



*The Nativity of the Lord*





## Pastors Pen

When the angel Gabriel encountered Mary, perhaps during her evening walk, he told her of God's plan to birth the "Son of the Most High" into life through her body. It was an incomprehensible request of preposterous proportion. Mary could have said "no" but instead, she said "May it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38). Three months later, Mary's cousin Elizabeth said to her: "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled".

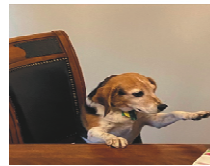
In our lives, God speaks to us and we know what he asks of us. May our response be the same as Mary's so that the purpose of our lives could also be fulfilled.

Christmas traditions tell us that Gaspar was a king who made the long journey from India across Persia and Arabia to reach Bethlehem. Melchior was a Persian king and Balthasar was an Arabian king. Ancient prophecies in the Psalms, Daniel and Numbers foretold the coming of a great leader, a messiah. Some modern day astronomers, by running the celestial clock in reverse, suggest that the guiding star was real. The magi no doubt would have brought their own scripture scholars and others who, along with the shepherds, were the first to worship the newborn king.



## Christmas List

I have a list of folks I know, all written in a book and every year at Christmas time I go and take a look. And that is when I realize that these names are a part not of the book they're written in, but of my very heart. For each name stands for someone who path touched mine, and left such a print of friendship that I want to touch again. I really feel I am composed of each remembered name. And while you many not be aware of any special link, just meeting you has shaped my life more than you can think. For once you've met somebody, the years cannot erase the memory of a pleasant word or of a friendly face. So never think my Christmas cards are just a mere routine of names upon a Christmas list - forgotten in between. For when I send a Christmas card that is addressed to you it's because you're on that list of folks I am indebted to. For one is but a total of the many folks they've met and you happen to be one of those I prefer NOT to forget. And whether I have known you for many years or few, in some ways you have had a part in shaping things I do. And every year when Christmas comes I realize anew, The Biggest Gift life can give is MEETING FOLKS LIKE YOU. And may the spirit of Christmas that forever and ever endures, leave its richest blessings in the heart of you and yours.



## Ask the Pastoral Minister?

Do you have a question about the Catholic faith? If so, email your Pastoral Minister, Lisa Covington, [religiouedrocks1@gmail.com](mailto:religiouedrocks1@gmail.com) a question you have about anything Catholic, and she will answer it. One question will be selected each week and both the question and answer will appear in an upcoming bulletin. If you would like your first name and last initial to appear with the question, or stay anonymous, let Lisa know.

### This week's Q & A...

**Q:** If Adam and Eve were the first people on earth, and they gave birth to Cain and Able, then where did Cain's wife come from? (Beth F. 2nd Grade ASB Student)

**A:** Beth, thank you for your question. This is a good question and one that I would get from college aged students when I taught higher education. Here is the answer. While the focus of the creation story in the book of Genesis is on Adam and Eve, God also created other people. As we read in further chapters of Genesis, there are Bible passages regarding Adam and Eve having other children as well. Cain knew his wife before they were married and according to other ancient texts from the Middle East, her name was Awan.



## GIVING TREE THANK YOU

The St. Bartholomew parishioners overwhelming response to this years Giving Tree was no less than amazing. The area's poor and needy are grateful for your unselfish giving. Whether you prayed for them or donated to them please know the tremendous impact you have made on our less fortunate brothers and sisters especially during these challenging times. Thank you and may God bless all of you.

## Share Your Old Eyeglasses

When you donate your old eyeglasses, they are donated to the Cleveland Sight Center. Please donate any old eyeglasses you may have. The donation boxes are at all entrances of the Church.

## Parish Masses

### Friday, December 24

#### Vigil: Nativity of the Lord

- 4pm ✘ Tom Darmetko *by Family*  
 6pm ✘ Leonard Drager *by Family*  
 12am ✘ Hudak & Kulik families *by MaryAnn Hudak*

### Saturday, December 25

#### Nativity of the Lord

- 11am ✘ Joan Pavlescak *by Family*

### Sunday, December 26

#### Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

- 9am ✘ David Biro *by Corinne*  
 11am ✘ Deceased of Karpac & Galeski Families

### Monday, December 27

#### St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

- 8am Parishioners of St. Bartholomew

### Wednesday, December 29

#### 5th Day within the Octave of the Nativity

- 8am ✘ John Simanella *by Martin & Dolly Hrik*

### Friday, December 31

#### 7th Day within the Octave of the Nativity

- 8am Parishioners of St. Bartholomew

### Saturday, January 1

#### Vigil: Epiphany of the Lord

- 4pm ✘ Constance Wolski *by Jim Pavlescak*

### Sunday, January 2

#### Epiphany of the Lord

- 9am ✘ James DeAngelo *by Bucceri Family*  
 11am ✘ Donna Robinson *by Carolyn Duprow & family*

### Monday, January 3

#### Christmas Weekday

- 8am ✘ Rose Caroscio *by grandchildren*

### Wednesday, January 5

#### St. John Neumann, Bishop

- 8am ✘ Jeff Bobincheck *by Lori, Jonathan & Joey*

### Friday, January 7

#### Christmas Weekday

- 8am ✘ Paul Hagerty *by Ed & Connie Hronek*

### Saturday, January 8

#### Vigil: Baptism of The Lord

- 4pm ✘ Lenore Knerem *by husband*

### Sunday, January 9

#### Christmas Weekday

- 9am ✘ Jane Koprowski *by Kellogg Family*  
 11am ✘ George Flak *by Family*

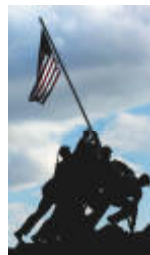
## Prayer Requests...

*Please remember these in need of your daily prayers...*



- |                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| ✘Richard Barbato   | ✘Eddie Morar       |
| ✘Nora Bewley       | ✘Ken Mraz          |
| ✘Dr. Linda Black   | ✘Joyce Obral       |
| ✘Bob Fallon        | ✘Barb Ozimek       |
| ✘Anna Cukelj       | ✘Marlene Patrick   |
| ✘Patti Dietrick    | ✘James R. Patrick  |
| ✘Sue Denoto        | ✘Paul J. Piatak    |
| ✘Irene Duke        | ✘Robert Petro      |
| ✘Ken Fadenholz     | ✘Donald Punchak    |
| ✘Dolores Fiffick   | ✘Lori Ranieri      |
| ✘Jim Fulgham       | ✘Richard Redovan   |
| ✘Margaret Gebura   | ✘Eric Reeder       |
| ✘Charles Goble     | ✘Sr. Rosemarie     |
| ✘Gina Havasi       | ✘Robert Schroeder  |
| ✘Jo Heidrick       | ✘Renee Sempr       |
| ✘Nancy Imbrigiotta | ✘Dolores Shemensky |
| ✘Megan Keefe       | ✘Lauren Shur       |
| ✘Annamarie Kopp    | ✘Teri Siroki       |
| ✘Shirley Leinweber | ✘Terri Swingler    |
| ✘Clara Lucarino    | ✘Lisa Szymanski    |
| ✘Carol Mandinec    | ✘Betty Tomanek     |
| ✘Barb McClain      | ✘Connie Tronccone  |
| ✘Alex McClain      | ✘Rick Trope        |
| ✘Gus Miranda       | ✘Betty Vitt        |
| ✘Monica Meyers     | ✘Anna Wagner       |
|                    | ✘Lisa Weiler       |

*If you would like to have someone added to our parish prayer request list, please call **Kathy Otto** @216.676.0144 to have your loved one added.*



### PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

- \*Fr. Joe Brankatelli \* Joseph Adams  
 \* Christian DiVincenzo \* Ryan Kazimer  
 \* Cory Kuhn \* George Papadorotheou  
 \* Eric Rensel \* Paul Russo  
 \* Sgt. Adam Bettel

### Parish Offertory—December 12, 2021

Sunday Offertory	\$16,937.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 248.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 853.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 118.00
Music	\$ 73.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*



THIS WEEK

Dec. 27  
Offices Closed

Dec. 28, 29, 30  
Office Open 9am—3pm

Dec. 31  
Office Closed

Jan. 1  
Donut Sunday

Jan. 3  
Offices Closed

### Thank you for the Rosary Ministry

A big Thank you to those who have donated to the Rosary Ministry. All the money has been used to purchase supplies. They are beads, crosses and thread needed to make the Rosaries and they are shared among the ladies in the ministry. We have approximately twelve ladies who donate many hours of their time to make them. This year alone we have donated over 6600 rosaries. If you have a family member in the military or someone going on a mission overseas, have them contact the Parish Office at 440-842-5400, or leave a message for Barb Sauer to call you direct. We will provide the rosaries to take on their missions. Again, thank you for your donations, they are very much appreciated.

**We are in need of Adult Funeral Servers.  
No experience is necessary, training will be provided. If you are interested please call Vince Avallone at 216-287-7172.**



The Presence Candle for the month of January is burning in memory of Mary Charlotte Shur-Slepecky

It has been offered by  
Joe & Lauren Shur

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 [www.am1260therock.com](http://www.am1260therock.com) 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.



### PERSONAL PRODUCTS THANK YOU

This year Personal Product campaign was extremely successful, well over 1,000 products were donated through your generosity. You put a smile on someone's face. SVDP appreciates all the support you give us. Without you we could not make this possible. Thank you for your generosity and prayers.

May God Bless you

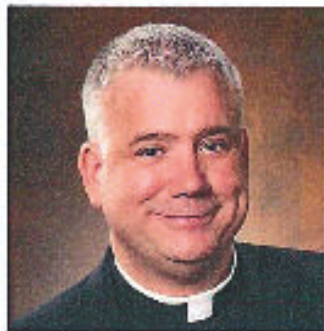
### Synod 2021-2023: For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission

St. Bartholomew Parish will be participating in listening sessions as part of the diocesan synodal process. Synodality means journeying together and gathering in assembly as the People of God to proclaim the Gospel. Pope Francis has invited EVERYONE to participate in a dialogue with one another and with the worldwide Catholic Church. Join us! We hope you will participate in the conversations that will take place in January. Each individual matters and each of our experiences is valid and in need of ears to listen. Nobody is excluded - all are welcome. We are all on this journey of faith together! This is an opportunity to listen to one another in a spirit of prayer and dream about the Church we are called to be. The information gathered from the listening sessions will not only help us discern how we can move forward together as a parish community, but also as a diocese and Universal Church. Dates of parish listening sessions to be announced in an upcoming bulletin. To learn more, please visit the website: [dioceseofcleveland.org/synod](http://dioceseofcleveland.org/synod).





**YCMC.US**  
SATURDAY 2022 **JANUARY 29<sup>th</sup>**



Father Larry Richards



Bishop Malesic



Father Jacob Beator



Father Ryan Mann



Father Mike McCandless



Luke Brown LPCC



Tommy Dome



Erin Hogan



Jim Hogan



Paul Kocman



Dean Robinson



Drew Vilinsky

**WALSH JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL**  
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

Each teen chooses several of the 8 offered breakout sessions that pertain to; sports, science, dating, managing stress, spiritual growth, culture and integrity.

**DYNAMIC SPEAKERS** gym activities  
**inspiring talks** CONFESSION OPPORTUNITY

*YCMC is an initiative to encourage and strengthen men in their Catholic life and how to live it in today's culture. With cooperation of religious, this event is wholly produced by a group of committed lay Catholics who recognize the vast challenges of Christian manhood.*

Space is limited!  
register:  
**ycmc.us**

- 8:00 am Check-in and continental breakfast
- 9:00 am Welcome and keynote address
- 5:00 pm Event concluding Mass

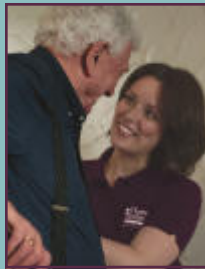


**DADS & MENTORS** are encouraged to join us for talks and resources tailored to those that are raising young men.

**YOUNG CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE**

## CHURCHILL TOWERS

Comfortable Peaceful 55+ living  
 9333 North Church Drive  
 Parma Heights, OH  
**440-843-2392**  
 Free Heat, Water, Sewer  
 & Garage Parking



The best home to be in is your own.



**440.888.3809 • Homelinstead.com/306**  
 Each Home Instead Senior Care Franchise is independently owned and operated.  
 © 2019 Home Instead, Inc.

Over 100 years of quality with today's technology



- Heating
- Air Conditioning
- Installations & Service

18502 Detroit Ave • Lakewood  
**216-221-2036**  
[www.lakewoodfurnace.com](http://www.lakewoodfurnace.com)  
 All major credit cards accepted

## HOLY FAMILY PARMA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

**440.842.1620**

- Low Used & New Car Rates
- Home Equity & Signature Loans
- Checking, Savings & CD's
- Online Banking
- Savings insured by NCUA

WE WELCOME  
 ST. BART  
 PARISHIONERS

7367 York Rd., Parma

Since 1985

OH. Lic. 12562  
 OH. Lic. 38062

## The Plumbing Source

General Repair • HVAC • Sewer & Drain Cleaning • Sump Pumps  
 Hot Water Heaters • Gas Lines • Bathroom/Kitchen Remodeling

Tony DiNardo, Parishioner **(440) 333-4243**

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!



Senior Living at Middleburg Heights

- Assisted living
- Independent Living
- Memory Care

15435 Bagley Rd  
 Middleburg Heights OH 44130

**440-887-1125**

[www.paramountseniorliving.com](http://www.paramountseniorliving.com)

"The time of your life begins here."

We Are Here For You

Burial Planning  
 Memorials  
 Grief Support



[www.clecem.org](http://www.clecem.org)  
 216-641-7575

## Parkside Villa

- Excellent therapy department
- Private rehab rooms



7040 Hepburn Rd.  
 Middleburg Hts.

**440.260.7626**

[www.lhshealth.com](http://www.lhshealth.com)

### ADT-Monitored Home Security

Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Flood Detection
- Fire Safety
- Carbon Monoxide



SafeStreets

1-855-225-4251

## DENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

— Kenneth T. Kmieck, D.D.S. & Assoc. —

FAMILY DENTISTRY - NEW PATIENTS WELCOME  
 PREVENTATIVE & COSMETIC DENTAL CARE  
 SAME DAY DENTURE REPAIR & RELINES

7057 W. 130th Street - Rm. 402 **440-888-9755**

## Providing Heating & Cooling Services to Northeast Ohio Since 1965

Service | Install | Repair | Maintain

**HUGE** HEATING & COOLING

**440-234-4157**

[www.hugeheating.com](http://www.hugeheating.com)

We've Missed You!

Welcome Back to Mass



Stay connected to our faith community no matter where you are by signing up to get our bulletin delivered straight to your email!

[www.ParishesOnline.com](http://www.ParishesOnline.com)



3-E-4-3

For ad info. call 1-800-477-4574 • [www.4lpi.com](http://www.4lpi.com)

14-0288



## BELLA CEMENT

Professional Work Done To Your Satisfaction  
**Specializing in Concrete**  
 Driveways • Patios  
 Walkways • Garage Floors  
*"Decorative Stamped Concrete"*  
 NO MIDDLE MEN OR SUBCONTRACTORS  
 Free Estimates 440-268-6000  
 Serving S. Western Cleveland Suburbs

## KRAY LANDSCAPING

Since 1969  
 SENIOR DISCOUNTS  
 Mowing • New Lawn • Shrubs  
 Drain Tile • Brick Patios/Walls  
 RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL

440-888-8314



Serving our communities with five locations

Craciun Berry Funeral Home Cleveland  
 Craciun Funeral Home Middleburg Heights  
 Corrigan Craciun Funeral Home Cleveland • Fairview Park  
 Westlake

216-281-7300

## Chip Ladan DDS

7233 Pearl Road  
 Middleburg Heights, OH



\$78

Exam, Cleaning & X-Rays

New Patient Special  
 440-843-7540

A vibrant  
 senior living community

## MOUNT ALVERNA VILLAGE

FRANCISCAN COMMUNITIES

Franciscan Ministries sponsored by the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago

LIVING joyfully

440-843-7800

www.mountalvernavillage.org

## BAD L's Hobby

Slot Cars, Raceway, and More

13397 Smith Rd. • Middleburg Hts

440-941-2235

badlhby.com



# Humenik

FUNERAL CHAPEL 14200 Snow Road, Brook Park

Dedicated to  
 Personal and Caring Services  
 In the Tribute to Life



216-265-8700

HumenikFuneralChapel.com

## AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME!

## ADVERTISE HERE NOW!

Contact **Vic Preisel**  
 to place an ad today!  
 vpreisel@4LPi.com or  
 (800) 477-4574 x6317

## WE'RE HIRING

AD SALES EXECUTIVES

BE YOURSELF. BRING YOUR PASSION. WORK WITH PURPOSE.

- Work-Life Balance
- Full-Time with Benefits
- Serve Your Community
- Paid Training
- Some Travel



Contact us at: careers@4lpi.com | www.4lpi.com/careers

# SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!



## Want to work in schools?

We need School Health Assistants - Training Provided!  
 Summers Off! Work School Hours!

email: [info@psi-solutions.org](mailto:info@psi-solutions.org)

or call (800) 841-4774 ext 246



THE PLAN TRAILER



3-E-4-3

For ad info. call 1-800-477-4574 • www.4lpi.com

14-0288



# RIPEPI FUNERAL HOME

Because *every life* deserves a beautiful remembrance.

Louis D. Ripepi, Jr.  
Celestino Parente Parishioner

5762 PEARL ROAD  
440-888-0800  
www.ripepi.com

- Family Owned and Operated Since 1948
- Pre-Need and Irrevocable Trusts
- Community Room available
- Cremation Service

## Vision Care



### MIDDLEBURG HTS Southland Vision

6879 B Southland Dr.  
Middleburg Heights, OH 44130

440-888-3515



## GANLEY LINCOLN

6930 Pearl Rd. • Middleburg Heights



*Specializing In Certified Pre-Owned Lincolns*

Sales: 888.420.2146  
Pre-Owned: 888.861.8829  
Service: 888.859.0817  
Parts: 888.820.6801

888.861.8829 • www.myganleylincoln.com

### Computer Repair, Sales & More!



**FALLS PC CLINIC**  
YOU BREAK IT, WE'LL FIX IT!

440-235-3588

service@fallspcclinic.com  
25564 Bagley Rd., Olmsted Falls  
Fallspcclinic.com



*Family Owned & Operated for Over 105 Years!*

*Pre-arrangements • Traditional Funerals • Cremations*

www.tomonfh.com

4772 Pearl Road, Cleveland • 216-741-6661

7327 Pearl Road, Middleburg Heights • 440-243-6111

## Our Family Caring for Yours

- Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation
- Long Term Care
- Apartment Style Assisted Living — Studio and One Bedroom Suites
- Extensive Assistance Unit
- Bridge to Home and Respite Care

For more information or a tour, call  
440-845-0200



7377 Ridge Road, Parma, OH 44129  
www.lhshealth.com

### Tommy's Old Fashion Jerky & Smokie Outlet



7561 Pearl Rd.  
Middleburg Hts, OH  
440-260-9969

Mon-Sat: 11am-6pm • Closed Sunday

www.tommysjerky.com

10% OFF Total Purchase with this Ad



## A. RIPEPI & SONS Funeral Homes, Inc.

18149 Bagley Rd. • Middleburg Hts.  
(440) 260-8800

3202 Fulton Rd. • Cleveland  
(216) 281-8800

www.ARipepiandSons.com



**Royal Oak**  
AN EMBASSY HEALTHCARE COMMUNITY

think royal oak

Facilitating Smooth Transitions of Care  
through

*Dedication, Quality, and Professionalism*

6973 Pearl Road, Middleburg Hts, OH 44130 | Office: 440-884-9191 | Fax: 440-884-5811



## BUTLER FAMILY DENTISTRY

**Leah M. Butler, DDS**

16000 Pearl Rd., Suite 217

Across from Giant Eagle Market District

(440) 238-4456

LeahButlerDDS.com

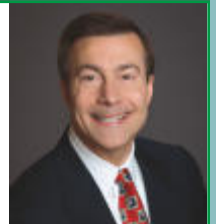
**KOLER FINANCIAL GROUP**  
(440) 884-7042

- RETIREMENT PLANNING SPECIALISTS
- LUMP SUM DISTRIBUTIONS • INVESTMENTS/IRA'S
- ESTATE PLANNING • INSURANCE • COLLEGE PLANNING

**MICHAEL A. KOLER, CFP®**

6400 Pearl Rd., Parma Heights, OH 44130

Securities and investment advisory services offered through SagePoint Financial, Inc. (SPF), member FINRA/SIPC. SPF is separately owned and other entities and/or marketing names, products or services referenced here are independent of SPF.



3-E-4-3

For ad info. call 1-800-477-4574 • www.4lpi.com

14-0288