

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Mar 5 No SWAGG
Confirmation with Bishop Roger 10:30 am

Mar 6 Youth RCIA 7:00 pm I
Bible Study 7:00pm SA

Mar 7 Hot Meal 5:30pm SH
Youth Choir 6:00pm CH
Adult Choir 7:00pm CH
RCIA 7:00pmSAG

Mar 8 NA 7:00pm SH

Mar 9 Pastoral Council 7:00pm SA

Mar 10 Parish Offices Closed
FISH FRY 4-8 pm SH

Mar 11 Ministry Training in Church 10:00 am
African Community Meeting 10:00 am SA

YOUR SACRIFICE THIS WEEK

Thank you for your sacrificial gift for the support of our church. Our renewed weekly goal to meet our budget is \$5,000.00. May we be blessed in 2017!

SUNDAY OFFERING: 2/26/17 \$4,978.25
SECOND OFFERING: Loaves and Fishes \$109.25
Second Offering Today: Black and Native American Appeal
Second Offering Next Week: Charity of the Parish

ACT OF KINDNESS FOR MARCH

In these days of division and separation in ways of acting and thinking toward one another, make a decision to be a bridge builder and to seek common ground. One by one, we can come together for good!

TIME TO GET YOUR SWAGG ON

SWAGG continues as our parish commitment to educate our youth in the faith. Elementary age and high school age youth are welcome and encouraged to attend. Breakfast is served at 8:30am and sessions run 9am-10:15am. Contact Mrs. Mack at the parish office for more information.

TOWN HALL AGENDA

At the suggestion of the Parish Pastoral Council, plans are being made for a Town Hall Meeting. If you have questions, items for discussion, or thoughts that you want to share, please place your items in the "Question Envelopes" in the Narthex and in the Gallery entrance to the church. Based on the materials submitted, a Town Hall discussion is scheduled for **March 12 at 12:30 p.m.** All are asked to make their best effort to take part in this conversation for the good of our parish. God bless!

+++ LITURGICAL MINISTRIES +++

Today Sunday March 5, 2017

8:30 Mass

Commentator: Rhonda Mangham
Lector: Doreatha Harris
Eucharistic Ministers: Evelyne Jones Luther B. Mangham Jr.
Usher: Thomas Stover Lazarus Oranugo
Greeter: Karen McWilliams Dianne Phillips
Server: Jeremiah Robinson

10:30 Mass

Commentator: Lorraine McMillan
Lector: Myla Montgomery Ronald Onuorah Dolores Malby Gardenia Witherspoon
Eucharistic Ministers * Annette Cardwell Dr. Grace Brown
Usher: Linda Weatherspoon Billy Cardwell Jeremiah Robinson Antoinette Smith Dewayne Thomas Jr. Elinor Williamson
Greeter: Debbie James Kaitlynn Mangum. Jeremy Mangum Deandre Wilson
Server: Jalen Thomas Sienna Mangum

Next Sunday Sunday March 12, 2017

8:30 Mass

Commentator: Ellen Connally
Lector: Sabina Conroy
Eucharistic Ministers: Mike Conroy Dianne Phillips
Usher: Karen Larry Jacquelyn Hite-Jackson
Greeter: Anita Branan Donna Dix-Washington
Server: Jordon Ivery

10:30 Mass

Commentator: Terrence Marsh
Lector: Carolyn Mack Debbie James Josie Kramer Erika Smith-Jones
Eucharistic Ministers: * Bettye Smedley Rosalind Taylor
Usher: Jeremy Mangum Patience Mangum Jeremiah Robinson Michelle Booker Deandre Wilson Crystal Simmons
Greeter: Myla and Stephanie Montgomery Antoinette Smith Carol Grant
Server: Clarice Banks Syan Hughes

SEE MINISTRY SCHEDULES AT www.saolf.org

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will be prayed on Good Friday at 5pm in the Church. This ancient devotion recalls Jesus' journey to Calvary remembering 14 stops or "stations" along the way. All members of the parish are encouraged to take a part in this remembrance, even if only by coming to pray it together! Sign up sheets for roles and parts in the Stations are available in the Narthex and Gallery area. For more information, contact Toni Smith.

St. Agnes+Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church



MISSION STATEMENT

*Saint Agnes + Our Lady of Fatima Church
is a visionary Catholic Christian Community.
As a diverse parish, we embrace
Africentric worship,
Christ centered hospitality,
and missionary service.
Sustained by the wisdom of our elders
and energized by the spirit of our youth,
we come together in faith
as a church family
to give witness to the liberating message
of the Gospel*

Fatima Family Center
Mrs. LaJean Ray-McNair
Director
6600 Lexington Avenue
(216) 391-0505

Schubert Hall Rental
Capacity is 244 and air
conditioned. Call the
parish office for details
and rates.

6800 Lexington Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44103

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PARISH INFORMATION

Office: 216-391-1655
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Website: www.saolf.org

Mass Schedule:

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Weekday: 8:00 a.m.
Holyday: 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Anytime by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism for Infants:

Arrangements made in advance with Carolyn Mack. Godparents must be practicing Catholics.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Preparations begin with priest or deacon BEFORE setting a date and six months prior to intended date. Contact Brother Bob or Deacon Martin before setting a wedding date.

Sacrament of the Sick and Home Visits:

Please contact the parish office.

Parish Registration: Welcome to our parish. To register, please contact the parish office.

PARISH STAFF:

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Bulletin Deadline: Tuesdays at 12 noon

For publication in the following
Sunday's bulletin

MARCH 5, 2017 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

+ SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK +

We find ourselves once again beginning this familiar journey through Lent. As we encounter Jesus in the desert this year, not only do we see him wrestle with Satan and temptation, but are faced with the fact that we too must do the same. We cannot run away from it, for even Jesus encountered it in the desert; we can't just pray it away, for even Jesus had to face temptation in the midst of prayer. No we must be willing to face it head on, and know that we have the help of God as an ever present remedy for sin and temptation in our lives. We have forty days to face our weakness and forty days to make use of God's strength and grace. May this season be one of conversion and renewal for all of us as we prepare for the coming feast of Easter!

CELEBRATING FAITH: BUILDING CHURCH

We have just made the first full payment of \$125,000.00 on our mortgage principal, and have paid \$10,102.87 in interest. The remaining principal is \$225,000.00, which will come due in full in 2019. While it seems a ways off, we need your help to honor this commitment. In the next several weeks, the Finance Council will begin to follow up on pledges and status of contributions. We are well over half way through our payment phase, but have only just reached half of our goal. Please continue to honor your pledge and remain faithful to the support of our church. Thank you for your generosity and sacrifice.

THANK YOU

To all who helped to make the Liturgy with Bishop Thomas a blessed day for all. Special thanks to our praise dancers who helped us to celebrate Black History Month through the gift of dance and song. May we continue to grow in faith together with Bishop Thomas as we pray for a new permanent Bishop to be selected for Cleveland.

AND THANK YOU...

To all who participated in this year's revival in any way. Choir members, musicians, ministers, revival attendees, and planning committee members all put their best effort and talents toward this year's prayer. May we continue to sound the trumpet and celebrate the triumph of God's goodness in our community.

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK

Mar 5	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7 Rom 5:12-19 Mt 4:1-11 8:30 am Dorothea Hite, deceased 10:30 am For the Parish
Mar 6	Weekday 224:Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Mt 25:31-46
Mar 7	Weekday 225: Is 55:10-11 Mt 6:7-15
Mar 8	Weekday 226: Jon 3:1-10 Lk 11:29-32
Mar 9	Weekday 227: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25
Mar 10	Weekday 228: Ez8:21-28 Mt 5:20-26 <i>Stations of the Cross: 6:00 pm in Church</i>
Mar 11	Weekday 229: Dt 26:16-19 Mt 5:43-48
Mar 12	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT Gn 12:1-4a 2 Tm 1:8b-10 Mt 17:1-9

YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!

Van Drivers – Needed to help get our homebound members to church. Need a clean driving record and at least 25 years of age. Speak to any of the staff!

Videographers - Seeking someone or several people to video the Sunday scriptures and preaching for uploading to our website. See Charles Smith or Gyta Martin.

Hot Meal Helpers –for the Tuesday Community Meal. Any time you can spare is most appreciated! Just show up on Tuesdays at 4pm.

Prayer Warriors – to remember daily in prayer those on our prayer list in the bulletin. All join in anytime!

CONFIRMATION TODAY

We welcome Bishop Roger Gries to celebrate Confirmation with us today at the 10:30 Mass. Please pray for our candidates Jordan Ivery, Patience Mangum, Myla Montgomery, Ronald Onuorah, and Nicole Onuorah. Come Holy Spirit, come!

GOT SOME GOOD NEWS TO SHARE

GOOD NEWS PEOPLE is a process for gathering to pray with the Scriptures, to learn our faith, and put it into practice with our fellow church family. A new season of Good News begins the week of March 6. See Myrita Wilhite for more information.

MINISTRY TRAINING AND UPDATES

Updates in training for CURRENT and NEW liturgical ministers is set for Saturday, March 11th in the Church. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex and Gallery Hallway. **IF YOU WISH TO CONTINUE IN YOUR MINISTRY AND REMAIN ON THE SCHEDULE, PLEASE SIGN UP!** Your e-mail address would be most helpful for future communications. Training times are as follows:

Extraordinary Communion Ministers: 10:00 am
Greeters and Ushers 11:30 am
Lectors and Commentators 1:00 pm

Servers Saturday March 18 at 11am
(new and veteran, youth and adults)

+PRAY FOR THE SICK+

Ogechi Achunine Mary Avery Kalima Assami Joyce Baker David Baker Bessie Bolles Joyce Blanton-Smith Darryl Blanton Warb Boykin, Jr. Anna Broadhead Christine Byrd William Byrd Marcella Caffie Kathy Clayton Marguerite Connally Maddy Coughlin Terrell Cole Irwing Dominic Edna Evans Margaret Ferguson Catherine Ford James Forte Sr. Della Gholson Jeanette Goggins Adriene Hall JoAnn Hinson Ursula Hite, George Hooper Patricia Heard Valada Hutchinson Brianna Jones Reaber Jones Tom Kramer Elizabeth Malby Margaret Mazza Bill Miller Chantel McConnell Georgia McDuffie Sharon McDuffie Robert McDuffie Sr. Terri Mohr Verendez Moore Marjorie Murphy Theda Nichols Lounette Payne Barry Phillips Erma Pollard Ernestine Poole Rita Rae Timothy Settles Regina Shanklin Jerry Shelton Kevin Sipp Mary St. Clair Joyce Sparks John Strozier Frances Stokes Barbara Sudberry Dorothy Vactor Dora Rae Vactor Hubert Watson Sherrod Waller Desire Webb Aris White Catherine Young James Keifer Kathy Heard Eboni Edwards LaVerne Henderson Emily Ellington Fredrick Ross II Bernadette Washington Denzel Washington Monique Johnson Margie Jones Barbara Marshall Brown Fay Grady Velma Grady Beverly Wilson Rachael Glaster Odessa Marshall Jame Hoyle Brenda Rolling Monica Starks Judy Guzy Dean Hodges Sr. Latina Thomas Stella Hunter Raymond Moody Myrna Washington

EASTER FLOWERS

It is time again to prepare our church for the great feast of Easter. Flower memorial envelopes are available on the tables in the Gallery and Narthex entrances to the church. Deadline for memorials is March 26. Donation remains the same at \$15.00. Thank you for your generosity.

SEASON OF LENT

The traditional observances of the Season fall under Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. These efforts are not only for our own ongoing conversion, but also in support of those who will be entering the Church at Easter.

PRAYER:

1. Make time to read the Scriptures each day. The daily readings are posted in the bulletin.
2. Consider celebrating Mass daily. Note the bulleting for scheduled weekday Masses.
3. **Stations of the Cross** will be prayed each Friday in Church at 6pm
4. The **Rosary** is prayed each Sunday before both Masses in the Fatima Chapel.

FASTING:

Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Fasting means one full meal and two lesser meals with no food in between for all those aged 18 to 59. Abstinence means no meat may be eaten by any who are aged 14 and over. *The obligation to abstain on Friday, March 17, Saint Patrick's Day, has been dispensed by Bishop Thomas. Another act of penance should be considered in its place on another day.*

ALMSGIVING

1. Renew your commitment to support your church in the weekly offertory.
2. Contribute to the poor and hungry through the use of the Rice Bowls and Catholic Relief Services.
3. Consider some other work of charity, volunteerism, or financial contribution to the support of the poor or a charitable organization of your choice.

CHURCH ETIQUETTE

For the good order of Mass and in respect for one another, two reminders for us all:

1. If you arrive late, please wait to be seated until a break between the Scripture readings or after the preaching is completed. Please also refrain from getting up and leaving during the Scriptures or the preaching.
2. Please use the Father Judge Chapel to calm active children. Once they have calmed, bring them back into the church to worship.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!