

# THIS WEEK AT SAINT PASCHAL BAYLON MASS AND MEETING SCHEDULE

## Monday, December 12, 2016, OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Zec 2:14-17; Jdt 13:18, 19; Lk 1:26-38

- 9:00 a.m. **MASS: Joseph and Kathleen Mills**
- 11:30 a.m. **NO MASS: (St. Ann Shrine)**
- 12:15 p.m. **NO MASS:**
- 7:00 p.m. **PSR Mass**

## Tuesday, December 13, 2016, Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

- 6:30 a.m. **MASS: Vincent Conkey**
- 9:00 a.m. **MASS: Khoa Nguyen**
- 11:30 a.m. **MASS: (St. Ann Shrine)**
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study, Arkins and Kazel Rooms
- 7:00 p.m. PTO Meeting, Eymard Room

## Wednesday, December 14, 2016, Saint John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church

Is 45:6-8, 18, 21-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18-23

- 9:00 a.m. **MASS: Helen Grosel**
- 1:00 p.m. Confessions, Church
- 11:30 a.m. **MASS: Ann Rushfeldt (St. Ann Shrine)**
- 12:15 p.m. **MASS: Raymond and Marilyn Drescher and Charles Nohava**
- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study, Arkins Conference Room

## Thursday, December 15, 2016, Advent Weekday

Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Lk 7:24-30

- 9:00 a.m. **MASS: Anthony Valenti**
- 11:30 a.m. **MASS: Novena (St. Ann Shrine)**
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts, Kazel Room
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Meeting, Parlor
- 8:00 p.m. Athletic Association Meeting, Eymard Room

## Friday, December 16, 2016, Advent Weekday

Is 56:1-3, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36

- 9:00 a.m. **MASS: McNamara Family**
- 11:30 a.m. **MASS: Novena (St. Ann Shrine)**
- 7:00 p.m. Flock of Friendship, Billiard Room

## Saturday, December 17, 2016, Advent Weekday

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:3-4, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

- 9:00 a.m. **MASS: Molle Family**
- 4:30 p.m. **MASS: Sandra and Christopher Ranells**

## Sunday, December 18, 2016, FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

- 8:00 a.m. **MASS: Frances Mallin**
- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast with Santa, Eymard Room
- 10:00 a.m. **MASS: Fini Family**
- 12:00 p.m. **MASS: Edward Shamrock**
- 7:00 p.m. **MASS: Margaret Loecy**

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## SAVE THE DATES

- **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FEAST DAY: Monday, December 12:**
  - Special Masses at 9:00 a.m. church
  - There is no Mass at 11:30 a.m. or 12:15 p.m. at SPB or Saint Ann Shrine due to the SSS Retreat Day at Regina Health Center (RHC): the intentions for these Masses will be offered at the SSS Retreat Day Mass at 11:00 a.m. at RHC.
  - 7:00 p.m. PSR Mass in church
- **ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES – Rite 2 – Communal Celebration with Individual Confession:**
  - Tuesday, December 13, 1:00 p.m. – School Students – and others welcome
  - Thursday, December 15, 7:00 p.m. – at the Church of Saint Clare
  - Tuesday, December 20, 7:00 p.m. – here at SPB
- **SPB TRAVELERS:** Wednesday, December 14: Bus Trip is SOLD OUT. Advise Fr. Lane the next place you would like to see and explore in NE Ohio!
- **BAMBINELLI SUNDAY:** Sunday, December 18 (at all the weekend Masses) – bring your infant Jesus statue from your home manager/crèche and have it blessed after Holy Communion. The Bambinelli Blessing will incite us to experience God's true joy and love that comes to us from the infant Jesus. Come and rejoice in God's love for you in this new Advent celebration with your parish family. The blessing of the "Bambinelli" [Baby Jesus figurines] as they are called in Rome, reminds us that the crib is a school of life where we can learn the secret of true joy.
- **TAIZE PRAYER HOLY HOURS:** Monday, December 19, 7:00 p.m. in church – to pray for Advent & Christmas Time Blessings
- **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL:** Wednesday, December 21, with a special school Mass at 9:00 am. – the Word of the Week Give-a-way!
- **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:** This year Christmas is a Sunday – please do not forget your Sunday offering and your Christmas gift to help your parish and its multiple ministries and needs. (We have one less Sunday collection this year – so thanks for being so generous!)
  - Saturday, December 24: (no morning Mass) – 4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.
  - Sunday, December 25: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. (Children's Choir)
  - Saturday, December 31: 9:00 a.m., 4:30 p.m. (Mary, Mother of God Vigil)
  - Sunday, January 1: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m. (Mary, Mother of God Sunday). Please note the special Mass time for this Sunday and the extra Mass we have added for your convenience, Sunday night.
- **CHRISTMAS OCTAVE:** Please note – there is only 1 Mass in the church each day during from December 26 – January 2 at 9:00 a.m. The 6:30 a.m. Mass returns Tuesday, January 3 and the 12:15 p.m. Mass returns Wednesday, January 4.
- **CHRISTMAS CAROLING AT THE MANGER OUTSIDE:** Wednesday, December 28, 6:30 p.m.

- **SPIRITUAL FORMATION COMMITTEE:** Tuesday, January 3, 7:00 p.m. We will be planning for the Lent Small Faith Sharing Groups, Parish Mission and more! Want to join in supporting these events? Please attend our join cluster parish committee meeting.
- **SCHOOL RETURNS:** Wednesday, January 4 – with a special school Mass for the Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
- **EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING KITS:** The annual kit for blessing your home for the new year will be available at all the Masses January 7/8, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the LORD. We thank the ARISE Groups for putting these together for us.
  - Baptism Weekend for the Epiphany at the Mass of the family
  - The Proclamation of the Date of Easter at all the Masses
- **FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD:** Monday, January 9
  - 9:00 a.m. Mass begins at the Baptismal Font for the Special Introductory Rites for those who are able to process
  - A special Night Prayer with our PSR Students at 7:45 p.m.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

***"I am not alone at all, I thought. I was never alone at all. And that, of course, is the message of Christmas. We are never alone. Not when the night is darkest, the wind coldest, the world seemingly most indifferent. For this is still the time God chooses."- Taylor Caldwell***

We had an incredible time at CCYC last weekend! What an amazing conference! This weekend our teens will participate in our annual Advent Retreat: God With Us. We will focus on the true meaning of preparing for Christ's return, what we can do to get our hearts ready, and then head to St. Ambrose for the Matt Maher Advent Concert. Please pray for us and know we are praying for you!

Our next "meeting" will be on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15th. We will have a Christmas Party Potluck Dinner and attend a very special XLT at the Seminary. We will hear internationally known speaker, Matt Fradd. Permission slips required. Please RSVP to Mrs. Mickol by Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, if you will be attending to make sure we have enough transportation! Please keep us in your prayers!

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Thursday, December 15th: Christmas Potluck Dinner (Bring a dish to share) and XLT at the Seminary to hear internationally known speaker Matt Fradd. Permission slip required! RSVP to Mrs. Mickol by December 11.
- Sunday, December 18th: Service Hours Opportunity ~ Breakfast with Santa/Birthday Party for Jesus! Sign up online to help!
- January 6-8, 2017 Teens Encounter Christ Retreat for Juniors to Adult. No YG meeting on January 8th.
- Sunday, January 15th: Regular Meeting times (JYG begins at 5:30 p.m., EVERYONE attends the 7:00 p.m. Teen Mass, and HS YG begins at 8:00 p.m.) New Year, New You, New Prayer meeting.

Sunday, December 18th: SPB's Youth Group's Annual Breakfast with Santa/Birthday Party for Jesus 11:00-1:00. Join Santa and his elves for a very special Birthday Party for Jesus and share some pancakes, bacon, bagels, and more! We will have games, crafts, and a special photo opportunity with the big guy himself. Tickets are \$8 per person. All proceeds will go towards our Life in the Eucharist Mission trip to Arizona/New Mexico. Please contact Mrs. Mickol for more information!

## COMMUNITY AT PRAYER

We are in need of parishioners and friends to sign up for the following hours to provide a witness, in vigil, in the setting of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. From the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament *Rule of Life* we read the importance of this mission of the SSS and SPB:

### **RL 31 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

By drawing our attention to the signs of the Sacrament, exposition of the Holy Eucharist calls to mind the celebration of the Memorial of the Lord.

It invites us to recognize and adore the presence of Christ in the gift of his body given up for us and of his blood poured out for a New Covenant. Thus exposition facilitates our communion with Christ (Cf. EM 60, RR 82) who offers himself to us as the Bread of Life, nourishment shared for a community of brothers. We practice and encourage it, mindful of the pastoral needs of the local Church.

### **RL 32 Participation of the people**

We associate the people with our prayer so that their lives may be enlightened and penetrated by the paschal mystery. We are attentive in promoting communal prayer; it manifests the unity of the Church, fruit of the Eucharist. According to pastoral possibilities, we encourage nocturnal prayer in a spirit of watching and waiting for the Lord.

Help us fill these hours of watching and waiting:

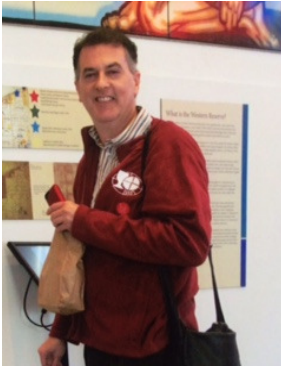
- Monday 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday 12 Noon
- Tuesday 3:00 p.m.
- Thursday 11:00 a.m.
- Friday 12 Noon
- Friday 1:00 p.m.
- Friday 2:00 p.m.
- Friday 4:00 p.m.

Thanks for becoming a pray-er in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament!

## ADVENT DECORATIONS

This third week of Advent is traditionally known as “Gaudete Sunday.” It is characterized by a spirit of rejoicing. The liturgical color for this Sunday is rose and often you will see the Advent candle for this third week in that color. The first reading from Isaiah anticipates with joy the coming of the messiah and our gospel reading has John the Baptist coming to the realization that Jesus is the long awaited messiah. Our Advent candle for this Gaudete Sunday portrays Jesus’ response to John’s questioning: multitudes of people in need seeking out Jesus and coming to believe in him through his care and compassion. This week in our Jesse tree banners we encounter the symbol of the Jesse tree itself, Isaiah 11:1, “... a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom.” Along with Isaiah the prophet we meet another prophet, Jonah, in the symbol of the whale. The lineage and heritage of Jesus are also portrayed through the symbols of King David (the star of David) and Solomon’s Temple. We hope this artwork helps enrich your pray life as we make our Advent journey this year. Happy Advent.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE



**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent:** The Sunday Advent readings are filled with such positive energy and hope and this week, again, they do not disappoint. We hear Isaiah again building up the people reminding them that they have nothing to fear and to be strong because of that message. We read in the letter to the Romans of the patience we are called to exhibit as God's joyous people. And lastly, we are reminded that we are the forerunners for Jesus Christ, that like John the Baptist, we bring the above words and message to our world to prepare others for the coming of Christ. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent is often called by its Latin term, "Gaudete" or "rejoice

Sunday" because of the opening antiphon and the message of the readings. As optimistic people, we bring this "Good News" to others to help them rejoice that God is always near, that there is nothing to fear and that when we endure through our patience we point to the signs of Jesus Christ in our world. Like the branch from the stump of Jesse, may we continue to grow and prosper in this radiant, hopeful message.

**LEARNING LITURGY: Why the Liturgy of the Hours?** We continue a feature of our pastoral plan, catechizing ourselves as to the importance of our church's prayer life.

One of the enduring parts of our prayer life as a church, as a people, is the Liturgy of the Hours. After the Eucharist, or the "Order of Mass," this ranks as the second most important worshipping event in our church's life. In the *General Instruction of the Liturgy of Hours*, there is a specific instruction or rule that asks "pastors of souls," (that would be me), to instruct, encourage and implement this worship and prayer for the good of the parish's life. This is why we encourage it often through the announcements at Sunday Mass. But more importantly, we are fortunate that the Blessed Sacrament Community witnesses this form of prayer and worship each day and we invite you to participate in it. Have you often wondered why you are encouraged to join?

You probably say your morning and evening prayers when you get in and out of bed. The prayers of the church depend on the reality of the "people of God" gathered with Christ, the head of the Body, to lead all praise and prayer to God the Father. From the Jewish tradition of gathering as a people to pray until the church's vision now, we have been gathering in this style of prayer and praise. We use the psalms from the Bible and a canticle (hymn without the music). We have heard Isaiah say it over and over during the Advent scripture passages, "we are a people on a journey to the mountain of the LORD."

May I suggest trying it out? You may like this shorter, but powerful prayer time together, using the same words that Jesus prayed (the psalm) and hearing God's word (a short scripture passage from the Bible) with our own praise (the Benedictus prayer from Zechariah) and intercession. Yes, we are able through this prayer style to speak specific prayers and needs to God aloud and raise our intentions for the community to pray with you. Start your day, if you can, with us here in the chapel at 8:00 a.m. for Morning Prayer or perhaps on your way home from work or in the middle of errands at 4:45 p.m. for Evening Prayer (You may always pray the Liturgy of the Hours – using the ritual book - on your own as most diocesan priests do and you may have me or the other religious of the Blessed Sacrament show you how it is followed.) Jesus Christ said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name..." May we increase this important participation in the prayer life of the church by doing and praying the prayer together for praise to God for all things and the good of our souls.

**Next Sunday Fun!** Back in Blessed Pope Paul VI's day, he wanted to have more participation of the children in the liturgy. He added the Children's Liturgy of the Word in 1973, which you see our parish celebrate at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Another item he issued was the blessing of the "figure of the Baby Jesus" for families' mangers or crèche scenes. Pope Francis has been encouraging pastors to celebrate this ritual in every parish of the world, not just at Saint Peter's Basilica at the Vatican. Next Sunday, December 17/18, after Communion, have your child come forward to the sanctuary, like we do for the Children's Liturgy of the Word, for the special blessing of the "Baby Jesus" statues from your home so that the blessing of church extends to the blessings of your home." Let us continue this special tradition of Bambinelli Sunday here in our own parish family. This blessing is courtesy of our cluster parishes Spiritual Formation Committee.

**Preparing For Christmas & Spring Fling:** May I suggest a parking solution for some families to consider so that our elders in the community are able to park closer to the church? Many have forgotten that we have a special path next to the convent to Roland, Lynd & Case Avenues, and the Lyndhurst side of our campus. Perhaps your family could park on these streets and walk the short distance (the spiritual pilgrimage!) through the woods to the church? It would help us out a lot. Of course we thank our neighbors on Colony and Eastlawn that share the street with us at the Christmas Eve Masses.

**Caroling:** A new event we are starting this year is Christmas Caroling around the Manager on Wilson Mills Road. Bro. Gary LaVerdiere, SSS with a dedicated team, builds this amazing nativity scene each year – getting better and better. On Wednesday, December 28 at 6:30 p.m. we will have our first annual caroling with the manager. Please plan on joining us!

**Tomorrow's Grand Feast Day:** We celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of the Americas tomorrow, December 12. Please join in praying for our religious order as we celebrate a special Advent Retreat Day at Regina Health Center with our 5 men in residence there. Let us continue to pray for each other and for more young men to join our SSS religious order team.

In Christ our Eucharist,



Reverend John Thomas Lane, SSS, '79  
Pastor

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### Weekly Tithing:

Thank you for your sacrificial gifts!

- First Collection: \$21,807.00
- Second Collection: \$3,795.00
- Hurricane Relief Special Collection: \$2,057.00

### THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

#### THANK YOU for a Wonderful We Give Catholic/TUESDAY:

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you all for your generous donations on #GivingTuesday for #weGiveCatholic. We are humbled by the kindness shown and the support received to help fund our St. Paschal Baylon School Makerspace Project. With the donations given online and those received prior to yesterday, we reached our goal and raised \$5,355! These contributions matched the \$5,000 challenge gift we received from the family of Deacon Joe Bourgeois to help fund the **BOURGEOIS BROADCAST BOOTH** that will be an exciting part of the Makerspace. We couldn't do it without you! To show you just how thankful we are, please enjoy the video below and pat yourself on the back for us...you deserve it!

<https://animoto.com/play/DMviaGNZTH6bstzUYUPiWw>

Thank you for your tithing which supports our many bills, such as:

• Diocesan Internal (Audit) Parish Review	\$3,000.00
• Monthly Pension for employees	\$11,077.79
• Monthly Health benefits for employees	\$22,765.00
• Monthly insurance services	\$3,614.18
• Monthly diocesan assessment	\$11,493.00
• Mandated services technical fee	\$2,160.00
• Trash bags/liners	\$1,311.66
• Supply of hand soap	\$1,305.30
• Environmental services	\$511.00
• Pension fund	\$3,118.92
• Church organ repair/services	\$258.50
• Garage Time Warner Cable/Internet Monthly	\$149.88
• Parish Offices Time Warner Cable/Internet	\$447.48
• Winterizing landscaping	\$1,556.73
• Church Jesse Tree (A&E)	\$600.00
• Nativity Church Angel	\$4,000.00
• Home Depot Monthly Maintenance charges	\$2,349.13

## PROVIDE A MEANINGFUL LEGACY GIFT

**SUPPORT SAINT PASCHAL BAYLON THROUGH AN IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER GIFT:** As of December 18, 2015, the IRA Charitable Rollover was passed by Congress and signed into permanent law by the President. The bill, the Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act, allows taxpayers age 70 ½ or older to transfer up to \$100,000 annually from their IRA accounts directly to charity without first having to recognize the distribution as income. Consider supporting Saint Paschal Baylon with a contribution from your IRA account before the end of the year. For more information, contact the Advancement Office at 440-442-3410 ext. 112.

## END OF THE YEAR GIVING

Your generous tithing and financial donations to the church are greatly appreciated. As we near the end of another year, consider that there can be tax benefits to your contributions in the year they are made. 2016 contributions must be received by the parish on or before December 31, 2016, or if mailed, the postmark must be on or before December 31, 2016. This year, December 31 is a Saturday. Contributions received at our 4:30 p.m. Mass will be posted to 2016. Contributions made on Sunday, January 1, 2017 will be posted to 2017. We are obligated by law to post the contribution when it is received, regardless of the date on the check.

## PSR AND OTHER NEWS FROM THE PEKO'S

**MASS DECEMBER 12:** Join us Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> for our Advent Family Night and Mass! Mass will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

**NO PSR DECEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup> OR JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>:** We will have regular PSR classes on December 19. There is no PSR on December 26<sup>th</sup> or January 2<sup>nd</sup> because of the holidays. We will return on Monday, January 9, 2017.

**INFANT BAPTISM CLASSES OFFERED:** If you are interested in getting your child who is under the age of 7 baptized, please contact George and Anna Peko at (440) 442-3410 ext. 107 or [psr@saintpaschal.com](mailto:psr@saintpaschal.com) to sign up for a course on baptism. The next class is Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> following the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

**YOUTH CONFIRMATION: Confirmation Session 4 January 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Our 4<sup>th</sup> Confirmation session for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders is Sunday, 1/22 beginning with 10:00 a.m. Mass. Please have a ride ready for your child at 12:15 p.m. in front of the FLC. **ADULT CONFIRMATION:** If you are an adult that has been baptized Catholic and are interested in being confirmed, please contact George Peko at [psr@saintpaschal.com](mailto:psr@saintpaschal.com) for information on our Adult Confirmation classes beginning in January.

## SAINT PASCHAL BAYLON SCHOOL NEWS

I'd like to share some good news from the National Garden Club. Eighth grader Celine Najm received a 1st place award for a poem submitted last school year. The piece won on the local level last year and has now won the Central Atlantic Region Youth Poetry Contest. We congratulate Celine on her poetic creativity! One more thank you to all those who supported Saint Paschal Baylon School on #GivingTuesday for #weGiveCatholic. We reached our goal and raised \$5,355 matching the \$5,000 challenge gift given by the family of Deacon Joe in memory of his brother. A huge thanks to Barb Diturno for all her hard work getting the word out and to Ms. Raguz for her updates on our Facebook page. They made a great team.

### Coming Up :

- Monday, December 12 is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We will have an all-school Mass at 9:00 a.m. on Monday. There is no Mass on Wednesday.
- Both the 5th grade GCCTM tournament team and the Power of the Pen team meet after school on Monday.
- Our all school Penance Service is on Tuesday, December 13 at 1:00 p.m.
- We are looking forward to our Primary Christmas concert in Church at 1:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14.
- Club Lead meets for the last time on Thursday, December 15.

God Bless,

Carol L. Jansky, Principal

## CLOWN/HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

This past Sunday, Fr. Roger spoke about preparing ourselves during this Advent season for the birth of Christ. We have to examine ourselves on forgiveness and kindness to others. As for myself, forgiveness can be difficult to do, but when we do, kindness follows and thus can become the greatest Christmas gift, much better than anything material. As the saying goes: "if you say you love a God you do not see, then how can you say you do not love the neighbor who you see?"

The Christmas party for the Clown and Helping Hands Ministry was such a great event because you could feel the sense of community and love. A special thank you to those who made this a special night; Fred Havlice, Lois Heil, Mike Rufo, and Chuck Giomuso. GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME, ALL THE TIME GOD IS GOOD.

P.S. If there are any sick children or adults that might enjoy a visit from Santa on Christmas, please call the rectory at 440-442-3410.

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

**CUB SCOUT BAKED GOODS:** St Paschal Baylon's Church Cub Scout Pack is selling Baked Goods this weekend after all Masses. Christmas cookies and other baked goods will be available to all providing a donation to the Pack. The funds raised will help subsidize activities for the boys in Pack 555.

**FLOCK OF FRIENDSHIP:** Singles: 40 and over, Information: (440) 442-3410 Membership is free. E-mail address: [flockfriends@yahoo.com](mailto:flockfriends@yahoo.com) Events are social, volunteering and spiritual. On Saturdays of the month, we will assemble on the sidewalk in front of the Preterm abortion facility at 12000 Shaker Blvd at 9:30 a.m. For more information call Jim at 440.944.1552 or Julie at 216-362-1732.

Friday, December 16th at 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly game night at St. Paschal Family Life Center. This is one of our best-attended events and is good for old and new members. Please bring a snack to share, money for pizza, and your favorite game. RSVP Jim at 440-944-1552 to let him know you are coming. The Book Club will meet on Friday, January 6th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paschal Family Life Center. The book we will be discussing is A Tap On The Window by Linwood Barclay. RSVP to Karen at [karendoubrava@sbcglobal.net](mailto:karendoubrava@sbcglobal.net)



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH: SPB YOUTH GROUP'S ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA/BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS 11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.** Join Santa and his elves for a very special Birthday Party for Jesus. We will have games, crafts, and a photo opportunity with the big guy himself. Tickets are \$8 per person. All proceeds will go towards our Life in the Eucharist Mission trip.

**HELPING HANDS GIVING TREE:** The annual "Giving Tree" is set up in the Narthex during Advent. The items listed on the paper ornaments are items that Helping Hands Ministry will deliver as gifts to the needy of Cleveland through our Knight Riders (socks, hats, gloves, sleeping bags, tents) and to our new venue, Villa Serena (sweatshirts, socks, blankets, towels) during the Christmas season. If you would like to help, please take a paper ornament, purchase the item, and return the item to the narthex or rectory. Please attach the paper ornament to the gift. Items marked "VS" maybe wrapped or put into a gift bag, items marked "KR" may be unwrapped with the ornament attached. Please return items by December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**WHAT IS "BAMBINELLI SUNDAY?"** Throughout the weekend of December 17th and 18th, a "**Bambinelli Blessing**" will be held during all of the Masses. "Bambinelli," refers to the "Baby Jesus" in a Nativity scene. Originated by Pope Paul VI in 1969, the blessing takes place each year in Rome on the Third Sunday of Advent. Since then, Roman Catholic churches from around the world, and now ours, have adopted this tradition – though we will do this a week later, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent. Every family is invited to bring their "Baby Jesus" from their Nativity Scene to the Mass they attend on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent and receive a blessing. Have your children come forward with the baby Jesus figurine. The Bambinelli Blessing after the homily will incite us to experience God's true joy and love that comes to us from the infant Jesus, which reinforces the true meaning of Christmas: the birth of Jesus Christ. Come and rejoice in God's love for you in this new Advent celebration with your parish family!

**1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROLING AT THE BLESSED SACRAMENT COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS MANGER:** We invite you and your family to share in a new SPB tradition as we gather outside (dress appropriately!) on Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Park in the horseshoe parking lot, walk over to the doors of St. Ann's shrine to get your Caroling Book, and proceed to the front of the manger. Caroling will last about 30 minutes and conclude with hot chocolate inside the lobby. This new tradition could be a perfect family picture for next year's Christmas card so bring your cameras and cell phones for picture taking. Let us celebrate the Birth of Our Savior who is Christ our Lord!

**LADIES GUILD PAST PRESENT AND FUTURE MASS: JANUARY 15, 2017, 10:00 a.m.** We invite all past, present and future Guild members and their families to attend this special Mass and reception afterward. Contact Beth Mennel at 440-759-4694 or [bsmennel@gmail.com](mailto:bsmennel@gmail.com) for more information or to make sure you are on Guild update emails. Thank you!

**TOWN HALL:** An important piece of the Pastoral Plan was having a "town hall" style meeting from time to time; as part of the Pastoral plan and as we move toward consensus with the capital campaign, please plan on being present for this Town Hall Meeting, in the name of the Quarterly, **Tuesday, January 10, 7:00 p.m. in the Eymard Room.** Thanks for marking this on your calendar; if unable to attend, let us know of your interest and we would welcome you coming in to meet with Barb DiTurno, our Advancement Director.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING  
DECEASED PARISHIONERS:**

Betty Evans, Helen Karl, Laura Carciappolo, Michael Petitti

## GIFTS PROGRAM DONATIONS

**GIFTS (GIVING IS FUNDAMENTAL TO SUCCESS!)** Receiving the GIFTS Annual Appeal – making up the difference between amount we request for tuition verses the actual cost for each student. Now more than ever, a donation to SPB is an investment in the future of our church – our dear young people.

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