

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF
THE YEAR

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK

Today's Gospel reading urges you and me to forgive others as God has forgiven us through his son Jesus' death on the cross. Peter in the Gospel reading of this Sunday asks Jesus, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive?" Jesus responds, seventy times seven. In other words, Peter has to forgive those who sin against him as often as possible. This is a very difficult response from Jesus. If I need to forgive those who sin against me over and over again, does that mean I am condoning their sinful behavior to hurt me? I think there is a subtle difference in Jesus' message; Jesus does not say we need to condone the sinful behavior of those who hurt us. Jesus, however, invites those injured individuals to look at those who sin against them with mercy and compassion. Forgiving others is looking at them from God's perspective, the perspective of love. Forgiving others is the work of the Spirit on both the injured and the one who caused the injury. The Holy Spirit relieves the injured from hurt and anger and releases the abuser from guilt and remorse. There is an opportunity for conversion for both parties. May we learn to forgive others because God has forgiven you and me first.

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 9/6/2020

In Church	\$3555.00
Cash App	\$ 85.00
Vanco On-Line	\$ 913.62
TOTAL	\$4553.62
Local Charities	\$ 133.00
Building Fund	\$ 70.00

CONGRATULATIONS NEOPHYTES!

We celebrate the Baptism, Confirmation, and Reception of Eucharist of Kaiyah and Malejah Jones as they were initiated into the Church. We also

celebrate with Miguel Reyes and his family as he made his profession of faith in the Catholic Church. Please pray for and celebrate with them as they may continue to grow closer to the Lord in their lives and this faith community.

MASS INTENTIONS AND
SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK

- Sep 13 Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year**
Sir 27:30-28:7 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12
Rom 14:7-9 Mt 18:21-35
 5:00 pm David Smith, dec.
 8:30 am For the Parish
 10:30 am Rosalie Cugliari, dec.
- Sep 14 Exaltation of the Cross**
Nm 21:4-9 Ps 78:1-2, 34-38
Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17
- Sep 15 Our Lady of Sorrows**
1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31 Ps 100:1-5
Jn 19:25-27
- Sep 16 Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian**
1 Cor 12:31-13:13 Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22
Lk 731-35
- Sep 17 Stigmata of St. Francis**
Sir 50:1, 3-4, 6-7 Gal 6:14-18
Lk 9:23-26
- Sep 18 St. Joseph Cupertino**
1 Cor 15:12-20 Ps 171, 6-8, 15
Lk 8:1-3
- Sep 19 St. Francis Mary Camporosso**
1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49 Ps 56:10-12, 13-14
Lk 8:4-15
- Sep 20 TwentyFifth Sunday of Year**
Is 55:6-9 Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18
Phil 1:20-24, 27 Mt 20:1-16
 5:00 pm For the Parish
 8:30 am Elaine Wiethorn, dec.
 10:30am Sr. Rochelle Guertal, MSST, dec.
- Daily Scripture texts are also available at the*
Catholic Bishops' website at usccb.org

HEAL OUR LAND: PRAYING FORGIVENESS

On September 24, 25, 26 a city-wide service of prayer for healing and forgiveness will take place crossing all communities and denominations. The first night of this event is being hosted here at St. Agnes+Our Lady of Fatima with national and local ministers and

pastors preaching and teaching on the importance of forgiveness for healing and renewal. These gatherings will be held each evening in several locations around the Cleveland area. Please watch for more details as we continue to ask God to heal us and our nation in these most difficult times.

BUILDING UPDATE

Demolition of Schubert Hall begins TOMORROW, Monday September 14. All approvals and changes have been received, and utilities are all switched over to keep us running throughout construction. Please pray for a smooth process and for the safety of all the workers on this project. We expect completion by June of 2021. Thanks for your patience and support!

FORMED:

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

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. CASH APP will be available for the indefinite future. 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. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

CAPUCHINS ON THE MOVE!

After serving in our parish family for two years as a deacon and then a priest, it is with sadness we announce that Br. Akolla will be moving to continue his ministry to the people of St. John Church and Holy Redeemer Church in Philadelphia, Pa. Br. Akolla will serve as assistant pastor/parochial vicar at both parishes. We are grateful for the time he has been with us, the gifts he has shared, and wish him all the best as he moves to a new and challenging ministry. With Br. Akolla's new assignment, Br. Bob will conclude his ministry as administrator of St. Paul Shrine and of St. Peter Church downtown and remain as pastor of St. Agnes+Our Lady of Fatima. Br. Phil Bernier (former pastor of Holy Spirit) will take on the

duties of the Shrine and St. Peter's, returning to Cleveland from his work at the Capuchin Novitiate in California. Br. David remains the pastor at Holy Spirit. These assignments take effect on October 1. May we all hold one another in prayer in these days of change and transition. God bless you and thank you, Br. Akolla!

+PRAY FOR THE SICK+

We pray for all those who are affected in any way by the Corona Virus, or 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 Annette Cardwell Kathy Clayton Mike Conroy Catherine Dominic Terrell Cole Maddy Coughlin Robin Davis Edna Evans Margaret Ferguson Catherine Ford Richard Gayle James Nakima Della Gholson Myron Gholson Toni Griffin-France 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 Michelle Kennedy Janie Kincaid Francesca Lehu Dolores Malby Elizabeth Malby LaVerta Marshall Bill Miller David McClain Chantel McConnell Chaquita McClinton Sharon McDuffie Terri Mohr Verendez Moore Marjorie Murphy Theda Nichols Lounette Payne Erma Pollard Nisha Presley Sue Scott Regina Shanklin Jerry Shelton Kevin Sipp John Strozier 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 Naomi Matthews 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 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!

PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Has finally arrived! Work will be done to have directories available to those who had photos taken, and then additional directories will be made available. Thanks for your patience. How young we all look in the photos!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SIGN UP

Thanks to all who have volunteered so generously to assist with the ministries at Mass. Please sign up for each Mass in the narthex as you enter church for the next weekend. Again, much thanks to all!

PLANS FOR FALL BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will resume after the Labor Day Holiday. We will conduct the study on Wednesday mornings from 10:30 to noon via ZOOM, led by Deacon Hardin Martin and Br. Bob. The log-in information is below.

1. Download the ZOOM app to your computer or open in your browser.
2. The meeting code is **874 1604 7716**
3. The passcode is **229898**
4. Follow the directions on your screen and Br. Bob or Deacon Hardin will welcome you in.
5. You may also call in for the study at 1-312-626-6799. You may need to use the code and password above.

Materials are being gathered to help your study and reflection that can be used online or by hard copy. **The next session will be held on Wednesday, September 16.**

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

Our parish has met just over 90% of our pledged goal for 2020. Our goal this year was \$13,801.00, \$12,501.00 of which has been pledged and \$9,616.00 has been paid. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the work of Catholic Charities in these most trying and difficult of times. Know that your gift comes back to us in the work of the Fatima Family Center in our community.

NEW BISHOP FOR CLEVELAND

Bishop Edward Malesic will become the 12th Bishop of Cleveland on September 14. Please keep our new bishop in your prayers as well as our Diocese.

FAITH FORMATION FROM AFAR

We have begun Bible Study and will be preparing to start the RCIA Process in October. At this time, we

are planning to conduct RCIA **in person with masks and distancing here at the church.** Sessions will begin on October 7 in the SS. Monica and Augustine Rooms at 7pm and run until 8:30 pm. If you are aware of someone who has been thinking about joining our church and becoming part of the Catholic faith, please give their contact information to Br. Bob or send it to him at brotherbob@saolf.org. We will also be interested in those serving as potential sponsors or assisting in the formation presentations. Again, please reach out to Br. Bob.

CYO BASKETBALL

After conversation with the Parish Pastoral Council it is with a desire for the safety of our youth that our parish will not sponsor basketball teams this year. With the construction of Schubert Hall, the limited use of the Family Center, as well as the need to secure additional volunteers to sanitize and clean surfaces before and after practice, it was seen as best to postpone basketball and other sporting activities until next year. Thank you for your understanding and patience in these most challenging times.

A NEW NAME?

We are looking for a new name for our parish hall once it is completed next year. Do you have an idea? A name? Please email Brother Bob with your ideas and they will among those considered as we look to our new parish center. Many have suggested naming it after the donor, but she wanted nothing with her name on it. There has been support for:

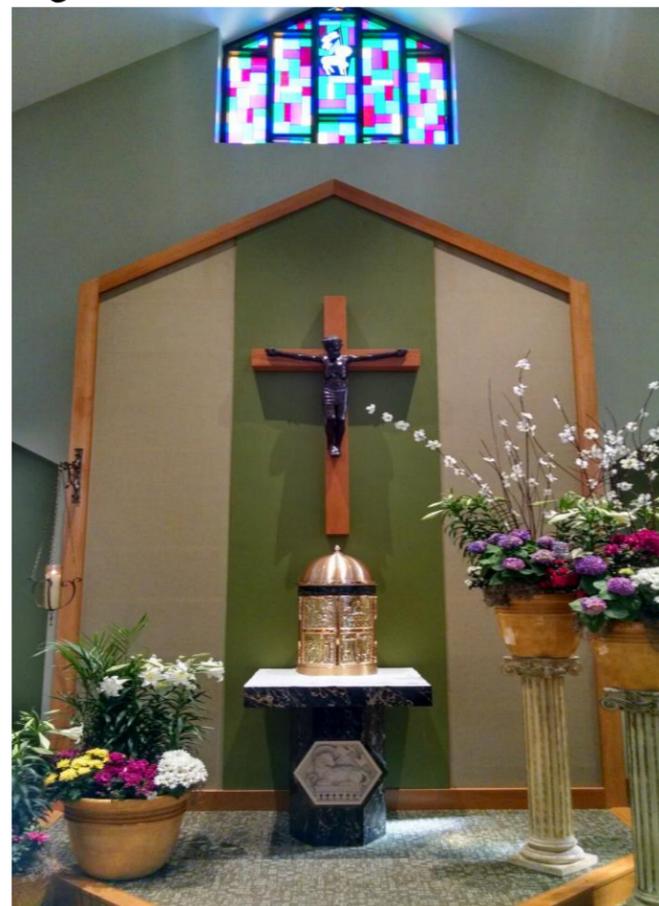
LEGACY HALL
HERITAGE HALL
FOUNDERS' HALL

All of these would allow us to honor and remember those on whose shoulders and sacrifice we stand today. What do you think! A decision will be made on December 1, 2020.

GET OUT AND VOTE

Registration forms for voting are available in the Gallery Hallway as you leave church today. Note also that there are request forms for mail-in and absentee ballots available. In these days of turmoil and political divisiveness, it is more critical than ever to get out and vote. If you do not vote, you have little room to critique the outcome of the elections this November. Your vote counts – we all need it!

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*

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6600 Lexington Ave.
LaJean Ray, Director
216-391-0505

6800 Lexington Avenue
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A Ministry of the Capuchin Franciscan Friars
Visit the Capuchins at www.capuchin.com

PARISH INFORMATION

Office: 216-391-1655
FAX: 216-391-7919
Friary: 216-431-8854
Website: 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