

**INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK****SUNDAY March 14, 2021**

- 9:00 am** Angela Hofmeyer (d)  
**11:00 am** Roger Hartinger (d)  
**7:00 pm** For the Parishioners

**MONDAY, March 15, 2021**

- 8:30 am** Ebbitt Family (d)

**TUESDAY, March 16, 2021**

- 8:30 am** Anna Do (d)

**WEDNESDAY, March 17, 2021**

*St. Patrick, Bishop*

- 8:30 am** Henry Clay Beekley (d)

**THURSDAY, March 18, 2021**

*St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, doctor of the church*

- 8:30 am** Paul Martini (d)

**3:00-5:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION****FRIDAY, March 19, 2021**

ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED

VIRGIN MARY

- 8:30 am** Bill Leesman (d)

- 5:00 pm** Stations of the Cross  
Mass

**SATURDAY, March 20, 2021**

- 8:30 am** Rita Brinker (d)  
**4:30 pm** Mark & Virginia Schmidt (d)

**SUNDAY, March 21, 2021**

- 9:00 am** Michael Corcoran  
**11:00 am** Leo O'Neill (d)  
**7:00 pm** For the Parishioners

**SERVERS**

**March 20/21**

No Servers scheduled.

**LECTORS**

**March 20/21**

No Lectors scheduled.

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**March 20/21**

No Eucharistic Ministers scheduled.

**OFFERING**

**March 7, 2021           \$ 12,217**

*Thank You for your Generosity!*

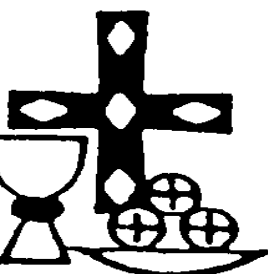
**Vocation View:** 'You have heard that it was said . . .' Jesus challenges His disciples to a deeper embrace of His teachings. Embrace His teachings with your whole heart, mind and soul. (Matthew 5:20-37) To talk about your discernment, please contact Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, Director of Vocations at dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org.

**Thought for the Day:** "We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love."

*St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

**Rest in Peace:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of Patricia Becker and Bonnie Vignale

**PLEASE NOTIFY US AT THE RECTORY** when a family member is hospitalized or homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion and/or the Sacrament of Penance.



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# The Laurentian

## LENTEN REGULATIONS

**Ash Wednesday (February 17) and Good Friday (April 2)** are days of fast and abstinence. Abstinence means no eating of meat (beast or fowl) and is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years of age and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On fast days, two additional smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength. However, two smaller meals together may not equal one full meal. Moreover, eating solid foods between meals on fast days is not permitted.

## Young Adult Ignatian Retreat

Rooted in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, this weekend retreat, for men and women in their 20s and 30s, offers an exploration of the life, ministry, suffering, and death of Jesus Christ. The retreat invites you to seek the deep, intrinsic connection between Christ's life and your own, revealing how His ministry, suffering, and death bring new life and meaning in your faith and your daily life.

Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ will provide a series of presentations designed to assist you with your prayer, reflection and spiritual journey. The retreat will also include Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, Rosary, Silence, Small Group Discussions, and Fellowship.

When: April 23 - 25, 2021

Where: Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford

Cost: \$275 includes private room and meals

Registration: [jesuitspiritualcenter.com/youngadults](http://jesuitspiritualcenter.com/youngadults)

Call: Mary Ellen at 513.248.3500 ext. 10

**SUNDAY at 1:00 pm**  
**MONDAY at 7:00 pm**  
**BINGO**



## MASS and WAY of the CROSS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION, CONFESSIONS

On Friday afternoons of Lent, we will have the Way of the Cross beginning at 5:00 p.m. followed immediately by Holy Mass.

Also, Eucharistic Adoration is every Thursday afternoon from 3-5 p.m. Holy Mass, the Way of the Cross, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, fasting, abstinence and almsgiving are excellent ways to deepen our love for the Lord and celebrate His resurrection

**Fish Fry:** Our Lenten Fish Fry will be held on all Friday's of Lent, excluding Good Friday, from 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. This year it is drive thru only. But, you can order ahead by calling 513-921-4230.



**WOMEN'S RETREAT:** Women in the Gospel of Luke. Women close to Christ discover themselves in the truth ... even when it concerns their 'sinfulness'. They feel "*liberated*" and loved with "eternal love". Jesus said, "*Her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much...*" (Lk 7:47) At the foot of the Cross the women showed "a special *sensitivity... characteristic* of their femininity" (Lk 24:8-11; MD 15, 16). Where: Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Center, 5701 Lawshe Rd. Peebles OH 54660

Cost: A donation – Pray and "do whatever He tells you". Includes meals on Saturday, guest rooms and retreat.

To Register: Call 513 373 2397 or email [retreats@presentationministries.com](mailto:retreats@presentationministries.com)

In the gospel of John the Lord says: *In this will all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love for each other.* In a letter of the same apostle we read: *Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God; he who does not love does not know God, for God is love.*

The faithful should therefore enter into themselves and a true judgement on their attitudes of mind and heart. If they find some store of love's fruit in their hearts, they must not doubt God's presence within them. If they would increase their capacity to receive so great a guest, they should practice greater generosity in doing good, with persevering charity.

If God is love, charity should know no limit, for God cannot be confined.

Any time is the right time for works of charity, but these days of Lent provide a special encouragement. Those who want to be present at the Lord's Passover in holiness of mind and body should seek above all to win this grace, for charity contains all other virtues and covers a multitude of sins.

As we prepare to celebrate that greatest of all mysteries, by which the blood of Jesus Christ did away with our sins, let us first of all make ready the sacrificial offerings of works of mercy. In this way we shall give to those who have sinned against us what God in his goodness has already given to us.

Let us now extend to the poor and those afflicted in different ways a more open-handed generosity, so that God may be thanked through many voices and the relief of the needy supported by our fasting. No act of devotion on the part of the faithful gives God more pleasure than that which is lavished on his poor. Where he finds charity with its loving concern, there he recognized the reflection of his own fatherly care.

In these acts of giving do not fear a lack of means. A generous spirit is itself great wealth. There can be no shortage of material for generosity where it is Christ who feeds and Christ who is fed. In all this activity there is present the hand of him who multiplies the bread by breaking it, and increase it by giving it away.

The giver of alms should be free from anxiety and full of joy. His gain will be greatest when he keeps back least for himself. The holy apostle Paul tells us: *He who provides seed for the sower will also provide bread for eating; he will provide you with more seed, and will increase the harvest of your goodness,* in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

*by Saint Leo the Great, pope  
(c. 400 – 461)*



## The Laurentian

There is a general rule concerning all special graces granted to any human being. Whenever the divine favor chooses someone to receive a special grace, or to accept a lofty vocation, God adorns the person chosen with all the gifts of the Spirit needed to fulfill the task at hand.

The general rule is especially verified in the case of Saint Joseph, the foster-father of our Lord and the husband of the Queen of our world, enthroned above the angels. He was chosen by the eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures, namely, his divine Son and Mary, Joseph's wife. He carried out this vocation with complete fidelity until at last God called him saying: *Good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord.*

What then is Joseph's position in the whole Church of Christ? Is he not a man chosen and set apart? Through him and, yes, under him, Christ was fittingly and honorably introduced into the world. Holy church in its entirety is indebted to the Virgin Mother because through her it was judged worthy to receive Christ. But after her we undoubtedly owe special gratitude and reverence to Saint Joseph.

In him the Old Testament finds its fitting close. He brought the noble line of patriarchs and prophets to its promised fulfillment. What the divine goodness had offered as a promise to them, he held in his arms.

Obviously, Christ does not now deny to Joseph that intimacy, reverence and very high honor which he gave him on earth, as a son to his father. Rather we must say that in heaven Christ completes and perfects all that he gave at Nazareth.

Now we can see how the last summoning words of the Lord appropriately apply to Saint Joseph: *Enter into the joy of your Lord.* In fact, although the joy of eternal happiness enters into the soul of a man, the Lord preferred to say to Joseph: Enter into joy. His intention was that the words should have a hidden spiritual meaning for us. They convey not only that this holy man possesses an inward joy, but also that it surrounds him and engulfs him like an infinite abyss.

Remember us, Saint Joseph, and plead for us to your foster-child. Ask your most holy bride, the Virgin Mary, to look kindly upon us, since she is the mother of him who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns eternally. Amen

*by St. Bernadine of Siena, priest  
(c.1380 – 1444)*



**Lent**