

St. Agnes+Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

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PARISH INFORMATION

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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

MAY 24, 2020 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK

As we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus to Heaven, we do well to talk about the theological meaning of the Ascension and its implications for the early disciples and for us today. The Ascension of Jesus means Jesus will forever be at the Father's right hand. This means that as disciples, we too are called to be in the presence of the Lord in this life and the life to come. Where Jesus the head of the Church is, there the body is to follow. Being in the presence of the Lord brings joy, love and peace. Not being in Jesus' presence brings doubt, fear and anxiety. One of the ways we draw close to Jesus and be in his presence is through prayer and worship. When we pray even in our doubts and fears and Jesus comes to us and blesses us. Jesus, before ascending to heaven gave his disciples a mission to go make disciples. This mission is ours even today: making disciples. We make disciples baptizing (sacraments) and teaching others all that Jesus has taught us. We teach others not only by words from the Bible but also by our actions. One of Jesus' commandments we can teach the world today is to help the world to trust and hope in Jesus. Jesus promised to be with his disciples until the very end. Yes, even amidst the crises we face, our Lord promises to be with us. Let us teach the world the virtue of hope. May we strengthen our hope through prayer and teach others also to pray.

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: 5/24/20	\$3490.00
(Mail and electronic giving)	
BUILDING FUND	\$10.00
CHARITIES	\$10.00
CATECHETICAL SERVICES	\$10.00

CALLING ALL GRADUATES

In these challenging times, the ways in which we celebrated and recognized the achievements of our

graduates and youth are not possible as in the past. That does not mean they are forgotten! Please send the names of your graduates to Brother Bob or to Toni Smith so that they may be placed in the bulletin and on the website now, and plans can be made to honor and recognize them all in the future as we are able. Congratulations ahead of time to all of the Class of 2020!

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK

May 24 ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 Eph 1:17-23
Mt 28:16-20

Mass is offered for health and healing for our parish and our world

May 25 Easter Weekday

Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-5, 6-7 Jn 16:29-33

May 26 St. Philip Neri, priest

Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11, 20-21
Jn 17:1-11

May 27 Easter Weekday

Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-36 Jn 17:11-19

May 28 Easter Weekday

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2, 5-11
Jn 17:20-26

May 29 Easter Weekday

Acts 25:13-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20
Jn 21:15-19

May 30 Easter Weekday

Acts 28:16;20, 30-31 Ps 11:4-5,7
Jn 21:20-25

May 31 PENTECOST

Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104 ;1, 24, 29-34
1Cor 12:3-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23

GROUP AND ACTIVITIES CALENDARS

Please contact Mike Bussey or Br. Bob for more information. New deadlines will be posted so that all information can be gathered. Forms are available on line on our parish website, as it is still uncertain when we will be able to get together again in groups.

AS WE RETURN...

Please note the following as we transition back into regular church activities within the limits placed on us by the state and the diocese.



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

6600 Lexington Ave.

LaJean Ray, Director

1. We are streaming Sunday Mass at 10:30 each Sunday on Facebook and uploading it to our website.
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 at dioceseofcleveland.org.
3. Regular group meetings are still suspended as are any social gatherings at the church. We are looking into ZOOM meetings for various groups who may want to consider that, as our staff has had its first one last week.
4. Due to Covid19 and lack of activities at church, several positions have been eliminated, including evening receptionist, hall manager and maintenance, as well as custodian.
5. The immediacy to hire staff at this time is not urgent until it can be determined when we can gather for large group activities and formation. Again, creative ways will need to be explored moving forward.

FORMED:

Go to the website at (<https://watch.formed.org>) to keep current in your faith! You don't need to register, we are already registered as a parish. For more information please contact Mrs. Mack at her email address.

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.

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 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!

CHURCH REOPENING MAY 30/31

We are preparing to reopen our church for Sunday Masses on Saturday and Sunday May 30/31. ***We are permitted no more than 50% capacity at any one mass, meaning a maximum of 160 persons at each mass. Given requirements for social distancing, the actual number permitted will be at 75.*** As we prepare to join together, all are asked to observe the following:

1. All are asked to enter the church through the front wooden doors. The office entrance to the church will be closed and unavailable for entry.
2. Sanitizer will be provided at the entrance of the church. **It is recommended that you bring your own personal sanitizer as well.**
3. **All will be asked to wear masks or face coverings of some kind. If you enter without a mask, you will kindly be asked to return when you have one.** This is so that if you have the virus unknowingly, you are less likely to spread it to others.
4. If you are not feeling well, have a temperature, or have been exposed to the Covid19 virus; if you are a vulnerable person due to health issues or age, please do NOT come to Sunday mass. There is still no obligation to attend at this time.
5. Please consider attending the 5pm Saturday and 830 am Sunday Masses that are less filled. Again, once capacity is reached, admission into the church cannot be granted.

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

To the family of Mary St. Clair on her passing at 100 years old! We pray that she may rest in peace and comfort be given to her loved ones. A private burial will be held with a Mass then to be set at a later date.

PARISH TRANSITIONS

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 are posted on the parish website. 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.

BUILDING UPDATE

All contracts are finalized and we are awaiting a response from the City of Cleveland regarding property setbacks and a meeting with the design review committee. These meetings are delayed under the current pandemic situation so we need be patient and prayerful. There is also a possible property available that borders the church yard that will help with parking and traffic flow. As soon as the demolition permit is received, work will begin to dismantle Schubert Hall. Work has also begun to rebuild the porches on the front of the parish house that have begun to sag and pull away from the building. Next, bids will be secured to waterproof the foundation and replace the siding on the house. More updates will follow as work progresses. Thank you!

+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 and men, our health care workers and public safety personnel in these days!

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Beginning May 10, scholarship information and applications will be available on the parish website for the Helen Morris Scholarship as well as the Parish Scholarship for the academic year 2020-2021. Any questions may be directed to Br. Bob at the office.

HALL NEWS

The Tuesday Hot Meal has moved to the Fatima Center. We are waiting for the demolition permit and asbestos removal will begin soon. Due to Covid19 shutdowns, the final review of the building by the City of Cleveland has been moved to early June. The porches on the parish house are nearly rebuilt and work on basement waterproofing will begin shortly. Please pray on!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of about 4-6 people to assist with cleaning the church after masses each Sunday to prepare for the next gathering. Materials will be provided to comply with the CDC directives for cleaning and sanitizing. Please contact Br. Bob as to after which mass time you might be able to assist. Thank you in advance for your help in keeping us all safe and able to worship together again.

PENTECOST NEXT SUNDAY!

If you are able to come to worship, wear red as we ask God for more of that Holy Ghost Power!