## March 5, 2023 Second Sunday of Lent

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK Lord, it is good that we are here (Mt 17:4). With these words from today's Gospel, St. Peter grasps at the mountain top moment where Jesus is transfigured, and His Divine glory shines forth for Peter, James, and John to see. The disciples are graced with this experience in preparation for the most difficult moment of their lives...the passion and death of their Lord. As we journey with God and seek to give our lives increasingly to Him, He will give us moments of realizing His greatness and consoling us with His Spirit. When we come to Mass, if our hearts are open and we are attentive to the reality before us, we too can say in the Lord's presence "it is good that we are." Then, when things get difficult, we become afraid, and even fall at times, as the disciples did when Jesus faced the cross, we will have the strength to persevere, trust that God is who He has shown Himself to be, and turn back to Him with our whole heart, mind, and soul. Let us give thanks to God as we climb the mountain and encounter Him in His word, sacrament, and our community today!



# St Agnes-Our Lady of Fatima UPDATED FISH FRY ANNOUNCEMENT

## **FISH FRY DONATIONS NEEDED**

To make our fish fry a success, we need donations of certain items: YOUR TIME, POP, WATER,

# BREAD(WHITE AND WHEAT) DESSERTS(CAKE OR COOKIES), SALAD MIX.

Please contact the church office or Carla Grant (216)200-1525, <a href="mailto:cgbible40@gmail.com">cgbible40@gmail.com</a>.

All donations are due by March 9<sup>th</sup> for the 1<sup>st</sup> fish fry.

Thank you for your support.

## MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK

## Sun, Mar 5 – Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4 Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22 2 Tm 1:8-10 Mt 17:1-9

8:30am – Intention of the Celebrant

10:30am – Juanita Griffin, dec.

Mon, Mar 6 – Lenten Weekday

Dn 9:4-10 Ps 79:8-9,11, 13 Lk 6:36-38

Tue, Mar 7 – Lenten Weekday

Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23 Mt 23:1-12

Wed, Mar 8 – Lenten Weekday

Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14-16 Mt 20:17-28

Thu, Mar 9 – Lenten Weekday

Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 16:19-31

Fri, Mar 10 – Lenten Weekday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28 Ps 105:16-21 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Sat, Mar 11 – Lenten Weekday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sun, Mar 12- Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42

## 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.

<u>ALMSGIVING</u>: 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 **HOLY WEEK** schedule will be published SOON!

The Diocesan Evening of Confession will return this year on Wednesday, March 8th. 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 day.



## THE SCRIPTURAL ROSARY

The Rosary Group will be leading a Scriptural Rosary in the Church every Sunday after the 8:30AM Mass beginning Today. Please Join in as we Pray for our Parish, our Community and the World. Rosaries and Prayer Guides will be provided.

# National Black Catholic Congress XIII Write the Vision: A Prophetic Call to Thrive

The National Black Catholic Congress (NBCC) convenes a national congress every five years. Join with other Black Catholics and those who minister to Black Catholics in the United States for a celebration of our faith and culture. The next congress will be held July 20-23, 2023 at the Gaylord National in National Harbor, Maryland. To register, call Fr. James at the Parish office or go to www.nbccgathering2023.org

## Women's Tea:

"Women in Christ, Standing in God's Promises"
Guest Speaker: Rosalyn Atkinson
MAY 20, 2023 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM
LEGACY HALL
6800 LEXINGTON AVE. CLEVELAND, OH
44103

Tickets: \$25

Flyers available in the Church entrances

Join the Saint Agnes-Our Lady of Fatima Parish Men's Group for a MEN'S DAY of RECOLLECTION

"Sons of the Father - United in Christ - Growing in the Holy Spirit"

<u>Date and Location</u>: March 18<sup>th</sup>, Legacy Hall Time: 9:00 AM to 3:00PM

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2022-23

Please sign your child/teen up for First Communion, Confirmation. Faith formation for our youth takes place on Sundays immediately following the **8:30am** Mass from **9:45am–11:00am**. To register your child, pick up a form at the church entrance or call **Mr. Cary Dabney** at 216-391-1655.

#### R.C.I.A. FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN

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

- ♦ Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- ❖ Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- ❖ Is thirsting for God?

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, Mr. Cary Dabney.

#### YOUR SACRIFICE LAST WEEK

Thank you for your sacrificial gift for our church. Your response to our offertory commitment has been tremendous! Our goal to meet our budget is \$5,400.00. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness!

SUNDAY OFFERINGS 02-26-2023
In Church \$5835.00
Ash Wednesday Mass \$110.00
Local Charities \$108.17

Ash Wednesday Mass **Local Charities** \$108.17 Cash App \$167.00 Cash App – Ash Wednesday \$25.00 Vanco On-Line \$1260.94 **Building Fund** \$25.00 Home Missions \$25.00 Donations(Coins) \$10.50 Candles \$5.00 Hall Rental \$560.00 **Total** \$8,131.61

## NINE NIGHTS OF NIGHT PRAYER

On nine consecutive evenings from March 17<sup>th</sup> -March 25<sup>th</sup>, the faithful throughout the Diocese of Cleveland are being invited to participate in nine opportunities to pray the Night Prayer of the Church at different parishes in the Diocese of Cleveland. St. Agnes-Our Lady of Fatima Church will also be hosting this prayerful event during those nights. Our Church will be open from 8:00pm-9 pm each night with prayer beginning at 8:15. We need a few volunteers to help facilitate each night. Instructions will be provided. If you would like to volunteer, please call the Parish or email Fr. James at pastor@saolf.org.

## PRAY FOR THE SICK+

Ogechi Achunine, Georgia Atkinson, Kalima Assami, Joyce Baker, Bessie Bolles, Gabriel Blair, Joyce Blanton-Smith, Anna Broadhead, Thella Brooks, Christine Byrd, William Byrd, Marcella Caffie, Kathy Clayton, Terrell Cole, Robin Davis, Edna Evans, Richard Gayle, James Nakima, Myron Gholson, Yvonne Griffin, Toni Griffin-France, Adriene Hall, JoAnn Hinson, Althea Hite, Ursula Hite, Patricia Heard, Estelle Hodges, Kyllan Hughes, Valada Hutchinson, Maxine Jackson, Andrea Johnson, Joseph Jones, Brianna Jones, Reaber Jones, Craig Kelly, Janie Kincaid, Francesca Lehu, Dolores Malby, Elizabeth Malby, LaVerta Marshall, Bill Miller, David McClain, Chantel McConnell, Chaquita McClinton, Sharon McDuffie, Terri Mohr, Verendez Moore, Lounette Payne, Erma Pollard, Nisha Presley, Sue Scott, Regina Shanklin, Jerry Shelton, Kevin Sipp, Deborah Smedley, John Strozier, Barbara Sudberry, Danita Thomas, Janice Thompson, Hubert Watson, Desiree Webb, Aris White, James Keifer, Kathy Heard, Eboni Edwards, Monique Johnson, Margie

Jones, Barbara Marshall Brown Naomi Matthews, Fay Grady, Tyrone Grady, Rachael Glaster, Jame Hoyle, Judy Guzy, Latina Thomas, Constance Durrah, Mary Roberts, Donald Leftwich, James Jackson, Marcia St. John, Sabrina Wilson, Betty Moore, Ophelia Swain, Fidela Lozada, Evelyn Morson-Eaddie, Alonzo Givens, Yvonne Williamson, Regina Woodard, Beverly Greene-Reed, Jahiem Wilson Ali'Bey, Warren Family, William Jackson, Kardier Jackson, Carol Hollinger, Mattie McDonald, Anita Gullett, Natalie Webb, Carson Wetherwax, Gail Xavier, Jaqueline Zeigler, Darlene Harris, Lasonia Sims, Nina Simmons, Bertha McClain Alexander, Loraine Taylor. FAMILIES: The Lane Family, The Poteat Family

## **Marriage Mentor Training** Saturday, March 18, 9 am – 1 pm St. Francis de Sales, Akron

This training is designed for married couples interested in mentoring engaged couples as they prepare for marriage. The training covers a basic understanding of the Prepare-Enrich Inventory, how it is implemented and used in the diocese, and how to use the Catholic Couples Workbook. The training is \$45 per couple and covers the cost for lunch and the Marriage Mentoring Manual. https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/offices/parishlife/marriage-and-family-ministry/events. If finances are a concern, please reach out to Terri Yohman at tyohman@dioceseofcleveland.org

## **Upcoming Parish Meetings**

Pastoral Council – Thursday, March 9 at 6:30PM: In the Augustine Room

Men's Group - Sunday, March 12, after the 10:30AM Mass: In the Mother Lange/Fr. Tolton Room



**OPEN GYM** St. Agnes Our Lady of Fatima Parish's OPEN GYM program will be held weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning on March 14. Registration is open now to all 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade Youth and Teens in our parish and participants at Fatima

Family Center. For more info and to register your son or daughter, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. You can also contact Fr. James at the parish or Mr. Dell Robinson at (216)470-0398.

## 2023 Catholic Charities Appeal

THANK YOU to all who made a gift to Catholic Charities. Because of your support, hundreds of thousands of individuals will be given help + hope in the Diocese of Cleveland. You can still make a donation by visiting

CatholicCommunity.org/donate or text CCHOPE to 41444.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES			
	8:30 AM	10:30 AM	
5-Mar	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent		
Comm	Keith Durand	Jeanette Austin	
Lector	<b>Donna Dix-Washington</b>	Debbie James	

Server	Uzuchukku Oranugo	Jeremiah Robinson Divine Onuorah
Usher	Karen Larry Theresa Hughley	Donzell Andrew, Jr. Michelle Booker Billy Cardwell
		Erik Smith
12-Mar	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent	
Comm	Pam Pendleton	Anna Smith
Lector	Sandra Gay-Chapman	Yvonne Williamson
Server	Sharla Durand	Melvin Onuorah
		Eric Smedley, Jr.
Usher	<b>Lonnie Smith</b>	Robin Allen
	Lazarus Oranugo	Billy Cardwell
		<b>Antoinette Smith</b>
		Linda Weatherspoon

## LECTORS AND COMMENTATORS

Reminder for all existing Lectors and/or Commentators. There will be a refresher training held on March 11<sup>th</sup> from 10AM to Noon at the Parish. Please contact: Carla Grant at 216-200-1525 or cgbible40@gmail.com to indicate you will be attending. Thank you for serving the Lord with your ministerial gifts!

## LENTEN RENEWAL

Sponsored by the **Office of Black Catholic Ministries** "This is My Story"

Reflections by Sr. Jane Nesmith

March 14-15, 2023

w/Daily Mass on the 15th at 7PM

**Holy Spirit Church** 

4341 E. 131st St. in Garfield Heights 6:30-8:00PM followed by refreshments.

Flyers available at all entrances

## **Parish App Feature-of-the-Week**



- · Mass times for the week
- Always know next Mass
- Reminder to silence your phone before Mass

Mass Times

Learn more or download our parish app at myparishapp.com

\*Available on Apple and Android Phones.

# St. Agnes+Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

A Ministry of the Capuchin Franciscan Friars

## Visit the Capuchins at <a href="www.capuchin.com">www.capuchin.com</a>



## **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 INFORMATION

**Address:** 6800 Lexington Avenue

Cleveland, Ohio 44103

Office: 216-391-1655 FAX: 216-391-7919 Website: www.saolf.org

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

## Fridays: Closed

## **Mass Schedule:**

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

#### **PARISH STAFF:**

Rev. James Watson, OFM Cap. Pastor jwatson@saolf.org

Rev. David Domanski, OFM Cap. Associate Pastor ddomanski@dioceseofcleveland.org

Rev. Mr. Hardin Martin, Deacon deaconmartin@saolf.org

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Mr. Danny McElroy, Director of Music Ministry dannymac63@roadrunner.com

Mr. Reginald Daniels, Custodian custodian@saolf.org

**Fatima Family Center:** 6600 Lexington Ave.

LaJean Ray, Director 216-391-0505

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturdays: 4:00 pm or anytime 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 six months prior to intended date. Contact the parish to schedule an appointment.

#### **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.

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesdays at 12 noon

## **Electronic Giving Opportunities:**

Go to www.saolf.org and click on "Make a Gift."

For CashApp users: send to \$saolf