



# Holiday Mass Schedule

## Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Stanley & Amelia Brindza  
11:00 am Charlotte Kotlarsic

## Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

No Morning Mass

## Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am Mike & Irene Kavka

## Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

No Morning Mass

## Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>

8:30 am Leonard Dziel

## Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>

No Morning Mass

## Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

*Christmas Eve*

4:00 pm *Special Intention  
Christmas Vigil Mass  
with Buck McDaniel*  
10:00 pm *Special Intention  
Traditional Midnight Mass  
With Ralph Bednarz & Schola*

## Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

*Christmas Day*

9:00 am *Special Intention  
Ralph Bednarz & Schola*  
11:00 am *Special Intention  
with the Contemporary Choir*

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Sanctuary Guild Volunteers  
for December 21<sup>st</sup> thru January 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Kathy Bondzio & Patty Kowalec

**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 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, Sunday, January 8, 2017 at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish at 11:45 am.** Reservations needed; please call 216-641-2829 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, need to register.

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**Pre-Cana Program** for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage at the Jesuit Retreat House on **January 29, 2017 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](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm.

Our Mass Schedule for Christmas is as follows: Christmas Eve-4 pm and 10 pm; Christmas Day- 9 am 11 am. 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 and Stasia Gentile, our Social Concerns Commission, our St. Vincent de Paul Society for their donation, and all our wonderful parishioners who bought Christmas presents for the children in our neighborhood. The Giving Tree exemplifies the spirit of generosity that lives on 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

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.

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Dear Friends in Christ,

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 Good 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

## Readings for the Week of December 18<sup>th</sup>

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Rom 1:1-7/  
Mt 1:18-24

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71/Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/  
Ps 33/Lk 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2/Lk 1:46-56

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25/Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a,  
16/Ps 89/Lk 1:67-79

December 25<sup>th</sup> Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89/  
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97/Ti 3:4-7/  
Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98/Heb 1:1-6/  
Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14



### Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

Today, the last Sunday of Advent, as we prepare for Christmas, let us listen. We are

asked to listen to God who speaks to us, and to accept God's will. Nothing is more productive and fruitful than listening to and accepting the Word of the Lord, which comes from the gospel, from the Bible. The Lord is always speaking to us. God is our Hope!

**Church Decorating will be today at 3 pm.** Please join us for refreshments and decorating.

**\$1000 Raffle Drawing** after 11 am Mass in the school lobby.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting**  
10 am at the rectory

**RCIA 6-8 pm at the rectory**

## Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

**PSR Class 6-8:30 pm**

## Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

**Golden Agers Meeting** 12 Noon at Newburgh Hts. Senior Center

**Zumba - 7 pm**

**The Bishop's Corner** live call-in radio program at 11 am on Living Bread Radio. Listen on AM1060, FM94.5 or online at [livingbreadradio.com](http://livingbreadradio.com)

## Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

Our organist, Buck McDaniel and the St. John Nepomucene Consort will be having a 3:30 pm Christmas Eve Concert featuring works by Brahms, Dupre and our favorite Christmas carols. So, please come early to our 4 pm Mass and enjoy the music.



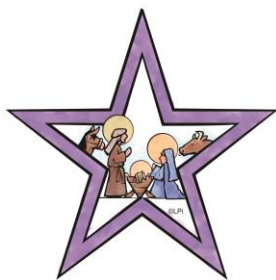
## Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

Today, the Son of God is born and everything changes. The Savior of the world comes to partake of our human nature; no longer are we alone and forsaken. All who encounter Jesus experience a serenity and joy in their hearts, which nothing and no one can take away. Our joy is Jesus Christ, his faithful love inexhaustible! Be Glad! Let us allow our Lord to enter our lives. Don't be afraid of joy.



**Oplatki** - Many Families observe the Christmas Eve tradition with oplatki. There is a table at the Blessed Mother's Altar with oplatki packs, along with the prayer service for you to take home.





Please remember in your prayers those who are sick. May our Lord comfort and strength them and their caregivers.

Remembering especially Mary Adams, Tim Angelone, Greg Basco, Gwen Beres, Mary Ann Betliskey, Bill Bican, Joyce Bican, Phillip Bilelo, Donna Czyzynski, Corrine Dawe, Angelo DeNova, Joseph Dybzinski, Jason Glaros, Kristin Hill, Millie Jasany, Lucy Konkoly, Tom Konkoly, Judy Landolph, Art Madsen, Cindi Magyar, Erin Mangan, Rose Meadows, Jeanette Miller, Marguerite Miller, Jeannette Morrow, Louis Novac, Art Novotny, Dan Palmentera, John Pocius, Betty Rhine, Brianna Rhine, Elaine Stack, Rev. John Tezie, Ed Vitigoj, Ron Walk, David Zelenka and Joseph Zelenka.

May our Loved Ones who have died rest in eternal peace in heaven.

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

Thank You! We 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.

First Prize Winner – Mike Malec  
 Second Prize Winner – Mike Malec  
 Third Prize Winner – Loretta Budzinski

**STEWARDSHIP** – In today’s Gospel we hear of the coming of Emmanuel, which means, “God is with us.” We celebrate three Advents: the birth of Christ, his Second Coming and his presence in the world today. Our daily lives are attended by God’s presence. Indeed, “God is with us.” The Good News of Christ’s Incarnation is what we are the sign, “sacrament,” of Christ’s presence in the world. People are supposed to see us, see how we love one another, see how we treat the stranger among us, give comfort to the poor and afflicted, share the Good News with joy. They see how good stewards are the light of Christ. And there can be no possible response except to say “God is here!”

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*Stewardship of Treasure*

<i>Sunday, December 11th</i>	<i>\$3744.50</i>
<i>Immaculate Conception</i>	<i>678.00</i>
<i>Memorials</i>	<i>120.00</i>
<i>Utilities</i>	<i>68.00</i>
<i>Christmas Flowers</i>	<i>151.00</i>
<i>Religious Retirement</i>	<i>358.00</i>

*God Bless You and thank you for your generosity to our Parish.  
 May Our Lord continue to bless you!*



Please note that the rectory office will be closed on Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> and Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>.

Merry Christmas!