



## Prayer for AM 1260 The Rock

St. Peter, you are the Shepherd of the sheep, the Prince of the Apostles, the Rock. Intercede for WCCR, AM 1260 The Rock, that we may faithfully proclaim the Word, Jesus Christ, and serve His Church that He appointed you to protect. We place AM 1260 The Rock under your patronage, that we may do all for His honor and glory. Amen.

## AM 1260 The Rock – A Special Friend to Eileen

*"About a year ago, I did something that was the best thing I ever did for myself—I tuned into AM 1260 on my radio. There I found a treasure trove of wonderful programs that are worthwhile listening to as they inform, enlighten, inspire, and help deepen my faith and relationship with God. Being homebound, I am especially grateful that it gives me the opportunity to hear Mass every morning and to pray the Rosary with Fr. Groeschel every night, just like I am in Church. The various devotions and scripture study programs are appreciated, too.*

*AM 1260 is really a special friend because no matter what time of day or night I can always tune in and find Rock Solid Truth about what's going on in my Church, Diocese, and world.*

*What a treasure!"*

– Eileen

## New Local and Network Programming for 2021!

### From AM 1260 The Rock

#### New! God Calling

Veteran broadcaster Paul Orlousky hosts this weekly program which explores the vocation stories of priests, men, and women religious, married, and single Catholics. Every story of how God calls each of us is unique. Learn how God has called many of your brothers and sisters to their respective vocations, and perhaps consider how God is calling you. Tune in each Sunday at 4:30 PM.

God Calling is the third of AM 1260 The Rock's locally-produced programs. It joins:

**Table Talk** is our monthly interview with one of the local bishops hosted by Dick Russ. Table Talk airs the 3rd Thursday of the month at 5 PM, and is rebroadcast the next day (Friday) at 8 AM and the following Sunday at 1 PM.

**Where We Worship** is our monthly program focusing on the history, rich traditions and charisms of our local parishes and Catholic institutions. Host Bob Tayek talks with pastors and parishioners about the places they call their spiritual home. Where We Worship airs the 3rd Sunday of the month at 11 AM and is re-aired the following Saturday at 4:30 PM.



Previous episodes of our AM 1260 The Rock programs can be found on the audio archive page of our website at [am1260therock.com](http://am1260therock.com)

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## From the President

Ash Wednesday is February 17th, and the beginning of Lent is upon us. I would like to give my space over this month to a guest columnist who can help us get ready for the programming themes we will be hearing on AM 1260 The Rock this season, as well as helping us appreciate the urgency of Lenten penance in the face of the signs we see in the world around us. This was written (and you can tell) by Benedictines in Solesmes, France, during the mid-1800s, which was an era not unlike ours in terms of uncertainty and even turmoil:

Although the divine mysteries whereby our Savior wrought our redemption have been consummated, yet are we still sinners: and where there is sin, there must be expiation.

The Apostles, therefore, legislated for our weakness by instituting, at the very commencement of the Christian Church, that the solemnity of Easter should be preceded by a universal fast; and it was only natural that they should have made this period of penance to consist of forty days, seeing that our divine Master had consecrated that number by His own fast. St. Jerome, St. Leo the Great, St. Cyril of Alexandria, St. Isidore of Seville, and others of the holy fathers, assure us that Lent was instituted by the Apostles, although, at the commencement, there was not any uniform way of observing it....

Pope Benedict XIV wrote in 1741: 'The observance of Lent is the very badge of the Christian warfare. By it, we prove ourselves not to be enemies of the cross of Christ. By it we avert the scourges of divine justice. By it we gain strength against the princes of darkness, for it shields us with heavenly help. Should mankind grow remiss in their observance of Lent, it would be a detriment to God's glory, a disgrace to the Catholic religion, and a danger to Christian souls. Neither can it be doubted that such negligence would become the source of misery to the world, of public calamity, and of private woe.' More than two hundred years have elapsed since this solemn warning of the Vicar of Christ was given to the world; and during that time, the relaxation he inveighed against has gone on gradually increasing. How few Christians do we meet who are strict observers of Lent, even in its present mild form.

And must there not result from this ever-growing spirit of immortification, a general effeminacy of character, which will lead, at last, to frightful social disorders? The sad predictions of Pope Benedict XIV are but too truly verified. Those nations, among whose people the spirit and practice of penance are extinct, are heaping against themselves the anger of God, and provoking his justice to destroy them by one or other of these scourges—civil discord, or conquest. In our own country there is an inconsistency, which must strike every thinking mind: the observance of the Lord's day, on the one side; the national inobservance of the days of penance and fasting, on the other. The first is admirable, and, if we except puritanical extravagances, bespeaks a deep-rooted sense of religion; but the second is one of the worst presages for the future. The word of God is unmistakable: unless we do penance, we shall perish (cf. Lk. 13:3). But if our ease-loving and sensual generation were to return, like the Ninevites, to the long-neglected way of penance and expiation, who knows but that the arm of God, which is already raised to strike us, may give us blessing and not chastisement?"

*Thank you for your support of AM 1260 The Rock! May God bless all our families in Cleveland and throughout the universal Church during this Lent.*

*Gerald A. Monroe is a founding board member and President of St. Peter The Rock Media*

## Annual Contribution Statements for 2020

If you are a monthly sustaining member, you should have received a 2020 contribution statement for your monthly donations in 2020. These were issued in January and were sent via email when possible, or by regular mail.

If you are not a monthly sustaining member, you should have received an acknowledgement of your 2020 gifts as they were received. However, we are happy to provide a 2020 Contribution Statement to any donor who requests it. Please contact Trish Shaw at 216-227-1260 or [tshaw@am1260therock.com](mailto:tshaw@am1260therock.com) and use "2020 contribution statement" in the subject line.

## Set Your Mind to Things That Are Above



In the first months of this New Year, some pray for good health, prosperity, success, happiness, contentment, and a long life. However, these are not the greatest blessings we could attain. Our prayers for this year should be directed not only to temporal things, but primarily to the eternal. When we consider that our time here on earth is short and our time in Heaven is forever, then our prayers should be fixed on our eternal reward. Perhaps there may be times to come when it feels like this world is hostile to our Catholic faith. We should not worry as we only need to look to history to see that Holy Mother Church is always triumphant.

In the last part of the 18th century, many of you may be aware of the French Revolution in which the public intention was stated to “destroy the Catholic Church.” To accomplish this, the rebels published a number of books wherein they derided and blasphemed everything that is venerable and sacred to the Christian faith. They denied the Divinity of Christ. They exalted vice as virtue and placed the happiness of humanity in the gratification of carnal lust. Their efforts were successful as eventually the churches were profaned, and altars demolished. The images of saints were defaced and those priests who did not deny the faith were put to death. The removal of Catholic institutions and their personnel, however, simply forced religious worship into the private sphere and increased the involvement of the laity, trends that would also mark the religious revival that took place in France in the 19th century. The Church endures.

Consider the Catholics of Ireland in the middle of the 17th century, at the time of the Irish Rebellion and the institution of Penal Laws. The practice of the Catholic religion was strictly prohibited. Catholics were deprived of their churches. Convents and monasteries were secularized. Bishops and priests were banished or put to death. There was not a single Catholic school throughout the country and parents were forbidden to have their children instructed and educated in foreign countries. The property of Catholics was confiscated, and they were only permitted to rent their own land. The oppression lasted for three hundred years. One might think that the Catholic faith would have entirely perished in Ireland, but the faithful Irish remained firm and immovable in their faith, trusting God throughout all of their trials. The Church endures.

We can take consolation in that fact that the Catholic Church can never perish, for Christ has promised that the gates of hell shall never prevail against her. We should not worry about the Church. However, each of our souls may be in jeopardy as it can be easy for one to lose his faith, despite reception of the Sacraments and Catholic education for many years as so many others have. We cannot take our faith for granted. Even in the face of persecution, we must continue to remain faithful, calling upon the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Peter to protect us.

*Fr. Doug Brown is Pastor of Mary Queen of Peace Parish in Cleveland, Chaplain to AM 1260 The Rock, and Chaplain to the Cleveland Police*

## AM 1260 Begins Parish Ambassador Program

The New Year of 2021 will usher in a new initiative at The Rock. The Parish Ambassador Program will be launched with a dozen or so parishes as a pilot, and then expanded as we make adjustments based on feedback from those involved in the initial group.

We hope to eventually have a parish ambassador in every parish to represent The Rock. The ambassador will work to bring information about AM 1260 The Rock and our programming and activities to his/her parish, and also can assist the parish in fostering collaboration and promoting parish events on our community news segments. They also will be able to bring us feedback from the parish staff and parishioners about how their local Catholic radio station can be of service as we all strive to grow deeper in our faith. The parish ambassador is a volunteer position, and we have several parishes ready to embark on this “win-win” initiative.

Many Catholics are unaware of AM 1260 The Rock and the rich programming we offer including daily news, Mass, interviews, apologetics, and devotionals. We look forward to our volunteer ambassadors helping us reach more souls and help more Catholics deepen their faith through the quality Catholic programming AM 1260 provides. We look forward to further collaboration with our parish communities as we all work to further God’s kingdom.

If you are interested in being a parish ambassador, or if you are part of a parish staff and know someone in your parish who would be a great ambassador, please contact Ellen Trepanier, Community Outreach Coordinator, at 216-227-1260 or [etrepanier@am1260therock.com](mailto:etrepanier@am1260therock.com).

## Lenten Devotions

During the holy season of Lent, please join us for the following special devotions:

On Tuesdays at 3 PM, join us for the “Devotion to the Holy Face” to make reparation for sins against the first three commandments: Denial of God (atheism/communism), Blasphemy, and the profanation of Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.

On Fridays at 3 PM, we will once again air the Stations of the Cross with Meditations on the Priesthood. These devotions, recorded by Msgr. Peter Dunne, are a beautiful way to join with AM 1260 The Rock in our commitment to praying for our priests.



# AM 1260 The Rock: Reaching the Other Side of the Globe

By Dick Russ

AM 1260 The Rock is reaching souls not only in Northeast Ohio, but in remote corners of the world. We regularly hear from people who have tuned into The Rock in Scandinavian countries, where the signal can reach with surprising strength and clarity. The messages come from DXers, people who tune into and identify distant radio stations as a hobby. It's popular in northern Sweden, Finland, and Norway where AM signals from North America land after crossing the North Pole.

It's the hobby that got me interested in broadcasting when I started DXing from the attic of our Cleveland home in about 1962! Unlike my crude setup, with a copper wire attached to a transistor radio, today's DXers in Scandinavia often have elaborate arrays with which to hone into even the faintest of signals.

"Hello! It is with great pleasure that I report reception of your station WCCR Cleveland on 1260 kHz," is how the welcome emails often start. The DXer then provides details of the time and date they tuned into The Rock, usually attaching an audio file as verification. They include what kind of equipment they used, mentioning antennas which can be over half a mile long!

These hobbyists are serious. A number have reported camping out in remote cabins 200 miles north of the Arctic Circle, just to get the best chance of capturing radio signals from as far away as possible. One DXer told us of his 12-hour trek north to Lapland from his home outside Helsinki. "Our setup consisted of 4 Italian Perseus software receivers and the antenna system of fourteen 1,000-meter long wires hanging on the branches of trees," he matter-of-factly related. "Because of the long antennas and



Typical DXer Cabin

favourable atmospheric conditions, we were able to pick up your signal."

DXers must have confirmation before they can list a distant radio station in their collection. "Hearing your station was such an astonishing experience for us that we would greatly appreciate your reply to confirm," wrote another distant listener. In the days before email, radio stations would send confirmation in the form of a "QSL Card" in the mail. Today, a verifying email reply counts the same.

One Swedish DXer who captured The Rock's signal added WCCR to his list of now 3,290 radio stations he pulled in from 208 countries over the last 45 years. The hobby has enthusiasts all over the world, and they regularly share on dedicated websites stories of their long hours of attentive

listening and even of mounting DXpeditions in search of prized radio signals.

While it may sound inhospitable to us, venturing to the parts of the globe with the clearest radio reception seems to be on the to-do list of the most serious DXers. As a Norwegian listener to The Rock told us, "The north of Norway is a very favorable location with its polar nights and a short-cut across the Arctic." Now if we could only pick up The Rock on our car radios in Strongsville.

*Dick Russ is a founding board member of St. Peter The Rock Media and continues in that capacity. Mr. Russ is a veteran of Cleveland broadcasting and is also the host of "Table Talk" AM 1260 The Rock's monthly program featuring different bishops from our listening area.*

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# New Faces in the Family!

Last year was one of many changes for all of us, and AM 1260 The Rock is no exception. In March, we welcomed Ellen Trepanier as our new Community Outreach Coordinator. In August, we were blessed to have Trish Shaw join the Rock staff as Accounting Coordinator. And in November, AM 1260 The Rock was fortunate to attract the talented and experienced radio professional Dan Deely as our Production Manager.

We introduced you to Ellen in our August newsletter. Now it is time to get to know Trish and Dan.



## Trish Shaw

Trish hails from Wilmerding, PA, a small town outside Pittsburgh, and is the 6th of 7 children. She received a BS in Nutrition/Dietetics from the University of Pittsburgh and spent 25 years in the field in various positions. It was during this time she met her husband, Marty, to whom she has been married 27 years. They are the proud parents

of a daughter Gabbi, a freshman at the University of Akron.

The Shaws moved to the Cleveland area after living in Dover, Delaware, to be closer to family. They live in Brunswick and are active members of St. Ambrose Parish.

Several years ago, Trish left the nutrition/dietetics field to do something close to her heart. She spent 5 years with the Augustine Institute, a Catholic publishing/media entity, before joining The Rock.

Trish brings extensive systems support experience and is already making improvements to our processes as our Accounting Coordinator. We are thrilled to have her as part of The Rock family.



## Dan Deely

A familiar name (and face) to Cleveland radio and TV, Dan Deely has more than 40 years of broadcast experience, including hosting the morning show at WMJI in 1984, which is what brought him to Cleveland from his native Kentucky.

Born and raised a devout Christian, Dan began exploring the Catholic faith in preparation for his marriage to his wife Mary Jo, a cradle Catholic. As he learned more, he found a home in the Catholic Church.

Dan and his wife are the parents of two grown sons and are parishioners at St. Michael Catholic Church in Independence.

In joining The Rock, Dan said he was grateful to get back into radio and use his 40+ years of experience to serve God and serve the Church. "How can you not want to do that?"

Dan's voice can already be heard on the air, and we are grateful for his radio acumen in helping us sound even better.

Other comings and goings...

- A warm welcome to **Deborah Dosen**, who joins the St. Peter The Rock Media Board of Directors. Deborah holds a BBA in accounting from Cleveland State University and early in her career practiced as a CPA for 15 years. Together with her husband Mike, they have 6 children, 2 sons-in-law, and 4 grandchildren (and counting...!). Debbie has held leadership positions in both a marriage ministry apostolate and a Pro-Life organization, as well as being a Pre-Cana presenter, with an emphasis on Natural Family Planning (NFP), for the Jesuit Retreat Center and local parishes. Most recently, Debbie has joined the accounting staff at her home parish in Broadview Heights – Church of the Assumption. A loyal supporter of EWTN and Catholic Radio, Debbie looks forward to bringing her gifts, enthusiasm, and love of God and family to further the mission of The Rock.
- Our deepest thanks to **Joan Andrews**, who provided three years of service to the board of St. Peter The Rock Media. We wish Joan and her family God's richest blessings.



And finally... Best wishes to our former producer, **Tim Boulware**, who has relocated to Fremont, Ohio after his marriage to Tracey on October 10th. Tim was with us from April of 2019 until mid-November, and his attention to detail and professionalism in the studio were greatly appreciated.

## New Local and Network Programming for 2021!

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### From EWTN



**Beloved and Blessed** speaks to the desires and strengths of women in all walks of life. Host Kimberly Hahn brings her decades of experience helping women live out their call to be daughters of God. Find inspiration, hope and strength in each weekly episode Sundays at 9 PM.

**The Miracle Hunter** features Michael O'Neill as he delves into

the fascinating world of miracles and takes listeners on a hunt that explores the greatest mysteries and marvels of the Catholic Church. From visions of the Virgin Mary and inexplicable medical healings through the intercession of Saints to the miracles of the Eucharist and those who bear the wounds of Christ, listeners will journey through the wonders that have inspired the fascination and faith of believers for centuries. The Miracle Hunter airs Saturdays at 1 PM and 7 PM.

For a complete schedule of all our programs, see page 7 of this newsletter or visit our website at [am1260therock.com](http://am1260therock.com).



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1:00 AM	The Journey Home <i>(Encore)</i>	Best of The Journey Home					The Wisdom of Fr. Groeschel
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2:00 AM	Mother Angelica Live Classics	Called to Communion with Dr. David Anders <i>(Encore)</i>					Mother Angelica Live Classics
2:30 AM							
3:00 AM	Scripture and Tradition	The Miracle Hunter	Women of Grace with Johnnette Williams <i>(Encore)</i>				
4:00 AM	Fathers of Mercy Hour	Fathers Know Best <i>(Encore)</i>					The World Over <i>(Encore)</i>
5:00 AM	The Catholic Café	Chaplet of Divine Mercy in Song / Fire on the Earth					Vatican Insider
5:30 AM	Holy Rosary, with Mother Angelica and the Nuns of Our Lady of Angels Monastery						
6:00 AM	Vatican Insider	The Son Rise Morning Show <i>(Live)</i>					Scripture & Tradition
6:30 AM	Divine Intimacy						Conversations with Consequences
7:00 AM	The World Over <i>(Encore)</i>						
8:00 AM	Sunday Mass <i>(Live)</i>	Christ is the Answer, Fr. Riccardo	Fathers of Mercy Hour	The Brooke Taylor Show	Reason for Our Hope, Fr. Richards	Christ is the Answer, Fr. Riccardo*	EWTN Mass <i>(Live)</i>
8:30 AM				Dare Great Things			
9:00 AM	Stories From The Heart	Catholic Connection with Teresa Tomeo <i>(Live)</i>					Mast Appeal with Colleen Kelly Mast <i>(Live)</i>
9:30 AM	EWTN Bookmark						
10:00 AM	Pro-Life Weekly	EWTN Mass <i>(Encore)</i>					
10:30 AM	Cleveland Mass for the Homebound						
11:00 AM	Register Radio	Women of Grace with Johnnette Williams <i>(Live)</i>					Doctor, Doctor
11:30 AM	Light of the East						
12:00 PM	Fr. Spitzer's Universe	Take 2 with Jerry & Debbie					Women Made New With Crystalina Evert
1:00 PM	Scripture & Tradition*	The Doctor Is In <i>(Live)</i>					The Miracle Hunter
1:30 PM							
2:00 PM	The Best of Called to Communion	Called to Communion with Dr. David Anders <i>(Live)</i>					The Good Fight with Barbara McGuigan <i>(Live)</i>
3:00 PM	The World Over <i>(Encore)</i>						
4:00 PM	The Catholic Café	Kresta in the Afternoon <i>(Live)*</i>					Cleveland Mass for the Homebound
4:30 PM	God Calling						EWTN Bookmark
5:00 PM	Sunday Mass <i>(Encore)</i>						Conversations with Consequences
6:00 PM	Best of Catholic Answers Live	Catholic Answers <i>(Live)</i>					The Bear Woznick Adventure
7:00 PM							The Miracle Hunter
8:00 PM	The Wisdom of Fr. Groeschel	The Journey Home	Mother Angelica	EWTN Live	The World Over	Fr. Spitzer's Universe	Beyond Damascus
8:30 PM	EWTN Pro-Life Weekly						
9:00 PM	Beloved and Blessed	EWTN News Nightly					Vatican Insider
9:30 PM	Holy Rosary with Fr. Benedict Groeschel and Simonetta						
10:00 PM	EWTN Live <i>(Encore)</i>	EWTN Mass <i>(Encore)</i>					The World Over <i>(Encore)</i>
10:30 PM							
11:00 PM	Divine Intimacy	Mother Angelica Live Classics					Fr. Spitzer's Universe
	Light of the East <i>(Encore)</i>						

New Program

\*Table Talk will air on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 5 PM; Rebroadcast Friday 8 AM, and Sunday 1 PM  
\*Where We Worship airs the third Sunday at 11 AM; rebroadcast the following Saturday at 4:30 PM

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## Mass of the Month begins in 2021!

AM 1260 The Rock will be having a Mass offered each month for the listeners and benefactors of AM 1260 The Rock and their intentions. It's our way of praying for you and with you, as you are invited to join us. While we are unable to gather socially for open houses, speakers, etc., we can come together in prayer to pray for and with one another. We will vary the days, times, and locations of Masses to make it convenient for everyone to attend as they are able.

Our first Mass of the Month was celebrated on Monday, January 25th at St. Ignatius of Antioch in Cleveland.

**Upcoming Masses include:**

- Monday, February 22nd at 7 PM at St. Charles Borromeo in Parma—the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter!
- Tuesday, March 9th at 8 AM at Mary Queen of Peace in Cleveland

Future Mass times/dates/locations will be on our website and announced on the air.

We hope you will join us in prayer for and with fellow listeners and donors of AM 1260 The Rock.

And remember, we pray daily for your prayer intentions. Send them to us at [prayers@am1260therock.com](mailto:prayers@am1260therock.com) or call us at 216-227-1260. Special thanks to the nuns at Christ the Bridegroom Monastery in Burton who join us in praying for you!



**Brooke Taylor  
returns  
February 17th  
every  
Wednesday  
at 8 AM**