

March 19, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Lent

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK

“Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart.” (Samuel 16:7)

The people who lived around the man born blind saw him as a poor helpless soul whom God had condemned to a life of darkness due to the sinful actions of his ancestors. They assumed to know who God is and how he works by looking at the appearance of things on the outside. We can often stay on this surface level of things and limit our understanding of God to the way things appear in the world. We can think that, because there is so much unexplainable suffering in the world, God is either behind it all or indifferent to it all. These are both lies that Jesus came to correct. Jesus tells the people the man was born blind so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We know that, by our own free will, sin entered the world. Sin is what we can blame for suffering and death. God can intervene if He chooses. That is what a miracle is. God does not always intervene though. Our faith is based not on God acting according to our ways, rather to His ways. He is always working with our best interests in mind, that is, bringing us all into His eternal life. Can we trust, in the midst of our sufferings and losses, that this is who God is? Can we ask Jesus to open the eyes of our hearts to His love, His mercy, His comfort, His peace? We need to trudge the often difficult journey of life in a world affected by sin. We need to accompany each other and encourage each other through these times. We also need to believe that, in God, all our lives will be made new, good, beautiful, and everlasting in His time and His way. Blessed be God forever!

– Fr. David Domanski, OFM Cap.

St Agnes-Our Lady of Fatima UPDATED FISH FRY ANNOUNCEMENT

FISH FRY DONATIONS NEEDED

We would like to thank everyone who participated in our first fish fry and for your donations. We still need your help with:

Sodas, Desserts, Bread or other personal donations for our next fish fry on Friday, March 31st. You can drop them off at the church Monday through Thursday 10am to 3pm or when you come to mass. *All donations are due by March 30th for the 2nd fish fry.*

If you have any questions please, Carla Grant at 216-200-1525 or cgbible40@gmail.com. Thank you for your support, Church Family.

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK

Sun, Mar 19– Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)
1 Sm 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 Ps 23:1-6 Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41
8:30am – For the Parish
10:30am – For the Healing of Victims of Abuse

Mon, Mar 20 – St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin
2 Sm 7:4-5, 12-14, 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24

Tue, Mar 21 –Lenten Weekday
Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5:1-16

Wed, Mar 22 – Lenten Weekday
Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13-14, 17-18 Jn 5:17-30

Thu, Mar 23 – Lenten Weekday
Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-23 Jn 5:31-47

Fri, Mar 24 – Lenten Weekday
Wis 2:1, 12-22 Ps 34:17-21, 23 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Sat, Mar 25 – The Annunciation of the Lord
Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Ps 40:7-11 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38

Sun, Mar 26- Fifth Sunday of Lent
Ez 37:12-14 Ps 130:1-8 Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45

SEASON of LENT and EASTER VIGIL SCHEDULE

Annunciation of the Lord:
Saturday, March 25th, Mass at 9:00AM

Stations of the Cross:
Every Friday 3PM and 6:30PM
Good Friday – 5PM followed by a Simple Lenten Meal [*We are requesting donations for this meal. Items needed will be posted soon.*]

Holy Triduum
-**Holy Thursday**, 7PM [Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will follow in the Church Hall until 11:00PM]
-**Good Friday**, 7PM
-**Easter Vigil** – 8:45PM (Please note the time change)

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES 2023
Opportunities for scholarships for Education for the 2022-23 academic year will be available to those who qualify and wish to apply. Forms for both the Helen Morris Memorial Scholarship and the Parish Education Assistance Scholarship will be available in the parish office or on our website at <https://www.saolf.org/scholarships> beginning March 20th. Note that the deadline for completed applications is April 30th

OFFERTORY GIVING STATEMENTS are available for your tax and recording purposes. If you desire a statement of your giving for 2022, please contact Brittany Taylor in the Parish Office by phone or email. Statements will only be prepared and sent to those requesting them in order to save paper and postage. Thank you for your support!



THE SCRIPTURAL ROSARY
The Rosary Group will be leading a Scriptural Rosary in the Church every Sunday after the 8:30AM Mass. 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. **DELEGATES FROM OUR PARISH HAVE ALREADY BEEN CHOSEN.** If you would still like to go, we are having a fundraiser to help cut the cost of expenses. To register or for more information, call Fr. James at the Parish office.

Women’s Tea:

“Women in Christ, Standing in God’s Promises”
Guest Speaker: Rosalyn Atkinson
MAY 20, 2023 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM
St. Agnes/Our Lady of Fatima Parish
LEGACY HALL
6800 LEXINGTON AVE.
CLEVELAND, OH 44103
Tickets: \$25
Flyers available in the Church entrances
For more Info:
Please contact Annette Cardwell: (216) 659-1488

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
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 03-05-2023

In Church	\$3445.00
Tax Refund	\$507.99
Local Charities	\$51.00
Cash App	\$172.00
Vanco On-Line	\$857.08
Building Fund	\$25.00
Catholic Relief	\$28.00
Mass Intentions	\$10.00
Fish Fry	\$2272.00
Donations	\$20.00
Candles	\$25.00
Young Adult Ministry	\$10.00
Hall Rental	\$1460.00
Total	\$9,243.07

NINE NIGHTS OF NIGHT PRAYER

Experience the peace & serenity of Night Prayer
March 17th-25th, 2023 @ 8PM

NIGHTS OF NIGHT PRAYER
Catholic Diocese of Cleveland

scripture+community+beauty+tradition

St. Agnes/Our Lady of Fatima Parish
6800 Lexington Ave., Cleveland

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers the soul of our church family member, **Toni Griffin-France**, who passed away this week. Please keep her family in your loving prayers. May all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

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



OPEN GYM St. Agnes Our Lady of Fatima Parish's OPEN GYM program will be held weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays. **WE APOLOGIZE FOR THE DELAY IN GETTING STARTED as we needed to make sure our coach had fulfilled all Diocesan requirements to serve in this ministry.** The date to

begin has been locked in: **Thursday, March 21st: Time: 5PM to 7PM**

Registration is open now to all 6th to 12th grade Youth and Teens in our parish and participants at Fatima Family Center. For more info and to register, contact Fr. James at the parish or Mr. Dell Robinson at (216)470-0398 this week

THE CHRIST CHILD DAY OF RECOLLECTION

An Attitude of Gratitude

with **Sr. Jane Nesmith**, Director of the Office of Black Catholic Ministries for the Diocese of Cleveland

Pope Francis says that "Faith is not a light which scatters all our darkness, but a lamp which guides our steps in the night and suffices for the journey." Join us for this special day to help you to rekindle your source of light so that you may share that light with those you are called to serve on your missionary journey.

Thursday March 30, 2023: 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Fr. Robert Kline Social Center/St. John Vianney

7575 Bellflower Rd. Mentor, OH 44060

\$30.00 per person

FATIMA FAMILY CENTER SPRING ACTIVITIES

Be sure to Pick up a brochure at all church entrances from the Fatima Family Center listing all the programs available this Spring Season.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

8:30 AM

10:30 AM

19-Mar	4th Sunday in Lent	
Comm	Rhonda Cross Mangham	Chi Chi Onuorah
Lector	Uzuamaka Oranugo	Jarred Wilhite
Server	Uzuchukku Oranugo	Jordon Ivery
		Syan Hughes
Usher	Karen Larry	Michelle Booker
	Theresa Hughley	Jeremiah Robinson
		Elinor Williamson
		Dewayne Thomas Jr.
26-Mar	5th Sunday in Lent	
Comm	Keith Durand	Chi Chi Onuorah
Lector	Ellen Connally	Tiana Banks
Server	Sharla Durand	Divine Onuorah
		Melvin Onuorah
Usher	Karen Larry	Angel Lozada
	Lonnie Smith	Jeremiah Robinson
		<i>Needed</i>
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Catholic Relief Services Collection 19 March 2023

The CRS Collection is taken up annually in the Diocese of Cleveland on Laetare (or 'Rejoice') Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent (March 19, 2023) The CRS Collection is one of the twelve national collections established by the bishops of the United States so that, by combining resources, we can more effectively carry out the global mission of the Church. It offers Catholics a convenient opportunity to help more than 110 million people at home and abroad through a charitable contribution during Mass. The CRS Collection supports six Catholic organizations that advance the international social ministry of the Catholic Church.

Catholic Cemeteries Association One-Year Anniversary Mass

The one-year anniversary of the death of a loved one can be a very difficult time for grieving families. For this reason, we remember the dearly departed entrusted to our care and we pray for the peace and consolation of their families in our special One-Year Anniversary Mass. This Mass is celebrated annually near the March feast day of St. Joseph, our model, and intercessor for the grace of a peaceful passage from this life to our eternal home. This year's One-Year Anniversary Mass will be celebrated at

Holy Spirit Catholic Church,

4341 E 131st Street, Garfield Heights, OH 44105.

10:00am on March 20

All are welcome to attend. The Mass will be live-streamed on the **Holy Spirit Parish YouTube channel:** https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzsgSgXg_wO4iQzRh9yLgHMA

For more information contact **Rhonda** or at 216-930-4866.

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Fatima Catholic Church

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Visit the Capuchins at 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 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

Holyday: 7:00 p.m.

PARISH STAFF:

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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."

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