**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. 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 Sunday, January 13, 2018 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,

I am happy and grateful for all the people who worked on our Advent Communal Penance Service on Monday, December 3rd.
I express my gratitude to Msgr. Richard Antall, Father Joseph Callahan, Father Andrzej Panek and Father Ralph Hudak who assisted with confessions. I thank our Contemporary Music Ministry who played for the service. I am grateful to Beth Balcer and Cindy Kwiatkowski who prepared the supper for the priests. I would estimate seventy people were in attendance.

We celebrate our Rite of Election for Gustav Kotlarsic and Zachary Richardson on Sunday, December 9th. I thank Mrs. Patricia Bednarz for teaching our Confirmation candidates.

We will have Eucharistic Adoration on Saturday, December 15th after our 4 pm Mass. We will have private adoration from 5 pm to 5:30 pm. We will have our closing Eucharistic Prayer Service at 5:30 pm. Watching and Waiting are two aspects of Advent Spirituality. Please consider coming to our church to spend quiet time in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

On Sunday, December 16th we will decorate our church at 3 pm. We could use the help of a few volunteers to assist our Pastoral Council in decorating our church for Christmas. We thank Sandy Yody, who made the present flower arrangements in our church.

Please consider taking a tag from the “Giving Tree” and purchasing a gift for a needy child. The suggested amount for the gift is $20.00. This year to make it easier for distribution, the University Settlement has requested that the gifts be returned in gift bags or if you are wrapping be sure to include a detailed description of the gift. Your gifts must be returned the weekend of December 15th/16th or may be dropped off at the rectory office on Monday, December 17th.

John the Baptist invites us to “Prepare the Way of the Lord.” Coming to Eucharistic Adoration on December 15th; Decorating our church on Sunday, December 16th; and purchasing a gift for a needy child are ways to “Prepare the Way of the Lord”. Also, please take home a blue Advent booklet with daily thoughts and prayers for Advent.

Let us prepare the Way of the Lord Together! May Christ be born in our hearts, relationships and situations!

Prayers and Best Wishes,
Father Jasany
Sunday, December 9th

Second Sunday of Advent

Sometimes it is difficult to imagine God’s presence in the normal confusion of home life. The message in today’s gospel is “God came to John in the wilderness.” Even in our busy and hectic home life we are called to “prepare the way of the Lord.” Your family life can be a “voice crying out in the wilderness,” an example to other families of God’s presence in a broken world.

We will be celebrating the Rite of Election for Confirmandi at our 11 am Mass. Congratulations to Zachary Richardson & Gustav Kotlarsic, who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 21, 2019. Please remember them in your prayers.

Holy Name Society Meeting 10 am
World Apostolate Holy Hour 12:30 pm
Benediction, Rosary and Chaplet of Mercy.

10th Annual Breakfast with Santa
at the American Legion Post 627;
3935 East 42nd Street in Newburgh Hts.
Serving 9 am – Noon.
Sausage, French Toast, Eggs, Juice, Coffee and Milk. Cost is $5.00 Adults; $3.00 Children; Pictures with Santa $2.00. Tickets available at the door.

Monday, December 10th
PSR Classes 6:30 – 8 pm All Grades

Wednesday, December 12th
Rosary Makers – 10 am at the rectory
Choir Practice – 7 pm

Saturday, December 15th

SJN Volunteer Day at Holy Name Ozanum Center from 8:30 am – Noon.
Anyone interested in volunteering for this ministry is invited to attend. Please call Tom at 216-429-2611 if you have any questions.

Eucharistic Devotions – 5 to 5:30 pm
Taize Meditation 5:30 – 6 pm

Sunday, December 16th

Third Sunday of Advent

During this season we give gifts to friends and family. The gospel asks us if we plan to share with those who have little or nothing. If our impoverished brothers and sisters aren’t on our gift list, we may be missing the point of Christmas. Let us be generous with our charitable giving.

Church Decorating 3 pm – Please consider giving up an hour or two of our time to make our church beautiful for Christmas. Refreshments will be served.

Readings for the Week of December 9th

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
**Stewardship of Treasure**

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**Thank you for your continued Generosity!**

*May Our Lord continue to bless you.*

Congratulations to the Winners of our Altar & Rosary Society’s Christmas Gift Card Raffle. The winners were:

- $225 in Certificates – Charles Voland
- $150 in Certificates – Ariel Cowling
- $100 in Certificates – Lauren Dufalla

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and supported the good works of our Altar & Rosary Society!

We would like to thank you for your donations of canned goods, boxed items and paper products. We would also like to thank Father Jasany for designating the collection on Thanksgiving Day for our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society. We were able to assist twenty-six families and 80 individuals on Thanksgiving.

May God Bless You

SJN St. Vincent de Paul Society

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick. May they and their caregivers receive comfort and strength, remembering especially Mary Adams, Sierra Adams, Ronnie Bellomy, Mary Ann Betliskey, Tony Betliskey, Pat Colburn, Donna Czyzynski, Corrine Dawe, Joseph Deccola, Carole Dlouhy, Joan Gorris, Barb Herdering, Richard Hejl, Kristin Hill, Ethan Jackson, Jacob Jackson, Millie Jasany, Tracy Johnson, Pearl Kliment, Judy Landolph, Bishop Richard Lennon, Barbie Lister, Deborah Malinowski, Erin Mangan, Jeanette Miller, Marguerite Miller, Geri Milton, Nikki Milton, Donna Murrin, Louis Novac, Art Novotny, Fred Pickle, John Pocius, Joel Rivera, Sue Seda, Earl Sheets, Margaret Slechta, Elaine Stack, Rev. John Tezie, Ed Vitigoj, Robert Wagner, & Greg Wisniewski.

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.

**OPLATKI** – Many families observe the Christmas Eve tradition of oplatki. Opatki packs are available on the Stewardship table in the front of the church.