



**Saturday, Feb. 27 – 4:00 pm**

*Corrine Lopatkovich / John Lopatkovich  
Jim Tansey / Rosemary Romeis*

**Sunday, Feb. 28 – 11:00 am**

*Carol Klear / John & Cheryl Nolan*

**Thursday, Mar. 4 - 9:00 am**

*Patricia Wolf / Barb Boyer  
For mothers contemplating abortion*

**Friday, Mar. 5 - 9:00 am**

*Marilynn & Art Daniels / Rita & Dale Daniels*

**Saturday, Mar. 6 – 4:00 pm**

*Corrine Lopatkovich / John Lopatkovich*

**Sacristan:** Diana Griffin  
**Lector:** Don Rottari  
**Ushers:** Diane & Fred Wolf  
**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Ron

**Sunday, Mar. 7 – 11:00 am**

*Eileen Pheifer / John & Cheryl Nolan*

**Sacristan:** Ethel Schmitt  
**Lector:** Sue Kershaw  
**Ushers:** Kelly & Dan Sayler  
**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Ron

**Money Counters for Mar. 7:**

Joe Kovach & Cathy Zuk

**Bulletin Deadline:** Please have any announcements for the parish bulletin to Sr. Joyce by **Tuesday noon.**

**Saturday, Feb. 27**

3:30 pm Confessions  
4:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, Feb. 28**

9:30—10:45 am PSR (Hall)  
9:30 am Sun. Morning Discussion  
(South mt. rm., Hall)  
11:00 am Mass

**Monday, Mar. 1**

7-9 pm Bible Study (Hall)

**Tuesday, Mar. 2**

**Wednesday, Mar. 3**

7 pm Evening Prayer (church)

**Thursday, Mar. 4**

9:00 am Mass

**Friday, Mar. 5**

9:00 am Mass  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (church)

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# St. Mary Catholic Church

*(A Member of the St. John Neumann Deanery)*

**February 27 & 28, 2021**

**2nd Sunday of Lent**

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**This Week's Scriptures**

3/1 *Monday Dn. 9:4b-10; Lk. 6:36-38*  
3/2 *Tuesday Is. 1:10, 16-20; Mt. 23:1-12*  
3/3 *Wednesday Jer. 18:18-20; Mt. 20: 17-28*  
3/4 *Thursday Jer. 17:5-10; Lk. 16:19-31*  
3/5 *Friday Gn. 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a;  
Abstinence Mt. 21:33-43, 45-46*  
3/6 *Saturday Mi. 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk. 15:1-3, 11-32*  
3/7 *Sunday 3rd Sunday of Lent  
Ex 20: 1-17; 1 Cor. 1:22-25; Jn. 2:13-25*



**Parish Staff**

**Pastor:** Fr. Ron Brickner  
419-929-4401

**Pastoral Associate:**  
Judd Smerglia  
440-839-2023

**Finance:** Diane Wolf  
440-839-2023

**Administrative Assistant:**  
Sr. Joyce Bates 440-839-2023

**Finance Council:** John Nolan  
419-217-2984

**Maintenance:** Steve Matus  
440-839-2023

**Youth Leaders:** Kristie Jarrett,  
Jenn Nolan, Libby French

**Advocate for Annulments:**  
Sue Kershaw 440-839-2023

**Our Parish Mission Statement:**

**Gathered as a family of faith in Christ Jesus, strengthened by His Word and Sacraments, we will set a living example of our faith by:**

- ◆ Seeking Christ in all we meet
- ◆ Giving of our time, talent and treasure
- ◆ Supporting and strengthening our community and Sharing our Faith

Dear Parish Family,

Have you ever been on the top of a spiritual mountain? An encounter with the presence of God and wanting to never leave?

I have been blessed to have traveled to many mountain tops where God's presence has been experienced. I was blessed to be in Toronto in July of 2002 with 800,000 other Catholic faithful from around the world where a frail Pope John Paul II challenged our young people to take Christ into a broken world. I have been at several National Catholic Youth Gatherings watching 20,000 young people encountering Christ in a real and personal way in the sacraments. I have stood in a room with 700 youth ministers as the Blessed Sacrament sat on the altar in exposition and all that could be heard was the choir of angels in heaven rejoicing. In each of these mountain top experiences, all I wanted to do was to put up my tent and never leave. However, it wasn't until well after these encounters and after time to reflect upon their true meaning and impact that the transforming power of those encounters really took hold.

In this week's Gospel, the true identity of Jesus as the Son of God is revealed to Peter, James and John. Not only did they encounter the divine presence of Jesus, but they also encounter Moses and Elijah. I can see why Peter blurts out,

*"Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents:  
one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."*

I too would want to stay there on top of this mountain. But it seems strange that Jesus would tell them not to talk about this encounter *"except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead"*.

*Why would Jesus tell them not to share what they had experienced?*

As Paul Harvey would say, they needed to have the "rest of the story". This revelation to Peter, James, and John of God's plan for salvation would not make complete sense to them until they have experienced what was coming, the death and resurrection of Jesus, the Son of God. They needed all of the story and they needed time to make sense of it all.

Our story is bit different than that of Peter, James, and John in that we have already been given God's plan for our salvation. We are blessed that we have Holy Scripture that tells us the whole story of salvation. We are also blessed to have the Holy Spirit to guide us in understanding and living God's plan for our salvation. And how blessed we are to have all the Angels and Saints who walk with us day in and day out to help us to see how loved we are by our Heavenly Father. Taking time to enter into God's presence through prayer, fasting and almsgiving will help us to better understand and to live out the depth of God's love for each of us.

May this Lenten journey help us to shed all that weighs us down as we climb to the mountain top where on Easter Sunday, we find an empty tomb. And upon our return from the top of the mountain may the transforming power of this journey help us to share the love and the joy we have found in the Risen Christ, Jesus our Savior.


Judd

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
Last week	\$ 2,011.00	\$ 2,595.00
Electronic		\$
MTD Feb.	\$ 6,033.00	\$ 7,967.00
<b>FYTD</b>	<b>\$ 72,874.00</b>	<b>\$ 74,707.26</b>

  
**this week to:**  
Cheryl Hanko, Tracey Tite,  
Luke Holmes, Bethany Morman,  
Claire Hanko, Thomas Tomaszewski,  
John Burke, Marlene Plank,  
& Logan Morris

Please pray for the SICK of our parish and for those who mourn the loss of a love one.

To place a person on our parish **Prayer-Line**, please call or email Sandie Pecora at: 440-839-2623 or [sandiep5@frontier.com](mailto:sandiep5@frontier.com)

  
*Please pray for our RCIA candidates:*  
*Terri Marquis*  
*Hayden Matus*

**Sunday Morning Discussions**  
**9:30-10:45 am**  
The group is viewing "The Wild Goose" from FORMED. Feel free to join the group at any time.  
**2/28 The Spirit Convicts**  
**3/7 The Spirit Gives Witness**

Catholic Charities  
Diocese of Toledo  
INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE  
**Miriam house's**  
20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
*Transforming Lives!*  
with The Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2021**  
Norwalk Eagles Club 771 | 151 Cline Street | Norwalk, OH  
Doors open 5:30 p.m. | Dinner Program 6 p.m.  
Sponsor VIP Reception 5 p.m.\*  
Seating is limited!  
Please RSVP by March 19, 2021  
Reserve your seat at \$50 per person and become a sponsor online at [MH20.org](http://MH20.org)  
Questions? Contact Vickie Smith at 567.743.1003