



# MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**9:00 am Lisa Riccardi**

**11:00 am Ralph Hrehorevich**

**Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**No Morning Mass**

**Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 am Joseph Nejman**

**Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

**No Morning Mass**

**Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 am Joseph & Hattie**

**(Bielecki) Dzeda**

**Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Vigil of the Immaculate**

**Conception of the Blessed Virgin**

**4:00 pm Marilyn O'Meara**

**Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Immaculate Conception**

**Holy Day of Obligation**

**10:00 am St. John Nepomucene Parish**

**4:00 pm Ed & Zachary Span**

**Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am All Souls**

**11:00 am St. John Nepomucene Parish**

**Rite of Election for**

**Confirmation Candidates**

**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, January 6, 2019 at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish at 11:15 am. 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 Sunday, January 13, 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,

We will celebrate our Advent Communal Penance Service on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm in our church. We will have five priests present to hear your individual confessions. The Roman Catholic Church recommends that a parish

community as well as other parish communities come together during Advent and Lent for this celebration of repentance and forgiveness. This year, we will have priests assisting us from Immaculate Heart, Holy Name and Our Lady of Lourdes. We welcome our visitors from our neighboring parishes.

We are all familiar with the Christmas classic, "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. Just like Ebenezer Scrooge, we are called to think over our lives and our relationships and hopefully, like Ebenezer Scrooge, we too can awake transformed on Christmas morning. Please extend the invitation to others to come with you and to experience God's mercy at this celebration.

December 8<sup>th</sup> is a Holy Day of Obligation. It is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is the Patronal Feast of our country. Everyone is required to attend Mass.

We will have a 4 pm Vigil Mass on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. We will have a 10 am Holy Day Mass on Saturday morning, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Then everyone is required to attend a Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent. We will have a 4 pm Vigil Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. We will have Masses at 9 am and 11 am on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. We will celebrate the Rite of Election for our Confirmation Students at the 11 am Mass.

St. John Nepomucene's Annual Giving Tree has begun. Gifts will be distributed through referrals from our St. Vincent de Paul Society and through referrals from University Settlement to local children in need.

Please consider taking a tag from the "Giving Tree" and purchasing a gift for a needy child. The suggested amount for the gift is \$20.00. This year to make it easier for distribution, the University Settlement has requested gifts be returned in gift bags. If you are wrapping your gift please be sure to include a detailed description of the gift with the tag. Your gifts may be dropped off when you attend Mass and the final return dates is the weekend of December 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>. You may also drop your gift off at the rectory office no later than Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

John the Baptist invites us to "Prepare the Way of the Lord." By coming to confession on Monday evening, by attending Mass for the Immaculate Conception and the Second Sunday of Advent and by participating in the Giving Tree Project, all of us can take steps to

prepare the Way of the Lord in our own individual lives. Also, please take home a blue Advent booklet with daily thoughts and prayers for Advent.

Let us prepare the Way of the Lord together!

Prayers and Best Wishes,  
Father Jasany

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**Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

*First Sunday of Advent*

At this time of year, we become more conscious of our family as we make preparations for cards, gifts and visits. Today's gospel warns us not to get "weighted down" by activity. "Take heed to yourselves" during this Advent and devote yourself to appreciating the gift of those who are already such an important part of your life. The greatest gift this season might be the true appreciation of Christ in others.

**Today is the annual collection to support the Retirement Fund for Religious.** Our religious communities struggle to meet the retirement needs of their elderly while continuing to serve the people of God. Envelopes for this collection are in your monthly envelope packet.

**Altar Society Christmas Party** 12:30 pm  
Doors open at 12 Noon. The Society Gift Card Raffle will take place at the Christmas Party.

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**Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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

**PSR Classes 6:30 – 8 pm Grades 7 & 8**

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**Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Rosary Makers** – 10 am at the rectory

**Liga Morska Meeting** – 11 am at

Cuyahoga Hts. Village Hall

**Choir Practice** – 7 pm

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**Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Vigil of the Immaculate Conception**

**Celebration of Mass at 4 pm**

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**Saturday,**

**December 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Feast of the**

**Immaculate**

**Conception of**

**the Blessed Virgin Mary. Today is a**

**Holy Day of Obligation.** We will be celebrating Mass at 10 am.

MARY, HOLY MOTHER  
*of God*

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**Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

*Second Sunday of Advent*

Sometimes it is difficult to imagine God's presence in the normal confusion of home life. The message in today's gospel is "God came to John in the wilderness." Even in our busy and hectic home life we are called to "prepare the way of the Lord." Your family life can be a "voice crying out in the wilderness," an example to other families of God's presence in a broken world.

**Holy Name Society Meeting** 10 am

**World Apostolate Holy Hour** 12:30 pm

Benediction, Rosary and Chaplet of Mercy.

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Sanctuary Guild Volunteers  
for December 5<sup>th</sup> thru December 18<sup>th</sup>

Loretta Delagarza, Toiann DeMore  
& Gloria Seneff

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## Stewardship of Treasure

<i>Sunday, November 25th</i>	\$2607.27
<i>Memorials</i>	231.00
<i>Maintenance</i>	36.00
<i>Capital Improvements</i>	6.00
<i>Utilities</i>	56.00
<i>Diocesan Assessments</i>	11.00
<i>Novena Lights</i>	15.00
<i>St. Vincent de Paul Society</i>	697.00
<i>All Saints</i>	5.00

*Thank you for your continued Generosity!  
May Our Lord continue to bless you.*

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### Readings for the Week of December 2<sup>nd</sup>

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36  
Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9  
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24  
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37  
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27  
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31  
Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38  
Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

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**Advent Programing on AM 1260 The Rock**-Make your Advent special this year. Tune out the noise and tune in to Catholic radio. From devotionals to apologetics and catechesis, there is something for everyone. For a complete schedule visit [www.am1260therock.com](http://www.am1260therock.com)

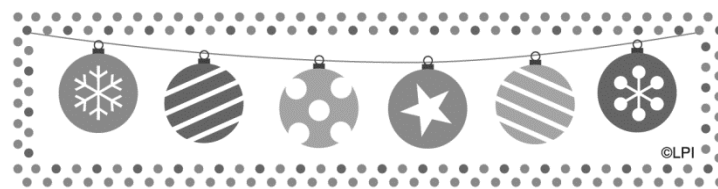
Please remember in your prayers those who are sick. May they and their caregivers receive comfort and strength, remembering



especially Mary Adams, Sierra Adams, Ronnie Bellomy, Mary Ann Betliskey, Tony Betliskey, Pat Colburn, Donna Czyzynski, Corrine Dawe, Joseph Deccola, Carole Dlouhy, Joan Gorris, Barb Herdering, Richard Hejl, Kristin Hill, Ethan Jackson, Jacob Jackson, Millie Jasany, Tracy Johnson, Pearl Kliment, Judy Landolph, Bishop Richard Lennon, Barbie Lister, Erin Mangan, Jeanette Miller, Marguerite Miller, Geri Milton, Nikki Milton, Donna Murrin, Louis Novac, Art Novotny, Fred Pickle, John Pocius, Joel Rivera, Sue Seda, Earl Sheets, Margaret Slechta, Elaine Stack, Rev. John Tezie, Ed Vitigoj, Robert Wagner, Greg Wisniewski & Barb Witovicz.

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

For Our Loved Ones who have died that they rest in eternal peace in heaven remembering especially Carole Walk & Lawrence Cissley, whose funerals were last week.



## The Advent Wreath

The Advent Wreath symbolizes the children of Israel waiting for the Messiah through the centuries as well as our own spiritual preparation to welcome the Christ Child, the Holy Messiah on Christmas morning. The Advent Wreath is a set of four candles set in a wreath of evergreen. The evergreen, sometimes richly decorated symbolizes the beauty of Christian hope in the loving promises of God. The perfect circle of the wreath represents the eternity of God. The four candles mark the four Sundays of Advent, which immediately precede Christmas. One of the candles is lit on each Sunday of Advent until by Christmas all the candles are lit. Three candles are violet colored reflecting the penitential spirit of Advent. One candle is rose colored reflecting the joy of the Gospel on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent. The candles of the Advent Wreath are given the following names.

1. The **Prophecy Candle** is a reminder of the foretelling of Jesus' birth by the Old Testament prophets.
2. The **Bethlehem Candle** recalls the words of the Prophet Micah that the Christ Child would be born in Bethlehem.
3. The **Shepherds' Candle**, a reminder of the first people to worship baby Jesus. This is the rose colored candle.
4. The **Angels' Candle** lit on the Sunday before Christmas in remembrance of the Angel who spoke to the Virgin Mary at the conception of Jesus & the Angels who appeared to the shepherds in the fields outside Bethlehem that First Christmas Eve.

Congratulations to the Winners of our  
November \$1000 Raffle

\$1000 Winner – Pauline Kowalski  
\$100 Seller Prize – SJN Parish

\$10.00 Consolation Winners  
Ed Kerekes, Zenia Leonard, Len Wesley,  
Kate & Gianna Catanese, Chris Kowalczyk

Our December Raffle will be held on Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Take a chance and maybe win \$1000.00 for your holiday shopping. A book of five tickets is \$5.00 and may be purchased by calling the rectory office.

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Thank you for your recycling efforts! We received a check from River Valley Paper for \$39.04 for October and recycled 3,470 pounds of paper & cardboard. During the Holidays remember to recycle your holiday paper. Wrapping paper, packing & boxes, Holiday catalogs and cards. Just add these items to your regular collection and bring it to our bin.

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Please join the Catholic Cemeteries Association on December 16<sup>th</sup> for an hour of learning and healing along with your grief journey. Grief Support leaders are certified as Ministers of Consolation by the National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved, Inc. This Catholic based support can be supplemental to your existing support group. Meetings are on the third Sunday of every month at 3 pm except on holidays. Meetings are held at Holy Cross Cemetery (Brookpark Office). No registration required. For more information call Rhonda at 216-930-4866 or [rabrams@clecem.org](mailto:rabrams@clecem.org)

## Church Memorials & Gifts

In Loving Memory  
of Roy Camp  
from his Wife, Suzanne

In Loving Memory  
of Ann Olenski  
from David Olenski

In Loving Memory of  
Leonard & Eleanor Szczechowski  
from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Dawe

In Loving Memory of Ronald Walk  
from his Family

In Loving Memory of  
Ronald Klimkowski  
from his Wife, Bonnie

In Loving Memory  
of Gregory A. Geller  
from Mr. & Mrs. Luis Chorich

In Loving Memory  
of Frank & Alice Kaplenk  
from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Dawe

In Loving Memory of Gloria Lasecki  
from Judy Lasecki

In Loving Memory of Greg Geller  
from Bob Selva

In Loving Memory  
of Ron & Carol Walk  
from Judy Lasecki

In Loving Memory of Matt Garran  
from Suzanne Camp

In Loving Memory  
of Dorothy Gromovsky  
from Mr. & Mrs. Chester Betliskey

In Loving Memory  
of Dorothy Obloy  
from Suzanne Camp

In Loving Memory of  
William & Ann Kearney  
from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Dawe

In Loving Memory of Gregory Geller  
from Louis Chorich III

A Gift from Mr. & Mrs. John Kowalski

In Loving Memory of Barbara Reaves  
from Suzanne Camp

In Loving Memory  
of Helen & Edward Svec  
from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Dawe

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**Protecting God's Children - The Diocese of Cleveland' "Protecting God's Children" program** is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associate with the Church, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999 or via email at [response\\_services@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org). You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.