

March 7, 2010
Third Sunday of Lent



St. Angela Merici

20970 Lorain Road, Fairview Park, OH 44126
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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 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 12 Noon,
7:00 p.m.

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

After 8:30 a.m. Mass on Saturday

Confessions

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

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

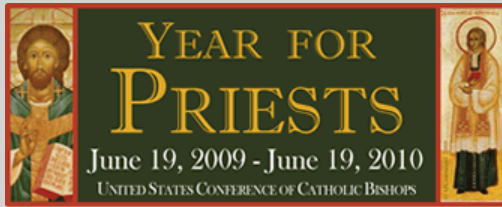
[AS APPROVED BY PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL] St. Angela Merici Church is a community of Roman Catholics, committed to living our faith as disciples of Jesus Christ and members of His Church under the leadership of the Pope. Empowered by the grace of the Holy Spirit, we journey to accomplish our mission through the celebration of the Eucharist and all sacraments, a daily life of prayer, proclaiming and living the gospel and reaching out to others in justice and charity. We strive to provide abundant spiritual, educational and social opportunities to all parishioners, both young and old. Together with our patron, St. Angela and all the saints in heaven we proclaim, "Soli Deo Gloria - Glory to God alone."

Come Home For Easter...

St. Angela Merici Parish Communal Penance Service



Wednesday, March 10
7:00PM

**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

Monday, March 8 - John of God, religious

6:30AM Mass

8:30AM J. E. Rouch

Tuesday, March 9 - Frances of Rome, religious

6:30AM Communion Service

8:30AM Carl J. Santora

Wednesday, March 10

6:30AM Mass

8:30AM Deceased Members of the Rocco Family

Thursday, March 11

6:30AM Dennis Durkin

8:30AM Kathy Hanna, Ray Wiehn

Friday, March 12

6:30AM William H. Nortz

8:30AM Herb Simmerly

Saturday, March 13

8:30AM Michael J. O'Malley

2:00PM Houda Zarife & Daniel Crable, Nuptial

4:30PM Gerald Corrigan

Sunday, March 14 — Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30AM For the Parish

9:00AM Jerry Corrigan

11:00AM Decease of the Mulroy & Krupar Families

5:30PM Louis & Norman Brodnik

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the Parish Center will be closed at 5:00PM on weeknights.

Monday — Friday:

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.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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Welcome New Members

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

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, March 7

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| 8:00AM | Parish Pancake Breakfast | Rini Center |
| 11:00AM | Sunday School | School |
| 12:00PM | CYO SAM JAM | Rini Center |
| 3:30PM | YOSA Choir Practice | Church |
| 5:30PM | YOSA Mass & Meeting | Church / Social Hall |

Monday, March 8

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| 2:45PM | Living Stations Rehearsal | Church |
| 6:30PM | Power of the Pen | East Room |
| 7:00PM | PSR | School |
| 7:00PM | PSR Confessions Grades 4 & 5 | Church |
| 7:00PM | PSR Gr. 7 Choose Life Program | Seminar Rm. |
| 7:00PM | PSR Stations of the Cross | Social Hall |

Tuesday, March 9

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| 11:30AM | Choose Life Program | School |
| 7:00PM | Boy Scouts #401 Meeting | Trailer |
| 7:00PM | RCIA | PC West |
| 7:00PM | Confirmation Practice | Church & Social Hall |
| 7:00PM | PTC Meeting | Seminar Rm. |

Wednesday, March 10

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| 7:30AM | Credit Union (Unity Catholic) | School |
| 2:30PM | School Newspaper Meeting | School |
| 2:45PM | Living Stations Rehearsal | Church |
| 7:00PM | Parish Communal Penance | Church |

Thursday, March 11

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| 2:30PM | Children's Choir Practice | Choir Loft |
| 2:45PM | School Yearbook Meeting | School |
| 7:00PM | Adult Choir Practice | Church |

Friday, March 12

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| All Day | Spirit Day | Rini Center/ SH & Church |
| 7:00PM | Stations of the Cross | Church |
| 7:30PM | Prayer Group | PC West |

Saturday, March 13

Sunday, March 14 -- Daylight Saving Time Begins

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| 2:30PM | Confirmation | Church |
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CONFIRMATION St. Angela Parish will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with candidates from our Day School and PSR on Sunday afternoon, March 14 at 2:30PM. We are extremely proud of this year's Confirmation Candidates and we ask your prayers of support as the Gifts of the Holy Spirit are poured down upon them and our entire parish!

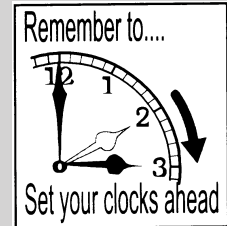
FAMILY PERSPECTIVES In this third week of Lent, the gospel challenges us to repent. What are you clinging to that is actually destroying you? It could be anger that is eating you up; a jealousy that hardens your heart; or a false pride that blinds you to the goodness of others. These things can destroy us and the relationships that we value. Jesus warns us today: "unless you repent, you will perish."

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| SUNDAY: | Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 |
| MONDAY: | 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/ Lk 4:24-30 |
| TUESDAY: | Dn 3:25, 34-43/ Mt 18:21-35 |
| WEDNESDAY: | Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19 |
| THURSDAY: | Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23 |
| FRIDAY: | Hos 14:2-10/ Mk 12:28-34 |
| SATURDAY: | Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14 |
| NEXT | |
| SUNDAY: | 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/ Jn 9:1-41 |

REST IN PEACE Please pray for Rev. James R. Schleicher. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

NEXT WEEKEND



WEDDING BANS

III Houda Zarife & Daniel Crable March 13

OREMUS PRO INVICEM (Pray for each other) *In your prayers, please remember those in need of healing, especially:* Maureen Abraham, Patricia Brandt, Tom Barrett, Rachel Cothey, Tony & Irene Cuffari, Megan Crable, James Paul DePolo, Marie R. DeSouza, Ruth Ericsson, Rosalie Flynn, Beth Goebels, Shane Haddad, Lee Hardman, Matt Helfrich, Joseph Kerrigan, Betty Krupar, Edward Lapp, Dr. Greg Knittel, Nora Marshall, Ed Manning, Judy Mazzeo, Carol O'Toole, Joseph Paulozzi, Elizabeth Prusak, Evelyn Prusak, Lucian Rego, Patricia Runyon, 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.

Dear Friends,

Next Sunday, we have the sacrament of **Confirmation** being celebrated in our parish community. Our eighth graders have been diligently preparing all year under the watchful guidance of our DRE, Linda Heiss, her staff, our PSR teachers and volunteers, our principal, Denise Modic Urban, our middle school teachers, our staff, and our parents and families. **Spirit Day**, the retreat day for confirmation candidates will be March 12th. Let's pray for them and the adult leaders and high school helpers who assist in this important experience prior to the sacramental celebration.

Our own bishop, **Bishop Lennon**, will be here to confer the sacrament. We are privileged to welcome him; he will challenge our young people to live lives of faithful service as Christ's disciples and as modern-day evangelizers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They need our constant support and prayers. I hope that if you have been chosen as a **Confirmation sponsor**, you will humbly accept that role of ministry to have a lifelong relationship with some young person who needs your help in being a strong Catholic today.

During this season of Lent, I hope that you will be able to share with someone the old saying, "Once a Catholic, always a Catholic." A rather new apostolate in our Church to help those who have been away from the Church and who desire to come back but don't know how is the beautiful Web site www.CatholicsComeHome.org. It is a spectacular site that will answer the most pressing questions that Catholics may have about coming back to the Church; it will ease their anxieties and encourage them to remember how much we want to welcome them back – no matter what has happened in their personal and spiritual lives. Share it with as many people as you can this Lent. You'll be glad you did.

Once again, if you have an inclination for Parish Pastoral Council and would like to offer you advisory services to the parish for a couple of years, please call me or email me. Our PPC has the following reps: hospitality, outreach (to the needy), liturgy, education/formation, at-large reps, and two Yosa reps. Altogether, we are twelve. Then we add the pastor, the associate, the deacons, and anyone who is on staff in a pastoral position, e.g., the DRE. We also invite the principal when needed or other significant staff members as the agenda warrants.

So on to confession. We call it so many different things today – Confession, Reconciliation, Penance. They all mean the same. And, there seems to be a resurgence in this sacrament, especially in the reflective season of Lent. When I was a much younger priest, I heard confessions at a large downtown church in Chicago and in New York. We

heard for about 4 hours each day (each priest on staff), and confessions were available from 5 or 6 A.M. until 7 P.M. Needless to say, we were close by major commuter rail and bus lines, so we heard thousands of confessions each month. I really enjoyed those hours I spent for almost 4 years total in the confessional. They were good practice for the rest of my priestly life. I have often thought that it would be good for a newly-ordained priest to hear confessions in such churches the first summer of ordination. The young man would certainly get a close view of the troubles that plague most people and give him a steadier hand in dealing with such matters.

We here at St. Angela Merici hear confessions every Saturday for about one hour, from 3 to 4 P.M. But we also hear the school and PSR children several times a year, and we hear confessions by appointment many times during the year. In short, we are pretty available for people's needs. Then, of course, there are the extra hours in the communal penance services and the added hours at Christmas and Easter.

Some of the most beautiful confessions are those involving people who haven't been to the sacrament for 30 or 40 years! What a moment of grace to be able to welcome these people back to an active life of faith, to help them unburden themselves before the Lord, to begin or help along a time of healing from past wounds of sin. Again, think of the father's role in the parable of the prodigal son (Luke 15:11-22). He *ran* – he didn't stay home or walk slowly – **he ran** (*Jesus' own words*) to meet his son who had done wrong and hurt himself and his family. Then the father does not berate the son or embarrass him or say to him "I told you so." Instead of this, he throws his arms around him and dresses him in the finest of robes, shoes, and gives him a signet ring, a ring that denotes membership in the family. It is a celebration of love, not a moment of disgrace.

Some people have gotten terribly confused in recent years over matters such as the following:

Do I need to confess to a priest for confession? We can experience God's mercy in many ways: at Mass, in prayer, etc. But in the sacrament of Penance, we have the greatest moment of receiving God's mercy and grace and forgiveness. **The priest is there to represent Christ.** What happens in the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation is almost more than one could imagine. If we could meet Jesus today, we would expect to be received with love and compassion, because He is perfect and knows what it is to

forgive. Instead, we confess to an ordinary human being who, through the sacrament of Holy Orders, represents Jesus Christ sacramentally. **We can expect the priest to receive us with love and care and compassion as well – not because he is sinless, but because he knows what it is to need forgiveness. God transforms even our human frailty into the medium of life-giving grace!**

The priest keeps in strictest confidence (the seal of confession) what we tell him. He's to be kind because he knows how we are hurting. If you ever run across a priest who, for whatever reason, is not kind or understanding. Get up. Leave the confessional. Tell him you'll be back when he's feeling more up to it. Don't stay. That's my advice to you.

In confession, we don't kid ourselves by simply saying, "Oh, I speak directly to God, and God forgives me." No, in confession, we bring ourselves before God and the Church, for in our sin, we have offended God and the community by what we have done or failed to do. So it is eminently right for us to come to the priest to receive absolution and to hear the words that God has forgiven us in Christ, our Savior. The Church in a deep way is defending the human soul's individual right: our right to a more personal encounter with the crucified forgiving Christ. Christ is saying through the minister of the sacrament of Reconciliation, "Your sins are forgiven." Wow. How tremendous is that! This is why Christ instituted this sacrament and why He gave it to His Church for all time. It is a special and wonderful gift of mercy and love. It is not a test or a way of degrading us. On the contrary, it is a doorway of grace and an encounter with all that is sacred. **The Lord Jesus Christ, physician of our souls and our bodies has willed that His Church continue, in the power of the Holy Spirit, His work of healing and salvation.**

If you want a practical example of someone who fought very hard NOT to convert, take a long look at **Saint Augustine** of Hippo. This great saint, who had a tremendous impact on Christianity, was a prominent pagan. He was brilliant but made huge mistakes in his life. He had a mistress with whom he lived for 15 years. She bore him a son, but he later broke off with her while living near Milan, Italy. His poor mother, Monica, spent years trying to help him and praying for him. Finally after many years he found himself attracted to Christianity as he listened to the preaching of St. Ambrose. But Augustine resisted conversion. In his book entitled *The Confessions*, written in his later years as a spiritual and theological reflection on his life,

Augustine describes the final steps to his conversion. He had felt the tension between attachment to his sinful ways and attraction to Christ and the gospel. One day he was emotionally distraught and was walking in a garden of the house where he was staying with friends. He simply could not make up his mind and make a decision for conversion. Then, he heard a voice saying, "*Tolle lege*, take it and read." He picked up the letters of St. Paul and read the first passage his eyes fell upon: "not in orgies and drunkenness, not in promiscuity and licentiousness, not in rivalry and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh" (Romans 13:13-14). **Augustine recognized the grace of God in this reading and embraced conversion.** How marvelous of God!

He experienced the great power of God's grace, of God's enabling him to overcome sin and accept the gospel of His Son. Augustine knew God's mercy in the forgiveness of sins gained for us by Jesus Christ. Today Catholics encounter this same mercy and forgiveness in the sacrament of Penance. Jesus is our Savior. He died for the forgiveness of our sins. Sins committed after baptism are forgiven in the sacrament of Penance (confession). **The Scriptures, especially the gospels, are filled with words and stories of forgiveness and the power that this brings in our lives.** Thus, confession liberates us from sins that trouble our hearts and makes it possible for us to be reconciled to God and to others. The "others" part is the one most of us forget most of the time!

What do I say? In confession, we have prepared and come before the priest with whom we share our sins. He may counsel us; he will give us a penance to do or say as a way of acknowledging our sins and God's forgiveness and as a way to show God that we wish to atone for our sins. Then we recite a prayer of contrition. Some prayers are traditional (O my God, I am heartily sorry, etc.); some are new (My God, I am sorry for my sins, etc.) or we can use our own words (God I am sorry, please forgive me) or we can use simple words (Lord, have mercy on me a sinner). It's our choice.

Why do we need confession? Because of our human weakness. We turn aside from God and even break off our friendship with God by sinning. The Lord, therefore, gave us this sacrament of love – not to find out how bad we are but to raise us up.

What if I am afraid; what if I forget something? The priest is there to help you. He,

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LITURGICAL ROLES

(MARCH 8-14)

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Monday, March 8

6:30AM Annie Zaibek,
Emma Schmotzer8:30AM Adam Jones,
Owen Manning

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6:30AM Communion Service

8:30AM Alex Kreuger, Claire Latsko

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WEEKEND SERVERS (MARCH 13-14)4:30PM Caitlin Holley, EJ Fox,
Rachel Anderson,
Molly Brady7:30AM Jamie Szado, Andrew
Hanwell, Greg Hanwell9:00AM Mark Homyak,
Patrick Fayen, Maggie
Fayen, Greg Jakubisin11:00AM Joe Mazanec, Ben
Rydzewski, Allison Dorogi,
Sean Dobrzeneicki5:30PM Sarah Freeman, Taylor
McCluskey, Mitch Moran**LECTORS (MARCH 13-14)**4:30PM Marian Zern
Charlie Sweeny7:30AM Bob Cerminara
Gene Burns9:00AM Jerry Lear
Krista Ries11:00AM Bob Heiss
George McBride

5:30PM Nikki Salupo

PASTOR'S LETTER, continued

too, is a sinner. He knows what you're going through. It's his job, his ministry to assist you. If you have some trouble or are worried, you can always go to confession anonymously behind a screen or face to face. It's your choice. If you think you need more time, a convenient appointment outside the actual confessional might be more conducive for you and your needs. If you forget something, don't worry. God is not waiting to "pounce" on us. To help yourself, spend some time with an examination of conscience; go through the ten commandments, etc. These help guide our thoughts and reminiscences and memories.

Remember to let the priest know that you might have been away for a while. He is not a mind reader. Help him by giving your confession a context (married, single, last confession was yesterday/last week/twenty-five years ago). See how that might help him by giving him a "head's up"?

When should I go? The season of Lent is very appropriate. But you can go to this sacrament at any time.

When the reconciliation of several penitents is celebrated (e.g., a communal penance service), is it allowable for each penitent to confess just one sin? The Church answers no to this. In recent years the practice has grown in which, in consideration of a large number of penitents, each penitent is asked to approach a priest and confess only one sin. Such a practice does not allow for an integral confession as required by the Rite. In order for a confession that is true to take place, a full, **integral** confession must be provided for. We must confess all our serious sins to liberate us with God's grace. After all, we want that healing, don't we? Why hide something from the priest? He won't be shocked by what we tell him, believe me. Once we share with him all those things that are seriously troubling us or blocking our lives, we can truly feel the gentle hand of God consoling us. *Again, we don't want to become scrupulous – this means being overly strict to the point of obsession with every minor detail. **Scrupulosity** is an obsessive-compulsive disorder that is grounded in fear – fear of God, fear of being evil, fear of divine retribution. This has nothing to do with confession. Let me repeat that: this has nothing to do with confession. If a person feels such awful pain with scrupulosity, he or she should seek a qualified counselor, not confession.* The great St. Alphonsus Ligouri defined it in 1730 as "groundless fear of sinning that arises from erroneous ideas. We hope that no one suffers this dread malady that attacks the virtues of faith, hope, and love.

Thus, we should prepare for confession. And remember: think of cats like our little Izzy. She never worries or agonizes about anything except her next meal. She'll never suffer from scrupulosity. We should take a lesson from her in that regard! Seriously, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask the priest. He will be happy to help you and assuage your fears and anxieties. Good luck. Come to confession. Help others to come, too. Oremus pro invicem. Soli Deo Gloria.

Michael J. Lanning, Pastor

St. Angela Merici Parish
Communal Penance Service

Wednesday, March 10
7:00PM

Take time during Lent to prepare for Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. The service will help us to examine our consciences and to have the chance for individual confession. There will be several priests available for confession. Once you have had your confession heard, you will be free to leave.

COME, WORSHIP THE LORD
(psalm 95)



Sung prayer is one of the most effective and moving ways in which we participate in the Mass. Our cantors, along with the Music Director, share this leadership role from week to week. We thank them for their ongoing commitment! The Music Ministry will be holding a special evening for cantors, as we continue to examine our effectiveness, and improve our skills. This workshop will be held in the church on Tuesday evening, March 16 at 7:00PM. We look forward to seeing you there!

- David Tidyman

St. Angela Merici Boy Scout Troop 401

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday March 7, 2010 – Rini Center

8 a.m. – 1 p.m.



TODAY !

\$5.00 per individual (\$15.00 Household Maximum)

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE DOOR! TICKET ORDER FORM IS AVAILABLE AT www.samparish.org

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION 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 Holy Martyrs, Medina, 2-4:30PM
- April 25 St. Augustine, Barberton, 2-4:30PM
- May 2 St. Barnabas, Northfield, 2-4:30PM

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

Mother Teresa Speaker THIS Weekend

Dr. Paul Wright, MD, author of *Mother Teresa's Prescription*, will be speaking this Sunday, March 7th at 1:30pm in St. Christopher Church. Dr. Wright will share his experience working with Mother Teresa in Mexico and India and how she inspired him to start a medical clinic in Haiti. He will have a book signing afterwards. Books are also available in the St. Angela Parish Center for \$10 each. There will be a free will offering at his talk, with all donations, including proceeds from the sale of the books, going to the Missionaries of Charity in Haiti.

Mother Anne Christine Kizza from Nsumba Home

THANK YOU for the warm welcome of Mother Superior Anne Christine Kizza from Uganda! She was able to speak at all of last weekend's Masses, as well as to the day school and PSR students on Monday. She enjoyed meeting so many of you at the socials after the morning Masses. We were able to present her with a personal letter for ALL 600 students at the orphanage's school! These were the letters you wrote as part of the Advent Friendship Tree Project as well as letters from St. Angela's students. We are so blessed to have had her visit our parish as we begin our partnership with her orphanage. Please continue to look for updates on our next parish project for Nsumba Home. If you have any questions about the partnership or would like to be involved with St. Angela's Social Justice Commission, please contact Trena Pacetti at 440-686-0981 or trenamarks@aol.com

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

You are invited to grow closer to Christ during Lent by attending the Stations of the Cross held Fridays at 7:00PM in the Church.

Prayer for Married Couples

Almighty and eternal God,
 You blessed the union of
 married couples
 So that they might reflect the union
 of Christ
 With His Church:
 Look with kindness on them.
 Renew their marriage covenant,
 Increase Your love in them,
 And strengthen their bond of peace
 So that, with their children,
 They may always rejoice in the gift of
 Your blessing.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

A LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION

led by Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J. of EWTN will be held on Saturday, March 13 at St. Gregory the Great Church in South Euclid. In observance of the Year for Priests, Fr. Mitch's theme will be "Jesus Christ-Our One True High Priest." The day begins with Mass at 9AM, includes three talks by Fr. Mitch, opportunities for prayer and Confession, and concludes at 3:30pm. Cost is \$10 per person and includes a boxed lunch. Advance registration is required. For more information and to register, call 216-382-7601 or go online to www.stgregoryparish.org.

THE 2010 FEDERAL CENSUS IS COMING!

Census Forms will be mailed or delivered to households in March. The Questionnaire will consist of 10 questions and take approximately ten minutes. If there is more than one person in the household, then additional time will be needed for each person. Please send in forms by April 1 - House of Representatives Seats are districted according to Census information and federal money is allocated to local Communities in accordance with the census information.



ST. ANGELA MERICI PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

Upcoming school events for this week include:

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| Sunday March 7th | SAM Jam (RC) Boy Scout Troop 401 – Pancake Breakfast (RC: 8:00am – 1:00pm) |
| Monday March 8th | ITBS Testing Continues thru Friday, March 19 th (Grades K – 8) Girls on the Run (Room 212: 2:45 – 4:00pm) Living Stations Practice (CH: 2:45 – 4:00pm) Power of the Pen – Regional Practice (ER & WR: 6:30-8:10pm) No Latin Today (Gr. 7 & 8) |
| Tuesday March 9th | Choose Life Program Faculty Meeting (2:45pm) Confirmation Practice (SH: 7:00 – 8:00pm) PTC Meeting (SR: 7:00 – 9:00pm) |
| Wednes day March 10th | Credit Union (Room 202: 7:30 – 7:45am) Severance Hall Concert (Grades 6, 7, & 8) School Newspaper Mtg. (Tech Lab: 2:35 – 3pm) Art Club (Art Room: 2:40 – 4:00pm) Living Stations Practice (CH: 2:45 – 4:00pm) Parish Communal Penance (CH: 7:00pm) |
| Thursda y March 11th | Class Mass (Grades K, 1, & 2: 8:30am) Children's Choir (Choir Loft: 2:35 - 3:15pm) Yearbook Meeting (Tech Lab: 2:45pm) Girls on the Run (Room 212: 2:45 – 4:00pm) |
| Friday March 12th | Spirit Day (Grade 8) |

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 Netzier, 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.

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.

2010 FISH FRY SCHEDULE

FRIDAYS, 5:30-8:00PM
MARCH 19
MARCH 26



COST: ADULTS \$12, SENIORS \$10, CHILDREN \$5

MENU INCLUDES: BEER BATTERED OR BAKED FISH

All dinners are served with a choice of french fries, macaroni and cheese or perogies and a beverage.

CHILDREN'S MENU INCLUDES: Fish served with french fries, coleslaw and a beverage or macaroni and cheese with applesauce and beverage.

DESSERT TABLE AND TAKE OUT ORDERS AVAILABLE

ATTENTION MEN! The Catholic Men's Fellowship of NE Ohio annual "Answer the Call" Men's Conference will take place March 20 at Archbishop Hoban High School, Akron, OH. Fr. Larry Richards, author of "Be A Man", will offer two talks. The event includes fellowship, music, lunch, spiritual direction, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and closing Mass. To register, call 877-208-5585 or log on to www.cmfneo.com.

ST. ANGELA GOLF LEAGUES New members welcome. League play at Little Met from May through August.

Ladies play on Mondays at 8:30AM. Call Lil Tovtin at 440-779-5151 or Kathy Meluch at 440-779-6585.

Couples play on Fridays at 5:00PM. Contact Bill & Ann Moore at 440-333-2483 or Ed & Katie Meleason at 440-734-0832.



GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE Saint Angela Merici's 4th grade Jr. Girl Scout Troop 608 will be selling your favorite Girl Scout Cookies next weekend after the 4:30PM, 9AM, 11AM, and 5:30PM Masses. Each box is \$3.50 and the profits will be used for the girls in the troop to earn badges and help to purchase items for different community service programs. Please help support the girls by buying a box of America's favorite cookies.

MOMS PRAYER GROUP Please join with other St. Angela moms to pray the rosary on Tuesday, March 9 at the home of Sarah Lorek. Arrive after 9:00AM; rosary starts at 9:30AM. Young children are welcome. Call Sarah, 440-895-9472, for details.

OFFERTORY/FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT FISCAL YEAR

(July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010)

February 28, 2010

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| In-Pew collection | \$ 16,526 |
| Online collection | \$ 1,308 |
| Collection total | \$ 17,734 |
| Amount budgeted | \$ 26,000 |
| Budget to date | |
| (\$26,000 x 35 week) | \$910,000 |
| Collections to date | \$885,953 |
| Collection surplus/(deficit) to date | \$(24,047) |

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

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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL APPEAL PLEDGE STATEMENTS

The monthly statements of the Appeal pledges are mailed each month. It is important that these pledges are paid so that our parish will reach and, hopefully, exceed our goal. Please be sure to make your pledge payment prior to the end of the month so that you will receive credit for it on your statement next month.

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