

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

DAILY MASS – Mon - Thurs 8:30 am (except where noted)

Monday, Feb 19	Richard Vogliano <i>Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46</i>
Tuesday, Feb 20	Robert Nord All Souls Intention <i>Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15</i>
Wednesday, Feb 21	(No Morning Mass during Lent) (6:30 pm) William Fahey (7:00 pm) Stations of the Cross <i>St Peter Damian, Bishop/Doctor of the Church</i> <i>Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32</i>
Thursday, Feb 22	George Keller Sr <i>The Chair of St Peter the Apostle</i> <i>1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19</i>
Friday, Feb 23	(No Mass) <i>St Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr</i> <i>Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26</i>
Saturday, Feb 24	(9:00 am) Confessions (1:00 pm) 1st Reconciliation followed by Reception (5:00 pm) For the Parishioners <i>Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48</i>
Sunday, Feb 25	(9:00 am) Keith Mikus (11:00 am) Jayne Margaret Siefer RCIA Penitential Rite 2nd Sunday of Lent <i>Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19;</i> <i>Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10</i>

Check us out on Facebook at: **Our Lady of Victory Church**,
and our youth page at: **Our Lady of Victory Catholic**
Church Youth Ministry!



From the Pastor's Desk

SAVE THESE DATES! **Diocesan Evening of Confession –**
Wednesday, Feb 28 from 5-8pm at all Catholic Churches in the Diocese. Pope Francis said, “Do not be afraid to go to the Sacrament of Confession, where you will meet Jesus who forgives you.” This is an excellent Lenten practice as we prepare for Easter, and a great time to invite someone home to the Sacrament.

“**SIGNED and SEALED with the CROSS**”, a 3-night Parish Mission, hosted with Holy Family Parish, and presented by Fr Albert Haase, OFM, *Monday, March 5th through Wednesday, March 7th, from 7-8pm* each night, followed by a Reception. **March 5/6th, here** at Our Lady of Victory - **March 7th will conclude at Holy Family** in Stow. Don't miss out!

MIME STATIONS of the CROSS are back! Join with other **Youth** in this very powerful and moving event. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!** **Rehearsal is Sunday, March 18th – 12:30 pm** (will last 1 to 1 ½ hours). Last rehearsal will be at **5:00 pm on Wednesday, Mar 21**, then time to “get into character” before Stations begin at 7:00 pm. **YOUTH of Our Lady of Victory:** If you would like to be part of this, please contact: Josh Arbogast, Joanne Pasko, Linda Herold or Fr Mike as soon as possible! We'll get you on the list!

In Our Parish – What/Where/When

MONDAY, FEB 19, 2018

OFFICES CLOSED

Youth Choir Practice/Church/6:00 pm
5:00 Choir Practice/Church/6:30 pm
9:00 Choir Practice/Church/9:00 pm



TUESDAY, FEB 20, 2018

Children's RCIA/Parish Ctr Rm 102/4:30 pm
RCIA/Library/7:00 pm
Finance Council Mtg/Parish Ctr Rm 104/7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, FEB 21, 2018

Men's Bible Study/Parish Ctr Rm 100/6:30 am
AA Meeting/Parish Ctr Rm 100/10:00 am
Catholics Returning Home/Library/7:30 pm

THURSDAY, FEB 22, 2018

Bible Study/Parish Ctr Rm 101/2:00 pm
Evangelization Comm Mtg/Parish Ctr Rm 101/7:00 pm
HS Youth Bible Study/Library/7:00 pm

FRIDAY, FEB 23, 2018

SATURDAY, FEB 24, 2018

Confessions/Church/9:00 am
**Lenten Alms & Food Collection
**40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil Sign ups
**Buy 200 Club Tickets

SUNDAY, FEB 25, 2018

Child Liturgy of the Word/Parish Ctr Rm 100/9:00 am
Mass & Class Gr 3/Parish Ctr Rm 101/9:30 am
PSR K-2, 4-10/TMS/10:45 am
**Lenten Alms & Food Collection
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OFFERTORY COLLECTION SUNDAY, FEB 11, 2018

Regular Collection	\$ 7,009.25
# of Children's Envelopes Rcvd.....	2
Faith Direct (2/4/18).....	\$ 7,951.00

Celebrating Notes

THE OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED Monday, Feb 19,
in honor of Presidents' Day.



GIVE ALMS FOR THE NEEDY:

1) FINANCIAL SUPPORT: Each week through **Palm Sunday**, as we leave church, we invite you to contribute a monetary donation in the alms baskets (*Make checks payable to Our Lady of Victory*). This year the alms will go to Blessed Trinity Food Pantry.

2) FOOD: On **Feb 17/18**, we invite all to participate in our annual Food for the Hungry by placing non-perishable items near the baptismal font in the Sanctuary. All of these items will be given to Blessed Trinity Food Pantry, for the needy in North Hill. **All other weeks through Palm Sunday**, we invite you to continue your food donations, placing them in the front vestibule of the Church. Tallmadge Good Neighbors will be the recipient of these donations, to help meet the needs in Tallmadge.

LENTEN RESOURCES: Pick up your Lenten resources after any weekend Mass until they're gone. **A Free-will offering will be accepted.** Every week, be sure to try “Take Five for Faith”, the FREE leaflets available in the plastic holders at the entrances; and also enjoy the inserts to be included in each week's bulletin during Lent. Resources for Holy Week, Triduum, and Easter (The “Little White Book”) will be available a little closer to Easter.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN PRAYERS: During Lent, we move our Wednesday morning Mass to **6:30 pm**, to allow more people to attend, followed by Stations of the Cross at **7:00 pm, except Wed, Feb 28, when we will hold an Evening of Confession.** (See above.) *There will be no Mass or Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at OLV.*

NEXT SUNDAY, Feb 25th at 11 am, we celebrate the Penitential Rite with our candidate for reception into the Church, Daniel Hovatter. Let us pray for him, and for each of us, to be given a spirit of repentance, a deepened sense of sin, and the true freedom of the children of God.

Question of the Week

Reading: Mark 1:12-15

Adults: The words we hear today and on Ash Wednesday are to 'repent and believe in the gospel'. This is not just a momentary conversion or an intellectual response, but a way of life that is meant to be lifelong with enduring fidelity to the Lord. How does your life reflect this; what else will you do?

Children: Jesus was in the desert 40 days and then was tempted by Satan. Do you know you can go to Jesus when you are tempted because He knows what it feels like to be tempted?

Coming Events/News in our Parish

2018 CATHOLIC CHARITIES – Our in-pew commitment process took place last weekend. If you took an envelope home, PLEASE return it ASAP, as we have an immediate deadline to return these quickly. Our goal this year is **\$76,939**. Please consider a generous gift and pray for the success of this appeal. Thank you! For more information, visit www.catholiccommunity.org/2018Appeal.

THANKS TO ALL 2017 200 CLUB MEMBERS who attended the annual banquet on Feb 10th. It is your continued generosity that allows the 200 Club to contribute \$5,500 to the parish each year in support of youth activities. Thanks to Steve & Debbie Charles, and Keith & Carolyn Ports for planning the banquet and conducting the Reverse Raffle. Thanks to our check-in volunteers Sue Dudek, Julie McMullen, and Mike & Linda Poinar. Thanks to Don McMullen for tending to the operational details of the 200 Club throughout the year. At the banquet the Reverse Raffle raised over \$800, and the Grand Prizes were awarded as follows: 1st prize (\$600) to Brian Charles, 2nd prize (\$300) to Mike & Julie Oliver, 3rd prize (\$100) to Emma Colletti.

200 Club members receive two tickets to the annual banquet, and are entered into all weekly drawings each month. Only 200 tickets are sold each year. If you would like to become a member for 2018 stop by the table at the back of church after Masses in February or contact Don McMullen at 633-3935.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE – Our Parish commitment to protect the sanctity of innocent human life from conception through natural death continues. OLV's Prayer Vigil and Parish Rosary will be conducted in church on **Saturday, March 3**. Through prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil, we will seek God's favor to help bring an end to abortion. **Next weekend, February 24/25**, you will be invited to **sign up** for a ½- hour time slot between 8:00 to 4:30 pm during our parish vigil on March 3. A parish rosary will then follow at 4:30 pm prior to the 5:00 pm Mass. You, your family, and friends are all welcome.

SIGNATURE & MEDIA CAMPAIGN – Heartfelt thanks goes to all participants for your outstanding support & generosity of our annual campaign. 124 signatures will be sent to our legislators to support pro-life policies. Also, a RECORD \$2,295.00 (+7%) was raised. Special thanks go to our Knights of Columbus and Edwin & Mary Ann Sekowski for their gifts of several hundred dollars. These funds will support Right to Life of Northeast Ohio's highly successful efforts to provide women with life-saving choices. In Summit County, the 2016 Ohio Dept of Health Report shows that abortions have decreased by 56%,



from 4,257 to 1,886 between 2003 and 2016! That's a single precious baby boy or baby girl ... not lost to abortion ... 2,371 times in 2016! Your commitment to protect life from conception to natural death, and the power of your prayers is helping to win hearts, change minds, and build a stronger Culture of Life. Together we are saving lives NOW!!!

News & Notes in our Neighborhood

CUYAHOGA FALLS PRE-CANA DAY: Engaged couples – join us at St Joseph School, Cuy Falls, on *Saturday, Mar 3*. Cost is \$75.00/couple. This program satisfies the Diocesan requirements for marriage prep. To register or for more information, call St Joseph Office at 928-2173.

SAMARITAN MINISTRY 1-DAY SESSION ON ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE – Free, 1-day session educational workshop for clergy, pastoral ministers, social service workers, chemical abuse counselors, family members, and other interested persons. Workshop held *Saturday, Mar 3 from 9am – 4pm* at St Malachi Ctr, 2416 Superior Viaduct. Contact Judy at 440-250-9959, judvstowe@gmail.com, or St Malachi at 216-861-5343, or rectory@stmalachi.org.



CONGRATULATIONS to the 200 Club winner(s) for the weekend of *February 11, 2018*:

#42 – MARIANNE BERTSCH - \$25.00

Celebrating the Sacraments

WELCOME NEWLY BAPTIZED:

GABRIELLA NICOLE SOMMERS – 2/10/18

WELCOME NEWLY REGISTERED:

ADAM & STACI SCHRAMM FAMILY

Caring Commission

Pray for the Sick: Chris Cortel, Linda Feezel, Tom Hughes, Irene Ingram, Margaret Maurer, Kate Naglak, Jean Sibit, Eugene Torisky, Lisa Von Gunten.



We pray with the Church Irene Lazar may share in the peace and joy of the Risen Lord.

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