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,

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 15th - 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 16th - 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 17th. 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 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.

Monday, December 17th
PSR Classes 6:30 – 8 pm All Grades
Giving Tree Gifts need to be returned. Thank you for your generosity.

Wednesday, December 19th
Golden Agers Meeting 11:30
No Rosary Makers
Choir Practice – 7 pm

Thursday, December 20th
Grandmothers Club Meeting 11:30 am

Sunday, December 23rd
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 16th
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

Stewardship of Treasure

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

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

Sanctuary Guild Volunteers
December 19th thru January 1st
Kathy Bondzio 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.

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