



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 10th

9:00 am Hattie B. Dzeda

Rite of Election for Confirmation

Students

11:00 am Joseph A. Krol

Monday, December 11th

No Morning Mass

Tuesday, December 12th

**8:30 am In Honor of Our Lady
Of Guadalupe**

Wednesday, December 13th

No Morning Mass

Thursday, December 14th

8:30 am Julian Cymanski

Friday, December 15th

**8:30 am Living & Deceased Members
of the Rhine & Powell
Families**

Saturday, December 16th

4:00 pm Robert Schaefer

Sunday, December 17th

9:00 am Harry & Dolores Abramowski

11:00 am Helen & Louis Lanzola

Sanctuary Guild Volunteers

December 6th thru December 19th
Loretta Delagarza & Gloria Seneff

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 Sunday, January 7, 2018 at Holy Name Parish at 1 pm. Reservations needed; please call 216-271-4242 to register.

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 on **Sunday, January 14, 2018 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



Dear Parishioners,

In Mark's Gospel, John the Baptist quotes the prophet Isaiah. "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His

paths." I am grateful to those who came to our Communal Penance Service on Monday evening, December 4th. Ideally, before Christmas all of us can go to confession. Confessions are heard on Saturday from 3 to 3:30 pm. You may also call the rectory for an appointment if you wish. Ongoing repentance and conversion is a way to prepare the Way of the Lord in our lives.

Also in preparing the Way of the Lord, we can use the blue Advent books for daily mediation. Please pick up a blue book if you have not yet done so. They are at the entrances of our church.

Advent calls us to quiet prayer. We will have two opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration. Sunday, December 10th at 12:30 pm will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary, Reflection, Benediction, the Divine Praises, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Act of Consecration to Mary; and Saturday, December 16th after our 4 pm Mass we will have quiet prayer. We will expose the Blessed Sacrament at 5 pm. We will have quiet prayer before our Eucharistic Lord from 5 to 5:30 pm. At 5:30 pm we will have Eucharistic Adoration with Taize Meditation and Benediction.

Hopefully, many of you can take advantage of these opportunities to pray before our Eucharistic Lord. Isaiah's call to "Prepare the Way of the Lord!" is the announcement that a herald of a king made to a city in advance of the king's arrival. Roads were in bad shape, if they existed at all. So the way had to be repaired or built so that the king and his company could even get into the city.

How can I build this road for the King? Confession, Personal Prayer, Prayer before the Eucharist are ways to construct the road for Christ to be reborn in our hearts this Christmas.

Looking ahead to our Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve

4 pm Vigil Mass Buck McDaniel accompanied by other Musicians
10 pm Traditional Midnight Mass
Ralph Bednarz and the Schola

Christmas Day

9 am Mass – Ralph Bednarz & the Schola
11 am Mass – Terry Weiss, Sandy Yody & our Contemporary Music Ministry

All our music ministries work very hard to provide you with special music for Christmas. Buck McDaniel, our 4 pm organist wanted me to share this note in regards to the 4 pm Vigil Mass – At 3:30 pm on Christmas Eve, St. John Nepomucene Parish presents the Third Annual Christmas Eve Concert preceding the 4 pm Family Mass. Organist Buck McDaniel leads a small professional orchestra and soloists in arrangements of favorite Christmas carols including *Gesu Bambino* and *O Holy Night*.

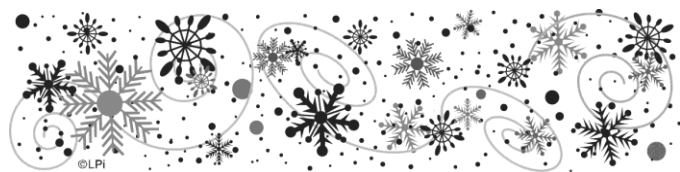
The perfect Christmas family experience, the mass includes additional favorites including *The First Noel* and *Silent Night*, all with orchestra in the glorious space that St. John Nepomucene offers the Slavic Village community and beyond.

Also, I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone. As of November 30th, the Touch Up the Tower Campaign is paid in full. The final report is published in this bulletin.

We have deleted the "Touch Up the Towers" envelope as of January, 2018 and it will be replaced with a "Capital Improvements" envelope. Parishioners are invited to use this envelope as well as the purple Memorial Envelope for memorials of loved ones. I am so very grateful to everyone who has contributed to the "Touch Up the Towers" campaign. I greatly appreciate the generosity of everyone which resulted in a new roof for our church, tuck-pointing of our church building, repainting of the choir loft ceiling and the walls to the choir loft staircase.

As you can imagine, we always have repairs and renovations which we have to make to our aging church building. Donations thru the Capital Improvement as well as the Memorial Gift envelope will be used for this purpose. Your continued generosity is deeply appreciated.

Gratefully in Christ,
Father Jasany



Sunday, December 10th

Second Sunday of Advent

"You received without payment; give without payment" Matthew 10:8
Advent calls us to delight in the festivity of Christmas giving, but also to reclaim a level of sane simplicity that makes this ritual more human and holy. God gives without cost, so we must learn to freely give the gifts that truly matter. Let the greenery of the season inspire us to donate our time, to give our talents and to share our treasure with the poor and needy.

Holy Name Society Meeting at 10 am
World Apostolate Holy Hour-12:30 pm
Benediction, Rosary and Chaplet of Mercy.
Everyone is invited to come, pray
Today is the collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers & religious order priests. Envelopes for this collection are in your monthly envelope packet.

Monday, December 11th

PSR Classes 6:30 – 8 pm

Wednesday, December 13th

Rosary Makers – 10 am

Choir Practice – 7 pm

Saturday, December 16th

Eucharistic Devotions – 5 to 5:30 pm

Taize Meditation 5:30 – 6 pm

Oplatki – Many families observe their Christmas Eve traditions with oplatki. There is a table at the Blessed Mother's Altar with oplatki packs.

Sunday, December 17th

Third Sunday of Advent

“The ransomed of the Lord shall return; they shall obtain joy and gladness; sorrow and mourning shall flee” Isaiah 35:10

We bless a pink candle this third week in Advent. Let us pray for family and the solid conviction that true joy resists being extinguished by life’s sorrow.

God of rejoicing, this week we hear in our second reading that we are called to “rejoice always.” Help our family to be joyful in the midst of whatever happens this week.

When we light the third candle on our wreath, let us bring your joy to our friends and neighbors this week.

We ask this through Christ, who is the ultimate joyful gift to the world. Amen.

\$1000 Raffle – Please note that the raffle has been moved up a week due to the Christmas Holiday. Please make sure that your tickets are turned in for the raffle.

**St. Vincent DePaul Meeting – 10 am
Christmas Church Decorating – 3 pm**

Please consider giving some of your time to make our church beautiful for Christmas. Refreshments will be served.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday, December 3rd	\$2548.20
Maintenance	37.00
Utilities	126.00
Assessments	36.00
Novena Lights	14.00
Little Blue Books	7.00
St. Vincent de Paul	50.00
Religious Retirement	15.00

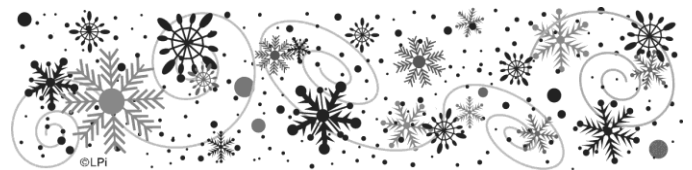
May our prayers bring healing, comfort and strength to the sick and their caregivers, remembering especially

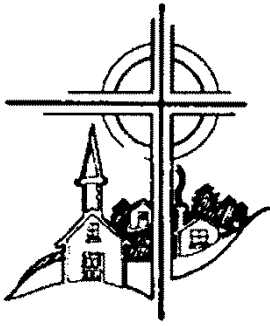


Mary Adams, Greg Basco, Mary Ann Betliskey, Noella Burrows, Pat Colburn, Donna Czyzynski, Corrine Dawe, Joseph Deccola, Carole Dlouhy, Robert Dunning, Jose Dybzinski, Patrick Hejl, Patricia Hejl-Rodriguez, Kristin Hill, Jake Jackson, Millie Jasany, Suzanne Kilker, Lucy Konkoly, Tom Konkoly, Judy Landolph,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

May our Loved Ones who have died rest in eternal peace in heaven remembering especially Jeannette Morrow and Rev. Mirko Hladni, whose funerals were last week.

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





**Touch Up the Towers
Campaign**

A big THANK YOU for your generosity to our Touch Up the Towers Campaign. Through your memorials for your loved ones, your contributions thru the Touch Up the Towers envelope, and support of our fundraisers we were able to raise the \$89,550.12 that was needed to make major repairs to our beautiful church. Your generosity to our parish is overwhelming.

Balance as of 10/31/17	\$3,898.67
Less November Contributions:	
Touch Up the Tower Envelopes	- 731.00
November On-Line Giving To the Tower Fund	- 110.00
November On-Line Giving Memorials	- 290.00
Memorial Gifts	<u>-2767.67</u>
BALANCE REMAINING AS OF 11/30/17	0.00

Church Memorials & Gifts
In Loving Memory of Ed Span
from his Wife, Carol

In Loving Memory of Donald Pawlak
5th Anniversary on December 15th
from Susan Houska

In Loving Memory of Grace Balli
from Lisa Balli

In Loving Memory of the Deceased
Members of the Hejl & Davis Families
from Rich & Jackie Hejl

In Loving Memory of Tim Bartoszek
from Larry & Suzie Hovater
& Elaine Trautman

In Loving Memory of
Andy & Susan Pepera
from Suzanne Camp

In Loving Memory of Dan Palmentera
from Edward & Toian DeMore

In Loving Memory
of the Sempruch & Dustin Families
Merry Christmas from Lynne Sempruch

In Loving Memory of Agnes Bartoszek
from Larry & Suzie Hovater
& Elaine Trautman

In Loving Memory of the Svec Family
from Robert & Elaine Stack

In Loving Memory of Hyatt Rhine Sr.
from Edward & Toian DeMore

In Loving Memory of the Stack Family
from Robert & Elaine Stack

In Loving Memory of George Smith
from Rich & Jackie Hejl

In Honor of Andrew Gurcze Sr.
from his Wife, Mary

In Loving Memory of Hyatt Rhine Jr.
from Edward & Toian DeMore

In Loving Memory
of Pauline & James Skala
from Lisa Balli

In Loving Memory of Joe Skiba
from Robert & Gloria Seneff

In Loving Memory of Gloria Lasecki
from her Daughter, Judy

In Loving Memory of Tim Bartoszek
from Carol Span

In Loving Memory of the Deceased
Members of the Nieszczur & Nejman
Families from Barbara Nieszczur

In Loving Memory of
Louis, Angela and Rachel Wolf
from Richard Wolf

In Loving Memory of Anthony Delagarza
from Marlene Wesley

In Loving Memory of John Balciar
from Edward & Toian DeMore

A Christmas Gift from St. John
Nepomucene Altar & Rosary Society

In Loving Memory of Helen Halamek
from Tom & Janis Kundmueller

In Loving Memory of Rosemarie Dunning
from her Huband, Robert

In Loving Memory of Helen Halamek
from Charleene Reed

In Loving Memory of
Anthony "Tony" Delagarza Sr.
from Jan Vitt

In Loving Memory of Timothy Bartoszek
from his Wife, Kathy

In Loving Memory of Helen Halamek
From Robert J. Sadowski

In Loving Memory of Tracy Dunning
from her Father, Robert

In Loving Memory of
Ashley & Drew Seneff
from Robert & Gloria Seneff

In Loving Memory of Tim Bartoszek Sr.
from Jan Vitt

In Loving Memory of George Smith
from Marlene Wesley

In Loving Memory of Allan J. Selva
from his Wife, Judy

Christmas Blessings
for Father Jasany
from the Weekday Morning Mass Group

"Giving Tree Reminder"

Please note that your that your gifts for the "Giving Tree" need to be returned to church this weekend, December 9th & 10th. If you have forgotten your gifts you may bring them to the rectory office on Monday, December 11th. The office will be open from 8:30 am – 4 pm.

Thank You! My thanks to everyone for their cards, prayers, mass intentions and condolences in memory of my son, Anthony James Delagarza. Your gestures of sympathy were greatly appreciated.

God Bless You,
Loretta Delagarza & Family