



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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Parish Staff and Contacts

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2020 ~ Year of Joy!

December 27, 2020

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



THE HOLY FAMILY

"For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples."

- Lk 2:30-31

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



The familiar song entitled "The Twelve Days Of Christmas" is all about the twelve days AFTER Christmas that lead to the Epiphany. Although since the revision of the Liturgical calendar in the 1970s, the Epiphany is now celebrated on the second Sunday after Christmas instead of being fixed on the Sixth of January, so this year, for example, we are a few days short of twelve. The point, however, is that the celebration of Christmas begins on Christmas Day and continues for a good amount of time afterwards. The way the world around us has developed, Christmas seems to begin at Thanksgiving (although some would say at Halloween and some even the Fourth of July!). The unfortunate consequence of this is that the great season of Advent is largely swallowed up and overlooked. Often Christmas music begins to wind down on the 26th and decorations begin to disappear shortly thereafter. The Christmas Season actually continues to the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord on the third Sunday after Christmas; this year, that is on 10 January. If it ever seems odd to you that in Church we put up Christmas decorations quite late and take them down even later, this is precisely the reason for that - we are trying to observe the Christmas Season. In a good number of cultures the Christmas Season is prolonged even a bit longer, until 2 February, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, when Jesus is recognized as the Light of the World, and becomes the day on which it is especially appropriate to bless candles that will be used in the sanctuary during the year, giving the name "Candlemas Day" to that particular feast. It is unfortunate that we put so much energy into the secular observance of Christmas that there is consequently little energy left for the full appreciation of the Great Feast of Christmas which only begins on 25 December.

Today's Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is very appropriately placed so close to Christmas to acknowledge the importance of all our family groups. It is so often true that our families can, at the same time, be our greatest blessing and our greatest difficulty. It seems that the same people we love the most are the very same people with whom we can be the harshest. Since none of us is perfect and life is lived so closely, especially in families, it is understandable how we can get on each other's nerves at times. In the situation of the present pandemic when we have to live with many limitations and are often forced by circumstances to be in a closeness we may find a bit stifling, this feast may provide an opportunity to take a step back and appreciate how lucky we are. Lucky to be close to people that we love and have an appreciation of how much they mean to us. This pandemic will be over at a time we don't yet know ...but it will be over. I would hope for all of us to look back on this confining and difficult experience and be able to see the blessings we have all received because of it, perhaps an ability to appreciate the gifts of people we often take for granted or the ability to forgive each other, realizing that life is too short to bear grudges or cut off relationships because of disagreements and remembering that all of us, simply because we are human, have faults and flaws that drive others crazy.

Christmas is a great time to think about these things and let the true Spirit of the season touch our hearts, realizing the Lord himself is always waiting to be invited into our lives and our relationships. So many good things can happen when we open our hearts to God and make that invitation.

Fr. Ralph

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS The Parish Office will be closed Monday, December 28. It will close at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 31, and be closed Friday, January 1.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 28, 2020 - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
8:30 a.m.....Nancy Youel

Tuesday, December 29, 2020 - Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
8:30 a.m.....Joseph M. Willick
Month's Mind - Loretta Medve
First Anniversary - Michael Friess

Wednesday, December 30, 2020 - Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
6:45 a.m.....Deceased members of the Lesko and Wisniewski Families
Month's Mind - Helen Yupa

Thursday, December 31, 2020 - Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, Saint Sylvester I, Pope
6:45 a.m.....August Piscitello
5:00 p.m.....Deceased members of the Drogalus Family

Friday, January 1, 2021 - The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
8:30 a.m.....Janice Boczek
11:00 a.m.....Ruby Danko
Month's Mind - Anthony J. Ferraro

Saturday, January 2, 2021 - Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
8:30 a.m.....Angelina Lapp
5:00 p.m.(JK).....Charles Noe

Sunday, January 3, 2021 - Epiphany of the Lord
8:30 a.m.(JK).....Paul Zivich Sr.
11:00 a.m.(RW).....For the Parish
5:30 p.m.(RW).....Richard Zielenski
Vigil Light - Lou Montesano

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD, is Friday, January 1, and would be a holy day of obligation if the obligation to attend Mass were not dispensed. Masses will be celebrated Thursday, December 31, at 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday, January 1, at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

MASS is streamed live, seven days a week, at 6:45 or 8:30 a.m. at stbarnabasfamily.org/live/ Video is available for 24 hours and updated the next day. Updated information will be posted on the parish *website: stbarnabasfamily.org* and on *Facebook: St. Barnabas Parish Family*.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2020

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 Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Friday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:39-40

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“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, Joseph Blasko, 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 families of Margaret Domanick, Joseph Gabriel, Providence Marzella, Catherine O'Neill and the families of all of our faithful departed relatives and friends. May their souls rest in peace.

This week in your daily prayers please remember these individuals, **Seminarians at Borromeo** who are called to the priesthood: Jonathan Green, Jack Harwood, Joe Herrera Jr., Ben Jackson, Alex Krukemeyer, John Rankin.



BAPTISM CLASS The next Baptism preparation class will be held on Sunday, February 7, at 12:15 p.m. in Rectory Room 1. Face coverings are required and current social distancing practices will be followed. If this is your first child or if you have not attended a class in the last five years, you will need to attend before the baptism of your child. Please contact the Parish Office at 330-467-7959 for more information or to register.

BULLETIN DEADLINE—TUESDAY 8:30 A.M.
All bulletin articles should be emailed to:
stbbulletin@barnabasohio.org

St. Barnabas School

During the Season of Advent the Fifth Grade worked on an Advent Challenge. We challenged the students to do acts of kindness. We want to encourage the students to do random Acts of Kindness to help their parents or others. Each day the students brought in a list of their acts of kindness and then colored a leaf on their Advent Wreath. The goal was to completely color the wreath before Christmas Break. The students did an amazing job! Jesus is the Reason for the Season!



The Feast of the Holy Family - December 27 “Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you.” 450 miles. That’s the distance on modern roads from Bethlehem to Cairo. Assuming one covered 25 miles a day on foot - ambitious for two young parents and their infant son - the journey would take well over two weeks. Of course, the Holy Family didn’t have modern roads. They would travel through wilderness, fear bandits, run low on water, and cross the vast Sinai Peninsula in a reverse of their forefathers in Exodus. Here, in struggle and sacrifice, are the beginnings of the forging of the Holy Family.

On the Feast of the Holy Family, we honor the special place of the family within society. We are invited, too, to recall those families who share in the struggles of the Holy Family in a particular way. We pray for immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees. We pray for all parents who sacrifice their own well-being and comfort so their children may have a better life.



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.



FAITH FORMATION

Happy New Year and Blessings to all!

Make a NEW New Year's Resolution!

This year, think about doing something new and different for your New Year's Resolution - we are encouraging all St. Barnabas Parishioners to consider reading the Bible in one year - let's do it together! The good news is this is offered through a Podcast, so for about 20 minutes a day you can listen as Father Mike Schmitz reads the Bible to you and offers explanations of what was covered. Think you are too busy for 20 minutes a day? Here are some creative ways to fit it in:

- Listen in your car to/from work
- Driving kids to sports? Listen on the way home after you drop them off...or better yet, listen WITH them!
- If you don't already pray in the morning or evening, add this as a new prayer time in your day

For more information about the podcast, click here: <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration>.

Worried about accessing a podcast? Don't worry, it shouldn't be hard, but if you have trouble just email us at ffo@barnabasohio.org and we can help!

Reading the Bible is an AMAZING way to learn more about our faith - join us and *let's do it TOGETHER!*

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>.

An easy way to make a gift to St. Barnabas - Text-to-Give! No need for envelopes or writing checks, simply use your phone to give!

To securely make a gift, follow these steps:

1. Send a text to **330-886-4510**, including your donation amount as your text message, then open the link that appears on your phone.
2. You will be asked to complete a one-time registration page with your billing and contact information. After this registration, you can give any time by texting a dollar amount to the Text-to-Give phone number.
3. Click Register and Give.

To set up recurring giving to St. Barnabas Parish, text **ENROLL** to 330-886-4510.



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.



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!

SPRING SEMESTER LIFE NIGHTS Life Nights in the Spring Semester will start up again on January 10th. We look forward to seeing y'all there!

website: 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)

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50+ COMMUNITY On this Sunday, we honor the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In honoring them, we also honor ALL families big and small. Today Mary

and Joseph present Jesus in the Temple. Most of us don't remember, but our parents did the same for us and we were brought to a church to be baptized. Do you remember the date? After leaving the Temple, Jesus, Mary and Joseph returned to their own town of Nazareth and scripture tells us that Jesus grew and became strong within the framework of a family. Do you ever wonder though what family life was like for the Holy Family? What was it like to have Jesus as a Son, Mary as a wife and mother, and Joseph as a father and husband? Their home would have certainly been a secure place, a dwelling of peace. The family would have talked with one another, had fun, disagreed, ate their meals together, loved each other and everything else that makes up family life. They would not have been exempt from daily work, challenges, even death of loved ones. It is said that Joseph most likely died prior to Jesus' public ministry. And Mary kept all things in her heart and she remembered Simeon's prediction, "a sword will pierce your heart."

Today, let us reflect on our own families. This year 2020 will be remembered for generations as the year when the world stood still. Literally. Physical distancing, closing of churches and schools and public places. But there is a bright side, the safest place to be is home. "How ironic that a virus had to send us back to that space where life begins and where we usually experience love at its best. For many, encountering families again has been a blessing. Our homes became small faith communities. We may even have prayed together and even ate together. We are a changed people. May we pray for each other, for families that have experienced death and dying, for young families raising children, so that 2021 will be a year of grace and blessings for all. Yes, during the year 2020 the world stood still. May this be a blessing in disguise to have the opportunity to invite God back into our world, into our families and make both a place of blessing and respect for all life. Have a Blessed 2021.

Notes from the Blue Army: On December 8, Pope Francis announced a Year of St. Joseph in honor of the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as patron of the Universal Church. Pope Francis said he wanted to share some "personal reflections" on the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. "My desire to do so increased during these months of pandemic," he said, noting that many people had made hidden sacrifices during the crisis in order to protect others. "Each of us can discover in Joseph -- the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence -- an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. St. Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation." A plenary indulgence is granted to Catholics who recite any approved prayer or act of piety in honor of St. Joseph, especially on March 19, the saint's solemnity, and May 1, the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. Other notable days for the plenary indulgence are the Feast of the Holy Family on Dec. 29 and St. Joseph's Sunday in the Byzantine tradition, as well as the 19th of each month and every Wednesday, a day dedicated to the saint in the Latin tradition. "In the current context of health emergency, the gift of the plenary indulgence is particularly extended to the elderly, the sick, the dying and all those who for legitimate reasons are unable to leave the house, who, with a soul detached from any sin and with the intention of fulfilling, as soon as possible, the three usual conditions, in their own home or where the impediment keeps them, recite an act of piety in honor of St. Joseph, comfort of the sick and patron of a happy death, offering with trust in God the pains and discomforts of their life."



Catholic Cemeteries Association Monthly Sunday Grief Support January 17:We

continue with our free monthly in-office grief support groups on January 17, with limited seating for social distancing. We offer a comfortable, private, and safe environment where you are free to talk about your grief. Meetings do not build off each other so you can stop in any month and fit right in. You do not even have to talk, but come and listen and be in the presence of those who understand. The January topic is "Facing the New Year with Hope and Love" but discussions follow whatever is on your heart. We meet the 3rd Sunday of every month from 3 - 4 p.m. at the following locations: Saint Joseph Cemetery, Avon; Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron (office); Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park (office); Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland (office); All Saints Cemetery, Northfield (office); All Souls Cemetery, Chardon (office). Meeting sites are sanitized and seating is arranged so everyone is at a safe distance. Participants are requested to RSVP so we can plan appropriate social distancing at each location. It is required that participants wear protective facial coverings. To RSVP or for questions, please contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

LOTTO

Lottery results were not available due to early bulletin deadlines.

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.

YOUR GIFTS TO THE PARISH

	<u>December 13, 2020</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Target Collections:	\$23,500.00	\$564,000.00
Envelopes	\$19,731.00	\$338,374.07
Electronic Giving	<u>\$16,998.30</u>	<u>\$180,214.43</u>
Total Collections	\$36,729.30	\$518,588.50
Variance	\$13,229.30	(\$45,411.50)
Mandatory Diocesan Assessment (11.5%)	(\$4,223.87)	(\$59,637.68)
Remaining in Parish	\$32,505.43	\$458,950.82
Capital Fund:		
Envelopes	\$394.00	\$18,993.00
Electronic Giving	<u>\$2,228.00</u>	<u>\$17,378.35</u>
Total Collections	\$2,622.00	\$36,371.35

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!

SVDP NEWS

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



We are saddened by the recent death of Jan Boczek. Jan was a core member of our St. Vincent de Paul and she volunteered with us for many years. She was an amazing individual who helped so many in the community. She was smart, frank, generous and compassionate. Jan and her husband Phil worked tirelessly to serve the less fortunate people in the Nordonia Hills Community. Jan was also the secretary of our St. Vincent de Paul a job she continued to do even when she became ill. Our prayers go out to Phil and her family. She was a great asset to our St. Vincent de Paul and we will miss her very much.

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 are able to provide food and personal care products from our pantry, gift cards for fresh food items, and Christmas gifts to over 75 local families. We're very grateful for your participation and financial support.

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 27 - JANUARY 3

Sunday, December 27, 2020

Monday, December 28, 2020

3:00-4:30 p.m. Monday Prayer Group-Bedell Commons
6:30-8:00 p.m. Men's Fellowship-Bedell Commons

Tuesday, December 29, 2020

9:15-10:00 a.m. Church Care-Church

Wednesday, December 30, 2020

7:30-6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration-Church
8:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. SBAA Basketball-Parish Center 1,2
6:00-7:00 p.m. Holy Hour/Confession-Church
6:00-8:00 p.m. SBAA Cheer-Squad-Cafeteria
7:00-9:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship-Rectory Room 1

Thursday, December 31, 2020

8:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. SBAA Basketball-Parish Center 1,2

Friday, January 1, 2021

Saturday, January 2, 2021

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. SBAA Basketball-Parish Center 1,2
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, January 3, 2021

1:00 -4:30 p.m. SBAA Basketball-Parish Center 1,2

The FEST Internship - Calling all college students looking for a paid summer internship! 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.

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 by January 10.



New and cancelled postage stamps, and new and used greeting cards, are being collected for the Philippine Missions and St. Jude's Ranch for Children. Please continue to save your stamps and cards at home until they can again be collected at the church. Thank you for your help!



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

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY is today, December 27. We praise and thank God that Jesus, Mary and Joseph are such a beautiful example for us to follow as we strive to grow in holiness within our own families. Let us rejoice as we continue to celebrate the Christmas Season!

December 28, Monday, FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS. When King Herod learned from the Magi that a baby boy (Jesus) was born who was a threat to his throne, Herod issued an order to kill all the baby boys two years old and under, in Bethlehem and vicinity. (*See Matthew 2: 1-18*). Let us work and pray to ensure that the innocent unborn babies today will be safe from the terrible act of abortion. **PRAYER** (from ProLife Reflections for Every Day by Fr. Frank Pavone, Director of Priests for Life): *"Lord, as the People of Life, enable us to bring into this world the hope that comes from the birth of Christ and from the birth of every baby."*

DID YOU KNOW that seven weeks into a pregnancy spontaneous movement of the baby begins? He or she then develops a whole collection of moves over the next four weeks including hiccupping, frowning, squinting, frowning the brow, and sucking!

WATCH THIS SPACE for information on observances of the 48th anniversary of **Roe v. Wade, January 22, 2021** the sad day on which the decision of the Supreme Court made abortion legal in our country.

PRO-LIFE WEBSITES: www.RighttoLifeofNEOhio.com; www.lifeworksohio.org; www.ALL.org; www.clevelandrighttolife.org; www.lldf.com; www.c-fam.org; www.EndAbortion.US; www.lifenews.com; www.priestsforlife.org; www.lifesitenews.com; www.studentsforlife.org.

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

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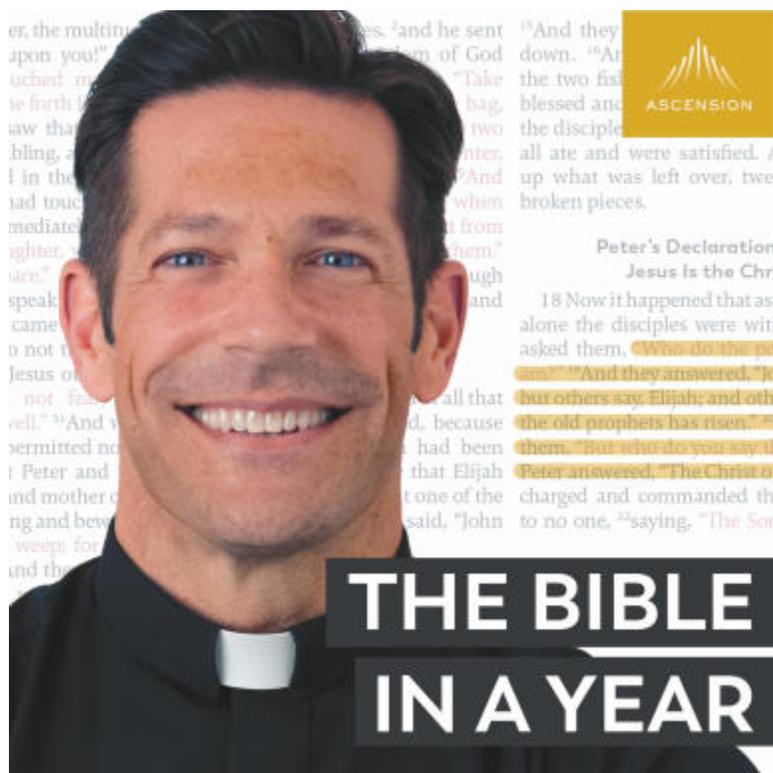
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For more information about the podcast, click here: <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration>

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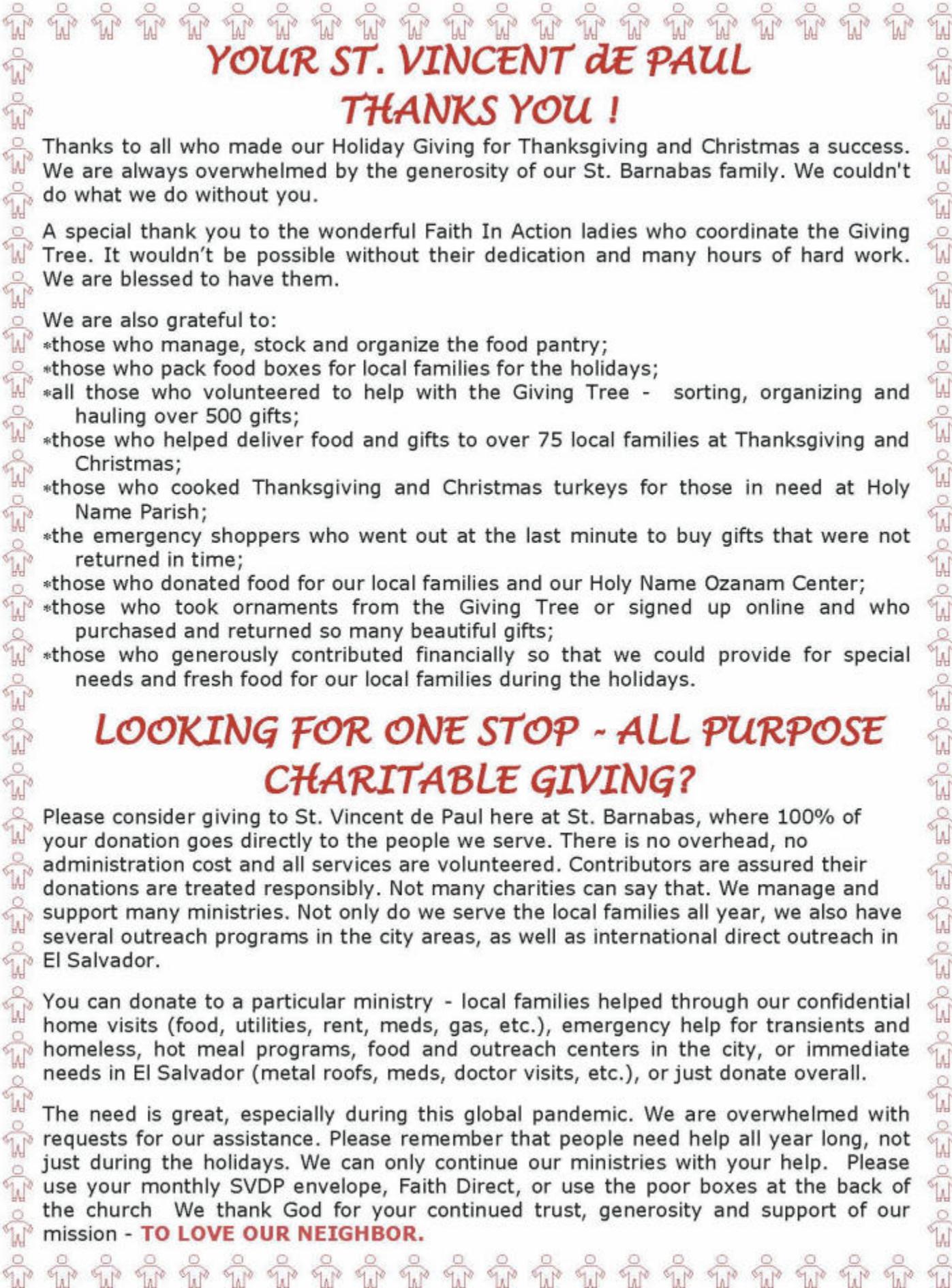
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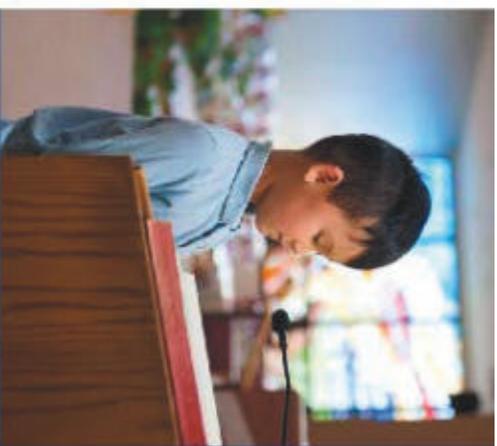
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