

YEAR
of
Beauty
St. Basil the Great
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Beauty Unites



St. Basil the Great Catholic Church

(440) 526-1686

basilthegreat.org/yearofbeauty



Reconciliation/
Confession

SATURDAYS:
3:30 - 4:30PM
OR BY APPOINTMENT



Mass

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



Eucharistic
Adoration

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

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

Welcome



St. Basil the Great
CATHOLIC CHURCH
joyful - merciful - faithful



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
March 2, 2025

1st Reading: Sirach 27: 4-7
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58
Gospel: Luke 6: 39-45

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

Offertory February 16, 2025

Regular weekly collection \$30,517.00
Monthly maintenance \$2,788.25



Thank you for your continued support!

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

Monday, February 24, 2025

8am Nancy Perdion (The Perdion Family)

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

8am Parishioners of St. Basil

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

8am Raymond Weiss (The Weiss Family)

Thursday, February 27, 2025

8am Dorothy & Eugene Speziale
(Victoria Speziale and Phil Muttillo)

Friday, February 28, 2025

8am Giselle Villaluna Alcasio
(The Gacad Family)

****Saturday Vigil Mass will now be in the Family Life Center**

Saturday, March 1, 2025

5:00pm Roy Hewitt (Linda Hewitt) (Fr. Mann)

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

Sunday, March 2, 2025 *Paczka Sunday*

7:30am Parishioners of St. Basil (Fr. Liptak)

9:00am John & Agnes Soptich
(Nancy & Debora Brewer) (Fr. Liptak)

11:00am Marie Schilling (Rae Brooks) (Fr. Mann)

(No 5:30pm Mass today)





HOMILY NOTES

Series of horizontal lines for writing homily notes.

Sacrosanctum Concilium (Vatican II)

122. Very rightly the fine arts are considered to rank among the noblest activities of man's genius, and this applies especially to religious art and to its highest achievement, which is sacred art. These arts, by their very nature, are oriented toward the infinite beauty of God which they attempt in some way to portray by the work of human hands; they achieve their purpose of redounding to God's praise and glory in proportion as they are directed the more exclusively to the single aim of turning men's minds devoutly toward God. Holy Mother Church has therefore always been the friend of the fine arts and has ever sought their noble help, with the special aim that all things set apart for use in divine worship should be truly worthy, becoming, and beautiful, signs and symbols of the supernatural world, and for this purpose she has trained artists.

- Hans Urs von Balthasar—"Whoever maintains that beauty itself is superfluous and unnecessary commits blasphemy against God's creation, which is a revelation of beauty in its very essence."
• Silvana Sironi—"If beauty is image of the creator God, it is also the child of Adam and Eve and so in turn marked by sin. The human person risks falling into the trap of beauty taken for itself—the icon become idol, the means that swallow the end, truth that imprisons, trap into which people fall, due to an inadequate formation in the senses and the lack of a proper education regarding beauty."
• Pope Benedict XVI—"Beauty, then, is not mere decoration but rather an essential element of the liturgical action, since it is an attribute of God himself and his revelation."
• Hans Von Balthasar—"Only God can expand the finite to infinity without shattering it."
• Dom Prosper Guéranger—"The beauty of the liturgy is not to please the senses, but to lift the soul toward the divine mysteries."
• Christopher West—"Here in the liturgy, we are granted the privilege of journeying through the veil from the sign to the reality signified, and thus, participating even here and now, through faith, in the everlasting Beauty for which we pine."

Cover Art
Christ of Saint John of The Cross
Salvador Dali
Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, Glasgow, Scotland

- Key Points From January Beauty Weekend:
There are three elements of beauty:
1. Wholeness/integrity: the "thing" lacks nothing.
2. Proportionality/harmonious: the parts work together towards its final end.
3. Clarity/light: a flowing out of the object to the perceiver, a kind of radiance that is delighting and not reduced to science.

Share with us where you notice beauty using #BIMBY Beauty in my Backyard on social media!

Stained Glass Spotlight

"Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19:14

The artist who created this window chose to depict one of the seemingly less extravagant episodes of Jesus' ministry. Passing over miracles like raising the dead, exorcising demons, and giving sight to the blind, the artist focused on simple people making a simple request – *please lay your hands on our children and pray.*

Looking at the entire 4-panel scene, several people are gathered around Jesus. With the large stone structures in the background, I get the feeling that this takes place in the middle of a bustling city. There is a lot happening amongst the chaos of daily life but Jesus finds time to sit with the children, pray with them, and lay hands on them. Everyone in the scene is looking at Jesus, except one child in the same panel as Our Lord. He is looking directly at us, the viewers. This character has the widest eyes out of everyone, staring at us and forcing us off the sidelines and into the scene. With his glance this child asks,

"Do you see what all is going on here?"

"Witness the time Jesus spends with us lowly children."

"We children are dependent and trusting. Can you relinquish control over your life and become dependent on the God who created and loves you? Are you willing to trust this Gentle Jesus?"

"In the eyes of this city, we children are powerless. Can you find it in you to bring your powerless inner child to the Lord to sit as His feet, receive His love, and let Him place His healing hands upon your head?"



Let the Little Children Come to Me,
St. Peter's Cathedral,
Geneva, Switzerland
Tommy Dome, Director of
Evangelization



Flourish Women's Ministry

A Flourishing Apostolic Church

Worship. Evangelize. Serve.

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. For more information: Connect with us at flourish@basilthegreat.org



A FLOURISHING APOSTOLIC CHURCH


A talk With Fr. Ryan

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

BYOB - BRATS AND CHILI PROVIDED

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)



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.



Holy Baptism

Beginning Sunday March 2nd, Baptisms will be held in the Chapel. During the upgrading of the church, we were concerned about the weather and decided to have all the baptisms scheduled in the same building as the Mass.


However, we believe the environment of the Chapel is more important than the concern about walking across the parking lot. Anyone who scheduled a baptism for March and into April will be contacted.





Winter "Warm-Up" for Inner-City Children

Thank you for your Generosity for the Winter "Warm-up" Collection!


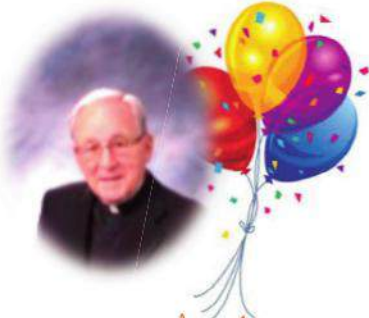
The St. Basil Social Concerns Commission thanks all parishioners that provided loving support for the Winter "Warm-up" Collection for children attending inner-city Catholic Schools. Through your generosity we collected more than 435 hats and gloves and cash/check donations to purchase another 100 items! The children will appreciate the warm hats and gloves you donated for them and you are blessed for your corporal work of mercy, "to clothe the naked", providing to those in need. With gratitude and appreciation for your charitable support, St Basil Social Concerns Commission.



Sponsored by The St. Basil Social Concerns Commission



Happy 90th Birthday Fr. Dave- February 12th!



The Beauty of Liturgy

When we celebrate Mass, we use beautiful vestments and vessels to remind us of the sacred and holy. Earthly beauty points us to the heavenly reality of the Infinite Beauty, God Himself. The beauty reminds us that we are to give Jesus the best, both in terms of the beautiful vessels, but also the best of ourselves. This weekend, we are blessed to have the Diocesan Archives with us to share some of the beautiful pieces from the Archives to take a look and reflect on their symbolism and meaning.

Chasubles from the Consecration of St. Mary's Seminary on Ansel Road in 1925



In 1924, Bishop Joseph Schrembs, saw the need to build a new Seminary in Cleveland for his priests to study. He broke ground for a new Seminary building on Ansel Road on March 19, 1924; the cornerstone was laid in May.

The chasubles have rich Christian symbolism within their design. First, the main fabric used has **peacocks** all throughout. The peacock reminds Christians that through our Baptism, we are invited into a life of grace, and while we don't look much different on the outside, on the inside, we are magnificently and forever changed. When a peacock walks around, it can look like an ordinary bird, however when it spreads it's wings, it shows it's magnificence.

The first chasuble contains an image of **Jesus, the Good Shepherd** in the center, then repeats "**IHEUS MARIA**" multiple times, meaning "**Jesus and Mary.**" The second contains an image of **Christ the King** with a crown, and His Sacred Heart. You can find the words, **Vincit, Regnat, and Imperat** around the image of Jesus, which is from a saying that would have been heard on the Feast of Christ the King, "Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus imperat!" meaning "**Christ commands, Christ reigns, Christ conquers.**"



Chalice gifted to the Diocese by Pope Pius XI in 1935 for hosting the National Eucharistic Congress

Baldacchino

A baldacchino is a canopy that is often placed over an altar or the Eucharist in a procession. The one on display has a lot of beautiful Christian imagery on it. Pictured to the right are two of the images. The **pelican** is a beautiful Christian image of sacrifice, as the mother pelican, if she cannot get enough food for her babies, will give them her own flesh to eat, just as Jesus did for us. There is an image of the pelican on the front of the altar at the Cathedral! The second image shows the **lamb of God**, which is fitting for a baldacchino that would cover the Eucharist, boldly proclaiming as we do at each Mass, "Behold the Lamb of God!"

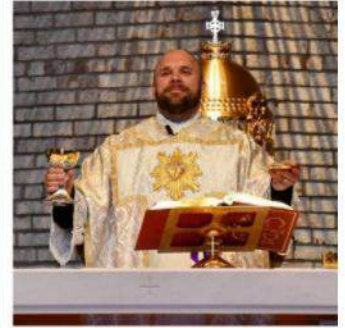


Our most sincere thanks to Emily and the team from the Diocesan Archives for bringing the beautiful display of vestments to help us learn more about the beautiful things we use to celebrate Mass!

What do the vestments mean?



Special thanks to all the kids who participated in our coloring contest, creating a new set of vestments for Father!



Chasuble

The chasuble is the outer garment worn by clergy during Mass. The chasuble reminds the clergy of the charity of Jesus, "Over all these virtues put on love, which binds the rest together and makes them perfect" (Col, 3:14).

Alb

The alb is a long white garment that is worn by clergy and servers during Mass. The white garment reminds those that wear it of their baptism, and that they should have a purity of heart when celebrating or assisting at the Mass.

Stole

The stole is a small garment, worn by the priest around his neck, in a way that one might wear a scarf. The priest or deacon kisses the stole each time before putting it on to remind Himself of the pastoral authority that God has given Him.

Color

The color of the vestments changes based on the liturgical season or feast of the day. During Ordinary time green is worn, Advent and Lent are purple. Test yourself below to see how well you know the colors!



Priest or Deacon?

Have you ever visited another parish and were unsure who was who? The garments worn by priests and deacons are similar, but have some distinct differences. First, a priest's **chasuble** is bell shaped and open, whereas a deacon's has sleeves. This is to remind the deacon of his role as a servant, rolling up his sleeves to serve. A priest's **stole** will hang around his neck in a U-shape, where the deacon's stole is worn on the shoulder across his chest and joined at his hip. The priest's stole symbolizes their pastoral authority whereas the deacon's again symbolizes service.



How well do you know the liturgical colors?

- | | |
|----------------|--------------|
| ___ White/Gold | A. Penance |
| ___ Red | B. Hope |
| ___ Green | C. Rejoicing |
| ___ Purple | D. Glory |
| ___ Rose | E. Martyrdom |

Throughout the year the colors of the vestments that the priests and deacons wear change. These colors signify the different feast days and liturgical celebrations of the Church. The colors help us to understand the type of celebration as each color symbolizes something different. Do you know all of the symbolism behind the liturgical colors?

Answers: D. White/Gold, E. Red, B. Hope, A. Purple, C. Rose

IGNITE

MIDDLE SCHOOL SERIES

2024-2025

LED BY

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY CLEVELAND

MONDAYS, 6:15 - 7:45 PM

ST. BASIL PARISH CENTER

RSVP AT BASILTHEGREAT.ORG/IGNITE

MARCH 10TH

APRIL 7TH

OPEN TO ANY MIDDLE SCHOOL AGED STUDENT

Troop 652G SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

Spaghetti in Marinara
Meatballs
Garlic Bread
Salad
Dessert Table



Recommended
minimum
donation
\$10/person

MARCH 15, 2025
5:00-9:00 PM
ST. BASIL PARISH CENTER



GIRLS.TROOP652BSA.ORG

Troop 652G is an all-girl Scouts BSA troop at St. Basil the Great Catholic Church. 652G was founded on February 1, 2019 when Boy Scouts of America opened up its iconic Scouting program to young women.

Our troop looks forward to having your support at our annual spaghetti dinner!



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

March 5 - April 13

HELP SAVE LIVES IN CLEVELAND, PAINESVILLE, BEDFORD!

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 30 coordinated campaigns:

- 25,250 saved babies
- 157 closed facilities
- 267 converted workers

Here is how you can take part in 40 Days for Life in our communities:

Vigil locations: **Preterm** - 12000 Shaker Blvd. - Cleveland 44120

Planned Parenthood - 25350 Rockside Road - Bedford - 44146

Signature Health - 54 So. State St. Painesville - 44077

Vigil hours: 7 am - 7 pm daily

Local contact: John Noall 216-245-9744
email: clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com

Learn more... Get involved and sign up for prayer times by visiting our websites shown below.

40daysforlife.com/cleveland
40daysforlife.com/painesville
40daysforlife.com/bedfordheights

**Lenten
Little
Black
Book**

**LENTEN LITTLE BLACK
BOOK**

Please take home a Lenten Little Black Book which will be available in the vestibule in the Family Life Center on

Ash Wednesday, March 5.

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



**Ash Wednesday falls on
March 5th.
Masses will be at
8am, 12 Noon, and 7pm.**

The blessing and distribution of ashes at Mass occurs after the homily, using the ritual texts in the *Roman Missal*.

Ash Wednesday is a day of universal fast and abstinence in the Church. *It is not a holy day of obligation.*

St. Basil Liturgical Tribute Fund

St. Basil's Liturgical Tribute Fund honors both the living and deceased. Contributions can be made in any amount at any time, and contribution envelopes are available from the Parish Office and the pamphlet racks in the church vestibules. Funds are used to purchase items needed for church services. Honorees and donors are listed below and are published in the bulletin each month. Honorees are remembered in the petitions on the last Sunday of each month.

In Honor of:

ST. BASIL VOLUNTEER GREETERS, USHERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, ALTAR SERVERS, FUNERAL SERVERS: Jamie Kuthan

ST. BASIL MUSIC MINISTRY: Jamie Kuthan

ST. BASIL LIFE ACTIVITIES & EVANGELIZATION: Jamie Kuthan

ST. BASIL MAINTENANCE TEAM: Jamie Kuthan

In Memory of:

MILDRED MAYHER: John & Lori Reagan

AMELIA SERPENTINI: Ken & Pat Metti, Nicole Mawby, Edward & Cheryl Sliva, Mr. & Mrs. Paul T. Moraco, Francesca Cotugno, Bill & Carol Palmer, Marti & Ralph Tittelfitz, Ida & Irwin Haber, Terri Shawhan

FR. WILLIAM JERSE: Terri Shawhan

ELAINE MARKOWSKI: Terri Shawhan

Honduras Mission Lenten Coin Cups

To sustain water systems in San Francisco de la Paz, Honduras.

Please return cups to the Parish Office by Sunday, April 13th, Palm Sunday. For more information visit: www.basilthgreat.org



Newest Water System



Marriages of Grace
invites you to our annual
MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

1st March 2025



CATHOLIC MARRIAGE
day by day

12:00pm - 9:00pm

Center for Pastoral Leadership | 28700 Euclid Ave, Wickliffe, OH

Keynote Speakers:

Kathleen and Troy Billings | Authors of *Simply Love: Catholic Marriage Day by Day*
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
- Adoration
- Confession
- Couple Time
- Candlelit Dinner



MARRIAGES OF GRACE | ENRICHING & STRENGTHENING CATHOLIC COUPLES

SIGN UP AT MARRIAGESOFGRACE.ORG/EVENTS

St. Basil Homeschoolers

St. Basil homeschoolers, and those considering homeschooling, please join us for a **Family Potluck Dinner!**



Saturday, March 1st, 2025 from 6-8pm
in the St. Basil's Parish Center

Please RSVP at: BasiltheGreat.org/forms/



"The joy of God is the joy of forgiveness."

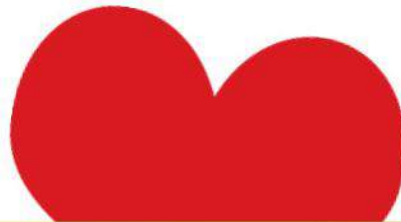
—Pope Francis



At all Catholic Churches in the Diocese of Cleveland

AN EVENING OF
Confession

March 19th -5-8 pm—this year at
St. Michael, Independence



Prayers for the Sick




Pope Francis

Auguro una pronta guarigione
(I wish you a speedy recovery)



A Day of Hope
A Caregiver Morning of Reflection


Join us to celebrate hope in caring for our loved ones, our children, family members and/or friends who experience physical needs, disabilities or emotional needs. Brooke Taylor, a nationally recognized speaker, writer, radio personality and mother of a child with a disability will share her heart and the need for hope in our lives as we support our loved ones in need. †



WHEN: Saturday, March 8, 2025
8:30 Mass (optional)
9:15 Check in and refreshments
10am-12pm Brooke Taylor
12pm-12:30pm Closing
(Brooke will have her book, "Choosing Hope" available for purchase)

WHERE: St. Barnabas School Cafeteria
9200 Olde Eight Rd. Northfield, OH 44067
COST: \$5.00

Questions: Contact Anne Ilig
anneilig@cmgmc.com
Register Here



Grieve with HOPE

Friday, March 21 - Sunday, March 23, 2025

Cornerstone of Hope | 5905 Brecksville Road, Independence, Ohio 44131

Jesus proclaims in His Sermon on the Mount, "Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted!"

This may be difficult for a griever to hear and even more difficult to live. How does a loving God, a God who is love, allow our loved one to die, and then promise comfort? This is the question we ponder with the Holy Spirit and with others on a similar journey during the weekend retreat. However, we cannot escape the fact that Jesus, who experienced suffering, understands our pain and still promises comfort. God's desire is to comfort each of us and to equip us to persevere with HOPE!

If you desire to connect with others with similar losses in small groups, are willing to encounter the raw emotions of grief in a safe environment, and receptive to listening and learning from inspirational speakers then we invite you to join us for this powerful and restorative weekend. You do not have to do it alone!

Early Bird Pricing
Individual \$225

Beginning February 22
Individual \$250



Scan the code to register. Registration includes five meals, live music, valuable resources, and spiritual direction. Check-in begins at 4:00 P.M. on Friday. For questions or to apply for limited financial assistance, call our office at 216-524-4673.

INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKERS • SMALL GROUPS • PRAISE & WORSHIP • SPIRITUAL DIRECTION



Cornerstone of Hope

CREATING A WORLD WHERE NO GRIEVING PERSON JOURNEYS ALONE

5905 Brecksville Road, Independence, OH 44131 | 216-524-4673 | cornerstoneofhope.org

Family Lenten Activity Day

Saturday March 1, 2025 | St. Basil Parish Center

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



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.

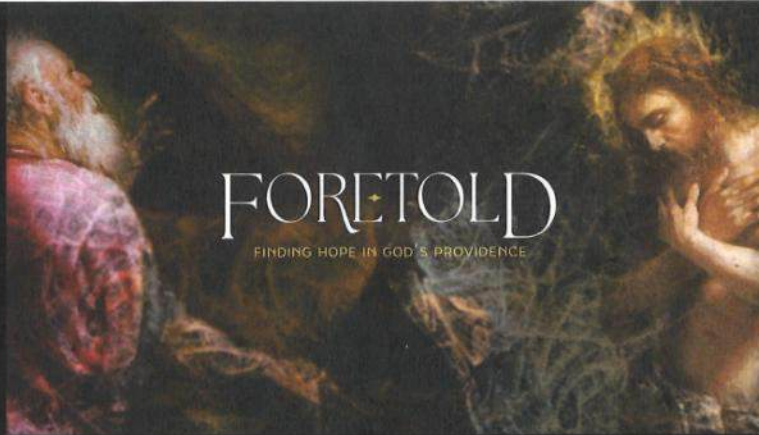
This is a pot luck event, so bring something to share with everyone! We will have coffee and tea and supply all of the paper products.

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.

If you have questions, please reach out to Andrea 440-373-8043 or awasinski@basilthegreat.org



Lent 2025
Liturgical Living
Helping Families Live Out the Faith at Home



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 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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Foretold) | Trailer - Foretold - Formed

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Will you sit with our Lord and pray for the sanctity of life?

All are invited to attend an opening Mass, celebrated by Bishop Malesic, to kick-off the Bringing America Back to Life convention, on **Thursday, March 6 at 5 PM** at St. Michael Church. Eucharistic Adoration will commence after Mass until 10:00 PM Saturday, March 8. **Hourly slots are still available.**

St. Michael Catholic Church

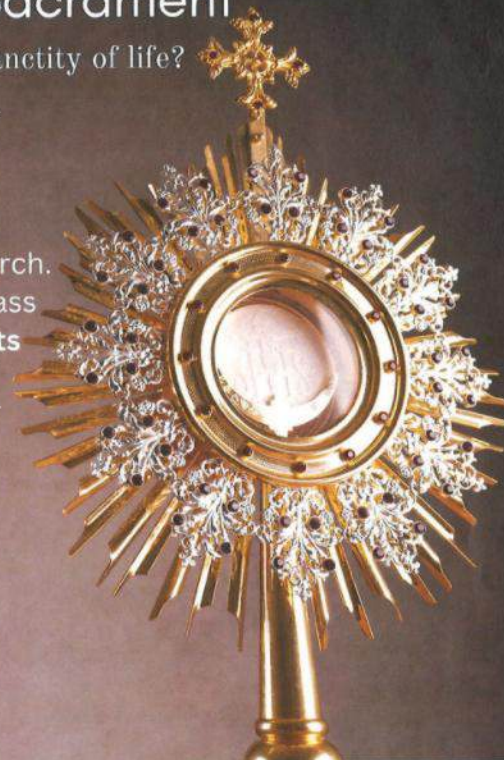
6912 Chestnut Rd
Independence, OH 44131

Adoration Sign Up

<https://volunteersignup.org/T7MJQ>

More Info

tomk@kurtzcoh.com



SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 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!



YEAR of Beauty



JOIN US FOR A LENTEN SANDWICH SATURDAY

SATURDAY, MARCH 15 IN THE PARISH CENTER, 9:00-10:00 AM.
SANDWICHES ARE TAKEN TO LOCAL HUNGER CENTERS.
EASTER BASKET COLLECTION FOR MARY QUEEN OF PEACE SCHOOL CHILDREN AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITY.
LIFE TEEN WILL ASSEMBLE THE BASKETS ON SUNDAY, APRIL 6.
PLEASE BRING AN EASTER BASKET AND FILLERS. \$M. BOOKS, STUFFED ANIMALS, CANDY, AND \$M. TOYS. BREAD, PB&J, BAGGIES, AND A BAG OF FRUIT.

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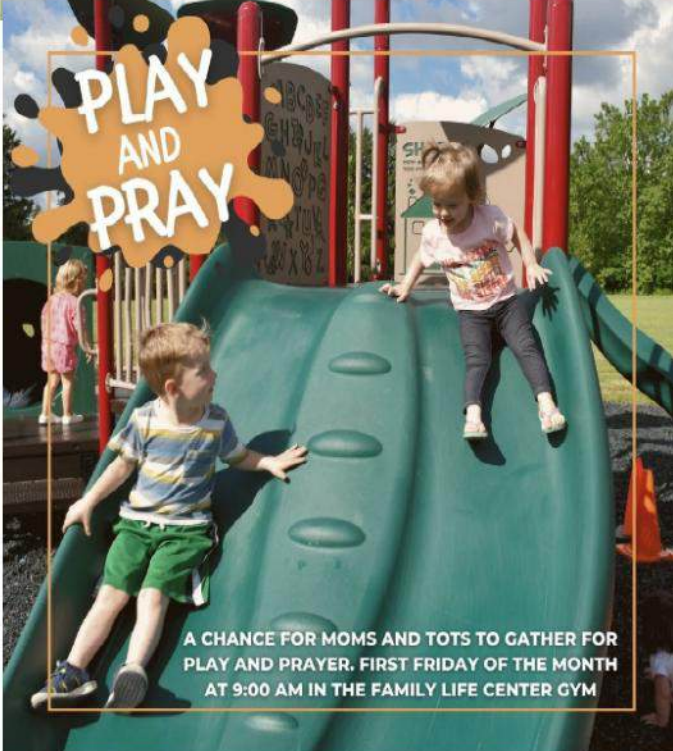
*****Appeal will take place after we move back to the Church.**



MAKE ME a CHANNEL of your peace.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”
- Matthew 5:9

March 7, 2025



A CHANCE FOR MOMS AND TOTS TO GATHER FOR PLAY AND PRAYER. FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH AT 9:00 AM IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER GYM



Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior. Also, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at: 216-334-2999 or via email at: response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org.



Prayer for Spiritual Communion

You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen

In Loving Memory



JEROME (JERRY) HAUS

Father of Amy Jacoby

February 7, 2025



DEACON ROGER N. KLAAS

Husband of Helen and Retired

Deacon for the Diocese of Cleveland

February 6, 2025

We remember all of our deceased loved ones. May they rest in peace.



SACRED HEART
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The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult; and left untried." This quote from G.K. Chesterton captures the challenging nature of today's Gospel reading. Jesus's radical call for us to love our enemies and to forgive those who hurt us flies in the face of all of the individualism and "me first" values of our culture. It can be very difficult, and even feel foolish or naive, to "do good to those who hurt you" and "bless those who curse you." And yet, this is what Jesus is asking us to do. Now this doesn't mean that we cannot have good boundaries with those who have hurt us. There are, at times, relationships that we need to take a step back from and people we may need to avoid contact with. How then can we follow Jesus's words to love our enemies? Firstly, by remembering that "to love" means to will the good of the other. Love then has little to do with how we feel about someone and everything to do with how we treat them. What is the ultimate good for everyone? Salvation! We can treat even people who have hurt us enough that we need to avoid interactions with them with love when we desire their salvation. Just as we hope and pray for forgiveness and healing for ourselves, we can work to desire that for others as well. We can pray for them even when we don't "feel" any loving feelings towards them. Jesus gives us an example to follow when he prayed "Forgive them Father, they know not what they do" from the cross. We too can seek to forgive others and to pray for their reconciliation with God as Jesus did. This will not come easily, but hopefully by remembering our own need for God's forgiveness, we will have the grace to extend that love and forgiveness to others as well.

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