

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

**~ A Prayer of Blessing ~**

May the God of strength be with us  
in strong-fingered hands;  
and may we be the sacrament  
of God's strength  
to those whose hands we hold.

May the God of gentleness be with us,  
caressing us with sunlight, rain and wind.  
May God's tenderness shine through us  
to warm all who are hurt and lonely.

May the God of mercy be with us,  
beckoning us,  
and encour-aging us.  
May our readiness to forgive  
calm the fears  
and deepen the trust  
of those who have hurt us.

May the God of compassion be with us,  
holding us close  
when we are weary,  
and hurt,  
and alone.  
May we be the warm hands  
and the warm eyes of compassion for others  
when they reach out to us  
in need.

May the God of simplicity be with us,  
opening us to a clear vision  
of what is real,  
and true.  
And may our communication with others  
be marked by the honesty  
which is simplicity.

May the God of patience be with us,  
waiting for us with out-stretched arms,  
letting us "find out for ourselves";  
and may God's patience  
with all the young who fall  
and the old who stumble  
be our patience.

May the God of peace be with us,  
stilling our own fear,  
doubt  
or confusion;  
and may your peace  
extend into a troubled and anxious world  
in which we live.

May the God of joy be with us,  
thrilling us with God's near-ness,  
filling our hearts to fullness,  
filling us with singing and exultation.

May the God of love be with us,  
listening to us,  
drawing us close  
as we tremble at the edge of self-gift.  
May God's love in us  
light fires of faith  
and hope,  
and may the fires grow  
and burn  
and burst  
and enflame the earth.  
May God's love in us  
be enriched  
by God's love in others.

May the Triune God be within us,  
drawing us ever nearer,  
speaking to us of unity,  
true community  
whose distinction of persons  
is also oneness in being.

# Our Lady Chapel



*Our Lady Chapel is a Roman Catholic community founded in the love of the Father, centered in Christ, and rooted in the Holy Cross tenets of building family and embracing diversity. We are united in our journey of faith through prayer and sacrament, and we seek growth through the wisdom of the Holy Spirit in liturgy and outreach, while responding to the needs of humanity.*

**CAMPUS MINISTRY OFFICE:**

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**POSTPONED: PET BLESSING and COFFEE & DONUTS**

Our Pet Blessing and our gathering for Coffee & Donuts have been postponed to next Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. We are cancelling because of the possibility of impending weather caused by the hurricane. So please join us next Sunday after Mass, to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi by bringing your pet, or a photo of your pet, to be blessed. We will meet outside in the Red Brick part of Pender Circle [right outside the Chapel]. **Then stay for some Coffee & Donuts and some time together!** Doggie donuts will also be available!

**FAITH EDUCATION:**

Faith Education meets this Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:45 AM. As has been our custom in the past, our Faith Education Classes are followed by our 10 AM Mass which is held in the chapel. **If you have any questions, please contact Patty in the Chapel Office [440-473-3560].** Thank you for taking care of this important responsibility.

**BLANKET SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 8-9:**

The weekend of October 8-9 marks the annual Blanket Sunday Collection to aid the needy. The collection is sponsored by the Diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society. This year, as in the past few, the collection will be a **cash only** collection. We will gratefully accept your cash donations and do the shopping for you, making your money go even further with bulk purchases of blankets and other items needed by low income families. So give someone a blanket for the winter — and give yourself a warm feeling! **Use the special Blanket Sunday Envelope [on the table] or mark your envelope Blanket Sunday Collection** and we will take it from there. You may also donate on line at [www.svdpcle.org](http://www.svdpcle.org).

**WOMEN'S DAY OF RETREAT — SAVE THE DATE:**

**Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM.** We will begin with Mass together in the Chapel, and then move to the Lennon Boardroom to continue our prayer and reflection together. Because of COVID, it has been several years since we gathered together for this time of Spiritual Renewal. **Father John** will facilitate our evening of reflection. **There is no cost for the evening.** [If you can't make it for Mass, come anyway when you can.] It will be a wonderful evening of spiritual renewal. **So mark the date on your calendars** and give yourself a treat in the Lord. **Sign up on the retreat sheet which is located on the easel in the narthex of the Chapel, or call [440-473-3560].**

**MEN'S DAY OF RETREAT — SAVE THE DATE:**

**Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM.** We will begin with Mass together in the Chapel, and then move to the Lennon Boardroom to continue our prayer and reflection together. Because of COVID, it has been several years since we gathered together for this time of Spiritual Renewal. **Father John** will facilitate our evening of reflection. **There is no cost for the evening.** [If you can't make it for Mass, come anyway when you can.] It will be a wonderful evening of spiritual renewal. **So mark the date on your calendars** and give yourself a treat in the Lord. **Sign up on the retreat sheet which is located on the easel in the narthex of the Chapel, or call Patty in the Chapel Office [440-473-3560].**

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

Jesus calls us to pray for one another. Please keep all these people in your prayers.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:**

- For Melanie Lowrey, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Madeleine Popp, mother of Gilmour CFO, Kathy Popp, who is ill.
- For Ursula Wyras, mother of Janet Heryak, and Grandmother of Lillian ['09], Rosa ['12] and Edwin ['17] Heryak, who is recovering from Knee Replacement surgery.
- For Joanna Bonner, aunt of Food Service Associate Director, Bonnie Bonner, who is seriously ill with bone cancer.
- For Cathy Locigno, who is undergoing treatment for pancreatic cancer.
- For Phil Patrick, former Gilmour employee, and currently an employee of Archbishop Hoban HS, who is recovering from amputation surgery.
- For Carol White, mother of former Middle School Director, Pat Brockway, who is on hospice care.

**FOR THE DECEASED:**

- For Kellen Leach ['10], brother of Michaela Leach ['14]
- For JoAnn Santoiemmo, mother of Twanya S. Zucker ['87], Ginene S. Rothlisberger ['89] and Frank Santoiemmo ['03], grandmother of Colin ['14], McKenzie ['16], and Gianna ['18] Zucker, mother-in-law of Thomas Zucker ['87]
- For Ra Vines Mingle ['82]
- For Richard Clark, husband of Magnificat HS President, Moira Clark, and former principal of St. Ignatius HS, and founding president of St. Martin de Porres HS.
- For Lester Zatko ['66], brother of Frank Zatko ['72]
- For Mary Elizabeth Nook Huettner, sister of Bill Nook ['62]
- For Michael Cirino, father-in-law of John DiCillo ['83]
- For Father Edward Kordas, pastor emeritus of St. Mary [Hudson]
- For Sister Donna Galetovich, S.N.D.

**PRAYERS FOR OTHERS:**

- For all Victims of the hurricane in Florida and for all the first responders.
- For a family going through a difficult time.
- For an end to violence and racial injustice in our society.
- For a growth in awareness of the blessing of family life.
- For all those struggling with various addictions.
- For an end to sexual abuse and lack of respect for human persons.
- For a greater respect for human life, from the moment of conception until natural death.
- For all caregivers.
- For all service men and women serving our country, and for their families.
- For a greater awareness of our call to create a more humane and just society.

**SIMPLICITY:**

The closer one approaches to God, the simpler one becomes.

—St. Teresa of Avila

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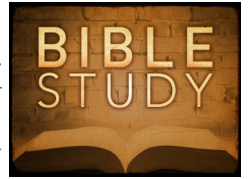
**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:**

- For Alan Basinger, who is hospitalized with heart complications.
- For Joseph Columbus, uncle of Jill Rogal, who is undergoing treatment for heart issues.
- For Sabrina Kumar, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Marina McCarter, grandmother of Aaron [‘25] and Mason [‘28] McCarter, who is ill
- For Joe Weber [‘52], who is seriously ill.
- For Michael Bares, brother of James [‘80] Bares and Religion Instructor, Eileen Pryatel, uncle of Michael [‘08], Steven [‘10], Meghan [‘13], and Kevin [‘15] Pryatel, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Susan Plavcan, sister-in-law of Linda McGraw, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Sharon Wilson, wife of Brother Ken’s nephew, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Dale Rusnik, uncle of Jakob Bennish [‘30], who is undergoing treatment for many medical issues.
- For Tricia Ashkettle, who is undergoing treatment for brain cancer.
- For Matthew Gebhart, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For John Roddy, brother of Tim Roddy [‘87], son of Kathleen Roddy, former teacher’s aide in the Montessori, and brother of Mary Roddy-Stretar, Marketing Associate at Gilmour, and cousin of Daniel [‘83], Mike [‘85], and Matt [‘86] Roddy, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For James Law, husband of LS resource associate, Elana Law, who is undergoing treatment for non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma
- For David Mattis, husband of former Middle School Director, Paula Mattis, father of Kim [‘89] and Bill [‘91] Mattis, who is under the care of hospice.
- For Fletcher Linsz, brother of Logan Linsz [‘26], who is undergoing treatment for Hodgkin Lymphoma.
- For Frank Nannicola, grandfather of Cassie [‘17], Frank [‘18], and Mia [‘19] Nannicola, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Michael Nestor [‘98], who is undergoing treatment for a rare form of cancer.
- For Mary Goers who is undergoing treatment for pancreatic cancer.
- For Bernice Girgash, aunt of Basketball Coach and Counselor, Dan DeCrane, and great-aunt of Mackenzie DeCrane [‘36], who is undergoing treatment for cancer..
- For Karuna Singla, Sister-in-law of Science teacher, Neena Goel, aunt of Nikhil [‘13] and Nupur [‘17] Goel, who is undergoing treatment for bone cancer.
- For Melita Chiacchiari, mother of Mark [‘94], mother-in-law of Michelle DeBacco [‘96], grandmother of Aurelia [‘28] and Olivia [‘30] Chiacchiari, who is undergoing further treatment for cancer.
- For Mike Heryak, husband of Janet, father of Lillian [‘09], Rosa [‘12] and Edwin [‘17] Heryak, who is seriously ill.
- For Tom Podnar, father of Lower School art teacher, Eileen Sheehan, who is awaiting a heart transplant.
- For Joseph Borkey [‘82], brother of Jeff [‘80] and Jerrod [‘87] Borkey, father of Christian Borkey [‘16], and uncle of Jerrod [‘12] and former Gilmour student, Ian Borkey, who is undergoing treatment for cancer
- For Judy Collins, aunt of Chief Academic Officer, Elizabeth Edmondson, great-aunt of Mollie [‘21] and Abbie [‘23] Edmondson, who is undergoing treatment for brain cancer.



**NEXT BIBLE STUDY — WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5<sup>th</sup>:**

**Our next Virtual Bible Study will be on Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.** Bible Study continues to meet bi-weekly. The Bible Study is open to everyone — all middle and high school students, college students, young adults, and all adults. We will all come together to be enriched by God’s word. It’s a great time, and a good witness of our faith to others. If you can’t come at 6:30, come when you can. Gather your favorite snack and/or drink, but be prepared to be nourished on God’s word.



**Our topic: Rosh Hashanah — The Oneness of all creation.**

We also need your help — we need future topics. **So, if you have a topic that you would like us to discuss, please let Father John know.** Mark your calendars and be part of this wonderful activity that will deepen your spiritual journey. **We will meet every other week — topic to be decided at the end of the previous meeting.** Join us. You’ll have a blast, and celebrate your faith along the way..

**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:**

Sunday, October 2: 27 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	10:00 AM In Person & Live Stream
Monday, October 3:	NO MASS
Tuesday, October 4: St. Francis of Assisi	NO MASS
Wednesday, October 5:	NO MASS
Thursday, October 6:	NO MASS
Friday, October 7: Our Lady of the Rosary	NO MASS
Saturday, October 8: 28 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	5:00 PM In Person
Sunday, October 9: 28 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	10:00 AM In Person & Live Stream

**R.C.I.A [Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults]:**

We are beginning to form our RCIA program for this year. If you have been thinking about investigating the Catholic faith, or if you know someone who has been thinking about it; if you have been away from the Catholic Church for a while, or are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith; if you know someone who is not fully initiated [Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation] in their Catholic faith — then consider joining or having them join our RCIA program. **Please contact Father John [440-473-3560] for more information.**



**THE JOURNEY:**

I needed to journey inward to build the foundation of the outward journey of faithful discipleship and ministry. I needed to reach out to the marginalized and forgotten from a quiet and energetic spiritual center. It was important for me to find the right balance between restlessness and peace, prophetic critique and conciliatory healing.

—Bruce Epperly

**THE VISION OF FAITH:**

In our city there have been seventy deaths attributed to heroin and drug overdoses over the past seven weeks. That number included a sixty-three-year-old man and a one-year-old child. To add more sorrow to the already tragic events, one of the young men who died was the medical examiner's son. The weight of senseless loss looms heavily on all of our hearts because so many wonder what our culture has done to contribute to such dire escapism — such ominous darkness — as to lead folks to mainline prescription drugs, risking death.

Like the prophet Habakkuk — who laments the social upheaval of his people — my heart shouts: “How long, O Lord? I cry for help but you do not listen! I cry out to you: ‘Violence!’ but you do not intervene. Why do you let me see ruin; why must I look at misery?” [Habakkuk 1:1-3, 2:2-4]. My outcry goes further, asking has the world proved so fatalistic to our young folks, has the future become so grim that nothing gives way to hope anymore? Is the drug culture only endemic to a greater agony of our national soul?

What do I expect? Do I expect, myriads of angels to meet every addict in the bar or in the alleyways of despair? That would be nice, yet in the midst of crisis, the most important thing is to stop and reflect, to seek a new vision. It is exactly what the Lord does in Habakkuk's situation. God does not give him a solution — he gives him a vision.

God calls upon the soul of this good man to climb the mountain of faith, and to see beyond the bodies lying limp to a new day when the vision of God would come to pass. It is like reading at a funeral liturgy the beautiful passage from Revelation where John sees “a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband” [Revelation 21:1-2]. The challenge of the prophet is to wait for the vision of the Lord to come to fulfillment.

In the Gospel of Luke, the apostles are faced with a similar challenge [Luke 17:5-10]. They have chosen to follow Jesus Christ and walk with him through the labyrinthine pathways of human frailty and darkness. They have watched him set the demonic free. They have witnessed bread broken and multiplied. They have been with him when he raised the widow's son and healed women and children. They, too, want to be equipped for the task — and therefore realize they need more faith. Bucketsful of faith!

Jesus responds to their request for an increase of faith by exhorting them that “if their faith were the size of a mustard seed — smaller than a poppy seed — they could speak to a mulberry tree to be uprooted and cast into the sea.” The irony is that the mustard seed is the smallest of seeds and the mulberry tree kept a deep, entanglement of roots beneath the soil leaving it impossible to uproot.

Yet Jesus says even cultivating the smallest faith can do the impossible. The story that follows speaks to the reality that faith cannot be quantified or measured. Faith is about relationship — a relationship to Christ, the source of all love and mercy. If a servant worked hard all day in the fields, he must not expect special privilege excusing him from his work at home. No, the nature of service is to serve and one serves in love. Does a mother with a sick child take a break at night? Or does she hold the child until the fever breaks? Does a nurse put his feet up during his watch hoping someone else picks up the slack? Or does he continue to go to his patients with compassion and mercy? Does the breadwinner in the family not show up to work or does she weigh out the measure of responsibility it takes to provide for the family?



Well, let me rephrase that: “It is hard to have faith amid the crises of our lives, unless faith has become our lifestyle.” One of the wonderful gifts of the priesthood is the continual exposure that the priest has to you — people of faith. The way that you live your faith life is a blessing for me. When I became a priest, it was so I could help people become people of faith. I now realize that this goes both ways.

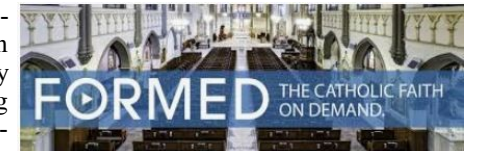
You help me be a person of faith — or, at least try to live as a man of faith. Many times I go into a home or into a hospital room where a person is dying. I'm sure you would think that this must be a terrible scene. It is not. People of faith, in the midst of tears, are most often ready to let go and trust God to care for their loved one. Many times the dying person himself or herself has such a deep faith that he or she radiates a peace. As a priest I am blessed to be among people whose faith is so strong that they serve the Lord even in crises. These same people have spent their lives saying their prayers, performing acts of Christian charity, receiving the sacraments and living their convictions.

Their faith life is so strong in their daily lives that it is their support in their times of crises. And it is easy for them to have faith because they are people of faith. We come to Church today seeking faith. We do this every time we pray, but particularly as a faith community receiving the Word of God in Scripture and Eucharist. We ask God to help us to serve him in every aspect of our lives. We ask God to help us to raise our children to be people who joyfully serve their God. We pray that we might a faith life that is so strong that the difficulties and crises we face will be challenges more than crises, opportunities for us to place our trust in God. And we remember what Habakkuk says: “the just, because of their faith, shall live.”

—taken from the writings for Father Joseph Pellegrino, which appear on the internet.

**PROGRAM AVAILABLE TO CHAPEL FAMILIES:**

Through a grant, the Diocese of Cleveland has obtained the wonderful spiritual program called **FORMED**. We are able to participate in this program through St. Francis of Assisi Parish since we lie within their boundaries. **FORMED** has many aspects to it. You can prepare for Sunday Mass by watching an insightful five-minute video by renowned Catholic teachers; you can enjoy a movie with your family that is both nourishing and entertaining; you can enrich your marriage with the award winning video series *Beloved: Finding Happiness in Marriage*; you can help your children grow in character and embrace the beauty and wonder of the Faith; and many more.



**FORMED** provides amazing content 24/7 for you to grow in your faith. **It's free and easy to register.** Go to [stfrancisgm.formed.org](http://stfrancisgm.formed.org), click “Register” and enter your name, email address, and desired password; if you have previously registered with **FORMED**, you will need to know or update your password. You can only enter **FORMED** this way. Once you are logged in, you can download the app from the App Store or Google Play Store — just search for **FORMED**. Enjoy. Please contact Father John if you have any questions.

**RUN THE RACE:**

If we want our children to serve the Lord, they must hear about him from us. It is not enough to rely on the church or those with more knowledge to provide all their Christian education. We must reinforce the lessons of the Bible in our homes.

**FAITH TRANSFORMS CRISES INTO CHALLENGES:**

Horrible things were happening at the time that Habakkuk wrote his oracles. Habakkuk lived around 650 years before Jesus. It was a time of violence. The Babylonians had conquered the Assyrians and were threatening on attacking the rest of the world — including the Kingdom of Judah. The Jews themselves were continually assaulting each other. Hatred and violence were part of life — even accepted. So, Habakkuk cried out to the Lord: “Lord, are you unaware of what is happening? We are all going to be killed!” And the Lord responds: “Have faith”. The just one because of his faith will live [Habakkuk 1:1-3, 2:2-4].

“The world is going to hell in a handbasket,” the senior citizen complains. Government policies reflect an anti-Christian bias. People are struggling, but refusing to do anything about their problems, expecting others to bail them out. The world is on the brink of war. And if the senior can't find enough to be concerned with, there are plenty of emails and alerts in the media to keep him on edge. What's going to happen to us, to our country, to the world? And the Lord responds: “Live as a just person, one united to me. Have faith, and you will live.”

School seems harder to survive than ever for students and their parents. High school is particularly difficult, but so is middle school — with the advent of adolescence, and college too brings changes that independence brings. Students are either attacked for their faith, or pressured to join in with those who live as though they have no faith. Nothing is more difficult for a teenager than having to lose friends, but how can they keep their faith and be part of the faithless? So, the Teen calls out to God: “How can I keep you and be happy at school?” And the Lord responds: “Just live united to me, and have faith. It will all work out. The just will live by faith alone.”

People come to Church and often hear the message of Respect Life — particularly on this Sunday, the first Sunday of October — Respect Life Sunday. Many find this issue difficult because the atheistic and anti-theistic have their positions strengthened by people who claim to be people of faith, but who choose positions against life. Let's face it, we all know people who are good people, but who don't understand the importance of the Catholic position of respect life from womb to tomb — and who therefore embrace the fiction of being pro-choice Catholics. They are making the decision to ignore the Natural Law. The Natural Law — the Law of reason — demands that life be respected.

There is also the opposite extreme. There are those who feel that life issues should be the sole concern of the Church. Some of these people are upset at the words of Pope Francis when he stated that life issues are not the only concerns of the Church. They are a major concern, but not the only concerns. The every-day Catholic comes to Church on the first Sunday of October and is confronted with these issues and says: “This can all be confusing. What should I do? How should I react? And the Lord responds: “It is not that difficult — just stay united to me, be just, be righteous, and have faith. Then you will live.”

“Increase our faith, Lord,” the disciples ask Jesus [Luke 17:5-10]. And Jesus responds: “Trust me”. There are many challenges in our lives. There are many crises we have to face. One family is struggling to keep their marriage together; a second family is facing chronic sickness; a third family has a child that needs continual emotional support; a fourth family faces unemployment; a fifth family will forever grieve the death of a loved one. And, we in the face of violence, ruin, misery, destruction, strife, wonder if God is aware of our plight?

The Scripture Readings for this 27<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time are saying: “God is aware. Now have faith.”



Here is where faith abides — the steadfast, persevering efforts to keep love alive, to serve those we are committed to. That is the vision of faith. Does the Lord ask for anything less? Jesus says faith is not measured — it is lived. It is lived through serving God and God's people — not looking back but looking ahead where we might one day see mulberry trees floating in the sea.

—taken from the writings of Mary Matestic which appear on the internet

**USING FAITH TO UNCOVER GOD'S POWER:**

Luke's gospel begins with the apostles saying to the Lord: “Increase our faith” [Luke 17:5-10]. They made this plea for help after Jesus taught them to care for the “little ones” and to always forgive those who offended them. Faced with such a challenging teaching, they assumed they needed more faith.

We know something about this need for an increase of faith. Individuals express their desire for more faith for various reasons — to keep functioning after the death of my wonderful spouse; to stay positive after the loss of my job; to still trust God after the suicide of my daughter; to reject prejudice after another terrorist attack; to keep praying after my prayers are not answered; to keep trying after so many efforts to get over my addiction.

When the apostles asked for an increase of faith, Jesus replied: “If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree: ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea, and it would obey you.’” In typical fashion, Jesus answered the question by suggesting a broader perspective. Faith by its very nature is a rich resource with amazing power to accomplish good. It involves a fundamental openness to the all-powerful God who freely shares his divine life with us. Faith is not an autonomous possession which we can use as we wish for our own purposes. It is a gift that enables us to cooperate with God's grace and to share in the divine power.

From this perspective, the challenge is not to increase our faith, but to use the faith we have to tap into the divine energy, a renewable resource always available to us. The mustard seed parable does not deny the possibility or desirability of increasing and deepening our faith, but it does invite us to use the faith we have to cooperate with God's grace in doing good.

Here are some examples of Christians relying on this teaching of Jesus. A grieving widow kept attending Sunday Mass and doing a daily meditation even though they brought her very little comfort, on the faith conviction that despite appearances God will not abandon her. A philosophy professor who has serious doubts about the existence of God and an afterlife made a conscious decision not to enter into a serious study of these questions but to continue to practice his Catholic faith based on his vague faith conviction that life does have some ultimate meaning and purpose. A middle aged man who has been unemployed for almost a year kept on networking and sending out resumes, not because he expected God to intervene on his behalf, but because he believes God wants him to keep trying.

What actual faith do you have that enables you to cooperate with God's grace in doing good?

—taken from the writings of Father Jim Bacik which appear on the internet

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

Father John is available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with you. Please call him [440-473-3560] to arrange for this experience. All social distancing will remain in place. Always remember the Lord's invitation: “I will give them a heart with which to understand that I am the Lord. They shall be my people and I will be their God, for they shall return to me with their whole heart” [Jeremiah 24:7].



**SERVING THE LORD IN THE POOR — OCTOBER 15<sup>th</sup>:**

Our Savior Lutheran Church, across the street from Gilmour, has a Food Pantry which distributes food to the community on the **third Saturday of each month**. They welcome volunteers. If you want to volunteer, they have instituted some **new procedures** because of the Coronavirus. **Thus they help pre-pack nonperishables in bags on Thursday evening beginning at 5 PM.** They continue this prepacking on Friday if needed. Check with Elina Gurney on this. **On Saturday morning at 9 AM, they need help putting items from the foodbank into the prepacked bags.** Only volunteers will be allowed in the Church building, so you will be protected against the virus. Clients will remain outside in their cars. **The food pantry is then open from 9:30 AM—1:30 PM on Saturday.**



Our Savior Lutheran’s Food Pantry was formed to serve those in emergency situations and/or with on-going need in the cities of Mayfield Heights, Mayfield Village, Highland Heights and Gates Mills. The Food Pantry respects social and cultural diversity and upholds the worth and dignity of those it serves. All those in the area with need will be served equally, as supplies allow. The food pantry is a member of the Greater Cleveland Food Bank.

**Please let Elina Gurney know if you would like to help. You can do this through the chapel office [440-473-3560] or by emailing Elina Gurney at [gurney.oh@gmail.com](mailto:gurney.oh@gmail.com).** In this critical time, this is a wonderful way to serve others. Please consider this opportunity.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

- Monday:** Galatians 1:6-12, Luke 10:25-37
- Tuesday:** Galatians 6:14-18, Matthew 11:25-30
- Wednesday:** Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14, Luke 11:1-4
- Thursday:** Galatians 3:1-5, Luke 11:5-13
- Friday:** Acts 1:12-14, Luke 1:26-38
- Saturday:** Galatians 3:22-29, Luke 11:27-28

**28<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time:** 2 Kings 5:14-17, 2 Timothy 2:8-13, Luke 17:11-19

**LIFE TEEN and EDGE:**

Our Life Teen and EDGE youth group is meeting in-person again. We will meet for an hour beginning at 11:30 AM following our 10 AM Sunday Mass in the Lennon Board Room. If you are unable to join us, there are many resources available for you on the Life Teen website — [lifeteen.com](http://lifeteen.com). There are numerous blogs and videos for you to connect with. The Life Teen national office continues to release many new programs. **Please contact Father John for more information. And please join us each Sunday for our Mass at 10 AM — in person or live-streamed, and then come to our Life Teen/EDGE gathering after Mass.** And above all, let us continue to join each other in prayer. **Father John is available for you. Please contact him [cell: 216-570-9276].**



**ST. ADALBERT SCHOOL SUPPORT CONTINUES:**

Student enrollment at St. Adalbert School has doubled. The need for ongoing support is important — especially at this time. **Therefore we have decided to continue our support for school supplies, responding to their monthly needs — No. 2 Wooden Pencils, Glue or Glue Sticks, Kleenex, Paper Towels and Backpacks.** Any and all quantities of these supplies are welcome!



Here is how you can be a part of this outreach. Simply shop for items on the list. Kindly **return the items** whenever you come to Our Lady Chapel. **If you do not have time to shop, simply place an envelope in the collection basket and mark it “St. Adalbert’s” or drop it off in the chapel office.** Together, we work and plant our seeds of hope and goodness to this community. Thank you in advance for your generosity and helping the children of St. Adalberts! Contact Patty in the Chapel Office [440-473-3560] if you have any questions.

**ATTENDANCE:**

If you attend Mass regularly here at Our Lady Chapel, it would be helpful if you filled out a form [name, address, phone number, children, etc.] indicating this fact, if you have not already done so. Registration Forms are on the table at the Chapel entrance. Such information not only helps us to know who is attending Our Lady Chapel; it also is of great assistance to us in record keeping [for our friend, the IRS] of any contributions which you may make.

**CHAPEL ENVELOPES:**

There are many ways that you can support our Holy Cross Mission and support Our Lady Chapel. You can place your offering at the door of the chapel as you enter; you can use our on-line donation link; or you can mail in your offerings to the Chapel itself — whatever best serves your needs. If you need a supply of envelopes, please pick them up off the table in the Narthex of the Chapel when you come to Mass. Or you can call the office or stop in to request them. **If you would like us to send you a supply of envelopes, please call Father John or Patty at [473-3560], and we will get them right out to you..**

**WEEKLY OFFERING:**

**Thank you to those who have begun to send in weekly offerings. We really appreciate it.** Thanks for not forgetting about us. Your Offerings help offset Chapel daily operating expenses. When you choose to use the envelopes, including your number, your donations to Our Lady Chapel will be acknowledged so that you have a record for the IRS.

Offerings-----[Sunday, September 18]-----[Mass, Online, Mail-in] -----	\$ 790.00
Offerings-----[Saturday, September 24]-----[Mass, Online, Mail-in] -----	\$ 495.00
Offerings-----[Sunday, September 25]-----	\$ 160.00

**SEEING THINGS CORRECTLY:**

Let me not pray to be sheltered from dangers, but to be fearless in facing them. Let me not beg for the stilling of my pain, but for the heart to conquer it. Let me not crave in anxious fear to be saved, but hope for the patience to win my freedom. Grant me that I may not be a coward, feeling Your mercy in my success alone; but let me find the grasp of Your hand in my failure.  
—Rabindranath Tagore