

**September 24, 2023**  
**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK**

In Today's Gospel, Jesus reveals the generous mercy and patience of God in two ways. One, we recall his mercy for the world through salvation history reveal in Scripture. Israel, God's Chosen People, would come to faith in the Lord first and their service to Him would lead to the offer of salvation to the Gentiles during the time of the Messiah. Jesus reveals this plan clearly to His Apostles after His Resurrection in the Gospel of Matthew 28:18-21, "Then Jesus approached and said to them, 'All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.'" All who faithfully serve Him no matter how late they came to faith will be generously rewarded. The passage also considers those who come to faith at various stages of life from childhood to adulthood. "Why do you stand here idle all day?" St. Gregory explains that the Lord does consider those who come to faith in his Son, Jesus at different stages in life for various reasons; however, the question from the owner is also a call for conversion for those who throughout life sought to serve their own will rather than God's will. As Scripture tells us, "regard the patience of our Lord as salvation" (2 Peter 3:15) We rejoice in the generous mercy of God the Father who grants salvation to all who come to conversion even at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour.

**MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK**

**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  
 8:30am – For Migrants and Refugees  
 10:30am – For Migrants and Refugees  
**Mon, September 25, Seasonal Weekday**  
 Ezra 1:1-6 Ps 126 1:1-6 Lk 8:16-18  
**Tue, September 26, Seasonal Weekday**  
 Ezra 6:7-8, 12, 14-20 Ps 122:1-5 Lk 8:19-21  
**Wed, September 27, St. Vincent de Paul**  
 Ezra 9:5-9 Tb 13:2, 3-4, 7-8 Lk 9:1-6  
**Thu, September 28, Seasonal Weekday**  
 Hg 1:1-8 Ps 149:1-6, 9 Lk 9:7-9  
**Fri, September 29, Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael**  
 Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 138:1-5 Jn 1:47-51  
**Sat, September 30, St. Jerome**  
 Zec 2:5-9, 14-15 Jer 31:10-13 Lk 9:43-45  
**Sun, October 1, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Ez 18:25-28 Ps 25:4-9 Phil 2:1-11 Mt 21:28-32

**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   |
| <b>24-Sept</b>                | <b>Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> |  |
| <b>Comm</b>                   | Sandra Gay-Chapman                          | Brian Upton  |
| <b>Lector</b>                 | Doreatha Stover                             | Angel Lozada   |
| <b>Server</b>                 | Jeremy Mangum                               | Melvin Onuorah   |
| <b>Usher</b>                  | Thomas Stover<br>Lazuras Oranugo            | Gavin Smedley<br>Billy Cardwell<br>Antoinette Smith<br>Linda Weatherspoon<br>Erik Smith                      |
| <b>1-Oct</b>                  | <b>Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> |  |
| <b>Comm</b>                   | Betty Smith                                 | Josie Kramer   |
| <b>Lector</b>                 | Dell Robinson                               | Tara Young   |
| <b>Server</b>                 | Uzuchukku Oranugo                           | Divine Onuorah<br>Eric Smedley Jr.<br>Michelle Booker<br>Jeremiah Robinson<br>Elinor Robinson<br>Lena Austin |
| <b>Usher</b>                  | Lonnie Smith<br>Theresa Hughley             |  |

**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 [cgbible40@gmail.com](mailto:cgbible40@gmail.com).**

Thank you for serving the Lord with your ministerial gifts!

**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:

- Prince of Peace Parish, 1263 Shannon Ave., Norton, OH 44203, on **Tuesday, September 26 2023 at 7:00 pm** in the Parish Hall.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Sacraments and Faith Formation Registration 2023-24:**

Classes begin TODAY, **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

**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](mailto: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 09-17-2023:**

|                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| In Church       | \$2603.00         |
| Cash App        | \$277.00          |
| Vanco On-Line   | \$717.79          |
| Building Fund   | \$94.00           |
| Mass Intentions | \$20.00           |
| Candles         | \$5.00            |
| Hall Rental     | \$2520.00         |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>\$6,236.79</b> |



**BLESSING OF PETS**

In remembrance of St. Francis, the patron of ecology and peace, pets will be blessed at the front of the church

**Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> (outside): beginning at 2PM 'til 2:30PM.** If weather is bad, all will gather in the narthex of the church. Bring your pets big and small (preferably on a leash!) to receive a blessing from the Lord in the spirit of St. Francis.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.



**Transitus of Saint Francis: Welcoming Sister Death**

**Tuesday, October 3, 2022, 7:00 PM**

**Location:** The Conversion of St. Paul Shrine, 4120 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44103

**You are invited to join with the Capuchin Franciscan friars and the Poor Clair sisters in this annual prayerful celebration of the passing of St. Francis from this life to eternal life on the Eve of his feast day. A social with refreshments will be held afterwards.**

### Hall and Church Cleanup Teams:

Thank you to those who volunteered to be on the Church and Hall monthly cleanup teams. We were not able to contact you this week, but you will be called this week as we plan to begin in October. If you are registered in the parish, we will use that information to contact you. **If your information needs to be updated, please call the office Monday through Thursday between 9:30pm-3:30pm.** For those still interested in helping, please call the parish during the week or leave an email at [pastor@saolf.org](mailto:pastor@saolf.org)

### Operation Good News 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, “We’ve Come This Far by Faith”

**Sat. November 11<sup>th</sup> Noon - 3pm with 4pm Mass,  
Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church – Cummins Hall:**

Operation Good News (OGN) invites all to celebrate 45 years of our unique lay-led Black Catholic renewal ministry in the Diocese of Cleveland. OGN has encouraged spiritual growth in Cleveland’s African-American communities since 1979 with bi-annual retreats, prayer groups, and bible studies and is open to adults of any denomination over the age of 18 years. The celebration includes an elegant lunch, history and sharing from founding members, and in honor of Black Catholic History Month, a tribute to our local Black Catholic Religious and those who have supported OGN through the years, followed by Mass at Our Lady of Peace parish: 12601 Shaker Blvd, Cleveland OH 44120. The cost is \$20 per person, due by October 27, 2023, checks payable to “Operation Good News” c/o Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 4341 East 131<sup>st</sup> Street, Garfield Hts OH 44105. To RSVP and for more details, contact Juanita 216-659-3569 or Deland 216-249-4249.

### 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 24<sup>th</sup> if you have not responded.

### 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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

### 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



### Motown Night

Friday, November 10th, 2023  
(RESCHEDULED AGAIN)

**Our Church is planning a soul-filled, social event and we can use your help. Thank you to those who offered to help.**

**Tickets will be \$10 and an updated flyer will be available next Sunday, October 1st**

## 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

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**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:

Rev. James Watson, OFM Cap. Pastor  
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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](http://www.saolf.org) and click on “Make a Gift.”  
For **CashApp** users: send to **\$saolf**