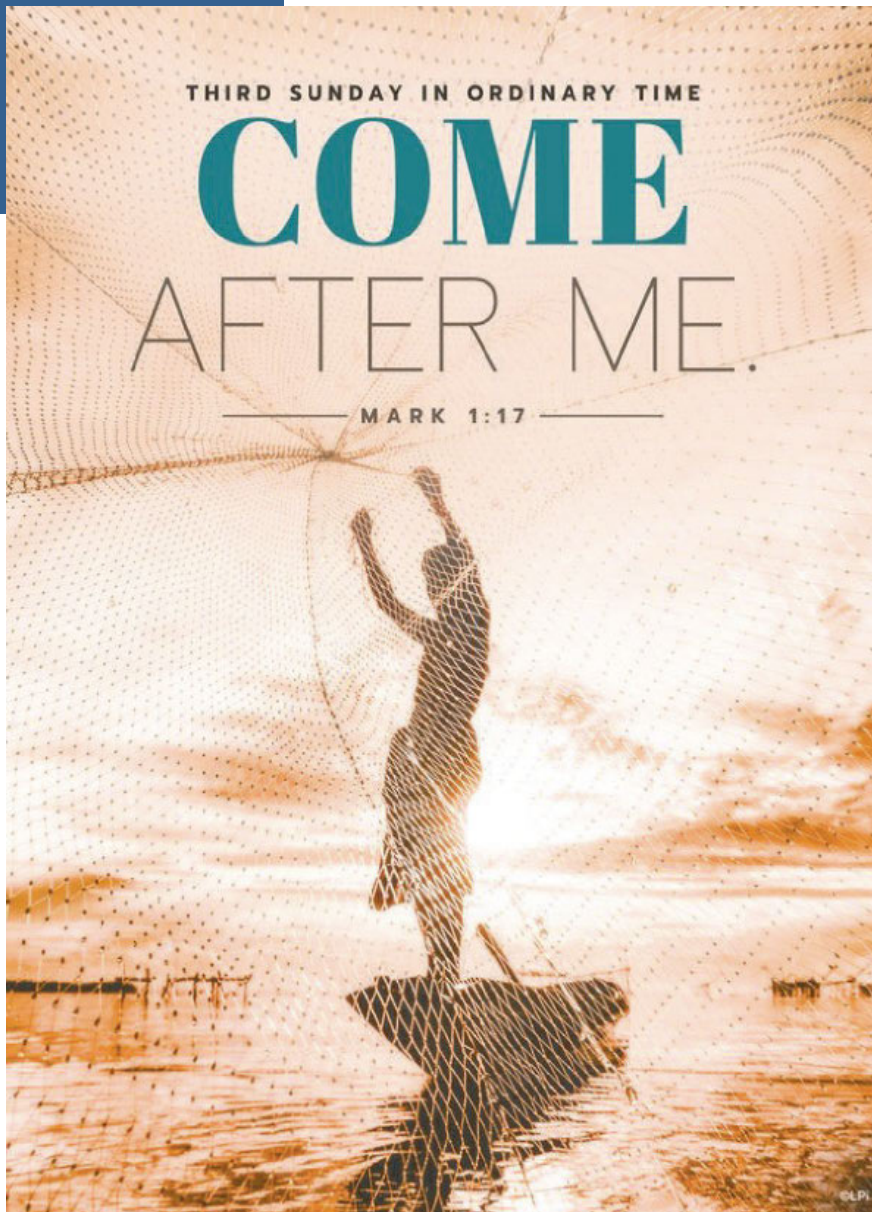


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*Welcome!*

### Masses

Saturday | 4:00pm

Sunday | 9:00 and 10:45am

Monday - Friday | 8:00am

### Confession

Saturday | 3:15pm

### Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday | 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Friday | 8:00 am - Noon

Saturday & Sunday | Closed

### Parish Clergy

Rev. John J. Mullee, **Pastor**

Rev. Theodore Marszal

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## Pastoral Scene

### Celebrating Christmas

I have always celebrated Christmas on December 25<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, I was very surprised to learn that there is a special second Christmas that is celebrated approximately a week later. Let me explain why:

For much of the Western world, Christmas is celebrated on December 25, according to the Gregorian calendar. Yet in a distinction that dates back centuries, Orthodox Christians follow the Julian calendar and mark the festival on January 7 instead,

which is usually the Feast of the Epiphany. Epiphany is really the Christmas of the Gentiles.

In Christian Europe, Epiphany was the more prominent celebration of the birth of Our Lord, with gift giving and festivities. On Christmas night, the angel announced the birth of the Savior to the shepherds, who represented the Jewish nation. However, it was sometime later that the Magi of the pagan nations arrived on the Holy Family's doorstep to render homage to the Newborn King. Having knowledge of the prophecies of the Jews, from their distant lands, they perceived and followed the summons to Bethlehem, led by a star.

On Epiphany (and the days and weeks that follow) the Church also commemorates the two other manifestations of Our Lord early in His public life: his baptism in the Jordan River by John, and his first miracle, the changing of water into wine at Cana. In many ways, Epiphany fits us a bit more closely than we realize, both in the Liturgy and in our lives. We, too, were given our "Star" – our holy vocation – in the life we are living today with the support of God's graces.

Epiphany reminds us that all souls of good will; -- all of you -- who follow the graces that God sends into your life are meant specifically as God's gift to lead you to Jesus and to the Heaven God has prepared for you.

As it was for the Magi, the journey may be a long one. Trials and obstacles may abound; but the star will always be there for those who are keeping watch for it. It will lead us on, and, more importantly, it will lead us home!

Following my star and thanking God as well,  
Sister Helene



### STEWARDSHIP FOR JANUARY 14

Collection number for January 14th  
will be in next week's bulletin.

### DECEMBER ON-LINE GIVING

Sunday Offering .....\$ 4,969.50  
St. Monica Fund.....\$ 806.00



Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended to the families and friends of all who have recently died. May they and all of the dearly departed, rest in peace.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, January 21

#### 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am People of the Parish

10:45am Ernest Malicki

### Monday, January 22

#### Day of Pray for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:00am Raymond Stachowiak

8:30am Exposition following mass

### Tuesday, January 23

#### Weekday

8:00am Ella Krogman

### Wednesday, January 24

#### St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Religious Founder & Doctor

8:00am Don Kuzilla

### Thursday, January 25

#### Conversion of St Paul, Apostle

8:00am No Mass

### Friday, January 26

#### St Timothy & St Titus, Bishops

8:00am Gary Cooper

### Saturday, January 27

#### Weekday

4:00pm Mary Ann Koenig

### Sunday, January 28

#### 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Chet Balewski

10:45am People of the Parish

## SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

Please pray for the Seminarians of the Cleveland Diocese

Please join us in praying for the following seminarians this week:

Monday: William Myers

Tuesday: Lucas Torres

Wed: Dc Kevin Bertleff

Thurs: Dc Michael Garvin

Friday: Dc William Wainio

Saturday: Ryan Arto

Sunday: *Pray for Bishop Amos*

**Join us every Thursday at 6:00 pm in Church as we pray the Rosary.**

**All are invited.**



## January 22nd

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

*Please Pray For the Parishioners Listed Below*

Special Intention, Marianne Toma, Sally Weiskopf,

Jerry Perchinske, Madeleine Iglodi,

Dolores Kocik, Joan Fischer,

Wally Voyten,

*Please call the parish office if you would like to add a name to this list.*

*If you have a special intention you would like remembered in prayer,*

***please call Lillian Naptune (216)662-5464***

# THIS WEEK

## Activities CALENDAR

### Monday, January 22

4:00pm Winter Sports Practice (g)  
4:00pm Walking Class (J)  
7:00pm Finance Council Meeting (F)

### Tuesday, January 23

4:00pm Winter Sports Practice (g)

### Wednesday, January 24

4:00pm Winter Sports Practice (g)  
6:30pm G.A. Meeting (+)

### Thursday, January 25

4:00pm Winter Sports Practice (g)  
4:00pm Walking Class (J)  
7:00 Diocesan Holy Name Meeting (c)  
7:00 Ward 7 Block Watch (cmr)

### Friday, January 26

4:00pm Winter Sports Practice (g)

### Sunday, January 28

7:30pm A.A. Meeting (c)

### **Thursday 8:00AM Mass**

Until further notice there we will only have Thursday morning mass when a visiting priest is available.

Please watch the bulletin, "Mass Intentions" listing on page 3 for weekly information.

Thursday morning masses in the area are as follows:

St. Barnabas 7:00am  
St. Martin of Tours 7:30am  
St. Mary's – Bedford 8:00am  
St. Michaels 8:30am  
Sts. Peter & Paul 8:30am



Nonperishable items for the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry would be appreciated. For more information contact Gail, 216-662-9213.

**All are welcome.**

### **The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch,**

sponsored by Councilwoman Jenn Newrones, will meet Thursday, January 25th at 7:00 PM in the cafeteria of St. Benedict School.

Our guest speaker will be G.H. Police Chief Mark Kaye.

### **Sandwich Saturday Thank You**



A huge thank you to all who come out to make the sandwiches every month, all those who donated peanut butter, jelly, sandwich bags, tablecloths, plates, etc. And to all the nuns from the Sisters of St Joseph, 3<sup>rd</sup> Order of St. Francis for all the bags of cookies they prepare each month. Of course, we cannot forget our volunteers who deliver the sandwiches each month to their destination. As you can see, we all pitch in to bring a smile to more faces than we can ever know.

We thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

Hope to see everyone on



*Mark your calendars!*

*As we enter this reflective Season of Lent, please look forward to joining us in the Church on March 10, 11, & 12 as Frank Runyeon from Runyeon*

*Productions will bring to us:*

*A Journey to Joy.*

*Sunday, March 10, 7:00 pm*

*Monday, March 11, 7:00 pm*

*Tuesday, March 12, 7:00 pm*

*Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 pm for Children*

*Free Will Offering*

# OTHER INFORMATION

## Greece: Travel in the Footsteps of St. Paul

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Father John has scheduled an informational meeting for Monday, February 12th at 6:30pm in the St. Joseph Room in the Parish Offices

## Knights of Columbus, Council 4130

of Garfield Heights was able to donate \$2500.00 to The Coats for Kids Campaign.

A sincere thank you to the generous individuals who donated to our 2023 campaign. Our Council is proud to once again participate in this worthwhile cause to provide coats for our youth. God Bless you for helping us do this.

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January 23, 2024

1:30 PM and 3:30 PM

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**First Reading**     Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying: "Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you." So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh, according to the LORD'S bidding. Now Nineveh was an enormously large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began his journey through the city, and had gone but a single day's walk announcing, "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed," when the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out.

**The Responsorial Psalm**     Psalm 25:4-9

**R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;  
teach me your paths,  
Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my savior.

**R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

Remember that your compassion, O LORD,  
and your love are from of old.  
In your kindness remember me,  
because of your goodness, O LORD.

**R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

Good and upright is the LORD;  
thus he shows sinners the way.  
He guides the humble to justice  
and teaches the humble his way.

**R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

**Second Reading**     1 Corinthians 7:29-31

I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out. From now on, let those having wives act as not having them, those weeping as not weeping, those rejoicing as not rejoicing, those buying as not owning, those using the world as not using it fully. For the world in its present form is passing away.

# READINGS & SONGS

## Gospel Mark 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

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**Communion Chant** 729 Lord, You Have Come

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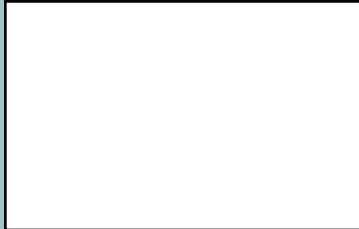
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