



**Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am Charlotte Kotlarsic  
11:00 am Alan Veccia  
6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm Mr. & Mrs. Michael Betti

**Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am Jerome Gruczczyński  
4:00 pm Zachary & Ed Span

**Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

No Morning Mass

**Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am All Souls

**Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am Living & Deceased Members  
of our Altar & Rosary Society

**Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 pm St. John Nepomucene Parish

**Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am Albina Selva  
11:00 am Ralph Hrehorevich

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**Stewardship of Treasure**

Sunday, November 29 <sup>th</sup>	\$2126.50
Improvement Fund	31.00
Memorial Gifts	95.00

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

**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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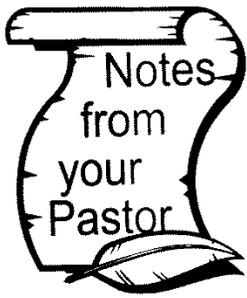
**Baptisms** – The 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 12:00 pm. Parents are required to attend Pre-Baptism Class. Arrangements must be made a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the date of baptism. Before parents baptize their child, Diocesan and parish policy requires you to complete a Baptism Preparation Class. **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](http://www.jrhcleve@att.net)



Dear Parishioners,

We continue our Advent journey. December 8<sup>th</sup> is a Holy day of Obligation. We will celebrate the Solemnity of the

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Everyone is required to go to Mass for this Holy day. We will have Masses at 7 pm on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8:30 am and 4 pm on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

December 8<sup>th</sup> begins the Holy Year of Mercy, which goes to November 20, 2016. We are called to turn to the Merciful Face of God the Father as exemplified in the Parable of the Loving Father who forgives the Prodigal Son. As we receive mercy, we are called to extend mercy.

Pope Francis states, It is a favorable time to heal wounds, a time to offer everyone the way of Forgiveness and Reconciliation. We can concentrate on the Corporal Works of Mercy and the Spiritual Works of Mercy. The Corporal Works of Mercy are: to feed the hungry, to give drink to the thirsty, to clothe the naked, to shelter the homeless, to care for the sick, to visit the imprisoned and to bury the dead. The spiritual Works of Mercy are to convert sinners, to instruct the ignorant, to advise the doubtful, to comfort the sorrowful, to bear wrongs patiently, to forgive injuries and to pray for the Living and the Dead.

This year is a year to focus upon healing, forgiving and helping.

We will have private Eucharistic Adoration after the 4 pm Mass on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 5:30 pm. Our Solemn Closing Service will be at 5:30 pm. Please come and spend quiet

time before Our Lord. Together, let us be still before the Saving Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

Prayers and Best Wishes!  
Father Jasany

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**Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> 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.**

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**Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**Vigil of the Immaculate Conception**  
**Mass at 7 pm**  
**PSR Classes 6:30 – 8 pm**

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Sanctuary Guild Volunteers  
for December 9<sup>th</sup> thru December 22<sup>nd</sup>

Elaine Smith & Jackie Hejl

**Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Today is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

A Holyday of Obligation. We will be celebrating Mass today at 8:30 am and 4 pm.

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**Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Rosary Making from 10 am - Noon**

**Zumba - 7 pm in the school gym**

**Choir Practice 7 pm**

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**Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Eucharistic Devotion 5-5:30 pm**

**Taize Meditation from 5:30-6 pm**

Everyone is invited to attend and spend some quiet time before Our Blessed Lord during the Advent Season.

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**Readings for the Week of December 6<sup>th</sup>**

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

Monday: Is 35:1-10/ Ps 85:9-14/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1-4/  
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1, 9-13/  
Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a;  
12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18-19/  
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-6/  
Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

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**GIVING TREE REMINDER** – Please remember that your gifts need to be returned the weekend of December 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> so that we have time to distribute them. They may be brought with you to church & placed under the tree, or dropped off at the rectory office.

**Sunday, December**

**13<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Blessed Advent!

Remember last week where we read about this crazy man John "crying out in the desert"? Well, this week we read about what the people of his time wondered about him. They all asked him "What should we do?" The crowds were asking, the tax collectors were asking, the soldiers were asking. And he answers each of them according to the temptation of their particular state in life. To the crowds he says, share of your abundance. To the tax collectors he says, stop taking more money for yourselves. Only collect from the people what is proscribed. To the soldiers he says, stop extorting money. And so, what must we do to prepare? I ask myself if I am sharing from even the little that I think I have. Do I charge more than a fair price for my work? If I lend money to anyone, do I expect too much more in return? I challenge myself this week, and I challenge you, to take some time and think about how we are preparing for the coming birth of Christ, in history, in today's world, and in the future when he will come to bring all of creation back to the Father.



**Holy Name Society Meeting** at 10 am with Mass to follow.

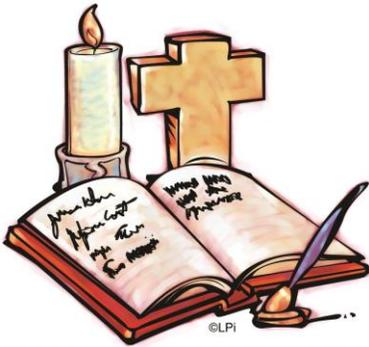
**Rite of Election for Confirmandi at the 9 am Mass** – Let us pray for those who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**World Apostolate Holy Hour** 12:30 pm Benediction, Rosary and Chaplet of Mercy. Everyone is invited to the Holy Hour.



**Thank You!** Through your generosity we were able to assist 68 individuals for Thanksgiving this year. We would also like to thank those who donated canned goods and boxed products on Thanksgiving Day. Also, thanks to Father Jasany for designating the Thanksgiving day collection to SVDP & to those who donated. May God Bless You All!

St. Vincent de Paul Society



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, Joyce 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, Janice Tommer, Dana Trzaska and Ron Walk.

May Our Loved Ones who have died rest in eternal peace in heaven.

For the Men and Women serving in the military, especially those from our parish and their families.

Please remember these individuals, who have been called to the priesthood in your daily prayers. Also, please remember the Felician Sisters (CSSF) in your prayers.

Sunday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> – Bishop Martin Amos

Monday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> – Chad Johnson

St. Mary Seminary

Tuesday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> – Matthew Jordan

St. Mary Seminary

Wednesday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> – Kevin Klonowski

St. Mary Seminary

Thursday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> – James Kulway

St. Mary Seminary

Friday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> – Philip Lewandowski

St. Mary Seminary

Saturday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> – Jeffrey Liptak

St. Mary Seminary

Sunday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> – Bishop Roger Gries

Thanks to your recycling efforts we received \$26.50 from River Valley Paper and recycled 2,650 pounds of paper in October!

### **Advent Musical Meditation -**

Originating from the early Church, the Seven Great 'O' Antiphons were originally prescribed to be sung at the seven evening services (vespers) leading up to Christmas. Buck McDaniel, Organist at St. John Nepomucene Parish and tenor Matthew Jones will present these alongside readings and the contemporary American composer Nico Muhly's *O Antiphon Preludes*

for organ on

Saturday, December

19<sup>th</sup>, time to be

determined. We will

have the time in next

week's bulletin. Free

Admission



**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](http://smile.amazon.com)

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**The Holy Name Societies of the Cleveland Diocese, including St. John's,** is preparing a Bishop's spiritual Bouquet for the Most Reverend Richard G. Lennon. This Bouquet is based on attendance & communion recipients at all Mass on the weekend of December 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>. Besides Mass attendance that weekend, parishioners can also participate in the Spiritual Bouquet by offering up rosaries, visits to the Blessed Sacrament & other prayers & Good works. We thank you for your support.

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**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.

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**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](mailto:mgagen@st-aug.org) for information. St. Augustine Manor is located at West 78<sup>th</sup> & Detroit Avenue in Cleveland.

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**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.

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**Polish Christmas Concert** performed by SLASK, Poland' Premier Choral Ensemble on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:3 pm at The Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus. Advance tickets are \$35 per person, \$40 at the door and \$20 for children under 12. Please call 216-883-2828 or 216-341-9091 to purchase tickets for this event.



## A Year of Mercy

Why Mercy? There's is a tremendous need for mercy in our world today. Pope Francis wants our parishes to become "islands of mercy in a sea of indifference" (Message for Lent 2015). Pope Francis discusses mercy and his desires for the jubilee year in *Misericordiae Vultus* (MV), the official proclamation of the Year of Mercy. He wants us to bring "consolation to the poor...liberty to those bound by new forms of slavery in our modern society," spiritual sight to those who have lost touch with God, and human dignity to those whom it has been taken (16).

Pope Francis envisions a year when people will become more merciful in their own lives and bring God's mercy to others. He is entrusting the extraordinary jubilee year to the "Lordship of Christ" and asks Christ to pour out his mercy on the entire cosmos.

What will happen? On December 8<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the close of the Second Vatican Council, Pope Francis will open a Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica that remains sealed except during jubilee years. When he crosses the threshold, this door will become a "Door of Mercy." In the weeks that follow, Holy Doors will be opened by cardinals and bishops in basilicas, cathedrals and shrines all over the world.

Throughout the extraordinary jubilee year, there will also be special events. We will focus on these events in the upcoming weeks and months.



**An Old Fashioned Christmas Celebration with performances by the Benedictine Mens' Chorus** will be presented on Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Chenoweth@cbhs.edu) or 216-41-2080; ext. 509

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## Church Memorials & Gifts

In Loving Memory of Rosemarie Dunning  
from her husband, Robert

In Loving Memory of James Skala  
from Pat & Phil Balli

In Loving Memory of Tracy Dunning  
from her father, Robert

In Loving Memory of George Smith,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year Anniversary  
from his wife, Elaine

In Loving Memory of Shawn McAdams  
from Pat & Phil Balli

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In Loving Memory of Father Tom Sheehan  
from Pat & Phil Balli

