



Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

*Third Sunday of Advent*

*9:00 am Harry & Dolores Abramowski*

*11:00 am Helen & Louis Lanzola*

Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

*No Morning Mass*

Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

*8:30 am All Souls*

Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

*No Morning Mass*

Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

*8:30 am Sick & Needy of SJN*

*St. Vincent DePaul Society*

Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>

*8:30 am In Thanksgiving to*

*Our Lady of Guadalupe*

Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>

*4:00 pm Allan Selva*

Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

*9:00 am St. John Nepomucene Parish*

*11:00 am Charlotte Kotlarsic*

*Christmas Eve Vigil*

*4:00 pm Special Intention*

*Christmas Vigil Mass*

*with Buck McDaniel*

*10:00 pm Special Intention*

*Traditional Midnight Mass*

*with Ralph Bednarz & Schola*

**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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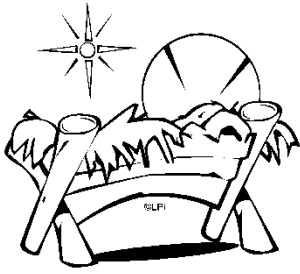
**Baptisms** – The 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 12:00 pm. Parents are required to attend Pre-Baptism Class. Arrangements must be made a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the date of baptism. Before parents baptize their child Diocesan and parish policy requires you to complete a Baptism Preparation Class. **The next class will be on Sunday, January 7, 2018 at Holy Name Parish at 1 pm.** Reservations needed; please call 216-271-4242 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, should register as adults. If you attend mass, but are not registered, please contact our parish office so that you can be registered here.

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**Pre -Cana Program** for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage at the Jesuit Retreat House on Sunday, **January 14, 2018 at 12:45 pm.** This program satisfies the requirement for marriage preparation as stipulated by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. Register at 440-884-9300 or online at [www.jrhcleve@att.net](http://www.jrhcleve@att.net)



*Dear Parishioners,*

*Christmas is around  
the corner!  
Everyone is welcome  
to join our Parish  
Pastoral Council in  
decorating the inside*

*of our church for Christmas on Sunday,  
December 17<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.*

*Our Mass Schedule for Christmas is as  
follows:*

*Christmas Eve – 4 pm and 10 pm*

*Christmas Day – 9 am and 11am*

*May all of us experience the joy of Our  
Savior's birth.*

*I wish to thank all who participated in the  
Giving Tree Project, Pete & Stasia Gentile,  
our Social Concerns Commission, our  
St. Vincent de Paul Society for their  
donation, and all our wonderful and  
generous parishioners who purchased the  
Christmas presents for the children in our  
neighborhood. The Giving Tree exemplifies  
the spirit of generosity that lives in our  
parish.*

*Let us look forward to celebrating again the  
Birth of Our Savior. May Christ be born  
again in all of us.*

*Prayers & Best Wishes,  
Father Jasany*

*I hope and pray that all of us may together  
rejoice in the Gift of God's Only Son, Our  
Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. May all of us  
receive the Gift, share the Gift and give the  
Gift that is Christ this Christmas.*

*My Christmas Prayer for you...*

*Is the Christmas prayer still made by the  
shepherds in the rural village of Eastern  
Europe as they call house to house:  
On this Glorious Feast of the Birthday of  
Christ Our Lord, I wish you from God , God  
Health, Happiness, and Abundant Blessings.  
May it be yours to enjoy comfort from your  
Children, Salvation for your soul.*

*The Kingdom of Heaven after Death, and for  
the Family's Welfare.*

*May you have whatever you ask of God And  
May Almighty God bless you...in the name  
of the Father, and of the Son, and of the  
Holy Spirit.*

*Amen*

*God bless you all for your continued good  
works and generosity.*

*Father Jasany*

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Where would we be without Jesus? He was born of a woman so we could be born of God....He humbled himself so we could be lifted up. He became a servant so we could be heirs. He suffered rejection so we could become his friends. He denied Himself so we could freely receive all things. He fully gave himself so He could bless us in every way!

In response to the Great Gift given to you in Jesus Christ and in honor of Our Savior's birth, would you kindly consider making a financial gift to the parish of St John Nepomucene at Christmas? Just as we give a gift to someone on his or her birthday, I kindly request that you make a financial gift to our parish as a way to honor Christ on His Birthday.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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

**\$1000 Raffle**- please note the raffle date has been moved up a week due to the Christmas Holiday. Please make sure your tickets are returned.

**St Vincent DePaul Meeting- 10 am**

**Christmas Church Decorating- 3pm**

Please consider volunteering your time to help make our church look beautiful for Christmas. Refreshments will be served.

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

**PSR 6:30-8pm**

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

**Golden Agers Meeting**

**Choir Practice 7 pm**

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

**Grandmothers Club Meeting**

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

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

*The virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."*

*Matthew 1:23*

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

**Mass Schedule**

9:00 am and 11:00 am

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**Please note** –The Rectory office will be closed on Monday December 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday December 26<sup>th</sup>.

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Sanctuary Guild Volunteers  
December 20<sup>th</sup> thru January 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Jackie Hejl & Elaine Smith

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May our prayers bring healing, comfort and strength to the sick and their caregivers, remembering especially;

Mary Adams, Greg Basco,

Mary Ann Betliskey, Noella Burrows, Pat Colburn, Donna Czyzynski, Corrine Dawe, Joseph Deccola, Carole Dlouhy, Robert Dunning, Jose Dybzinski, Patrick Hejl, Patrica Hejl-Rodriguez, Kristin Hill, Jake Jackson, Millie Jasany, Suzanne Kilker, Lucy Konkoly, Tom Konkoly, Judy Landolph, Bishop Richard Lennon, John Limber, Barbie Lister, Art Madsen, Rose Meadows, Jeanette Miller, Marguerite Miller, Donna Murrin, Louis Novac, Art Novotny, John Pocius, Megan Pucciana, James Rodes Jr., James Rodes Sr., Joel Rivera, Bob Schippling, Margaret Slechta, Elaine Stack, Rev. John Tezie Aaron Theim, Ed Vitigoj, Carole Walk, Ron Walk, Robert Wagner, Vicky Yates, and David Zelenka.

For the Men and Women serving in the military, especially those from our parish & their families.

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**Non-Stop Christmas Music**

**The Living Bread Radio Network** presents Non-Stop music all throughout Christmas! Tune in on Christmas Eve, beginning at 3pm for all of your favorite religious Christmas songs. Then on Christmas Morning at 8am, tune in for a special presentation of "The Bible Story of Christmas," narrated by Bing Crosby. The whole hour will feature Bing and his unforgettable Christmas music! Listen on the radio, online, on their mobile app, or even through Amazon's Alexa!

**Oplatki**-Many families observe the Christmas Eve tradition with oplatki. Please help yourself to a package from the table located at the Blessed Mother's Altar.

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**Thanks to your recycling efforts** we received a check for \$56.51 for our October Recycling efforts from River Valley Paper Company! We recycled 4,520 lbs of paper products. Please remember during the upcoming holidays to recycle all your holiday paper this season. Wrapping Paper, Packing, Boxes, Holiday Catalogs and Holiday Cards may be added to your regular collection.  
Just bring it to the bin!

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**Tax Letter for 2017 Contributions**  
Parishioners who would like a letter to verify their church contributions for the 2017 tax year are asked to call the rectory office at 216-641-8444 or drop a note in the offertory basket to the attention of Mrs Kowalski. A letter will be prepared and mailed to you after January 8, 2018. If you call the rectory after office hours, please leave a message in voicemail box #10.

**Reminder:**

**Concerning 2017 Contribution Statement**

In order for your contributions to be considered for the 2017 Tax Year, they must be received by December 31, 2017 and your check must be dated 2017. Contributions received on or after January 1, 2018 must be reported as 2018 contributions.

**This complies with the IRS Requirements and Regulations.**

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**Thank you**

The Altar & Rosary Society would like to thank our members and parishioners for supporting our Christmas Tree Gift Card Raffle. Your generosity by donating gift cards, purchasing tickets, and making monetary donations has helped to make this a very successful fundraiser.

We were able to raffle off three prizes this year

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize was for \$260 in gift cards  
won by Chris Kowalczyk
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize was for \$150 in gift cards  
won by Mary Ann Trzaska
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize was for \$100 in gift cards  
won by Pauline Kowalski

When we ask, you always come through for us, We thank you again for your support which enables us to meet the altar necessities of our Parish. God has truly blessed us with great people at our church.

We will be having it again next year, so see you then.

Have a Blessed & Happy New Year!!!

SJN Sacred Heart Altar & Rosary Board

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**2018 March for Life Bus Trip- 1 Night Stay-** Take the message to our nation's capital that we are a country that supports the life of even its most vulnerable citizens. Leave Sacred Heart of Jesus, 1545 South Green Road, So Euclid, Oh 44121 at 7 am, January 18. The Rally and March will take place in the afternoon on January 19<sup>th</sup>, We will board the bus following the rally. Bus fare is \$65. The rate per room is \$114. For information call 216-932-9515 or [heightsarea4life@gmail.com](mailto:heightsarea4life@gmail.com)  
Reservation deadline December 17, 2017.