

St. Francis de Sales

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Bulletin for Sunday, December 19, 2021

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday: 8:45 A.M.

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Current Office Hours:

Mon-Friday: 9:00am to 5:00pm

Saturday: CLOSED

Care of the Sick:

Notify the parish office of those who are hospitalized or homebound. Holy Communion is brought to the homebound on Sundays and the week of First Friday. Arrangements can be made for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Baptism & RCIA:

Call the parish office to register. Diocesan regulations require first time parents to participate in a pre-baptismal instruction class. Adults wishing to become Catholic will be enrolled in the RCIA Program (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).

Matrimony:

Call the parish office to meet with a priest. Diocesan regulations require a minimum of 6 months preparation time.

Funerals:

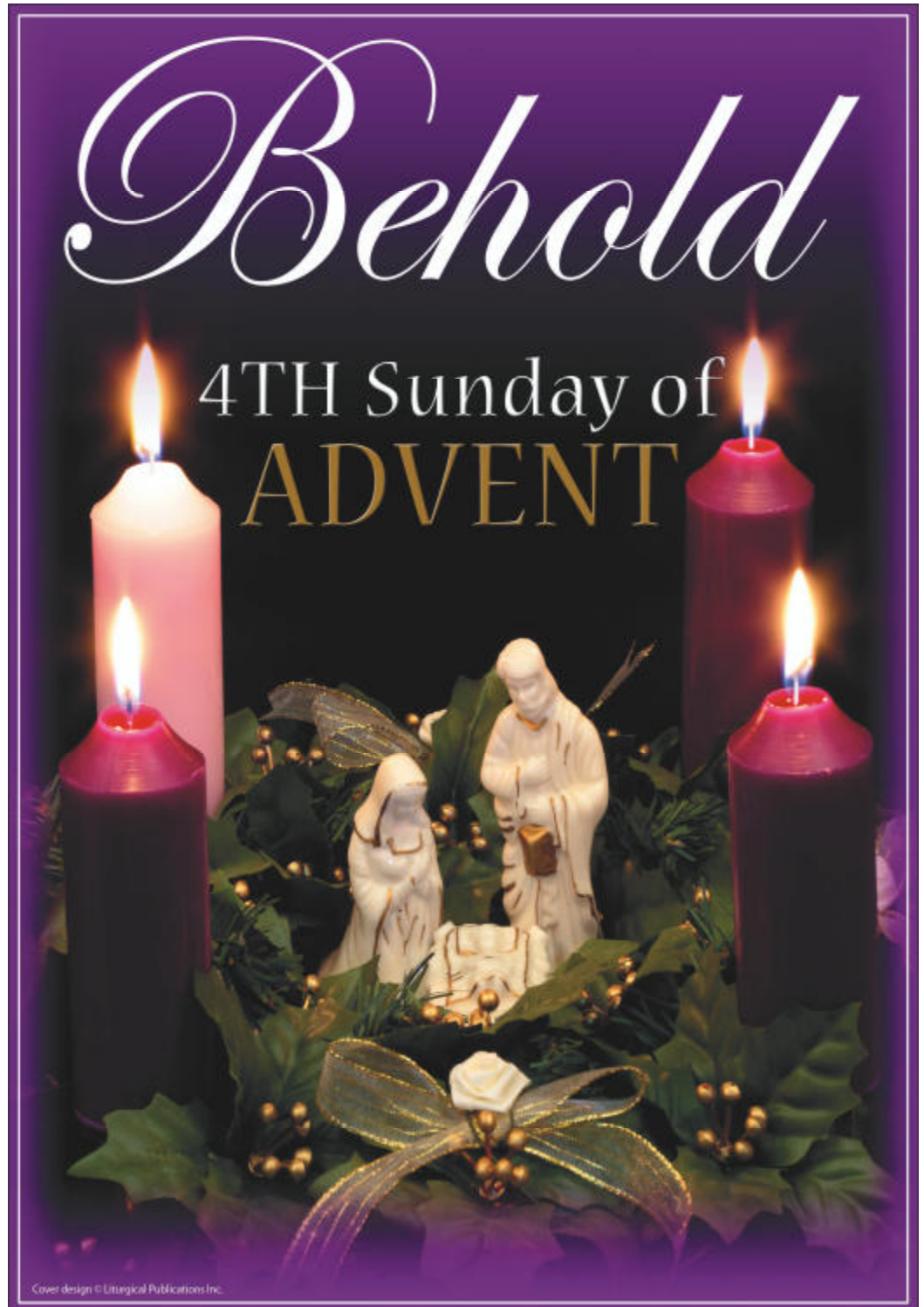
Please have the funeral director call the parish office to finalize plans.

Parish Membership:

New parishioners are always welcome! Please call or stop in the parish office to register. Please notify the office if moving, changing address or changing phone number. All parishioners should be receiving offering envelopes to help support the works of the parish.

Behold

4TH Sunday of ADVENT



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Parish Mission Statement

St. Francis de Sales Parish (Parma, Ohio) was founded in July, 1931, in the midst of the Great Depression. As a Catholic Church community, in keeping with our Baptismal calling, we strive to live the message and model of service of the Lord Jesus. We are committed to being faithful stewards of God's gifts to us, living the sacramental life of the Church, serving the poor and the needy and providing faith formation for all generations. We seek to continue to be a parish community welcoming all, a parish community helping people to grow in faith and a parish community reflecting the love of Christ. (March, 2015)



SUNDAY, December 19

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30am *For the People of the Parish*

11:00am ✠ Robert Kite

4:00pm *Communal Penance (at St. Anthony)*



SUNDAY, December 19



"Angel Tree" Gift Return Weekend



Noon: *Social Justice Food & Gift Packing*

MONDAY, December 20

Late Advent Weekday

8:45am ✠ Anne Gadosik

MONDAY, December 20



10:00am *Flower Delivery (Church)*

4:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (Church)

7:00pm *Children's Choir Practice (Church)*



TUESDAY, December 21

Saint Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church

8:45am ✠ Tavano & Carney Families (Living & Deceased)

TUESDAY, December 21



7:00pm *Youth Choir & Musicians*



WEDNESDAY, December 22

Late Advent Weekday

8:45am ✠ Gene McNichol

Anointing of the Sick

**Confessions: 3:00-4:00 pm
7:00-7:30 pm**

WEDNESDAY, December 22

12:30—2:00pm Office Closed for Lunch

THURSDAY, December 23

Saint John of Kanty, Priest

8:45am ✠ Fiorina Brunetti



FRIDAY, December 24

Parish Office Closed



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The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Vigil)

4:00pm ✠ Barbara & Stephen Klemencic (Youth Choir)

10:00pm *For the People of the Parish (Bell & Adult Choirs)*

SATURDAY, December 25



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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas)

8:30am ✠ Fr. John Wright

11:00pm ✠ Frank & Phyllis Scalise



SUNDAY, December 26

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:30am ✠ Frank & Natalie Mrozek

11:00am ✠ Cecilia Davila

SUNDAY, December 26

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO SERVE

	Fri., Dec 24	4:00pm	Jack DeGeeter
		10:00pm	Emily Juby & Stephen Vavro
	Sat., Dec 25	8:30am	Rich Juby
		11:00am	Vincent Costanzo
	Sun., Dec. 26	8:30am	Mark Chmielecki
		11:00am	Jackie Bonsignore



Please review our Sick List, first, to pray for them, and second, to ensure that your name is not on it if you are healthy again! Many times we are asked to add someone to the sick list. But, when he/she has returned to good health, we are not called again to take them off the list. Please call the Parish Office (440-884-2319) if we need to add or take someone off the Sick/Prayer List.



Joseph Amata	Colette Jedlicka	Genevieve Plona
Theresa Augustine	Lena Jones	George Pofok
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Sharon Bednarik	Donald Karpus	Frank Price
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Vince Ciclone	Linda Lacholski	Susan Sarota
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Kathye Coffey	Mary Macek	Ron Seman
John Cyngier	Judith Mallos	June Sims
Josephine Czamecki	Helen Maslanko	Susan Sliva
Vittoria DeBiasi	Anna Massitti	Ed Smetanka
Rosalie Duray	Gloria Merholz	Hilda Stigalt
Mary Fern	Barbara Milavec	Pete Svancara
Sandy Frankovic	Frank Mrozek	Ed Szalkowski
Gina Gannon	Mary Ellen Mura	Marcia Szweda
Dave Gyurcso	Debbie Muraco	Delores Tollis
Loretta Homick	Ted Murawski	Kenny Tomecko
Linda Menko	Susan Murray	Tony Tomecko
Bridget Houdek	Michelle Nowakowski	Linda Toothman
Michael Howard	Chris Otcasek	Sara Vondra
Maryann Howard	Veronica Otcasek	Pat Weston
Theresa Hrusovskiy	Tina Panlillio	Carol Wolff
Dorothy Inman	Andrew Pavka	Joanne Zajkowski
Nancy Sue Jablonowski	Mary Peters	Alice Zamiskie

From the Pastor's Desk



Are you ready for Christmas? Don't panic, but it is only a week away! Besides all the last-minute preparations and shopping you still need to do, make your religious celebration of Christmas the priority. **Be sure to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week** – the Communal Penance Service this Sunday or one of the times on Wednesday or Thursday. Then, be sure to **decide on which Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day you and the family will participate in.** Finally, **be sure to make a generous gift to the parish for Christmas.** We all are experiencing rising prices. So is the parish! Your generosity of treasure will help the parish to meet its financial responsibilities and to carry on its ministries..... **Because Christmas falls on a Saturday this year note that there will not be a 4:00 P.M. Mass next Saturday, Dec. 25th.** Next weekend there will be only the two regular Sunday morning Masses at 8:30 and 11:00 A.M. for the Feast of the Holy Family..... **As I mentioned at the end of the 4:00 Mass last Saturday, it was so nice to hear our new organist, our bell choir and our "parish" choir all joining together for Mass.** It's been the first time since February of 2020 that this has happened! Amen!! As I mentioned at the Mass we no longer have a men's choir and a women's choir. It is our "parish" choir. With so few men for a choir and the organist's schedule (she is not able to be here two nights a week for practice), the men have been invited to join with the women's choir to form our "parish" choir. This is what the vast majority of parishes, of which I am aware, do for a choir for their parishes. As always, there is always an open invitation for anyone, man or woman, to join our parish choir. The more voices, the more glory to God! And don't forget – just because the parish choir is singing it doesn't mean that those in the pews don't need to sing. Good liturgy demands full and active participation by everyone! Even if you don't have a great singing voice sing anyway. The choir will cover you up! **Fr. Mark Peyton**



In Loving Memory

Theresa Nicholas

Rev. Donald B. Cozzens
(Senior Priest-Retired)

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS - Dec. 12, 2021

SUNDAY Collection	\$	5,838
Online Giving "We Share"	\$	542
UTILITIES	\$	669
FUNDING THE FUTURE	\$	176
TOTAL:	\$	7,225
Religious Retirement	\$	1,869

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Includes Special collections (Utilities, **Flowers**, **Rel. Ret.**)



What are you doing Monday morning?

The Christmas Flowers are being delivered Monday morning at 10 o'clock. We could use your help! Please join us if you are able to help!**Sr. Annette**

Can You Help Us Christmas Eve? Friday, Dec. 24th from Noon to 1 P.M.

Or on Christmas Day?

After 11 o'clock Mass (12:15 –12:35 approx)



On Friday, Dec. 24th, we will be setting LUMINARIES out around the outside of the church. There is some inside work (putting the luminaries together) and then the hand-off to the outside workers to complete the job. It only takes us about an hour to get it all done.

On Christmas Day after the 11 o'clock Mass, approximately 12:15 P.M., we take the Luminaries down. It only takes about 30 minutes. If you have a few minutes and want to stretch your legs after Mass, please volunteer!



Please be an Angel and volunteer!
If you can join us, call the Parish Office at 440-884-2319.

Communal Penance Service

Due to the Covid pandemic our parish and St. Anthony of Padua were not able to celebrate a Communal Penance Service for Christmas and Easter last year. Now that things are a little better we will have a Communal Penance Service **THIS Sunday, Dec. 19th, at 4:00 P.M. at St. Anthony of Padua.** Besides the priests of the two parishes there will be one or two extra confessors. Why not avoid the "Christmas rush" and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation next Sunday? Depending on the number of penitents the service usually takes about one hour. It will be a great break from all the other Christmas preparations you might be doing and would be a great way to prepare yourself spiritually to celebrate Christmas! (All Covid-19 protocols will be followed, including everyone wearing a mask, whether vaccinated or not.)



Victims of Kentucky Tornado

Many people throughout the Diocese have expressed concern for the victims of the recent, devastating tornadoes that ripped through Kentucky and 5 other states. Should you wish to make a financial donation to aid the victims you can send your donation directly to Catholic Charities USA either at:

catholiccharities.us/campaign/ccusa-disaster-relief/c353051

or mail to: **Catholic Charities USA,
2050 Ballenger Ave., Alexandria, VA 22314**

LUMINARIES FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

St. Francis de Sales Parish is planning once again to decorate the outside of the church on Christmas Eve and Christmas morning with luminaries. The church will provide a luminary for each deceased parishioner since last Christmas. **If you would like to have a luminary dedicated to someone (deceased or living) please fill out the form below and include a \$2.00 donation for each name. Please forward the form to the parish office or by **THIS Monday, Dec. 20th** or put it in this weekend collection basket. Thank You.**



Christmas Luminaries

Name: _____

Amount Paid: _____

Names for Luminaries (Please PRINT):

You can drop off Luminary requests & donations in the Collection Basket or at the Parish Office.



Angel Tree Gift Returns

If you took an angel from the Social Justice's Giving Tree, you are to **return the gift for the child THIS WEEK-END, Dec. 18-19.** When you come for Mass please keep the gift with you in the pew. At the time of the Offertory Procession you will be invited to come forward and place your gift in the sanctuary. In the tradition of the Church the Offertory Procession is the time during Mass to present gifts for the poor and the bread and wine for the Eucharist.

Church Calendars for 2022

Thanks go to **Kolodiy-Lazuta Funeral Home** for providing the 2022 calendars for parishioners. The calendars are on tables at the State Road and parking lot entrances to the church. **For now, the limit is one calendar per household.** After Christmas, if there are calendars left, you may take as many as you would like.



St. Francis de Sales Holy Name Society 50/50 Raffle

The winners of the **HNS "MONEY BAGS" 50/50 Raffle** were:

- 1st Prize - \$500, Winner: **Joe Buksa** (#295)
- 2nd Prize - \$300, Winner: **Ron Mikles** (#277)
- 3rd Prize - \$200, Winner: **Annette Banas** (#276)

Congratulations to our Winners!!!

Next month's **HNS "GNOME for the HOLIDAYS" 50/50 Raffle** tickets **are NOW available...**

Tickets are **\$20 each** and are available for purchase from **HNS Members** or at the **Parish Office** (440-884-2319). When possible, an HNS member will sell tickets after weekend Masses.

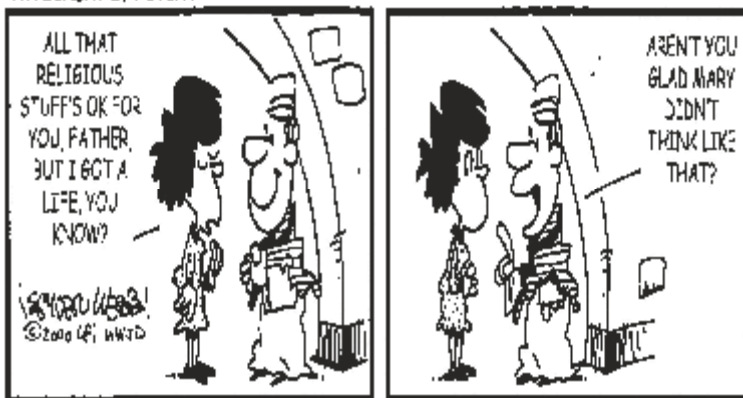
50/50 Raffle Tickets fit PERFECTLY in Christmas Cards and Stockings!!!



Christmas Wafers (Oplatki)

Oplatki are available again in the Parish Office during regular hours. There are 4 wafers in a package for a \$3.00 donation.

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Holiday Mass Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE – Friday, Dec. 24th

4:00pm MASS - Youth Choir

10:00pm MASS - Bell and Adult Choirs



CHRISTMAS DAY – Saturday, Dec. 25th

8:30am MASS & 11:00am MASS

Note: There is NO 4 P.M. Mass on Sat., Dec. 25th



PSR

Michelle Nowakowski, PSR Director
Parish Office: 440-884-2319
SFDSGenerationsMinistry@yahoo.com

- ◆ PSR will not be meeting on Wednesday, December 22nd or Wednesday, Dec. 29th, due to the Christmas holidays. **PSR classes resume on Wednesday, January 5th.**
- ◆ We are doing our Annual Sock Collection (**New Year, New Socks**) again this January. So you can start collecting new socks for men, women, &/or children. The City Mission is always very grateful for our donations!



Family Perspectives

Without the angel's intervention, a confused and hurt Joseph was planning to quietly divorce Mary. Those people who come into our lives at times of confusion and help us find our way are truly angels to us, like Joseph. We need to listen to them. Frequently those angels are in our own homes. We especially pray for fathers and step fathers, that they, like Joseph, will be open to God's direction and then act with courage.

WinterFest is Coming!!



Saturday, **January 22, 2022** is the day of our Winterfest. Tickets will soon be ready for sale after the Weekend Masses or by calling the Parish Office. Things will be simpler this year because of COVID. On Saturday, we will have the dinner, boxed to take home or eat in the cafeteria from 5 to 6:30 pm where you can enjoy the Holy Name boards and our big drawing!! **Save this date!**

...Sr. Annette

Bringing up the Gifts

If the weekend Mass you are attending is being offered for **an intention you requested**, it would be very appropriate for you and other family members to bring up the gifts (cruet of wine and bowl of hosts) during the Presentation of the Gifts at that Mass. **If you would like to bring up the gifts, please talk to one of the ushers when you come for Mass (early) and let them know.** The usher will then give you instructions on when to bring the gifts forward.



Liturgy Update



GOSPEL MEDITATION 4th Sunday of Advent

St. Augustine tells us that a “Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps.” As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life's necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world's ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes. Why doesn't God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world's ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us.

Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God's vessel so that God's greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God's fix for the world's difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God's instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be. (LPI, Liturgical Publications Inc.) ...Sr. Annette



NO Prayer Meeting In December

We will resume on January 25th



This week the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered at the following parish Masses here in Parma/Parma Hts.

- ⇒ **Tuesday, Nov. 21 – St. John Bosco (7:30 A.M.)**
- ⇒ **Wed., Dec. 22 – St. Francis de Sales (8:45 A.M.)**

Should you need this Sacrament of Healing but cannot go to any of these parishes' Masses, please do not hesitate to call our parish office to arrange for one of the priests here to administer the Sacrament to you.

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

WinterFest 2022

One of our main attractions is always the *Chinese Auction*. Thank you to those who have already brought in items for the baskets. If you have donations, you can bring them to the Parish Office. Please remember that the items must be new. Some suggestions for the baskets are:

- * **Items for a CLEANING BASKET**
- * **CASH and GIFT CARDS for the 2 trees**
Remember, **NO SCRATCH-OFF cards** are allowed (a Diocesan Rule)
- * **If you would like to coordinate a COOKIE BASKET please call the Parish Office.**
- * **And of course... a CANDY BASKET**

Thank you to all our generous Donors!!!

...Sr. Annette

Memorial Candles

You can purchase **MEMORIAL CANDLE GLOBES** with disposable inserts (candles) for your home use. (Inserts can be purchased at the Parish Office as you need). The candle globe has a picture with a prayer: **"In your mercy, O Lord, grant them eternal rest and may perpetual light shine upon them. Amen."** In memory of....



We will print the name on the glass. This is a nice way to remember your loved ones at home. Some parishioners have purchased the candles as gifts. **The cost for the Candle (Globe & candle insert) is \$10.** If you would like to order one, please call the parish office (440-884-2319).

Grief Support Meeting

Catholic Cemeteries Association provides free monthly **Grief Support** groups in two formats: **In-Office (3pm) and Virtually (5pm) via Zoom**. The next Grief Support sessions are **THIS Sunday, Dec. 19th**. Meetings are open discussion format, surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is in your heart. This month's topic is **"The Gift of God's Presence: You Never Walk Alone"**. We offer a comfortable, private, and safe environment where you are free to explore your grief. Come and be in the presence of those who understand.

We will meet from **3-4:00 P.M.** in the main office at the following locations.

- ⇒ Holy Cross Cemetery, 14609 Brookpark Road
- ⇒ All Saints Cemetery, 480 W.Highland, Northfield
- ⇒ Saint Joseph Cemetery, 32789 Detroit Rd., Avon

Catholic Cemeteries Assoc. follows the guidelines set by the CDC, the State of Ohio, and the Diocese of Cleveland regarding COVID-19 protocols.

Register for **5-6pm Virtual Grief Support meeting:**
<http://bit.ly/ccavirtualgriefsupportgroup>.

You can join virtually from any Wi-Fi enabled area via computer, laptop, smartphone, or even without Wi-Fi (via audio only) from your analog phone. If you do not have Wi-Fi or email, please contact **Rhonda** (number below).

Your **RSVP for both In-Person and Virtual Grief Support is appreciated but not required to attend.**

For more info or if you have questions, please contact **Rhonda: 216-930-4866** or email rabrams@clecem.org



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December Morning Prayer for Women, Monday, Dec. 20, 9:30-11am. Women from all walks of life are invited to pray together and learn more about the beauty of prayer. Led by Sr. Mary Ann Flannery, S.C., this prayer group will refresh your spirit and help you find strength in regular prayer habits. Just bring your Bible and come as you are! Price includes coffee and pastry. Registrations are encouraged, but walk-ins welcome. Cost: \$10.

Cinema & Conversation: "It's a Wonderful Life". Monday, Dec. 20 from 7:00 - 9:00pm. Join us at Jesuit Retreat Center each month for films that inspire and entertain. After each movie, there will be time for conversation and questions. We continue in December with the 1946 American Christmas Classic, *It's a Wonderful Life*. Cost: Free Will Offering

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

"A Closer Walk With Thee"

CCA Monthly Grief Support E-Newsletter

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



St. Francis de Sales (SFDS) Parish Staff

Rev. Mark J. Peyton.....Pastor
Rev. John Crawford..... In Residence (Retired)
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Miss Michelle Nowakowski.....Generations Minister
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