

Our Lady of Grace Church

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Sunday Masses
Saturday: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 & 11:00 am
Weekday Masses
Please see bulletin
Holy Day Masses
8:00 am & 7:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 pm or anytime by appointment.
Sacrament of Baptism
First & third Sundays at 12 pm
Baptism classes required for first child.
Sacrament of Marriage
Six months preparation. Call parish priest to set a date.
In Emergencies Contact St. Albert the Great
440-237-6760

Mission Statement

We, the Roman Catholic faith community of Our Lady of Grace, rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and dedicated to our Blessed Mother, value our mission to make God's presence visible in today's world. In service to God's will, and with the Holy Spirit's guidance, we manifest God's peace, love and saving presence as we pray, worship, work and live together in His Name.

January 28, 2018
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Home of Triumph of the Two Hearts Shrine

- * *Open 24 hours a day all year long*
- * *Unique statue of Jesus with the Blessed Mother*
- * *Outdoor Stations of the Cross*
- * *Beautiful country scenery*
- * *One of Ohio's newest Shrines*



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 January 14....\$4,228.00
 Envelopes used...154
 Thank you for your generosity!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE		
February 3 & 4, 2018		
4:00 pm	Reader: EOMOHC: Servers:	R. Manley T. Hannan, H. Lisowski, Deacon B. Dobbins S. Lekan, E. Medwid, Deacon B. Dobbins
8:00 am	Reader: EOMOHC: Servers:	D. Lemire T. Betz, S. Cerrito, D. Holztrager Cerrito Family, C. Horwitz
11:00 am	Reader: EOMOHC: Servers:	Youth Readers T. Smith, A. Thomas, A. Chesnick C. Flannery, S. Dobbins

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

The Art and Liturgy Committee is grateful to all our parishioners that donated to the Christmas decorating fund. The poinsettias still look wonderful. As long as they continue to look good, we will keep them in the sanctuary giving glory to God! Hopefully, they will stay nice until Lent begins. In the past we have always allowed the parishioners to take the poinsettias home. They will be available, one per family, after the 11:00 Mass on Sunday, February 11th. Again, thank you for your generosity!



Dear OLOG Family,
 We are celebrating the fourth Sunday of the year and our scriptures are calling us to recognize God's presence among as "one of us". Moses speaks to the people about the one among us that he will raise up. The possessing Spirit was first to recognize Jesus as "holy one of God."

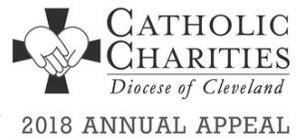
Maybe we could do something, some small thing, take one small step that would help others to recognize God's holiness in our midst. We could become more aware of the many small but important ways that we might as individuals and as a community become a more inviting, welcoming presence of God here in Hinckley. Join me in asking the Holy Spirit for guidance as we step into the future as the "holy ones of God".

I met with the parish pastoral council and finance councils this past week. We had a great meeting. We reviewed the financial report of the past five months, the diocesan audit that took place in September, the search process for our new pastor, and the Lenten and Easter plans for the coming months. All seems to be in positive shape and working toward a very hopeful Easter to come.

With my prayers,
 Fr. Estok

**YOUR MERCY:
 TRANSFORMING LIVES & COMMUNITIES**

Many parishioners received letters in January, inviting their support of the Annual Catholic Charities Appeal. Please pray for the good work of Catholic Charities and make a pledge today. Your donation makes a difference!



Your support of the 2018 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal will help to serve those individuals who are most in need and most vulnerable. From Matthew's Gospel: *Whatever you did for the least of these, you did it for me.* When we feed the hungry, take care of the sick, and welcome strangers, we are also serving Jesus himself.

Catholic Charities appreciates your donation and will take special care to use it wisely in providing essential programs and services to people in need throughout all eight counties of the Diocese of Cleveland.

You are invited to view stories of inspiration at www.catholiccommunity.org/2018Appeal. You can hear Bishop Perez narrate stories of people in three counties who were helped by Catholic Charities in 2017.



Please note that the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade PSR has class on January 29th.

Saturday, February 3rd is the 9th grade PSR retreat. This

is mandatory. All service hours, questions and saint reports are due this day.

PSR is still selling Olympia nuts after the Masses next weekend. Perfect for the super bowl!

HINCKLEY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Nominations are now being accepted through March 6th of any Hinckley resident for the 2018 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR award.

Nominations should include what the nominated person has contributed to our township and must not exceed 250 words. Elected officials, past and present, are not eligible.

The final nominee will be announced at the May 15th trustee meeting and will be honored at the Memorial Day parade.

All nominations should be submitted via email to Ray Schulte at rfsems@roadrunner.com, or in person or by mail to 2018 Citizen of the Year, Hinckley Township, ATT: R. Schulte, 1410 Ridge Rd., Hinckley, OH 44233.

A LIFE SAVING JOURNEY OF HOPE

Catholic Relief Service and Catholic Commission of WAM are presenting a special presentation at St. Mary Parish Hall, Wooster, on February 18 from 6:30-8:30 pm. Thomas Awiapo will be speaking. Thomas is a CRS-Ghana staff member and childhood CRS recipient who was saved from starvation as a young orphan by CRS food relief programs. Also learn about CRS Rice Bowl's life-saving impact! CRS is the U.S. Bishop's overseas development and relief agency, performing the Church's life-saving work in over 100 developing countries. Evening starts with a light soup supper of CRS global soups from recipes where they serve. Program concludes with a CRS Global Solidarity Prayer Walk in the parish hall. For more info, contact: Jeff Campbell, jcampbell@ccdacle.org, 330723.9615 x 11.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From February 14-March 25, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life—forty days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray anytime between 7 am to 7 pm during the 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Preterm, Planned Parenthood or Family Planning. Contact John Noall at clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com or 216-245-9744 for more information or go to www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVES

In today's Gospel, Jesus establishes His authority by His wise teaching and healing among the people. Parents, you have authority from God to teach and care for your children. Do you exercise this authority in the spirit of Jesus? Are you under His authority seeking His wisdom when making decisions and exercising your power?

CHARISMATIC MASS

Catholic Renewal Ministries' Traveling Charismatic Mass will be held at St. Ambrose Church, Brunswick on Friday, February 2nd. Praise and worship begins at 7 pm, Liturgy starts at 7:30 pm. Fr. Bob Franco is the celebrant. After Mass, healing prayer teams will be available for individual prayer, and there will also be a social. For more information, contact CRM at 440-944-9445. Come and bring a friend! This will be time to truly encounter the Lord.

LATIN AMERICA

This weekend the Latin American collection takes place. This is the only appeal made by the diocese for our Cleveland Latin American Mission in El Salvador. It is the main support for two diocesan priests who work in the two parishes served by our Mission Office. This appeal also makes a contribution to 23 counties across Latin America.

PRAYERS WORK WONDERS

Please remember the sick and suffering of parish family especially: Blanche Bieda, Barb Blake, Claudia Bulkowski, Colleen Darabant, Arthur DePiero, Elaine Frygier, Chris & Kitsa Fuciu, John Hanna, Cheryl Henderson, Linda Joseph, Megan Keefe, Debbie Klein, Kathleen Klosinski, Betty Kmiecik, Richard Konnerth, Jeanne Krywicki, Carl Lemke, Carmello Leo, Nick Piro, Norma Reynes, Lois Rhodes, Dennis Rogozinski, Susan Shah, Braidyn Schneid, Jim Steed, Michelle Trisk, Derek Vitas.

YEAR END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

To receive a 2017 contribution statement, complete the form below and drop it in the collection basket Once the office receives your request, you will be able to pick up your statement in the church vestibule. Or if you want it mailed to you, drop a stamped, self-addressed envelope in the collection basket. A copy will be sent to you.

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Name	_____
Address	_____
Envelope #	_____

APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR IN CHURCH

By Fr. William Saunders

I am a senior citizen. Lately, I have been appalled at the way people act in Church, how they dress and how they pay attention to the Mass. It certainly is not the way it was when I grew up.

Actually, I have received several letters over the past few weeks concerning poor manners at church, even one from a new immigrant to our country. In one sense, we should not be surprised at the lack of proper manners and dress at church. After all, we live in a society where people pierce their various body parts—eyebrows, noses and tongues—just like the farmers do with their animals (although even they were spared tongue piercing). Many companies now have “casual Friday” where male employees no longer have to wear suits and ties and women employees, suits or dresses; however, The Wall Street Journal recently noted that many employees are now looking more like slobs on “casual Friday” and consequently approaching their work like slobs. More and more I see casual attire at weddings and funerals, which were always considered “dress-up” events. Many people have lost all sense of basic politeness, like holding the door open for someone, especially a lady, or offering a seat on the Metro for a lady, especially an expectant mother or an elderly person. (I was raised to be a gentleman, so call me a chauvinist or old fashioned if you like.) Seldom do the words please and thank you echo in our ears. Yes, we should not be surprised if such a lack of manners overflows into our churches.

While we may not be surprised at such a state of affairs, we should not condone it or lower ourselves to it. In regard to church, each of us should strive for good “Mass Manners,” and parents especially should make sure they are teaching their children good Mass Manners.

Therefore, as a priest and one who was raised by good, diligent parents who remembered the days when men always wore a coat and tie to church and ladies were expected to wear a hat and gloves, I will present what I consider good Mass Manners.

First, let us start at how we prepare for Mass. People should dress appropriately. In our society, we still consider coat and tie for men and dresses or suits for women appropriate attire for weddings, for special parties (even Christmas parties) and certainly for meeting dignitaries, like the pope or the president. We should then dress in the same way to meet our Lord, present in the holy Eucharist. Granted, perhaps in the summer we could be a little more casual, but we can still be neat, clean, and properly clothed. Frankly, shorts should be worn only by very young children; T-shirts should be kept for picnics; spandex pants and tights should be reserved for exercise; and halter tops should be burned. In deciding what to wear, we should be thinking, “I am dressing to meet my Lord and to participate in the mystery of my salvation.

To be continued next week.

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MASS INTENTIONS**SATURDAY, JANUARY 27**

4 pm Patricia Witzcak / Gloria

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 *4th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8 am Those Remembered at Our Two Hearts Shrine

11 am John Eyerman / Julie Muzycka

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

8 am Harry Witkiewicz / Pat

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30 TO FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

8 am (No Mass)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

1:30 pm Wedding: Patricia Shean & Antonio Campea

4 pm Living & Deceased of Parish Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 *5th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8 am David & Julia Heist and / Mrs. Spragg

11 am Tom Cerny / John & Cheri Twardzik

OUR FRIENDS THE SAINTS

St. Thomas Aquinas - Thomas Aquinas is known as one of the most brilliant and greatest of philosophers and theologians of the 13th century. He was born around 1225, but perhaps as late as 1227. At the age of 5, he was taken by his parents to the Benedictine monastery at Monte Cassino for an education. His parents hoped that he would become a Benedictine. At the age of eighteen Thomas was sent to Rome to finish his studies. There he was attracted to the philosophy of Aristotle and left the Benedictines to join the Dominicans. Upset by this, his mother arranged for Thomas' brothers to capture him and he was kept at home for more than a year.

When he was finally allowed to leave, he returned to the Dominicans and went to Paris and Cologne where he studied with St. Albert the Great. Thomas' humility and quietness led to his being called the "dumb ox", but St. Albert the Great had heard Thomas' brilliant argument of a thesis, and predicted that his doctrinal teachings would one day "resound throughout the world".

Thomas was ordained a priest in Cologne in 1250, taught at two universities, and received his Doctor of Theology degree in 1257 along with his friend St. Bonaventure. He was so ardent in his teachings and writings in defense of Christian truth that when asked to be Archbishop of Naples, he begged to be excused so that he could continue his writing. Had he become Archbishop his greatest work the *Summa Theologica* most probably would not have been written. His apologetics showed that no scientific truth is opposed to Revelation, and that we come to know God through faith (Divine Revelation) and reason (natural human knowledge).

Thomas Aquinas did not finish the *Summa Theologica* which he stopped writing on December 6, 1273. He died on March 7, 1274 and was canonized on July 18, 1323 with the title Doctor of the Church. He is the patron of students and universities.