

Malachi Matters

The ministries at St. Malachi that matter
to the faithful and to our neighbors



Winter 2023

A Season of Thanks

Christmas is not only the Season for Giving but also the Season for Thanks. And, in this season of Christmas and Birth of Our Lord, what greater time to thank our benefactors than now. Reeling from the effects of COVID and dealing with the downturn in the economy, we can't help but be grateful to all those who continue to shower us with gifts of time, talent, and treasure – from our parishioners to foundations, schools, corporations/businesses, neighbors, and supporters – we say THANK YOU. And we say it in the name of those whom you allow us to serve. In your name.

Each day we receive donations for our **Back Door Ministry** of fruits, vegetables, sandwiches, canned goods, and a plethora of other items. Some of our major donors to the Back Door Ministry are our neighbor BoxCast, Fragapane Bakery, Panera Bread, St. Raphael Parish, St. Ambrose Parish, St. Vincent de Paul food truck from St. Ladislav Parish, and the Knights of Columbus from St. Mary Magdalene Parish. We are thankful to all our donors – no matter how large or small their gifts. We could not provide food to all those who come to our doors without these great supporters of our food ministries.

We would be remiss if we did not thank all the volunteers who support **Monday Night Meal** – from our main-dish cooks to our fruit/salad providers and to all who prepare, serve, and clean up each Monday night.

Saturday Morning Breakfast is gaining a lot of momentum too! The program is only a year old, but we already have more than 200 people for breakfast each week. We are grateful to the eight groups of volunteers who rotate on a weekly basis to prepare, serve, and clean up under the direction of

Associate Pastor Fr. (Brother) Phil and Back Door Ministry Coordinator Eleshia.

Where would we be without the generous donations from Foundations, both families and corporations. This year we were graced with donations from Ken Grossi and Sharon Sutherland Charitable Foundation, Bonne Bell Foundation, Samuel H. and Marie Miller Foundation, and P.M. Foundation.

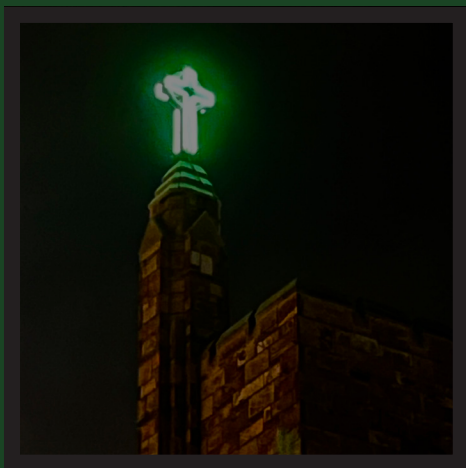
It goes without saying that corporations and businesses have been very supportive of St. Malachi Parish. This year we were blessed with donations from Valley Ford Truck, Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland, Great Lakes Brewing, RPM International, Talan Products, Three D Metals, John J. Ready Attorney at Law, and McCarthy's Downtown.

Last but certainly NOT least are our generous parishioners and supporters. Too many to mention by name, but nonetheless, our gratitude overflows for them and their support. Our parishioners and supporters are the backbone of our parish. Without them, St. Malachi could not survive. In closing, we want to give a special shout out to Pat and Kathy Dowd for funding the refurbishing of our baptismal font and to our anonymous donor couple who funded the painting of the main area in the Church.

We apologize if we inadvertently missed recognizing someone. We are grateful for every donation to St. Malachi whether large or small. All those who give of their time, talent, and treasure are

greatly appreciated. May God continue to shine down on St. Malachi and keep all our parishioners and supporters in the palm of his hand. With gratitude in our hearts, we wish you a very blessed Christmas Season filled with the love of Christ.





About That New Cross?

The original church faced the lake – with a flame in the tower to serve as a beacon to seamen working the ships on Lake Erie.

In 1936, under the direction of Fr. McKenney, the fourth pastor, an electric cross was erected on the tower of the Church! A tradition that continued in 1945 when the new church was built.

After 87 years of being a beacon of hope and spirituality in our neighborhood, the cross was damaged in a storm this past summer. In an expression of our commitment to our neighborhood, a new cross was placed on top of the Church last month. To continue to be a guiding light for years – hopefully ages – to come.

St. Malachi Church Run/Walk Turns 45

Sharon Lowe-Chapman, Chair

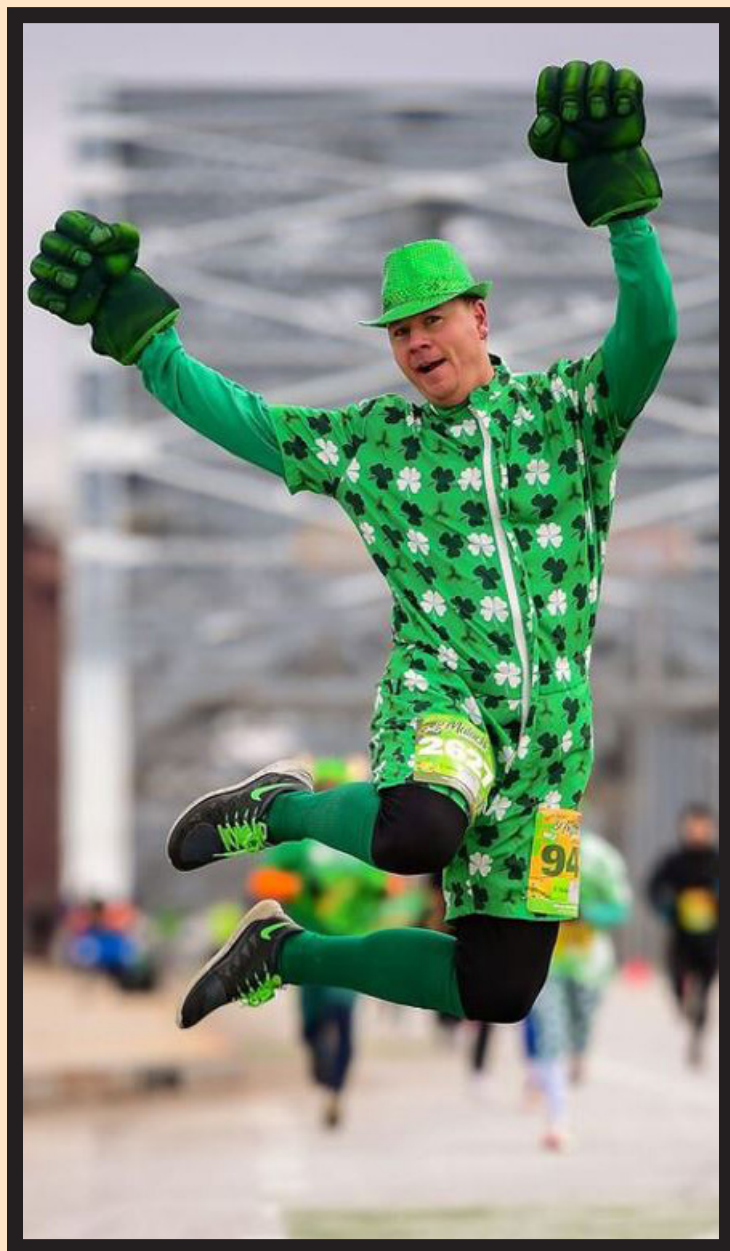
Sponsor, participate, or donate and leap for Joy at the 45th Annual Malachi Run/Walk! Because we're having fun while doin' good!!

The 45th Annual St. Malachi Church Run/Walk is well known for its tradition of bringing together our community to celebrate faith, camaraderie, and charity. The 2024 Run/Walk promises to be an extraordinary event because it is on March 16, 2024 and falls on the day before St. Patrick's Day. We anticipate record-breaking participation and an even more spirited and lively celebration, as we warm-up to Cleveland's grand St. Patrick's Day festivities.

As the prelude to this iconic celebration, sponsorship of our Run/Walk provides a unique opportunity for organizations to connect with the community at a time when spirits are high. Your sponsorship of the 45th Annual will not only be a demonstration of your commitment to community engagement, but also a strategic decision to align your company's brand with the lively and spirited mood that surrounds St. Patrick's Day in Cleveland. Sponsorships start as low as \$250.

If you can't sponsor our Run/Walk, there are still plenty of ways to get involved and make a positive impact. We start the day with Mass at 8 AM. Everyone can participate by joining the walker-friendly two-mile course. Serious runners/walkers can take the challenge of the five-mile course.

If you are unable to take part in the day, you can contribute by making a donation and help us serve those in need. Your support – whether through sponsorship, participation, or donation – helps to enhance the lives of the people that are served through the Malachi Ministries!



St. Malachi's Food Ministries Touch Many Lives

A month or so ago, the Parish received a letter from a 6th grade student that touched our hearts! We found it inspiring so we are sharing with you. The message is powerful!

Dear St. Malachi,

My name is Will, and I am a 6th grader at School. Lately, we've been talking about being kind to others, and that got me thinking about what you do as a parish. I know that you do a lot of kind deeds towards the poor and homeless people and I want to support you! I know this donation isn't huge, but I took it from my savings, and I hope you put it to good use! I admire the things you do, and I hope you continue to do this sort of thing in the future!



Sincerely,

Will
6th grade

Franklin Douglas H.S. Culinary Students Join In Ministering

In conjunction with Forbes 30 Under 30 and Edwin's Leadership & Restaurant Initiative, Franklin Douglas High School Culinary students cooked and served a sit-down lunch to our Back Door Ministry guests and families on Wednesday, October 11. Greeted by the students, our guests were served a delicious lunch of roast beef, root vegetables, a tossed salad, other side dishes, and refreshments followed by red velvet cake with whipped cream for dessert. Plans are in process for Franklin Douglas H. S. Culinary students to prepare additional meals throughout the year for our Back Door Ministry guests.

In addition to this event, Franklin Douglas H. S. has committed to having their students prepare the dinners for Monday Night Meal on the four fifth Mondays in the year.

We are grateful to Parishioner Mike Pellegrino who connected us with the school. We look forward to a growing relationship of partnered service!

JOIN US

Community
LUNCHEON

October 11th, 2023

11 am - 1 pm | St. Malachi Parish | 2459 Washington Ave | Cleveland, OH 44113
Be our guest for a free, warm, and sit-down lunch!



Frederick Douglass High School | 3167 Fulton Road | Cleveland, OH 44109 | fdhigh.org



In the Good Ole Summertime ...

On Sunday, September 28, St. Malachi Parish held our annual picnic, beginning with a beautiful liturgy celebrated with Fr. Gurnick at the Keystone Pavilion in the Cleveland Metro Parks. It was filled with parishioners who were having fun being together in one of the last days of summer.

Food galore was brought by the attendees; there was plenty for all. The main dishes were sloppy joes and hot dogs prepared by members of the Hospitality Commission. Volunteers not only prepared the

food but assisted in helping all to get a full platter of "yummy" food.

Rain or shine, the picnic would have happened because the event was in a pavilion. What a neat way to share liturgy with other parishioners: to eat the delicious pot-luck, to sit relaxing away from home, and – perhaps most importantly – to deepen the bonds that unite this faith community and inspire concrete action. All in all, it was a wonderful picnic without ants or flies!!!!



Thank You, Volunteers

Lou Keim

On October 28, a grand time was had by all the volunteers who were honored for their many hours of service that truly enhances all the ministries of St. Malachi Parish. The setting was at the Music Box Supper Club that provided a luncheon of good food and a very picturesque setting on the waterfront. All volunteers who give many hours, or as many as possible, were given a "thank you" hosted by the Stewardship Commission. In this opportunity to visit with the other volunteers, much conversation and laughter was heard throughout the room. The only task assigned was to have fun and enjoy!!

Thank you to all the St. Malachi volunteers!!

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Students Engage with the Homeless Jesus Sculpture

Jeanette Shemo

This fall students from St. Ignatius and Holy Name High Schools visited St. Malachi Parish and spent time reflecting on the Homeless Jesus sculpture located at the front doors of the Church. Fr. Gurnick spent time with each group, sharing with them that this sculpture serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of caring for those in need – a need that is seen around W. 25th St. and Detroit Ave. every day of the week. He reminded them that Homeless Jesus is a visual representation of the teachings in Matthew 25, which emphasizes the importance of helping the less fortunate. And stated that the

Homeless Jesus sculpture mirrors St. Malachi's mission to welcome and serve the poor.

We are grateful to St. Ignatius and Holy Name for bringing their students to St. Malachi. It was more than just a day away from the classroom. It was a day for them to visit and reflect on the meaning behind the sculpture, as well as the surrounding neighborhood. It provided them with a tangible experience that can deepen their understanding of compassion and social responsibility, as well as affect and inspire them to take action in their own communities.



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There's a new cross on the tower of the church?
(We confess: that was a leading question. Details inside!)

Did You Know?

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Celebrating More
Than 150 Years of
Faithful Service in
the Old Angle!



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