Sanctuary Guild Volunteers
for January 4th thru January 17th
Barb Nieszczur & Toni Suchy

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

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.

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, Sunday, January 8, 2017 at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish at 11:45 am. Reservations needed; please call 216-641-2829 to register.

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.

Pre-Cana Program for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage at the Jesuit Retreat House on January 29, 2017 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
**Sunday, January 8th**

**Epiphany of the Lord**

Throughout Germany at this time of year, you will find most main doorways inscribed with: 20+C+M+B+16. Children known as Sternsinger (star singers) dress up and go door to door, requesting candy for themselves and money for the Church. As they leave, the house is blessed and the inscription written chalk. The 20 and 16 refer to the year, the CMB are said to represent either Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, the Magi; or the Latin Christus Mansionem Benedicat, which means, “Christ, bless this Home.” Today, we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, in which we remember the adoration of the newborn Christ by three wise men from the East. This should leave no doubt in anyone's mind just how far and wide the promise of a Savior had spread. These representatives of pagan religions from other lands were determined to pay their respects. It was as if they were born to do this, to acknowledge in some way the beginning of the greatest reign of the greatest king of all. The Epiphany is the third manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation, following the Annunciation and the Birth of Christ. Today is truly the beginning of the paschal mystery.

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**Monday, January 9th**

**Today is the Baptism of the Lord** – With his Baptism in the Jordan, Jesus begins his public ministry proclaiming the kingdom and mercy of God with the knowledge that He is the beloved Son of God the Father. We proclaim the kingdom and mercy of God when we live with the hope and confidence of knowing that we are loved deeply as God's daughters and sons. Our gift of love, like Christ's is meant to be shared with everyone.

**PSR Classes** 6:00 -8:30 pm

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**Wednesday, January 11th**

**Rosary Makers** – 10 am to Noon

**Zumba** – 7 pm

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**Sunday, January 15th**

**Today is the National Collection for the Catholic University of America**. Your support will enable Catholic University to expand its impact in preparing the next generation of leadership for our Church and nation. Envelopes for this collection are in your monthly envelope packet.

**RCIA Class** 6-8 pm at the rectory

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**THANK YOU!**

Calendars for 2017 are located near the entrance doors of our church. We are very grateful to Bican Brothers Funeral Home and Fortuna Funeral Home for their generosity in providing these calendars to our parish annually. God bless them for their generosity.
Parishioners who would like a letter to verify their church contributions for 2016 may call the rectory at 216-641-8444 or drop a note in the collection basket for Mrs. Kowalski. A letter will be prepared and mailed to you after January 15th.

May our prayers bring healing, comfort and strength to the sick and their caregivers.

Remembering especially

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 & their families.