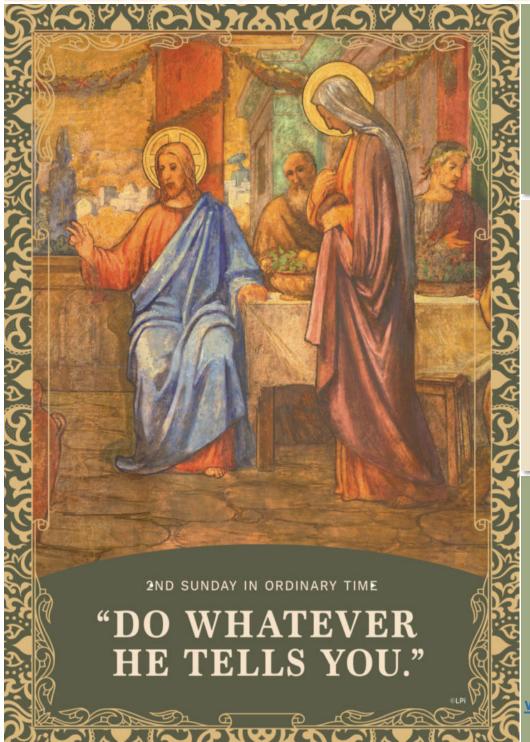
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm Sunday 10:00 am

WEEKDAYS

Monday & Tuesday: 8:30 am

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Last Sunday the Readings gave us some idea of how God revealed Himself through His Son, Jesus, beginning with His birth, baptism, and continuing through the Church. Today's readings continue this idea of revealing, along with the theme of marriage as a symbol of God's relationship with His Church. Let us see how these two themes come together.

The First Reading is from the Prophet Isaiah (62:1-5) where we hear the Prophet calling on his people to rise from their depression and be joyful. For many years after the Babylonian Exile ended, the Jewish people were without direction or motivation. The Prophet is trying to get them to see that only in their relationship with God can they be happy. He then goes on to encourage them to look to the future when God will make their land and people His "delight" and "espoused." This eventually came to be through Jesus Christ, and His Church, which was made available, first to the Jews who rejected it, then to the Gentiles who accepted it wholeheartedly.

In the Responsorial Psalm (96:1-10), the psalmist picks up the same theme of praising God for His many blessings and graces. In doing so he reveals the greatness of God and mankind's need to worship Him and be close to Him in all we do.

The Second Reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (12:4-11). In this passage, Paul is pointing out to his followers how the Holy Spirit has given various talents (gifts) to mankind, each according to his abilities and role in God's Plan of Salvation. This is another way in which God has revealed Himself and has immersed Himself in His Church to build it up. We are that Church today, and each of us has been given a gift or talent that can be of use for the benefit of our neighbor. We should not be like the Jews in the first reading (so full of depression or lethargy or disinterest) that we do nothing to help ourselves or others.

In the Gospel Reading from the Gospel of John (2:1-11), we have the beautiful story of the "Marriage Feast at Cana." Within this story there are many symbols that reveal the greatness of God and His desire to share Himself with mankind. The presence of Jesus at this marriage, and His involvement to make it a success, is the reason marriage is to the level of a Sacrament. The abundance of wine, which is a spiritual symbol of life, is a foreshadowing of God's abundant love that transcends all our transgressions or shortcomings. Also, Mary's intercession on behalf of the bride and groom gives us the courage to ask her intercession on our behalf as well. Lastly, the presence of the "God-Man" at this marriage is symbolic of God's relationship with the Church. Christ is the bridegroom and we, the Church, are His bride.

Throughout the bible, "Marriage" and the "Wedding Banquet" are used as symbols of heaven and eternal life, because marriage is supposed to be a commitment of giving one's self to the beloved for the spiritual enrichment of both. God "gave His only Son so that we might have eternal life." Our "life" is God's gift to us. What we do with it is our gift to God. So, as we begin another year and make all kinds of resolutions, think about what you plan to give to God in this New Year.

Rev. Edward J. Smith

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SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00 pm or by appt.

BAPTISM

At least one parent must be a parishioner & actively attending Mass prior to calling the Office.

Baptisms will be held on the 4th Sunday of the month.

MARRIAGE

At least one member of the couple must be a parishioner & actively attending Mass prior to calling

Couples need to make arrangements at least 6 months in advance

No date may be reserved until discussion with the pastor of the parish.

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SUNDAY READINGS

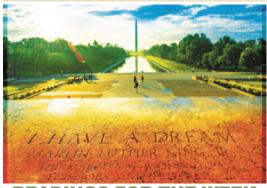
FIRST READING: As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you. (Is 62:5)

PSALM: Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations. (Ps 96)

SECOND READING: But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes. (1 Cor 12:11)

GOSPEL: Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. (*Jn 2:11*)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK JANUARY 19, 2025

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25-8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 (see Jn 6:63c)/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



Sunday - Jan 19th - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am - †Norma Michalski

Requested by: Norman Michalski

Monday - Jan 20th - St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr; Martin Luther King Day

8:30 am - †Mary Furjanic

Requested by: Jerome Kozar

Tuesday - Jan 21st - St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

8:30 am - †Living & Deceased of the Parish

Saturday - Jan 25th - The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

4:00 pm - †Jeanne Provenza

Requested by: Ken Provenza

Sunday - Jan 26th - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am - †Frances Rottman

Requested by: Amy Rottman



When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you."

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Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, January 25th at 4:00 pm

Lectors: Laura V.
Eucharistic Ministers: Joanne C., Lynne K., Pam W.

Server: Lucy K.

Sunday, January 26th at 10:00 am

Lectors: Rose J.

Eucharistic Ministers: Anna A., Anna S.

Server: Ellie O.

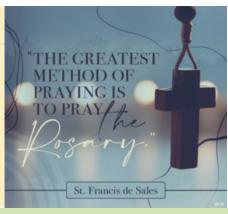
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OFFERTORY REPORT

FISCIAL YEAR (7/1/24-6/30/25)

MY GIFT TO GOD REFLECTS HIS GENEROSITY TO ME

If you are unable to contribute, please submit your envelopes all the same as it is our most clear indication of active participation for Mass.





THE PRAYER INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER ENTRUSTED TO THE POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK

JANUARY 2025 FOR THE RIGHT TO AN EDUCATION

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected. Amen.



PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Gloria Badillo	Janet Baxter	Joanne Bilancini	Tim "Swampy" Burton	Lynn Coscho	Ann DiFrancesco
Jerry Donovan	Denise Ellis	Deacon Jose Flores	Norma Jean Flores	Scott Friges	Virginia Glass
Barbara Glick	Joe Gluvna	Brian Grace	Dan George	Renee Golowenski	Carol Gonzales
D'Arie Gonzalez	Delores Gonzalez	Jose Gonzalez	Jose Gonzalez Jr.	Juan Gonzalez	Clara Hodorowski
Kevin Holley	Phyllis Holomuzki	Bob Humphrey	Jennifer Humphrey	Boston Lee Jackson	Iris Pearl Jackson
Al Jacobs	Devin Jarvis	Sylvia Johnston	Johnna Kuhar	Amanda Jacobs-Leadbetter	Deacon Luis Maldonado
Dean Martin III	Alan McCartney	Rita McConley	Sandra Merkly	Jen Mitterholzer	Frank Murphy
Mary Nazario	Luci Payne	Elizabeth Raddell	Emily Raddell	Joe Rizzo	Jack Tocchi
Audali Torres	Rosa Torres	Nanette Truffin	Peter Uies	Stacie Velasquez	Nick Vivens
Sherri Wedgeworth	Paul Winkler	Doris Zgola-Whitka			

Call the Parish Office if you would like to add someone to this list. Please notify us when to remove the name.

Call the "Prayer Line" for immediate prayer requests,

Linda: 440-667-9050 from 9 am - 3 pm or Terri, 440-320-3272 from 3 - 9 pm

ADORATION CHAPEL

Day of Penance for Violations to the Dignity of the Human Person - January 22nd

"The Eucharist unites and strengthens us in our efforts to secure justice for the unborn and to create a culture wherein every human life is cherished, nurtured and protected from the moment of conception until natural death." ~Archbishop William E. Lori, chairman of the U.S. Bishops Committee on Pro-Life Activities

St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor, France (1567-1622) - Feast Day: January 24th

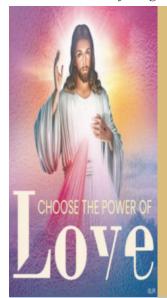
"Between the mystery of the Eucharist and that of the Incarnation, there is only one difference: In the incarnation, we see the incarnate God in His own Person, and in the Eucharist, we see Him under a more hidden and obscure form. In both instances, it is the same God-Man who was born of the Virgin." ~St. Francis de Sales

The Conversion of St. Paul, the Apostle, Turkey (died e. 64) - Feast Day: January 25th

"Like St. Paul, we can recognize that Jesus' Presence in the Blessed Sacrament is an invisible gift that can transform our lives if we allow Him to do so. We can share our personal experiences of God's peace through the sacrament with other people . . . [and] by reading about the Eucharist. And we can be thankful that we didn't need to be struck blind to find out that God loves us and comes to us in the Blessed Sacrament at every Mass." ~D. Buetner

St. John Bosco, Priest, Salesian Founder, Patron of Editors, Italy (1815-1888) - Feast Day: January 31st

"My dear ones, the visit to the Blessed Sacrament is an extremely necessary way to conquer the devil. Therefore, go often to visit Jesus and the devil will not come out victorious against you." ~St. John Bosco



DIVINE MERCY MEDITATION - PART 4: WITH A SINFUL SOUL

Jesus: Child, speak no more of your misery; it is already forgotten. Listen, My child, to what I desire to tell you. Come close to My wounds and draw from the Fountain of Life whatever your heart desires. Drink copiously from the Fountain of Life and you will not weary on your journey. Look at the splendor of My mercy and do not fear the enemies of your salvation. Glorify My mercy (Diary, 1485).

*The words of Jesus appear in boldface type

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, I draw close to You in the Blessed Sacrament and drink from the Fountain of Life for strength on my journey. I glorify Your mercy. Amen.

Get daily mediations emailed to you at forms.thedivinemercy.org/dmdsignup/.

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!

PRO-LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK FROM PROLIFECORNER.COM

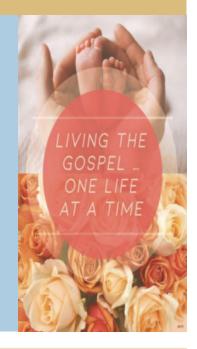
Even though Roe v Wade is no longer a federal law, we still face abortions every day. However, due to the individual states deciding their own abortion regulations, abortions have thankfully decreased somewhat. We must continue to work and pray diligently to end abortion in our nation and save God's beautiful unborn babies. It is our hope that these quotes will inspire you to share them and to join pro-life.

Continue to pray to end abortion.

Think about this:

"Not even one abortion per week is acceptable. Not one per month. Not one per year. Not one in our lifetime...The dignity of the human person begins at the moment of conception, not at birth. The dignity, as recognized by the signers of the Declaration of Independence, is bestowed by the Creator, and no one has the right to destroy innocent unborn life." ~Archbishop Samuel Aquila

Lord, let us not be cowards; give us the courage & wisdom necessary to stand up & fight the evil of abortion & euthanasia today. Amen!



MANY PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

to the many family and friends upon the death of our beloved parishioner,

Raymond Young on January 6, 2025

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upon the death of 2 retired Diocese of Cleveland priests, **Father Edward Weist** on January 6, 2025 and **Father David McCafferty** on January 12, 2025



May Raymond, Fr. Weist and Fr. McCafferty's souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

LIFE IS CHANGED, NOT ENDED.



MANY, MANY THANKS . . .

Thank you for your outpouring of generosity this Christmas season!
This picture shows the Little Trojans Pre-School class with all of the gifts that they collected and organized from the St. Anthony of Padua Parish Church & School to fulfill Birthright Angel Ornament Requests.
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Many thanks from your

Little Trojans and Birthright!

MONTHLY HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE AT ST. TERESA - 1/28

Join us at **St. Teresa of Avila Church on Tuesday, January 28th at 7 pm** as we pray that unborn lives are saved and all life will be considered valuable. *Our prayers make a difference!* The Holy Hour will include Scripture, Litanies & the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. If you have any questions, call the church office at 440-934-4227.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL & ST. FRANCES CABRINI ADULT FAITH STUDY - 2/12 & 2/13

St. Vincent & St. Frances Cabrini are presenting a wonderful Adult Faith Study on the Gospel of Luke! This beloved Gospel takes you on a journey that begins with the foretelling of John the Baptist's birth and culminates in the Ascension of Jesus. With Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled, you will experience a new joy as you see how God has been faithful throughout the ages and how God's promise can guide you in your everyday lives.

Two sessions are available: Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm or Thursday mornings at 9:30 am at SVDP, Elyria.

The 1st Wednesday session is February 12th and the 1st Thursday session is February 13th.

Cost is \$15 per person. Registration ends on February 9th.

Contact Jackie, 440-324-4212 or 440-277-7266 or register on line at www.svdpelyria.com.

"A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE" -CCA MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT E-NEWSLETTER

Our monthly grief support e-newsletter, "A Closer Walk with Thee" provides much of the same helpful grief support information that is presented at the monthly meetings but can be enjoyed from the comfort of your home and from any device where you can access your email.

This e-newsletter is emailed the **first Tuesday of each month** to any family/individual who has expressed an interest in our bereavement programs.

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