

5. We will do the Tuesday Hot Meal as take out only, but need volunteers to pack and distribute. Any who can help should come at 4:45. **Please call as we must limit the total number of volunteers as directed by the state and the Diocese.**
6. At this time, all Easter Services and gatherings are cancelled. We will work to prepare Masses for those days and post them to our website as on Sundays. **PALMS will be blessed and be available outside the office doors of the church for those who wish. They will be distributed from 12 noon until 1 pm.**
7. Easter baptisms and other celebrations in church are postponed until further notice from the State and the Diocese. **FUNERALS** may be celebrated at the graveside only with a memorial mass to be scheduled later. There are no opportunities for a repast or luncheon to be held at the Church or the Center.
8. Please consider mailing in your tithes or using the electronic giving opportunities through Vanco and Cash App. Your faithfulness is most appreciated. At the same time, take care of your business and financial responsibilities at home as needed.

We will all get through this challenging time. We also do well to remember that our faith unites us in prayer and in hope with the whole world. Keep on praying and stay well knowing that God is in control!

#### **WOMENS HISTORY MONTH**

This week we recognize Susan B. Anthony. She was an American writer, lecturer and abolitionist who was a leading figure in the women's voting rights movement. Have years of fighting for women rights she later partnered with Elizabeth Cady Stanton and would eventually lead the National American Woman Suffrage Association.

#### **ELECTRONIC GIVING OPPORTUNITY**

Electronic giving is an option for your support of St. Agnes+Our Lady of Fatima. Go to our parish website at [www.saolf.org](http://www.saolf.org) and click on the tab marked "Make a Gift." Instructions are given there for electronic giving as well as a number for giving by text message. Thank you for your cyber generosity!

#### **FORMED:**

Looking for content about your Catholic Faith about Lent? Start your day off right with Catholic Reflections from Formed Daily! Get ready to be inspired and renewed through these reflections. Formed also has reflections for Lent. Go to the website at (<https://watch.formed.org>) for these reflections you don't need to register, we are already registered as a parish. For more information please see Mrs. Mack.

#### **CASH APP REINSTATED**

Due to the challenging times of the Corona Pandemic, CASH APP will be available for the indefinite future. It will function just as it did before. Please consider using the VANCO electronic giving option described above so that all gifts may be streamlined and properly credited in the church accounting procedures. Should you have any questions, please contact Br. Bob directly at his email or phone. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

#### **PARISH TRANSITIONS**

After much prayer, thought, and consultation, I have decided that it is in the best interest of our parish to reconfigure our parish pastoral staff. This decision was made in light of realities that our parish is experiencing, including parish offertory and attendance. A result of this restructuring will be the changing or discontinuing of certain positions and roles in service to our parish.

After 20 years of faithful and generous service to our parish. Toni Smith will be moving on from her current role as Youth Minister at St. Agnes Our Lady of Fatima. In that same vein, Melissa McCall will also come to the end of her current service in assistance to Ms. Mack in religious education and sacramental preparation as part of this restructuring. These changes will occur as of June 30 when the restructuring comes into effect. Mrs. Mack has already made known her intention to retire in June. There will be an opportunity to formally thank Ms. Smith, Ms. Mack, Ms. McCall at a time yet to be determined.

New Job descriptions and qualifications for a reconfigured pastoral staff will be posted on the parish website on April 1. Any who meet those qualifications who are members of the parish or beyond may apply. Please continue to pray for our parish as we move forward in faith and trust in God.

## *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*

#### **Schubert Hall Rental**

Call the parish office  
For available dates and rates

#### **Fatima Family Center**

6600 Lexington Ave.  
LaJean Ray, Director

*6800 Lexington Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44103*

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

#### **PARISH INFORMATION**

Office: 216-391-1655  
FAX: 216-391-7919  
Friary: 216-431-8854  
Website: [www.saolf.org](http://www.saolf.org)

#### **Mass Schedule:**

Sunday: 5:00 (Vigil) 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
Weekday: As Scheduled  
Holyday: 7:00 p.m.

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturdays 4:00 pm or 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**

**MARCH 29, 2020**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK**

The Gospel reading for this Sunday is the famous story of the raising of Lazarus by Jesus. I suppose our lives these days are colored by the Covid-19 virus (Coronavirus) pandemic, and constantly listening to cable news could lead us to despair and hopelessness. As Christians, in the midst of pain and crisis we can't afford to despair and lose hope. We need to turn to Jesus who promises his love for us and promises that he will never abandon those who believe.

In the Gospel of John we read today, Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days. The Gospel writer wanted to stress the fact that Lazarus was definitely dead and there was no ambiguity about his fate. In other words, the situation of Lazarus was lifeless and hopeless. Lazarus could not come back from the dead. Martha his sister, believed that his brother was gone forever and that he would be raised only at the resurrection of the dead. Jesus however, had the power of life over death; Jesus could bring Lazarus back to life and he asked Martha to trust in him. As Jesus brought Lazarus back to life from dead, Martha had to move from the physical limitations that her brother's death imposed on her; or, or she could trust in Jesus' words that he had the power of life over death.

During this season of uncertainty, we might be incapacitated by fear and the physical limitations that this virus imposes on us. Jesus calls us to believe and trust in him. Jesus tells you and me today that if we believe and trust in him, he will set us free from the power of sin, illness, and death. Like Martha, let us make an act of faith. Let us proclaim and believe that Jesus loves us and that Jesus will heal us and bring us out of these desperate times.

**YOUR SACRIFICE THIS WEEK**

Thank you for your sacrificial gift for our church. Our goal to meet our budget is \$5,000.00. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness in these difficult days!

SUNDAY OFFERING: 03/22/20      \$4517.50  
(Mail and electronic giving)

**SWAGG**

Stepping With All God's Gifts each Sunday morning for grades Pre-K-7 beginning at 8:30 am with breakfast. Students, 8<sup>th</sup> grade and high school, as well as those preparing for Session for Confirmation begin at 6pm. For more information, contact Mrs. Mack or Ms. McCall at the parish office. *SWAGG will resume when we are able to gather again for church activities.*

**MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK**

**Mar 29 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
Ez 37:12-14 Ps 130:1-8 Rom 8:8-11  
Jn 11:1-45  
*Mass is offered for health and healing for our parish and our world*

**Mar 30 Lenten Weekday**  
Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 Ps 23:1-6  
Jn 8:1-11

**Mar 31 Lenten Weekday**  
Nm 21:4-9 Ps 102:2-3, 16-21 Jn 8:21-30

**Apr 1 Lenten Weekday**  
Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Ps Dn 3:52-56  
Jn 8:31-42

**Apr 2 Lenten Weekday**  
Gn 17:3-19 Ps 105:4-9 Jn 8:51-59

**Apr 3 Lenten Weekday**  
Jer. 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-7 Jn 10:31-42

**Apr 4 Lenten Weekday**  
Ez 37:21-28 Ps Jer 31:10-13 Jn 11:45-56

**Apr 5 PALM SUNDAY + THE PASSION OF THE LORD**  
Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24  
Phil 2:6-11 Mt 26:14-27:66

**THEA BOWMAN AWARDS**

Have been postponed due to the Corona Pandemic. They will be rescheduled at a later date once regular activities can resume. Thank you for your support and understanding.

**GROUP AND ACTIVITIES CALENDARS**

It is time once again for all groups and commissions to prepare calendars and budget information for the 2020-2021 year. All calendars and budgets for events and fundraisers are due in the office by April 15. Please contact Mike Bussey or Br. Bob for more information. If necessary, deadlines will be extended

so that all information can be gathered. Forms are available on line on our parish website. Thank you for your help.

**+PRAY FOR THE SICK+**

*We pray for all those who are affected in any way by the Corona Virus, by the Flu, by any physical or spiritual illness at this time, especially the following:*

Ogechi Achunine Mary Avery Georgia Atkinson Kalima Assami Joyce Baker David Baker Bessie Bolles Joyce Blanton-Smith Donna Blythewood Anna Broadhead Christine Byrd William Byrd Marcella Caffie Rosemarie Criniti Marion Campbell Kathy Clayton Terrell Cole Maddy Coughlin Robin Davis Edna Evans Margaret Ferguson Catherine Ford Richard Gayle James Nakima Della Gholson Myron Gholson Adriene Hall Wendell Harris JoAnn Hinson Althea Hite Ursula Hite Patricia Heard Estelle Hodges Kyllan Hughes Valada Hutchinson Maxine Jackson Andrea Johnson Joseph Jones Brianna Jones Evelyne Jones Reaber Jones Craig Kelly Lynne Kelly Janie Kincaid Francesca Lehu Dolores Malby Elizabeth Malby LaVerta Marshall Bill Miller David McClain Chantel McConnell Chaquita McClinton Sharon McDuffie Robert McDuffie Sr. Terri Mohr Verendez Moore Marjorie Murphy Theda Nichols Lounette Payne Erma Pollard Nisha Presley Sue Scott Regina Shanklin Jerry Shelton Kevin Sipp Mary St. Clair John Strozier David Smith Barbara Sudberry Janice Thompson Hubert Watson Desiree Webb Aris White Catherine Young James Keifer Kathy Heard Eboni Edwards Monique Johnson Margie Jones Barbara Marshall Brown Fay Grady Rachael Glaster Odessa Marshall Jame Hoyle Judy Guzy Dean Hodges Sr. Latina Thomas Constance Durrah Mary Roberts Donald Leftwich James Jackson Marcia St. John Leola Wilson Sabrina Wilson Betty Moore Ophelia Swain Soloman Fidela Lozada Evelyn Morson-Eddie Alonzo Givens Juanita Carter Regina Woodard Beverly Greene Reed Jahiem Wilson Ali'Bey Warren Family William Jackson Kardier Jackson Carol Hollinger Mattie McDonald Anita Gullett Carson Wetherwax

*Pray for our service women & men!*

**WE ARE RENEWED BY THE SPIRIT!!!**

During our Lenten season Spiritual Life and Worship Commission asks that we all commit to doing acts of kindness. This is especially needed in these days of

anxiety, fear, and illness. Write your acts of kindness down and bring them to church when we gather again. Thanks for your prayers and works of charity during this Lenten Season.

**LENT AND EASTER**

While the restraints of the current health crisis are a forced penance upon us all, we are still reminded of our call to be in solidarity with one another in our observance of Lent. Remember that each Friday of Lent is a day to abstain from eating meat, and Good Friday is a day of fast for all those who are healthy and free from illness and between the ages of 16 and 59. Continue to make use of times of prayer such as the Bible, the rosary or the Stations of the cross in your own times of devotion. May we especially pray for each other.

**WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT EASTER???**

These times are unlike any other in modern history, especially with regard to celebrating Sunday Mass and gathering as a faith community. The Good News Is: **JESUS IS RISEN NOW AND FOREVER!** What has changed is how we are going to remember that each Sunday and through the Easter Triduum. Here are some things that we are working on to help us all stay connected to our church and our faith.

1. We preparing Sunday Masses and loading them to our website. There will be a small group putting these together observing the requirements for distancing and health and safety requirements.
2. There is daily mass on EWTN and Fox 8 will air the TV Mass on Sunday mornings at 6. There is also daily mass available on the Diocese of Cleveland website at [dioceseofcleveland.org](http://dioceseofcleveland.org).
3. A weekly bulletin will be available on the Fatima website with information for our church family. Without schedules and meetings, if there is information that you want to communicate, please get it to Br. Bob at [brotherbob@saolf.org](mailto:brotherbob@saolf.org) by WEDNESDAY NOON of each week. We will do our best to get it published.
4. Br. Akolla and Br. Bob are working to prepare daily messages based on the Gospel reading for each day's Mass. This will be available on YouTube via our parish website.