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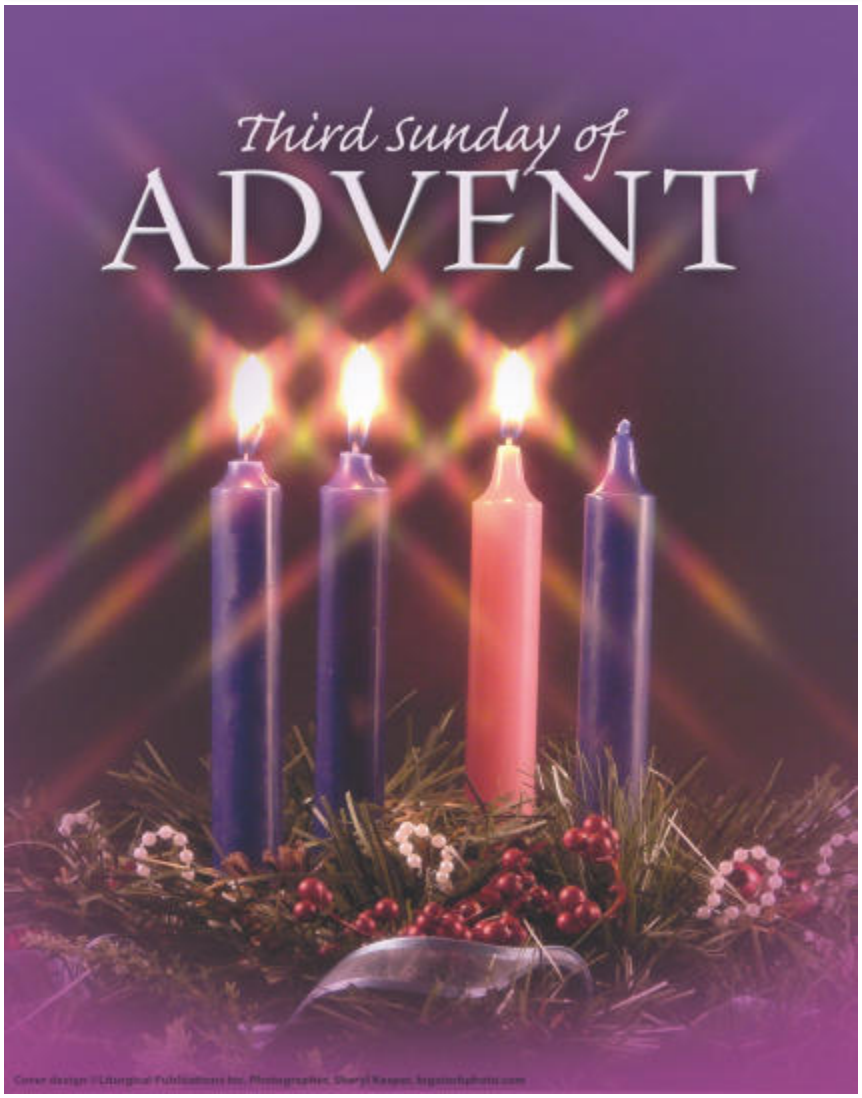

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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 Noon

DAILY MASSES

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri.: 7:30 am
Thursday: 7:00 pm
First Saturday Only: 8:00 am
Civil Holidays: 9:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 11:00 am to 12:00 Noon
(No Confessions on Holy Days of Obligation)

DEVOTIONS

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion
Wednesday: After the 7:30 am Mass
First Saturday:
7:30 am Rosary and Litany of Loreto
8:00 am Mass
Chaplet of Divine Mercy after Mass
Eucharistic Adoration:
Tuesday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 14th St. John of the Cross
7:30 am **Mike Polutnik (John & Judy Polutnik)**

Tuesday, December 15th Advent Weekday
7:30 am **Cecilia Krueck (Daughter)**

Wednesday, December 16th Advent Weekday
7:30 am **Jeanne Webber (Carolyn & Joe Webber)**

Thursday, December 17th Late Advent Weekday
7:00 pm **Greta Schoen (Family)**

Friday, December 18th Late Advent Weekday
7:30 am **Glenn Home (John & Judy Polutnik)**

Saturday, December 19th Late Advent Weekday
4:00 pm **Dr. Dennis Weghe (Frank & Karen Jayne)**

Sunday, December 20th Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:00 am **For the People of the Parish (Pro Populo)**
10:00 am **Dale Hellwick (Frank & Karen Jayne)**
12:00 pm **Deceased Collins Family (Family)**

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will be closed on the following days:

December 24th & 25th
January 31st & 1st

May the peace of the Christ Child be your gift this Christmas season.

Parish Support for November 29

Total Mass Attendance **215**
(4pm: **59** 8am: **35** 10am: **74** 12pm: **47**)
Facebook Livestream Views **242**

Mail-In, Drop-Off & Mass:
Offertory **$5658.50** Maintenance **$290**
Global Solidarity **$142** SVDP Society **$17**

Online Giving:
Offertory **$903** Maintenance **$120** Global Solidarity **$40**
SVDP Society **$5**
TOTAL- $7175.50

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Diocese of Cleveland TV Mass

The weekly television Mass produced by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland is moving. Sunday TV Mass will be seen at 10 am on WUAB Channel 43, the CW43.

From the Pastor's Desk...

What if the Incarnation of the Word of God, who is God, had not yet happened? What would the world be like now? The alternative universe scenario is popular. What if Hitler got the A-Bomb first, or what if Abraham Lincoln had not been assassinated? The original Star Trek series had episodes based on such scenarios. The Christmas movie, "It's a Wonderful Life" also played on the theme of an alternative reality without Jimmy Stewart.

We can never know what the world would be like since Jesus has come. We know that it would not be a better world.

Obviously there would be no Christianity and its influence in the world. Judaism would still be around because it is from God. Maybe Buddhism would be a wide spread religion. Islam would not exist.

The Roman empire would no longer exist and the world map would be very different. Europe would remain a collection of barbarian tribes fighting each other for centuries without the unifying and civilizing influence of Christianity.

What we call modern science would not exist because science was born of the Judeo-Christian civilization's world view. Slavery would probably still be largely practiced and there would be nothing to stop genocide. Atheism and Communism would exist.

Certainly, Satan would be more in control of the world than he is now and we would all still need a savior. Be thankful that Jesus has come and we already know our Savior.

Interesting Facts:

1. Talking on a cell phone while driving increases the chance of an accident by 23% because one takes yes off the road 400% more.
2. Bullet proof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers were all invented by women.
3. Banging your head against a wall burns 150 calories an hour. Singing in the shower burns 20 calories per song and laughing for ten minutes another 20 calories.
4. You have a 10 times greater chance of being bitten by a person in New York City than being bitten by a shark off the Florida Coast.
5. In its first 4 months of sales in 1958, over 25 million hula hoops were sold.
6. Chewing gum can improve memory, but only when one is chewing gum while being tested. Otherwise it has no effect on long term or short term memory.

Fr. John Peter

HOLIDAY CONFESSION SCHEDULE

(Wear a mask and keep social distance)

Friday December 18 (from 5:00 - 6:00 pm)
at St. Frances Cabrini

Saturday December 19 (from 11am till noon)
at St. Vincent de Paul

Wednesdays December 16, 23 & Jan 6
from 6-7 pm at St. Vincent de Paul

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

If you are not comfortable coming to Mass with a – hopefully – large number of people, I encourage you to come during the Eight Days of Christmas. The Mass obligation is still suspended through Christmas. Join us during the Christmas Octave or via live stream at (facebook.com/svdpchurchelyria).

Christmas Eve: Thursday, December 24th
Masses at 4:00 pm (*Live Stream), 6:00 and 10:00 pm*
Christmas Day: Friday, December 25th
Masses at 8:00 am and 10:00 am
Feast of the Holy Family: December 26/27
4:00 pm Vigil (*Live Stream), 8:00 am, 10:00 am, Noon*

Christmas Weekday Masses
Monday - Wednesday (December 28 - 30) at 10:00 am
(there will be no 7:30 am mass on these days)

Feast of Mary, Mother of God
December 31st at 5:00 pm
January 1st at 10:00 am

Liturgical Ministers

Eucharistic Ministers/Servers and Lectors, the next schedule for mid—January thru the end of April, this includes Holy Week, is being worked on. Please send any scheduling requests, or a request to be added/removed from schedule by January 3, 2021 to Jackie Prosak at : jackiesvdp@gmail.com or call 440-324-6615 Ext. 4

Global Solidarity Ministry

As we await the Advent of our Lord, the greatest gift of all, let us be grateful for God's many blessings and remember those less fortunate. ***Global Solidarity Ministry has a variety of hand-made ornaments, ideal for gifts, available for sale after Mass.*** **One-hundred per cent of the donation goes to our mission communities in El Salvador, India and Uganda.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PSR

ALL PSR Classes are remote learning until January 1st, NO IN PERSON CLASSES. This is due to Lorain County moving into the Purple Stage.

CONFIRMATION

Next Zoom meet is Monday January 4th at 7:00 pm

Christmas Food Baskets

On **Saturday, December 19**, the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be distributing Christmas Baskets for those in our parish who are in need. We are asking for donations of all kinds of non-food items. ***Hams can be dropped off in the social hall cooler.*** Thank you for your continuous generosity in helping those in need.

Christmas Giving Tree

Christmas is fast approaching, and we are asking for your help for our parish families. Items needed are clothing such as sweat shirts, gloves, hats, socks, underwear, t-shirts, sweaters. We need all sizes for men, women and children. We can also use any type of accessories for men and women, plus toiletries. For teens, sports items, electronics, games etc. For children, toys such as dolls, trucks/cars, puzzles and games. Monetary donations can be put in the poor boxes to help buy gifts. Gifts will be collected through **Friday December 18**. Thank you for your generosity in making Christmas brighter for our families especially this year.

If you or someone you know needs help please contact Deacon John @ 324-6615, ext. 1

Christmas Programming

As we are now in the Season of Advent and awaiting the Birth of Christ, AM 1260 The Rock will be broadcasting special Christmas Eve and Christmas Day programming to enrich your Christmas celebration. Please visit our website at: www.am1260therock.com for updates and have a blessed and peaceful Advent.

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

Thanks for giving! "We are conscious of the great generosity of the many benefactors who support the Retirement Fund for Religious each year," says a Catholic sister. "This support fund has been a tremendous blessing to our retired sisters." Thank you for donating to last week's collection.

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