

ST. JOHN FISHER CHURCH • MARCH 12, 2017

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

PARISH EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, March 14

10:00 am – Tuesdays @ 10

6:30 pm – RCIA

Wednesday, March 15

8:30 am – 11:30 am – Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, March 18

Fair Trade coffee sale after Mass

7:45 am – Catholic Men's Fellowship

11:00 am - 5:30 pm – Confirmation Retreat

Sunday, March 19

Fair Trade coffee sale after Masses



Readings for The Third Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4:5-42

There will be no Hospitality on March 12th!

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

Has someone you love stopped going to Mass or feels separated from the church? Join the Lord in inviting him or her back to church. The doors of Catholic churches across the archdiocese of Cincinnati will be open for quiet prayer and confession on Tuesday, March 14th from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. The Light is On for You is a way for those who have been away from the church to experience the love and mercy of God. If the time is right, invite him or her to consider talking with a priest and receive the grace of the sacrament of reconciliation. Learn more at www.lightison4u.org

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT- MARCH 25!

Our annual retreat this year will be a Lenten Retreat focused on the Prodigal Son parable. Please consider joining other members of the SJF community to listen, reflect, and share your thoughts about this powerful story. Several presentations will be given by Deacon Tom Gaier, Suzanne Schneller and Jim Crosby, offering reflections and perhaps some new insights into the story and how to connect them to our own lives. We will begin at 10:00 am and finish in time to attend 4:30 pm mass if you choose. The cost is \$20.00 per person and includes lunch. For more information, contact Jim Crosby in the parish office at 561-9431 ext 113 or email jimc@sjfchurch.org

FAIR TRADE COFFEE SALE NEXT WEEKEND

Sale of coffee, tea, candy bars etc. next weekend, March 18th and 19th after all Masses.

SUMMER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: SAVE THE DATES!

Our annual Summer Religious Education (SRE) program will be held from July 24th – August 4th, 2017. The classes are Monday through Friday from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm and are for children entering grades 1-8 in the fall of 2017.

PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES

The parish pictorial directories have arrived. If your family participated by having your pictures taken, please pick up your directory in the church office.

RICE BOWL COLLECTION FOR PARISH CHILDREN

ENCOUNTER NUTRITION – Catholic Relief services helps people to adapt to the changing climate so that they can be successful in their own land. We encounter Evelina in Zambia as she and other mothers in her community learn new ways to provide nutritious meals for their growing children and families. How do we ensure that those who are hungry have not only food but true nourishment? Visit crsricebowl.org for more

THE POWER OF READING – THE POWER OF MUSIC

Local professional musicians will share their talents in a concert to benefit The Literacy Council of Clermont & Brown Counties on Sunday, March 19th at 2 pm at Saint Timothy's. The agency serves adults who need help with literacy skills – more than 20% of the population! – by matching them with trained, one-on-one volunteer tutors. St. John Fisher Parishioner Ron Bona-Hatem's wife, Suzanne, is a flutist and host of the Sunday Baroque radio program on WGUC. She is organizing the concert, which will feature musicians from the CCM faculty and Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra. CINCINNATI BENGALS Assistant Coach Paul Alexander is Honorary Advocate for the event and an amateur pianist himself, who will "tackle" music by Chopin! SJF Parishioners Maryann Ziemer and Dee Harsham are volunteers for the event, which is at Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church, 8101 Beechmont Ave. Advance tickets are \$25 (\$15 for children and students) and can be purchased online at ClermontBrownLiteracy.org or tickets can be purchased at the door for \$30.

OUR BULLETIN – DIOCESAN PUBLICATIONS

Jim Mazza representing **Diocesan Publications** (our bulletin Publisher) will be at the parish soon. He will be renewing present advertising and seeking new ones. If interested, please call the parish office, or you may contact **Jim** directly at 513-748-3007 or jmazza@diocesan.com. We feel this is an excellent service and that the sponsors get good coverage with their ads. **THANKS TO YOU** and **DIOCESAN PUBLICATIONS**, the bulletin is published weekly at no cost to the parish.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Please welcome our newest members, Ed and Cheryl Watren who joined the parish in February.

All ministers may check their future schedules at:
www.ministryschedulerpro.com?user=stjvolunteer

SERVER SCHEDULE

March 18th and 19th

Saturday, 4:30 pm – William Henkel, Olivia Walsh

Sunday, 9:00 am – Mac Castellini, Philip Messerly, Need one more server please!

Sunday, 11:00 am – Joey Restle, Mary Forte, Need 1 more server please!

FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Just to review the laws for your information.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

The norms of fasting are obligatory from age 18 until 59. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding from age 14 onwards.

EASTER FLOWERS - MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Envelopes are available in the Gathering Space to donate to this year's Easter flowers in remembrance or honor of a loved one. Please feel free to take an envelope & return it either in the collection or to the church office with your request and donation by Sunday April 9th. Thank you!

FEBRUARY 2017 OFFERTORY

Weekly Offertory - \$30,627

Electronic Giving - \$8,684

Actual Offertory Received - \$39,311

Budgeted Offertory - \$36,000

Thank you for your wonderful response to our 2017 Offertory Commitment efforts! As of March 2nd, we have received commitments from 100 parish families who have agreed to increase their giving level by a total of \$30,689. We have also noticed an increase in offertory from some parishioners who did not formally respond to the letter and want to acknowledge our appreciation to them as well. Thanks to all of you for your generosity!

While these are encouraging results, we have not received responses from approximately 75% of those to whom we sent a letter. We would again ask for your prayerful consideration of a 5-10% increase in your offertory contribution, particularly if you are not a regular contributor. Similar to your family expenses, our parish expenses typically increase every year and your additional support will help us keep up with rising costs. If you have misplaced your letter and would like another copy, please contact the parish office. Thank you for your consideration!

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL UPDATE

To date, the 2017 Catholic Ministries appeal has raised just over \$2.4 million in pledges from 13,000 families! The appeal is off to a great start, but we still have a ways to go to reach the \$5 million goal. St John Fisher has a goal of \$21,612 and so far we have pledges of \$8,820.00. As you see we have a long way to go. There are envelopes in the transition area for your convenience. Thank you to all those who have participated.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 13

12:00 pm – Daniel List (Carol & Larry Fobiano)

Tuesday, March 14

8:00 am – Communion Service

Wednesday, March 15

8:00 am – Jerome Fagel, Birthday Remembrance (Mary Ann Fagel)

Thursday, March 16

8:00 am – Larry Frede (Steve & Patti Sholtes)

Friday, March 17

12:00 pm – Communion Service

Saturday, March 18

4:30 pm – Tom Rohling (Ted & Mary Ann Rohling)

Sunday, March 19

9:00 am – Intentions of Anita Schafer (Rita & Norma)

11:00 am – St. John Fisher Community

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM

March 17, 2017 – Melinda Wessling and Maryellen Lengle

FORMED – FORGIVEN

Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession, is the latest addition to the Augustine Institute's library of sacramental programs. FORGIVEN explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament reveals the depth and bounty of God's love. By looking at God's revelation of his mercy in Scripture and making a step-by-step examination of the rite itself, FORGIVEN communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The entire FORMED website is available free to our parishioners. If you have not yet signed up for FORMED, here's how easy it is: go to www.formed.org. You will see a box that says "Register-sign up using your parish code." Type in the parish code: B68MWG. Now set up a username and a password and you are all set to use all the great programs on formed.org anytime by simply logging in.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

our parishioners who are sick

and in need of your prayers: Martie Kline, Bob Kneipp, Jeannie Koepfer, Esther Montag, Barbara Mueller, Lee Murrell, Audrey Rapien, Geneva Schafer-Minnich, Anita Schafer, Katie Wellman, Jean Werning.



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