

Liturgy Schedule

8:30 Morning Prayer, Rosary, Monday through Friday

Monday, November 20 Weekday

8:00 Peter & Jean Zajko

Tuesday, November 21 The Presentation of the BVM

8:00 James Baroni (anniv)

Wednesday, November 22 Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

8:00 Sam Rini

Thursday, November 23 Thanksgiving Day

9:00 Mary Lou Basiewicz

Friday, November 24 Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

8:00 Dorothy Kotowski

Saturday, November 25 Weekday

3:15 Confessions

4:00 Florence Eppel

Sunday, November 26 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00 People of the Parish

10:00 MaryAnn (Mim) Rosberil

12:00 Josephine Pawlowska & Marge Neval

1:00 Baptism



the following members of our Parish community: the following members of our Parish community: **John Rozmarynowski, Albert Marotta Sr., Jack Pekar, Lynda Petit, Joan Kaczmarczyk, Bill Exton, Dolores Nose, Stephanie Kremposki, Taryn, Ursula Strauss, Sr. Maryann Zakrajsek, Marie Sabol, Robert Govang, Bernie Nenadovich, George Cooke, Thom Machar, Larry Piechowiak, John Rozmarynowski, Robert Phipps, John Halasz, Marie DiCola, Joann Reddinger, Baby Ryan Martin, Sheila Sillasen, Richard Rosberil, Karen Styler, Sarah Burket and Mark Pennington.** The names will remain in the bulletin for two weeks. Please call the Parish office for more information. If you have a special intention you would like remembered in prayer, please call Lillian Neptune @ 216.662.5464.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Please be generous with the Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.**



Congratulations to our newly baptized Christian: **Ricardo Rocco Farone III and his family.**

Religion Question of the Week

What is the Byzantine Church?

Did You Know?

Did you know that St. Monica Church was founded sixty-five years ago?

One Liner

“The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing”.

Answer to the Religion question of the week located on page 4 of this bulletin, under the collections.

St. Nicholas Gift Giving 2016

The St. Monica St. Nicholas Christmas Gift Sharing Program will be held again this year. The program is a sharing of Christmas gifts with those who are less fortunate and unable to buy gifts for their children and other family members. **Tags identifying the age, gender and type of suggested gift can be obtained in the vestibule starting the weekends of December 2nd / 3rd and December 9th / 10th** Please return to Church the wrapped gifts with the tags securely attached the weekend of **December 16th / 17th**.



Don't Spend Thanksgiving Alone

St. Monica Parish will, once again, be sponsoring a community meal on **Thanksgiving Day**, in cooperation with Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union (OCFCU). This Thanksgiving Day Meal will be served from **11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.** in the **St. Benedict School Cafeteria (13633 Rockside Road)**. **All Are Welcome!** If you are interested in volunteering to help with preparing and/or serving the meal, please contact **Dean Robinson at OCFCU (216-478-0065)**.



Please join us this week for **Coffee & Donuts** after 8:00 and 10:00 masses. **Hosting will be members of the Guild.** There will be **NO** social next weekend do to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

SANDWICH SATURDAY



Join us on **Saturday, December 2nd** as we will prepare 300 peanut butter & jelly sandwiches. Along with the sandwiches, we will also assemble personal hygiene bags that will also be delivered this month.

Travel size items that are needed: toothpaste, deodorant, and shampoo items. Also, small individually wrapped Christmas candy. Please bring these items to the Parish Office by Wednesday, November 29th. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

Pastoral Scene

Don't "Rag" on the Prodigal Son's Brother

The parable of the Prodigal Son found in Luke 15: 11-32 is a beautiful example of the unlimited love God has for sinners (and that means ALL of us). Despite loving this story and finding comfort in its message, there is something that bothers me about this allegory each time I hear or read it. Yes, I know that Jesus told the story to assure his followers that God welcomes back those who repent from sin. Yes, I know that the Prodigal's Father represents God, and I also acknowledge that Jesus wanted to make a point to the Scribes and Pharisees in the crowd that the loveless keeping of commandments and laws gets us no brownie points in God's eyes through the attitude of the Prodigal Son's Brother.

Nevertheless, I am always disturbed that when the faithful, stay-at-home son complains "you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends" (15:29), the Father's reply is "everything I have is yours" (15:31). My question to the Father in this story is always, "Did you ever tell him that?" Although we may get an indication of another's feelings, reading someone's mind is not normally possible. Perhaps like me, you, too, have failed Mindreading 101 in school.

Unfortunately, in today's society of entitlement, immediate gratification, and an attitude of 'me-ism', the common civility of saying 'Please', 'Thank you', or 'I appreciate what you have done' has evaporated. No, I am not having a 'bad hair day', but as the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, I realize that giving thanks at only one time of the year is not enough. Thanking God, thanking our family, our co-workers, those who serve us in business places should be a daily affair and not reserved for one or two days of the year.

Since Tuesday, September 11, 2001, my outlook on life and its fragility has changed, and the recent violent attacks have made me value even more every moment I have to share with others. I often wonder what were the last words exchanged between survivors and victims on that 'last day'? Did they tell their spouses and family members they loved them? Did they wish the server a 'good day' as they picked up coffee at the drive-through window? Did they smile? Did they make co-workers grateful to have someone like them around? Did they thank God for another day of life even though it was their last? Was gratitude their final legacy?

Don't relegate those messages of love, caring, appreciation, support, and friendship to just one or two days of the year! Don't make the last encounter provide memories that you will regret. You may not want to 'give a young goat' to someone as a sign that you care, but I am sure a heartfelt 'Thanks', 'Love ya', or something such as that will make their hearts glad.

Grateful for each of you and you so!

Sister Helene



Thank you to the members of the Holy Name Society who volunteered their time cleaning the Cold Air Return Vents in the Church along with, replacing light bulbs and washing the ceiling at the Rockside Road entrance. The

parish appreciates all you do.

St. Monica Senior Group Christmas Party

The seniors will meet in the school cafeteria on **Dec. 12th** for their annual Christmas party. We will be serving Fried Chicken, Beef Tips with Mushrooms AuGratin Potatoes - Green Beans Almondine - and Salad along with assorted pastries, coffee, tea and water.



Party will begin at 4pm. There will be entertainment and drawings. Don't miss this celebration. **All money must be in by Dec.4th.** Contact **Gerry Golem at 216-581-1777** for reservations and more information. Don't forget your **\$1.00 gift exchange.**

Attention Veterans

You are invited to join the AMVETS Post 80 Service Organization. No membership dues are required, and as an option, you may also become part of the Honor Guard Unit. We provide burial services for our deceased veterans at the National Cemetery in Rittman, Ohio. **If you are interested in receiving more information, please call Commander Chuck Keshock at 216.581.7554.**

St. Benedict's "Greeters"

This weekend several students and faculty members of St. Benedict Catholic School will be present at St. Monica's and St. Martin of Tours Churches to act as "Greeters" at the weekend Masses. "Greeters will be present on a monthly basis during the school year.

Pro Orantibus Day ("For Those Who Pray")

Tuesday, November 21st is Pro Orantibus Day ("For Those Who Pray"), honoring cloistered men and women. It is a day of thanksgiving, solidarity, and support for contemplative religious who spend their lives in total dedication to God in union with Jesus and interceding for the salvation of all. **For more information visit www.cloisteredlife.com.**

Winterfest Donations

Once again we are asking for any donations for our Chinese Raffle for Winterfest which will be held on Saturday, January 13th and Sunday, January 14th 2018. Anyone who does any sewing, knitting, crocheting, painting, wood work and crafting of any kind, donations would be greatly appreciated! Tickets to plays, movies and sporting events would be wonderful. If you would like to donate any gift cards of any kind or an item that best highlights your business we would gladly accept that too! Lastly if you would like to donate money to help us make some great baskets...well we would be grateful for that as well!



Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office during regular business hours. Please make sure you let them know it is for Winterfest and don't forget to leave your name so we can properly thank you! If you need to make arrangements to have it picked up we can do that too! **Call Bill Noyes at 216-912-8679 and he will be happy to pick it up!**



Stewardship

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Nov. 11 / Nov. 12

Regular Sunday Envelopes	\$ 7,433.00
St. Monica Fund	\$ 614.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 8.25

We Share Electronic Collection

Regular Sunday	\$ 3,779.50
St. Monica Fund	\$ 574.50

Answer to this Week's Religion Question

What is the Byzantine Church?

Answer: This is one of the branches of the Catholic Church.

To help build an endowment fund, please consider remembering St. Monica Church in your Will.



Giving Tuesday

On November 28, 2017 from 12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. St. Benedict Catholic School will be participating in #weGiveCatholic, Northeast Ohio's Online Day of Catholic Giving. Please support us with your donation on that day by going to www.wegivecatholic.org, search for St. Benedict Catholic School, then click "Donate Now". Your donation will go a long way in helping us purchase materials for our STREAM program. Mark your calendar, then Give Catholic on Giving Tuesday.



Congratulations to the following St. Benedict Catholic School alumni who received honors from Holy Name High School for the first quarter:

First Honors: Cecelia Johanni, Alyssa Stoffko, Alyssa Welms, and Natalie Wolf.

Second Honors: Madeline Adams and Morgan Kowalski

Cornerstone of Hope's support groups are open to all, regardless of ethnic, cultural, and faith backgrounds and are led by professionally trained and experienced facilitators. Each meeting is two hours and includes a light meal and refreshments. Registration prior to group is required and groups are offered free of cost to participants. **Please contact our office at 216.524.4673 to register.**

Parish Activities

MONDAY, November 20

3:00 Set Up Thanksgiving Feast (c)

4:00 Athletic Practice (g)

TUESDAY, November 21

1:00 Nursing Home Visitors Mtg (F)

4:00 Athletic Practice (g)

6:45 SVDP Mtg (p.o. kitchen)

6:45 Boy Scouts (c)

7:00 MH K of C (AR)

WEDNESDAY, November 22

12:00 Tai Chi (J)

2:00 Bread Making (K)

4:00 Athletic Practice (g)

THURSDAY, November 23

11:00 Thanksgiving Meal (c)

FRIDAY, November 24

8:00 Set Up Craft Fair (school)

SATURDAY, November 25

7:30 Men of the Vine (ocu 1&2)

9:00 Craft Fair (school)

SUNDAY, November 26

2:00 Baptist Group (AR)

Retrouvaille Weekend

January 19-21, 2018 - A Lifeline for Troubled Marriages

Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring – your relationship cold, distant – thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but both of you want to try again? Then the Retrouvaille program may help.

RETROUVAILLE (rediscovery), which is supported by the Catholic diocese of Cleveland, but open to couples of all faiths, consists of a weekend experience for couples and six follow up sessions. A **registration fee of \$150 is required to confirm your reservation.** For more information concerning the program, or to register, please call Marce or Liz Gliha at 440.357.6580 or 1.800.470.2230, or go online to www.helpourmarriage.org.

Special Mass For Our Teens

On the fourth Sunday of each month, with the exception of December, both Fr. Lou Miola and Fr. Haren will be celebrating a special Teen Youth Mass in St. Martin of Tours Church at 6:30 pm.



St. Martin of Tours and St. Monica Youth Group invites the youth of the parishes grades 6-12 on Sunday, November 26th after the 6:30pm Youth Mass for Snacks & Crafts. For more information call or text Jessica @216.644.6898 with how many will be attending.

Baskets Needed

St. Benedict PTU is in need of medium and large empty baskets. Baskets can be placed in a large black garbage bag, labeled PTU and dropped off the St. Benedict School Office. **If you have any questions please contact Tami Smith-Caver: BB_fierce@yahoo.com**



Readings for the Week of November 19, 2017

Sunday	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21
Monday	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday	Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday	Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest and Martyr; Thanksgiving Day 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44; or Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday	Saint Andrew Dúng-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday	Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

Coats for Needy

The Knights of Columbus, Garfield Hts. will be collecting Coats from November 25th through December 10th they will be collecting new and like-new winter coats in all sizes – infant to adult. You may put the coats in the boxes, located at the Rockside Road entrance of the church.



Monetary donations will also be accepted to purchase coats, they can be sent to: Knights of Columbus, 10806 Granger Road, Garfield Hts, OH 44125 Checks payable to: **Coats for Kids Foundation.**

A Christmas Concert with the Daughters of St. Paul Choir will take place on Friday, December 8th at 7:30pm at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 1007 Superior Ave., Cleveland. The concert is free and open to all. Free secure parking at the Cathedral Plaza Garage-Rockwell Ave. & E. 9th Street. For more information call: 216.696.6525 ext. 5510