can thrive in poor soil, but they cannot survive without human ingenuity, planting shoots and pruning branches. They can’t be popped from a tree and munched like apples: they are inedible without long curing; neither do they yield their oil to hand pressure alone, but only to huge stone mills. Abundant patience is needed as sediment sinks to the bottom of storage barrels and pure oil rises to the surface.

Olive oil is a byproduct of peace: war keeps harvesters, planters, and pruners within city walls and turns millers into soldiers. To obtain oil from olives you need vast measures of hope, patience, faith, and ingenuity. Olive oil is a sign of God’s bounty and the way we human beings collaborate with God bring about impossibly wonderful results. It is creation at its finest. Some people give chocolate eggs for Easter; perhaps olive oil is a more appropriate gift! —Rev. James Field,

PROLIFE CORNER—The following is a letter written by a man who lost his son to abortion:

Dear John Peter,

In the fall, John, when the leaves fall from the trees I shall think of you, for you too fell from life. In the cold of winter, John, the snow shall remind me of you: for like the snow you were and are white and pure. In the spring, John, I shall think of you: for the birth of spring shall remind me that you, too should have been born into this world. John, I shall think of you in the summer: I shall imagine your laughter. I shall see you as you might have been, a little boy running and playing, scraping your knees from a fall. I shall miss, John, all that I might have gained from your life. May you rest in the arms of God ~ Dad

Men struggling with the temptation and wounds of abortion can find help through Priests for Life at FatherhoodForever.org.

~ PriestsforLife.org
**Parish Announcements**

**Diocesan-wide Evening of Confession — March 11, 2020**
The 2020 diocesan-wide Evening of Confession will take place on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 from 5:00-8:00pm.

**LENTEN SEASON SPIRITUAL GUIDE** — Limited copies of the Magnificat Lenten Companion, are available in the literature rack located in the back on the St. Rita side of the Church.

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**This Week in the Latin Rite**

“**This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased: hear ye Him.**”

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

"His mission was not on Thabor; it was humiliation and suffering in Jerusalem. He therefore withdrew into Himself the brightness He had allowed to transpire; and when He came to the three apostles, who on hearing the Voice from the cloud, had fallen on their faces with fear, they could see no one save only Jesus. The bright cloud was gone; Moses and Elias [Elijah] had disappeared. What a favor they have had bestowed upon them! Will they remember what they have seen and heard? They have had such a revelation of the Divinity of their dear Master! Is it possible that, when the hour of trial comes, they will forget it, and doubt His being God? And when they see Him suffer and die, will they be ashamed of Him and deny Him? Alas! the Gospel has told us what happened to them." *Taken from The Liturgical Year by Dom Guéranger - Lent*

**Thoughts for the Day:** Let us purify the soul by the confession of our sins, by compunction of heart, by the love of God; and let us give back its dignity to the body, by making it bear the yoke of penance, that so it may be, henceforth, subservient and docile to the soul, and, on the day of the general resurrection, may partake in her endless bliss.

Let us go up the mountain with Jesus; there we shall not be disturbed by the noise of earthly things. Let us there spend our forty days with Moses and Elias, who long ago sanctified this number by their fasts. Thus, when the Son of Man shall have risen from the dead, we will proclaim the favors He has mercifully granted us on Thabor. *Excerpted from Reflections by Abbe Dom Prosper Gueranger*

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**Ministry Update**
The St. Stephen Outreach Ministry served 56 people on Thursday, February 27th from our Food Pantry. Our Community Kindness Food Pantry is open from 9:30am-12:30pm on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month. **THANK YOU** to those who have generously volunteered their time in support of this Ministry!

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**LENT* AND EASTER SCHEDULE**

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* Lenten Guide on Fasting and Abstinence—Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of universal fast and abstinence. Fasting is obligatory for all who have completed their 18th year and have not yet reached their 60th year. Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may be taken, not to equal one full meal. Abstinence (from meat) is obligatory for all who have reached their 14th year. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of complete abstinence (from meat) for all who have completed their 14th year.
The See of Cleveland is vacant. Most Rev. Nelson J. Perez was installed as Archbishop of Philadelphia on February 18, and at the time ended his tenure as Bishop of Cleveland. On February 19th, the college of consultors elected Rev. Donald P. Oleksiak as diocesan administrator to govern the Diocese of Cleveland until the installation of the new diocesan bishop. The diocesan administrator has most of the powers of a diocesan bishop, except for certain matters which may affect the ability of the next diocesan bishop to make his own decisions regarding the long-term future of the diocese.

FAMILYLIFE believes “the happiest couples are those who commit to learning skills that help them weather difficult seasons and deal confidently with relationship challenges.” They will offer one Weekend to Remember in Cleveland this spring, March 13-15, 2020. Find registration, discounts, and more information on their website: www.familylife.com/weekend-to-remember/.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION – MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT – MARCH 15TH
God has seen your tears and heard your prayers. You are not meant to walk this journey of grief alone. Please join us in our friendly, safe, and comforting groups that meet from 3:00pm – 4:00pm on the 3rd Sunday of each month in six of our cemetery office locations.

St. Joseph Cemetery, Avon; Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron; Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park; Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland; All Saints Cemetery, Northfield; All Souls Cemetery, Chardon.

Our Grief Support Groups are available to everyone in the diocese and the grieving in our communities at large. Find comfort, enlightenment, fellowship. The next meeting is March 15th and the topic is “Sprung Forward: How is Your Grief Maturing?” For more information about our monthly Grief Support Groups, please visit www.clecem.org or contact Rhonda at rabrams@clecem.org or 216-930-4866. A reservation is not required, but is appreciated.

It’s an Irish Celebration – and everyone is Irish that day!
Tuesday, March 17th at 3 pm, St. Colman will host the Annual Collins, Conway, McGoun and Patton St. Patrick’s Day Party!
Open to everyone, it’s an event filled with Irish music, raffles, food and event. Special appearances by Cleveland Fire Fighters Pipe & Drum Corp. and the Theresa Burke School of Dance. Corned Beef Sandwiches, Potato Soup, Beer, Wine and more will be available! Admission is just $5 per Adult, $3 for children with a maximum of $25 per immediate family. All proceeds benefit St. Colman Church.

ST. SEBASTIAN PARISH—
Do you have an interest in the Latin Mass? Are you attending the Latin Mass but still having trouble following along? Join us at St. Sebastian’s Parish, 476 Mull Ave, Akron, Ohio for a hour-long Latin Mass workshop on Sunday, March 22nd. It will be held in Zwisler Hall (on the parish grounds) from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm. There will be discussions and time for questions and answers. Afterwards, stay for the 1:00 pm Latin Mass and use what you have learned! Questions: 330-869-0682.

World renowned Catholic theologian and speaker, Dr. Scott Hahn, will be speaking on the importance of marriage on April 25, 2020 at St. Sebastian in Akron, beginning at 8am. Registration and more information can be found at: https://stpaulcenter.com/akron/. We hope you will join us for this special and blessed event.

ST. ADALBERT CHURCH— MARTHA’S DAY OUT
St. Adalbert Church, 66 Adalbert Street, Berea, Ohio is once again hosting our annual Lenten Retreat—Martha’s Day Out.

Place: St. Adalbert Church – Father Keller Center
66 Adalbert Street
Berea, Ohio 44017

Date: Monday – March 23, 2020
Time: 8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.
Check-in begins at 8:00 a.m., includes continental breakfast.
Program begins at 9:00 a.m. Catered luncheon will be served.
Program includes presentation by keynote speaker; the Stations of the Cross; Reconciliation; the Rosary and concludes with celebration of the Mass and Eucharist.

Speaker: Rev. Donald Dunson, Parochial Vicar , St. Angela Merici Church

Registration Cost: $22.00 Please make checks payable to St. Adalbert Church.

Mail registration to:
St. Adalbert Church
66 Adalbert St.
Berea, Ohio 44017

Please include your name, phone number and name of you Parish. Mark on the outside of the envelope “MARTHA’S DAY OUT” or to Register by Phone: St. Adalbert Parish Office – 440-234-6830.