

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

February 11, 2018



Monday, February 12

8:15 a.m. Donald Eddy
(Margaret & Charles Hamilton)
6:30 p.m. Hanson Family (Phyllis Fitzgerald)

Tuesday, February 13

8:15 a.m. Mary Rauch (Martha Conner)
6:30 p.m. Cheryl Madick (Family)
Anniversary – Mary Rauch

Wednesday, February 14, Ash Wednesday, Saints Cyril & Methodius

7:30 a.m. Sharlene Mollric (Elizabeth Luxeder)
9:00 a.m. Intentions of Angela Davis
(Tom Vatalaro)
6:30 p.m. Tillie Wagner (Sandy & Ray Roth)

Thursday, February 15

8:15 a.m. Donald Black (Family)
6:30 p.m. Wendy Harter
(Harry & Michele Valentino)

Friday, February 16

8:15 a.m. Regis McArdle (Daughter)
6:30 p.m. Anna Louise Bailey (Family)

Saturday, February 17, The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

8:15 a.m. Joe Herold (Peggy Herold)
5:00 p.m. Virginia Sample
(Joe & Dolores Kaufman)

February 18, 2018

First Sunday of Lent

Anniversary – Meryl Boxler

7:30 am, 9:00 am - Pro Populo, 11:00 am

Forget the flowers - Forget the dinner & movie - and dare I say it...Forget the box of chocolates! If you really love someone, this St. Valentine Day why not give them some ASHES?! That's right...Lent begins this Wednesday and it



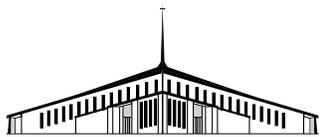
truly is the day for lovers! Ok, so you don't have to forget about flowers or dinner/movie or even the chocolates, but don't let all those things that won't last take you away from the greatest gift of love...get all "romantical" and lead someone you say you love to Heaven by going to Mass together this February 14th (7:30a, 9:00a Mass with School, 6:30p). Lent is a yearly retreat that the entire Church goes on together. Our Catholic identity comes out most clearly and collectively at this time, as we fast from food on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means we eat two small meals, one large meal, and we eat nothing in between meals. Together, we also abstain from eating meat on Fridays. We do this with the mindset that we journey together so we are mindful of the work of sacrificial love. (With those who have become more health conscious and have committed to a vegetarian or vegan diet, this is the opportunity to work on another source of sacrifice in order to find your connection with the action of what the whole Church is doing at this time.) Why give something up? Well, why not. When we do this, it moves us out of "I want." When we give something up, it helps to internally foster something in our life that reminds us not everyone has their needs, much less their wants, met. Our sacrifice puts us in community and in solidarity with those whose needs are not met. Our sacrifice could motivate us even, to reach outside of ourselves in order to help/serve others. Even liturgically, we give up something. During Mass we give up singing the "Gloria" and the "Alleluia." We put these acclamations of praise away for this time period so that we can foster more silence and stillness into our lives. This sacrifice may just help us to become more silent/still so that we can truly listen with the heart and be more present to people around us.

Now is the time to start preparing for this season of the greatest Love...so, how are you going to observe it and make it meaningful this year? You can certainly do the "same old, same old" or we could venture out of our comfort zone and do something differently this year. In thanksgiving of our 70th Anniversary, I am asking you to pray about committing to a time of Eucharistic Adoration sometime during Lent. We are increasing our available times just for Lent...EVERY WEEKDAY you can be with the One who IS Love in His Blessed Sacrament. Signup sheets are in the Church narthex by the statue. Stations of the Cross are back on Friday evenings at 7:00 p.m., and so is Lenten Compline/Night Prayer on Sundays at 9-9:15 p.m. Check this bulletin for more ways to love.

Pax, Fr. Bline

Scripture Readings for the Week:

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday



**Here's What's Happening
Around the Parish This Week...**

Sunday, February 11

- ~ Spirit Day, 9:00 a.m. Mass through 2:30 p.m.
- ~ Cub Scouts 1:00-2:00 p.m. (Refectory)
- ~ Boy Scouts, 5:00-6:30 p.m. (Refectory)
- ~ Financial Peace, 6:45 p.m. (VHM)

Monday, February 12

- ~ Avila Holy Hour for Vocations after 8:15 a.m. Mass
- ~ PSR, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- ~ Men's Scripture Study, 7:00-8:00 p.m. (VHM)

Tuesday, February 13

- ~ Women's Study Group, 9:15-11:00 a.m. (VHM)
- ~ Play Practice, 3:00-4:30 p.m. (Gym)
- ~ First Reconciliation, 7:15 p.m. followed by reception in the gym

Wednesday, February 14

- ~ Ash Wednesday – Masses at 7:30 and 9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- ~ Senior Social Group Euchre, 1:30 p.m. (Upper Room)
- ~ Choir Practice, 7:30-9:00 p.m. (Church)
- ~ RCIA, 7:15 p.m. (Church)
- ~ AA/Al-Anon, 7:30-9:00 p.m. (Refectory)

Thursday, February 15

- ~ Evening Parent Conferences, 4:00-9:00 p.m. (School)

Friday, February 16

- ~ No School

Saturday, February 17

- ~ Play Practice, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Gym)

Sunday, February 18

- ~ Play Practice, 12:00 Noon – 4:00 p.m (Gym)
- ~ Boy Scouts, 5:00-6:30 p.m. (Refectory)
- ~ Financial Peace, 6:45 p.m. (VHM)
- ~ Youth Group, 7:00-9:00 p.m. (Upper Room)



Study Groups – Lectio

Peter; Unveiling Scripture and Tradition

- Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. (Upper Room)
- Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. (Coutts Home)
- Wednesday, 7:15 p.m. (VHM)
- Thursday, 12:30 p.m. (Upper Room)
- Thursday, 7:15 p.m. (VHM)

COLLECTION INFORMATION

The collection for last weekend was \$19,173.00. Our parish is blessed by your generosity!



LENT

SCHEDULE 2018

MASS

All weekdays 8:15 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

School Mass 9:00 a.m. on the following dates:

- ◆ Ash Wednesday, February 14, and February 23, March 2, March 9 and March 19

Adoration

Monday through Friday

7:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.
(Breaking for Masses)

Stations of the Cross

Mondays 2:15 p.m. (with school children)

Fridays 7:00 p.m.

Confession

Saturdays 3:00 to 4:45 p.m.

Sunday mornings after 9:00 Mass until 10:45

◆ **Diocesan-wide Evening of Reconciliation:**

Wednesday, February 28, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

(Mass will take place simultaneously)

◆ **Lenten Communal Penance:**

Monday, March 12, 7:15 p.m.

Night Prayer

Sundays 9:00 p.m. through Palm Sunday



VOCATION CRUCIFIX

The parish could use some more volunteers to receive the Vocation Crucifix. Even if you've received it before, you may receive it again. There's no limit! Vocation prayers are always needed and appreciated! Please call the parish office at 330-644-2225 to have your name added to the list.

The Walter Family received the Vocation Crucifix this weekend.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

An adorer is needed on Friday afternoons from 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. If you are able to help, please call Joanne at 330-338-4810. The Lord will bless you in many ways.



FOR ALL OF THE PARISH

Encounter Ministries is a Catholic organization that focuses on living a Spirit-filled life as Catholics. They delve into the healing power of the Holy Spirit in our Church, of which we are all ministers through Baptism. They are offering a one-day seminar on Saturday, April 7th here at St. Francis de Sales. Please go to their website and register ASAP:

<https://encounterministries.us/>

If you are unable to attend the conference, ALL ARE WELCOME to join the time for prayer and healing in church starting at 7:00 p.m., April 7th. It will be a beautiful time to encounter our Risen Savior whose work of healing continues through the Church today! See you there!

Peace and all good,
Father Bearer



SING A NEW SONG UNTO THE LORD

Raise your voice in praise with our Resurrection Choir. We could use some additional voices to sing traditional hymns at funeral Masses. Please join us! Call June at 330-745-0955 to have your name added to the call list.



UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP EVENTS:

- 2/15: XLT - Borromeo Seminary, 7-9:30pm
- 2/17: MISSION DAY - Matthew 8:20 Ministry, Akron, 9am-12pm
- 2/18: Youth Group Night - Upper Room, 7-9pm
- 2/22: INTO THE DEEP W/ FR. BEARER, Mobile Music Room, 7:15-8:30pm

Contact Shirley Clark with questions:
330-439-4502/sclark.sfds@gmail.com



Are you planning your summer?
Mark your calendar for a
fun and faith-filled adventure.

Vacation Bible School 2018
July 16 - 20

Bloom Where You Are Planted



St Francis de Sales Parish 70th Anniversary Jubilee

The Story of our Parish

(As written in the “Dedication of St. Francis de Sales Church and School” program)

Knowing what was ahead . . . God looked at Portage Lakes and smiled!

Nature took inspiration from that Smile, and made the region beautiful!

Catholic Families, one by one, were attracted to this scenic spot just South of Akron, and East of Barberton, and chose this place to build their homes and rear their families.

They loved the Portage lakes region and were willing to drive many miles for services at neighboring parishes. Yet, they prayed for the day when God would consecrate their territory with a Home of His Own- their own Parish Church!

Their prayer was answered on May 27, 1948, when, by decree of His Excellency, The Most Rev. Edward F. Hoban, Bishop of Cleveland, the new parish of “St. Francis de Sales” was established.

Only two boundaries were designated at the time: the North; Warner Road and Robinson Avenue, and the East; Akron – Massillon Road. Thus the territory served by the parish is approximately forty-two square miles.

As Pastor of the new “St Francis de Sales”, the Bishop named Rev. Francis Diederich, who was transferred from St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Cleveland, but who, before that, had been assistant at St. Paul’s in Akron for fourteen years. Thus, most of the territory was familiar to him and many of his new parishioners were already his friends.

First services were held in Coventry Township High School Auditorium on Sunday, June 13, 1948. Arrangements were made with the School Board by Mr. Howard Riley. The first Masses, at eight and ten o’clock were served by Albert Drexler Jr., and Jerry McNeil; and Michael and Edward McDonnell. Ushers on this occasion were Stephen Drescher, Howard Riley, Howard Connelly, Tom Maus, George Wepler and Ralph Maglione. About five hundred people attended these Masses on this first Sunday.

At the time of the first services, no property had as yet been selected as the site of the new parish. Fr. Diederich stayed at St. Paul’s Parish Rectory, and visited his own parish territory each day – looking for a suitable site. Finally, a piece of property with a house and barns and some eight acres of land was approved and the purchase was made from Mr. and Mrs. John Horvath for \$17,500.00. The house on the property was converted into a rectory at a cost of \$17,000.00. Remodeling was done by E. C. Reischman and associates.

Parish organization started on Sunday, July 18th, when an election of Councilmen was held. Elected were: Ralph Maglione, George Wepler, Howard Riley, and John J. Gless. These councilmen accepted the responsibility of organizing a larger group of men to take care of some of the problems of the new parish. Thus the Holy Name Society was formed, on the evening of August 11, 1948. The first president of this group was Stephen Drescher. Howard Riley was secretary and Bernard Young was treasurer. Plans were made at this meeting, held in the garage behind the present rectory, for a parish picnic.

Men present at the first Holy Name meetings were: Stephen Drescher, Howard Riley, Joseph Perkins Sr. and Jr., Cletus Weiand, Floyd Riley, Matt Huber, Pat St. Aubin, Amos St. Aubin, Edward Edminister, Bernard Young, John Moinette, Norman Mayer, Philip Bury Sr. and Jr., Richard Rohaley, Laurence Kemper, Richard Stone, Woodrow Sues, Fred Drexler, John Hoffman, Charles Pillitiere, George Wepler and Frank Lulucki.

At this time the membership committee of the Holy Name Society was composed of Howard Connelly and Sol Germano. The Diocesan Convention held in Cleveland was attended by Stephen Drescher, Bernard Young, Howard Connelly, Leo Bauer and Phillip Bury. Bernard Young was named chairman of our Catholic Charities campaign.

Joseph Perkins Sr., Howard Connelly, Norman Mayer and Floyd Riley made up the committee appointed to plan events to help finance the projects of the Holy Name Society.

To be continued...



Fr. Thomas Stock

Ordained May 30, 1998 – Diocese of Cleveland
1st Priest Ordained from St. Francis de Sales Parish
Current Assignment: St. Stephen Parish - Medina, Ohio

A reflection from Fr. Stock, on St. Francis de Sales quote, "Bloom Where You Are Planted"

Bloom Where You Are Planted. It all began at St. Francis de Sales Church in the Portage Lakes region of Akron, Ohio. The seed for my vocation was planted at that very spot, at that very parish; yet, I did not know anything of my amazing vocation until much later. As it were--my parents, my older brother and I joined the parish when I was just a toddler. As I grew, I was formed in my vocation. A very significant "moment" in my journey to the priesthood occurred on 11 May 1968 when I made my First Holy Communion. I still remember that day as if it were yesterday. As I recall this now, I recognize that I am approaching the 50th anniversary of the first time I was privileged to receive Jesus, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. It happened in the "old" church. Through the years there were many other moments or experiences at St. Francis de Sales that formed me in my vocation. I recall the JOY Youth Renewal of 1980, and as a consequence, the turning point that landed me in the seminary just a few months later. I remember the joy of serving the community of St. Francis de Sales as Director of Religious Education in the years 1986 thru 1992. There were so many parishioners who inspired me during those years, too many to acknowledge here. Though, I would be remiss if I did not name a few noted individuals: Father Francis Diederich, Father James Schleicher, Father John Hengle, and Father Charles Byrider. Their priestly example spoke volumes to me and solidified my vocation. Fr. Schleicher was always supportive of my call to the priesthood and even preached at my First Mass there at St. Francis de Sales. Certainly there have been other priests in my life who have contributed in significant ways to my vocation, priests like my dear friend Father Stephen Kaminski who taught me how to say Mass and then served as my chaplain for my First Mass. Father Kaminski passed away quite suddenly two years ago. As I recall all of these things now, I do so with tremendous gratitude and much admiration for the parish of St. Francis de Sales. It all began at 4019 Manchester Road in Akron, Ohio. It was there that I was planted so many years ago. It is there that my wonderful vocation to the ordained priesthood bloomed.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry for our cluster parishes will meet Tuesday, February 13th at 10:00 a.m. at Nativity of the Lord Jesus Church. If you've been before, please remember to bring your completed shawls for blessing, your current shawl to work on, and any left over yarn you have to share with others as we celebrate God's love and blessing. New members are always welcome! Call Ginny at 330-644-4132 or Barb at 330-699-4769 with your questions.

Learn. Believe. Soar.

St. Francis
deSales
SCHOOL



HELP OUR SCHOOL

Start collecting Coke Rewards, found on any Coke products. Sign up at www.mycokerewards.com. Once you've created an account, scroll down to "Donate to a school", enter 44319, and choose St. Francis de Sales from the menu. You can enter in, or scan codes directly. If you don't have access to a computer, you may still send the rewards to school or the parish office and they will be entered for you. Thank you for helping us earn free money for our school!



2018 Franciscan University Youth Conference Steubenville, Ohio

JUNE 22 - 24, 2018

We live in a world where there are voices shouting at us from all sides, trying to tell us who we are and who we aren't, who we should be and who we shouldn't be. If we pay too much attention to these voices, it won't be long before we forget our true identity altogether.

But amidst all the noise is our loving Father, who wants to make Himself known to us and speak truth about who we are.

Come and see what God wants to reveal to you!

Entering high school freshman - Entering college freshmen are invited

Conference spots will be reserved for ONLY those who complete the registration form and return it with **\$50 deposit check**, payable to St. Francis de Sales. Registration forms can be dropped off at the rectory.

Form deadline is ASAP

If you would like to attend and are unable to pay the approximate \$215 (total) cost of the retreat, or have any questions at all, contact Shirley Clark sclark.sfds@gmail.com

2018 Franciscan University Youth Conference Deposit Form

YOUTH NAME _____ PHONE: _____

YOUTH EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PARENT EMAIL ADDRESS _____

HIGH SCHOOL YEAR IN FALL OF 2018 (circle one) FR SO JR SR College FR

**DIVORCED SEPARATED AND WIDOWED
CATHOLICS OF AKRON**

The DSW Catholics of Akron will be sponsoring a presentation given by Lynne Poulton, Certified Professional Organizer. Lynne will speak to the group about downsizing, de-cluttering and getting organized. This event will be held at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Convent Building, 1945 Portage Trail in Cuyahoga Falls, on Monday, February 12th at 7:30 p.m. This is open at no cost to single people of all faiths. Refreshments are at 7:15; speaker is at 7:30. For more information, call Sue at 330-554-5626.

SS. PETER AND PAUL IN DOYLESTOWN

A Lent To Remember is a beautiful presentation of the transforming power of mercy. From Bishop Robert Barron to St. Faustina, learn of the hope, healing and forgiveness to our broken world. You're welcome to attend six Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. from February 13th through March 20th in the school at Ss. Peter and Paul in Doylestown. You may also come to as many or as few of the sessions as you like. Each lasts about one hour.

VOCATIONS

Have you ever wondered what you can do to promote and support vocations to the priesthood or religious life?

1. Remember to pray. Include an increase in vocations in your daily prayers.
2. Talk to your child/grandchild. Ask them if they have ever considered a religious vocation. Encourage them to pray about it.
3. Join a group that supports vocations. Serra Club of Akron is one of six Serra clubs in our Diocese that promote and support vocations with prayer and informative speakers at meetings and vocation programs. For more information, contact Akron Serra at dfetyko@aol.com.

PASSION AND PURPOSE FOR MARRIAGE

Led by Best Selling Author and Speaker
Dr. Allen Hunt

Saturday, March 3, 2018
9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Come to St. Sebastian Parish for a great morning of listening, learning, scripture, and prayer. Don't worry, no one will be asked to share their feelings with the group. This is an opportunity to learn and grow as a person of faith who strives to love in all their relationships. Snacks will be provided at two breaks. As a bonus, you will receive a great swag bag to take home! Even if you cannot attend, consider sponsoring someone to attend that might not be able to afford it otherwise. Tickets can be purchased after all of their Masses in January and February, by calling 859-980-7900, or online at <http://dynamiccatholic.com/Akron>.

LOYOLA RETREAT HOUSE

Fat Tuesday Dinner and Lenten Reflection
Tuesday, February 13, 2018

The evening begins with a social at 5:30 p.m.
Directed by Abbot Clement Zeleznik, OSB

\$25 per person

700 Killinger Rd. in Green

Registration form at www.loyolaretreathouse.com
or call 330-896-2315.

GREEN GOOD NEIGHBORS

Green Good Neighbors is updating their donation policy for 2018. Due to lack of storage space, **they no longer accept:** Out of season clothing, shoes, home décor, electronics (including televisions and computers, sports equipment, car seats or cribs, books and magazines, VHS tapes, metal hangers, luggage. For large furniture, please call the office on Wednesday mornings from 9:00-noon to make arrangements, 330-899-9980. There is a donation shed available for drop-offs 24/7 at the rear of the church. Please do not leave anything outside of the shed. Volunteers are available on Wednesday mornings to assist in unloading your vehicle.

Please know that these same donation limitations apply to our boxes located next to the garages here at St. Francis de Sales.

THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS

Food, Fellowship and Faith for Adults

Monday, February 19th, D'Agnesse's at White Pond
Bernard Smith, Retired Prosecutor from the United

States Department of Justice will present:

***"Two Popes, Two Catechisms
and the Death Penalty"***

Appetizers start at 7:00 p.m. and the speaker begins at 7:30. The \$10 admission includes appetizers; cash bar is available.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2018 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal is underway with an in-pew commitment process taking place this weekend. This is not a special collection; rather, the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal represents the chance for all Catholics to make a significant pledge, payable in installments, to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland in order to support its mission of a society that stands united in its support of the "least among us." Many parishioners have received a letter from Bishop Perez requesting their support. If you have not received this letter, please respond to the in-pew commitment process today. 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.



**REQUEST FOR
2017 FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT**

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY/ZIP CODE

ENVELOPE #

HOME PHONE #

CELL PHONE #

Please place this completed form in the collection basket and your statement will be mailed to you.