



# Schedule

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**Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

**9:00 am** *Living & Deceased Members  
of the Gill Family*

**11:00 am** *Michael Steele*

**4:00 pm** *St. John Nepomucene Parish  
Vigil Mass for Solemnity  
of Mary, Mother of God*

**Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

**9:00 am** *St. John Nepomucene Parish*

**11:00 am** *Jeannette Morrow*

**Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**No Morning Mass**

**Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**No Morning Mass**

**Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 am** *Frank Suchy*

**Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>** *First Friday*

**8:30 am** *Mike & Irene Kavka*

**Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00 pm** *Edward Davis, Remembrance*

**Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am** *Megan Wagner*

**11:00 am** *Blessings for the  
Leonard & Kulish Families*

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Sanctuary Guild Volunteers  
for January 3<sup>rd</sup> thru January 16<sup>th</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 1<sup>st</sup> & 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.

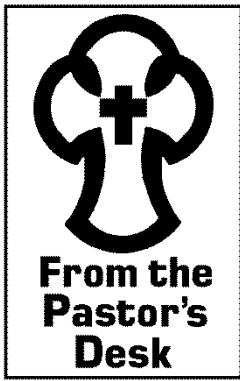
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**Godparent and Sponsor Certificate** – Sponsors for Baptism or Confirmation must be registered and practicing members of the Church, attending weekly and Holy Day Masses for a minimum of 3 months prior to the celebration of the Sacraments for which they have requested the certificate. Please note individuals 18 years of age and older, no longer in school, need to register.

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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.**

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,

I hope you and your families had a Merry Christmas. Our church looks wonderful and our Christmas Masses were truly beautiful. I am very grateful to everyone who

contributed their time, talent and treasure to make our Christmas celebration a holy and joyous event.

I thank Jim Armbruster, our Pastoral Council and all the volunteers who came forward to decorate our church for Christmas. I am grateful to our Parish staff members who helped in various ways with the details of our celebration – Pauline Kowalski, Anthony Laboy, Sue McDonough and Jan Vitt. I wish to thank all our Liturgical Ministers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers and Ushers.

I am grateful for the beautiful music at our liturgies. Buck McDaniel and the visiting musicians at our 4 pm Mass. Ralph Bednarz and our Schola at the 10 pm and 9 am Masses. Sandy Yody, Terry Weiss and our Contemporary Music Ministry at 11 am Mass. Thank You!

Additionally, you, our parishioners, who through your generosity assisted needy children and families with gifts and gift cards through the Giving Tree and our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

This weekend we begin the celebration of a New Year. We traditionally celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

This year, it is a Solemnity and a Holyday, but it is not a Holyday of Obligation. Still, I hope that many of you come to our 4 pm Mass on Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Eve or our 9 am and 11 Masses on Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Day. It is a great way to start the New Year!

We will be highlighting the theme of Stewardship this year. We are celebrating a New Year and New You.

**December 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup>** we will highlight ten (10) Ministries on the table in our church.

**January 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>** we will highlight an additional ten (10) Ministries on the table in our church.

**January 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>** we will distribute our new Ministry Book

**January 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>** will be our Commitment Weekend.

We hope that everyone considers signing up for a ministry in our parish. All of us are called to donate our time, talent and treasure. We need to have everyone on the team. Everyone on the team needs to contribute in some way so that together we can build the Kingdom of God.

Happy New Year!

Prayers and Best Wishes,  
Father Jasany

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**PLEASE NOTE** - The rectory will be closed Monday & Tuesday; January 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will be back on Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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## Readings for the Week of December 31<sup>st</sup>

Sunday: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9, [7a, 8a] or Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40  
Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34  
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42  
Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2a]/Jn 1:43-51  
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38  
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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### Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

***Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God***

**Mass at 9 am and 11 am**

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### Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Liga Morska Meeting 11 am**

Cuyahoga Hts. Village Hall. Interested in joining? Please call Dolores at 216-341-9329 for information

**Choir Practice – 7 pm**

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### Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup> First Friday

Mass at 8:30 am followed by the Avila Holy Hour at 8:30 am to pray for vocations. Come, Pray!

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### Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

**First Saturday Devotions at 3:15 pm**

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## **Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> The Epiphany of the Lord**



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*Throughout Germany at this time of year, you will find most main doorways inscribed with: 20+C+M+B+16. Children known as Sternsinger (star singers) dress up and go door to door, requesting candy for themselves and money for the Church. As they leave, the house is blessed and the inscription written chalk. The 20 and 16 refer to the year, the CMB are said to represent either Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, the Magi; or the Latin Christus Mansionem Benedicat, which means, "Christ, bless this Home." Today, we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, in which we remember the adoration of the newborn Christ by three wise men from the East. This should leave no doubt in anyone's mind just how far and wide the promise of a Savior had spread. These representatives of pagan religions from other lands were determined to pay their respects. It was as if they were born to do this, to acknowledge in some way the beginning of the greatest reign of the greatest king of all. The Epiphany is the third manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation, following the Annunciation and the Birth of Christ. Today is truly the beginning of the paschal mystery.*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

### Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday, December 24 <sup>th</sup>	\$3888.70
Maintenance	90.00
Utilities	71.00
Novena Lights	72.25
Little Blue Books	37.00
Religious Retirement	10.00

*Our Christmas Season collections will be posted in our January 7<sup>th</sup> Bulletin.*

*God Bless You and Thank You for your generosity to our Parish.*

*May Our Lord continue to bless you!*

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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 may 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.

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### **A Message from our St. Vincent DePaul Society**

- As 2017 comes to a close we would like to thank our parishioners for their continued support of canned, boxed foods, paper products and monetary donations. To our parish staff for distributing food to those who come to the rectory for assistance. To Father Jasany and Father Matt for their support. To Pete and Stasia Gentile and the Social Concerns Committee for sponsoring the Giving Tree. To Slavic Village Bi-Rite (Fleet and East 65<sup>th</sup>) for their assistance throughout the year. This Christmas we were able to serve twenty-six (26) families totaling ninety-one (91) individuals.

May God Bless all of you.  
St. Vincent de Paul Society

Let us remember in our prayers those who are sick. May they and their caregivers



receive comfort and strength, remembering especially Mary Adams, Greg Basco, Mary Ann Betliskey, Noella Burrows, Pat Colburn, Donna Czyzynski, Corrine Dawe, Joseph Deccola, Carole Dlouhy, Jose Dybzinski, Kristin Hill, Jake Jackson, Millie Jasany, Suzanne Kilker, Lucy Konkoly, Tom Konkoly, Judy Landolph, Bishop Richard Lennon, Barbie Lister, Art Madsen, Rose Meadows, Jeanette Miller, Marguerite Miller, Donna Murrin, Louis Novac, Art Novotny, John Pocius, Megan Pucciani, 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.

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

May our Loved Ones who have died rest in eternal peace in heaven remembering especially Robert Dunning, whose funeral was this week..

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Remember to recycle all of your Holiday Paper this Season! Wrapping Paper, Packing & Boxes, Holiday Catalogs, Holiday Cards. Just add these items to your regular collection and bring it to our bin. Wishing everyone a Happy Holiday Season & a wonderful New Year!