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, January 6, 2019 at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish at 11:15 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 has not been scheduled. 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

We welcome to our Parish Community Sloane Harlow Woyma, Daughter of Frank & Laura, who was recently baptized.
Dear Parishioners,

November is a wonderful month to remember, give thanks and share our blessings. We thank our Holy Name Society for hosting the wonderful breakfast on Sunday, November 18th in our parish hall. About fifty people attended. It would always be great to see more people attending our events.

This weekend, November 24th at 5 pm We will celebrate our Friendsgiving Social in our parish hall and the kickoff for the Giving Tree Project. Gift tags will represent Christmas gifts for children in need who have been referred through University Settlement and children in our parish who have been referred to us by our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please see the flyer, which is on the radiators by the church entrances. We wish to give thanks for the gift of our parishioners and friends. This is a wonderful way to celebrate community. I hope that many of you will come to our Friendsgiving Social. Your family, relatives and friends are most welcome to come with you.

In regards to sharing our blessings both Bishop Nelson Perez and Patrick Gareau, the President and CEO of Catholic Charities congratulated us in reaching our goal. A letter from Bishop Perez is in this weekend’s bulletin.

According to the statistics, which I received, 121 Households (43%) pledged $14,714.00 and paid $13,301.00. Our goal was $12,693.00. It is listed as 115.92% of the goal!

I thank everyone who was generous to this appeal. I thank Jan Vitt who helped coordinate and assist me with this appeal.

Advent is around the corner. Monday, December 3rd at 7 pm will be our Advent Communal Penance Service in our church. We will have five priests present to hear your confessions. Let us heed the call of John the Baptist, “Prepare the Way of the Lord.” Please plan on attending this spirit filled event. Christ wishes to be born again in you, in the manger of your heart, in your relationships with God and others. Everyone is welcome and invited. People from our neighboring parishes are warmly invited and encouraged to attend.

The center of the Christmas celebration is experiencing Christ as Savior. He was born to save us from our sins. He wishes to be reborn in each of us. Open the doors of your heart to our Savior. Come to confession. Let the Christmas story be rewritten again in you. Extend the invitation to come to this service to your family, relatives and friends.

Let us prepare the Way of the Lord together!

Prayers & Best Wishes,
Father Jasany
Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday, November 18th $3302.60
Memorials 245.00
Maintenance 103.00
Capital Improvements 47.00
Utilities 83.00
Diocesan Assessments 10.00
Novena Lights 100.25
Campaign for Human Development 212.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society 750.00
All Saints 20.00

Thank you for your continued Generosity! May Our Lord continue to bless you.

Sunday, December 2nd
First Sunday of Advent

At this time of year, we become more conscious of our family as we make preparations for cards, gifts and visits. Today’s gospel warns us not to get “weighted down” by activity. “Take heed to yourselves” during this Advent and devote yourself to appreciating the gift of those who are already such an important part of your life. The greatest gift this season might be the true appreciation of Christ in others.

Altar Society Christmas Party 12:30 pm
Doors open at 12 Noon. The Society Gift Card Raffle will take place at the Christmas Party.

Readings for the Week of November 25th

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37
Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9 [Rv 15:3b]/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [Rv 19:9a]/Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10 or Jn 6:63]/Mt 4:18-22
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab [1 Cor 16:22b; cf Rv 22:20c]/Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/1 Thes 3:12--4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Sanctuary Guild Volunteers
for November 21st thru December 4th

Loretta Delagarza & Gloria Seneff
LAST OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS AND MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR THE ALTAR SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Altar Society Christmas Gift Card Raffle will be held on Sunday, December 2nd at the Altar Society Christmas Party. Tickets are $1.00 each or 6 for $5.00. You still have the opportunity to purchase tickets up until December 2nd. Tickets are available at our church entrance doors. **Members are reminded that donations of gift cards or monetary donations to purchase cards are needed to make this event a success.**

**Society Members** who have not yet made a reservation for the Christmas Party but would like to do so are asked to call Dolores Minko at 216-341-9329 by **Monday, November 26th.** The cost is $12.00, open to members & their guests. Members and guests are reminded to bring a newly wrapped item with a value of $5.00 or more for the door prize raffle. There also be a 50/50 Raffle and a monetary collection for our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

The 2019 March for Life in Washington, D.C. bus trip with overnight in a hotel will be on January 17th & 18th, 2019. The bus will leave Sacred Heart of Jesus, 1545 South Green Road in South Euclid at 7 am on Thursday, January 17th. The Bus fare is $70; Hotel Room Rate $120.75 (tax included). Rooms can sleep up to six people. For information on the bus and hotel reservations or for any questions contact 216-932-9515 or heightsarea4life@gmail.com. The deadline to sign up is December 16th.


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

For Our Loved Ones who have died that they rest in eternal peace in heaven remembering especially Lisa Riccardi, whose funeral was last week and those listed in our Book of Life.
Church Memorials

In Loving Memory of Greg Geller
from
Elmer & Patty Bilek
Shirley & Ken Geller
Pat & Denise Griffen
Joseph Kocab
Paulette & John Tekavec
Bob and Phyllis Soinski
Norma Rasoletti
Jo & Bill Ernst
Dianne & Roger Newswander
Teresa & Dave Burdelak
Elaine Trautman
Sue & Larry Hovater

In Loving Memory of
My Husband, George Smith
who passed away December 19th 2012
6th Anniversary
from Elaine Smith

In Loving Memory of our Mothers
Rose Davis & Rosalie Hejl
from Jackie & Rich Hejl

Remembering our Dear Friend
George Smith on His Sixth Anniversary
of His Passing
from Richard & Jackie Hejl

In Loving Memory of
Louis & Angela Wolf
from their Son, Richard Wolf

The Advent Wreath

The Advent Wreath symbolizes the children of Israel waiting for the Messiah through the centuries as well as our own spiritual preparation to welcome the Christ Child, the Holy Messiah on Christmas morning. The Advent Wreath is a set of four candles set in a wreath of evergreen. The evergreen, sometimes richly decorated symbolizes the beauty of Christian hope in the loving promises of God. The perfect circle of the wreath represents the eternity of God. The four candles mark the four Sundays of Advent, which immediately precede Christmas. One of the candles is lit on each Sunday of Advent until by Christmas all the candles are lit. Three candles are violet colored reflecting the penitential spirit of Advent. One candle is rose colored reflecting the joy of the Gospel on the 3rd Sunday of Advent. The candles of the Advent Wreath are given the following names.

1. The Prophecy Candle is a reminder of the foretelling of Jesus’ birth by the Old Testament prophets.
2. The Bethlehem Candle recalls the words of the Prophet Micah that the Christ Child would be born in Bethlehem.
3. The Shepherds’ Candle, a reminder of the first people to worship baby Jesus. This is the rose colored candle.
4. The Angels’ Candle lit on the Sunday before Christmas in remembrance of the Angel who spoke to the Virgin Mary at the conception of Jesus & the Angels who appeared to the shepherds in the fields outside Bethlehem that First Christmas Eve.