



## St. Barnabas Catholic Parish

*A people called to proclaim  
The Good News*

### Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses: 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and  
5:30 p.m.

Weekday Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Friday  
and Saturday, 8:30 a.m.; Wednesday and  
Thursday, 6:45 a.m.

### Confession

Wednesdays: 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Saturdays: following 8:30 a.m. Mass and  
3:30-4:30 p.m., or by appointment

### Perpetual Adoration

Seven days a week, 24 hours a day  
(currently suspended)

Eucharistic Adoration Wednesdays: 7:30  
a.m.-6:00 p.m., Holy Hour 6:00-7:00 p.m.

### Baptism - Confirmation - Anointing of the Sick - Marriage - PSR - RCIA - Funerals

For more information on celebrating  
Catholic sacraments or requesting  
assistance with any of these services,  
please contact the Parish Office.

### Parish Membership

Welcome! To register as a member of our  
church, stop by the Parish Office.

### St. Barnabas Catholic School

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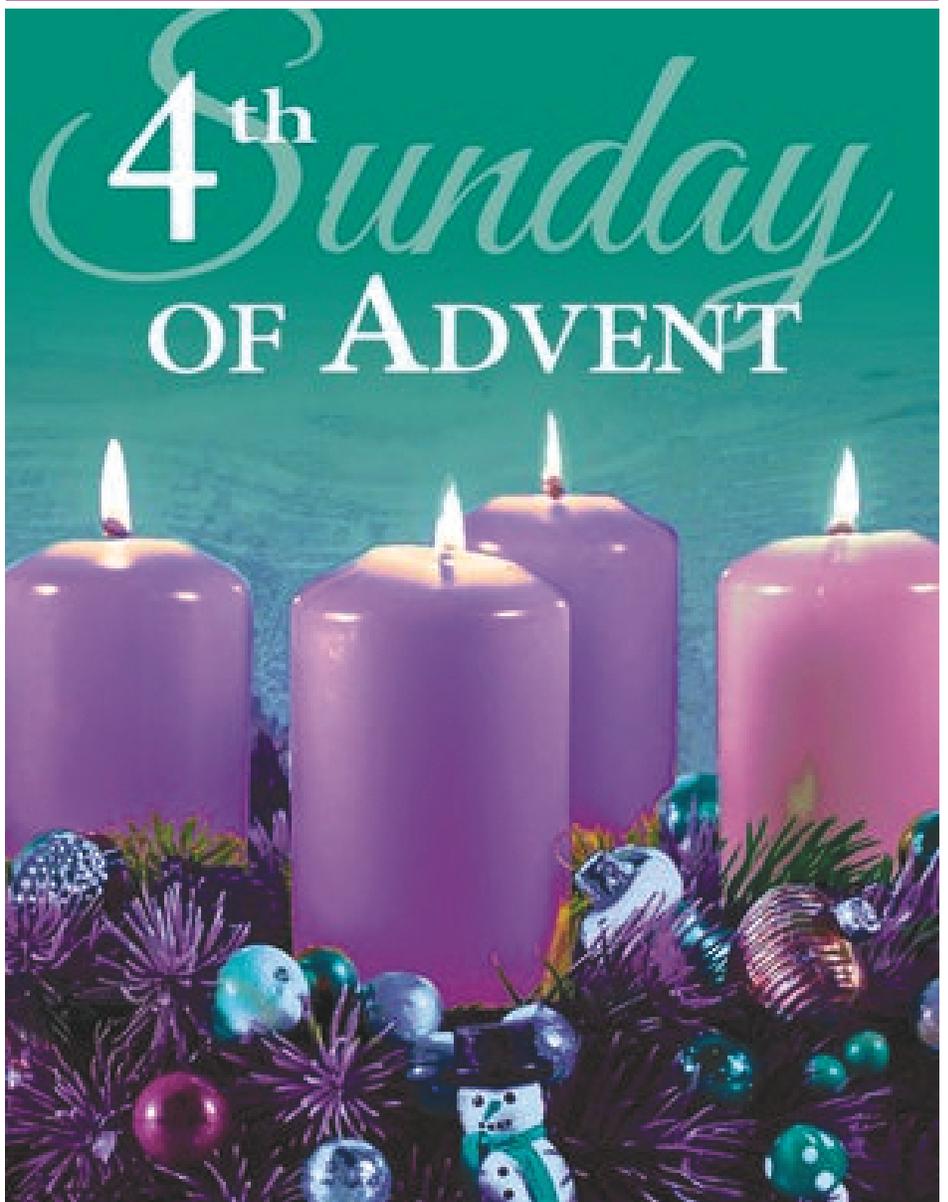
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# 2020 ~ Year of Joy!

## December 20, 2020 Fourth Sunday of Advent



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# A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



Advent always comes and goes very quickly and so we find ourselves just a few days away from Christmas. This has certainly been an Advent unlike any other and promises to be a Christmas beyond any other as well. I am very grateful to all of you for observing the requested safety precautions: wearing masks, keeping social distance and avoiding large crowds as far as possible. Although by now the restrictions and suggestions for dealing with the present pandemic have gotten a bit old. Probably most of us thought this would all be over in a few weeks or at best, a few months. But now it is coming close to a year and things have not gotten a whole lot better. The development of a vaccine has certainly been a promising step, but even that will take time to accomplish some good, hoping that there are no glitches along the way. In the midst of this, we come to the great feast of Christmas, knowing that this year will be a different celebration from other Christmases we have known.

We really have no idea how many people will show up for the Christmas Masses. While the schedule here at St. Barnabas follows the schedule we have had in past years, we need to keep in mind that, while churches and religious groups are largely exempted from the Governor's regulations, it would certainly be foolish for us to ignore them. Keeping social distance greatly lessens the capacity of our church building; still, we will do our best to follow those regulations. Please keep in mind that the dispensation issued by the Bishops of the United States temporarily lifting the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays remains in effect and will likely remain so until the pandemic is past. If for any reason you think it unwise to attend Mass in person on this great Holyday, please know that there are some alternatives available to you through the various media and, while making use of the television or the computer doesn't replace actual attendance at Mass, in a difficult situation like this, it may well be the best you can do as a substitute.

This will be a Christmas unlike any other that any of us have experienced in our lifetimes, but it is still Christmas! So, we need to do all that we can to remember that. Jesus has become one of us and invites us to become one with Him. I hope that the uniqueness of Christmas in the year 2020 will make us all appreciate all the more deeply the great length and depth that Jesus would go to make our salvation possible.

May you and all those you love have a most blessed and merry Christmas!

*Fr. Ralph*

 The Parish Office will be open Christmas Eve, December 24, until 1:00 p.m. and closed Friday, December 25 and Monday, December 28.

## ADVENT OFFERINGS:

Eucharistic Adoration will be available on Mondays, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., in addition to Wednesdays, in the church.

Confession will be offered on Saturdays, 9 - 9:30 a.m., and 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. and Wednesdays, from 5-7 p.m.



## MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday, December 21, 2020 - Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church**  
8:30 a.m.....Marge Perko  
*Month's Mind - Donald Brosch*  
*Month's Mind - Barbara Lindsey*
- Tuesday, December 22, 2020 - Advent Weekday**  
8:30 a.m.....Frank and Mary Snyder  
*First Anniversary - Irene Rogo*
- Wednesday, December 23, 2020 - St. John of Kanty, Priest**  
6:45 a.m.....Robert Helbig
- Thursday, December 24, 2020 - Late Advent Weekday**  
6:45 a.m.....Poor Souls in Purgatory
- Thursday, December 24, 2020 - Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord**  
4:00 p.m.(JK) - Parish Center  
4:00 p.m.(RW)  
6:00 p.m.(RW)  
10:00 p.m.(JK)
- Friday, December 25, 2020 - Nativity of the Lord**  
8:30 a.m.(RW)  
11:00 a.m.(JK)
- Saturday, December 26, 2020 - Saint Stephen, The First Martyr**  
8:30 a.m.....Monsignor Richard Smola  
5:00 p.m.(RW).....Mark Dorn  
*Month's Mind - Anthony Kuches*
- Sunday, December 27, 2020 - Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
8:30 a.m.(JK).....For the Parish  
11:00 a.m.(JK).....Joseph McArdle  
5:30 p.m.(RW).....Frank Wachala  
*First Anniversary - Dorti Zidar*  
*Vigil Light - Lou Montesano*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 20, 2020

- Sunday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
- Monday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
- Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56
- Wednesday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
- Thursday:** Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
- Friday:** Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25.  
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14.  
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
- Saturday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22
- Next Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or

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Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father." - Lk 1:30-32

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

“TO EVERYTHING, THERE IS A SEASON,  
AND A TIME FOR EVERY PURPOSE  
UNDER HEAVEN.” Ec 3:1



#### A time to heal...

Please pray for all who are ill, especially: Karen Adams, Mike Ahern, Therese Armstrong, Katie Ayers, Dennis Balis, Dolores Barcik, Dianne Basile, Arlene Beilstein, Virginia Bellitto, Gene Best, Joshua Blouir, Georgiann Broz, Josephine Bruce, Joanne Buss, Dorothy Cale, Joe Candio, Leroy Ceccardi, Kathleen Copus, Teri Curnutte, Ann Davis, Barbara Davis, Regina Day, Jill Deal, Mary Demerest, Demetriades Family, Ted Derbin, Tricia DeWitt, Anthony DiFranco, Ehrman Family, Cathy Farley, Jonathan Fedor, Mike Ferrara, Carolyn Fiktus, Betty Fisher, Joseph Gabriel, Margaret Galus, Bob Garcar, Marge Gibbons, Ronald Grobelny, Anna Grzybowski, Ron Haydocy, Nautica Heddlesten, Maddy Heller, James Hobson, Helen Hocevar, Edward Holicky, Kevin Hoogenboom, Dan Houlahan, Dennis Houlahan, Donna Hupcey, Dolores Jacobs, Pat Janotka, Agnes Karaba, Karen Kazel, Tony Kazmierczak, Raisa Koroleva, Irene Kovar, Robert Kozak, Ken Krawczyk, Laverne Krempasky, Tom Lantos, Stephanie Lairson, Susan Lee, David Lenczewski, Lee Letterle, Denis Liederbach, Margaret Massimino, Martin Mawyer, Belle Michaels, Adam Milewski, Ben Miller, Diana Miller, Richard Milosovic, Mark Morgan, Sally Page, Jim Pearl Jr., Leonard Piascik, Jackie Rice, Margaret Schillero, Charles Schnurr, Janice Schnurr, Rita Schnurr, Rachel Schoonmaker, Richard Sega, Rose Mary Slezak, Robert Snyder, Josephine Snyder, Frank Speno, Joyce Sporck, Lori Stossel, Bernie Szczepanski, Bob Szczepanski, Jim Thomas, Lisa Thornburg, George Tomaselli, Betty Trabert, Ann Turnick, Char Vercek, Carmen Vitale, Philip Ward, Bill Watkins, Richard Wintucky, Richard Witt, and all the sick of our parish.

(Please notify the Parish Office, 330-467-7959, to add or remove a name from the list. And please remember to pray for the needs written in the Book of Intentions and those placed in the Perpetual Adoration Prayer Box.)

#### A time to mourn...

Our loving prayers are extended to the family of Janice Boczek, Bernie Hovan, Robert Kwitkowski, Todd Simmons, and the families of all of our faithful departed relatives and friends. May their souls rest in peace.



**Christmas Wafers (Oplatky)**, provided by Sr. Regina Kusnir, are available for purchase at the Parish Office. Each packet contains four wafers. A donation is suggested.

This week in your daily prayers please remember these individuals, **Seminarians at St. Mary** who are called to the priesthood: Francisco Ogbonna, Deacon Cameron Popic, Connor Hetzel, Frederick Schlueter, Scott Swinerton, Kyle Rosser.



**XLT – EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** ALL parishioners are invited to join St. Barnabas Life Teen for XLT: Eucharistic Adoration and praise & worship music led by Jaime Masetta on Sunday, December 20, from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

**EARLY DEADLINE FOR FUTURE BULLETINS:** Please note, any articles for the January 3 bulletin are due no later than Wednesday, December 23, 8:30 a.m. Thank you for your cooperation.

## St. Barnabas School

Despite facing several challenges related to the pandemic, I'm very happy to report that the instrumental music program at St. Barnabas School is continuing to thrive. We are currently offering both an in-person band program for students at school as well as a remote lesson program for students who are learning from home this semester. Any student in grades 5 through 8 is welcome to join us if they are interested. Instead of having our annual Christmas Concert, band students are preparing to record songs for a video that will be shared with St. Barnabas families next week. Thank you so much to Mrs. Faetanini, our teachers and staff, and all of the band students and their parents for continuing to support our school band program during this very unique year.

Compassionate and Loving Father,  
In the face of confusion and concern,  
impart to us the calm of your  
presence.

In You, allow us to find hope and  
healing.

Be with those who serve the sick,  
and give them Your caring hands.

Be with those who lead, and give them Your Spirit of  
wisdom.

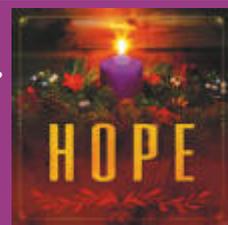
Be with those who have fallen ill, and give them Your  
comforting heart.

Wrap your arms around our world  
and hold us in your love.

Allow us at this time of trial to then  
serve as instruments of that love to all we meet.

We ask this in Your Name.

Amen.



**BISHOP MALESIC CHRISTMAS MASSES**  
Join the Most Rev. Edward Malesic, bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, as he celebrates Masses from the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day that will be livestreamed or broadcast on local television. The bishop will be the celebrant for the 4:30 p.m. Mass livestream on Christmas Eve, December 24. The Mass will be streamed live via the internet on the diocesan website, [dioceseofcleveland.org](http://dioceseofcleveland.org). It also will be available on demand on the diocesan website at [dioceseofcleveland.com](http://dioceseofcleveland.com), after the broadcast.

On Christmas Day, December 25, Bishop Malesic will celebrate Christmas Mass from the cathedral on WOIO – Channel 19 -- at 9 a.m. The Mass also will be available on demand on the diocesan website at [dioceseofcleveland.org](http://dioceseofcleveland.org).



The Music Ministry of St. Barnabas Church wishes you a very Merry Christmas and happy and healthy New Year.

## FAITH FORMATION

**Prayer for Advent:** "Father, take me deeper this Advent. I want this Christmas to be the best Christmas I have ever had. Help me to prepare for Christmas by making this the best Advent I have ever had." ~Rejoice

**Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Until further notice, Children's Liturgy of the Word will not occur during Mass. Please go to the following website and join Miss Heidi as she explains and sings through the Word each week with your child: <http://www.catholictv.org/shows/childrens-liturgy>.

In addition, you can watch Brother Francis on Formed go through the Advent Season! Just follow this link: <https://watch.formed.org/brother-francis-the-days-of-advent>

Sign up for the Children's reflections here: <https://advent.augustineinstitute.org/>

### Happy Advent!

The *Emmanuel: God is with Us* program offers individuals, families and communities meaningful Advent prayer experiences, reflections and traditions in the midst of the unique challenges we face with this pandemic. Each week provides a variety of activities for you and/or your family in addition to the lighting of an Advent Wreath. There are also recipes, prayers, and reflections. Use the program and adapt it to fit your family! Find the light of Jesus in this time and enjoy your Christmas even more! Go to the parish website: [www.stbarnabasfamily.org](http://www.stbarnabasfamily.org) and click on the "Advent Resources" post to access the program. Another alternative is to sign on to Formed – the Road to Bethlehem – for daily reflections. Click on this link and join each day: <https://advent.augustineinstitute.org/>



**RCIA:** We welcome the following children into the St. Barnabas Family: Lucy Felicia Heller, Wade James Heller, Leland James Heller and Carolina Ann Heller. Please pray for them as they continue their faith journey.



It's LOTTO Time! The January to June game tickets are now available for sale and pickup in the Parish Office. Choose a three-digit number from 000 to 999 and follow the evening Ohio Lottery Pick 3 drawing. Tickets are \$10 and are good for six months. The daily prize is \$25 and on five special days pays up to \$250. This fundraiser supports the Capital Campaign by contributing over \$4000 annually. Be a part of the fun and help St. Barnabas.

## LOTTO

Congratulations to the following lottery winners:

12/6 - 523 - no winner  
12/7 - 097 - STEVE FLANDRO  
12/8 - 634 - no winner  
12/9 - 456 - ROMINA ALESCI  
12/10 - 334 - no winner  
12/11 - 358 - SUE SALVAGGIO  
12/12 - 237 - JILL KUKAROLA

Lotto tickets for **January through June 2021** are now available at the Parish Office for **\$10 each**. Good luck, and thank you for supporting this Capital Improvements Fundraiser.



**LIFE NIGHTS** Every Sunday from 5:30-8:30 p.m. all high school teens are welcome to our Life Nights! We start with Mass, and have dinner, games, discussion, and more. Please bring a mask to wear indoors. We will have social distancing, and lots of hand sanitizer!

**CONFIRMATION MINISTRY – YEAR ONE** Confirmation Households meet either the first or second Sunday of the month, from 5:30-8:30 p.m., starting with the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Join us for Life Nights on the Sundays when you aren't meeting with your Confirmation Households!

**XLT ON DECEMBER 20** Join us during our Life Night on Sunday, December 20, for a night of worship and Adoration of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. The XLT will start at 7:30 p.m. in our chapel. All parishioners are welcome!

website: [stbarnabaslifeteen.org](http://stbarnabaslifeteen.org)

Instagram: [stblifeteen](https://www.instagram.com/stblifeteen)

Facebook: [St. Barnabas Life Teen](https://www.facebook.com/St.BarnabasLifeTeen)

Twitter: [@stblifeteen](https://twitter.com/stblifeteen)

Email: [tondracek@barnabasohio.org](mailto:tondracek@barnabasohio.org)

# 50+

**50+ COMMUNITY** Christmas is only a few days away. "Behold", something important is about to happen. "Behold", Gabriel appears to Mary to tell her, to ask her, if she would be the mother of the Messiah, the Son of God. Then the angel waits. The world waits. And if she says yes, her whole life will be radically changed. Then come the wonderful "yes" that changes the world. "Behold", let it be done to me according to your word. And God Himself becomes man. We have waited, stayed awake, rejoiced, and now in a few short days we will "behold" and celebrate the Father's gift of Christmas to us. JESUS the Lord. A child is born to us. A helpless little child. A child who will dream dreams. A child who will be loved. A child who will be cared for. A child who will grow up and face the world in all its wonder, in all its sadness and in all its sorrow. A child that will feel love and feel rejection. A child who is the Son of God.

And now the world waits. It waits for our answer. Will we follow in the footsteps that God has placed before as we journeyed to Bethlehem this Advent season to share in the birth and to worship the New Born King? Will we spread justice, peace, love? Will we have the courage to join Mary and say, "BEHOLD"? May you be blessed and may others be blessed by you. May you have the gift of faith, the blessing of hope and the peace of his love at Christmas and always. MERRY CHRISTMAS! - Marie/50+ Board



So much is different this Christmas season, yet the focus and dedication of our ministries remains constant – as people in need turn to St. Barnabas for warm meals, comfort, and shelter during the holidays, we must be there for them. To share Christ's love, we depend on online donations from caring individuals like you.

We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving and setting up your recurring donation or make a one-time gift. You can use eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet to arrange gifts. Sign up today by visiting [faith.direct/OH913](http://faith.direct/OH913), or text 'Enroll' to 330-886-4510.

**Notes from the Blue Army:** Fr. McCracken continues his article on the universal call to holiness. Fr. writes, "Life on earth is a season. It is not our permanent dwelling, but merely a place of pilgrimage, where we are forged in the fire of temptation and strengthened by the grace of God to grow in virtue, most especially love. Society wants us to believe our time on earth is all there is. The common mantra is "live it up while you can," which often takes the form of self-indulgence and using others "to get what is mine." What a sad and hopeless worldview. In our occupations and certainly in our vocations, we must demonstrate the beauty and joy of self-sacrifice, seeing others not as objects or gratification or empowerment, but as the brothers and sisters in Christ we know them to be. Finally, life's most abundant harvests spring forth from the seeds we sow both in season and out of season. If you have ever heard the Fatima prayer, then you're familiar with the words, "and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of thy mercy." A perfect harvest is one in which ALL souls are reunited with their Creator, including and especially those who have fallen the farthest from him in this life. As men and women striving to become saints, we must never give up on a single soul. By our example and prayer, let us teach our family, friends, co-workers and neighbors to dedicate each day to leading at least one soul into the all-merciful all-loving arms of our Lord." Let us pray the Holy Rosary for ourselves and all people, for we are all in need of God's mercy.



**Christmas Programming at AM1260 The Rock** Beginning Christmas Eve Morning through Christmas Night, AM1260 The Rock is offering a wide array of music, inspiration and liturgies. For the complete list of programs, including mass times, visit [AM1260therock.com](http://AM1260therock.com) or call us at 216-227-1260.

## YOUR GIFTS TO THE PARISH

	<u>December 6, 2020</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Target Collections:	\$23,500.00	\$540,500.00
Envelopes	\$12,786.00	\$318,643.07
Electronic Giving	\$	\$163,216.13
Total Collections	\$12,786.00	\$481,859.20
Variance	(\$10,714.00)	(\$58,640.80)
Mandatory Diocesan Assessment (11.5%)	(\$1,470.39)	(\$55,413.81)
Remaining in Parish	\$11,315.61	\$426,445.39
Capital Fund:		
Envelopes	\$1,435.00	\$18,599.00
Electronic Giving	\$	\$15,150.35
Total Collections	\$1,435.00	\$33,749.35

St. Barnabas parishioners are remarkably generous. Thank you for sharing a portion of your income with the Church - thank you so much for your faith and generosity!

*May God bless you!*

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day Masses remains in effect. The bishops of Ohio continue to be cautious and concerned for those who are most at risk -- the elderly and those with serious health issues. We strongly urge those who are most vulnerable to stay at home and ask that those who are not feeling well to refrain from coming to church. We thank you for your patience, understanding and cooperation.



## SVDP NEWS

∞ ST. VINCENT DE PAUL AND YOU ∞  
DONATIONS OF TIME, TALENT, and TREASURE



**THANKS** to all who supported the Giving Tree this year! Your generosity and big hearts have provided joy and hope to those who need it most. Because of you, we are able to help many needy families for Christmas. Besides over 500 gifts on the Giving Tree, we have provided food and personal care products from our pantry, gift cards for fresh food items, and financial support.

**HOLY NAME NEEDS YOUR HELP WITH CHRISTMAS DINNER** Holy Name parish is asking for volunteers to help prepare, pack and deliver meals for Christmas. The dinners will be take-out or delivered to people's homes. If you are willing to help with preparation of the meals on Wednesday, December 23, starting at 1:00 p.m. or if you want pack meals on December 24, starting at 9:00 a.m.. or if you can help packing boxes for delivery on Christmas morning at 9:00 a.m. please contact Jan Cavanagh at 216-533-6714. If you are willing to deliver meals on Christmas morning, starting at 10:00 a.m., contact the Holy Name parish office at 216- 271-4242.

**WE ARE HERE TO HELP** We want to assist our parishioners who are struggling during this difficult time. If you are in need, or know someone who is, please contact our SVDP. Your call is confidential. We have grocery gift cards, gas gift cards and a food pantry that is filled with non-perishable food, paper products, personal care products – and even toilet paper! We can also try to assist with rent, utilities, clothing, car repairs or diapers. We will deliver items to your door. Our parishioners are very generous to our SVDP and want to help those in need. If you need assistance, please call the Parish Office at 330-467-7959, press 7 and you will be connected to our confidential information line.

**HELP A LOCAL FAMILY** We are in need of a used car, in good working condition for a St Barnabas family with children. If you have a car you would be willing to donate, contact Laura at 330-908-1527 for more information.

**OUR MISSION: TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBOR... SVDP DONATIONS ALWAYS NEEDED** Please consider giving to the St. Vincent de Paul at St. Barnabas this holiday season, where 100% of your donation goes directly to the people we serve. There is no overhead; no administration costs and all services are volunteered. Contributors are assured their donations are treated responsibly - not many charities can say that. We manage and support many ministries. Not only do we help local families through our confidential home visits (food, utilities, rent, gas, etc.), but we also provide emergency help for transients and homeless, support hot meal programs and outreach centers in the city, and provide financial assistance for immediate needs in El Salvador (metal roofs, meds, doctor visits, etc.) The needs are great and we are overwhelmed with requests for assistance. We can only continue our ministries with your help. Just use your monthly SVDP envelope or use the poor boxes at the back of the church. We thank God for your continued trust, generosity and support of our mission: To Love Our Neighbor.

## SAINT BARNABAS PARISH CALENDAR DECEMBER 20 - DECEMBER 27

### Sunday, December 20, 2020

9:45-10:45 p.m. Family Faith Formation-Parish Center 1,2  
1:00-4:30 p.m. SBAA Basketball-Parish Center 1,2  
1:30-4:00 p.m. Art/Environment-Church  
6:30-8:30 p.m. StBLT Life Night-Cafeteria, Parish Center

### Monday, December 21, 2020

9:00-6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration-Church  
1:00-4:00 p.m. Art/Environment-Church  
3:00-4:30 p.m. Monday Prayer Group-Bedell Commons  
6:30-8:00 p.m. Men's Fellowship-Bedell Commons  
7:00-9:00 p.m. Reconciliation

### Tuesday, December 22, 2020

9:15-10:00 a.m. Church Care-Church  
5:00-9:00 p.m. SBAA Pictures-Bedell Commons  
6:30-7:30 p.m. Family Faith Formation-Parish Center 1,2

### Wednesday, December 23, 2020

7:30-6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration-Church  
9:30-3:00 p.m. Art/Environment-Church  
5:00-7:00 p.m. Holy Hour/Confession-Church  
7:00-9:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship-Rectory Room 1

### Thursday, December 24, 2020

9:30-10:00 a.m. Art/Environment-Church

### Friday, December 25, 2020 - CHRISTMAS

### Saturday, December 26, 2020

9:15-9:30 a.m. Pro-Life Rosary-Church  
9:15 a.m. Reconciliation-Church  
3:30-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation-Church

### Sunday, December 27, 2020

The FEST Internship - Calling all college students looking for a paid summer internship! The FEST ([www.theFEST.us](http://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.

Interns will provide support and have responsibilities including public speaking, marketing, mailings, digital and social media, press releases, logistics, event planning, and more. Interns must have strong people skills, work ethic, critical thinking, organizational skills, and reliable transportation. For more information or to apply, please send your resume to [Caitlin@theFEST.us](mailto:Caitlin@theFEST.us) by January 10.



**ST. BERNARD PARISH PRESENTS... ST. BERNARD Moving Forward in Faith CAMPAIGN CONCERT**

**SERIES!** To raise awareness and funds for the restoration of our historic church. Visit <https://www.stbernardakron.org/moving-forward-in-faith-campaign-events>. Cost: a donation to the restoration campaign is requested. Thank you!

**December 27** A Christmas Concert by St. Bernard Choir ensembles and Schola, POSSIBLY with Special Guests from a Special Certain Derby Chorus! Time TBA.

**January 2** Celebration Event! 7:00-9:30 p.m. Contemporary Christian Worship Concert and Holy Hour of Thanksgiving and Praise with Jaime Masetta and Matt Fafrak (<https://jaimemasetta.com/> <http://www.mattfafrak.com/>)

### PRO-LIFE

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS! is our wish for all of you from the Pro-Life Ministry here at St. Barnabas. May you be surrounded by the Peace, Love, and Joy of the Holy Family!

*"And whoever receives one child such as this in My Name receives Me" ...Matt. 18:5*

**PROLIFE REFLECTIONS FOR EVERY DAY**, by Fr. Frank Pavone, Director of Priests for Life, December 20: *"Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father. -Jn 14:9 REFLECTION. Christmas is God in human language. It is not simply about the birth of a child, but rather the coming of the One Who will preach the Sermon on the Mount, instruct us by parables, and establish His Church. This is why it makes no sense to welcome the Child but reject His teachings. There can be no such thing as a 'pro-choice Christian'. PRAYER. Jesus, in welcoming You I welcome the Father and all the truth and grace He gives us through You!"*

**ACTION (coming soon):** Info on signing the petition to ask our legislators to pass a Life at Conception Act. The Supreme Court itself said in Roe v. Wade that once Congress establishes the personhood of unborn children, they must be protected by the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment.

**PRO-LIFE WEBSITES:** [www.studentsforlife.org](http://www.studentsforlife.org); [www.RighttoLifeofNEOhio.com](http://www.RighttoLifeofNEOhio.com); [www.lifeworksohio.org](http://www.lifeworksohio.org); [www.ALL.org](http://www.ALL.org); [www.clevelandrighttolife.org](http://www.clevelandrighttolife.org); [www.lldf.com](http://www.lldf.com); [www.priestsforlife.org](http://www.priestsforlife.org); [www.c-fam.org](http://www.c-fam.org); [www.lifesitenews.com](http://www.lifesitenews.com); [www.lifenews.com](http://www.lifenews.com); [www.EndAbortion.US](http://www.EndAbortion.US).

**PRAY THE ROSARY** for Pro-Life intentions every Saturday after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

**PREGNANT & NEED HELP?** Zelig's Home, Garfield Heights, 440-449-6314; Womankind, Garfield Heights, 216-662-5700; Embrace Clinic & Care Center, Barberton, 330-825-1900; or 1-800-712-HELP (4357) for a crisis pregnancy center near you.

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## Advent/Christmas Mass Schedule \*\* – St. Barnabas Parish - 2020-2021

Monday, December 7: Immaculate Conception Vigil  
8:30 a.m., 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 8: Immaculate Conception  
8:30 a.m., 7:30 p.m.

Saturday/Sunday, December 19/20: Fourth Sunday of Advent  
5:00 p.m., 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:30 p.m.  
(Normal weekend Mass schedule)

Thursday, December 24:  
6:45 a.m. - Weekday Mass  
Christmas Eve  
4:00 p.m. - Parish Center  
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m. - Church

Friday, December 25: Christmas/Nativity of the Lord  
8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Saturday/Sunday, December 26/27: Feast of the Holy Family  
5:00 p.m., 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:30 p.m.  
(Normal weekend Mass schedule)

Thursday, December 31: Weekday Mass  
6:45 a.m. - Weekday Mass  
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God/New Year's Eve  
5:00 p.m.

Friday, January 1: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God/New Year's Day  
(Holy Day of Obligation)  
8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (Note: No evening Mass on New Year's Day)

Saturday/Sunday, January 2/3: Epiphany of the Lord  
5:00 p.m., 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:30 p.m.  
(Normal weekend Mass schedule)

Saturday/Sunday, January 9/10: Baptism of the Lord  
5:00 p.m., 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:30 p.m.  
(Normal weekend Mass schedule)

### Reconciliation (Sacrament of Penance) Schedule:

Monday, December 14 - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 5, 12, 19: 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 9, 16, 23 - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

### The Parish Office Holiday Schedule:

Open Thursday, December 24, and Thursday, December 31, until 1:00 p.m.;

Closed on Friday, December 25, Monday, December 28 and New Year's Day, Friday, January 1

\*\* We pray we will be able to proceed with this schedule as stated, but please refer to the Parish website and Facebook for the most up-to-date information.

# The Jesse Tree



The Jesse tree helps us connect the custom of decorating Christmas trees to the events leading to Jesus' birth. The Jesse tree is named from Isaiah 11:1: "A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." Jesse was the father of King David. We adorn a Jesse tree with illustrated ornaments that represent the people, prophecies, and events leading up to the birth of Jesus. The ornaments of the Jesse tree tell the story of God in the Old Testament, connecting the Advent season with the faithfulness of God across four thousand years of history.

Our sixth grade PSR students have displayed a Jesse tree for several years in the breezeway during the Advent season. We were unable to accomplish that this year due to Covid, however, we gave the challenge to our Family Faith PSR students and families. Here are some of the beautiful and creative results of that challenge! Way to go! Thank you for your commitment, dedication and celebration of our Lord!!



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We ask that you make a commitment to support our annual appeal by donating. This year our goal remains at \$10,000. **Donating \$25.00 or more would insure the continuation of programs for 2021.** Please remember the Villa relies on your donations to succeed.

Should you have any questions ...please call at 330-467-3758.

Wishing you a blessed and joyous Christmas.

Sr. Helen Therese Seasny, SC

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