

Masses for the Week

SATURDAY, November 7

4:30 p.m. Richard E. Kraft

SUNDAY, November 8—Thirty-second Sunday In Ordinary Time

Reading I: 1 Kgs 17: 10-16; Reading II: Heb 9: 24-28;
Gospel: Mk 12: 38-44

8:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. George & Ken Vajda

MONDAY, November 9—The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Reading I: Ez 47: 1-2, 8-9,12;

Reading II: 1 Cor 3: 9c-11, 16-17; Gospel: Jn 2: 13-22

6:30 p.m. Edward Gaida

TUESDAY, November 10—St. Leo the Great

Reading I: Wis 2: 23—3: 9; Gospel: Lk 17: 7-10

7:00 a.m. All Souls

WEDNESDAY, November 11—St. Martin of Tours

Reading I: Wis 6: 1-11; Gospel: Lk 17: 11-19

Veteran's Day

THURSDAY, November 12—St. Josaphat

Reading 1: Wis 7: 22b—8: 1; Gospel: Lk 17: 20-25

8:30 a.m. Renee Kingzett

FRIDAY, November 13—St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Reading I: Wis 13: 1-9; Gospel: Lk 17: 26-37

8:30 a.m. Elsie Kocevar

SATURDAY, November 14

Reading I: Wis 18: 14-16; 19: 6-9; Gospel: Lk 18: 1-8

Vigil Mass

4:30 p.m. Rudy N. Guzman

Scout Mass

SUNDAY, November 15—Thirty-third Sunday In Ordinary Time

Reading I: Dn 12: 1-3; Reading II: Heb 10: 11-14, 18
Gospel: Mk 13: 24-32

8:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Cermak, Kocob, Moczadlo &

Kukwa Families

PTU Mass

St. Therese Parish

5276 East 105th St.

Garfield Hts., OH 44125

216-581-2852

Rev. Daniel R. Fickes, Pastor



Veterans Day, November 11

Collection—October 31/November 1

Collection: \$8,395.55* Envelopes Used: 254

PSR: \$6

St. Vincent de Paul: \$50

Propagation of the Faith: \$35

*figure includes the following:

Restoration: \$93 Parish Use Only: \$984

School: \$2

Children: \$19.55

All Saints: \$746

All Souls: \$601

Eucharistic Devotions: \$20 Flowers: \$39

Solemnity of Mary: \$10 Immaculate Conception: \$10

Fuel: \$2

Thank You!

Pray for the Sick of our Parish:

Joshua Stebal, Elizabeth O'Donnell, Don Tews, Laverne Griffiths, Jess B. Palker, Michelle Cozens, Shirley Zwilling, Robert Thomas, Rita Pawloski, Raymond Pavlik, Naomi Conter, Michael Kobie, Keith Thomas, Jeannie Wolfendale, Dori Herout, Linda Voracek, Dolores DiBaggio, Richard Schultz, Larry Pentek, Robyn Buckley, Joseph Sciko, Sophie Tessmer, John Thomas, Sr. Felicia Mann, John Zenda, Jeff Bucell, Celine Chepeus, Michelle Triska, Laura Anzelec, Diane (Kipfstuhl) Wieland, Chris Lackney

Peace & Justice Gem

My imperfections and failures are as much a blessing from God as my successes and my talents, and I lay them both at His feet.

Mahatma Gandhi

Thirty-second in Ordinary Time

Do you know? The name of the people who occupied the Promised Land until conquered by the Israelites?

Answer below.

YOUTH GROUP

Middle school students meet Wednesday, November 18, from 7-9 p.m. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. and will be locked at 7:15 p.m. Please arrive on time! We meet in the youth room located in the school building of Saints Peter and Paul.

Join REMIND for information about additional meetings in November. See www.saintmonicachurch.net for information about the REMIND texting system.

Nancy Heineke, Youth Minister
YOUTH412 is a cluster program of St. Martin of Tours, St. Monica, Saints Peter and Paul & St. Therese.
13623 Rockside Road, Garfield Hts., OH 44125
(216) 662-8685 xt 123

Weekend Drawing

The winners of our weekend drawing for last weekend were Nick Fritz and Karen Kipfstuhl. Congratulations!

Seniors

Looking ahead, the Seniors' Christmas party will be on Monday, December 14, at noon at the K of C (small) hall. The cost is \$15. Reservations must be made by November 16. Call Mary Lou Kieta at 216-662-3592.

Congratulations to the following students who have recently made the honor roll at Trinity High School:
Kelcey Everiss, Patrick Granfors, Edward Huff, and Grace Olczak.



Isabella Guild

The Isabella Guild of Garfield Hts. will hold their next general meeting on Wednesday, November 18, at the K of C annex hall. This meeting will include our annual pot luck dinner (a great way to enjoy good homemade food). You can bid on our blind auction items (You never know what is inside until you unwrap the gift!). Food should be brought to the hall at 6 p.m., and we will eat promptly at 6:30 p.m. Husbands are invited to this dinner. What a great way to enjoy good food with good friends. Final plans for our Christmas Party to be held on Wednesday, December 16, at 6:30 p.m. will be announced at the dinner. Come to the dinner and sign up for a great way to celebrate Christmas and the 2015 holiday season. If you have any questions, call Karen Dusek at 216-587-0519. We will take the month of January off, and our next general meeting will be on Wednesday, February 17, 2016.

Answer: The Canaanites.

Holy Name Society News

Our meeting will be on Monday, November 9, at 7 p.m. in the hall. We will be selling our Giant Eagle raffle tickets after masses this weekend in the gathering room.



Thank you!

This bulletin is furnished to the parish without charge. The advertisements that appear completely defray all publishing costs with which the parish would otherwise be burdened. Please patronize these sponsors as a thank you for their kind generosity.

Parish Financial Snapshot

The financial snapshot for the month of September, 2015, is as follows: We had receipts of \$46,128 and expenses of \$44,540 for a surplus of \$1,588. For the fiscal year 2015-2016 we are currently running a deficit of \$18,981.

Council Corners

Parish Council met on Monday, October 26. Committees and commissions gave their reports. Social Concerns had a successful "Quiche for Kindness". Spiritual Development is working on displaying some religious relics at the parish. Ms. Lackney is back at John Paul II Academy. Fr. Dan reported on the declining number of priests, with many retiring in the next 15 years. Council will be receiving a report reflecting the outcome of the "Looking to the Future" meeting. Deacon Bob will be conducting a Divine Mercy Holy Hour every fourth Sunday of the month at 2:30 p.m., and you are encouraged to participate in this wonderful opportunity. Please look for opportunities, however small, to share your TIME, TREASURE and TALENT.

Liturgical Ministers Meeting

There is a meeting for all liturgical ministers on Sunday, November 22, at 2 p.m. in the church hall. This meeting is for all ushers, greeters, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, lectors, senior servers, choir members, and music ministers. Fr. Pete Colletti, pastor of St. Michael Parish, will speak.

Pancake Breakfast—Today!



After the Sunday masses enjoy scrambled eggs, sausage, juice, coffee, tea and ALL THE PANCAKES YOU CAN EAT! The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for kids.

Journey to Bethlehem Mass

Join Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries for the annual Journey to Bethlehem Liturgy on Saturday, December 5, at OLA/St. Joseph Center (2346 W. 14th St. in Cleveland). Our celebrant will be Bishop Roger Gries. Mass will begin at 11 a.m. with a light luncheon following. This beautiful celebration marks the 30th anniversary of this liturgy for persons with disabilities, their families and friends. We encourage members of our Diocese to join us. Call 216-334-2963 or email mjscott@ccdocle for more information.

Coats for Kids Drive



The Garfield Hts. Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Coats for Kids Drive during the month of November. A box for your donations of new or gently used coats, hats and gloves will be in the vestibule of the church. Cash donations can be sent to council at Knights of Columbus 4130, 10806 Granger Road, Garfield Hts., OH 44125, Attn. Coats for Kids. Please make checks out to Knights of Columbus 4130. Thank you for your generosity.

Remembering the Martyrs

December 2 is the 35th anniversary of the martyrdom of Jean Donovan and Sr. Dorothy Kazel, OSU, who were members of the diocesan mission team in El Salvador, and Sr. Ita Ford and Sr. Maura Clark, both of Maryknoll. To celebrate these holy women, two events have been organized. On Tuesday, November 17, at 6 p.m. Notre Dame College is hosting the film *Choices for the Heart*, accompanied by a dinner and discussion. No reservation is required to attend. On Wednesday, December 2, at 7 p.m. the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland will hold a prayer service, "Bearing Witness: the Living Legacy of the Churchwomen of El Salvador". To register go to www.ursulinesisters.org/35. If planning to attend either, please contact the office, so that car-pooling can be arranged.

Attention All Veterans

An Invitation from John Paul II Academy



You are cordially invited to a special Mass dedicated to honor all Veterans on Thursday, November 19, at 8:30 a.m. This Mass will be held at St. Therese Church. It would be an honor if you would join us for a reception directly after the Mass at the academy. If you would like to attend the Mass, please R.S.V.P. before November 11, to the John Paul II Academy Office at 216-581-3080. Please call between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please forward this invitation to any local veterans that you know who may want to attend this Mass as well. Ask them to respond by November 11.

Poinsettia Sale

The John Paul II Academy Student Council will be having a poinsettia sale to benefit the Student Council, SS. Peter & Paul Church and St. Therese Church. Please consider buying one of these lovely plants to brighten up your home or as a gift for someone special! Pick up for plants will be Tuesday, December 8, at 3 p.m. at John Paul II Academy. Order forms can be found at both church rectories and at the All Saints Credit Union. Orders are due by Monday, November 16, at John Paul II Academy.



St. Patrick Annual Fundraiser

St. Patrick's Church, 3602 Bridge Ave. in Cleveland, is sponsoring its annual fundraiser to support the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society for the needy. The dinner which is on Sunday, November 15, will be served from 12 to 2 p.m. The drawing is at 1:30 p.m. The donation is \$8. For more information, please call St. Patrick Parish at 216-631-6872.

Upcoming Events in our Community

St. Monica Church will have a **Divine Mercy Holy Hour** on Sunday, November 8 at 2:30 p.m. St. Martin of Tours will have their annual **Pasta Dinner** on Sunday, November 8, from noon until 5 p.m. at St. Benedict Catholic School (formerly St. Monica School). St. Monica Meal Ministry will sponsor a stuffed cabbage **Community Dinner** on Saturday, November 14, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The Holy Spirit Guild will hold a **Crafts 'n' Things** event to benefit the Sisters of the Holy Spirit on Sunday, November 15, from 2-5 p.m. at the Jennings Center for Older Adults auditorium. The Altar & Rosary Sodality of SS. Peter & Paul Church will have a **Spaghetti Dinner** in the Activity Center on Saturday, November 21, after the 4:30 p.m. Mass, serving from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

From Fr. Dan:

“Do not damage the land or the sea or the trees until we put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.” This is one of the verses we heard from the reading from the Book of Revelation on All Saints’ Day last Sunday. From the same book we will hear in two weeks: “Behold, he is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. All the peoples of the earth will lament him.” Our verses from Mark’s gospel next Sunday will speak about Jesus’ second coming, with this description: “The sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky.” At the end of every Church year and the start of the next one, the Mass contains Scripture readings that concern the end times. The Church wants us to recall that we are to live in this world ever aware that our time here is brief and our orientation is to be toward readying ourselves for heavenly life.

Writings such as these are called apocalyptic, just as the Apocalypse is another name for the Book of Revelation. Such writing is very different from the realistic sort we see in most of the gospels. The text in Revelation takes the form of extraordinary imagery and language chock full of symbolic meaning. In the context of the book, a figure named John has a series of visions that he describes. They are preceded by letters written to the Christian community in seven locations, instructing the faithful to avoid growing slack and to carefully guard the salvation Christ won for them. Indeed, the purpose of Revelation is to persuade its audience to live in keeping with the way that Jesus taught. Therefore, it applies to Christians in every age, because the ways of the world are alluring and the challenge of the life in Christ is difficult. This book was written at the end of the first century, a time when the threat of persecution by Rome existed. The author is encouraging the churches to trust in God’s power and to remain steadfast.

The symbolic imagery and language is not to be understood literally, which makes Revelation difficult to understand. This symbolism finds its roots in such Old Testament writings as the Book of Daniel and the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel, which are in part apocalyptic. The early Christians who read Revelation or heard it proclaimed would have grasped the symbolism far better than we do today. It would have been clear to them that this book isn’t at all a description of what the end of the world will look like. Rather, it is a statement that no power, including the Roman Empire, can defeat Christianity, because Jesus already has won the victory through his death and resurrection.

Therefore, let us appreciate that this amazing book

isn’t meant to terrify us but reassure us. When it speaks of slaughter, famine, and plague; the sun turning black and the moon red; the stars falling from the sky; and people both low and high hiding themselves in caves (see chapter six), these aren’t portents of the future. God loves us and all he has created, and it isn’t his nature to “damage the land and the sea” in punishment. In chapter eight a third of the sea turns to blood and the day loses a third of its light, while in chapter nine God’s avenging angels kill a third of mankind. The author’s point in using such mythological language is that no matter what befalls the human race, some of its members will never turn from sin. As all the books in the Bible do, he is instructing us in theological truths but in this case in a manner of writing that we find challenging to interpret. It is on the religious truth of Revelation that we must focus.

And so, when someone next door or in the media argues that events in the world match what is found in the Book of Revelation and are a warning that God in his anger soon will visit destruction upon us, let us keep our wits about us and fear not.

The Week Ahead

Sunday, November 8

Pancake Breakfast after Masses, H

First Communion Meeting 11:45 a.m., S

Monday, November 9

Boy Scout Parent Meeting 7 p.m., R

Holy Name Meeting 7 p.m., H

Tuesday, November 10

No PSR classes

AA 8 p.m., H

Wednesday, November 11

Choir Practice 6:45 p.m., C

Thursday, November 12

Stewardship Meeting 7 p.m., R

Spiritual Development Meeting 7 p.m. S

Bingo 6:45 p.m., H

Friday, November 13

Girl Scouts 6:30 p.m., H

KEY: H: parish hall **R:** rectory **C:** church **S:** school

Help Wanted

Marymount Child Care Center is looking for a responsible, caring adult to work with young children between the hours of 2 to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. If interested, please call Michelle at 216-581-3540.

The All Saints Federal Credit Union is looking for an individual to fill a position at the Credit Union. It is for 20 to 25 hours per week with banking and/or credit union experience. Please send your resume to 5269 East 104th St., Garfield Hts., OH 44125

