

**November 5, 2023
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK

Today's readings remind me of one of my former pastors, the late Fr. William(Bill) McGeown, who not only preached the Truth, but also lived it. He was my inspiration for becoming a priest and the first to ever ask me if I considered becoming one. I worked for Fr. Bill as a sexton(parish maintenance man and sacristan). I often share the story of how he took me one day to see what he did as a priest. He took me to the home of a homebound parishioner who was living alone in a big house in very poor condition. I watched as he cleaned the house and her commode. He even washed her face and I think I recall him giving her the anointing of the sick. The message he offered me that day was life changing. I got to know a part of the life a priest lived that was hidden to most of us. It also moved me to open my heart to follow his example. Christ wants us to not only proclaim His Truth, but to also live it. In doing so, it will lead others to know Him, love Him and serve Him as true Christians.

BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES

Feast Day: November 3



Martin de Porres became the first Black American saint when he was canonized by Pope John XXIII on May 16, 1962. Martin was born in 1579, in Lima, Peru as the illegitimate son of Don Juan de Porres of Burgos a Spanish nobleman, and Ana Velasquez, a young freed Negro slave girl. From early childhood Martin showed great piety, a deep love for all God's creatures, and a passionate devotion to Our

Lady. At the age of 11 he took a job as a servant in the Dominican priory and performed his work with such devotion that he was called "the saint of the broom." Martin was placed in charge of the Dominicans' infirmary where he became known for his tender care of the sick and for his spectacular cures. In recognition of his fame and his deep devotion, his superiors dropped the stipulation that "no black person may be received to the holy habit or profession of our order" and so Martin was vested in the full habit and took solemn vows as a Dominican brother. He established an orphanage and a children's hospital for the poor children of the slums. He set up a shelter for the stray cats and dogs and nursed them back to health. Many miraculous cures, including the raising of the dead, bilocation, and levitation were attributed to him.

Taken from National Black Catholic Congress Website:
<https://nbccongress.org/noteworthy-black-catholics/>

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK

Sun, Nov 5, Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mal 1:14-2:2, 8-10 Ps 131:1-3 1 Thes 2:7-9, 13 Mt 23:1-12
8:30am – The soul of Fr. Mike Greb, OFM Cap.
10:30am – Mother Mary James of the PCPA, Abbess
Mon, Nov 6, Seasonal Weekday
Rom 11:29-36 Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36 Lk 14:12-14
Tue, Nov 7, Seasonal Weekday
Rom 12:5-16 Ps 121:1-3 Lk 14:15-24
Wed, Nov 8, Seasonal Weekday
Rom 13:8-10 Ps 112:1-2, 4-5, 9 Lk 14:25-33
Thu, Nov 9, The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17
Jn 2:13-22
Fri, Nov 10 Saint Leo the Great
Rom 15:14-21 Ps 98:1-4 Lk 16:1-8
Sat, Nov 11, Saint Martin of Tours
Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 Ps 145:2-5, 10-11 Lk 16: 9-15
Sun, Nov 12, Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 6:12-16 Ps 63:2-8 1 Thes 4:13-18

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sacraments and Faith Formation Registration 2023-24:

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

YOUTH AND ADULT ALTAR SERVERS

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. **TRAINING DAY(For ALL ALTAR SERVERS): Saturday, December 2 at 10:00AM**

Upcoming Parish Meetings

Spiritual Life and Liturgy Commission– Wednesday, November 8 at 6:45PM: In the St. Augustine Room

Men's Group – Sunday, March 12, after the 10:30AM Mass: Room to be determined

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 10-29-2023:

In Church	\$3202.00
Cash App	\$127.00
Vanco On-Line	\$684.45
Total	\$4013.45



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

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05-Nov	Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Comm	Shirley Tucker	Chi Chi Onuorah
Lector	Stacy Mangum	Brian Upton
Server	Jeremy Mangum	Gavin Smedley Divine Onuorah
Usher	Lonnie Smith Lazuras Oranugo	Yvette Andre Yvonne Griffin Sheila Griffin-McCoy Erik Smith
12-Nov	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Comm	Ellen Connally	Lorraine McMillian
Lector	Dell Robinson	Josie Kramer
Server	Sharla Durand	Jeremiah Robinson Sa'Vannah Love
Usher	Theresa Hughley Lonnie Smith	Michelle Booker Billy Cardwell Linda Weatherspoon Antoinette Smith

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION

CEMETERY SUNDAY MASS - TODAY- NOV 5th 3:00PM

Join us in the celebration of Mass. **Cemetery Sunday Mass** is schedule for November 5, 2023 at 3 p.m. Mass will be celebrated at the following cemeteries:

- **All Saints Cemetery**, 480 W. Highland Road, Northfield OH, Nativity Mausoleum
- **All Souls Cemetery**, 10366 Chardon Road, Chardon, Service Building
- **Calvary Cemetery**, 10000 Miles Avenue, Cleveland, Main Office
- **Calvary Cemetery**, 555 N. Ridge Rd, Lorain, Our Lady of Guadalupe Mausoleum
- **Holy Cross Cemetery**, 100 E Waterloo Road, Akron, Sacred Heart Mausoleum

- **Holy Cross Cemetery**, 14609 Brookpark Road, Brook Park, Service Building
- **St. Joseph Cemetery**, 32789 Detroit Road, Avon, St. Joseph Mausoleum
- **St. Mary Cemetery**, 4270 E. 71st Street, Cuyahoga Hts OH, Service Building

For more information or if you have questions, please contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

Operation Good News – 45th Anniversary Celebration,

“We’ve Come This Far by Faith”

Sat. November 11th 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 131st Street, Garfield Hts OH 44105. To RSVP and for more details, contact Juanita 216-659-3569 or Deland 216-249-4249.

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, 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, Danny Couch, Delvonte Grant
FAMILIES: The Lane Family, The Poteat Family

Catholic Charities



**A time to heal.
A time to help.**

2023 Catholic Charities Appeal

Just over \$13.5M has been raised as of August 31.

Starting September 13, 50,000 households received a letter from Bishop Malesic asking for monetary support of the 2023 Appeal. We are fast approaching our \$14.0M goal and every little bit helps support the 425,000 who rely on the 160 programs throughout the diocese.

NOTE: As of September, **St. Agnes Our Lady of Fatima Parish has raised 54%(\$7,483.96) of our goal of \$13,801.** Reaching our goal helps bring additional funds to our parish enabling us to build the ministries we need in our community.

Please Donate today:

<https://www.catholiccommunity.org/human>
or text CCHUMAN to 41444.



THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST

For Adults 40 & Over
Monday, Nov. 13

Copper Cup (Ironwood Café)
688 Dover Center in Westlake.

Fitting for the month of Nov., Fr. Andy Turner, Rector for both Borromeo & St. Mary's Seminaries, will speak to us about

Gratitude: **It is Good for us to be Here!** Cost is \$15.00 per person which includes light appetizers & refreshments. Cash Bar is also available. Advance tickets highly recommended as space is limited & this will sell out.

Register in advance: www.theologyontherockswest.com

Doors open at 6:30pm. Program begins at 7pm

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 Eucharist or just a visit, please let him know.

SAOLF PARISH EDUCATION COMMISSION

Tutoring Program

Has established a Tutoring Program Committee looking to start a tutoring program for our parish and community. We are gathering information to help the commission provide a tutoring program that will meet our students' needs. Please fill out the online survey at the following link to help us in this goal:

Survey link: <https://forms.gle/CrVp3Lsjyq6EBXyr9>



Van
Ministry

Sunday Van Driver

We are looking for a Parish Van Drivers. We are getting calls from people who would like to come to Mass who could use this service. **The Parish**

Van drivers provide transportation to church members for 10:30am Mass on Sunday morning. Must possess valid driver's license, be at least 21 years of age with clean driving record and willing to undergo Safe-Environment training. If interested, please contact: Fr. James Watson: jwatson@saolf.org

Father Roy Lee's Books

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 by the parish secretary this week if you have not responded.

EUCCHARIST UNDER BOTH SPECIES



Beginning on the 1st Sunday of Advent, our parish will return to offering Holy Eucharist under both species, **Body and Blood of Christ**(The Consecrated bread and wine). Cup). Remember, Communion is always "valid under both species". Therefore, if you only receive Jesus under the form of wine or under the form of bread, you're receiving Him in whole.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES...

We are looking for only 4 volunteers to help with labeling the new envelopes Next Friday at 2:00PM. in the Parish Office. If you are available to help, please email Fr. James at pastor@saolf.org

Please Note: IF YOU NO LONGER NEED ENVELOPES, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

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

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**