

Masses for the Week

SATURDAY, November 28

4:30 p.m. Ruth Wilkes

SUNDAY, November 29—First Sunday of Advent

Reading I: Jer 33: 14-16; Reading II: 1 Thes 3: 12—4: 2

Gospel: Lk 21: 25-28, 34-36

8:30 a.m. James Corrao

10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, November 30—St. Andrew

Reading I: Rom 10: 9-18; Gospel: Mt 4: 18-22

6:30 p.m. Dorothy Kane

TUESDAY, December 1

Reading I: Is 11: 1-10; Gospel: Lk 10: 21-24

7:00 a.m. James McGrath IV

WEDNESDAY, December 2

Reading I: Is 25: 6-10a; Gospel: Mt 15: 29-37

THURSDAY, December 3—St. Francis Xavier

Reading I: Is 26: 1-6; Gospel: Mt 7: 21, 24-27

8:30 a.m. Angelina Mion (AM) &

George Piechowski (AM)

FRIDAY, December 4—St. John Damascene

Reading I: Is 29: 17-24; Gospel: Mt 9: 27-31

8:30 a.m. Wanda Golias

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

SATURDAY, December 5

Reading I: Is 30: 19-21, 23-26

Gospel: Mt 9: 35—10: 1, 5a, 6-8

Vigil Mass

4:30 p.m. John & Katherine Kandra

SUNDAY, December 6—Second Sunday of Advent

Reading I: Bar 5: 1-9; Phil 1: 4-6, 8-11

Gospel: Lk 3: 1-6

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

10:30 a.m. Edward Judson

PSR Mass



Collection-November 21/22

Due to an early bulletin deadline by our publisher, the collection figures for November 21/22 were not yet available. Please check next weekend's bulletin.

Thank You!

Donation in memory of Norma Zimny: \$1,000

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



Your gift provides vital support for senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests. Share your gratitude for those religious who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next weekend's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

New Registration for November

Although Joanna Maslocha has been a very active parishioner for years, she recently registered as a young adult with her fiancé, Stephen Parsons. "Welcome" Joanna & Stephen!

Attention Altar Servers



There is an altar servers' meeting on Sunday, December 6, at 3 p.m. in the church hall. We'll address any concerns or questions you may have, and we will close by enjoying some pizza!

First Sunday of Advent

Do you know? What the word "Advent" means?

Answer below.

Peace & Justice Gem

The moral to be legitimately drawn from the supreme tragedy of the bomb is that it will not be destroyed by counter-bombs, even as violence cannot be by counter-violence. Humankind has to get out of violence only through nonviolence. Hatred can be overcome only by love. Counter-hatred only increases the surface as well as the depth of hatred.

Gandhi

YOUTH GROUP

Coming up! The high school group meets Wednesday, December 2, from 7-9 p.m. and the middle school group meets Wednesday, December 16, from 7-9 p.m. All meetings take place in the youth room at SS. Peter & Paul's school building. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Doors are locked at 7:15 p.m. Please be on time!

The Christmas Bowling Party for both groups is Sunday, December 6, from 1-3:30 p.m. at Cloverleaf Lanes in Independence. Your registration and \$8 payment is due to the parish office by December 2. Unlimited bowling, food and friends will help us celebrate the Christmas season! Registration forms are available on the group website: saintmonicachurch.net.

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

Jesuit Retreat House

There are some Advent retreats coming up at the Jesuit Retreat House. For information, please contact JRH at 440-884-9300 or visit www.jrh-cleveland. The Jesuit Retreat is located at 5629 State Road in Parma.

Weekend Drawing

The winners of our weekend drawing for last weekend were Pat Kipfstuhl and Frank Kozuch. Congratulations!

Answer: It means "coming," for we await Jesus' coming at the end of time.



Pancake Breakfast

St. Therese Boy Scout Troop 361 will be hosting an all you can eat pancake breakfast on Sunday, December 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the St. Therese church hall. The cost will be \$5 for all you can eat pancakes, sausages and beverages. There is a \$20 maximum cost for families. We hope you can join us and as always, thank you for your support!



Looking Ahead to Christmas

Our Christmas Mass times this year will be:

Thursday, December 24: 4:30 p.m.
(family Mass)

Thursday, December 24: 10:00 p.m.
(Music & carols begin at 9:30 p.m.)

Friday, December 25: 8:00 a.m.

Friday, December 25: 10:00 a.m.

Friday, December 25: Noon



We have several gift cards for different stores and restaurants, etc. in stock at the rectory and many more we can order. Get some of your Christmas shopping done early by purchasing your gift cards here. That way you also benefit the parish!

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. **The final drop-off date is December 6.** Thank you for your generosity.

Help Wanted

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

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Thank you for your contributions to the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)! Your generous gifts will help CCHD end poverty in the United States through better education, improved housing, and economic development. Through CCHD and its beneficiaries, we demonstrate Catholic social teaching and carry our Jesus' mission to "bring glad tidings to the poor...to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free" (Lk 4:18).



There is still time to participate in the Giving Tree! Help make some family's Christmas a happy time. Just make sure you return your gift before December 19 so that it may be sorted and

distributed. There are envelopes available for those who would rather donate money. Envelopes can be placed in the collection baskets on Saturday or Sunday.

Adult Catholic Education

The next ACE session is on Thursday, December 10, from 7-9 p.m. at St. Basil the Great Church, 8700 Brecksville Road in Brecksville. Sheila McGinn, Ph.D. will present "From Jewish Sect to Christian Church: The Early Faith Community."

Christmas Concert



A Christmas concert with the Daughters of St. Paul Choir will take place on Friday, December 4, at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 1007 Superior Ave. in Cleveland. The concert is free and open to all.

No tickets or reservations are required. Free secure parking is at the Cathedral Plaza Garage, Rockwell Ave. and East 9th Street. For more information you can email gheisman@dioceseofcleveland.org.

#PRAYINGTUESDAY

THANKING OUR DONORS / DECEMBER 1, 2015

All are invited to join the Catholic Community Foundation on "Praying Tuesday" as we pray in thanksgiving for our donors at Mass on December 1 at noon at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 1007 Superior Ave. in Cleveland. Bishop Lennon will be the celebrant. Mass will be followed by cathedral tours. Please join us!

First Sunday in Advent

Liturgy Talk

At Sunday masses in October and November, members of the St. Therese Liturgy Commission reviewed the parts of the Mass found in the Liturgy of the Eucharistic. The Eucharistic prayer, the preface, and the “Holy, Holy, Holy” are among them. The Eucharistic prayer is the center and summit of the entire celebration. It is a summary of what it means for the church to celebrate the Eucharist. In it the Church thanks and praises God and asks him to make holy its offering.

Christianity grew out of our Jewish roots, and the Eucharistic prayer itself is based on ancient Jewish meal prayers, especially at Passover, the holiest of Jewish religious feasts. You’ll notice that, except for John, all the Gospels say the last supper was a Passover meal. Jesus did something different by adding to that Passover meal prayer. First, with the words, “This is my body” and “This is my blood”, he identified himself with the bread and wine that are among the special Passover foods. And then he commanded, “Do this in memory of me.” Following Jesus’ resurrection and ascension, his followers indeed continued celebrating his special meal in his memory. The Eucharistic prayer evolved over the centuries, becoming longer and more elaborate. Only the priest says this prayer, while the people participate by their careful listening and through the responses, which include the “Holy, Holy, Holy”, the memorial acclamation following the consecration, and the great Amen that concludes the prayer. Today there are four basic Eucharistic prayers, the oldest dating to the 4th century. The other three were added after the 2nd Vatican Council in the 1960’s and are based on a variety of ancient Christian prayers. In the 1970’s came Eucharistic prayers for children and also for reconciliation. There are a number of parts to the Eucharistic prayer, and the first is the “Preface”. It begins with three exhortations from the presider: “The Lord be with you”, “Lift up your hearts”, and “Let us give thanks to the Lord our God”. Because this dialogue between the people and the priest is among the most important in the Mass, it should be sung, as should certain other parts of the Eucharistic prayer, because of its centrality in the celebration.

The Preface speaks of our reasons for praising God, most especially for God’s work in creation and redemption. The missal now contains over 80 individual prefaces for feast days, liturgical seasons, and special occasions. After the Preface we sing or proclaim the “Holy, Holy, Holy” in response to the presider’s invitation to join all creation in giving praise to the Father through Christ. In the Book of Revelation it is written that the angels stand before God and proclaim “Holy,

Holy, Holy”. In the Gospels the people cry out to Jesus upon his entry into Jerusalem, “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.” “Hosanna” is Hebrew for “O Lord, grant us salvation.” In this acclamation we respond to the celebrant’s invitation to join all creation in giving praise to the Father through Christ.

Let’s not think that Jesus’ entrance into Jerusalem was the only time for praising Him. He meets us every day, and so every day He deserves our praise and thanksgiving.

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@ccdoble for more information.

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. 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.

Retrouvaille Weekend

Someone once said “marriages may be made in heaven, but they sure take a lot of work on earth.” Have you become so distracted by outside pressure that you neglect your spouse? The Retrouvaille program can help you put your troubled marriage back on track. This program is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. The next Cleveland Retrouvaille weekend will be held on January 15-17. A registration fee of \$150 is required to confirm your reservation. For more information concerning the program, or to register, please call Diane or Al Miskinis *in complete confidence* at 330-665-3506 for 1-800-470-2230. For additional information or to register online, go to www.helpourmarriage.org.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place after the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Friday, December 4.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEWS

The winners of the Giant Eagle Gift drawing are:

\$100.00—Cynthia Radosavljevic

\$25.00—Louise Cesnovar

\$25.00—Sr. DeAnne Zawadzki

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

Polish Christmas Concert



“Koledy I Pastoralki” as performed by Slask, Poland’s premier chorale ensemble, will take place on Monday, December 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus at 3649 East 65th St. in Cleveland. Advance

tickets are \$35 per person. Tickets at the door are \$40. Tickets for children under 12 are \$20. To purchase tickets, please call 216-883-2828 (the St. John Paul Center) or 216-341-9091 (St. Stanislaus Rectory).



project rachel

Peace starts here

“Project Rachel, the Catholic Church’s ministry to those who have been involved in abortion, is a diocesan-based network of specially trained priests, religious, counselors, and laypersons who provide a team response of care for those suffering in the aftermath of abortion. In addition to referring for Sacramental Reconciliation, the ministry provides an integrated network of services, including pastoral counseling, spiritual direction, and referrals to mental health professionals. Support groups and retreats may be offered in addition to individualized care.”

Please call 216-334-2966!

Transportation Service Available

The cluster parishes of St. Therese, St. Martin of Tours, St. Monica and SS. Peter & Paul in cooperation with the City of Maple Hts. Office on Aging offer transportation to their Saturday liturgy. This is done on a rotating basis as follows:

1st Saturday of each month: St. Martin of Tours

Mass time 4:30 p.m.

2nd Saturday of each month: St. Monica

Mass time 4:00 p.m.

3rd Saturday of each month: SS. Peter & Paul

Mass time 4:30 p.m.

4th Saturday of each month: St. Therese

Mass time 4:30 p.m.

This service is open to residents of Maple Hts. and Garfield Hts. who are 60+ years of age. We’re asking that you be ready for pickup one hour before the scheduled church service. To reserve your seat, you must call the Maple Hts. Senior Center @216-587-5472 by Wednesday before the Saturday you wish to attend. This program operates on a first call, first serve basis. Any questions, please call the Maple Hts. Senior Center.

Pop Goes Christmas

St. Rita Catholic Church proudly presents The Singers’ Club of Cleveland on Sunday, December 6, at 3 p.m. Enjoy sounds of the season with both traditional and innovative holiday repertoire and then join in for the audience sing-along! St. Rita is at 32820 Baldwin Ave. in Solon.

First Sunday of Advent

From Fr. Dan:

Today marks the start of Advent, the liturgical season that helps us to ready ourselves for the Church's celebration of our Redeemer's birth. There is a double thrust to Advent, with the first days stressing the Lord's Second Coming and the latter days shifting to a focus on preparing for Christmas. Every year we encounter the theme of the Second Coming in the final weeks of Ordinary Time, and it carries over into the first week of Advent. Jesus first came into the world with his birth in Bethlehem, an event that the Church naturally sees intimately connected with his coming in glory at the end of time. In the collect (the opening prayer) of the Mass today we pray, "Grant your faithful, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom."

In Preface I of Advent the Church thanks the Father, recognizing that Jesus "assumed at his first coming the lowliness of human flesh, and so fulfilled the design you formed long ago, and opened for us the way to eternal salvation, that, when he comes again in glory and majesty, we who watch for that day may inherit the great promise in which now we dare to hope." Let us be watchful, by means of our loving deeds and words, our prayer, and our invitation to others to join us at Mass. Monday's collect speaks of awaiting Jesus' advent, "so that, when he comes and knocks, he may find us watchful in prayer and exultant in his praise." We can give God the praise he is due only by reflecting on the countless blessings he has bestowed upon us. May we be mindful of them, even as we contend with suffering. The collect for Wednesday pleads, "Prepare our hearts, we pray, O Lord our God, . . . so that at the coming of Christ your Son we may be found worthy of the banquet of eternal life." To be admitted to that banquet is our deepest longing, for there we will find happiness in its totality. Therefore, let us be prepared for Christ's coming in glory, opening our hearts to the divine grace that empowers us to put on Christ each day.

Garfield Hts. Holiday Lighting Ceremony

The Garfield Hts. Holiday Lighting Ceremony will take place on **Sunday, November 29**, at 5 p.m. at the Civic Center, 5407 Turney Road. There will be music indoors at 5 p.m. and the lighting ceremony will take place at 5:30 p.m. Santa Claus will arrive on a fire truck so you can meet and greet him!

Garfield Hts. Holiday Lighting Contest

Participate in this year's annual Holiday Lighting Contest by nominating your favorite residential display. There will be one winner in each ward, plus a citywide winner. Nomination deadline is 4 p.m. on December 15. Submit nominations by mail to Garfield Hts. Civic Center, 5407 Turney Road or by email: jduber@garfieldhts.org.

The Week Ahead

Tuesday, December 1

PSR 6:30 p.m., S

AA 8 p.m., H

Wednesday, December 2

Cub Scout Parents 6 p.m., R

Choir Practice 6:45 p.m., C

Thursday, December 3

Bingo 6:45 p.m., H

Friday, December 4

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after 8:30 a.m. Mass

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