

September 17, 2023
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK

We recall Jesus' words: "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy." He goes deeper into this Beatitude in today's Gospel. In doing so, our Lord also points out the severity of sin. The sins we committed against God are impossible for us to pay back in full. We could never repay the debt for our sins. St. Paul points this out in the Letter to the Romans, "for the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). This is why the price of sin, all sin, required the sacrifice from our infinite God. Such love demands that we act out of gratitude by forgiving the small debts of sin against us, because we are finite beings, not infinite in nature. Forgiving others also reveals that we are one with Christ. We are acting in imitation of Him Who died for us. In some way, we learn to die for our neighbor. When we choose not to forgive, we can lose the mercy we hope for from God. May we deeply consider the seriousness of what we pray when we recite the Lord's Prayer, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK

Sun, September 17, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 27:30--28:7 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12 Rom 14:7-9 Mt 18:21-35
8:30am – For all of our Parishioners
10:30am – For all Catechists and their Students
Mon, September 18, Seasonal Weekday
1 Tm 2:1-8 Ps 28:2, 7-9 Lk 7:1-10
Tue, September 19, Seasonal Weekday
1 Tm 3:1-13 Ps 101:1-3, 5-6 Lk 7:11-17
Wed, September 20, Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong
1 Tm 3:14-16 Ps 111:1-6 Lk 7:31-35
Thu, September 21, St. Matthew
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Ps 19:2-5 Mt 9:9-13
Fri, September 22, Seasonal Weekday
1 Tm 6:2-12 Ps 49:6-10, 17-20 Lk 8:1-3
Sat, September 23, St. Pius
1 Tm 6:13-16 Ps 100:1-5 Lk 8:4-15
Sun, September 24, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 55:6-9 Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 Phil 1:20-24, 27 Mt 20:1-16

New Member Registration:

If you and your family would like to register to be a member of the St. Agnes Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Parish Family, You can contact the Parish office: (216) 391-1655 or register online at:

<https://saolf-parish.com/New-Registration>



ROSARY after the 8:30 MASS

The Rosary Group leads 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.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES		
	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
17-Sept	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Comm	Mike Bussey	Harold Butler
Lector	Stacy Mangum	Terrence Marsh
Server	Uzuchukku Oranugo	Jeremiah Robinson
		Eric Smedley Jr.
Usher	Lonnie Smith	Donzell Andrew Jr.
	Theresa Hughley	Michelle Booker
		Billy Cardwell
		Lena Austin
17-Sept	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Comm	Sandra Gay-Chapman	Brian Upton
Lector	Doreatha Stover	Angel Lozada
Server	Jeremy Mangum	Thomas Stover
		Lazuras Oranugo
Usher	Jeremiah Robinson	Billy Cardwell
	Eric Smedley Jr.	Antoinette Smith
		Linda Weatherspoon
		Erik Smith

YOUTH AND ADULT ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

If you or your child/teen are interested in this holy ministry, go to <https://www.saolf.org/altar-servers/> or contact the parish office to have a signup form sent to you.
Next training: **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 AT 12:45PM**



Liturgical Ministers

If you are a liturgical minister (Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, Lector, etc.), **please contact to update your contact information: Carla Grant: 216-200-1525 or cgibible40@gmail.com.**

Thank you for serving the Lord with your ministerial gifts!

PASTORAL HOME VISITS

Fr. James is available to visit your home for a family blessing, Anointing of the Sick and other needs. If you would like to schedule a visit, please contact the parish 216-391-1655, email pastor@saolf.org (Please specify: "HOME VISIT" in the subject line.) Also, remember if someone in our parish is in the hospital or nursing home and in need of the Anointing of the Sick, Holy Communion or just a visit, please let him know.

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 09-10-2023:

In Church	\$2576.00
Cash App	\$110.00
Vanco On-Line	\$1047.45
Local Charity	\$5.00
Donation	\$500.00
Candles	\$12.00
Hall Rental	\$1250.00
Total	\$5,500.45

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sacraments and Faith Formation Registration 2023-24:

Classes will begin on **SEPTEMBER 24th**
Please sign your child/teen up for First Communion, Confirmation.
<https://saolf-parish.com/FaithFormation-Registration>
You can also pick up a form at the church entrance or call **Mr. Cary Dabney** at 216-391-1655 ext#14

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** at 216-391-1655 ext#14



State of the Parish Meeting and Fellowship

September 24th after the 10:30 Mass

If you have questions, you can place them in the suggestion box

2023 FIRST STEP Program

The Church's teachings on marriage, divorce, and remarriage are often misunderstood. The First Step program is offered to help everyone, especially those who have been divorced, learn more about Catholic beliefs on marriage and how to submit an 'annulment' case.

Representatives from **Marriage and Family Ministry** of the Diocese of Cleveland will also be present to explain their ministry to those who are **separated or divorced**.

First Step sessions currently scheduled for 2023 are:

- St. Bartholomew Parish, 14865 E. Bagley Rd, **Middleburg Heights, OH 44130, on Wednesday 20 September 2023, 12:15 pm**, in Rectory Meeting Rooms A+B.
- St. Bartholomew Parish, 14865 E. Bagley Rd, **Middleburg Heights, OH 44130, on Wednesday 20 September 2023, 7:00 pm**, in Rectory Meeting Rooms A+B.
- Prince of Peace Parish, 1263 Shannon Ave., **Norton, OH 44203, on Tuesday, September 26 2023 at 7:00 pm** in the Parish Hall.

Hall and Church Cleanup Teams:

Thank you to those who volunteered to be on the Church and Hall monthly cleanup teams. You will be contacted this week. If you are registered in the parish, we will use that information to contact you. via the contact . Our Parish is in need of volunteers to help do minor cleanup of the Hall, lounge area and the Church which includes dusting and cleaning of the walls, etc. If you would like to help, please call the parish during the week or leave an email at pastor@saolf.org

Capuchin Province of St. Augustine Celebrates 150 Anniversary

The Capuchin Franciscan Friars are celebrating 150 years of ministry here in the United States. We will have a local Mass and Fellowship on Saturday, September 30th at St. Paul's Shrine during the 12PM Mass.

Celebrant: Bishop Edward Malesic

Homilist: Fr. Bob Marva

If you plan to come, please send an email to Fr. James at jwatson@saolf.com



Brief History of the Province of St. Augustine

Three friars from Bavaria arrived in Pittsburgh in 1873: Father Hyacinth Epp (photo), Brother Eleutherius Guggenbichler, and Father Matthew Hau. Two years later a group of Westphalian (Germany) friars, headed by Father Anthony Schuermann, set up another foundation of Capuchin friars in Cumberland, MD. In 1882 the two groups were united in one Province, to be known as the Pennsylvania Province or the Province of St. Augustine, so named for the first parish served by the friars in Pittsburgh. Even before becoming an independent jurisdiction, the friars had established friaries from Maryland to Kansas. Because of their German roots, friars were often called upon to serve in communities of newly arrived immigrants from Germany. In 1977 the Province was divided, thus establishing the Province of Mid America, including Missouri, Kansas and Colorado. Today friars of the Province of St. Augustine are serving in the District of Columbia, Ohio, Maryland, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Puerto Rico and Papua New Guinea.

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, Adriene Hall, JoAnn Hinson, Althea Hite, Ursula Hite, Patricia Heard, Estelle Hodges, Kyllan Hughes, Valada Hutchinson, 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-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

Father Roy Lee's Books
 have arrived:

At Last year's Advent Revival, some parishioners requested copies of Fr. Lee's books:

Our Story: A Journey of Human & Spiritual Love
 &
Fractured Church...In the Midst of Making Saints

If your name was on the list for one or both of these books, please contact Fr. James to pay for and receive your book(s). Each book costs \$15. You will be contacted after September 24th if you have not responded.

Fatima Family Center Fall Programs

September 5th through December 9th 2023

This is a short list. For the full list, grab a handout in the narthex or call the center at 216-391-0505

Footprints for Fatima
 Saturday, September 30
 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Location: John Carroll University,
 1 John Carroll Blvd., University Heights

Event Contact: Julia Arnold-Hess - arrupe@jcu.edu

Footprints for Fatima is an annual 5K run and 1 mile walk fundraiser to benefit the Fatima Family Center and the Fatima Food drive. Proceeds go toward feeding 150 families in Cleveland's Hough neighborhood and creating awareness about food insecurity in our city through advocacy.

Book Band Week(Oct 1-7) Activities: Are you aware that Ohio has a list of banned books? Let's talk and impact this by stressing the power of reading and how we can get involved. We want to identify volunteers who would be willing to come in and read to our children. Please call 391-0505 and leave your name and number.

Silver Threads: Adults 60 and up. Structured activities include Bible study, arts and crafts, table games, sewing, field trips, rummy cube, technology instruction, bingo, live music, book clubs, bid whist, continental breakfast, lunch and fun. Monday through Thursday 9:30 to 4:30 pm.

Technology Classes: All participants will have the opportunity to learn Google Suites (email, photos, calendar, maps, connect mobile devices to computer and other self-identified interests/skills.

Seniors Mondays 11:30-12:30
 Adults Mondays 2:00 -3:00
 Adults Mondays 5:00-6:00

MOWTOWN NIGHT



This event is Bring your own Food and Drinks:
For more information: Carla Grant: 216-200-1525 or cgbible40@gmail.com

Annual Walk to Remember
 October 1, 2023, 1-2PM

During October, the month of the Most Holy Rosary, Catholic Cemeteries Association invites families to participate in a **half-mile walking Rosary** in honor of departed loved ones. We walk, we pray, we sing, and we remember. For those who cannot walk, or in case of rain, the Rosary will be prayed in the mausoleum or in the cemetery office. At the end of the Rosary, there is a brief candle lighting ceremony in remembrance of our dearly departed. This is a great communal prayer opportunity for families and for Rosary Prayer organizations in your parish. Whether walking or not, you can also honor your departed loved ones on our "In Remembrance" Wall. Submit names by September 30th to be included for the month of October. Pre-Register and/or submit Remembrance Names TODAY by phone, 216-930-4866, **email, US mail (return form at bottom of flyer located in the Narthex)**. Onsite registration is available the morning of the Walk.

Walk to Remember locations:

- All Saints Cemetery | 480 W. Highland Rd., Northfield OH | Starts at Nativity Mausoleum
- All Souls Cemetery | 10366 Chardon Rd., Chardon | Starts at Mary Queen of Peace Mausoleum
- Calvary Cemetery | 10000 Miles Ave., Cleveland | Starts at Main Office
- Holy Cross Cemetery | 100 E Waterloo Rd., Akron | Starts at Sacred Heart Mausoleum
- Holy Cross Cemetery | 14609 Brookpark Rd., Brook Park | Starts at St. Jude Mausoleum
- Resurrection Cemetery | 6303 Center Road (Rt. 303) Valley City | Starts at Main Office
- St. Joseph Cemetery | 32789 Detroit Road, Avon | Starts at St. Joseph Mausoleum

St. Agnes+Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

A Ministry of the Capuchin Franciscan Friars
 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
Email: parish@saolf.org
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:

- Rev. James Watson, OFM Cap. Pastor
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- Rev. Mr. Hardin Martin, Deacon
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- Miss Brittany Taylor, Parish Secretary
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- Mr. Cary Dabney, Director of Religious Education
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- Mr. Reginald Daniels, Custodian

Fatima Family Center: 6600 Lexington Ave.
 LaJean Ray, Director
 216-391-0505

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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**