



# Ss. Robert & William Catholic Parish

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### Parish Office Hours:

Monday, 8:30 am – 6:45 pm,  
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 8:30 am – 6:00 pm,  
Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, Closed Saturday & Sunday

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Wednesday: 11:45 am to 12:45 pm  
Saturday: after 4:00 pm Mass  
Sunday: 9:45 am to 12:15 pm

## December 25, 2016 Christmas

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Monday, December 26

12:00 PM (SG) † Henry Gudowicz Anniversary by His Wife and Family

#### Tuesday, December 27

8:00 AM (SG) † Kevin O'Neill by Family

#### Wednesday, December 28

12:00 PM (JB) † Robert Kelley by Martha Dodd

#### Thursday, December 29

8:00 AM (JB) † Steve Janovac by Carol Beck

#### Friday, December 30

12:00 PM (SG) † Joe Whelan by Martha Dodd

#### Saturday, December 31

4:00 PM (JB) For the People

**NO 8:30 am Mass**

#### Sunday, January 1

9:00 AM (SG) For the People

11:00 AM (JB) For the People

**NO 6 pm MASS**

### This Week At The Parish

#### Monday, December 26

- Parish Office Closed
- No School

#### Tuesday, December 27

- No School
- Parish Offices close at 4 pm
- 5:15 pm Community Meal
- 6:30 pm Bell Choir
- 7:00 pm Addicts' Parents United

#### Wednesday, December 28

- No School
- Parish Offices close at 4 pm

#### Thursday, December 29

- No School
- Parish Offices close at 4 pm
- 5:30 pm Outreach Gathering
- 6:30 pm Choir Practice
- 7:00 pm Areopagus

#### Friday, December 30

- Parish Office Closed
- No School

#### Saturday, December 31

- NO Confessions
- Family Blessings after Mass
- 7:00 pm AA

#### Sunday, January 1

- Happy New Year!
- Family Blessings after Masses
- NO 6:00 pm MASS



**Welcome** to our parish...we are a community founded in a spirit of unity to serve our God through loving HIM and one another, always!

## FJB's BLOG

Dear Parishioners,

**Merry Christmas!** Today we celebrate the birthday of our Savior Jesus Christ. We celebrate the great incarnation. Throughout Advent we have been preparing our "Stable" for this celebration. We have solidified our *prayer* lives, worked to become other centered in *giving* our time, talent, and treasure, we have sought to *care* for one another in proclaiming the Good News of Jesus to all we meet and encounter, and work hard to be always *thanking* God for our many blessings. The **INCARNATION** is the reality that our God loved us so much he became man, to save us and give us the greatest gift of all, *Salvation*.



On behalf of our entire staff, I wish a Merry Christmas to all our parish families and those who are visiting with us this Christmas and Christmas season. We hope you find your worship with us joy-filled! Thank you so much to Kyle Lorek for the incredible music this Christmas. He, along with Jim Markel, Connie Benedum, the choirs, cantors, and other musicians use their talents so well to draw us into the Mass. All I can say is WOW and THANK YOU! You are all a blessing in our parish.

Thank you to Bob Perusek who coordinates all the Masses, the Christmas décor, and the cleanliness of the church. He does such a wonderful job and all who help him make our church look so great. Thank you to the ladies who help him decorate and the to the FJB Cleaning Angels who do such a nice job keeping our church so clean. Thank you also to the EMHCs, Lectors, Servers, Greeters, and Ushers. Your ministry enhances our parish Masses.

And thank you to all of you! Thank you for praying with us, for celebrating with us, and thank you for your generosity to the parish all year round, but especially this time of year.



We will be embarking on the ALPHA journey this January. Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, conducted over ten weeks. Each talk looks at a different faith question and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone is welcome. We encourage you to come and invite your family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, etc. We especially encourage you to invite people who have been away from the faith or have no faith at all. Be bold, invite someone, and offer to attend with them.

Make it a great Christmas season. See you in Church!

Peace,  
Fr. John

### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Vigil (New Year's Eve), Saturday,

December 31

Mass is at 4:00 pm

### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day), Sunday, January 1

Masses are at: 9:00 am

11:00 am



### 50 Days of Holiday Cash Winners

- Dec. 14, Gary Dwyer, sold by Gianna DiPasquale, \$50
- Dec. 15, Jack Coyne, sold by Tom Coyne, \$50
- Dec. 16, Mary Lipka, sold by Mary Lipka, \$50
- Dec. 17, Julie Lanigan, sold by Francis Lanigan, \$50
- Dec. 18, Antoine Johnson, sold by Elijah Bibbs, \$50
- Dec. 19, Shelia Gibbons, sold by Gibbons Children, \$50



## Faith Formation



**Ss. Robert & William Catholic School** Website: [www.srwshool.cc](http://www.srwshool.cc)

This school year we are offering a series in which each staff member of the school reflects on his/her mission and purpose of Catholic Education. Meet Mrs. Andrea Ralph. Mrs. Ralph teaches the 4-year old students in the ½ day PreK program. Here is her mission:

I have grown to have great pride in and commitment to the early childhood field. The mission of my classroom is to teach each child as an individual. It is understood that no two children are alike...nor do they learn and grow in the same way. Children do not grow and develop according to a rigid plan. With this in mind, the prekindergarten exists to provide opportunities for the growth and development of the whole child in an individual, accepting, non-judgmental way. In the SRW prekindergarten class, each child is viewed as a unique individual. Differentiated instruction is used each day in my classroom. Differentiation is to modify instruction to help each child learn and grow; considering their different interests, talents, background knowledge, learning styles, abilities, and readiness. I also find it most important that young children are taught to value and show appreciation for one another. The children come to feel they are part of a group in which they contribute lovingly and are accepted as who they are. We use grace and courtesy lessons for children. This helps the child feel comfortable with him/herself and with other people. As part of a Catholic education program, it is in the prekindergarten that we prepare for more formal instruction which will come in the years ahead. During the preschool-prekindergarten years, a child is developing good-decision making skills and forming good habits. He or she is developing a positive self-image in relationship to a loving God. I seek to provide an atmosphere to enhance development in all areas: religious, physical, emotional, social, and cognitive.

I wish to extend a special welcome to our unique program. I feel that it is very important to let you know that I take special pride in meeting your child's individual needs and relating to you and your child on a personal basis. I base my teaching on a positive philosophy. I set my guidelines to develop the wisdom of acceptance and a good self-image. I take pride in setting a good example of character to help teach children to respect one another's feelings and to create empathy for their peers as well as the importance of good relationships with the total family. You and your family are important to me. I promise to keep your child safe, loved, and happy in an enriching learning environment.

**Thank you for your support of our school. Feel free to join us every Tuesday at 8:00 am for all school Mass.**

## Spiritual

### Blessing of Families

First Annual Blessing of Families will be on December 31 after 4:00 pm Mass and January 1 after 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses. As a parish, to recognize the importance and prominence of the family, we wish to offer our blessings upon families. We invite you to plan on staying after Mass to receive a special blessing from Fr. John or Fr. Scott as you start your new year. Hopefully this blessing will bring goodness to your family all year long and/or allow you to deal with the challenges that may come your way.

### Marriage Encounter

Need the perfect gift for your spouse this Christmas? Better than power tools or jewelry...Better than a romantic dinner...even better than a cruise...Give your spouse the gift of your time and love by taking him/her on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held in Hudson at the Clarion Inn and Conference Center, February 17-19, 2017. Applications and further information is available online at: [www.GreatMarriagesOhio.org](http://www.GreatMarriagesOhio.org) or call 330.305.9963. Call today and make your good marriage a great marriage!

### — Got Questions?

Ever wonder about your faith? Have you ever considered your friendship with Jesus? "Let us go then to see this thing that has taken place!" Alpha is enjoying a good meal and discussion with friends about who God is and what that means for you, right now! RSVP on the parish website [srweuclid.cc/alpha](http://srweuclid.cc/alpha) or call 216.731.1515.



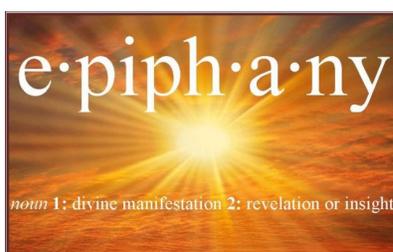
## Women's Fellowship



Cancellation of our annual *Women's Fellowship Advent Breakfast* due to weather was a great disappointment to all of us, but a powerful reminder that God is always the one in control of our lives. We will save all our wonderfully wrought centerpieces and our (also wonderfully wrought) speaker, Mrs. Marianne Better, for another time.

Please watch this space for our **BRAND NEW** programs for 2017. How about a New Year's resolution to make time to enrich your faith and fellowship with us? Give it some prayer. ALL area women are welcome. We will be waiting for you on *the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month in the Upper Hall, 9-11am*. Call Pam Mignona 440.241.3917 or Marcia Granito 216.570.7667 for further info.

# SRW Music Ministry Presents: Epiphany & Parish 7th Anniversary Concert



For seven years now God has been made manifest to us as a parish community. Many people have come under our star and been led to Jesus Christ. Please join our Music Ministry in celebrating Ss. Robert & William Parish's 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a parish community with a concert featuring our Adult Choir, St. Cecilia Singers Children's Choir, Hand Bell Choir, and Contemporary Group.

**The concert will take place on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm in the Church. A reception will follow in the gathering area after the concert.**

We look forward to you joining us and singing God's praises with the gifts He has given us!



**We'd like to connect with you!** Get important updates from our church in a timely and convenient way. **Flocknote**, the new tool we're using, lets you choose what information you'd like to receive - via email or text message - from the various ministries and groups in our church. You can unsubscribe any time. **Visit our church at: [www.flocknote.com/SRW](http://www.flocknote.com/SRW) OR Text SRWEUCLID to 84576 from your phone to subscribe to updates.**

**Have you thought of leaving a legacy, especially for our faith, church, and school?** Remember Ss. Robert & William in your will or trust to continue our traditions and education. Contact Fr. John at the Parish Office for more information.

**PRAYERS NEEDED**

**Please pray for...**Alda Kovalsky, Jean Feiten, Ronald Kessler, Marianne Ellul, Geraldine Hoffert, Dennis Whitticar, Janet and Jim Cika, Pauline Dutcher, Elaine Jackson, Sharon Kazusky, Jim Vlach, Grayson Kazusky, Violet DeStefanis, Ann Grossman, Donald Pavlovich, Mary Nykiel, Chuck Hill, Alice Maroney, Elaine Yanko, Mary Ann Hudak, Faye Bukovec, Samuel Raguz, James Augustine, Ted Sabat, Karen Kessler, Jane Tamburrino, Mary Ellen Driscoll, Bernard Novotney, Jr, Christopher Henderson and all those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit in our community.

**We thank and pray** for those who serve in the **military and safety forces**. May God bless them for their service to our country and community.

**We offer our deepest sympathy** to the families of those who have died. May they know the peace and comfort of God's love and find strength in the support of our parish community.

Sign up with eGiving through Faith Direct, the most convenient and secure way for you to make your weekly offering to SRW. To enroll, please visit Faith Direct's website [faithdirect.net](http://faithdirect.net) and use our parish code OH298. You can also fill out and mail a Faith Direct enrollment form available at the parish office.

**2016 Offertory Statements**

If you would like to request your 2016 Offertory statement, please complete this statement request and either drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office. Requests may also be made by calling the parish office at 216.731.1515 or emailing [cfink@srweuclid.cc](mailto:cfink@srweuclid.cc).

**Please Note:**

- Statements will only be issued upon request and will be available at the end of January.
- Vision 2020 statements will be mailed automatically.
- Faith Direct statements are generated and mailed out from Faith Direct.

**PLEASE SEND ME A 2016 OFFERTORY STATEMENT**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Envelope Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

The collection for December 18 was **\$10,601**. **Loan Balance: \$1,396,642** **Monthly Loan Payment: \$10,580**  
Please consider a donation to help lower our long term debt. Please call Fr. John or Ellen at the Parish Office at 216.731.1515 or email them at [fjb@srweuclid.cc](mailto:fjb@srweuclid.cc) or [eivory@srweuclid.cc](mailto:eivory@srweuclid.cc). Thank you very much for your continued generosity. — Fr. John

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