



# *St. Bartholomew Church*

**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free.  
- Lk 4:18*

## ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER

January 23, 2022, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Towards the end of today's Gospel passage about Jesus proclaiming the Scriptures in Nazareth we read the line, "and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him." Well, today at St. Bartholomew in Middleburgh Heights all eyes in the church are looking intently at the new priest. *Who is this man? What's his story? How did we get him to lead our parish?* Allow me to write a bit about my religious Congregation and about myself. I am very aware of the need to balance sharing essentials with unloading *Too Much Information!*

The Congregation of St. Joseph (Fathers and Brothers) is a clerical religious Congregation of men of pontifical right founded by St. Leonard Murialdo in Turin, Italy in 1873. The CSJ currently ministers in sixteen countries. Our focus is on youth, working class and the poor. We used to be mostly educators in schools, but now most of us serve in parishes as the needs of the Church have changed. The USA and Mexico are combined into a Vice-Province led by a Superior, Fr. Alejandro Bazan, and his Council. I am one of the three councilors, serving as the treasurer. Fr. Alejandro is from Argentina, Fr. Jesus, vicar, is from Spain, Fr. Mario, secretary, hails from Italy, and I have deep roots in Lorain County. If you know something about St. John Bosco and his Salesians, you have an idea about us, too, as the two saintly Founders were good friends and collaborators in youth ministry.

I returned to Avon from Lancaster, California at the end of June, having served as pastor of St. Junipero Serra Parish there for thirteen years. The parish had 4,400 households: over 12,500 members. It was a very diverse community, of which 30% were Asian (mostly Filipinos and people from Guam), about 12% Latino (largely Central Americans), and people from just about everywhere else on earth. Many were retired military and the main industry was aerospace. Among those I buried were famous test pilots and rocket scientists. The parish had been entrusted to the CSJ from its inception on August 15, 1987. I was the third pastor.

Before being transferred to California, I spent 26 nonconsecutive years in Catholic schools in the Cleveland Diocese. I was principal of my home parish's little elementary school when the vow of obedience booted me across the country to the high desert. My return to Ohio was the result of "term limits"—I was already a year past the expiration date of twelve years. I was on a sabbatical of sorts during this time and am the director of St. Leonard Youth Retreat Center in Avon. When St. Bart's was advertised, I tossed my hat into the ring, and ended up being given the position of administrator. If everything works out, I will become the pastor in one year. Strictly speaking, the CSJ is the pastor, I am the priest the CSJ has placed into the parish to carry out the ministry.

*Oremus ad invicem! (Let us pray for one another!)*

*Fr. Leo Dechant, C.S.J., D.Min.*

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Mass openings are still available for 2022.  
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## Parish Masses

**Saturday, January 22**

**Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4pm ✦ Larry Rucinski *by family*

**Sunday, January 23**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9am ✦ David Biro *by Corinne Biro*

11am ✦ Barbara Havlin *by Brickner family*

**Monday, January 24**

**St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor**

8am ✦ John Simanella *by Dan Bagby*

**Wednesday, January 26**

**Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops**

8am All Parishioners

**Friday, January 28**

**St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Religious & Doctor**

8am All Parishioners

**Saturday, January 29**

**Vigil: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4pm ✦ Elaine Karpac *by St. Vincent de Paul Society*

**Sunday, January 30**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9am ✦ William Sopko *by Grace & Mike Radloff*

11am ✦ Rina Burola *by family*

### THIS WEEK

**Thu. Jan. 27**

7pm Men's Fellowship @ RMR-B

**St. Ignatius High School** is offering a brief introduction to the Latin, French, and Mandarin Languages and their respective cultures for young men in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades. The courses are held on Saturdays. The Mandarin course runs from 11am-12pm, the French course runs from 12pm-1pm and the Latin course runs from 1pm-2pm. The sessions begin on Saturday, February 12 and end on Saturday, March 5th and the courses are FREE! Register online at [www.ignatius.edu/grade\\_school](http://www.ignatius.edu/grade_school). If you have any questions, please call Mr. Joseph Zebrak at 216-651-0222 ext. 2453 or email [jzebrak@ignatius.edu](mailto:jzebrak@ignatius.edu) before the courses begin.

## Prayer Requests...

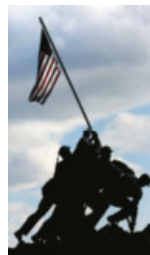
*Please remember these in need of your daily prayers...*



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✦Nora Bewley  
✦Dr. Linda Black  
✦Bob Fallon  
✦Anna Cukelj  
✦Patti Dietrick  
✦Sue Denoto  
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✦Lori Ranieri  
✦Richard Redovan  
✦Eric Reeder  
✦ Sr. Rosemarie  
✦Robert Schroeder  
✦Renee Sempr  
✦Dolores Shemensky  
✦Lauren Shur  
✦Teri Siroki  
✦ Terri Swingler  
✦ Lisa Szymanski  
✦Betty Tomanek  
✦Connie Troncone  
✦Rick Trope  
✦Betty Vitt  
✦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

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\*\*\*\*\* **NEW LOCATION**\*\*\*\*\*

**La Centre** 25777 Detroit Road in Westlake-right off of I90. Cost is \$15 per person- includes light appetizer - Cash bar. Pay online or at the door- Be sure to RSVP either way.

**Register in advance at:**  
[www.theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west](http://www.theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west)

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## AM 1260 The Rock Continues the Mass of the Month in 2022 for the Intentions of Our Listeners and Benefactors

AM 1260 The Rock is continuing our monthly Mass intentions for YOU - our listeners and benefactors. Each month we have an opportunity to pray for and with one another at parishes around the diocese. Our February Mass is at St. Ignatius of Antioch Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM (Eucharistic Adoration and Confession 3:30-4:30PM). Our Masses of the Month for the rest of 2022 can be found at [am1260therock.com](http://am1260therock.com) or call us at 216-227-1260.

### 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.

### **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).

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SATURDAY 2022 JANUARY 29<sup>th</sup>



Father Larry Richards



Bishop Malesic



Father Jacob Beaton



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

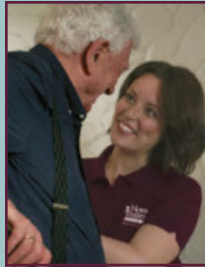


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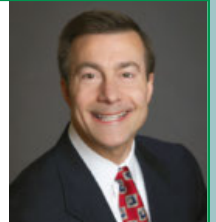
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