

**March 26, 2023  
Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK**

“Take away the stone.”

This command from the Lord to the people at Lazarus’ gravesite reveals the Lord’s power to remove the barrier between us and God caused by our sin. How? Certainly, Jesus could have removed it Himself, however, he invites those who were there to share in His lifegiving work.

Through the power of His Word, the Lord calls us from death into life, from sin to grace; however, faithlessness and sin on our part can be a barrier to our free response to His Love. Fear not! His love can overcome all barriers. Recall the words of St. Paul in his letter to the Ephesians, in chapter 2: “You were dead in your transgressions and sins in which you once lived following the age of this world. But then St. Paul tells us, “But God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ.

The Lord calls us from death into life; however, the stones of sin and lack of faith need to be removed. When we pray for one another and do works of charity, we are responding to the Lord’s command to remove the stone from the heart of our neighbor so that they can hear his voice much clearer. One powerful way this happens in our Church is through the Sacrament of Confession. In this Sacrament, the priest through the power of Christ, serves to remove the stone and open our hearts to God’s love so that like Lazarus we can hear Him say, “Come Out” and live again.

**St Agnes-Our Lady of Fatima Parish  
LENTEN FISH FRY**

**Friday, March 31st from 11am-2pm & 5-8pm**

**HELP NEEDED**

We would like to thank everyone who participated in our first fish fry and for your donations.

We still need your help with: **preparing boxes, desserts, salads** on Thursday, March 30th beginning at 5:30pm.

**DONATIONS NEEDED**

We are still in need of donations of bread (white/wheat), desserts (cakes or cookies), pops and water by March 30th. Monetary offers are being accepted as well.

**Drop-offs can be made:**

Monday-Wednesday: 10am-2pm.

Thursday: 10am-2pm/5pm-6:30pm

*All donations are due by March 30<sup>th</sup>*

If you have any questions, please contact:  
Carla Grant at 216-200-1525 or [cgbible40@gmail.com](mailto:cgbible40@gmail.com).  
Thank you for your support, Church Family.

**Guardians of Hope Easter Ham Jam**

On Sunday 2 April, the Guardians of Hope will hold the 3rd Annual Fatima/Hough/Collinwood Easter Jam. They will set up approximately 12:15 pm after the 10:30AM Mass. They will be giving away hams, canned foods, clothing, sox, shoes, boots, coats, hats, gloves, blankets, etc. Please inform those in our community in need.

**MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK**

**Sun, Mar 26– Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Ez 37:12-14 Ps 130:1-8 Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45

8:30am – For the needs of the Poor Clare Sisters

10:30am – Paul Frenzel, dec.

**Mon, Mar 27 – Lenten Weekday**

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

**Tue, Mar 28 –Lenten Weekday**

Nm 21:4-9 Ps 102:2-3, 16-21 Jn 8:21-30

**Wed, Mar 29 – Lenten Weekday**

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Dn 3:52-56 Jn 8:31-42

**Thu, Mar 30 – Lenten Weekday**

Gn 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-9 Jn 8:51-59

**Fri, Mar 31 – Lenten Weekday**

Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-7 Jn 10:31-42

**Sat, April 1 – Lenten Weekday**

Ex 37:21-28 Jer 31:10-13 Jn 11:45-56

**Sun, April 2- Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24 Phil 2:6-11

Mt 26:14---24:66

**SEASON of LENT and EASTER VIGIL SCHEDULE**

**Annunciation of the Lord:**

Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, Mass at 9:00AM

**Stations of the Cross:**

Every Friday 3PM and 6:30PM

Good Friday – 5PM followed by a Simple Lenten

Meal: (*Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Salad*)

[We are requesting donations for this meal. Please contact Carla Grant 216-200-1525 or [cgbible40@gmail.com](mailto:cgbible40@gmail.com)

**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 Education Scholarships or assistance during 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** are available in the parish office at <https://www.saolf.org/scholarships> Note that the deadline for completed applications is April 30<sup>th</sup>

**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 03-19-2023**

In Church	\$3021.00
Cash App	\$127.00
Cash App for Sacraments Class	\$10.00
Vanco On-Line	\$731.42
Building Fund	\$136.00
Catholic Relief	\$41.00
Mass Intentions	\$15.00
Hall Rental	\$350.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,431.42</b>

**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, Erna 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-Eddie, 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

**EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS**

Are being accepted in memory of loved ones as we prepare for the feast of Easter. Please use the envelopes provided and turn in through the collection or the parish office. Last day to include memorials is Monday, April 3rd.



**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.**

**Days:** Tuesdays and Thursdays; **Time:** 5PM to 7PM  
 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, 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
<b>26-Mar</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b>	
<b>Comm</b>	<b>Keith Durand</b>	<b>Chi Chi Onuorah</b>
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Ellen Connally</b>	<b>Tiana Banks</b>
<b>Server</b>	<b>Sharla Durand</b>	<b>Divine Onuorah</b>
		<b>Melvin Onuorah</b>
<b>Usher</b>	<b>Karen Larry</b>	<b>Angel Lozada</b>
	<b>Lonnie Smith</b>	<b>Jeremiah Robinson</b>
		<i>Needed</i>
		<i>Needed</i>
<b>2-April</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	
<b>Comm</b>	<b>Betty Smith</b>	<b>Carla Grant</b>
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Sabina Conroy</b>	<b>Lorraine McMillian</b>
<b>Server</b>	<b>Sharla Durand</b>	<b>Jeremiah Robinson</b>
		<b>Eric Smedley Jr.</b>
<b>Usher</b>	<b>Lazuras Oranugo</b>	<b>Donzell Andrew Jr.</b>
	<b>Thomas Stover</b>	<b>Michelle Booker</b>
		<b>Elinor Williamson</b>
		<b>Billy Cardwell</b>

**Qualified Charitable Distributions**

If you are 70 ½ or older, you may be able to make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA that will help us in our ministry and reduce your taxable income. Talk to your advisors and IRA administrator for more information and to be sure that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as our parish. Questions? Contact: **Jean Ann**

**Montagna** of the Catholic Community Foundation at 216-696-6525 x 8070 or visit [www.catholiccommunity.org/ira](http://www.catholiccommunity.org/ira)

**MINISTRIES FOR HOLY WEEK**

Please sign up if you are able to assist in the ministries of the Holy Week liturgies. Please call Carla Grant at 216-200-1525 or email [cgbible40@gmail.com](mailto:cgbible40@gmail.com). You can also contact Fr. James directly during the week. We need *Commentators, Lectors, Greeters, Ushers, and Servers.*

**Practice for Palm Sunday:** Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>: 9:00AM

**Practice for Holy Thursday and Good Friday:**

Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>: 9:00AM(subject to change)

**Practice for the Easter Vigil:** Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>: 9:00AM

Please plan to attend and thank you for your generosity!

We also need 12 volunteers for the **Washing of Feet on Holy Thursday.** Please contact the Office to add your name to the list.

**Come and See Weekend | March 31 - April 2, 2023**

The *Come and See* experience at Borromeo and Saint Mary Seminaries provides a retreat weekend for men between 17 and 44 years of age, offering the opportunity to experience life at the seminary. Please take a few minutes to identify a few potential candidates and contact [Fr. Eric Garris](mailto:Fr. Eric Garris), Vocation Director, 440-943-7655. We will see that they receive a personal invitation.

**THE SACRAMENTS**

**A DEEP LOOK INTO THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH**

**"DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME..."**

**What does it mean to be a sacramental Church?**

**Presented by Mr. Cary Dabney**, Professor of Theology and our Director of Religious Education.

**Wednesday Evenings at 6:30PM**

Our next Topic 3/29/23: **the Sacrament of Confirmation**

*The celebration of the Sacraments are essential to parish life. But why? Why are there 7 sacraments? What are the effects of the sacraments?*

Please join us as we dive into the seven sacraments of the Church. We will uncover the history of the sacraments, the biblical foundations of each sacrament, and the importance of the sacraments to our salvation and living out the Gospel. **Registration is required. To register, please go to the following link: <https://bit.ly/3m0lrEJ> or come in person.**

**St. Agnes+Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church**

*A Ministry of the Capuchin Franciscan Friars*  
 Visit the Capuchins at [www.capuchin.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.saolf.org) and click on “Make a Gift.”

For **CashApp** users: send to **\$saolf**