



# MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am *St. John Nepomucene Parish*  
11:00 am *Hyatt Rhine Jr.*  
*5th Anniversary*

**Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

*No Morning Mass*

**Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am *Mike & Irene Kavka*

**Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

*No Morning Mass*

**Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am *Norbert & Jody Kocab*

**Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**

8:30 am *Arthur Bakalar*

**Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

4:00 pm *Rita Petkoff*

**Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

9:00 am *Sick & Needy of SJN*  
*St. Vincent DePaul Society*  
11:00 am *All Souls*

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**Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

*Christmas Eve Vigil*  
4:00 pm *Special Intention*  
10:00 pm *Special Intention*

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**Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day**

9:00 am *Special Intention*  
11:00 am *Special Intention*

**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 6, 2019 at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish at 11:15 am. Please call 216-641-2829 to register.

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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 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](mailto:www.jrhcleve@att.net)



Dear Parishioners,

This is the Third Sunday of Advent. In Latin it is called Gaudete Sunday, which means Rejoice. In our second reading, St. Paul states: "Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again, rejoice!" Rejoice because

Christmas is near. Rejoice because everyone can receive the Gift of Our Savior.

Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> - We will have Private Eucharistic Adoration from 5:00 pm to 5:30 pm. Solemn Eucharistic Service with Benediction and Taize Meditation will follow at 5:30 pm. Advent is about Watching and Waiting before the Lord. Come and watch and wait before our Eucharistic Lord.

Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> - Pastoral Council will decorate our church for Christmas at 3:00 pm. Volunteers are needed.

This is the last weekend to bring in your "Giving Tree" presents for needy children in the area. Gifts can be dropped off by the "Giving Tree," or to the rectory by Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. I thank Pete and Stasia Gentile who coordinated this project and all those who have generously donated gifts.

Hopefully, we will see all of you at Christmas Mass.

Our Mass Schedule for Christmas:  
**Christmas Eve** 4 pm and 10 pm  
**Christmas Day** 9 am and 11 am

Please invite your families and friends to come with you to rejoice in the Birth of Our Savior.

Prayerfully consider giving a financial gift to honor the Birth of Our Savior. Sometimes people talk of yearend giving. Many of us pay taxes. The opportunity exists to make a tax deductible gift to our parish. As the year comes to an end, we examine our charitable contributions and sometimes come to the understanding that we could do more. Prayerfully consider making a generous gift to honor Our Savior's Birth.

If you have not already done so, pick up a Blue Advent Book with daily prayers and thoughts for Advent. Calendars for 2019 are also available at the exit doors of church. Feel free to take a calendar and Advent Book for a friend or relative.

I pray that this may be the best Christmas ever for you! May we continue to open the doors of our hearts to Christ, one another, and those in need.

Prayers and Best Wishes,  
Father Jasany

**Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

*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.

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**Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

**PSR Classes 6:30 – 8 pm All Grades**  
**Giving Tree Gifts need to be returned.**  
**Thank you for your generosity.**

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**Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Golden Agers Meeting 11:30**  
**No Rosary Makers**  
**Choir Practice – 7 pm**

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**Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Grandmothers Club Meeting 11:30 am**

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**Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

Jesus was born into a family. Because of his birth, not only was the world changed—the role of family life was also profoundly changed. Every family is called to recognize, value, and nurture the presence of God in their midst.

**SVDP Meeting 10am**  
**\$1000 Raffle**-please be sure your tickets are returned.

**Readings for the week of December 16<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18  
Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17  
Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25  
Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25  
Thursday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38  
Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45  
Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56  
Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

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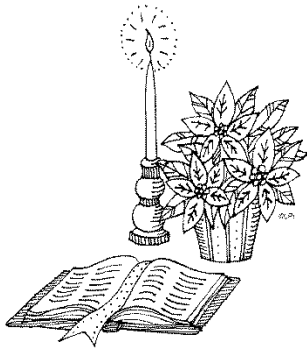
*Stewardship of Treasure*

<i>Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>\$2081.00</i>
<i>Memorials</i>	<i>\$71.00</i>
<i>Maintenance</i>	<i>\$38.00</i>
<i>Capital Improvements</i>	<i>\$88.00</i>
<i>Utilities</i>	<i>\$69.00</i>
<i>Diocesan Assessments</i>	<i>\$13.00</i>
<i>Novena Lights</i>	<i>\$51.00</i>
<i>Immaculate Conception</i>	<i>\$818.00</i>
<i>Christmas Flowers</i>	<i>\$285.00</i>
<i>Religious Retirement</i>	<i>\$179.00</i>
<i>Little Blue Books</i>	<i>\$37.00</i>
<i>Oplatki</i>	<i>\$39.00</i>

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

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**Sanctuary Guild Volunteers**  
December 19<sup>th</sup> thru January 1<sup>st</sup>  
KathyBondzio and Patty Kowalec



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. Remembering especially Eugene Langmeyer, whose funeral was last week.

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

## Church Memorials & Gifts

In Loving Memory of the Balli and Skala Families  
from Ms. Lisa Balli

In Loving Memory  
of Amerigo Spurio  
Mr & Mrs Dutchnowski, and Nellie Branch  
from Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Branche

In Loving Memory of Emmett Leonard  
from Mr. & Mrs. Richard Leonard

In Loving Memory of  
Mary Brigid Kilbane  
from Annette Golkowski

In Loving Memory  
of my Husband, William Bican  
from Joyce Bican

In Loving Memory of Donald V. Pawlak,  
6th Anniversary  
from Susan Houska

In Loving Memory of Megan Wagner  
from her Parents  
Michael and Denise Frys  
and Brother Matt

In Loving Memory of James Skala,  
Fr. Tom Shehan, George Smith,  
& Shawn McAdams  
from Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Balli

In Loving Memory of my wife Laura,  
son Larry, and daughter Carol  
From Mr. Bernard Puchajda

In Loving Memory of Ed Span &  
Zachary Span from Carol Span