

# 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Reconciliation/  
Confession

**SATURDAYS:**  
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Mass

**MONDAY-FRIDAY:** 8:00AM  
**SATURDAY VIGIL:** 5:00PM  
**SUNDAY:** 7:30AM, 9:00AM,  
11:00AM



Eucharistic  
Adoration

**MONDAYS &  
WEDNESDAYS:**  
8:30AM - 9:00PM

"Blessed  
are you  
who are  
poor,  
for the  
kingdom  
of God  
is yours."

*Luke 6:20*

## Parish Directory

**PARISH OFFICE:** 440-526-1686  
**PSR:** 440-526-3520  
**ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL:** 440-717-0398

## Office Hours

**MONDAY-THURSDAY:** 8AM - 7PM  
**FRIDAY:** 8AM - 5PM  
**SATURDAY:** 8AM - 12PM  
**SUNDAY:** CLOSED

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Mass Intentions  
FOR THE WEEK



**\*\*Daily Mass will now be in the Parish Center**

**Monday, February 17, 2025 – President's Day**

9am William J. Lisy (*Lois Ganley*)



**Tuesday, February 18, 2025**

8am Margaret Ferfolia (*The Ferfolia Family*)

**Wednesday, February 19, 2025**

8am Judy Wagner (*Dad Krejci & Family*)

**Thursday, February 20, 2025**

8am Parishioners of St. Basil

**Friday, February 21, 2025**

8am Carmella Sciria (*Paula & Tom Murphy*)

**\*\*Saturday Vigil Mass will now be in the Family**

**Life Center**

**Saturday, February 22, 2025**

5:00pm Savannah Rose Adamczyk  
(*Charmaine & Chuck Adamczyk*)  
(*Fr. Liptak*)

**\*\*Sunday Mass will now be in the Family Life**

**Center**

**Sunday, February 23, 2025**

7:30am Anne & John Trzop  
(*Mark & Paula Nylander*) (*Fr. Liptak*)

9:00am Parishioners of St. Basil (*Fr. Mann*)

11:00am Deceased Members of the Toth &  
Saracson Families (*Mary Toth & Family*)  
(*Fr. Liptak*)

**(No 5:30pm Mass today)**



The Parish Office will  
be closed Monday,  
February 17<sup>th</sup> in  
observance of  
President's Day.

Offertory February 9, 2025

Regular weekly collection \$29,450.67

Monthly maintenance \$4,591.25



Thank you for your continued support!



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 23, 2025

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Samuel 26: 2-7-9, 12-13, 22-23

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 45-49

Gospel: Luke 6: 27-38

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,  
and a light unto my path."

# Stained Glass Spotlight

While I haven't seen this exact window in person, I had the unique experience of contemplating this image almost daily when I previously worked at the Catholic Cemeteries Association for the Diocese of Cleveland. The Assumption of Mary, as this window beautifully portrays, is the logo for the cemeteries, and a powerful reminder of what God's promise is for those who follow Him. He promises to one day lift our entire being, body and soul, into Heaven.

Our physical bodies are part of God's beautiful creation, yet that world seems determined in making us believe our bodies are a source of weakness or even ugliness at times. The world is constantly pushing new drugs, new procedures, new supplements, new anything that will help us "cheat the system" and prevent our bodies from aging or getting sick.

This image tells us something different. Mary was fully human and therefore fully subject to the tolls time takes on the body. Yet, when it was time for her to join her Son in Heaven, God didn't leave her body behind. Instead, He showed us the sacred reality that our body and our soul were not designed to be permanently separated. Our bodies are sacred. How we treat our bodies matters. What we do with them matters. How we view our own body matters. We are called to love our bodies despite whatever changes age, illness, or life circumstances may bring.

For me, the image of the Assumption fills me with peace and has helped repair my relationship with my body. It reminds me that my body is part of God's creation, and everything God creates is beautiful. For anyone who is struggling to accept and love their body, whatever the circumstances, I hope this image brings you the same comfort and hope that it has brought me.



Mary, Parish Church of the Visitation of the Virgin Mary, Zagreb, Croatia  
Katie Rosen, Life Teen Assistant



What an honor to be able to provide music for the families that recently lost a loved one at Holy Family Hospice. Once a month, a Mass is held for families that lost a loved one in that month. A beautiful ministry by all of the people that work and minister there.

FREE CONCERT

# A Night of Beauty

Featuring the St. Basil the Great Music Ministry

## Requiem for the Living

by Dan Forrest

St. Michael the Archangel Parish

3114 Scranton Rd, Cleveland, OH 44109

March 7, 2025, 7:00 pm

Join the St. Michael Community for Stations of the Cross before the concert at 6:30 pm.

Parking at St. Michael is limited and carpooling is encouraged. A lot is located across the street from St. Michael (3115 Scranton Rd) or on the streets surrounding the parish. There are 2 buses that will leave St. Basil at 5:45 pm and return around 9:00 pm. The bus is free but registration is required. You can register online at [basilthegreat.org/forms](http://basilthegreat.org/forms) or by scanning the QR Code.

St. Michael will be live streaming the concert on their Parish Facebook page, St. Michael the Archangel / San Miguel Arcángel - Cleveland.

We will take a free will offering for St. Michael the Archangel Parish. Help us bring warmth to their community, your generous offering will support the new heating system at St. Michael.

Reserve a spot on the bus!



# LENT STARTS

## ASH WEDNESDAY - March 5<sup>th</sup>



### WHAT IS LENT?

Ash Wednesday begins the 40 days before Easter Catholics call Lent. We practice prayer, fasting, and sacrifice.

### WHAT ARE FASTING AND ABSTINENCE?



#### Fasting

Catholics who are 18-58 years old are required to keep a limited fast: a single, normal meal & 2 snacks.

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday



#### Abstinence

Catholics 14 years & older are required to abstain from eating meat and fowl.

Ash Wednesday & Fridays of Lent



### Do I have to give up something for Lent?

No. Giving something up is a beneficial custom. You can give up something you enjoy, engage in physical or spiritual acts of mercy for others, pray, fast, abstain, go to confession, and other acts expressing repentance in general.

### WHEN DOES HOLY WEEK BEGIN?



Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem on **Palm Sunday** begins Holy Week.



#### HOLY TRIDUUM STARTS

with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday when Jesus celebrated the first Mass, AND LENT OFFICIALLY ENDS.



**Good Friday** marks the anniversary of the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ on the cross.



#### HOLY SATURDAY

Our Lord lay in the tomb Holy Saturday before his resurrection.



### EASTER SUNDAY

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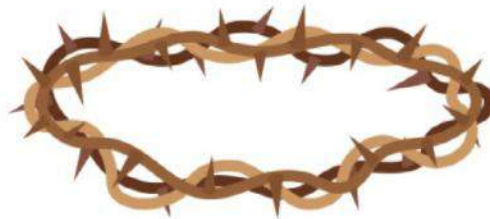
# Family Lenten Activity Day

**Saturday March 1, 2025**

**9:00-10:30am or 11:00am-12:30pm**

**St. Basil Parish Center**

Lent is a time of prayer and fasting to prepare our hearts for Jesus' coming at Easter. This year, we are inviting families to come for a time of prayer, fellowship with other families and to make a Crown of Thorns together which will help the family to pray and fast together throughout the season of Lent.



This is a pot luck event, so bring something to share with everyone! We will have coffee and tea and supply all of the paper products.

Since seating is limited, please register for the time slot you would prefer to attend. Sign up using the QR Code or at [basilthegreat.org/forms](http://basilthegreat.org/forms).

If you have questions, please reach out to Andrea 440-373-8043 or [awasinski@basilthegreat.org](mailto:awasinski@basilthegreat.org)



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**Nathan and Elizabeth Schlueter** | Nathan is the Professor of Philosophy and Religion and the Director of Prelaw Program at Hillsdale College. Elizabeth is the Michigan State Director and Academic Advisor for *Canavox*, an organization that seeks to explore the various issues affecting the marriage culture.

Main Presider and Homilist:

**Fr. Ryan Mann** | Pastor of St. Basil the Great

*We hope you'll join us!*

Breakout Sessions  
Mass & Renewal of Vows  
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*of your peace.*

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*Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.*

- Matthew 5:9

In-Pew weekend is February 15-16. This year's theme is "Make me a channel of your peace." Meet Virginia, who at 99 years old found a home away from home with the friends and community she needs. Your support helps to fund amazing programs like this! Donate today! Thank you for your continued support helping those in need.

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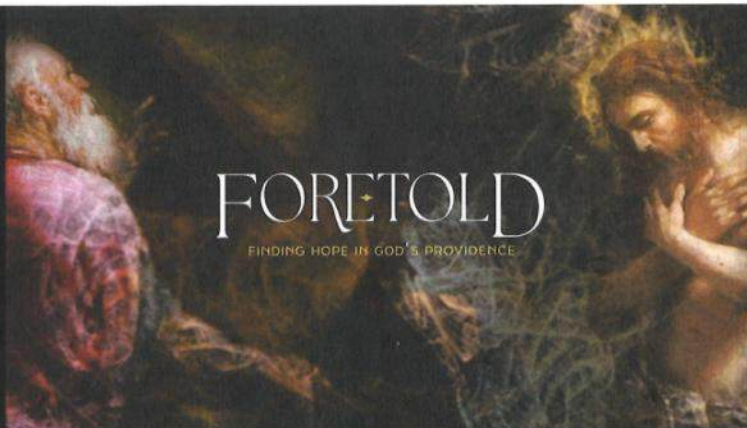
February 27th at 7 PM in the  
Parish Center

Please join us as Fr. Ryan discusses Bishop  
Malesic's Pastoral Letter of mission to the  
Church. We will have some warm comfort  
food, so bring a friend and join us.



Registration is encouraged with the QR code or at:  
[basilthegreat.org/forms](https://basilthegreat.org/forms). For more information:  
Connect with us at [Flourish@basilthegreat.org](mailto:Flourish@basilthegreat.org)





Our world is full of noise. Often, that noise is loud and negative. When was the last time you heard something good on the news? Because of the constant intake of "bad news", many people no longer believe in the Providence of God, nor trust that he has a plan for us.

This lent, join us for a four-week video series: "FORETOLD" presented by the Augustine Institute. Following the video, there will be table discussions. A Lenten reflection book can be purchased for \$5.00. **Please register at [basilthegreat.org](http://basilthegreat.org) or call Nancy Slusarczyk at 440-537-2026.**

**The series begins on  
Wednesday, March 12 through April 2.  
9:00-10:00 am in the Parish Center.**

Preview trailer @ [Foretold | Trailer - Foretold - Formed](#)

An advertisement for Freedom Coaching featuring a man and a woman in a dark setting with blue and yellow light rays. The logo "FREEDOM COACHING" is at the top, with "FREEDOM" in white and "COACHING" in yellow. Below it, the text "Don't just quit." is written in a white script font. Further down, it says "Be Transformed, Break the Power of Porn." in blue and white. At the bottom, it reads "The path to FREEDOM starts here. [freedom-coaching.net](http://freedom-coaching.net)" in blue and white.

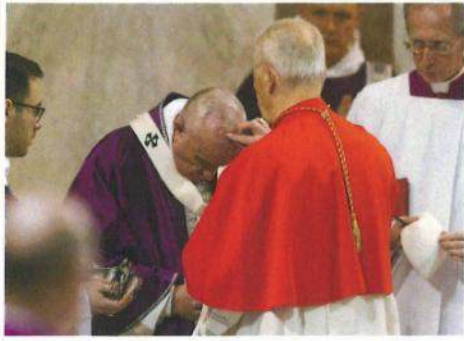
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# What is Lent?

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446*)

In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics —*USCCB*

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(7:00 pm)



**PART 2**  
Renewal of the  
Mind Teaching  
(7:30 pm)



**PART 3**  
Prayer  
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(8:30 pm)



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Food Pantry: End of the month food and household supplies for the Food Pantry Is  
**February 23, 2025.**

\*\*\*Don't forget to pick up a green grocery bag in the FLC lobby.



\*\*\*Checks should be made out to **St. Basil the Great**

Don't forget our fur babies! Dog and cat food is also needed and appreciated. Please place dog/cat food in separate bags.

*Paczki Sunday*

**March 2nd after the morning masses in the Parish Center**  
Please join us!  
This is a great opportunity to connect with other parishioners and enjoy their company while having coffee & paczki in the Parish Center.








Donations to St. Basil's St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) Helps Those in Need

Please consider donating to St. Basil's SVDP and help us help those who come to us for emergency assistance. We are humbled and very grateful for the generosity of our faithful St. Basil parishioners who support us and thank everyone who contributes to help the poor.

Together we pray for the poor and ask *St. Vincent de Paul* to pray for us!





**A FLOURISHING**

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*A talk With Fr. Ryan*

LEARN ABOUT BISHOP MALESIC'S LETTER :  
"A FLOURISHING APOSTOLIC CHURCH"  
(LINK BELOW FOR FULL TEXT)

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MARCH 13, 2025  
6:30PM IN THE  
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

[HTTPS://WWW.DIOCESEOFCLEVELAND.ORG/A-  
FLOURISHING-APOSTOLIC-CHURCH/OVERVIEW](https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/a-flourishing-apostolic-church/overview)



Join us for Sandwich Saturday!  
9:00-10:00 am in the Parish Center

**Upcoming Sandwich Saturdays**  
March 15  
April 12  
May 10

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Little  
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Please take home a Lenten Little Black Book which will be available in the lobby of the Family Life Center on Ash Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

*Mass 8am , 12 Noon and 7pm on  
Ash Wednesday.*



**Honduras Mission Lenten  
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**To sustain water systems and  
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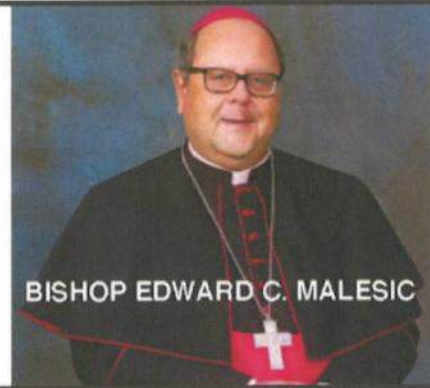
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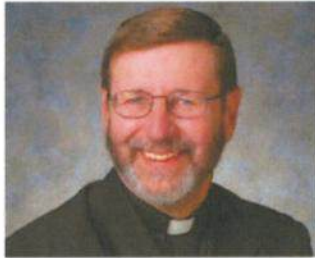
# “CALLED TO LEAD”

Diocese of Cleveland  
Catholic Men’s Fellowship Conference  
Saturday, March 22, 2025

Bishop Edward C. Malesic  
Speaking at 3:00 PM  
Celebrating Mass at 4:00 PM



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*Amen*

**Smiles Coordinator Needed**

St. Michael School is looking for a SMILES Reading Program Coordinator. The SMILES program is a long-standing program that pairs an adult with a first-grade student at St. Michael's School. During the scheduled time the adult will work with their 1st-grade partner in reading. The SMILES coordinator will organize the weekly SMILES meetings. They will need to work with the parishes and school to organize volunteers to read with the first-grade students. Training in VIRTUS and fingerprinting/background checks are required.

For more details, please contact St. Michael School at 216-524-6405 or [communications@stmichaelschoolinfo.com](mailto:communications@stmichaelschoolinfo.com)



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**What:** Cancer Support Group

**When:** Third Thursday of each month 6:30 pm — Next meeting: February 20, 2025

**Where:** Parish Office— Pieta Room

*For additional info please contact: Betsy Glosik-440-476-6269*



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