

Mass Intentions



Monday, December 11, 2017

5:30 p.m. Robert L. Helfrich (Moore Family)

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

12:15 p.m. Alexandria Frank

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

12:15 p.m. Eileen Meiner (Moore Family)

Thursday, December 14, 2017

7:00 a.m. Calogera Capobianco (Maria Harasty)

Friday, December 15, 2017

12:15 p.m. Lexi Frank (Bacik Family)

Saturday, December 16, 2017

5:00 p.m. Robert Fratus (Fratus Family)

Sunday, December 17, 2017

8:30 a.m. Luigi Guerriero (Family)

11:00 a.m. Natalie Clemente (Tony Kellers)

8:00 p.m. Living and Deceased of Holy Rosary

NOTE: If your family has requested a weekend Mass Intention, we invite you to bring up the offertory gifts. Please inform an usher *before* Mass begins.

Daily Readings, Feast Days & Observances

Monday, December 11:

Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday, December 13: St. Lucy

Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, December 14: St. John of the Cross

Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday, December 15:

Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, December 16:

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday, December 17: Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

✠ *Rest in Peace* ✠

Mary Vitolo

With Gratitude & Appreciation

Offertory, December 2-3: \$ 5,248.00

For information about electronic giving through **Faith Direct**, visit faithdirect.net. Holy Rosary's Parish Code is OH473. *Thank you for your generosity!*

Upcoming Parish Events:

Sunday, December 10: • *Coffee/Donuts in the church hall following the Sunday morning Masses.*

- PSR/Atrium, 9:30-10:50 a.m. (3rd floor, Parish Center)
- CIM Youth String Camerata Concert at 5:30 p.m. in the church.

Tuesday, December 12: • *RCIA* from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

- Neighborhood Safety Meeting at 6 pm. (Hall)

Wednesday, December 13: *Communal Penance* 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 16:

- *Amahl and the Night Visitors* – Christmas Opera at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

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Advent Communal Penance



Please plan to attend our Advent Communal Penance Service at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13th, at Holy Rosary. Several priests will be in attendance as we prepare for the Nativity of Our Lord. Please watch the bulletin for additional times for confession during the remainder of the Advent season.

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The Cleveland Institute of Music and Holy Rosary Present

CIM Youth String Camerata In Concert

The Cleveland Institute of Music's Youth String Camerata will perform a concert at our church on Sunday, December 10 at 5:30pm. Conductor and violist Marcia Ferritto will lead a selection of young string players performing works by Bach, Corelli, Mozart and others. The concert will also feature our own Holy Rosary Choir! Free Admission.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS for December 16-17

Lectors:

- 5:00 p.m.** Rosetta Vercellino
- 8:30 a.m.** Marietta Santucci
- 11:00 a.m.** John Grazia
- 8:00 p.m.** Christine Kassuba

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

- 5:00 p.m.** F. DiFranco, Chris Trotta, Anne DeMarco
- 8:30 a.m.** Fred Karboski, John D'Angelo
- 11:00 a.m.** Sheri Parks, Joy Vargas
- 8:00 p.m.** Rose Spena, Tammy & Jonathan Moore

Altar Servers:

- 5:00 p.m.** F. DiFranco, C. Moore
- 8:30 a.m.** P. Gaughan, P. Gaughan
- 11:00 a.m.** C. Martin, S. Eyerman
- 8:00 p.m.** R. Spena, J. Moore

Dear Parish Family,

On this second Sunday of Advent, we focus on the person of John the Baptist, as the forerunner who prepares the coming of Jesus into the world. Mark's gospel begins with the story of John the Baptist in the desert, fulfilling the prophecy contained in Isaiah. John himself is considered the hinge between the Old Testament prophets and the coming of the Messiah.

True to form for our Lord, His advance man is not at all what we would expect, dressed in camel's hair and eating locusts and wild honey. Despite this, John is able to draw many to repentance and a transformation in their lives through the power of the Spirit working through him. He is most effective in preparing the way for Jesus and His public ministry. Next week, we will hear the account from John's gospel regarding the ministry of John the Baptist.

But does John have any effect on our lives? Do his words of repentance and conversion stir us to deeper awareness of the Lord's Presence in our lives and draw us into a closer relationship with God? Again, that is the whole point of Advent – to help us prepare for the coming of Christ. As the gospel writers properly place John the Baptist at the beginning to help us understand Christ, so too does the Church focus on John at the beginning of the liturgical year to help us understand our ongoing call to continual conversion and growth in holiness.

We are people always in preparation for the Lord, throughout the entirety of our lives. In his time, John shook up the status quo. He needed to do so, because Jesus was coming to reset its course and people had to be ready to receive that. What part of the status quo of our lives needs to be shaken up a bit? Where do we perhaps need to reset our course for living an authentic Christian life to which the Lord calls us? Being prepared requires a continuous effort at self-evaluation and adjustment if we are to grow deeper into our relationship with God and look forward to sharing eternity with Him.

Again, this is not passive on our part; it requires constant effort and commitment. Admittedly, that is not always easy for us. We get tired and just want to coast for a bit. That is the devil's trap. That is why John the Baptist came to preach and give people a wakeup call so that Christ could destroy the circle of violence forever through His Cross and Resurrection. The graces available to us through that sacrifice are limitless. We need only open ourselves to receiving them as they are freely given.

So, as we continue our journey this Advent, let us allow the words of John the Baptist to echo in our hearts – prepare the way for the Lord to enter and abide with us so that we may live out our call to holiness each day. Only then will we experience the joy of Christ's Presence and be able to share that joy into the Christmas season.

In Christ,
Fr. Joe Previte



ADVENT ANGEL TREE 2017



For the past few years, it has been our Advent tradition to sponsor an "Angel Tree" for children who come from families that have been challenged by economic difficulties.

Working through Catholic Charities, we will continue our custom of helping St. Philip Neri Family Center and their Community Christmas Shop.

We are also collaborating with Catholic Charities' Office of Migration and Refugee Services, to help those families and individuals who have resettled in the Cleveland area from troubled nations throughout the world.

Please see the information near our Advent Angel in the sanctuary for how you can help a family in need this year. *"...Jesus said, "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me...whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did it for me."*
(Mt. 25: 40)

Please pray about how you and your families can bring God's love and joy to the stranger, a child, mother and father, and recognize them as *your* brothers and sisters in the name of Jesus Christ.

Please bring your unwrapped gifts to the church hall in a gift bag this weekend, December 9th-10th, or give to one of the ushers at Mass. Mark the bag clearly for the St. Philip Neri Center or for the Migration and Refugee Services.

Thank you for your continued generosity during this Advent Season.

Bulletin Advertising – Thank you!

Holy Rosary is grateful to our many Bulletin Sponsors and wishes to encourage parishioners to support the businesses who choose to advertise in the weekly parish bulletin. Thank you so much for your support!

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

The annual collection is this weekend, December 9-10th. "Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders! Special envelopes are available near the church exits. Thank you.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you have not been baptized, were baptized in another Christian tradition, or baptized Catholic in need of First Communion and Confirmation, please come and join us on Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Father Joseph Previte or Anne De Marco at the Parish Office at (216) 421-2995.

Amahl and the Night Visitors

Saturday, December 16th, 7:00 p.m.

"Amahl and the Night Visitors," Gian Carlo Menotti's classic Christmas opera, returns to Holy Rosary Church on Saturday, December 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Cleveland Opera Theater and Holy Rosary Church present the moving story of a boy, Amahl, who can walk only with a crutch. He lives with his mother in Bethlehem in the first century. They receive visitors, three kings from a faraway land on a journey to meet a newborn child, and what happens next... You'll have to be there to find out!

In the spirit of the holiday season, admission to this production is free. A reception will follow in the Parish Center and all are welcome!



The Holy Rosary Capital Campaign

PARISH GOAL: \$ 1,300,000.00
Pledges Made to date: \$ 1,412,796.23
Payments Made to date: \$ 1,404,072.23

We are grateful for the sacrificial payments made by parish families and friends who believe in Continuing the Tradition that is Holy Rosary parish. If interested in making a contribution, please call the Office at 216-421-2995. Payments may also be made through Faith Direct at www.faithdirect.com.

Thank you for your prayers & generosity!



2018 March for Life Bus Trip with Hotel Stay

Make this the year you commit two days to take the message to our nation's capitol that we are a country that supports the life of even its most vulnerable citizens. Leave Sacred Heart of Jesus, 1545 South Green Road, South Euclid, Ohio 44121 at 7:00 a.m., January 18, sight-see upon arrival, overnight stay in a hotel, ride the Metro to Mass the morning of January 19, Rally and March in the afternoon. Board the bus after the March for late night return to South Euclid. Bus fare is \$65.00. The rate per room is \$114.00. Rooms sleep up to 6 people. Reservations and information: heightsarea4life@gmail.com or call (216) 932-9515. **Deadline December 15.**

Cleveland Right to Life

Cleveland Right to Life is seeking volunteers to assist with their Life Savers Program which provides material assistance to individuals and families in need from all walks of life and in a multitude of different circumstances. Call 216-661-3000 or email director@clevelandrighttolife.org to join our team.

SAVE THE DATE!

**Annual Christmas Caroling
 on Friday, December 22nd at 6:30 p.m.**

The Family Ministry at Holy Rosary invites you to our annual evening of Christmas Caroling. We sing for our homebound parishioners in the Little Italy neighborhood, then gather together for cookies, snacks and hot cocoa after we return to Holy Rosary. Dress for the weather, including warm boots or shoes for walking and bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Invite friends or family and make it a new annual tradition. Meet in the Parish Center at 6:30 p.m. Songbooks are provided, no special talent is required, and all ages are welcome!



Neighborhood Safety Meeting

The last Safety Meeting of the year will be on Tuesday December 12th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Holy Rosary Parish Hall.

Little Italy Redevelopment Tripe Dinner

Tuesday, February 6th at 6:00 p.m. \$45.00/Person. For more info and tickets, call Ray at 216-791-4907.

Pray for All Those in the Military, Law Enforcement & Firefighters

• *Third District Cleveland Police • Battalion I Cleveland Firefighters*

- Firefighter Nicholas Angie, Euclid • First Lieut. Timothy Berger, Marines • Sgt. Dan Clementi, Shaker Hts. Police Dept. • Basic Patrol Officer Danny Clementi, Cleveland Heights Police Dept. • First Lieut. Evan Campbell, Marines • David D'Eusanio, Parma & Willoughby Hills Police Depts. • Rct. Frank DiPenti, Marines • SFC Daniel Geraci Elliott • Patrol Officer Christopher Frato, Jr., Euclid • Firefighter Joseph Frato, Euclid • Ryan Gvora, Mayfield Hts. Firefighter • R.J. Harmon, Willoughby Hills Police Dept. • William Madan, Mayfield Hts. Firefighter • Nicholas Mandato, Air Force • Sgt. Miles McGreehan, U.S. Army Reserves • Sgt. James Mixon • Sgt. Sean Moriarty, U.S. Army • Lt. Kevin Owens, Beachwood Police Dept. • SrA Stevan Previte, Air Force • Joseph Della Rosa, U.S. Coast Guard • Captain Jonathan Royer, Marines • Firefighter Michael Scabbo, Bedford • Matthew Scalisi, Cleveland Clinic Police Dept. • Deputy Rex Smith, Minnehaha County, SD • Mark Stack, Marine Reserves & Lorain Firefighter • Patrol Officer Matthew Sustarsic • Sgt. Ralph Valentino, Cleveland Police Dept.



PRAYER INTENTIONS:

Please keep the following individuals and their caregivers in your prayers. Names will remain on the list for one year. If you wish to add a name to the list, please call the Parish Office at (216) 421-2995.

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| Jim Anderson | Rose LaMattina |
| Michael Antonacci, Jr. | Salvatore C. Lamont |
| Jim Bindas | Robert Lay |
| Adrian Blondet | Antoinette Malatesta |
| Villacorta | James Malatesta |
| Joy Buckholtz | Morgan Maloney |
| Michael K. Buckholtz | Bobby Mandato |
| Joanne Burns | Ron Mandato |
| Stacey Burnette | Denise Martinez |
| Ebe Chamberlin | Harry McNally |
| Patricia Cornacchione | Melinda & Steve |
| Gabe Council | Patrick McKinney |
| Keith Davis | George Mertel |
| Celeste DiCillo | Joseph Monaco |
| Mary DiGeronimo | Gus Nahra |
| Victor DiGeronimo | Anthony Nunziata |
| Sadie Falorio | Nancy Olah |
| John Favorite | Mark Peck |
| John Feighan | Danielle Pelesec |
| Marie Fiori | Michael Peluso |
| Mary Fiorilli | Emily Pinzone |
| Venita Fratantonio | Shane Prichard |
| Anthony Gatto | Patrick Pronio |
| Jackie Gallagher | Gretchen Richmond |
| Gino Gentile | Susan Royer |
| Joe Giancola | John Sabetta |
| Florencio Gomez | Antonino Scarpeti |
| Nick Grasso | Charles Skripko |
| Chris Gruttadaria | Jim Slavsor |
| Nate Hanna | Viv Strong |
| Anton Hannaford | Cheryl Sweitzer |
| Terri Hannaford | Sendev Tamilselvan |
| Cathy Heimburger | Karyn Thomas |
| Laurie Hemsoth | Margaret Trenkamp |
| Michalina Hocevar | Erin O'Brien Tuttle |
| Bernadette Iacobucci | Annmarie Varga |
| Albert Jann | Johnny Vorobel |
| Jaynanne Kapostasy | Donald Worthington |

**East Cleveland Community Meals
Parish Help Needed!**

On behalf of the Newman Campus Ministry, help is needed from parishioners and students in preparing and serving meals monthly for the East Cleveland Community Center. Please contact Anne DeMarco at the Parish Office at 216-421-2995 or email Julia O'Brien at jao47@case.edu. Thank you.

Are You a Registered Parishioner?

If you have been attending Mass at Holy Rosary but haven't yet registered, please call the Parish Office at (216) 421-2995. We look forward to officially welcoming you!



With the semester winding down, this week's events for the most part look a lot different from what we normally have going on. We've still got great stuff planned for this first week of finals though, so spend some of your study breaks with us!

This Week's Schedule:

Monday, December 11 || Adoration and Praise and Worship: This will be our first time hosting a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament, and it is our hope that this will become a monthly event! This wonderful, peaceful, and uplifting time in worship will be a great way to kick off finals week – giving you a chance to prepare your spirit the way you've spent the semester preparing your mind! Please join us at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center for this special hour of Adoration.

Tuesday, December 12, 6:15 p.m. at the IFC || Lectio Divina Prayer Group: A group of young professionals, graduate, and undergraduate students who gather to pray with the Scriptures at this time every week. Feel free to drop in whenever you're free. Contact Peter Liao (pll21@case.edu) if you have any questions!

Thursday, December 14 at Holy Rosary || Game Night: After just about a full week of studying, paper writing, and test taking, what better way to take a load off your mind than to play board games with friends? (Those of you who answered "time spent in prayer or at Mass" get bonus points). We'll be hosting our second game night of the semester this Thursday, and will meet in the church hall at 6:30 p.m.

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