

**ST. MARY'S
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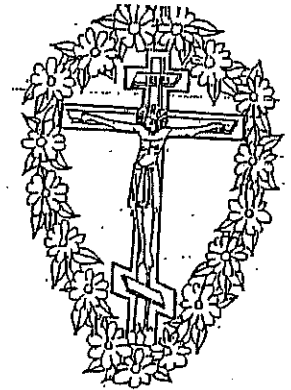
Social Center 330-792-1578

March 3, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF GREAT FAST VENERATION OF CROSS Page 156 ,223

SAT. 4:30 p.m. All Souls Commemoration
SUN. 10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners

MON. 10:30 a.m. No Service
TUE. 10:30 a.m. No Service
**WED. 10:30 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy
+Marge Hritzo by Mary Brown**
THU. 10:30 a.m. No Service
**FRI. 10:30 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy
All Souls Commemoration**



FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

SAT. 4:30 p.m. +Charles Turjanica by Sister, Mary Ann
SUN. 10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners

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Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance. Grant victory to your Church over evil, and protect Your people by Your Cross.

CHURCH DONATIONS Feb. 25, 2024
Maintenance \$85.00 Holy Week \$140.00
Candles \$46.00 BC. \$12.00
Sisters \$110.00 Lent \$83.00
Offertory..... \$ 905.00

SOCIAL GAMES

Are played every Sunday in our Center...Doors open 4:30 p.m. and games begin at 6:30 p.m. **HOPE TO SEE YOU HERE.**

ST. BRENDAN FISH FRY

Will be held every Friday during Lent, Feb. 16th thru March 22. Drive thru only. Lunch and Dinners.. Call 330 799 3683.

LENTEN FUND RAISER FOR OUR SISTERS

We will once again be asking for donations throughout Lent for our Sisters at St. Mt Macrina. There will be envelopes at both entrances.

PRESANCTIFIED BOOKS

Will be in the vestibule and side entrance. Please get one when entering the Church and return them on your way out.

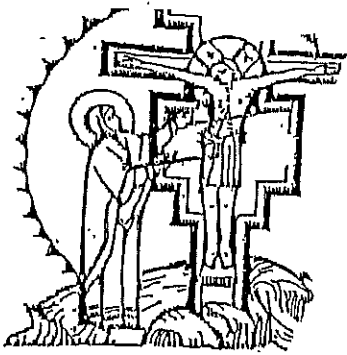
SHUT IN VISITS

Father will be visiting the shut-ins the week of March 4th thru the 8th and March 11th thru 13th. If you are not on his list of regular visits and would like him to visit you before Holy Week please call the office 330 792 1578 to let us know.

ST. MICHAEL BYZ. CHURCH, Campbell, Oh

Is having a Food Sale March 8th, Flat bread & Vegetable Barley soup.. March 15th Haluski & Potato Soup. Soup & Food \$10.00 ea. Pick up Noon -2:30 and 5:00 p.m -6.00... Spaghetti Dinner on Palm Sunday \$12.00. **ALSO To order Kolachi and Easter Cheese call 330-720-2100**

VENERATION OF HOLY CROSS



The season of the Great Fast is a special time for mortification and penance, both internal and external. Because this spiritual struggle lasts a longer time, it often happens that we begin the first days or weeks of fasting with great zeal and resolution, but then gradually we become physically and spiritually exhausted, weakened and discouraged. Holy Church knowing well the weakness and instability of our human nature, places before our eyes the holy Cross in the middle of the fast...an extraordinarily powerful

incentive to motivate us to persevere in our spiritual struggle.

On the third Sunday, or mid-Lent, holy Church encourages us to venerate the Cross of our Lord in a very special manner, so that we may be strengthened in spirit. This Sunday, therefore, is called the Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross.

The Holy Cross is designed to remind us of God's infinite love for us, Christ's suffering for our sake and our obligation to carry our daily cross courageously. Jesus Christ addressed these words to all of us, "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily, and follow me...He who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple."

The Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross reminds us that Christians employ a powerful weapon in their battle with the enemies of his salvation...the Holy Cross. Particularly on this Sunday, the cross is raised before us as a sign of strength, salvation, victory and triumph.

The service of this Sunday almost make no mention of the Cross as being a symbol of suffering, penance, or humiliation, but rather extol the Holy Cross as a symbol of joy, victory and triumph, which are brought to fullness through the glorious Resurrection.

The dominant hymn for this Sunday is: "*We bow to Your Cross, Lord, and we glorify your holy Resurrection.*" This hymn is taken from the Matins service of Easter Sunday.

To arouse ourselves to a greater veneration and love for the holy Cross, let us make the sign of this Life-Giving Cross. Let us not leave the cross even for one moment, and let us not do anything without it.

LENTEN RESOLUTIONS

When this message reaches you, Lent will be already started.

Lent recalls the parable of the farmer, who sowed the seed. Some fell on stones and the birds of the air came and ate them up. Others sprouted on rocky soil, but soon shriveled away...because they had no roots. (At this point most of us strike our breast and confess: "There's myself.") Some fell among thorns, and were choked by the brambles and thorny roots. Some fell on good ground, and brought forth fruit a hundredfold.

Now, please set this letter down for 60 seconds and search your conscience: What am I doing for Lent?

If the answer is: "Precious little," then take another three minutes or more and write down: "These things I will do during the remainder of *LENT*..to the glory of God, in expiation for my sins, and in union with the sufferings of Jesus Christ, my Savior and Redeemer."

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Lord, give me the patience to see this day through, In joy and in sorrow to seek after you.
Teach me to trust in your loving Son, from the time this day starts until the moment it's done.
Teach me not to murmur, complain or to strive, because only through you am I truly alive.
Sometimes it's not until I wander or stray, that I realize it's near you I always must stay.
So teach me to love you and always be true, from the time this day starts until the moment it's through.

*Having Suffered the passion for us, Jesus Christ,
Son of God, have mercy on us.*