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M-Th: 9am-3pm Fri: 9am-1pm

Website:
www.copleyangels.org

MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday Vigil: 5pm
Sunday: 9am & 11am

DAILY MASS
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8am

HOLY DAYS
8am & 7pm

CONFESSION
Saturday: 4pm
OR CALL PARISH OFFICE

BAPTISM
Call parish office to schedule

WEDDINGS
Arrangements to be made 6 months in advance

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
For those with serious illness, or in danger of death - call parish office

St. Hilary Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil:	4:00pm
Sunday:	7:30, 9:00, 11:00am & 5:30pm
Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri	7:00 & 9:30am
Wed. 7:00am ONLY	Holy Days: refer to website
Confession: Saturday	3:00-3:45pm

St. Victor Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil:	5:00pm
Sunday:	8:45 & 11:30am
Memorial Day –Labor Day	*9:00 & 11:00am*
Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri	7:30am
Confession: Saturday	3:00-3:45pm

DECEMBER 19, 2021 | 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT / CHRISTMAS

OUR PARISH

Mass Intentions

Prayers This Week

Monday December 20 | Weekday
8:00 am Raymond & Joseph Meyo

Tuesday December 21 | Weekday
8:00 am Lauren Schaefer

Wednesday December 22 | Weekday
NO MASS

Thursday December 23 | Weekday
8:00 am Helen Melert

Friday December 24 | Christmas Eve
5:00 pm Helen Harin
10:00 pm Parishioners of GA

Saturday December 25 | Christmas Day
9:00 am The Nativity of the Lord
11:00 am The Nativity of the Lord

Sunday December 26 | Holy Family
9:00 am Florence Sadowski
11:00 am Msgr. Robert C. Wolff

COLLECTION

REGULAR OFFERTORY (WEEKLY & ONLINE)	12/12	$8,678.00
SPECIAL GIFTS	12/12	$2,310.00

Thank you for your continued support!

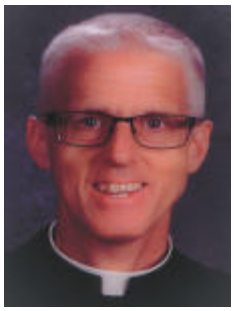
Parishioners: If you are interested in switching to online giving or want to make a one-time offering, you may set up automated contributions & change the timing or amount of your offering. The online giving portal is located at https://copleyangels.org/support-our-parish

If you prefer to write a check for your offering, please make checks payable to "Guardian Angels"

SPIRITUAL PROGRESS RATHER THAN SPIRITUAL PERFECTION

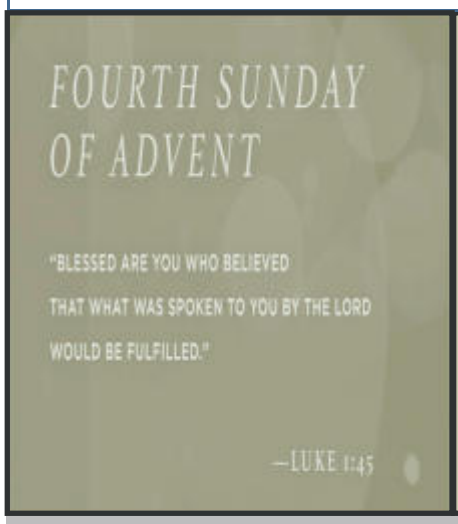
Why does giving make us feel so good? As Christmas approaches—it's natural to think: "What will I give this year?" If what we give comes from our hearts we'll know it—it will be obvious because of how good it makes us feel! *Fr. Chris*

Words for the Week— Fr. Chris



I hope to see everyone here for Christmas. We all know what a challenge it has been to deal with Covid—so this may determine your plans for attending Mass. Remember, the 5pm Christmas Eve Mass is traditionally very crowded, guests may be joining you and the church will fill up rather quickly. If you are uncomfortable in large crowds or do not feel well please stay home. The 9am or 11am Masses on Christmas morning should be less crowded and please remember to wear a mask while in church and purify your hands if you feel this will help you.

Let's not forget that our new HVAC system is cleansing the air in church and our new entry doors are touchless! These measures are in place—thanks to your generosity—and are meant to provide us with a sense of security while here for Mass. Thanks to God we can celebrate the presence and birth of His Son—Jesus, who is always by our side! Merry Christmas!!!



Guardian Angels Holiday Mass Schedule

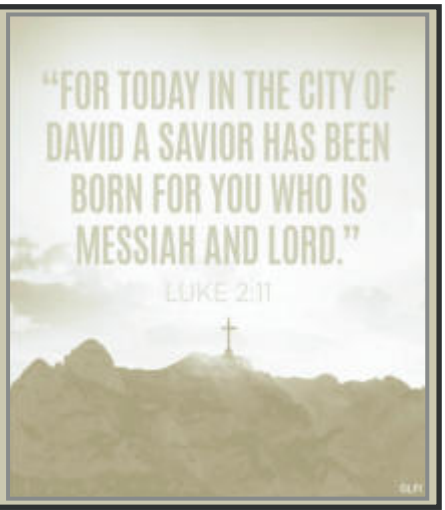
Christmas Eve
Friday, December 24th 5pm & 10pm

Nativity of the Lord/Christmas Day
Saturday, December 25th 9am & 11am

Holy Family
Sunday, December 26th 9am & 11am

New Year's Eve
Friday, December 31st 8am

Solemnity of Mary/New Year's Day
Saturday, January 1st 9am & 5pm
(not a Holy Day of Obligation)



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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Merry Christmas! There is something sacred about sun when it dances upon a field of newly iced snow. Lights and colors bounce around in myriad ways flashing prisms of beauty as if in tune with the rhythm of a melodic dance. The Word became flesh and now dwells among us. Humanity can now dance. We sparkle with the beauty and radiance of God and can now walk through life with confidence knowing that we have been divinely kissed. It is a sacred moment, a holy marriage between God and His sons and daughters. All is bright and all is well. Today we celebrate who we are in Christ and rest safely in God's care. God's presence, revealed in the humble birth of His Son, dances in our hearts, calling us to beauty, truth, purpose, and love. Today we know, without doubt, that we are not the product of the rambling offerings of a universe that created itself. We are loved, treasured, and blessed. We have a Savior who can show us the way. Accept him.

ATTENTION PSR PARENTS

Back on Nov. 22nd, we sent a number of you an email asking for Tuition to be paid and 2nd & 8th grade students attending over at St. Hilary to turn in their St. Hilary Emergency Medical Forms. Both these items need to be completed before the Christmas break. If you are not able to comply, please contact Keith Kepes at the Rectory Office at 330-666-1373 x103 or leave a message at: office@copleyangels.org.

Thank you!

Parish School of Religion PSR

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Baby Jesus' Wish List

Odds are you've got a Christmas list going by now — gift ideas for everyone from your nephew to your goddaughter to your mailman. But what about the birthday boy? What's the gift Jesus gets from you this Christmas?

If you've ever read the Book of Leviticus, you know all about the sacrifices God asks of the Israelites, referred to in the reading from Hebrews today. Levitious can be a chore to read — a little repetitive, a little intimidating. There's a lot of very specific actions that God asks His Chosen People to complete to make up for whatever they have done wrong. In essence, it's a bit of a wish list for gifts.

But it's a wish list that can really confuse you. What's God going to do with a cereal offering? The kidneys of an animal? If you look closely, what God is doing here is beautiful. He's customized his wish list to only those things He knows the Israelites can give. It's God saying, in what amounts to theological baby-talk for folks who barely know of Him and His ways, exactly how they could be stewards. "Do this, but don't do that. If you do that, do this and you will find My mercy."

Our guide to stewardship — the Gospels of Christ — is less precise because by the time of Christ, God's people have grown in understanding of love and mercy and relationship with the divine. Through Christ, we find out that God's real wish list didn't really consist of cereal offerings and the kidneys of various animals. It's far simpler, but luckily, it's something we still have on-hand. All He wants is our whole heart.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Catholic Cemeteries Association Diocese of Cleveland

Faith, Hope, and Remembrance

"A Closer Walk With Thee"

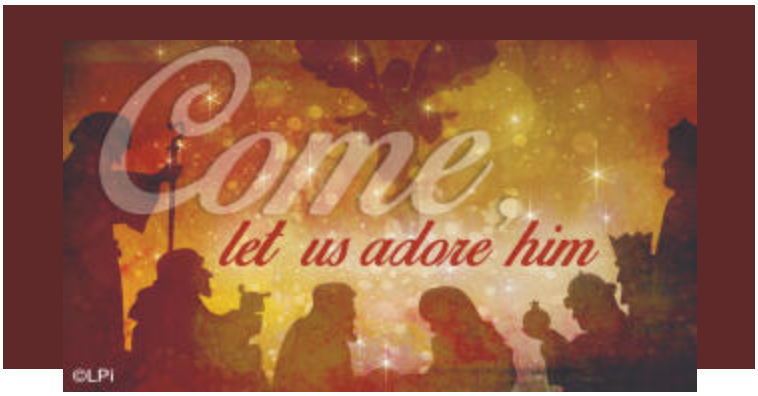
Our monthly grief support e-newsletter, "A Closer Walk with Thee" provides much of the same helpful grief support information that is presented at the monthly meetings but can be enjoyed from the comfort of your home and from any device where you can access your email. This e-newsletter is emailed the first Tuesday of each month to any family/individual who has expressed an interest in our bereavement programs. To subscribe to this valued grief support resource, go to the signup form at https://bit.ly/ccabereavementbulletin or contact Rhonda at rabrams@clecem.org or 216-930-4866.

Jesuit Retreat Center

A PLACE OF PEACE

Cinema & Conversation: *It's a Wonderful Life*. Monday, December 20 from 7:00pm - 9:00pm. Join us at Jesuit Retreat Center each month for films that inspire and entertain. After each movie, there will be time for conversation and questions. Cost: Free Will Offering

A New Year's Eve Retreat at JRC - "See, I Am Doing A New Thing". Friday, December 31, 5:30pm - Saturday, January 1, 11:30am. Presented by Bill Hobbs. As we turn the page on the calendar to 2022, we take time to pause and reflect on the past year and plan for the year ahead. The evening begins with dinner at 5:30 pm, followed by a reflection and time for quiet prayer. We will gather before midnight for some conversation and to share a toast to the New Year. In the morning, we will conclude with liturgy and brunch. Cost: $100



A Very Merry Christmas to all our Guardian Angels parishioners, families & guests! We wish you a season of peace, happiness and joy!

- from Fr. Chris and the staff of Guardian Angels

ST. HILARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE ON JANUARY 30

St. Hilary School will hold its annual Catholic Schools Week Open House Sunday, January 30 from12-2pm. Tours will be offered and our teachers look forward to visiting with you in their classrooms. By virtue of the cluster parish arrangement, Guardian Angels Parishioners may qualify for the St. Hilary Parishioner tuition rate! St. Hilary School proudly offers over $150,000 in tuition assistance annually to help make Catholic education affordable for all, and 529 Plan funds may be used toward tuition. All are welcome! St. Hilary School admits qualified students of any gender, race, color, and national or ethnic origin. Please call Debbie Sinopoli at 330-867-8720, x343 for more information about St. Hilary School or the Open House.

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