

## Catholic Cemeteries Association Grief Support

The Catholic Cemeteries Association offers free, safe, and compassionate monthly Grief Support meetings and memorial events throughout the year.

### Upcoming support/ gatherings:

**March 16<sup>th</sup>** – Sunday Grief Support meetings  
(3pm In-person at 6 locations; 5pm Virtual);

The March topic is

“Spring, Easter, and Grief: Times of Sacred Transition”.

For details, visit:

<https://www.clecem.org/Events/Events.aspx>

For more information, call Rhonda at 216-930-4866



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We invite you to view stories of inspiration and more information at [CatholicCommunity.org/2025Appeal](http://CatholicCommunity.org/2025Appeal)

### OUR PARISH GOAL FOR 2025:

**\$8578.00**

How are we doing as of January 2025?

Pledged: \$275.00 Fulfilled: \$260.00

### JOIN US FOR CRS RICE BOWL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY!



CRS Rice Bowl is celebrating 50 years of helping Catholic faith communities bring Lent to life and encounter God through our global family. During the 40

days of Lent, let us journey together through CRS Rice Bowl to meet people in Nigeria, Guatemala and Bangladesh who are rising above the challenges of hunger and malnutrition. Pick up your rice bowl from the Tables near the Church Entrances. Visit [crsricebowl.org/join](http://crsricebowl.org/join) to share your Lenten prayer intentions

### ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS!!!

Looking to Attract New Customers and Support Your Parish. Consider Advertising in the Bulletin. Contact our parish business manager, **Mr. Robert Herrick**, (216)391-1655

## Living the Prophetic - Hearing God's Voice for Yourself and Others



Saturday, March 22 from 10:00am - 12:00pm

Center for Pastoral Leadership - Aula

28700 Euclid Ave.

Wickliffe, OH 44092

Presenter: **Fr. Josh Trefney**

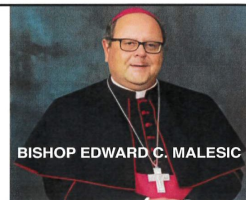
We are all baptized as priest, prophet and king. For many of us the prophetic seems to be something only mystics experience. Together we will unlock the door to the prophetic lifestyle as we learn that it should be an ordinary, not extraordinary, part of our Christian journey.

To Register: <https://saolf-parish.com/Living-the-Prophetic> or contact Michelle Nowak at [mnowak@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:mnowak@dioceseofcleveland.org)

## “CALLED TO LEAD”

Diocese of Cleveland  
Catholic Men's Fellowship Conference  
Saturday, March 22, 2025

Bishop Edward C. Malesic  
Speaking at 3:00 PM  
Celebrating Mass at 4:00 PM



### FEATURED SPEAKERS:



Father Mitch Pacwa, S.J.  
Scripture Scholar, World Renowned  
Lecturer, EWTN Television & Radio Host.



Elvis Grbac  
Retired NFL quarterback and  
motivational speaker.

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6001 Rockside Road,  
Independence, OH

DIRECTIONS: Northeast corner of the  
intersection of Rt. 77 & Rockside Road  
at the Rt. 480 Interchange.

NEW IN 2025...50/50 Raffle  
Help to defray ever-increasing costs.  
**BRING CASH!**

Registration: 8:00 am  
Mass: 4:00 pm  
Adjourn: 5:00 pm

For info or to register, go to [www.cmfneo.com](http://www.cmfneo.com)  
Need help? Call 216-633-3502



## St. Agnes+Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

A Ministry of the Capuchin Franciscan Friars  
Visit the Capuchins at [www.capuchin.com](http://www.capuchin.com)



### 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.

### Parish Registration:

Welcome to our parish. If you would like to register to join, please contact the parish office, or go to <https://saolf-parish.com/New-Registration> (Case-Sensitive) or use our QR Code:



### PARISH INFORMATION

Address: 6800 Lexington Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44103

Office: 216-391-1655  
Emergency: 216-538-2349  
Fax: 216-391-7919  
Email: [parish@saolf.org](mailto:parish@saolf.org)  
Website: [www.saolf.org](http://www.saolf.org)

Office Hours: Mon-Sat: 9AM -12:30PM,  
1:00PM - 3:30PM

### Mass Schedule:

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
Weekday: As Scheduled  
Holyday: 7:15AM(Vigil Mass: 7:00PM)  
Rosary: After the 8:30AM Mass  
Eucharistic Holy Hour: Sundays at 5:00PM

### PARISH STAFF:

Rev. James Watson, OFM Cap., *Pastor*  
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Mr. Reginald Daniels, *Custodian*  
Mrs. Davilyn Foxworth, *Hall Manager*

Fatima Family Center: LaJean Ray, *Director*  
6600 Lexington Ave.  
216-391-0505

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sundays 7:45AM-8:15AM or by appointment.

### Sacrament of Baptism for Infants:

Arrangements made in advance with a priest or deacon.  
Godparents must be practicing Catholics.

### Sacrament of Marriage:

Preparations begin with a priest or deacon BEFORE setting a date and at least six months prior to intended date.  
Contact the parish to schedule an appointment.

### Sacrament of the Sick and Home Visits:

Please contact the parish cell phone at 216-538-2349

### Bulletin Article Deadline: Tuesdays at 12noon

### Electronic Giving Opportunities:

Go to [www.saolf.org](http://www.saolf.org) and click on “GIVE”  
For CashApp users: send to \$saolf



# March 9, 2025 First Sunday of Lent

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK

In today's Gospel, the Lord goes to battle for us and teaches us how to deal with temptations. He does what our first parents failed to do in the Garden of Eden in dealing with three temptations we struggle with: Sensual Gratification, the desire for power or riches, and pride. The remedies the Lord presents for us are fasting and abstinence in the face of sensual gratification. Through His Grace we can learn self-control over the passions which overwhelm us. Almsgiving in dealing with the desire for power or riches. When we practice detachment from the things of the world whether we are rich or poor, we grow to rely primarily on God's gifts as the keys to our happiness. Prayer and living by the Lord's Commandments dealing with pride. In strengthening our relationship with the Lord in prayer and observance of His commandments, we learn humility and to live relying on Jesus' teachings. Note that Jesus allowed Satan to tempt Him. He allowed the creature to tempt Him in His human nature as a sign of His truly being like us in all things but sin. May we remember the words of our Lord who tells us in the Gospel of Matthew, "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." Matthew 11: 29-30

### Liturgical Ministry Schedule

	8:30	10:30
<b>09-March First Sunday of Lent</b>		
<b>Comm</b>	Keith Durand	ChiChi Onuorah
<b>Lector</b>	Tyler Hughley	Patricia SpyChaj
<b>EM</b>	Betty Smith Brunie Vega	Annette Cardwell Danita Thomas
<b>Server</b>	Sharla Durand	Divine Onuorah Vanessa Walker
<b>Usher</b>	Cathy Scott Karen Larry	Billy Cardwell Antoinette Smith Linda Weatherspoon Sheila Griffin-McCoy
<b>16-March Second Sunday of Lent</b>		
<b>Comm</b>	Veronica Safo	Lorraine McMillian
<b>Lector</b>	Ellen Connally	Tara Young
<b>EM</b>	Betty Smith Marietta Stovall	Carol Grant Darlene Horton
<b>Server</b>	Jeremy Mangum	Melvin Onuorah Sa'Vannah Love
<b>Usher</b>	Shirley Tucker Jackie Hite-Jackson	Jeremiah Robinson Elinor Williamson Sheila Griffin-McCoy Billy Cardwell

## MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK

**Sun, Mar 9, First Sunday of Lent**  
Dt 26:4-10 Ps 91:1-2, 10-15 Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13  
8:30am— Family and Friends Suffering from Severe Illnesses  
10:30am— The Poor Clare Sisters of Perpetual Adoration

**Mon, Mar 10, Lenten Weekday**  
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8-10, 15 Mt 25:31-46

**Tue, Mar 11, Lenten Weekday**  
Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7, 16-19 Mt 6:7-15

**Wed, Mar 12, Lenten Weekday**  
Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32

**Thu, Mar 13, Lenten Weekday**  
Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Ps 138:1-3, 7-8 Mt 7:7-12

**Fri, Mar 14, Lenten Weekday**  
Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-8 Mt 5:20-26

**Sat, Mar 15, Lenten Weekday**  
Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48

**Sun, Mar 16, Second Sunday of Lent**  
Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14 Phil 3:17—4:1 Lk 9:28-36

## FINANCIAL LITERARY SERIES

Our Parish is Offering a Financial Literacy Series for all every



4th Sunday after the 10:30 Mass  
Hosted by

### PNC BANK: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Sessions will cover *Investing, Home Ownership, Budgeting* and much more. The next session will be held on **Sunday, March 23rd**

### CONSIDERING HOME OWNERSHIP

In this workshop, participants who may be thinking about buying a home will learn what financial preparation is required prior to purchasing a home.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Sacraments and Faith Formation Registration

Please sign your child/teen up for First Communion, Confirmation.

To register your child for next year, go online at: <https://saolf-parish.com/FaithFormation-Registration>

To register: call **Dr. Cary Dabney** at 216-391-1655 ext#14

### Interested in Joining the Catholic Church

*Are you someone or do you know someone who....*

- ◆ Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Faith?
- ◆ Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?

We offer an opportunity to come together to learn about the Catholic faith. To get started visit:

<https://www.saolf.org/rite-of-christian-initiation-of-adults>

or contact our Director of Religious Education,

**Dr. Cary Dabney** at 216-391-1655 #14

## YOUR SACRIFICE LAST WEEK!

Thank you for your sacrificial gift for our church. Our goal to meet our budget is \$5,400.00 per week. **Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness!**

### SUNDAY OFFERINGS 2-23-2025

Total in Pew Collection	\$4,264.25
Vanco On-Line	\$943.54
CashApp	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,207.79</b>

## PREPARING FOR FULL INITIATION

Parish Family, let us prayerfully support

### Diamond Davis

Who will be welcomed into the Order of the Elect today at 2:00PM at St. John Cathedral as she continues her journey to **Full Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil**

## ATTENTION LADIES!!!

**The Women's Group will be having a meeting next Sunday after the 10:30AM Mass:**

This initial meeting will be focused on determining the dynamics of the women's group and the path to the formation of a Women's Mission Group. **March 16th** after 10:30 Mass.

The Office of Black Catholics of the Diocese of Cleveland

Presents a

### Bible Study:

### African Presence in Scripture

**Instructor: Fr. Charles Smith, S.V.D.**

*Director of the Bowman Francis Minister of Indianapolis*

This is an opportunity for the community to enrich and expand their study of Scripture as this two-day presentation enables us to take a stroll through the Old and New Testaments where hundreds of references verify the reality of African Presence in Scripture

**April 10th and 11th: 6:30-8:00 pm**

**St. Agnes/ Our Lady of Fatima Church: Legacy Hall  
6800 Lexington Ave, Cleveland, OH 44103**

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Presents a

## ~Catholic Men's Retreat~

**Saturday, April 12, 2025 9:30 am—3:30 pm**

Come Join Us!

Retreat Master: **Fr. Charles Smith, S.V.D.**

*Director of the Bowman Francis Minister of Indianapolis*

### Location

St. Agnes/Our Lady of Fatima Church-Harambee Room  
6800 Lexington Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44103

## LENTEN PRACTICE REMINDERS

Lent is marked by the traditional observances of

**Prayer, Fasting, Abstinence and Almsgiving.**

**PRAYER:** Consider daily mass and personal scripture reading during Lent. The Stations of the Cross, a devotion to the suffering of Christ on his journey to Calvary will be prayed each Friday at 3pm and 5pm in the Church. **The Word Among Us** is also available for your daily prayer and reflection during this season.

**FASTING:** Catholics, ages 16 to 59, are obligated to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The Lenten practice of Fasting is as follows: one main meal, two smaller meals, and no food in-between. We should be hungry, not starved. Those needing to eat with medication may do so.

**ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT:** This is an Obligation for all Catholics on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

**ALMSGIVING:** Consider works of charity, service, or financial sacrifices during Lent.

## SEASON OF LENT SCHEDULE

### Stations of the Cross:

Every Friday (except Good Friday) 3PM and 6:30PM

### The Diocesan Evening of Confession

**Wednesday, March 19th. St. Agnes-Our Lady of Fatima Parish** along with all the parishes in the diocese will welcome the faithful from **5-8 pm** on that

## PRAY FOR THE SICK+

**FAMILIES:** Lane Family, Poteat Family, Warren Family  
Ogechi Achunine, Kalima Assami, Georgia Atkinson, Joyce Baker, Carol Bertrand, Gabriel Blair, Joyce Blanton-Smith, Bessie Bolles, Anna Broadhead, Thella Brooks, Barbara Marshall Brown, Christine Byrd, William Byrd, Marcella Caffie, Kathy Clayton, Terrell Cole, Danny Couch, Robin Davis, Constance Durrach, Eboni Edwards, Edna Evans, Richard Gayle, Myron Gholson, Alonzo Givens, Rachael Glaster, Fay Grady, Tyrone Grady, Daniel Grant Jr., Delvonte Grant, Beverly Greene-Reed, Anita Gullett, Judy Guzy, Adriene Hall, Darlene Harris, Patricia Heard, Kathy Heard, JoAnn Hinson, Althea Hite, Ursula Hite, Estelle Hodges, Carol Hollinger, Jame Hoyle, Kyllan Hughes, Valada Hutchinson, James Jackson, William Jackson, Kardier Jackson, Andrea Johnson, Monique Johnson, Joseph Jones, Brianna Jones, Reaber Jones, Margie Jones, James Keifer, Craig Kelly, Janie Kincaid, Donald Leftwich, Francesca Lehu, Elizabeth Malby, Luther B. Mangham Jr., LaVerta Marshall, Naomi Matthews, David McClain, Chaquita McClinton, Chantel McConnell, Mattie McDonald, Sharon McDuffie, Bill Miller, Terri Mohr, Verendez Moore, Betty Moore, Evelyn Morson-Eaddie, Monika Moss-Gransberry, James Nakima, Lounette Payne, Erma Pollard, Nisha Presley, Mary Roberts, Sue Scott, Regina Shanklin, Jerry Shelton, Nina Simmons, Lasonia Sims, Kevin Sipp, Deborah Smedley, Marcia St. John, Barbara Sudberry, Ophelia Swain, Loraine Taylor, Danita Thomas, Latina Thomas, Janice Thompson, Michael Tucker Jr., Byron Washington, Thomas Washington, Hubert Watson, Desiree Webb, Natalie Webb, Carson Wetherwax, Aris White, Yvonne Williamson, Sabrina Wilson, Jahiem Wilson Ali'Bey, Regina Woodard, Gail Xavier, Jaqueline Zeigler