

Liturgy Schedule

8:30 Morning Prayer, Rosary, Monday through Friday

Monday, December 4 Advent Weekday

8:00 Maria Lourdes Santos

6:30 Eucharistic Exposition

Tuesday, December 5 Advent Weekday

8:00 Cpl. Brad Davis

Wednesday, December 6 Advent Weekday

8:00 Linda & Mal Jamison & Family

Thursday, December 7 Saint Ambrose,

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

4:00 Robert Johnson (Vigil)

8:00 PFC William Foster & Family

Friday, December 8 The Immaculate Conception

Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 Josephine Bayou

9:00 Gerry & Jerry Oelbracht & Family

7:00 People of the Parish

Saturday, December 9 Advent Weekday

3:15 Confessions

4:00 Victoria Mahoney

Sunday, December 10 Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 People of the Parish

10:00 Chester Reklinski

12:00 William J. Gadomski


2:30 Divine Mercy



the following members of our Parish community: the following members of our Parish community: **Joan Hrovat, John Rozmarynowski, Albert Marotta Sr., Jack Pekar, Lynda Petit, Joan Kaczmarczyk, Bill Exton, Dolores Nose, Taryn, Ursula Strauss, Sr. Maryann Zakrajsek, Marie Sabol, Robert Govang, Bernie Nenadovich, George Cooke, Thom Machar, Larry Piechowiak, John Rozmarynowski, Robert Phipps, 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. If you have a special intention you would like remembered in prayer, please call Lillian Neptune @ 216.662.5464.



Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended to the family and friends of **Rev. Anthony Rebol, Rev. Paul Sciarotta, John Halasz and Jacqueline M. Wolslagar** who were buried this past week. May they and all our dearly departed, rest in

 **Congratulations to our newly baptized Christian: Isabel Joanna McGurr and her family.**

WEDDING BANNS

II Allison Blasko and Clint Mahoney

Religion Question of the Week

What are "alms" ?

Did You Know?

Did you know that the St. Monica Church building is 200 feet long?

One Liner

"The reward of a thing well done is to have done it".

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



Oplatky is now available at the Parish Office. Cost is \$1.00 for a package of two.

St. Nicholas Gift Giving 2017

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 this weekend December 2nd / 3rd and next weekend December 9th / 10th** Please return to Church the wrapped gifts with the tags securely attached the weekend of **December 16th / 17th** .



Spiritual Bouquet for Bishop Perez

The members of the Holy Name Society are asking our parishioners to offer their Masses for Bishop Nelson Perez on the weekend of December 9th-10th. This is a wonderful way to show our new Bishop that we care about him and his ministry in the Diocese of Cleveland. Please consider this spiritual offering on behalf of Bishop Perez.



Join us this week for Coffee & Donuts after 8:00 and 10:00 masses. **Hosting will be members of the Pastoral Council.** There will be NO social next weekend.

Update on Church Parking Lot

A few weeks ago we published some information about the need of repairs for the Church Parking Lot. When you attend Mass , please take a look at the grounds. There is water seeping through the parking lot which is causing much "alligatoring" damage. The parking lot also is beginning to become "hilly". It should be level. Much of this damage is being done by the water beneath the surface of our parking lot. We have talked to a consultant who has worked on a plan to repair the parking lot over a period of years. The first phase is to put "drain tile" under the parking lot which will connect with our sewer system. This will be expensive, around \$65,000. During the upcoming year we will work on some fund raisers to add to our St. Monica Improvement Fund so that we can complete this project. If we do this project now, it will help protect our grounds for years to come. Please do the best you can to make this first phase project a success.

Fr. Haren and the St. Monica Finance Committee

Pastoral Scene

With the busyness of the season, we can miss another beautiful time in the season of Advent. This time marked by four Sundays unfold to us through the liturgy the coming of Jesus. The first Sunday points to Christ's final coming in glory and moves to the public life through the person of John the Baptist to the actual historic birth of Jesus. In contrast to a world that is immersed in commercialism, Advent quietly unfolds a preparation for the Prince of Peace, the promised One of Israel.

The season of Advent calls us to the prophets of the Old Testament, particularly the prophet, Isaiah. By the words of the prophets of old, we better understand how Jesus was the promised One of God. I am grateful for an opportunity while in Rome in 1980 to have had the time of Advent in the Eternal City. Because of my studies, I had to "be still" and through it better came to "know God". It became one of the more spiritual celebrations of Christmas.

All of us need to prepare for Christmas to enter the stillness of the wonderful night when God became a man and lived among us. The more we are able to enter this preparation through the season of Advent, the more we will personally understand that God is in our midst and dwells with us.

May this final month of this calendar year be an opportunity to renew our hearts with thanks and praise to our loving God. Let us not be afraid or worried but place them at the feet of Jesus who knows us better than we know our very selves.

Blessings and Peace!

Fr. Ted Marszal

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!**



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.



MEMORIAL FLOWER ENVELOPES

DECEASED LOVED ONES CAN BE REMEMBERED THROUGH THE CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL FUND. NAMES YOU SUBMIT WITH YOUR DONATION BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15TH WILL BE POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE ROCKSIDE ROAD VESTIBULE DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON. THROUGH YOUR GENEROUS OFFERINGS, FLOWERS AND SUPPLIES ARE PURCHASED TO ENHANCE OUR LITURGIES THROUGHOUT ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS. THIS IS A BEAUTIFUL WAY TO REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES AND AT THE SAME TIME CONTRIBUTE TO OUR LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS.



Special Thanks

Special Thanks to the Staff of the Ohio Catholic Credit Union, to our parishioners, and to all of the volunteers who helped at the Community Meal on Thanksgiving Day. This is a wonderful annual event for our neighborhood.

Advent Festival of Praise

Please come join us on December 18th, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the church for an Advent Festival of Praise. The local North Coast Spirit Teens Encounter Christ retreat community will be sponsoring the event, bringing musicians to lead us in songs of praise of our Eucharistic Lord. Confessions will be heard throughout the evening. This will be a great time to spend with our Lord as we prepare for His Nativity!

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.

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

Your donation helps provide for aging members and plan for long-term needs. Please give to next week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Thank you!



Stewardship

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Nov. 18 / Nov. 19

Regular Sunday Envelopes	\$ 7,206.00
St. Monica Fund	\$ 324.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 24.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 191.00

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Nov. 25 / Nov. 26

Regular Sunday Envelopes	\$ 7,847.00
St. Monica Fund	\$ 426.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 28.00

Answer to this Week's Religion Question

What are "alms" ?

Answer: "Alms" are financial assistance given to a person or a cause which is the result of Christian Charity.

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



Congratulations to the following St. Benedict Catholic School alumni who received honors for the first quarter at Padua Franciscan High School.

Congratulations to: **Jennifer Borcuch, John Cuthbert, Megan Hamilton, Margaret Mihalus, and Melanie Turk.**

The faculty and staff at St. Benedict are proud of your accomplishments.

Retail and Restaurant Gift Cards will be on sale after all Masses **this weekend, Dec. 2nd & 3rd**, in the **Altar Server's Sacristy**. Stop by and start your Christmas shopping, if you haven't already, or get a gift card for those hard to shop for people on your list. Everyone loves Gift Cards! Gift cards can also be purchased at the Parish Office during business hours. Thank you for your support.



No Room At The Inn

On **December 12th** following the **6:30pm Mass** in the **St. Martin Of Tours church**, **Sister Rita Mary Harwood SND** will give a presentation entitled **No Room At The Inn**. All are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

St. Monica \$1000 Raffle Winners

\$500 Winner: John McArdle, Ticket # 1963
 Seller: Paul Varrati, Captain: Frank Okurowski
\$500 Winner: Jim Feeny, Ticket # 1629
 Seller: Mike Nenadovich, Captain: Bob Rafal

Parish Activities

MONDAY, December 4

- 4:00 Athletic Practice (g)
- 8:00 HN Mtg (c)

TUESDAY, December 5

- 2:00 Senior Board Mtg (F)
- 2:40 Play Practice (g)
- 3:00 Teacher In-Service (AR)
- 4:00 Athletic Practice (g)
- 6:00 Bible Study (F)
- 6:30 Guild Board Mtg (J)
- 6:45 Boy Scouts (c)
- 7:00 MH K of C Board Mtg (AR)

WEDNESDAY, December 6

- 12:00 Tai Chi (J)
- 2:40 Play Practice (g)
- 3:00 Board Game Club (AR)
- 4:00 Athletic Practice (g)
- 6:30 Growing Our Faith (c)

THURSDAY, December 7

- 2:40 Play Practice (g)
- 4:00 Athletic Practice (g)
- 7:00 Pastoral Council Mtg. (CC)

FRIDAY, December 8

- 8:00 Christmas Play Set Up (g)

SATURDAY, December 9

- 7:30 Men of the Vine (ocu1&2)
- 8:00 Christmas Play Set Up (g)

SUNDAY, December 10

- 8:00/10:00 Coffee & Donuts (c)
- 8:00 Christmas Play Set Up (g)
- 2:00 Baptist Group (AR)
- 2:30 Divine Mercy (+)

NIGHT AT THE RACES

ST. BENEDICT ATHLETICS WILL BE HOSTING ITS ANNUAL NIGHT AT THE RACES ON **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2018**, IN THE SCHOOL GYM. TICKETS ARE \$20 AND HORSES ARE \$25 AND ARE ON SALE NOW. THERE IS ALSO ADVERTISING AVAILABLE IN OUR RACING PROGRAM. **CONTACT ALYS RADOSEVIC AT 216.319.6832 FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TICKETS.** SEE YOU IN THE WINNERS CIRCE!!



Divine Mercy

Please join us for a special hour of adoration and thanksgiving to the Divine Mercy of Jesus **next Sunday, December 10th, at 2:30 in St. Monica Church**. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and prayers for families, our youth, and our country. **All are welcome to join us.**



Special Masses

If you would like to have special Masses offered at our parish, but are not concerned about knowing the date and time, please contact the parish office. There are occasions when a Priest celebrates or concelebrates Masses that are not scheduled. The Priests are willing to offer Masses for your intentions, but will not be able to give you the time or date on which this will occur. If you would like to have Masses offered under these conditions, please don't hesitate to contact us.



Readings for the Week of December 3, 2017

Sunday	First Sunday of Advent Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37
Monday	Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday	Saint Nicholas, Bishop Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday	Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday	Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday	Second Sunday of Advent Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Coats for Needy

The Knights of Columbus, Garfield Hts. will be collecting Coats from now until 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.**

Advent Luncheon: "Making Room for One Another".

December 11: 11:30 am - 1:30 pm. Presented by Sr. Erin Zubal, OSU. Discover and explore how the commitment to justice animates and enriches Advent and allows us to stay rooted in Christ. **Cost: \$30.** To register contact [440-884-9300](tel:440-884-9300) or visit www.jrh-cleveland.org.