

February 14, 2010
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Angela Merici

20970 Lorain Road, Fairview Park, OH 44126
www.samparish.org



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
PARISH RAFFLE WINNER:**

\$15,000 Ed Chatlos
\$5,000 Nancy Bullard
\$1,000 Jackie Delaney

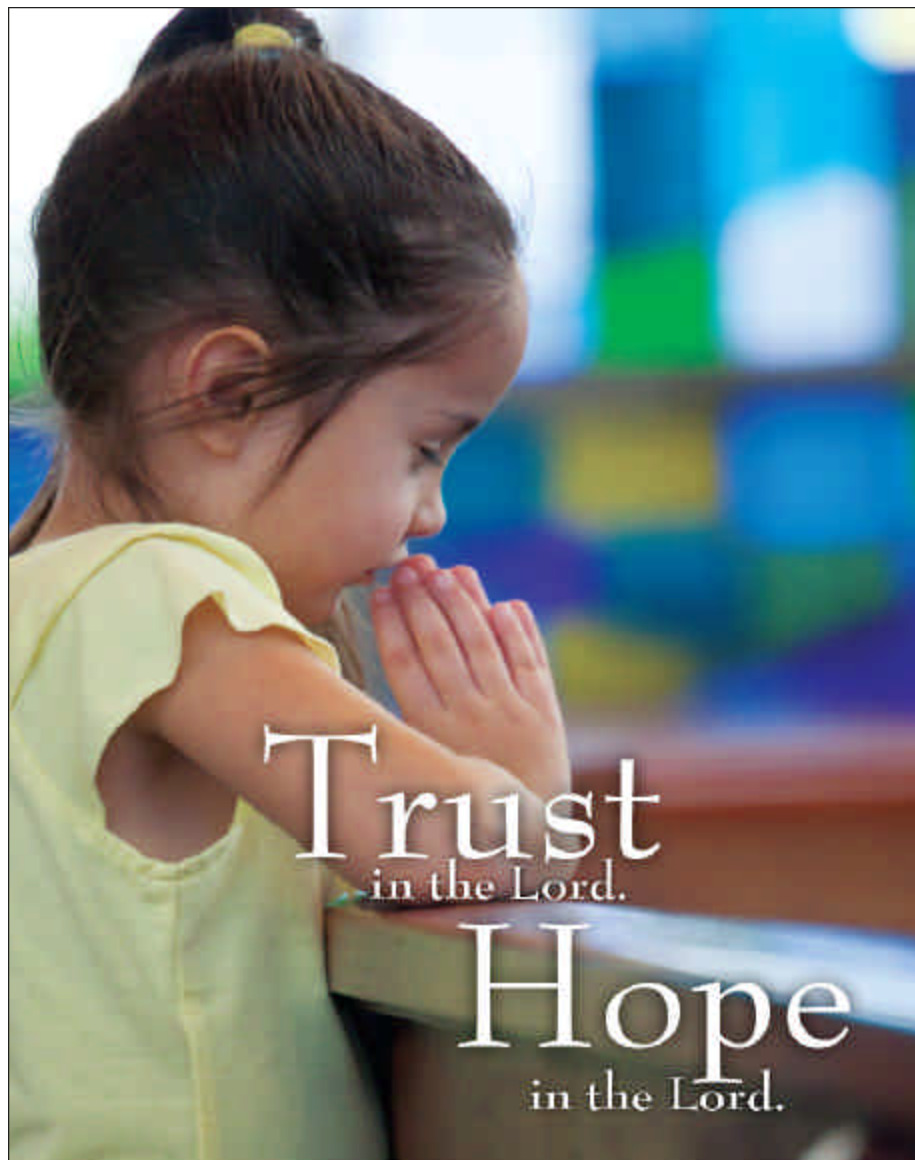
Thank you to all parishioners and friends of St. Angela Merici who participated in making this year's major fundraiser a success.



**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17
MASS SCHEDULE**

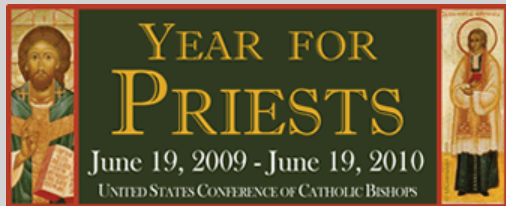
6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 12 Noon;
7:00 p.m.

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.



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2010 ANNUAL APPEAL

**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS****Monday, February 15**

No 6:30AM Mass

8:30AM Margaret O'Malley

Tuesday, February 16

6:30AM Communion Service

8:30AM Marie Guenther

Wednesday, February 17 — Ash Wednesday

6:30AM Ann Sekner

8:30AM Joseph & Rose D'Onofrio

12:00PM Kenneth Pretzer

7:00PM Erin Clare O'Neill

Thursday, February 18

6:30AM Michael Weir

8:30AM Erin T. Smith

Friday, February 19

6:30AM Michael Rurycz

8:30AM John McNamara

Saturday, February 20

8:30AM Adam Kowalski

4:30PM Francesca Coreno

Sunday, February 21 — First Sunday of Lent

7:30AM For the Parish

9:00AM Patrick Lavelle

11:00AM Schneider & Kasper Families

5:30PM Dan Draught

The Parish Center will be closed on Monday, February 15 in observance of the Presidents Day holiday.

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS**Monday — Thursday:**

9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.**Saturday:** 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**Sunday:** 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Please call 440-333-2133 for an appointment if you wish to see a priest.

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Monday - Friday: 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m.; Saturday: 8:30 a.m.

Holy Days: Vigil 5:30 p.m.; 6:30, 8:30 a.m., 12 Noon, 7:00 p.m.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: After 8:30 a.m. Mass on Saturday.

Confessions: Saturday 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Or by request.

PARISH STAFF:The Rev. Michael J. Lanning, *Pastor*The Rev. Gregory F. Schaut, *Parochial Vicar*The Rev. Mr. James L. Agrippe, *Deacon*The Rev. Mr. Kevin McKenna, *Deacon*Mr. Erick Lupson, *in Diaconate Formation*Mr. David Tidyman, *Director of Music Ministries*Mr. Lawrence Wallace, *Director, Contemporary Ensemble*Mrs. Linda Heiss, *Director of Religious Education*Mr. Michael Schwark, *Youth Minister*Mrs. Therese Whitmore, R.N., *Parish Nurse*Mrs. Linda Corcoran, *Bulletin Editor, bulletin@samparish.org**Bulletin / Insert Deadline: 10 days prior to publication.***SCHOOL:**

School / Preschool 440-333-2126; Extended Care 440-356-8054

Mrs. Denise Modic Urban, *School Principal*Mrs. Christine Kutz, *Preschool Director*Mrs. Julie McGovern, *Extended Care Director***New Parishioner Registration:** Call the Parish Center.**Religious Education Classes:** Preschool, Sunday 11:00 a.m.; Grades 1-8 and Special Needs, Monday 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.**R.C.I.A.:** This formation for adults who wish to become Catholic begins in early September. Call the Parish Center.**Natural Family Planning Classes:** Contact Timothy and Mary Ellen Jakubisin at 440-779-5793, or go to www.ccli.org**Baptisms:** Second, third, fourth and fifth Sundays at 12:15 p.m. Arrangements must be made in advance with one of the priests. Pre-Baptism class is required.**Marriages:** Couples should consult the priest of their choice at least 6 months before the wedding date. Call the Parish Center.**Ministry to the Sick / Homebound:** Anointing of the Sick, Communion for Shut-Ins. Call the Parish Center.**Funerals:** Arrangements must be made at the Parish Center before any publication in the newspaper.**CLUSTER PARISH SCHEDULE****St. Christopher Church**, 20141 Detroit Rd., Rocky River

Sat. Vigil Mass: 5:00PM

Sunday Masses: 7:00AM, 9:00AM, 10:30AM, 12:00 Noon

Weekday Masses (Mon.-Fri.): 11:00AM

Confessions: Saturdays 3:30-4:30PM

Call St. Christopher Parish, 440-331-4255, for Holy Day schedule.

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 14 — Happy Valentine's Day

10:00AM	Boy Scouts, Ad Altare Dei	PC East
11:00AM	Family Mass & Social, 3rd Grade	Church / Social Hall
12:00PM	CYO Basketball	Rini Center

Monday, February 15 — Presidents Day

All Day Office Closed/No School/No PSR

Tuesday, February 16

7:00PM	Boy Scouts #401 Meeting	Trailer
7:00PM	RCIA	PC West

Wednesday, February 17 — Ash Wednesday

7:30AM	Credit Union (Unity Catholic)	School
2:35PM	Jr. Girl Scouts #608	Social Hall

Thursday, February 18

2:30PM	Children's Choir Practice	Choir Loft
2:30PM	School Newspaper Meeting	School
2:30PM	Ski Club	School
2:45PM	School Yearbook Meeting	School
7:00PM	Adult Choir Practice	Church
7:00PM	Parish Council	PC West
7:00PM	St. Vincent DePaul Conference	PC East

Friday, February 19

6:00PM	Cub Scout Blue & Gold	Cafeteria
7:00PM	Stations of the Cross	Church
7:30PM	Prayer Group	PC West

Saturday, February 20

9:00AM	CYO Basketball	Rini Center
4:30PM	Christian Family Forum 20th Anniversary Mass & Dinner	Church / Social Hall

Sunday, February 21 — Food Sunday

9:00AM	Second Grade Blessing	Church
11:00AM	Second Grade Blessing	Church
11:00AM	Sunday School	School
12:00PM	CYO Basketball	Rini Center
3:30PM	YOSA Choir Practice	Church
5:30PM	YOSA Mass & Gathering	Church/Social Hall

CONGRATULATIONS TO ST. ANGELA MERICI CHRISTIAN FAMILY FORUM as they celebrate their 20th Anniversary next weekend. Past and present members will attend 4:30PM Mass on Saturday, February 20 and then gather for dinner in the Social Hall. Christian Family Forum supports Catholic family life through prayer, discussion, service and social activities.

FOOD SUNDAY IS NEXT WEEKEND Please drop your non-perishable and canned foods in the bins found at all church entrances. Collected goods will be distributed by the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you.

Welcome New Members

Please introduce yourself to one of the priests. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY: Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26
 MONDAY: Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13
 TUESDAY: Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21
 WEDNESDAY: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20---6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 THURSDAY: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
 FRIDAY: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
 SATURDAY: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
 NEXT SUNDAY: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

REST IN PEACE Please pray for Ethelmay Erwin, Moria Malady, William J. Moore, Josephine L. Metzler, Maureen Abraham, Joni Eicher (mother of Beth Pritchard), and Bridget Vannucci. May they and all the faithful departed rest in peace.

OREMUS PRO INVICEM (Pray for each other) *In your prayers, please remember those in need of healing, especially:* Maureen Abraham, Tom Barrett, Susan Bertke, Rachel Cothey, Tony & Irene Cuffari, James Paul DePolo, Marie R. DeSouza, John Gill, Beth Goebels, Shane Haddad, Lee Hardman, Matt Helfrich, Ron Holowenko, Joseph Kerrigan, Edward Lapp, Carol Ludorf, Dr. Greg Knittel, Nora Marshall, Judy Mazzeo, Carol O'Toole, Joseph Paulozzi, Sarah Brindza Pawlak, Elizabeth Prusak, Evelyn Prusak, Lucian Rego, Patricia Runyon, John Schlegel, Marie R. De Souza, Catherine Ursem, Mary Kate Verhiley, Mary Videc, and Mary Weakland. *Unless notified, names will remain on our prayer list for one month.*



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Dear Friends,

Happy Valentine's Day to all! Can you imagine how quickly time is going by? We're at the halfway mark in this month already. But I do think it's nice to stop and share a moment with those for whom we care. I know that Valentine's Day is pretty much a commercial venture these days, but it is a day to stop and think about love and affection for all those in our lives who mean so much. It is a day to reflect on the beauty of marriage, the joy of a committed relationship, and the positive effects of unselfish love.

In just a few short days, we will celebrate **Ash Wednesday** and the beginning of the great **season of Lent**. Let's get ready so that this retreat of forty days will be fruitful for all of us. Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation; it is, however, one of the most popular spiritual days of the entire year for so many Catholics and Christians throughout the world. On that day, we recognize our need for renewal and repentance. We seek to get down to what is most important in life through the Lenten practices of **fasting, penance, and almsgiving**. We recall our baptismal commitments and ask God that we may be true to them as we prepare for the great Paschal Feast of Easter. Jesus is our risen Savior. During Lent, we try as much as we can to reorient ourselves to Him.

The Lenten prep **books** will be available in church. There are always **daily Masses**. We have a **communal penance service** during this season. **Confessions** are heard each week, and you can always make an appointment with one of the priests here or in our area. We have times and opportunities for **outreach and service** throughout the diocese. We have our **Catholic Charities campaign** to help us in our promise and obligation to share with the less fortunate and to reach out through almsgiving. May God give us the wisdom to make this season holy by our prayers and actions. We also have our common customs and practices: days of abstinence and fasting. While many of these days have been truncated and pared down over the years, the obligation to share together has not. The Church reminds us that we are to do some forms of penance. **Abstinence and fasting are merely the basics that we all share**. We are to choose our own particular forms of penance that suit our lives and circumstances. Perhaps more spiritual reading from the saints and especially Sacred Scripture could help all of us. More time at evening and morning prayer is always a good idea. Many things are before us. God, please give us the wisdom to do Your will.

During Lent let us especially be mindful of our **RCIA** team and our candidates for full reception into

the Church. They have been hard at it since September; now in Lent they intensify their efforts toward the great celebration of the **Easter Vigil** on Holy Saturday. I hope you will come this year if you haven't ever been or haven't been in some time. Our service won't be as long this year since we have no adult baptisms this season; our candidates are for full reception into the Catholic Church. So do yourself a favor and mark down the day and time for this great service. You will be getting a mailing and the schedule will also be in the bulletin and online for your convenience. **Holy Week begins March 28th with Palm Sunday. The Easter Vigil this year will be on April 3rd, part of the great Easter Triduum.** Again, mark down the days in your iPods, phones, calendars – however and in whatever way you keep time these days!

One great way to celebrate Lent would be to sign up for our next GIFT program on February 28 or March 1st. The topic is about handing on the faith. The challenges of our time make it critical for us to reflect on this topic for our families, our neighborhoods, our places of business – really for the whole of our Christian lives. Please think seriously about this gathering, especially if you haven't been to one of these programs before. A wonderful meal, meeting others, and a time of prayer and reflection make this a great opportunity with other parishioners. Call the office before it's too late.

As to more mundane matters here on terra firma, thanks again go to all who helped and celebrated our Carnivale for All and our Raffle. Many, many thanks.

Congratulations for our 7th and 8th graders in school who placed 3rd out of 23 schools in the **Power of the Pen** competition. Kudos to Coach Novotny, Emmy Ernst, Missy Novotny, Savannah Lally, Alex Krueger, Hayley Grelson, Sarah Yantek, Anthony Rangel, Ryan Hargis, and Coach Yantek. Special mention goes to Nichole Slater who placed highly in the 7th grade.

As our Spring unfolds this year, we know well that many parishes in our diocese are facing great changes, mergings, closings, etc. I read a beautiful reflection in the St. Pat's West Park bulletin the other day from the pastor, Fr. Tom Hagedorn. This parish is expected to become Blessed Trinity Parish with the merging of Annunciation, Ascension, and St. Patrick's. He wrote of heartfelt prayers for all in the parish who will be making decisions as to their new parish home, either with the new Blessed Trinity or perhaps another parish as their

consciences and the Holy Spirit guide them. He acknowledged in his bulletin article that **transitions** will be difficult, but he hoped and prayed that people will be with a community of believers that they know, to be with friends and to find a new home. Perhaps some of the people from St. Pat's or other places will come to our parish home sometime for whatever reason. **No matter what their reasons, we will, I know, open our hearts and our arms in welcome during this time of change and movement.** We pray for a vital and strong new Blessed Trinity. We pray that anyone who wishes to come here will feel our warmth and see our outstretched hands. Please be aware of anyone new in our pews and at our Masses. May God give us the wisdom and the grace to **welcome** anyone who comes to our community to find a spiritual home. And thank you for being so kind and generous to them as you always are. All of us know what it feels like to pick up roots and move someplace new. It can be so lonely. Let's do all that we can for our friends, our new parishioners, our new neighbors who will bring a fresh and an additional dimension of Christ's love to our midst. This is what Bishop Lennon means when he speaks so fervently of the new **evangelization** and our commitment to clustering and to a Vibrant Parish Initiative.

On another note, please know that the Marriage Tribunal of the Diocese of Cleveland (the canon law court) has developed a program to help people present a case for the **declaration of nullity (annulment) of a marriage.** They will present this **QuickStart** Program this Spring. It consists of two sessions. The first is an overview of marriage as understood by the Catholic Church and an explanation of the tribunal process. This is also open to anyone who wishes to enrich their faith understanding. The second session is by appointment only for those who wish to present a formal case. *If you have any questions, please see Fr. Greg, myself, Deacon Jim, Deacon Kevin – all of us are able to help you personally and confidentially. If you wish to speak to someone at the tribunal, please call Lynette Tait at 216-696-6525, ext. 4000.* The first session will be April 6th at 7:00 PM at Ascension Church with follow-up meetings on May 4th.

Also, new sessions for training and updating extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion will be offered this Spring. Watch the bulletin for details. We always need new ministers. It's a great ministry for the parish and for the homebound in our community. If you have any questions, see Fr. Greg, Deacon Jim, Deacon Kevin, Michael Schwark, or

myself. The spring formation sessions for extraordinary minister of Holy Communion will take place in the Diocese of Cleveland as follows:

Sunday, April 11th – Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 2-4:30 PM

Sunday, April 11th – St. Richard, North Olmsted, 2-4:30 PM

Sunday, April 25th – St. Mary Magdalene, Willowick, 2-4:30 PM

Sunday, April 25th – Holy Martyrs, Medina, 2-4:30 PM

Sunday, April 25th – St. Augustine, Barberton, 2-4:30 PM

Sunday, May 2nd – St. Barnabas, Northfield, 2-4:30 PM

The nomination form, dates and locations, are available at www.dioceseofcleveland.org/worship, the Office for Worship Web site.

The fee is \$10 per person. No monies will be collected at the sessions. Pastors will be sent a list of names for approval - this will cover those nominated and those who were "walk-ins". Once all names have been approved, the Office for Worship will send parishes an invoice for those who attended. **High school seniors** who wish to serve as EMHC's are invited to attend any of these four sessions. A separate form will be emailed to high school campus ministers. Again, see any of us to discuss this ministry. We hope many will come forward as we always need new people to help at Mass and with the homebound. Perhaps God is calling you to this ministry. Let's answer that call.

There are so many things to reflect upon, aren't there? Thanks for thinking of me this week for my little surgery on the 19th. More skin cancer, but not life-threatening. Stay out of the sun and use sun block. I wish we knew that back when I was an Irish youngster. All is well. Fr. Greg will take the tiller for a few days; it will be, I believe, the same drill as I had back on November 13th and following. I'll be back on the wedding circuit in no time and ready for Confirmation on the 14th of March. I'm trying to write a few articles ahead of time to keep up with the bulletin pace. Oremus pro invicem. Soli Deo Gloria.

Father Michael J. Lanning, Pastor

P.S. Two more households bought individual windows for the school/parish in the past weeks and are dedicating them to their families with a small plaque. Any other interested parties? Give me a call or email me at pastor@samparish.org.

LITURGICAL ROLES
(JANUARY FEBRUARY 15-22)

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Monday, February 15
No 6:30AM Mass
8:30AM Missy Drapac Novotny,
Emmy Ernst

Tuesday, February 16
6:30AM Communion Service
8:30AM Michael Juliano, Sean Lavelle

Wednesday, February 17
6:30AM Abigail McDevitt,
Emily Nieberding
8:30AM Missy Drapac Novotny,
Emmy Ernst
12:00PM Owen Manning, Matt
Martis, Allison Matisko
7:00PM Sean Dobrzeneicki,
Matthew Fagan, Erin Landl

Thursday, February 18
6:30AM Joseph Isabella,
Andrew Dorogi
8:30AM Michael Juliano, Sean Lavelle

Friday, February 19
6:30AM Abigail McDevitt,
Emily Nieberding
8:30AM Missy Drapac Novotny,
Emmy Ernst
7:00PM Joseph Arroyo, Brendan
Carney, John Fayen

Saturday, February 20
8:30AM Michael Juliano, Sean Lavelle

WEEKEND SERVERS (FEBRUARY 21-22)

4:30PM Sarah Anglin, Seamus Anglin,
Timothy Anglin, Grace Corrigan
7:30AM Stephen Zinsmayer,
Jacob Roth, Libby Pipak
9:00AM Noelle Isabella, Chris Isabella,
Elena Donofrio, Selena Gadd
11:00AM Erin Landl, Joe Zavagno,
Erin Gallagher, Bryan Ambrogi
5:30PM Ryan Hout, Jacob Sheehan,
Gannon Ellert

LECTORS (FEBRUARY 21-22)
Please refer to your schedules.

LECTOR WORKSHOP will be held for our cluster at St. Christopher Parish on March 18 from 7-9PM. All lectors and those interested in being lectors are to attend this workshop presented by Fr. Thomas Dragga, St. Mary Seminary.

FIRST EUCHARIST All First Communion candidates and their families will gather at the 9:00 and 11:00AM Masses (as assigned) on Sunday, February 21st. The children will receive a special blessing as they begin their preparation for the sacrament of Holy Eucharist. Each family is reminded to pick-up their First Eucharist preparation packet after the liturgy.



ST. ANGELA MERICI PARISH SCHOOL NEWS
Power of the Pen Good News All six of our 8th graders qualified for the regional competition on March 27th. St. Angela Merici was one of three schools (out of 23 schools) advanced to the regionals with the full 8th grade writing teams. Also, four of our 7th graders advanced to regional: Lizzie Morris, Emily Nieberding, Nichole Slater, and Claire Wilber. Congratulations to our writers!

God and Country Winner Melissa Cothey, one of our 8th graders, was presented the God and Country Essay Award by Eileen Patton at the Fairview Park City Hall this week. Congratulations to Melissa for her award!

Upcoming school events for this week include:

Sun. 2/14	Family Mass (Grade 3: 11:00am)
Mon. 2/15	Presidents Day – No Classes Chuck E Cheese Fundraiser Night (3-9 pm)
Tue. 2/16	Mardi Gras Accent Day Faculty Meeting
Wed. 2/17	Credit Union (Room 202: 7:30 – 7:45 am) 7 th Grade Math Sessions (Rm. 306: 2:35–3 pm) Ash Wednesday Masses (8:30am & Noon)
Thu. 2/18	Children’s Choir (Choir Loft: 2:35 - 3:15pm) School Newspaper Mtg. (Tech Lab: 2:35– 3pm) Ski Club (2:30 – 8:00pm) Yearbook Meeting (Tech Lab: 2:45)
Fri. 2/19	Parish Raffle Casual Dress Incentive Day
Sat. 2/20	Market Day Internet Orders Due



**HANDING ON THE FAITH:
CHALLENGES OF TODAY’S WORLD**
Sunday, February 28, 12:15 to 2:30 pm
Or, Monday, March 1, 6:00 to 8:15 pm



Spiritual Olympics
Learn how to go for the gold and cross the finish line, even as the world competes for our time and attention.

Featured Speakers:

Sunday: **Bill Boomer**, Director, Department for Marriage & Family Ministry, Catholic Diocese of Cleveland
Monday: **Jim Hogan**, Theology Teacher, St. Ignatius High School
Registration forms at Church entrances & the Parish Center.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST The St. Angela Merici Boy Scout Troop 401 will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 7 from 8:00AM – 1:00PM in the School Cafeteria. Tickets are \$5 per person, maximum \$15 per family. Tickets are available in advance; walk-ins also welcome. Go to St. Angela's Web site 'Events' column for an order form. Tickets are also available at the door. Proceeds will benefit the Boy Scout Troop 401 summer camping program. We invite all to come and enjoy breakfast with us after Mass on March 7.

2010 CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL APPEAL

"Trust in the Lord; Hope in the Lord."

The 2010 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal is underway with an in-pew commitment process taking place this weekend. All who have not received the mailing, or have not had a chance to respond to it, are asked to consider making a generous pledge to support the ministries and services provided by Catholic Charities.

This is not a "special collection." As the requests for the services of Catholic Charities increase and government funding of their programs decrease, it is absolutely necessary for each of us to do what we can to assure the needs of those who depend on Catholic Charities are met. Each of us is encouraged to consider a pledge of support that will be billed over several months.

We ask that each parishioner consider the plight of those served by Catholic Charities. Then, reflect upon the gifts God has given to each of us. Place your trust and hope in the Lord as you consider your gift. Based upon these reflections, determine how much you will return in gratitude for the gift you have received. Please pray for the success of this important Appeal.

FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE ARMED SERVICES *Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.* Jason Actis, Stephen Barnie, Jason Ivan Bauman, James Bocchicchio, Amanda M. Borngen, Tim Budzar, Christopher Ceren, Aaron Cimo, Terrance Fagan, Jack Finucan, Derek Fix, Michael Flynn, Phoebe Flynn, Jessica France, Johnathon Gottschick, Christopher Hirsch, Michael Hodge, Nathan Jones, Michael Keaton, Joseph Kocel, Dane Krebs, Kenneth Kurz, Zachary Laskowski, Derek Lisowski, Jeffrey Lynch, Antonio Martinez, Elizabeth McKenna-Cloud, Dan Meleason, Michael Medgyessy, Peter A. Mooney, Andrew Munshower, Thomas S. Nemeth, Zachary Netzler, Ryan Overbaugh, Thomas Oxley, Robin Pacheco, Christopher Popovic, Jeremy Roberts, Lawrence Ruggiero, Scott Saghy, James Schafer, Raymond Schmotzer, Paulo Shakarian, Bernadette Sielski, Brian Skalecki, Thomas Skalecki, Michael E. Stanton, Ken Stein, Daniel Stuewe, Cory B. Szucs, Ryan Walters, Charles Werner, Patrick Whitmore, Jeffrey E. Wick, and Bryan Winters. *Please keep all of our armed forces stationed here and in foreign lands including those disabled by war in your prayers.*

YOSA RETREAT

Please pray for all of our high school teens who are participating in our annual retreat this weekend.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

Mother Superior from Uganda to Visit St. Angela

Mother Superior Anne Christine Kizza, IHMR, one of the nuns who runs Nsumba Home, St. Angela's partner orphanage in Kampala, Uganda, will be visiting us next weekend! She is flying into the United States for a one month visit to a few different states and is making a special stop to Fairview Park. She will be speaking briefly at all the masses on Feb. 20-21 about her work at the orphanage with the 450 children. After each of the morning masses, there will be a social in the Social Hall (free refreshments!) so people can meet her. Please help us give her a warm welcome to our parish!

Mother Teresa Books Available in Parish Center

Dr. Paul Wright, Mother Teresa's doctor who is from Youngstown, OH will be speaking at St. Christopher on March 7th at 1:30pm. The author of *Mother Teresa's Prescription*, Dr. Wright will be speaking about his experience working with her in Calcutta. Signed copies of his books are available in the Parish Center for a \$10 donation. All proceeds will go to the Missionaries of Charity.

Purchase Your Fair Trade Coffee Following Masses on Feb. 21

12 oz bags of Equal Exchange fair trade coffee will be available for purchase next Sunday, Feb. 21 after all the morning masses in the Social Hall. Each bag is \$7 and is also available in the Parish Center. Please join us for donuts, bagels, juice and coffee following the 7:30am, 9am, and 11am masses.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL recently met to discuss tuition costs for the 2010-2011 School Year. The letter outlining that discussion, as well as the resulting tuition rates are published below. Parish Finance Council members are Fr. Michael J. Lanning, Pastor; Fr. Greg Schaut, Parochial Vicar; Edward Doubrava, Staff Business Manager; Robert Mooney, Chairman; A.J. Hyland; Heidi DiGennaro; Tom Guarente; Don Isabella; Kathy Kelly; Dan Platten; Jim Proctor; Lucian Rego; and Ellen (Nell) Sweeney.



Saint Angela Merici Parish

In the Diocese of Cleveland

Soli Deo Gloria

Parish Center Offices

January 28, 2010

Dear School Parents,

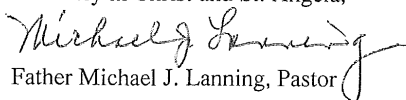
Each year, I must wrestle with the question of tuition costs for our school in consultation with the Parish Finance Council, a council composed of men and women with financial expertise, some of whom are also parents of our school children. Providing a superior Catholic education at a reasonable cost, while at the same time offering a decent and just wage to faculty and staff is not an easy matter, particularly in view of the sacrifices you are making for Catholic education at a time of economic insecurity. As I mentioned at Mass some weeks ago, I would rather lower tuition each year. Perhaps someday, when we can convince everyone in our parish community of the critical value of our school, we will be able to achieve that goal.

Right now, we must face certain realities, however. And here are the variables that I must consider. *Please read these carefully.* The Finance Council and I discussed the following:

1. The **weekly offertory** collections throughout the year; this includes the significant collections for Christmas and Easter. We have increased offertory, but as yet we do not reach our minimum goal weekly. Tuition does not cover the full cost of education; thus the weekly offertory directly affects our parish subsidy to the school to make ends meet.
2. The **State of Ohio** has reduced the amount of auxiliary funding per student. This directly impacts the quality of educational goods and services we must provide each year.
3. **Ancillary costs** for utilities, health insurance and other fringe benefits for staff, along with continuing maintenance of our facilities increase each year. Fringe benefits alone will increase this year by 7%. We have no control over these costs.
4. The **Parish Raffle** and Carnivale are good but need to increase; once windows are replaced, we can apply raffle receipts to the general fund which, again, will directly impact the school. All of these items have been discussed with the PTC as well.

Thus, after careful and prayerful consideration and with the advice of the Parish Finance Council, we will be increasing tuition by \$100 this year. This cost is **per family, not per student**. Again, this is per family, not per student, from Kindergarten through Grade 8. Specific costs are listed on the reverse side of this letter. Tuition for Pre-School remains separate. As usual, for those wishing to apply for financial assistance, PSAS (Private School Aid Service) applications will be distributed to all school families with the tuition agreements on or about March 1st. Thank you for your support. If you need to speak with me about these matters, please do not hesitate to call or email me. I welcome any feedback, discussion, or advice.

Sincerely in Christ and St. Angela,


Father Michael J. Lanning, Pastor

St. Angela Merici School 2010-2011 Tuition Rates*

Per child:	Family Total:
First child - \$2,925	\$2,925
Second child - \$2,675	\$5,600
Third child - \$2,475	\$8,075
Fourth child - No charge	\$8,075

*This amount does not include fundraising nor Sunday contributions.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE Christians throughout Cleveland are invited to take part in the national 40 Days for Life effort from Feb. 17 through March 28. In addition to 40 days of peaceful prayer and fasting for an end to abortion, please consider volunteering to pray outside of the Preterm abortion facility in Cleveland or Planned Parenthood, Rocky River during the 40 days, and spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort. To get more information, go to the Web site, www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland, or to volunteer, please contact: Anne at 440-748-1448 or annehf1120@aol.com.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION SPRING FORMATION SESSIONS Please consider this important ministry. See Fr. Lanning, Fr. Greg, Deacon Jim or Deacon Kevin before registering. Sessions held on Sundays:

- April 11 Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 2-4:30PM
- April 11 St. Richard, North Olmsted, 2-4:30PM
- April 25 St. Mary Magdalene, Willowick, 2-4:30PM
- April 25 Holy Martyrs, Medina, 2-4:30PM
- April 25 St. Augustine, Barberton, 2-4:30PM
- May 2 St. Barnabas, Northfield, 2-4:30PM

300 CLUB WINNERS Congratulations to our February winners:
 \$150 Greg Loftus \$100 Michael O'Donnell
 \$50 Tom Lally

CYO SPRING SPORTS SIGN UPS
Wednesday, Feb. 17 & Thursday, Feb. 18
6:00-8:00PM Rini Center Lobby
 Track (4th -- 8th grade) \$75
 Boys Volleyball \$75
 Baseball/Softball \$100
 Family maximum for 2009-2010 is \$350

If you are playing baseball or softball on another team, i.e. travel team, you are not permitted, per CYO rules, to play for SAM. Teams will only be formed if there is enough interest. For more information, contact Kfenglish@aol.com.

ST. EDWARD ALUMNI WINTER SOCIAL will be held at Wagner's Country Inn in Westlake on "Fat Tuesday," February 16 from 6-9PM. Incoming president, Jim Kubacki, will be on hand to re-introduce himself to the St. Edward alumni community. Prepaid tickets are \$20 and can be obtained by calling Kevin Hudson, 216-221-3776 x228. Tickets at the door are \$25. Attendees will enjoy hearty appetizers and open bar.

CYO TRACK & FIELD COACHES NEEDED St. Angela Merici/St. Christopher CYO Track & Field Program is looking for dedicated coaches for both Boys and Girls, grades 4-8 this season. All coaches must complete VIRTUS training; CYO Coaches Training and Certification is helpful. Practices are 3 evenings a week at Fairview High School, and meets are on Sundays at area high schools. Contact Bob at 440-779-5961.

OFFERTORY/FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT FISCAL YEAR (July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010)

February 7, 2010

In-Pew collection	\$ 29,876
Online collection	\$ 1,330
Collection total	\$ 31,197
Amount budgeted	\$ 26,000
Budget to date	
(\$26,000 x 32 week)	\$832,000
Collections to date	\$821,860
Collection surplus/(deficit) to date	\$(10,140)

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of the parish, especially during these difficult economic times.

LITTLE BLACK BOOK IS AVAILABLE at Church entrances and at the Parish Center. The Little Black Book is a companion for you during Lent with reflections for each day. A suggested donation of \$1 per book can be placed in the envelope provided and dropped in the Collection basket or at the Parish Center front office. Please do not leave donation envelopes in the Church.

GUARDIAN ANGEL TUITION ASSISTANCE FUND Please remember the Guardian Angel Fund in your current giving plans. Your contribution goes directly to our parish to help families who truly want a Catholic education for their children but are experiencing some financial difficulty at this time.

Thank You for supporting this year's Parish Raffle!

SAM SHARES Stop by the Parish Center during normal business hours to purchase SAM Share certificates.