

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." - Jn 8:6b-7

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MASS:

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

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A More Honest Assessment

There was a country music song about 1980 that I used to enjoy called "Hard To Be Humble (When You're Perfect In Every Way)." The singer was songwriter extraordinaire Mac Davis, a heart-throb for untold numbers of women. His hit was a tongue-in-cheek slice of life about a singer whose ego was so huge that he could never sustain a relationship because "I treasure my own company."

If I'd ever been a hundredth as good looking as Mac Davis, I'd have probably treasured my own company, too. Alas, when the Lord of the Universe was doling out gifts, He forgot to include drop-dead good looks, a great voice, immense songwriting creativity, and musical talent among mine. Davis and I are both males, both have voice boxes, both have faces, and both know guitar chords. But, unfortunately for me, the similarity ends there. Over the decades, I have managed to accept this unaccountable oversight on the part of the Almighty, and have sought to make an impact in other, much less public, ways.

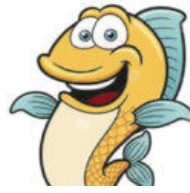
But the hook to that once immense country and pop hit has me thinking. It resonates with me this Lent in a reverse way: Lord, it's not hard to be humble; it's hard to be proud or self-satisfied if we are honest about our shortcomings in living the life You have called us to live. A more honest assessment might be, "Lord, it's hard to be truthful about acknowledging the many ways in which we have failed to live as You called us to live. Sin has led us astray."

One only has to look at the lack of long lines outside of our confessionals to know that a huge percentage of today's Catholics do not think they sin at all, and certainly not seriously enough to warrant lying awake at night worrying about it. It's always so much easier to point out our neighbor's faults than acknowledge our own. But sin is serious business that demands our attention. Let's be strong enough in faith to reject the trendy view that we either never sin or, if we do, it will all be erased by a merciful God no matter how we have lived in this world.

With two weeks left in Lent, there is still time to look deep into our souls to evaluate how well we have done in progressing toward the goals we set for ourselves on Ash Wednesday. Doing so, it's easy to see there is plenty for all of us to be concerned about, not to mention deeply humble as well.

— Lou Jacquet

Fish Dinner Update



We love receiving compliments. Here's one we received this week: "My Mom and Dad loved their fish dinners that I bought on Friday. My Mom is a very picky eater and she loved the haluski and coleslaw. My Aunt and Uncle also enjoyed their dinners. I'm thinking I will be placing an order again on Friday."

We have one more dinner left on April 11. Make plans to enjoy this final dinner. Remember, you can place your orders on Thursday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at 330-799-3683.

—Patty Infante and John Coudriet, co-chairs

Altar/Rosary Asks Your Help

The St. Brendan Altar & Rosary Society will hold a Bingo and Card Party on April 27. We are reaching out to our parishioners to ask for your support in setting up a basket raffle table by donating gift baskets, gift cards, lottery tickets etc. You can donate to any member or leave at the rectory during business hours (8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday). Every contribution counts, and we appreciate your generosity. Questions? Call Sharon Pasquale at 330-207-7836.

Upcoming Lenten Events

Sunday, April 6

2:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross/Benediction, St. Matthias

Wednesday, April 9

9 a.m. Mass, St. Brendan's

6 p.m. Part Four, Adult Lenten series at St. Christine

Friday, April 11

7 p.m. Stations of the Cross/Benediction, St. Christine

Sunday, April 6

9:00 a.m. Christine Rieger Lohner
by Lou and Geri Jacquet

Wednesday, April 9

9:00 a.m. Mike Mraz by Patricia Smith

Sunday, April 13

9:00 a.m. Albert and Sandy Mihalik by Family

Please Pray For Our Sick

Frank Roman, Mary Pavlak, Beverly Detate, Frank Lightner, Michelle Smith, Ken Mains, David Deihl, Barbara Bonninsegna, Mary Beth Celio, Fr. Richard Brobst, Charles Slivkoff, Harold and Debra Brown, Rita Thomas

Wedding Anniversaries Celebration

The Diocese of Youngstown is sponsoring a Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday May 18 at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Columba in Youngstown, honoring couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th or over wedding anniversaries in 2025.

The Wedding Anniversary Celebration will include Mass with Bishop David J. Bonnar, Bishop of Youngstown, with the blessing of couples celebrating significant anniversaries. Each couple will receive a personalized certificate. Following the Mass, there will be a reception for the couples and their families in the parish hall. You must make advanced reservations for this event by contacting your parish office (330-792-3875) and obtaining Father Jerek's signature before April 25, 2025.

Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the Church to minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, offer religious education, and undertake social and charitable works.

It is vital that we support Christians living in the Holy Land, in order to maintain a Christian presence in the very land made holy by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace, and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. The envelope for the collection is in your parish packet. Please be generous!

Tips for Lenten Mortification



—"Don't say, 'That person bothers me.' Think: 'That person sanctifies me.'"

—"The eyes! Through them much wickedness enters into the soul....If you guard your eyes, you'll be assured of guarding your heart."

—"Conquer yourself each day from the very first moment, getting up on the dot, at a set time, without granting a single minute to laziness. If, with the help of God, you conquer yourself in that moment, you'll have accomplished a great deal for the rest of the day."

—"The world admires only the spectacular sacrifice, because it does not realize the value of the sacrifice that is hidden and silent."

—"Everything that does not lead you to God is an obstacle. Tear it out and cast it far from you."

—"The body must be given a little less than it needs. Otherwise it will turn traitor."

— St. Josemaria Escriva, *The Way*

Sunday's Scriptures: The Reason To Live For

Today's readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent are from Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14; Gospel of John 8:1-11.

We have come to the fifth Sunday of Lent. Soon we will approach the sacred week that celebrates the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Has this Lenten season of prayer, fasting, spiritual reading and almsgiving changed our hearts? Have we detached ourselves from less important pursuits to reach for the Pearl of Great Price?

Our second reading today is from Philippians 3:8-14. In this letter, Paul speaks to us from his heart. He reveals what is important in his life; indeed, he tells us the reason that he lives for. "Brothers and sisters: I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish."

Paul's relationship with Jesus has changed his entire life. Nothing else in this world holds any

allure for him. He has one attachment, one goal, one supreme love. His passion is to live in Jesus Christ, "to know him and the power of his resurrection, and the sharing of his sufferings by being conformed to his death. I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ Jesus."

St. Augustine defines Wisdom as ordered love. St. Paul lives his life with ordered love. Jesus is his first and highest love, his supreme good, and all else pales when compared to Christ.

Many of us still have a multitude of attractions and distractions that take up our time and devotion. No one of these distractions is predominant or helpful in putting our lives in order. St. John Chrysostom says, "When the sun appears, it is loss to sit by a candle." Has the light and love of Jesus (the Son) transformed us this Lent? Change our hearts, Lord.

— Geri Jacquet

Bishop's Cup Golf Event Set

The third annual Bishop's Cup Golf Classic, supporting diocesan seminarians and the diocesan Vocations Office, will be held Monday June 30 at the Lake Club, [1140 Paulin Road](#), Poland. 11 a.m. registration; buffet lunch; 1:30 shotgun start. \$200 donation per golfer. \$800 per foursome/team. 18-hole golf scramble with cart; hole-in-one contest and team prizes/raffles. Register online at [doy.org/golf](#).. Checks payable to the Diocese of Youngstown c/o Father Chad Johnson, [144 W. Wood St., Youngstown OH 44503](#); information, Father William Wainio, 330-678-0240. Last year's event raised more than \$60,000.

Office Hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Call Jackie Niznik at 330-792-3875 with questions.

Prayer to St. Stanislaus

"O God, for whose honor the Bishop St. Stanislaus fell beneath the swords of his persecutors, grant, we pray, that we may persevere strong in faith even until death. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever."
Feast Day: April 11



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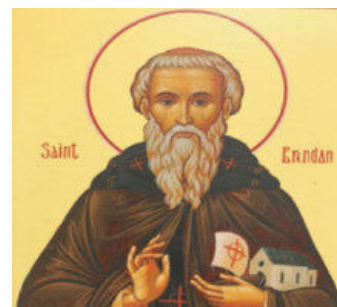
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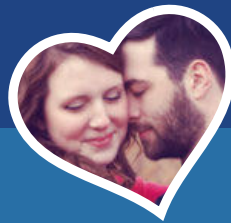
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