Sanctuary Guild Volunteers for November 25th thru December 8th

Loretta Delagarza & Gloria Seneff

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**Sick Calls** – Please call the rectory to arrange for Father Jasany to bring the Sacraments when a member of your family is hospitalized.

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**Weddings** – Parishioners are asked to call the rectory office at least 6 months in advance of the wedding to schedule an appointment with Father Jasany.

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**Baptisms** – The 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 12:00 pm. Parents are required to attend Pre-Baptism Class. Arrangements must be made a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the date of baptism. Before parents baptize their child, Diocesan and parish policy requires you to complete a Baptism Preparation Class. The next class will be on Sunday, January 3, 2016 at Immaculate Heart Parish at 1:30 pm. Reservations needed; please call 216-341-2734.

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**Godparent and Sponsor Certificate** – Sponsors for Baptism or Confirmation must be registered and practicing members of the Church, attending weekly and Holy Day Masses for a minimum of 3 months prior to the celebration of the Sacraments for which they have requested the certificate. Please note individuals 18 years of age and older, no longer in school, need to register.

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**Pre-Cana Program** for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage at the Jesuit Retreat House on January 31, 2016 at 12:45 pm. Program satisfies the requirement for marriage preparation as stipulated by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. Register at 440-884-9300 or www.jrhcleve@att.net
Dear Parishioners,

This weekend begins the holy Season of Advent. It is a Season of Joyful Expectation! We pray that Christ, Our Savior will be born again in us this Christmas. If you have not already done so, please pick up a blue Advent book of daily reflections at the entrance doors of our church.

We have the “Giving Tree” up to provide Christmas gifts to needy in our neighborhood. Please remember that we need to receive your gifts by the weekend of December 12th & 13th. Your wrapped Christmas gifts may be placed under the “Giving Tree”, with the tag you selected on the gift.

On Monday, November 30th, we will celebrate our Advent Communal Penance Service at 7 pm in our church. Everyone is invited to go to confession that evening. All of us are sinners in need of a Savior. The Savior wishes to be born again in the mangers of our hearts. We will have additional confessors that evening to assist with our celebration. Everyone is invited to attend! Please invite people whom you know to come to our Communal Penance Service. Having a relationship with Jesus Christ is the reason for the Season.

Perhaps you are aware of someone who has “fallen away” from the active practice of the Catholic Faith. It could be someone in your own family or maybe a friend. Invite that person to meet you in church or to come with you.

Prayers and Best Wishes!
Father Jasany

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Sunday, November 29th
Today is the First Sunday of Advent – This first Sunday in the Season of Advent is a time for us to joyfully await the coming of Christ for the first time, at his birth; for the second time, into our everyday lives; and looking forward to the last time when he will come to take all of creation back to his Father.

“The 12 Ways of Christmas” Advent Program will be today at 12 Noon; after the 11 am Mass. Everyone is invited to begin the Advent journey by attending this program. A light luncheon of soup and bread will be served.

Monday, November 30th
Advent Communal Penance Service at 7 pm in Church. Everyone is invited to attend.
PSR Classes 6:30 – 8 pm

Wednesday, December 2nd
Liga Morska Meeting - 11 am at Cuyahoga Hts Village Hall
Zumba – 7 pm in the school gym
Choir Practice 7 pm

Friday, December 4th
First Friday
First Friday Avila Holy Hour beginning at 7:30 am to pray for new vocations to the vowed and ordained way of life and to pray for perseverance for those already called to serve. Weather Permitting – Please pray at home if the weather is too harsh for you to come to church.
Saturday, December 5th
First Saturday Devotions – 3:15 pm
Trinity High School Placement Test.
12425 Granger Road in Garfield Hts.
Parents are invited to attend an
information session at the same time.
Learn more and register online at
www.ths.org/admissions or call
216-581-1061

Sunday, December 6th
2nd Sunday of Advent
This week we continue
the “joyful expectation”
of the birth of Christ in
history, the present and
the future. Today we
hear the words of John
the Baptist calling people of his time to
repentance. John enjoins us to “Prepare
the Way of the Lord.” We are called to
make sure we are ready to meet the Lord,
and this means that we need to make a
difference in the world to make it better,
to make it more peaceful and to make it
more just. We are called to protect each
other’s dignity and share of our
abundance with others so that each may
live a life that is centered on helping
others. Prepare the Way!
This weekend is the Annual Appeal for
the Retirement Fund for Religious.
Please give to those who have given a
lifetime. Envelopes for this collection are
provided in your monthly packet.
Sacred Heart Altar & Rosary Society
Christmas Party and Meeting. Doors
open at 12 Noon. Reservations were
needed for this event. Members, please
call Clara at 216-341-7018 or Liz at
216-408-6624 for information.

Stewardship of Treasure
Sunday, November 22nd
Improvement Fund 36.10
Memorial Gifts 30.00
Campaign for Human Development 100.25

God Bless You & Thank you for your
generosity to our Parish.
May Our Lord continue to bless you!

For those who are
sick and those
who care for
them, may they
receive comfort
and strength
through our
prayers,
remembering especially Mary Adams,
Agnes Bartoszek, John Balciar,
Greg Basco, Gloria Benitez, Gwen Beres,
Bill Bican, Diyamol Binu,
Mary Ann Betliskey, Bill Connors,
Corrine Dawe, Dolores Dobransky,
Jose Dybzinski, Stan Frankel, Kristin Hill,
Gertrude Kocab, Lucy Konkoly,
Madeline Koston, Judy Landolph,
Art Madsen, Cindi Magyar,
Marilyn O’Meara, Jeannette Morrow,
Dan Palmentera, Suzanne Patton,
Betty Rhine, Brianna Rhine,
Laurel Salupo, Noreen Spehar,
Elaine Stack, Dana Trzaska and
Ron Walk.
May Our Loved Ones who have died
rest in eternal peace in heaven
remembering especially those who are
listed in our Book of Life and Rita Dloniak,
whose funeral was last week.
For the Men and Women serving in
the military, especially those from our
parish and their families.
Stewardship – On this first Sunday of Advent, Jesus warns his disciples about the end-time. He urges them to pray, be vigilant, spiritually awake, avoid self-indulgence, spiritual malaise, and a pre-occupation with anxiety. Jesus advises against a lifestyle of earthly pleasure and worry. These will not matter when the Lord asks for an account of our stewardship. Stewards realize their lives are not just about the here and now. They know themselves to be reflections of God’s active presence in the world and witnesses of the Lord’s promises. As we begin this season of hope, let us reflect on the practical effect of having every waking moment in our lives dedicated to the Lord.

Please remember these individuals, who have been called to the priesthood in your daily prayers. Also, please remember The Evangelizing Sisters of Mary in your prayers.

Sunday, Nov. 29th – Michael Grecol
Borromeo Seminary

Mon., Nov. 30th – Michael Viaator
Borromeo Seminary

Tuesday, Dec. 1st – Riley Arnemann
Borromeo Seminary

Wednesday, Dec. 2nd – Ryan Arto
Borromeo Seminary

Thursday, Dec. 3rd – Michael Bedell
Borromeo Seminary

Friday, Dec. 4th – Andrew Karpinski
Borromeo Seminary

Saturday, Dec. 5th – Maxwell Giorgi
Borromeo Seminary

Sunday, Dec. 6th – Bishop Martin Amos

Readings for the Week of November 29th

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14/1 Thes 3:12--4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday: Is11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-6/Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-6/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Congratulations to the winners of our November $1000 Raffle!!!

$1000 Winner – Robert Stack
$100 Seller Prize – Elaine Stack

$10. Consolation Winners:

Congratulations to our Winners. Our December Raffle will be held on Sunday, December 27th. Anyone interested in receiving a book of tickets for the December 27th raffle is asked to call the rectory. A book of tickets is $5.00. Take a chance and maybe have some extra cash for your holiday bills!

The Village at Marymount in Garfield Heights is seeking volunteer certified Eucharistic Ministers to distribute Communion. Please call Sr. Mary Alice at 216-332-1743 to learn more and schedule a visit.
NEW TO OUR PARISH!!! Shop at AmazonSmile and Amazon will make a donation to our parish. AmazonSmile is a program where Amazon donates .5% of the purchase price of eligible products to a charitable organization selected by the customer. So, if you are doing any Christmas shopping online, please think of supporting St. John Nepomucene Parish (EIN: 34-0826175). Please remember to always start your shopping at smile.amazon.com

OnLine Giving – Beginning in January, 2016 you will notice a change when you receive your church envelopes. Our Sunday Visitor will be the new provider of our church envelopes. In the next few weeks you will begin to see information in the bulletin in regards to online giving. We are in the process of setting up the Online Giving website. After it has been set up, parishioners interested in signing up for online giving will be able to do so. If you have any questions concerning OnLine Giving, please call Mrs. Kowalski at the rectory office weekdays 8 am-4 pm.

St. Augustine Manor is looking for volunteers to assist by sharing your time and gifts with their residents. There are many ways you can make a difference in the life of someone who is chronically ill, aged or disabled. Can you share the gift of mobility by assisting men & women in wheelchairs to Mass? Visit with a resident who has no family in town? Contact Mary Gagen, Volunteer Coordinator at 216-939-7601 or mgagen@st-aug.org for information. St. Augustine Manor is located at West 78th & Detroit Avenue in Cleveland.

The holidays are right around the corner and we would like to remind you that we still have the certificate program at our parish. If you are looking for a gift for that hard to buy for person, consider a gift certificate. We have gift certificates from $10.00 to $100.00. The gift cards are available for grocery stores, restaurants, gas stations, clothing stores, toy stores and much more.

The list of gift certificates is in church near the entrance doors. You can also call or stop at the rectory office for information or to purchase certificates.

An Old Fashioned Christmas Celebration with performances by the Benedictine Mens’ Chorus will be presented on Friday, December 18th at 6:30 pm at Manakiki Golf Course; 35501 Eddy Road in Willoughby Hills. Advance ticket sales only; $70 per person or $130 couple includes dinner – Two entrees, sides, beer & wine. All proceeds benefit the Benedictine Mens’ Chorus as they travel to Ireland & England this spring. For tickets contact Joshua Chenoweth at Chenoweth@cbhs.edu or 216-41-2080; ext. 509

The Daughters of St. Paul Choir presents their Christmas concert featuring time-honored classics, well-loved carols and holiday favorites celebrating the glory, wonder & joy of the Christmas Season at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist; 1007 Superior Avenue. This concert is free. No tickets, no reservations. Free secure parking at the Cathedral garage on Rockwell Avenue @ East 9th.
Church Memorials and Gifts

In Loving Memory of Hyatt Rhine Sr.
from Ed & Toiann DeMore & Family

In Loving Memory of Hyatt Rhine Jr.
from Ed and Toiann DeMore and Family

In Loving Memory of the Deceased Members
of the Alliance of Czech Catholics
from Joseph Kocab and the Cleveland
District Alliance of Czech Catholics

In Loving Memory of Lil, Bruce, Sophie,
Barry & Gloria Rhine
from Ed & Toian DeMore & Family

In Loving Memory of Charlotte Kotlarsic
from Mr. & Mrs. Gary Kotlarsic and their
children, Gustav & Amelia

In Loving Memory of Michael Jaranovic
from John & Dana Trzaska

In Loving Memory of James Skala,
for his Birthday
from Phil & Pat Balli

In Loving Memory of Anna Delmore
from Michael Delmore

In Loving Memory of Ed Span
from his wife, Carol

In Loving Memory of Rose Ruminski
from her Nephew, Tim Selva

In Loving Memory of Mildred Pytel
from her husband, Joe

In Loving Memory of Ralph Powell
from Ed & Toiann DeMore & Family

In Loving Memory of Louise & Angela Wolf
from Richard Wolfe & Family

A Gift from Lisa Balli

In Loving Memory of Rev. Clarence Liederbach
from Joseph Kocab

In Loving Memory of Robert Halamek
from his mother, Helen

In Loving Memory of Charles S. Onder
from his wife, Lori

In Loving Memory of Sandra McKinney
from Ed & Toiann DeMore & Family