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OUR MISSION

At Saints Peter & Paul, we cultivate the Gospel message and offer the Sacraments & Worship, activities & community for God's people. "We are God's co-workers." 1 Corinthians 3:9



DECEMBER 26, 2021 • THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday & Friday: 8:30am

Vigil Saturday: 4:00pm • Sunday: 8:30am Holy Days: Check bulletin prior to Holy Day

STAFF

Rev. John J. Schneider, *Pastor* john.j.schneider@icloud.com Rev. Mr. Robert Bugaj, *Deacon* Mr. Frank Kozuch, *Director of Music Ministry* Ms. Liz Schneider, *Administrative Assistant* Mr. Bill Novak, *Parish Maintenance* Mrs. Geraldine Koenig, *Parish Secretary* Mrs. Joanna Parsons, *PSR Coordinator* Mrs. Tracy Johnson, *Youth Minister*

SACRAMENTS

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 3:00pm & the 1st Thursday of the month 5–6pm, in the Servers Sacristy of the Church.

BAPTISM: Before any detailed arrangements are made, prospective expecting parents must attend a pre-baptism class. Arrangements are to be made at the Rectory Office in advance.

FUNERALS: Arrangements are to be made at the Rectory Office before publication in newspapers.

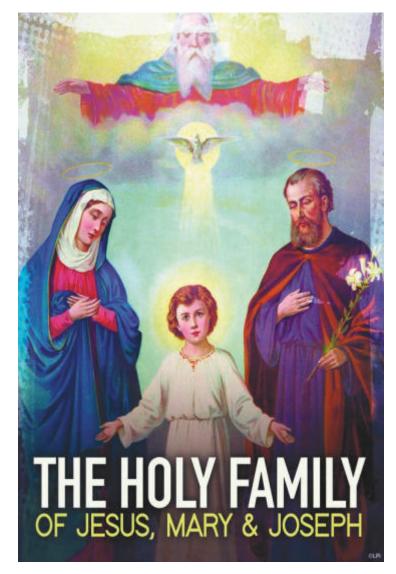
WEDDINGS: Arrangements are to be made in person at the Rectory Office at least six months in advance. All couples planning to be married must attend Diocesan Pre-Marriage Instructions.

SICK CALLS: Inform the Rectory Office of the ill and homebound.

RCIA: Interested in becoming Catholic? Learn about the Catholic Faith. Call the Rectory.

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Ss. Peter & Paul and St. Therese LITURGY SCHEDULE Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

MONDAY, December 27, 2021

Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

St. T.-6:30 PM * Pat and Angie Quealy

St. T.-7:00 PM Confessions

TUESDAY, December 28, 2021

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

No Mass

WEDNESDAY, December 29, 2021

Ss. P&P—8:30 AM † Maddelena Tota

THURSDAY, December 30, 2021

St. T.-8:30 AM † Pat and Angie Quealy

FRIDAY, December 31, 2021

Ss. P&P—8:30 AM † James R. Piskac, Jr.

Vigil, Solemnity of Mary FRIDAY, December 31, 2021

St. T.— 4:00 PM The People of the Parishes

> Solemnity of Mary SATURDAY, January 1, 2022 Not a Holy Day of Obligation



SATURDAY, January 1, 2022

Vigil, Epiphany of the Lord

Ss. P&P-4:00 PM *†* Frank Franz

St. T. — 5:30 PM **†** Veronica and Thomas Kvasnok and Family

SUNDAY, January 2, 2022

Epiphany of the Lord

Ss. P&P	Adoration
Ss. P&P— 8:30 AM	† John and Maria Ciccolini

- St. T. 10:00 AM Adoration
- St. T. 10:30 AM The People of the Parishes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 John1:1-4; John 20:1a & 2:8
Tuesday:	1 John 1:5—2:2; Matthew 2:13-18
Wednesday:	1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35
Thursday:	1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40
Friday:	1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18
Saturday:	Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7;
	Luke 2:16-21
Sunday:	Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6;
	Matthew 2:1-12

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

MONDAY, December 27, 2021 **RECTORY CLOSED**

WEDNESDAY, December 29, 2021 **NO PSR**

FRIDAY, December 31, 2021 **RECTORY CLOSED**

SATURDAY, January 1, 2022 HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

PRAY FOR THE ILL AND HOMEBOUND

Mary Jane Andrako, Mary Bienkowski, Sue Boyne, Thom Boyne, Eleanor Buras, Arline Charvat, Bill Choma, Carol Cieplowski, Sal Crasi, Cheryl Decker, Al Deuche, Dennis Dikowicz, Brandon Dombard, Dick Fabian, Ross C. Furcello, Ed Gabriele, Adele Gispanski, Laverne Grabowski, Dori Herout, Cathy Hrestak, Mary Anne Ineman, Kyle Knight, Mary Ann Koenig, Carol Krapovich, Rich Kropinak, Dolores Kubicek, Fr, Joseph Manich, Daria Melnyc, Karla Muir, Robert Novak, Michelle Nowakowski, Kelly Ann Palasics, Christopher Pawlak, Kelly Perhach, Nancy Perhach, Robert Perhach, Richard Pointious, Sandra Priebe, Ken & MaryAnn Prybor, Kathy Riegelmayer, John Robinson, Maria Schieda, John Shedlock, MaryAnn Sibits, Gary Skelley, Veronica Skrocki, Edward Slovenski, Allen Strnad, Darlene Triska, Vince Vartorella, Florence Vlanty, Stella Wall, Jackie Yenco



DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

December 26 at 2:30pm St. Therese Church All are welcome!

REST IN PEACE Rev. Donald B. Cuzzens Deacon Thomas T. Long



PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN



The Diocese of Cleveland's "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 associated with the Church, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999 or via e-mail at responseservices@dioceseofcleveland.org . You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.

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PASTOR'S NOTES

The Lord be with you!

Before we get to our regular reflections on the *Baltimore Catechism*, I have two important messages. First, Merry Christmas! Second, everyone needs to go to Mass on Sunday as well as on Christmas. Attending Mass on Christmas Day or on Christmas Eve, does not fulfill your Sunday obligation; instead, it fulfills your obligation to attend Mass on this holy day of obligation. Bishop Malesic has instructed us to not have vigil Masses on the evening of Saturday, December 25th, in order to make this distinction clear and allow liturgical ministers - including priests - to be with their families. Now onto the differences between perfect and imperfect contrition.

Question 764. How many kinds of contrition are there?

Answer. There are two kinds of contrition; perfect contrition and imperfect contrition.

Question 765. What is perfect contrition?

Answer. Perfect contrition is that which fills us with sorrow and hatred for sin, because it offends God, who is infinitely good in Himself and worthy of all love.

Question 766. When will perfect contrition obtain pardon for mortal sin without the Sacrament of Penance?

Answer. Perfect contrition will obtain pardon for mortal sin without the Sacrament of Penance when we cannot go to confession, but with the perfect contrition we must have the intention of going to confession as soon as possible, if we again have the opportunity.

Question 767. What is imperfect contrition?

Answer. Imperfect contrition is that by which we hate what offends God because by it we lose heaven and deserve hell; or because sin is so hateful in itself.

Question 768. What other name is given to imperfect contrition and why is it called imperfect?

Answer. Imperfect contrition is called attrition. It is called imperfect only because it is less perfect than the highest grade of contrition by which we are sorry for sin out of pure love of God's own goodness and without any consideration of what befalls ourselves.

Question 769. Is imperfect contrition sufficient for a worthy confession?

Answer. Imperfect contrition is sufficient for a worthy confession, but we should endeavor to have perfect contrition.

My commentary.

All the questions this week are succinct, accurate, and helpful to our spiritual growth. Understanding that there is more than one way of being sorrowful for our sins helps us to appreciate how we can grow in such sorrow. Again, this sorrow is essentially rational, because it is part of the function of our conscience which is a rational faculty, so it is not about how much we "feel it" but about how much we reject sin for the love of God. Most of us have imperfect contrition to some degree or another throughout our lives. That should be expected, but it does not imply that we should leave it like that. As Question 769 notes, we are to deepen or purify our sorrow every time we go to Confession.

Going back a few questions to Question 766, we have a significant problem in our Church today. Only about ten percent of Catholics go to Confession each year according to the polling data that we have. That would not be a grave issue if those ten percent of Catholics comprised all the Catholics who needed Reconciliation. Since we have no way of determining exactly how many Catholics commit mortal sins, we have to guess. My guess is fifty percent commit at least one mortal sin each year since there are no other variables to consider. This guess is a statistical observation based on the principle of simplicity: we account for only the variables we know of, which is in this case a single variable. If ninety percent of Catholics are not going to Confession and fifty percent of Catholics need to, then forty five percent of Catholics are on the path to Hell.

Question 766 reminds us that perfect contrition does remit mortal sin but does so as it binds us to seek Confession as part of our making amends with God. Just as a husband who greatly offends his wife says both that he is sorry and gets her flowers (or some other act of kindness), the soul who has sinned greatly both professes his perfect sorrow and shows it by doing what God has asked -Confession.

In bringing up this sobering analysis, it is not my intent to alarm anyone of the state of his individual soul. Instead, we need to see that the Church, at least in the United States, has not been in a spiritually healthy state for some time. Rejuvenating that health can only happen when we individually and collectively seek the means that God has always asked for: prayer, penance, and works of mercy.

This Christmas we can give a gift far greater than any amount of money can purchase: grace. When you come back to Church on Sunday, offer your Holy Communion for someone who is not here. If you can, think of someone in particular and ask the Lord to be as present to their hearts as He is to us in Church. As St. Francis would tell us, it is in giving that we receive.

In His Sacred Heart Fr. John

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

It's 2022 and a year that is new. Making a resolution that's way too steep? Enrich your mind, body, spirit with one you can keep! Start your New Year off by listening to AM1260 The Rock Catholic radio! AM1260 The Rock makes it easy to learn more about our faith with daily Mass, devotionals, news from a Catholic perspective, apologetics and much more. Listen via radio, the internet, or our mobile app. Visit <u>www.am1260therock.com</u> for a complete program schedule, to download mobile app, or for more information. Glory be to God and your loved ones in the New Year and beyond.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

THANK YOU to all who donated items and/or Baskets for Altar & Rosary Sodality Basket Raffle at the Annual Spaghetti Dinner. Also, a THANK YOU to all who volunteered,



purchased dinner tickets, raffle tickets and gave of their TIME, TALENT, and TREASURE to this Annual Fundraiser. The event was profitable to both the Parish and the Altar and Rosary Sodality. Hope to see you next year and CONGRATULATIONS to the winners of the raffles!!!

OUR YOUNG CHURCH



PSR: Merry Christmas! Enjoy this week off! Classes begin January 5th!

YOUTH412: The next Youth412 meeting is Thursday, January 13th from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm! For more information contact Mrs. Tracy Johnson, Youth Group@sttheresegarfield.org

ST. THERESE 5TH ANNUAL SOUP & CHILI COOK-OFF

Save the Date in 2022 - Sunday, January 30, 2022 from 1:00pm-3:00pm at the St. Therese Hall Advance Sale only for this event Tickets are \$6.00 per person Or enter your Full Size Crock Pot creation for prizes at \$10.00 per person Snoogles will be also be available by pre-sale for \$4.00 each Tickets go on sale from Saturday, January 16 thru Sunday January 23



Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2021 Fall Campaign of 40 Days for Life. God blessed the campaign and we know 850 babies, mothers, fathers and families were spared from abortion, 8 more abortion workers experienced conversion, and 2 more abortion facilities closed. Praise God! Cumulatively over the 14 years of 40 Days for Life, there have been 20,328 babies spared from abortion, 229 converted abortion workers, and 114 abortion facility closures. Praise God! We look forward to praying with you from March 2 – April 10 in the 2022 Fall Campaign. God bless you and thank you.



WISHING YOU and YOUR FAMILY A BLESSED 2022.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION 12-12-21

\$ \$ \$	1,506.00 77.00 0.00 767.00	Adult Envelopes Loose Children Envelopes Mail Envelopes
\$	325.00	Maintenance
	216.00	Energy Needs
\$	194.00	Altar & Flowers
\$	5.00	Assumption
\$	5.00	All Souls
\$	5.00	All Saints
\$	5.00	Music Ministry
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\$ \$	205.00	Christmas
\$	5.00	Solemnity of Mary
\$	3,730.00	Total for Ministry and Operating

OTHER COLLECTIONS:

- \$ 0.00 **Guardian Angel**
- 190.00 SVDP
- 5.00 Poor in Poland
- \$ \$ \$ 5.00 Human Development
- 110.00 **Religious Retirement**
- \$ 203.00 **Mission Co-Op**

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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing. Mother Teresa



Calling all college students THEFEST 8.7.22 looking for a paid summer in-

THE FEST INTERNSHIP

ternship! The FEST (www.theFEST.us) is looking for summer interns to make this year's event the best FEST yet! We are looking for students with interests in theology, business marketing & communications, event planning, or logistics management to join the team that puts together our annual Diocesan Family Festival. Interns will be a part of a fast-paced team and will play a critical role in the marketing, planning and coordination of annual event for thousands of people.

