
SS. Edward & Lucy News

SS. Edward and Lucy Parish is a Catholic community in Eastern Geauga County

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When you enter St. Lucy's narthex you will see the crucifix, pictured above.

The corpus came from the old St. Martin Church in Cleveland. It was in St. Lucy's in front of the altar where it had a mishap last Easter Season. Mazzolini's repaired it. John Cocco fashioned the new cross and mounted the corpus. He then hung it for our devotion.

On behalf of the parish, thank you John Cocco.

*Christ
is
Risen!*

SS. EDWARD AND LUCY 2017 CONFIRMATION CLASS

by Mike Noreika

This year the confirmation class has eight students: Ethan DeWeese, Matthew Politzer, Emma Traggiai, Sydney Spitler, Dario DeCaro, Madelyn Scirocco, Jaycee Bihl and Seth Peters. There are also three teachers: Mike Noreika, Bill Ray and Lou Bodnar.

We are using the Catholic educational series "Decision Point" presented by Matthew Kelly. After the beginning prayer the class comments about how their spiritual life is going and if they have employed any of the concepts presented in the course. The teachers enjoy sharing personal experiences with them and commenting on what they say which many times leads to further group discussion. This year the instructors pose questions which lead the students into interesting discussions about the items presented in the course. What is appreciated is the thought indicated by the comments of the students. The questions are to affirm their faith while preparing them for the sacrament of Confirmation.

The sacrament of Confirmation was originally initiated by the church and foretold by Christ when after his death the Holy Spirit appeared to the Apostles in the form of tongues of fire to strengthen their faith so they

would be prepared for the challenges that all Christians would have to endure.

Lastly, after the homework is given we have a closing prayer said by the individual students and the teachers. The teachers themselves feel that they too are learning and refreshing their own knowledge of the Catholic Faith and learning how everyone can become a better version of themselves by heeding the ideas presented in the course.

We thank our educational director, Sister Rosemary Janezic and Father John for their leadership and facilitating the educational experience for the students and teachers. Confirmation will be held on Friday April 28, 7:00 p.m. at St. Edward in Parkman.

WOMEN'S CLUB

by Maria Cocco

As 2017 unfolds before us the members of the SS. Edward & Lucy Women's Club are planning our upcoming events. We are looking forward to a year filled with both social and spiritual opportunities for the members of our Parish.

We will start in April with sharing "The Stations of the Cross from Mary's Point of View." Everyone from the Parish is welcome to join us on Tuesday, April 4 at 7:00 PM at St. Lucy Church. Also in April we will be planning a Reception on Holy Saturday for our newest members following the Holy Saturday

Celebration on April 15. Then on Tuesday, May 2 we will be saying the “Living Rosary” at 7:00 PM to celebrate our Blessed Mother during her special month. We are encouraging the women of our Parish to wear their special hats to Church on Sunday, May 7 (partially as a reflection of the Kentucky Derby Hat theme). At the Donut reception after Mass that day we will be picking a winner for the best hat and the winner at each Church will receive a special prize.

This year we are very excited to offer a mini retreat focusing on “Our Lady of Fatima” on the 100 year anniversary. This event is planned for Saturday, May 13. In the past our mini retreats have been limited to the women of our Parish, but since this is such a special event we will be inviting everyone to join us.

As always we will be planning a “spring event” which in the past has been called our Mother Daughter Banquet – but we have been trying to focus this event for all women in the Parish to come and celebrate fellowship. We encourage all women to consider attending to share great food, special activities and opportunities to share with other Christian Women a very special time together.

These events will take place the first half of this year but we will plan additional activities as the year goes on. Please be on the lookout for our fliers advertising these events along with the bulletin announcements. You can also reach out to one of our members to get more information about these many exciting events.

Also if you are interested in joining the group please feel free to come to any of our meetings to see if this is a group you would like to join. We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at St. Lucy Winca Hall.

THE ANNIVERSARY OF FATIMA/100 YEARS WITH MARY

by Angela Scharf

The Angel of Fatima said: “The hearts of Jesus and Mary are attentive to the voice of your supplication.”

The mystical union of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary began at the moment of Jesus’ conception and continues into eternity. Our Lord requested to Sr. Lucia of Fatima, one of the shepherd children, that the Two Hearts be represented side by side, as they are in the Miraculous Medal image. Both hearts, united in love, seeking to share their hearts with us. And thus, when Mary appeared 100 years ago to the three shepherds at Fatima requesting prayer, fasting, and sacrifice she was actually calling each soul to a closer encounter with her son through specific actions.

And these actions had a two-fold purpose; first to save each person’s soul and, second, to avert punishment on the whole world. She definitively requested that the Rosary be recited daily and as a family. Mary also requested some form of fasting, a giving up of something, whether food or personal time or a simple pleasure for the sake of sinners. And, finally, she requested sacrifice. Can this be as simple as being nice to someone who has said or done unkind things to you? Most certainly!!

What compels the Catholic Church to mark this anniversary as special and spiritually rewarding? Once again we turn to our Lord’s words; Jesus said to Sr. Lucia, “I desire very ardently the propagation of devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, because this heart is the magnet which draws souls to Me . . . and the inexhaustible well causing the living water of (My Heart’s) mercy to gush over the earth.” (1943)

With that in mind, the church has extended the opportunity to secure a plenary indulgence during this celebration of the Anniversary of Fatima. Learn more about the messages and requests made by Our Lady of Fatima at: www.wafusa.org.

Would you like to know more about the events and promises that surround the visits from Our Lady of Fatima? The story is rich with meaning and significant to understanding the role Mary has been given by God as the Mediatrix of Graces. Come and listen as the beautiful and simple story of 3 shepherd children are visited, first by an angel in preparation, and then later by Mary, herself unfolds with both warnings and promises centered around family and the rosary. Please save the date: Saturday, May 13, 2017 – This is the exact 100 anniversary date of the first apparition. More detailed information will follow in our church bulletin.

AN EASTER PROMISE

by Rachael Strickland

*My jelly beans tell a wonderful story,
All for God’s own glory*

*Red is for the blood of God’s only son,
Black is for the sins we’ve done.*

*Yellow is for the morning so bright,
The day He arose to make all things
right.*

*Green reminds us that He is risen,
White is for the forgiveness we find in
Him.*

*Purple is for Jesus’ throne,
Pink reminds me that I am never alone.*

*A bag full of jelly beans, colorful and
sweet,*

*It’s a prayer, a promise, and an Easter
treat.*

GOD AND HIS CREATION

by Marcia Mikolaj

Earlier this year the 8th Grade Confirmation Class discussed God and His creation, including all those natural things around us, and how Nature was used in the Book of Psalms as examples help illustrate God and His greatness. The students were to identify two verses in Psalms which indicate something about/in nature. They were then to write their own 5-line poem (or prayer) in a similar tradition of the Psalms, again identifying the greatness of God and using Nature to help illustrate this. May God Bless all on this Earth.

Selected Psalm Chapter and Verses - 96:11-12

Own Original Prayer:

All good things come from God.
I know that I came from God,
 along with all things from the sea
 to the sun.
All that He is, I am.
I am grateful for the shining sun, and
 for the rain that falls from the
 sky.
I trust that God will take care of me
 through Nature.
Amen.

Selected Psalm Chapters and Verses - 90:4-5; 128:3-4

Own Original Prayer:

God,
Thank you for making beautiful
 summer days,
 and the leaves that change color
 in the fall,
 and the way the big snowflakes
 cling to the bare branches in
 winter,
 and the flowers and warm sun in
 spring.
Thank you also for the relationship
we are building.

Selected Psalm Chapter and Verses – 19:1-5

Own Original Prayer:

Dear God,
Thank you for all the interesting
 animals and plant life on Earth.
We have birds that sing and frogs
 that croak,
and other sounds which make the
 music of Nature.
We also have interesting plant life;
 they decorate our Earth in
 wonder.
Thank you again for all You do.

Selected Psalm Chapter and Verses - 36: 5, 9

Own Original Prayer:

O God,
Increase within us the sense of
association
 with all living things,
 and with our brothers the
 animals,
to whom thou giveth the planet as
their home in common with us.

Selected Psalm Chapter and Verses – 104:11-12

Own Original Prayer:

Thank you Lord, for giving us
 Nature.
I apologize for, sometimes, taking
 for granted Your Creation.
Thank you for giving us water to
 drink,
and giving us shelter to protect us
 from dangerous weather.
Thank you for giving us birds, and
 other animals so that we could
 eat more than just plants, but
 more importantly, so that we
 humans are not the only living
 creatures on Earth.
Finally, thank you Lord, for giving
 us sheep so that we may have
 clothes on our back.

Blessings to all!

CALLED TO BE CATHOLIC

submitted by Fr. Burkley

Called by Baptism

- To respond to God's unconditional love
- To journey in community
- To grow in relationship with God and others
- To commit to ongoing conversion

Called to Discipleship

- As joy-filled people of God
- As bearers of the Word
- As learners and teachers
- As catechists and evangelizers
- As stewards of creation

Called to Believe

- In a Trinitarian God
- In the Father, Creator of Heaven and earth
- In Jesus, Incarnate Word of God
- In the Spirit, Lord and Giver of life
- In the Church, animated by the Spirit of God
- In the presence of Jesus in Word and Sacrament
- In Mary, the Mother of God
- In the Communion of Saints
- In the sacredness of ordinary life

Called to Community

- By celebrating Sunday Liturgy
- By gathering in worship and prayer
- By eating and drinking at the Lord's table
- By becoming one with the Body of Christ
- By proclaiming and witnessing the Kingdom of God
- By reaching out in welcome, reconciliation and love

Called to Serve

- To live the Gospel in daily life
- To be broken and poured out for others
- To act with justice and compassion
- To listen and respond to the poor
- To respect life
- To be like Christ in the world!

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY, April 8 & 9

Palms will be distributed and blessed at all weekend Masses

HOLY THURSDAY, April 13

6:00 pm Pot Luck Dinner St E
7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper St E
8:30 pm Adoration until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY, April 14

12:00 pm Stations of the Cross Mariapoch
3:00 pm Good Friday Service St E
7:00 pm Good Friday Service St L
(the churches will be open all day for private prayer)

HOLY SATURDAY, April 15

11:00 am Easter Egg Hunt St E
12:00 pm Blessing of Food St E
8:00 pm Easter Vigil Service & Mass St L

EASTER SUNDAY, April 16

8:30 am Mass at St. E
10:30 am Mass at St. L

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Friday, April 7, 7:00 pm
Lenten Penance Service St L
Monday, April 10 7:00 pm St Edward Chapel
Wednesday, April 12 7:00 pm St L
Friday, April 14 4:00 pm St E



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