



St. Anthony of Padua Parish
≈ Fairport Harbor, Ohio ≈

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Mass

Saturday | 4:00pm
Sunday | 8:00am and 10:00am

Weekday Mass

Monday | 6:00pm
Wednesday | 8:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday | 3:00pm - 7:00pm

Confession

Saturday | 3:00pm

Rosary

Saturday | 3:30pm

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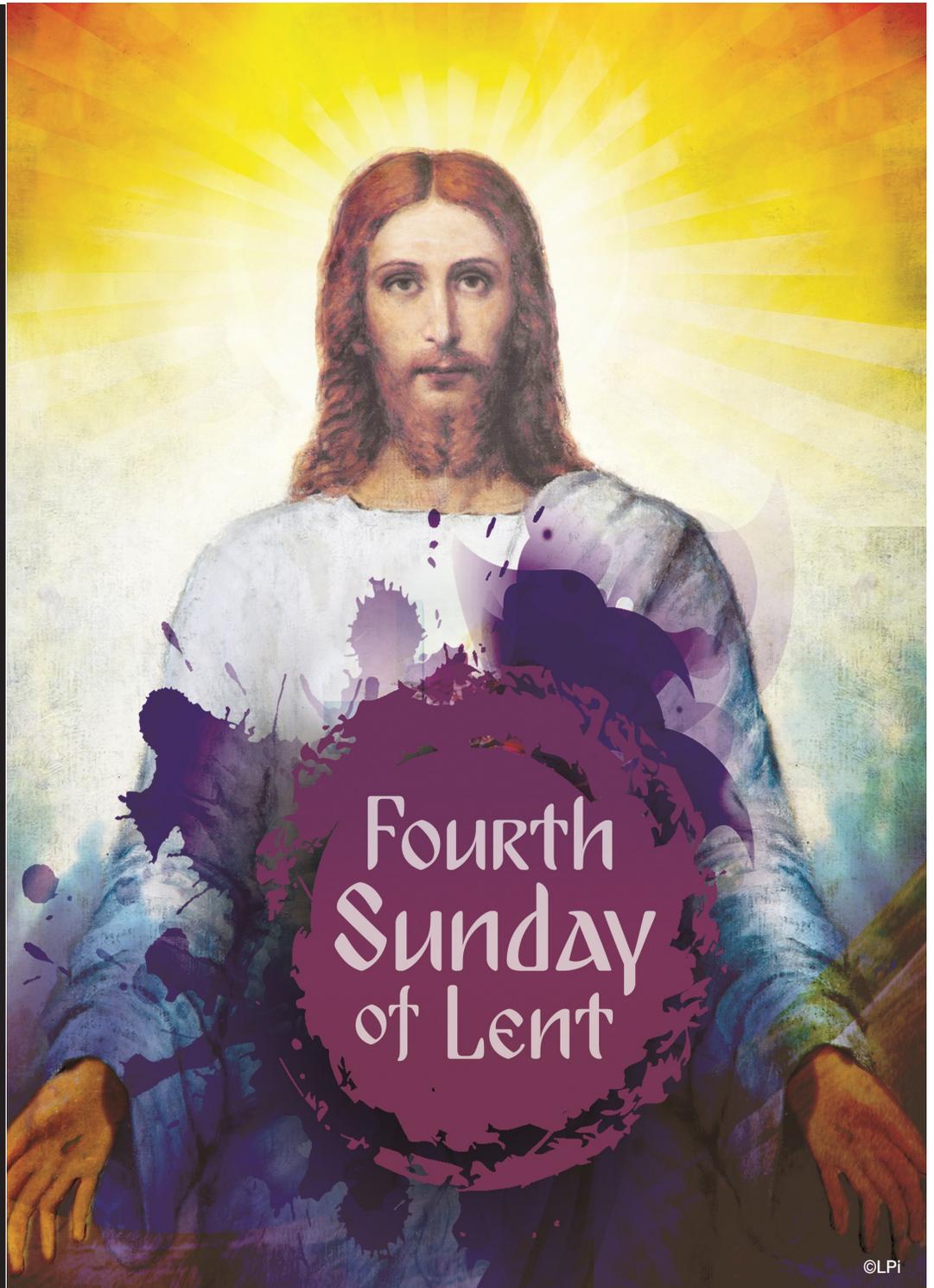
Weekend Celebrants

Fr. Fred Pausche

Parish Office

Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri
10:00am - 3:00pm

If you would like to receive Holy Eucharist or an Anointing at home, please call 440.487.9064



During the middle of Lent we encounter three important figures in John's Gospel. Last week, we heard Jesus encountering the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. Next week we will hear Jesus encounter Martha and her sister Mary because their brother, Lazarus had died. Today, Jesus encounters the blind man at the pool of Siloam.

Why do we hear these gospel passages read during Lent? What do all three of these encounters have in common? Each of these encounters draw us into our human frailties by seeing our shortcomings through our human eyes, hoping for conversion, but not truly trusting in God or having faith.

In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus encounters a blind man. This encounter was not by chance. In actuality, the physical ailment of blindness was quite common in Jesus' day. This is affirmed by a close reading of the Gospels. We see Jesus encounter four different blind men throughout His ministry. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus healed the blind man of Bethsaida (8: 22-26). Luke tells us that Jesus encountered and healed Bartimaeus (18: 35-43) on His way to Jerusalem. Matthew shares the story of Jesus who cured a man, possessed by a demon who was both blind and mute (12:22-32). In today's Gospel from John, we read the Jesus gave sight to the man born blind, who is sent to wash in the pool of Siloam (9:7).

Jesus saw the misery that blind people faced, and empathized with them, as He went from town to town curing people of their illness. Blindness, in His time, was considered as repulsive as leprosy. People were afraid to touch blind people because they believed that blindness was caused by some infection or disease, resulting in a grotesque redness or swollenness and a constant running of the eyes. It was quite common that blind people also endured other physical infirmities as well. The leaders in Jesus' day typically said that blindness was attributed to that person or their parents sinfulness for which God had punished them.

The leaders were not the only ones who associated blindness with a sinful act performed by that person or their parents. We hear in today's Gospel that Jesus' own disciples asked Him: "Master, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus responded, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him." Blind people, in Jesus' time as well as in ours, are normally helpless, rejected, and discarded by society. Most of them could only survive through the compassion and mercy of others.

As Jesus said, blindness is a physical ailment that is not caused by sin. Yet, so many people still choose to avoid those who are afflicted with the shortcoming of blindness as if they do not have any shortcomings of their own. Each of us possess our own shortcomings. Some of us experience physical issues such as strokes, heart issues, infections, difficulties with hearing, difficulties with walking, challenges with our memories, anxiety, struggles with cancer, financial hardships, loneliness or numerous other afflictions. We are reminded that none of these are caused because of our sinfulness.

Rather, it is so that God can help us and work through us, if we but only surrender to Him. Today is our opportunity to surrender by offering our shortcomings (whether physical, mental, financial, emotional or psychological) up to God and asking Him to help us. God invites us to see the many gifts of grace in our lives, such as people who love us; people who care for us; the smile from a stranger; food on our table; a roof over our head; and God's never ending love. When we are able to look past our afflictions and shortcomings and say thank you for these gifts, we are able to see and help others through their struggles and challenges. Opening our eyes to a family member, friend, neighbor, co-worker or even a stranger and offering what little we have of our talents and time, we are able to encounter God, which is a true gift.

Jesus uses the blind man, in today's gospel, to help open the eyes of His disciples as well as our own eyes, to see that we are ALL loved by God. In this we find joy. In this we receive hope. Jesus stands in our midst, waiting for us to encounter Him as He simply asks us, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

What is our response? Are we willing to completely surrender to Jesus and follow His teachings and His examples by loving God and sharing God's love with everyone we encounter, despite our infirmities?

Tradition tells us that the blind man's name, in today's Gospel is Celidonias. Upon being cured, Celidonias responds to Jesus' question do you believe in the Son of Man, by saying, "I do believe, Lord." He became a disciple of Jesus and is considered to be a saint in the Eastern Orthodox Church. Are we willing to look past our own infirmities and shortcomings and respond, "I do believe, Lord," and become a true disciple of Jesus?

Lent is a time of hope. Today we celebrate Laetare Sunday, which means Rejoice! Today, may we open our eyes to encounter Jesus in Word, Sacrament and in the presence of those sitting near us. May we, like Celidonias joyfully give thanks and say, Jesus I do believe that you are the Savior of the world!

Faithfully, Dc. George

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Mar 14
4:00 pm

Jeff Elszasz

Sunday, Mar 15
8:00am

Dante E Pizzino

10:00am

Kathleen Malec

Monday, Mar 16
6:00pm

Karen Manning-Farroni

Wednesday, Mar 18
8:00am

Barbara Resetar

Saturday, Mar 21
4:00 pm

Deacon Clem and Janet Urbanski

Sunday, Mar 22
8:00am

Daughters in Faith

10:00am

John and Angela Bertone and Family

Monday, Mar 23
6:00pm

Parishioners of St Anthony of Padua

Wednesday, Mar 25
8:00am

Joseph and Ida Giancola

If you would like to request a Mass intention, please call 440.354.4525 or email

office@stafh.org.

**READINGS FOR
MAR 15, 2026**

First Reading:

Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David. (1 Sm 16:13)

Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

Second Reading:

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.” (Eph 5:14)

Gospel:

He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, “Go wash in the Pool of Siloam” — which means Sent — .So he went and washed, and came back able to see. (Jn 9:6-7)

Primera lectura:

Entonces Samuel, con el cuerno de aceite en la mano, ungió a David en presencia de sus hermanos; y desde ese día, el espíritu del SEÑOR se abalanzó sobre David. (1 Sm 16:13)

Salmo:

El Señor es mi pastor; no hay nada que me falte. (Ps 23)

Segunda lectura:

"Despierta, oh dormilón, y resucitar de entre los muertos, y Cristo os dará luz." (Efesios 5:14)

Evangelio:

Escupió al suelo y hacía arcilla con la saliva, y se untó la arcilla en los ojos, y le dijo, "Ve a lavarte en la Piscina de Siloá" — que significa Enviado —. Así que fue a lavarse y volvió pudiendo ver. (Jn 9:6-7) ©LPi

Mindful Presence

Please enter the church in the spirit of reverence in silence for our Eucharistic Lord. Remember to be mindful and respectful of others who have come to Mass and are taking the time to pray and prepare for the celebration of the Mass. If you need to speak with another person, please whisper or step out in the hallway to talk, so as not to disturb others who are trying to pray. Finally, we ask you to please silence your cell phones before the start of Mass. Following these simple habits will help to enhance our time spent at Mass in the presence of the Lord.

Vacation Bible School

If you are interested in helping us with **Vacation Bible School**, please join us in room 102 on **March 15 at 12:15pm**



May 16, 2026
10:00 AM - 1:00PM
 Perry High School
 1 Success Blvd
 Perry, OH 44081
 Family-Friendly Event

**STEP FORWARD TO
CURE TSC
Walk • Run • Bike Event**

Join us for a community fundraiser supporting the TSC Alliance

WHY WE WALK

Noah was just six months old when our family noticed unusual movements that led to urgent medical care and a diagnosis of Tuberous Sclerosis Complex (TSC). TSC is a rare genetic condition affecting 1 in 6,000 children and can cause seizures, developmental delays, and lifelong medical challenges. Through this walk, we raise awareness, fund research, and support families navigating life with TSC.

★ WHAT TO EXPECT

- ✓ Fundraising Initiative
- ✓ Entertainment
- ✓ Food
- ✓ Raffle Baskets

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**Join Team
Noah's Happy Feet**



MARCH FOR MEALS

Please join the Lake County Council on Aging, Saturday March 28, 2026, for our 18th annual MARCH FOR MEALS Event, held at the Great Lakes Mall. The walk begins at 8:45 and the fee is \$15 for adults, and \$5 for children 12 and under. This home-delivery meal service not only provides nutritious meals, also, a friendly visit and safety check by one of our dedicated meal delivery volunteers. Please register or donate online at www.march4meals.org.

As Mother Theresa taught us, “If you cannot feed a hundred people, feed one.” Thank you for your consideration to help meet the growing needs of your community. Your gift of \$ 5.05 will provide 1 individual meal, a gift of \$ 25.25 will provide hot meals for a week, a gift of \$101.00 will provide an individual with a month of meals, and a gift of \$1200.00 will provide a year’s worth of hot meals. In 2025, we proudly delivered over 232,300 meals in Lake County and the need is growing. Thanks for your support and generosity, and it’s truly a blessing to live in a community where people care.

**Heavenly Father,
We Pray for:**

The Souls in Purgatory, The Protection of all Human Life, For those called to or discerning a vocation to the Catholic Priesthood, Religious life and the Diaconate, For those who serve the church as laypersons, All of our servicemen and women and all first responders, Elizabeth Adams, Barbara Bagdonas, Joe Bellian, Juliana Biro, Joetta Chiappone, Jeanna Clark, Roy Clark, Linda Coffman, David Denner, Joe Gartner, Patty Gartner, Emmy Lou Hegrat, Janice Hennessey, Joe Ignat, James Kapostasy, Steve Kazmer, Brian Keller, Patrick Keller, Roseanne Knack, Mary Lette, Kathy Logsdon, Donna Perrine, Joanne Petrino, Jim Reho, Brad Rodgers, Patricia Rodgers, Barb Russell, John Russell, Laura Schoval, Sheri Schreiber, Eileen Sheldon, Tim Shook, Bob Smith, Ken Smith, The Stasienko family, Natalie Urban, Ed Zupancic.

If you would like to add yourself or someone else who is in need of God’s healing or intervention, please call the parish office at 440.354.4525 or email us at office@stafh.org

Divorce Recovery for Catholics, an 8 Week Support Group designed to meet the needs of those who are divorced or separated will begin **Thursday, March 19th and conclude on May 14th** (no meeting on April 2nd), at St. Noel Parish, 35200 Chardon Rd, Willoughby Hills, in the Nativity Room. The group meets from 6:30-8:30 PM with a caring, trained facilitator. Our goal is to provide a place where we can share support and encouragement while offering direction and guidance for those that are struggling with separation/divorce. Sessions are tailored to meet the needs of the participants and provide the tools for coping and moving on. **There is no charge for this program, all materials are provided, and it is open to people of all faiths.** For more info or to register, please call **Karen at 440-352-8282** or email

“The Mass Explained”
Join Us on March 24th at 6pm as Deacon George walks us through the Mass. We will look at the “WHAT’S?” and “WHY’S?” of the Mass to help us understand and recognize the beauty and tradition of this sacred liturgy.

Journey Through Grief

Grief involves coping with a loss. Whether it is the loss of a loved one, broken relationships or a major change in your life. The grief that follows such a loss is natural and normal, but many of us find our own reactions are unexpected. Support groups can provide information and guidance to help us find our way through these transitions. St. Anthony of Padua Parish offers a seven-week grief support group for those who have experienced a loss. Come learn about the symptoms of grief, what you can expect to experience, and new ways to reclaim moments of contentment and happiness while honoring those who have died.

Thursdays, April 9th-May 21st
6pm room 102
RSVP to rectory by April 7th,
440.354.4525 or email:
office@stafh.org

TO THE HEIGHTS
TOB CLE Father/Son Retreat 2026
A retreat in the spirit of St. Pier Giorgio Frassati

Sunday, April 26th
11AM-4PM

Center for Pastoral Leadership, Wickliffe

- For fathers and sons grades 7-12
- Dynamic speakers
- Games
- Discussions
- Adoration
- Lunch, resources, and more!

\$35/person
(scholarship available)

Register at tobcle.org
Questions? rlewis@tobcle.org

FEATURING KEYNOTE SPEAKER
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FORMER NFL QUARTERBACK

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WEDNESDAY
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DOORS OPEN • 10:00 AM
LUNCHEON • \$50 / 12:00 PM
CASH BAR

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DJ “Dante” *McCabe*

For more information contact:
CATHIE McADAMS

NEIGHBORING PARISHES MASS TIMES

St Bede

M, T, W & F 9am
7pm (first Friday)
Saturday 4:30pm
Sunday 9am, 11am

St. Cyprian

M –Th 8:30am
Friday 7am
Saturday 5pm
Sunday 9am, 11am

St. Gabriel

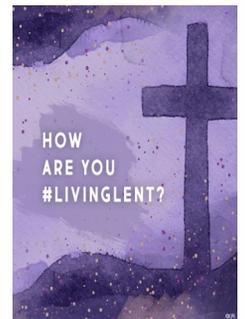
M, W, F 7am
W 10am (during school)
T & Th 7pm
Saturday 8:30am
Saturday Vigil Mass 5pm
Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am

St. Mary Painesville

M, T, Th 6:45am
M, W, F 12:15pm
Saturday 4pm
Sunday 8am, 10am, 12pm,
6pm (Spanish)

St. John Vianney

M-F 8am; M, W, F 11am;
Saturday 4pm; Sunday 7:30am,
9:30am, 11:30am



COLLECTION INFORMATION FOR March 8, 2026

	Mar 8	YTD
Total Sunday Collection	3,018	125,437
Operating Budget	3,652	135,124
Collection Over/(Under) Budget	(634)	(9,687)

We appreciate your generosity when giving any donation. Donations can be given in the mass offering baskets, dropped off or mailed to the parish office, or you can set up an online giving account. Your financial support, and your prayers, allows us to continue meeting the financial needs of our parish in addition to persevering in the Gospel mission of reaching out and ministering to others. There are envelopes in both the vestibule and the hallway that can be used for gifts to the food bank and other donations to help our parish and parishioners.

Support St. Anthony of Padua and secure income for life!

Now is a great time to consider starting a Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA), as rates are currently higher than they have been in years! By setting up a CGA, you can lock in a generous fixed income for life while supporting the Catholic ministries you care about most. Enjoy tax benefits and peace of mind knowing you’re making a difference. Contact your trusted advisor, visit www.catholiccommunity.org/cga, or call [Moira Wopershall](mailto:Moira.Wopershall) of the Catholic Community Foundation at [216-696-6525x8070](tel:216-696-6525x8070), for more information.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3/15	NO PSR	3/27	Stations of the Cross, 7 pm
3/15	Evening Prayer during Lent, 6 pm	3/29	NO PSR-SPRING BREAK
3/18	Adoration 3-7pm	3/29	Easter Egg Hunt, 11am, Outside
3/19	Parish Council, 6-7:30pm	3/29	Evening Prayer during Lent, 6 pm
3/19	R&R 6:45pm at Seminary, Wickliffe	4/1	Adoration 3-7pm
3/20	Stations of the Cross, 7 pm	4/2	Altar and Rosary Guild, 2pm, Rm 102
3/22	Daughters in Faith Mass, 8am	4/2	Holy Thursday Mass 7pm
3/22	Daughters in Faith, 11-1pm, rm 102		Confessions following
3/22	Evening Prayer during Lent, 6 pm	4/3	GOOD FRIDAY-Stations of the Cross, 12pm
3/25	Adoration 3-7pm	4/3	Passion of the Lord, 3pm

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367 E. 260TH ST. EUCLID, OH 44132
FRIDAY, APRIL 24 - 7:00 PM
SATURDAY, APRIL 25 - 7:00 PM

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We Walk Together by Faith

Way of the Cross with the Migrant Jesus



Stations of the Cross and Migrant Stories
Friday, March 20 7 pm
St. Mary Church, Painesville

The reflections for each station are based on true immigrant experiences of St. Mary Parishioners.
There will be a dessert reception in the lower church following the Stations.
Please join us.

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

MINISTRIES

Altar/Rosary Guild
Donna Perrine 440.221.7140
1st Thursdays March-December, 2pm

Arts & Environment
Laura Dutton 614.560.5341

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Bereavement Ministry
Lou Balog 440.655.2143

Christ Child Society
Judy Oberstar 440.354.4337

Daughters in Faith
Barbara Bagdonas 440.488.6958
Meet the 4th Sunday of every month from 11am-1pm in Room 102

Food Pantry
440.357.6714
Wednesdays and Saturdays
5:00—7:00 p.m.

Garden Ministry
office 440.354.4525

Grief Ministry
Colleen Royer 440.463.5053

Music Ministry/Choir/Cantors
Debbie Fitzgerald 440.251.6820

Outreach Ministry
Diane LaCava 440.520.3220

Youth Ministry
Natalie Urban 440.463.2743



St. John Vianney Furniture Bank
440.255.3051

Baptisms
Please call rectory to set up an appointment

Weddings
office 440.354.4525

Parish School of Religion (PSR) September-May
PSR Grades K-8
Sundays 11am-12:15pm
Confirmation class
Sundays 11am-12:15pm
Outside doors will be locked at 11:05am
Reopen at 12:10pm