

**ST. MARY'S
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SUNDAY OF MEAT-FARE

SAT. 4:30 p.m. FIRST ALL SOULS COMMEMORATION

SUN. 10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners

MON. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy

TUE. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy

WED. 10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of Sister Mary Theresa

THU. 10:30 a.m. +Mary Puskar by Catherine Reigrut

FRI. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy



SUNDAY OF CHEESE-FARE.....FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Feb. 11, 2024

SAT. 4:30 p.m. +Ann Leson by John Remias

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SUN. 10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners

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CHURCH DONATIONS Jan. 28 ,2023
Monthly Dues \$ 202.00 Lenten. \$50.00
Maintenance..\$90.00 Candles \$33.00
Offertory..... \$ 1,45700

PASTA FAGIOLI....SALE

Our Caterers will be selling Pasta Fagioli the first week of Lent. We will have a **DRIVE-UP PICKUP** in front of the hall on Friday Feb. 16, 2024 from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. If you would like to order a quart for \$ 9.00 please call the office and get on our list. Office hours 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

BLESSED WATER

Water was blessed for the Feast of Theophany If you would like to take some home please bring a small container anytime.

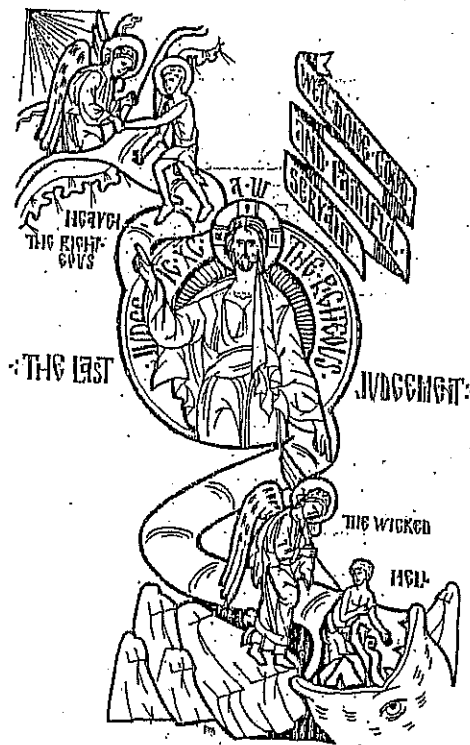
THIRD ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT

Will be held at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center, Fremont, Ohio. March 15th -17th. Retreat Master is Fr. Thomas Loya. If interested the pamphlets are in vestibule.

SOCIAL GAMES

Are played every Sunday in our Center...Doors open 4:30 p.m. and games begin at 6:30 p.m. Start the New Year off right and come spend a little time with your Friends and Family. We offer **GREAT prizesand you might be one of the LUCKY ONES** that walks out with some **XTRA Cash**.

CHEESE-FARE SUNDAY...FORGIVENESS OF SINS is next weekend. After **THE Saturday & Sunday Liturgies** a prayer will be recited. Copies of the prayer will be in the bulletins on bottom of front page. Please pick one up as you enter the Church.



MEATFARE SUNDAY

On Meatfare Sunday we are reminded of the need for repentance in our lives as a preparation for Divine Judgment in the Gospel which is read at the Divine Liturgy. A Christian lives under Christ's judgment. This means that we must refer our actions, attitudes, judgments, to Christ and His present in the world, that we must see Christ in our fellow humans. For "inasmuch as you have done it unto Me..." The parable of the Last Judgment gives us the "terms of reference" for our self-evaluation as Christians.

On the week following the Meat Fare Sunday a limited fasting is prescribed. We must train and prepare ourselves for the great effort of Lent. Meatfare and Cheesefare are terms that mean "farewell to meat, cheese and dairy products" since it is a time from abstaining from these food products.

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GREAT FAST: RECONCILIATION BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS

"O God, be merciful to me, a sinner!"

With these words humbly spoken, the Publican seeks forgiveness and finds favor, as Christ tells us in the Gospel (Lk 18:10-14) because, as the psalmist writes, God will not spurn "a heart contrite and humbled."

February 12th marks the beginning of the yearly opportunity the Church, in her holy wisdom, invites us to encounter...a journey of reconciliation. Through a Great Fast of humility to wholeness, we are invited to deepen our personal relationships with Christ and, through Him, with each other.

Reconciliation begins with forgiveness...asking, receiving, granting.

LENT...FASTING AND FEASTING

Tradition teaches us to fast during Lent, but because we are being prepared for Paschá, the victory of life over death, we need also to *FEAST* on the Life God offers as we seek to deepen His life within us. It is appropriate then to *FAST & FEAST*.

Consider this: *FAST* from harsh or mean words. *FEAST* on patience. *FAST* from worry. *FEAST* on God's love and care. *FAST* from sadness and depression. *FEAST* on joy and peace of mind. *FAST* from complaining. *FEAST* on appreciation and gratitude. *FAST* from bitterness. *FEAST* on forgiveness. *FAST* from resentment. *FEAST* on acceptance. *FAST* from jealousy. *FEAST* on being yourself. *FAST* from self-centeredness. *FEAST* on compassion for others. *FAST* from excess. *FEAST* on moderation. *FAST* from apathy. *FEAST* on caring. *FAST* from discouragement. *FEAST* on hope. *FAST* from judging others. *FEAST* on finding Christ in them.