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Parish Office hours: 7:30 am - 3:30 pm Monday - Friday

FR. C. THOMAS CLEATON, PASTOR

Deacon Dan Hancock

MASSES:

Saturday Evening.....4:00 pm
Sunday...8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 Noon
Monday & Thursday.....7:30 pm
Tues., Wed, Fri.....8:30 am
Saturday Morning 8:30 am
Holy Days: Vigil.....7:30 pm
Holy Days.....8:30 am, 7:30 pm
Holidays.....9:00 am

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday.....2:30-3:30 pm
Monday.....7:00-7:25 pm

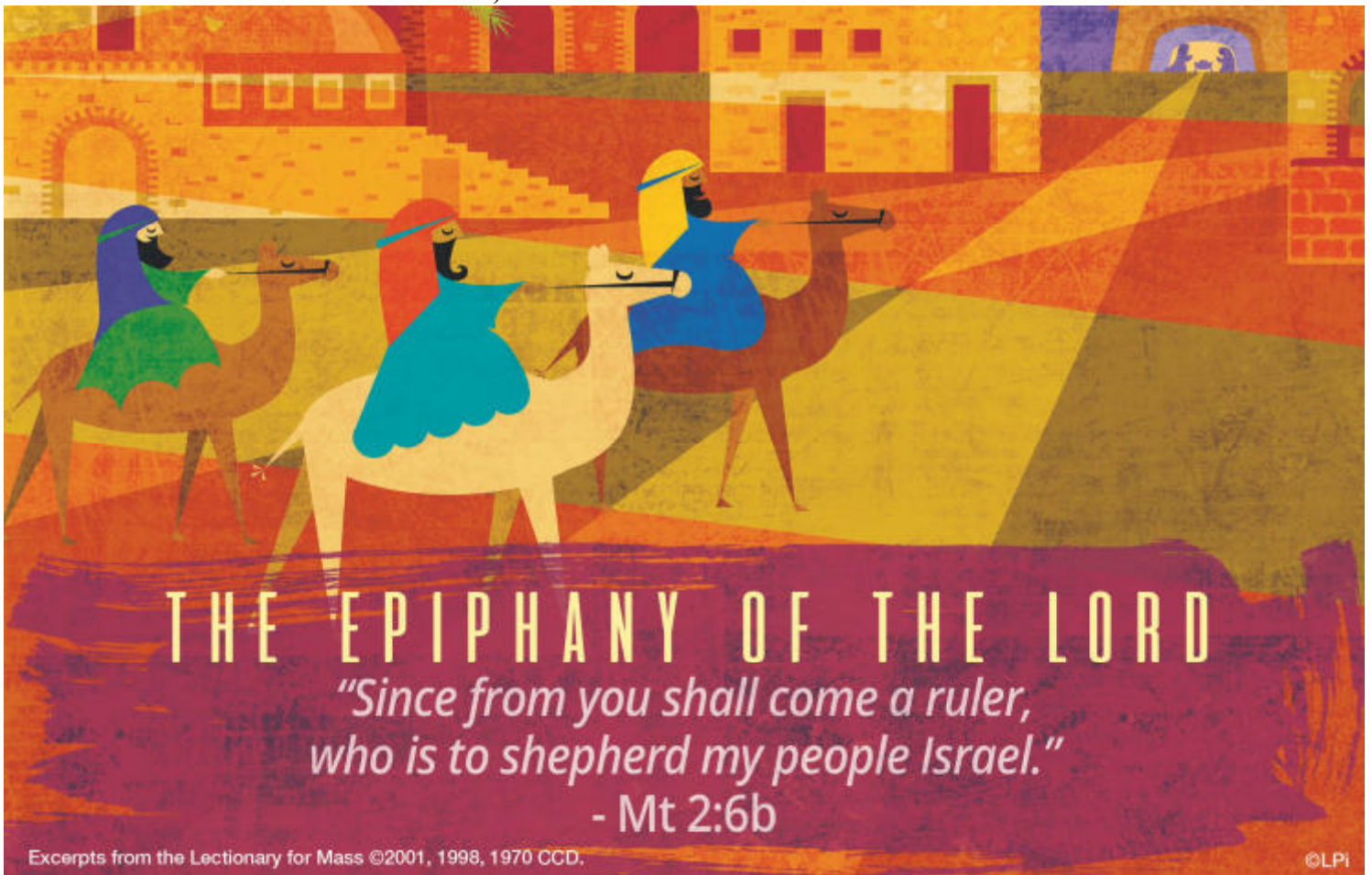
MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:

Monday.....7:30 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Thursday.....5:00-7:00 pm

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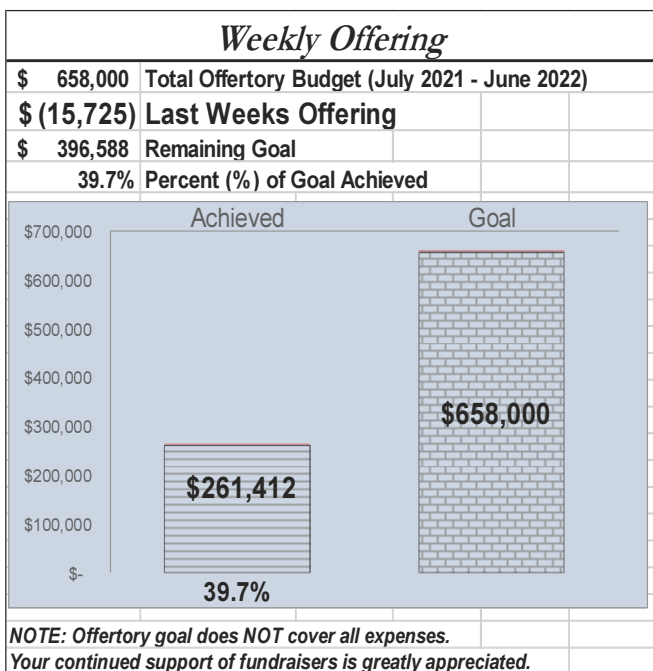
*"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel."*

- Mt 2:6b

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please Pray for the Sick: Bernie Arendash, Carl Barile, Fr. Lawrence Bayer, Pat Beckman, Anne Benisek, Carol Black, Edward Bommer, Arlene Bores, Natalie Butchko, Ryan Case, Patricia Cernac, Irene Chruski, Elaine Citro, Kerry Coleman, Elizabeth Conners, Alice Conrad, Kurt Cummings, Mary Ann Czarney, Patrick Fahey, John Matthew Gibson, Ann Gomos, Bill Grabert, Anita Grant, Gwendolyn Gurney, Wendy Hallier, Raymond Hatch, Brenda Hazelwood, Louis Holley, Jeffrey Hostottle, Norma James, Alexa Jennings, Gerald Laco, Kate Liauw, Brian Madia, Kathleen Mahoney, Bob Mayton, Susan Mendolera, Barbara Milota, Vicky Motes, Jessica Mueller, Carey Neal, Mildred Ondrus, Sandra Pitts, Thomas Richards, Judy Richardson, Joel Rivera, Joan Rodger, Arthur Rossi, Rose Stuber, Diane Urig, Gerda Vanthoor, Dylan Vega, Joan Votes, Owen Winters, Pauline Wysocki, Joe Zvosecz, **Timothy McCarthy, Mueller & Lamb families, Marcia Notarberardino, Anne, Betty McGreal, Tom Wearsch and Natalie Hatley.**

NOTE: Please contact the Parish office at 934-4212 with any revisions to the above list. Also, if anyone needs communion to be administered to a HOME BOUND individual, please contact the Parish office to make the appointment.



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Rosary - Sundays at 9:30 am

Eucharistic Adoration Time Change: Thursdays at 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Upcoming : This / Next Week

1/11/22 ~ Finance meeting 7:30 pm

1/13/22 ~ Parish Council meeting 8:00 pm

Update Parishioner Information

It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year.

Have you changed your phone number or no longer have your landline? Do we have your correct email? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still living at home?

If you have not already informed the Parish office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct. Please call Roxane at 440-934-4212 (hours are 7:30 am - 3:30 pm). Thank you for your help!

Thank You for Your Help Decorating Church for Christmas!

We would like to thank everyone who came to help decorate the church on December 19th. It is because of wonderful parishioners like you that are willing to donate their time, that our Church was prepared for the birth of Christ. Merry Christmas!

Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

- 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
- Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
- Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Bulletin Deadline

01/09 Bulletin - Announcements due 12/31 by 10am

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ALTAR SERVERS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 03:

Monday,	
7:30 pm	
Tuesday,	
8:30 am	
Wednesday,	
8:30 am	
Thursday,	
7:30 pm	
Friday,	
8:30 am	
Saturday,	Jones'
4:00 pm	
Sunday,	
8:00 am	Nelson, Tian
10:00 am	Bridget, Andrew
Noon	Cece, Clare



NOTE: If you would like to volunteer as an **ADULT SERVER, EM or LECTOR**, please email Nancy Danese at liturgicalschedules@gmail.com. To volunteer to usher or assist with live streaming, please email Jolene Nelson at jnelson@stmaryavon.org
ALTAR SERVER volunteers, please email Mrs. Jones at kdickman@yahoo.com

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR JAN 04 - JAN 09:

Tue	Bommer
Wed	M/M Snavely
Thur	--
Fri	Fr Tom, Danese, Brownfield, Choir

Saturday,	
4:00 pm	Gudin
Sunday,	
8:00 am	Recko
10:00 am	Provenzale
12:00 pm	Brownfield

LECTORS FOR JAN 08 - JAN 09:

Saturday,	
4:00 pm	Capek
Sunday,	
8:00 am	Deacon Dan
10:00 am	Danese
Noon	Gotlibowski

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 03:

Monday,	Jan 03, The Most Holy Name of Jesus Frederick Lima (Greaney family)
Tuesday,	Jan 04, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious Marian Smitek (Dale & Kathy Smitek)
Wednesday,	Jan 05, St. John Neumann, Bishop Poor Souls (Sutter family)
Thursday,	Jan 06, St. Andre Bessette, Religious Special Intention (McGervey family)
Friday,	Jan 07, St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest Poor Souls
Saturday,	Jan 08, Weekday Special Intention (friend) Karl Kalivoda (family)
Sunday,	Jan 09, The Baptism of the Lord Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society (HNS) Bill, Dorothy & Mark Cummings (Mary Ann Syrek-Cummings) People of the Parish



Congratulations to Melissa Rivera & Matthew O'Donnell on their Marriage 12-20-21



Save the Dates:

12/18 - 1/3 Christmas Break - *No School*
1/3 & 1/4 PSR Classes Resume
1/4 Classes Resume

St. Mary School Open Enrollment

Saint Mary School is offering enrollment in our preschool and for students in Kindergarten (must be 5 yrs old by August 1st) through 8th Grade. Tours for all grade levels can be arranged by contacting the school office at (440) 934-6246 or emailing us at office@stmaryavon.org.

Edge Youth Group:

Edge Youth Group meets on Tuesdays at 2:00 til 3:15pm. If you are interested in joining us for our events, please RSVP to Mrs. Stasiuk at bstasiuk@stmaryavon.org. Please visit our website for more information about Life Teen events : <https://stmaryavon.org/youth-ministry>.

PSR News

NOTE: There will be NO PSR classes starting on 12/13 thru 12/31. CLASSES WILL RESUME ON 1/3 & 1/4.

PSR classes are held on Mondays at 6:30 to 7:30 pm for grades 5-8 and on Tuesdays at 6:30 to 7:45 pm for grades 1-4. Any questions, please call Mr. Richard Sayles, St. Mary Catechetical Leader at stmarypsr@stmaryavon.org.

SAVE THE DATE 2/26/22 ~ PTU Winterfest

Fundraiser

Save the date for Winterfest on February 26, 2022!

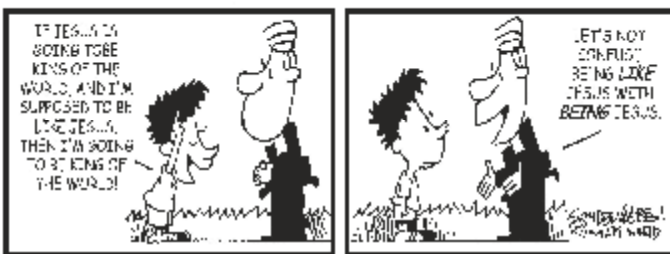
Blessing Box for Birthright ~ Thank You

We would like to thank you for your generosity for contributing to Birthright. God Bless!

Our Town Coupon Books

The Isabella Guild is selling the "Our Town Coupon Books" again. Profits go to our scholarship Fund. Cost of the book is \$28. Please contact Jan at 440-933-8550, Betty at 440-934-0346 or Simie at 440-934-5766.

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Heart of a Shepherd Campaign

Last month, parishioners at St. Mary were invited to complete pledge cards at Mass to indicate their decision regarding their support of the *Heart of a Shepherd* campaign.

We are excited to share that as of 12/15/21, we have raised \$246,800 from more than 60 families, towards a target of \$292,322!

Thank you so much to all of those who participated in the campaign and thank you to all who continue to pray for the success of this historic effort. We are humbled and inspired by your generosity, your love of our seminarians and priests, and your dedication to our parish.

Thank you for your support during our Commitment Weekend!

You can still support this important effort:

We would like to provide a quick follow-up opportunity to receive decisions from parish families who were not at Mass on commitment weekend, or from parishioners who indicated they needed more time to decide and are now ready. Parishioners may make their pledges over a three-year period through the following ways:

- **Drop off your pledge card at Mass or at the parish office;**
- **Mail your pledge in the envelope provided through the mail;**
- **Pledge online through our secure giving site at: www.catholiccommunity.org/shepherd**

If you have any questions about the *Heart of a Shepherd* campaign, please contact the Campaign Office at (216) 902-1300 or HeartofaShepherd@catholiccommunity.org.

First Friday - West Men's Group

An inter-parish men's group will meet January 7th for a First Friday luncheon at St. Clarence Church, 30106 Lorain Road, North Olmsted. Registration begins at 11:15 AM, followed by the luncheon, then an inspirational talk, and concludes with Mass. Cost is \$13. Please call George Perz at (440) 937-6606 by Tuesday, January 4th to make a reservation.

Gentle Woman Fellowship ~ No January meeting

An inter-parish woman's group meets on First Fridays at St. Clarence Parish Center, 30106 Lorain Road, North Olmsted.

Due to Covid concerns, **we will not be meeting in January.** If you have any questions, please contact Mary at 440-235-6258. We hope that each of you have a very Blessed Christmas Season and New Year!

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**The Essential Teachings of Pope Francis/  
The Wisdom of Martin Sheen**

Love of God thus becomes the dominant passion of life; like every other worth-while love, it demands and inspires sacrifice. But love of God and man, as an ideal, has lately been replaced by the new ideal of tolerance which inspires no sacrifice. Why should any human being in the world be merely tolerated? What man has ever made a sacrifice in the name of tolerance? It leads men, instead, to express their own egotism in a book or a lecture that patronizes the downtrodden group. One of the cruelest things that can happen to a human being is to be tolerated. Never once did our Lord say, "Tolerate your enemies!" But He did say, "Love your enemies; do good to them that hate you" (Matt. 5:44). Such love can be achieved only if we deliberately curb our fallen nature's animosities.

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Upcoming Baptismal Class ~ 1/16/22



The next Baptism class will be held at St. Thomas Parish in Sheffield Lake on Sunday, 1/16/22 at 11:30 am. Please call their parish office to register at 440-949-7744.

If you are interested in joining our Choir, please contact our Music Director Jolene Nelson at jnelson@stmaryavon.org

St. Elizabeth Center Meal ~ 1/13

Thanks be to God for our abundant blessings! On the second Thursday of every month we provide a meal for the St. Elizabeth Center. During the pandemic they are requesting individual servings of breakfast items, fruit or pudding cups, snacks, chips, cookies and water. Travel size soap, shampoo and body wash are also appreciated. The Jan 13th menu is barbeque pork, cheesy potatoes, baked beans, applesauce and cookies. Contact Deb at 216-250-2243 or janosik440@gmail.com.



Consider Using St. Mary's Electronic Direct Debit for your Weekly/Monthly Contributions

We offer Direct Debit of your contributions. There are no paper checks to hassle with. Instead, a debit of your account (an amount determined by you) is electronically initiated by the Church, then directly deposited into St. Mary's account. Giving electronically is safer than writing a check, or placing cash in the basket, since an electronic gift cannot be lost or stolen. Advantages are:

It offers the convenience of not having to worry about taking the time to write a check or look for cash. Also, while on vacation, your contributions will systematically be made to St. Mary's parish. Please consider this convenient option.

A registration form can be mailed or you can get it on our website, www.stmaryavon.org. Once you complete the form and attach a voided blank check, simply drop in the mailbox or at the Parish office. Call the Parish office at 440-934-4212 to request a form or if you have any questions.

AM1260 ~ The Rock

It's 2022 and a year that is new. Making a resolution that's way too steep? Enrich your mind, body, spirit with one you can keep!

Start your New Year off by listening to AM1260 The Rock Catholic radio! AM1260 The Rock makes it easy to learn more about our faith with daily Mass, devotionals, news from a Catholic perspective, apologetics and much more. Listen via radio, the internet, or our mobile app. Visit www.am1260therock.com for a complete program schedule, to download mobile app, or for more information. Glory be to God and your loved ones in the New Year and beyond.

Knights of Columbus Annual Free Throw Championship ~ January 28 at 6:00 pm

The Avon/Avon Lake Knights of Columbus Council #3269 is sponsoring a Free Throw Championship at St. Joseph Parish, 32946 Electric Blvd, Avon Lake on Friday, January 28, 2022 for girls and boys, ages 9 to 14 (as of January 1st) with registration at 6:00 pm. Contact the school office or your CYO coach for entry forms that are due back by January 24th. Winners will receive a gift and opportunity to compete in the Knights of Columbus district/regional contests. Everyone is encouraged to wear sneakers to protect the St. Joe's gym floors. Food (candy, pizza & hot dogs) and beverages will be available at 5:30 pm. Questions? Call Rudy Breglia at 610-883-2863 or 440-930-0251 or rudybreglia@gmail.com.



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