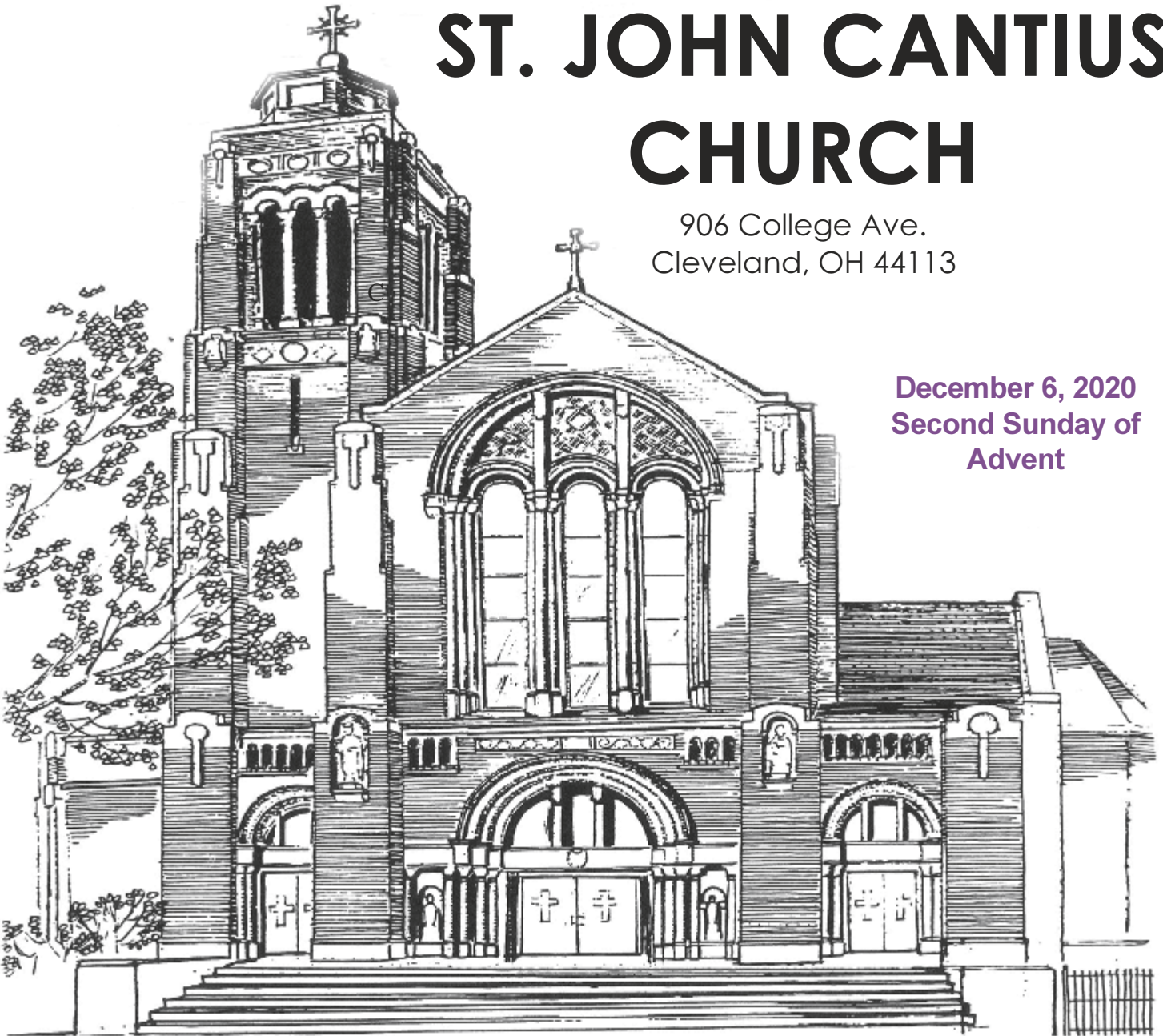


ST. JOHN CANTIUS CHURCH

906 College Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44113

December 6, 2020
Second Sunday of
Advent



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday (Miraculous Medal Novena), Wednesday ..6:30 pm
Tuesday, Thursday 8:30 am
Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm
Sunday 9:30 am (Polish) & 11:30 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:15-3:45 pm
Sunday (Polish) 9:00-9:30 am

BAPTISM: Baptisms may be scheduled at most anytime. Please call the rectory and speak with the Pastor to make baptismal arrangements.

FUNERALS: We request that you first contact your funeral director before contacting the parish. This will insure that your requested date is available for both the funeral home and the church. After the date has been chosen, the funeral director will contact the parish with all the details to set up the funeral. Finally, a representative from the parish will contact you about planning the Mass or parlor service for your loved one..

WEDDINGS: Wedding arrangements are made by contacting the pastor. There is a 6 month minimum wait from the day you contact the pastor and your actual wedding date. This allows for proper wedding preparation and instruction. Please call the pastor if you wish to inquire further about details on having your wedding at St. John Cantius.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**LITURGY SCHEDULE
ROZKŁAD MSZY SW.****SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6**

9:30 a.m. ✠ Marianna Piotrowski
11:30 a.m. ✠ Barbara Ross

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

6:30 p.m. ✠ Vincent, Anna & Joseph Lakota
Holy Day Vigil Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8 Immaculate Conception

10:00 a.m. Presiders Intention
6:30 p.m. Parishioners of S.J.C.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

6:30 p.m. Ruth Baety

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:30 a.m. Presiders Intention

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

NO MASS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

4:00 p.m. Laura Marie

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

9:30 a.m. ✠ Jozefa Kobialka
11:30 a.m. ✠ Stanley Streiner

COLLECTION FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 11/22/20 Total 2,354.05

11/29/20

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| Saturday 4:00 p.m. | \$ 1,082.00 |
| Sunday 9:30 a.m. | \$ 492.00 |
| Sunday 11:30 a.m. | \$ 346.00 |
| Mail | \$ 126.00 |
| Eoffering | \$ 470.00 |
| Total | \$ 2,516.00 |

PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Tuesday, December 8th, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is a holy day of obligation. However, the Ohio Bishops continue to dispense mandatory attendance to any Masses during the pandemic - including Holy Days. So, if you are elderly, high risk, or ill in any way, please stay indoors during the epidemic. We have a link on our web site to attend daily Masses

We are offering our normal Holy Day schedule for the Feast Day. Monday, December 7th, the vigil Mass will be at 6:30 pm (followed by our perpetual novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal), Tuesday December 8th, Mass at 10:00 am in Polish, and 6:30 pm in English. We normally have a daily 8:30 am Mass each Tuesday but due to the evening Holy Day Mass (Tuesday 12/08) we are canceling the morning Mass and having one evening Mass at 6:30 pm.

Christmas is a time for giving and sharing the many blessings God has given to us. I mentioned a few weeks ago, the Knights of Columbus canceled their annual Christmas party and will be using the money to purchase \$50.00 gift cards for groceries for any parishioner in need. Several anonymous people also want to help families of our parish this Christmas Season by offering gift cards for things you may need for you or your families. PLEASE contact me directly if you are in need or know anyone in need in our parish who could benefit from these generous gifts from parishioners. I am continually gratified by so many of our parishioners who really care and want to make a difference by sharing the gifts God has given them. I recall a quote from Mother Teresa who once said, *“Never worry about numbers of those in need; help one person at a time. And always start with the person nearest you . . .”*

This weekend's gospel focuses upon St. John the Baptist. St. John wasn't the most obvious type person you would think of as a prophet. He was a different character, eating strange things like wild locusts with honey. He dressed in a camel's hair garment which was uncomfortable and made him stand out. Some thought he was a bit eccentric and others accused him of being out of his mind. Jesus however, used his unusualness in that St. John the Baptist found Christ in unusual places. If we ask ourselves where is Jesus today, how would you respond? (In church, shrines, cathedrals) What about the temples of the poor, marginalized, the unwanted, and those rejected by the world? St. John the Baptist challenges us to expand our vision of Christ this Advent season. Look in unusual places for unusual things to happen. It reminds me of a poem by Robert Frost entitled "The Road Not Taken." In it, he speaks of two roads in front of him. One was clear with no brush, well paved and taken by everybody. The other road was overgrown and clearly not traveled on. He decided to take the one 'less traveled on.' Here is what happened *“Two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the one less traveled by. And that has made all the difference. . .”* May you find Christ this Advent in the most unlikely places. Fr. Jim Roach

IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember the sick and infirm of the parish in your prayers: Craig & Sam Bak, Barbara Bak, Barbara Byers, Ted Blanda, Walter & Carol Buczek, Delores Cass, Teresa Cieslik, Susan Daly, Jean Elko, Roseanne Ewazen, Edward Falkowski, Ann Kilbane Friedl, Stella Fryger, Lloyd Gordon, Mieczyslaw Janczura, Anne Kalas, Diane Kearsley, Stella Kobak, Josephine Kohut, Fran Kopack, Henry & Rita Kozlowski, Ted Kusek, Theresa Lipka, Barbara Lishko, Larry & Pam Makowski, Greg Masevice, Toby Morgan, Philip Parente, Edward Pieciak, Lou Potokar, Joyce Resek, Betty Ryba, Barbara Skalski, Jessie & Chris Stachurski, Albert & Irene Stepnowski, Alex Sutowski, Joshua Szymczak, Janice Tkacz, Roberta Virzi, Adele Walczak, Emilia Wojcik, Hettie Wojtonek, Edward Zubel, and anyone we may have omitted.

HUMOR:

Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources Officer asks a young engineer fresh out of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, "And what starting salary are you looking for?" The engineer replies, "In the region of \$125,000 a year, depending on the benefits package." The interviewer inquires, "Well, what would you say to a package of five weeks vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every two years, say, a red Corvette?" The engineer sits up straight and says, "Wow! Are you kidding?" The interviewer replies, "Yeah, but you started it."



SECOND WEEK IN ADVENT
The second candle in the Advent Wreath is the Bethlehem Candle. It is the candle of hopeful preparation For the coming of the Messiah.

Our Father, pour your love into our hearts so that we may love more fully all those whom you love. Help us to be understanding of the needs of others, as you were understanding to the needs of all men and sent your Son Jesus Christ to redeem us. Amen.



ZIARNO WSŁOWA BOZEGO

Cały świat chrześcijański żyje w oczekiwaniu i przygotowaniu się na święta Bożego Narodzenia. W miarę swoich możliwości każdy wraca do rodzinnego domu. Na całym świecie można zobaczyć przystrojone choinki, podarunki zimne ognie, świece, życzenia. Wszystko to nam przypomina wielkie wydarzenia, kiedy to w Betlejem pojawił się Bóg-Człowiek, Jezus Chrystus.

Tymczasem te niezliczone drobiazgi nie znaczą wiele. Oczywiście, że Kościół pragnie, byśmy także i zewnętrznie, dostrzegalnie i jak najuroczyściej obchodzili narodziny Jezusa, ale nie to jest najważniejsze i nie to powinno być na pierwszym miejscu. Boże Narodzenie nie może być dla nas tylko martwą pamiątką narodzenia Jezusa, ale powinno być żywym spotkaniem z Nim na spowiedzi, kiedy nam wszystko przebaczy., przy ołtarzu, gdzie słuchamy Jego słowa, w naszych domach, gdzie gromadzimy się w miłości i modlitwie przy wspólnym stole. Nasze Boże Narodzenie powinno być osobistymi odwiedzinami Jezusa w naszej duszy, w naszym domu i dniem Jego urodzin wśród nas.

Kościół napomina nas słowami św. Jana Chrzciciela: „Przygotujcie drogę Panu, prostujcie ścieżki dla Niego!” Nie chodzi tu o szosy, ale o serca, Pan pragnie, by była w nich prosta droga dla Jego słowa i Jego miłości, by miał wolny dostęp do naszego serca i ducha. Tę właśnie drogę trzeba wyprostować i otworzyć drzwi dla Pana.

OGŁOSZENIA PARAFIALNE

Polskim zwyczajem w wigilię łamniemy się opłatkiem. Opłatki są do nabycia w zakrystii, nie ma ceny tylko dobrowolna ofiara na kościół.

OPLATKI

Opłatki is now available for the Christmas Holiday. Opłatki wafers will be available in the sacristy and we ask for a small donation to cover the cost of the wafer packets.

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