



Sunday, November 30th

First Sunday of Advent

9:00 am St. John Nepomucene Parish

***11:00 am Dorothy & Rudy Malec &
the Deceased Members of the
Debelak & Malec Families***

Monday, December 1st

7:00 pm Communal Penance

Tuesday, December 2nd

8:30 am Mark Iwan

Wednesday, December 3rd

No Morning Mass

Thursday, December 4th

9:00 am John & Mae Jandik

Friday, December 5th

8:30 am Zan and Lottie Lewandowski

Saturday, December 6th

4:00 pm St. John Nepomucene Parish

Sunday, December 7th

Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Albina Selva

***11:00 am Alan G. Veccia
5th Anniversary***

Stewardship of Treasure

<i>Sunday, November 23rd</i>	<i>\$2039.00</i>
<i>Praise the Roof</i>	<i>52.00</i>
<i>St. Vincent DePaul Society</i>	<i>170.00</i>

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 Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at St. Stanislaus Parish at 7 pm.** Reservations are needed; please call 216-341-9091 to make your reservation.

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- **Sunday, January 11, 2015 at 12:30 pm.** This 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 weekend begins the Holy Season of Advent. It is a Season of Joyful Expectation! We pray that Christ, Our Savior will be born again in us.

On Sunday, November 30th at 12 pm there is an Advent Reflection in our parish hall entitled "Coming Home for Christmas: Who and Where is My Family?" All are invited to attend.

We will again have the St. John Nepomucene "Giving Tree" to provide gifts for needy children in our parish and at Beech Brook, which serves North East Ohio's most vulnerable children. Take one or more tags from the "Giving Tree" and purchase a gift for a needy child or children.

On Monday, December 1st, we will celebrate Communal Penance in our church. Everyone is invited to go to confession that evening. All of us are sinners in need of a Savior. The Savior wishes to be born again in the manglers of our hearts. We will have additional confessors that evening to assist with our celebration. Everyone is invited to attend! Please invite people whom you know to come to our Communal Penance Service. Having a relationship with Jesus Christ is the Reason for the Season.

Perhaps you are aware of someone who has "fallen away" from the active practice of the Catholic Faith. It could be someone in your own family or maybe a friend. Invite that person to come with you.

Please pick up a Blue Advent Book at the entrances of our church. The book contains prayers and reflections for every day during Advent.

This Year the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holyday of Obligation. We will have Masses at 8:30 am and 7 pm. Kathryn DeCapite, President of the World Apostolate of Fatima, Cleveland Division will give a talk on the Fatima Message immediately after the 7 pm Mass in our church. Please plan to attend.

This could be our best Christmas ever if we open our hearts to Christ by participating in the various events that are offered to us.

Wishing you a Happy and Blessed Advent.

Prayers & Best Wishes!
Father Jasany

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Today is the start of the Advent season.

Jesus, Revealer of God's Presence – We want Jesus to come and reveal himself in us and our world. So this week, let us pray to notice the signs of his presence.

Advent Program after the 11 am Mass. Everyone is invited to this program. A light lunch of soup will start the afternoon and a short Advent program entitled "**Coming Home for Christmas, Where is my home and Who is my family?**" will follow.



Monday, December 1st

Advent Communal Penance Service
7 pm in Church. Everyone is invited to attend.

PSR Classes 6:30 – 8 pm

Tuesday, December 2nd

Rosary at 8 am before Mass

Wednesday, December 3rd

Liga Morska Meeting at 11 am at Cuyahoga Hts. Village Hall

Rosary Making 10 am – 12 Noon at the rectory.

Adult Education at 6:30 pm – “The Nuts and Bolts of Daily Spirituality”

Zumba Class 7 pm School Hall

Choir Practice – 7 pm

Thursday, December 4th

Rosary at 8 am before Mass

Thursday, December 5th First Friday

Rosary at 8 am before Mass

Avila News – Due to harsh winter weather in the coming months, the Avilas agreed to discontinue the monthly Holy Hour for Vocations in Church on the First Fridays in December, January, February and possibly March. We agree to pray as usual but in the warmth of our own homes. During these months, the Avila Meditations will be found in Church on the radiator nearest Father’s sacristy door. They are in a folder marked Avila Meditations. Please take a copy home for your private holy hour.

Please remember St. Nicholas on December 6th and have fruit, nuts and/or candy in his honor. Be safe. Be warm. Pray for vocations.

Many Thanks, Rita Traska

Saturday, December 6th

First Saturday Devotions – 3:15 pm
Benedictine High School Entrance Exam
9 am to Noon. For information call Joe Laffey at 216-421-2080, ext 356 or email laffey@cbhs.edu

Sunday, December 7th

Second Sunday of Advent

Jesus, Renewer of Our Hope – We hope that Jesus’ presence will change us and our lives. So let us pray this week not to fear these changes.



Altar & Rosary Society
Christmas Party and

Meeting beginning at 12:30 pm.

Reservations are needed for this event. Members, please call Dolores Minko at 216-341-9329 if you have questions.

This weekend is the Annual Appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Senior Catholic sisters, brothers and priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals and social service agencies, often for very little, if any pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement and elder care. Your gift to this fund helps provide for their care. Please give to those who have given a lifetime. Envelopes for this collection are in your monthly envelope packet.

Sanctuary Guild Volunteers for
November 26th thru December 9th

Kathy Bondzio & Patty Kowalec

Readings for the Week of November 30th

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1

Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

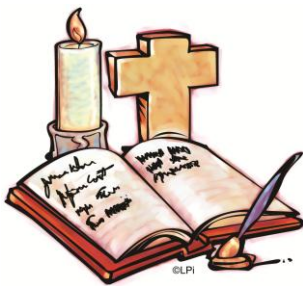
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35--10:1,
5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2

Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8



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

Carol Bellomy, Gwen Beres,
Mary Ann Betliskey, Bill Bican,
Millie Bloedorn, Bonnie Branche,
Bill Connors, Katie Davis, Corrine Dawe,
Robert Dunning, Jose Dybzinski,
Kristin Hill, Frances Holecek, Art Madsen,
Cindi Magyar, Rita Petkoff, Brianne Rhine,
Chris Toth, Andrew Turowski and
Virginia Turowski.

May our Loved Ones who have died, rest in eternal happiness in heaven remembering especially Lillian Vanek and Eleanor Lewandowski Ruzicka, whose funerals were last week and those who are listed in our Book of Life.

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

Gift Card Christmas Tree Update

To date we have enough gift cards to have four prizes. They are as follows: 1st Place - \$300, 2nd Place \$200, 3rd Place \$100 and 4th Place \$50. As more cards are donated, the value will increase. For your convenience tickets are available on the registers at each door of the Church. So please turn in your raffle tickets and your gift cards, or your monetary donation, to purchase gift cards by placing them in an envelope to the attention of SJN Altar & Rosary Society, c/o Loretta Delagarza. As more cards are sent in the amount of the number of prizes will increase.



We will continue to sell tickets until Sunday, December 7th after Mass. The drawing will take place on Sunday, December 7th at our Society's Christmas Party. The winners will be notified by phone.

Thank you for your help and generosity!
SJN Altar & Rosary Society

Do you need Food? The Greater Cleveland Food Bank can assist you.

Call today at 216-738-2067. Apply over the phone. You no longer have to go the county office to apply for Food stamps. No waiting in line to apply. The monthly income limits for this program are:

Household #	Monthly Income
1	\$1265
2	\$1705
3	\$2144
4	\$2584

Additional household members please add \$440 to monthly income.

Karen's Korner

Did you know that the book of Isaiah contains many of the prophecies about the birth of the Messiah? Isaiah 11:1-9 talks about the root that shall come from the stump of Jesse, this is where the Jewish people realized that the Messiah would be from the line of King David. Isaiah was a prophet during the time of exile for the Israelites. Later in Isaiah 40:3-5, the prophet says, "A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'"

This theme will be repeated during this Advent several times. This is a time of joyful waiting for our Lord, not a time of penance. This is a time to reflect on the crooked paths in our lives and find ways to make them straight. Micah 5: 2-3 says, "But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel."

Advent is a time to return to the Lord with gladness, to find ways to love the baby King more deeply. The prophets were speaking to a divided kingdom about how they had turned away from Yahweh and how they would be destroyed if they did not repent. But they also give us such great hope for the future!

Jeremiah is one of my favorite prophets and my favorite story is the potter and the clay in Jeremiah 18:1-6. The Lord asks Jeremiah, "Can I not do with you, O House of Israel, just as the potter has done?" A potter forms and re-forms the clay until it is to his liking. What things in our lives need to be re-formed this Christmas?

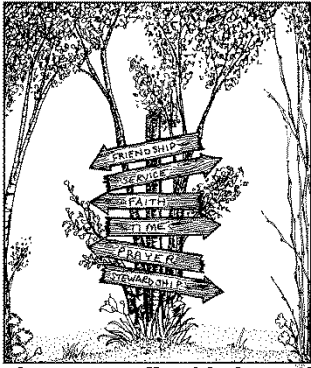
Fr. Robert Barron has a series of daily Advent reflections that can be sent right to your email! Go to www.wordonfire.org and sign up! It is FREE! I believe he is one of our modern day prophets calling us to deeper faith and love of the Lord. Want to hear some of his sermons or thoughts? Go to www.YouTube.com and search, you will be amazed at what he has to say! Advent is a wonderful period of reflection on how this baby King effects our lives on a daily basis! Happy Advent!

Please join me on Friday, December 12, 2014 for the Hallmark Hall of Fame movie, "The Gift of Love: A Christmas Story"

See you soon! Karen

Please consider purchasing gift certificates for the hard to buy for individuals on your Christmas list! If you are looking for a gift for that hard to buy for person, consider a gift certificate. We have gift certificates from \$10.00 to \$100.00. Certificate are available for Acme Stores, Daves, Giant Eagle, Heinens, Applebees, Arbys, Bakers Square, Barth & Body, BP Gasoline, Lowes, Marathon Gas, Mr. Hero, Olive Garden, Starbucks, Subway and many more. A list of gift certificates is available on the church registers near the entrance doors. You can also call of stop at the rectory office for information or to purchase certificates.

Standing at a Crossroad?



Choose to Walk with the Lord

Stewardship

The season of Advent is upon us, and in today's Gospel Jesus delivers a simple message through the pen of Saint Mark:

"Be watchful! Be alert!" Christian stewards understand what Jesus meant when he said, "It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his assigned task." Good stewards realize that to each one a task is assigned by God. They have been set in a particular place and station in life, and have been gifted with unique relationships. How do we respond to the tasks or cultivate our relationships in a way that keeps us alert for the return of Christ?

The World Apostolate of Fatima Cleveland Division Advent Retreat - Advent Shapes Us for Hope

December 12th & 13th at Mary Queen of Peace; 4423 Pearl Road in Cleveland. Registration is required - \$65.00 per person for this 2-day retreat. Rev. Christopher Crotty will speak on Living the Beatitudes; Why Satan is afraid of the Rosary; Spiritual Combat-Love is Coming! There will be confessions, Healing Mass and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. call Kathryn DeCapite at 440-223-8570 or register at <http://www.rsvpbook.com/bluearmy2014adventretreat>.

Praise the Roof Memorials & Donations

In Loving Memory of Frank Matousek
from his family

In Loving Memory of Robert Schaefer
from his wife, Marge

In Loving memory of my son,
Michael Jaranovic
from Frieda Javanovic

A Gift to the Church from
Yes Electric Company

In Loving Memory of Albina Selva
from her family & friends

In Loving Memory of Virginia Kuczmariski
From Earl & Mary Lou Sheets

Please remember these individuals,
who are called to the priesthood in your
daily prayers.

Also, please remember the Sisters
of the Incarnate Word and Blessed
Sacrament (SIW)

Sunday, Nov. 30th - Pray for Retired
Priests

Monday, Dec. 1st - Kevin Fox
St. Mary Seminary

Tuesday, Dec. 2nd - Jeffrey Barnish
St. Mary Seminary

Wed., Dec. 3rd - Brian DeLaat
St. Mary Seminary

Thursday, Dec. 4th - Anthony Simone
St. Mary Seminary

Friday, Dec. 5th - Michael Feldtz
St. Mary Seminary

Saturday, Dec. 6th - Joseph Robinson
St. Mary Seminary

Sunday, Dec. 7th - Bishop Richard Lennon