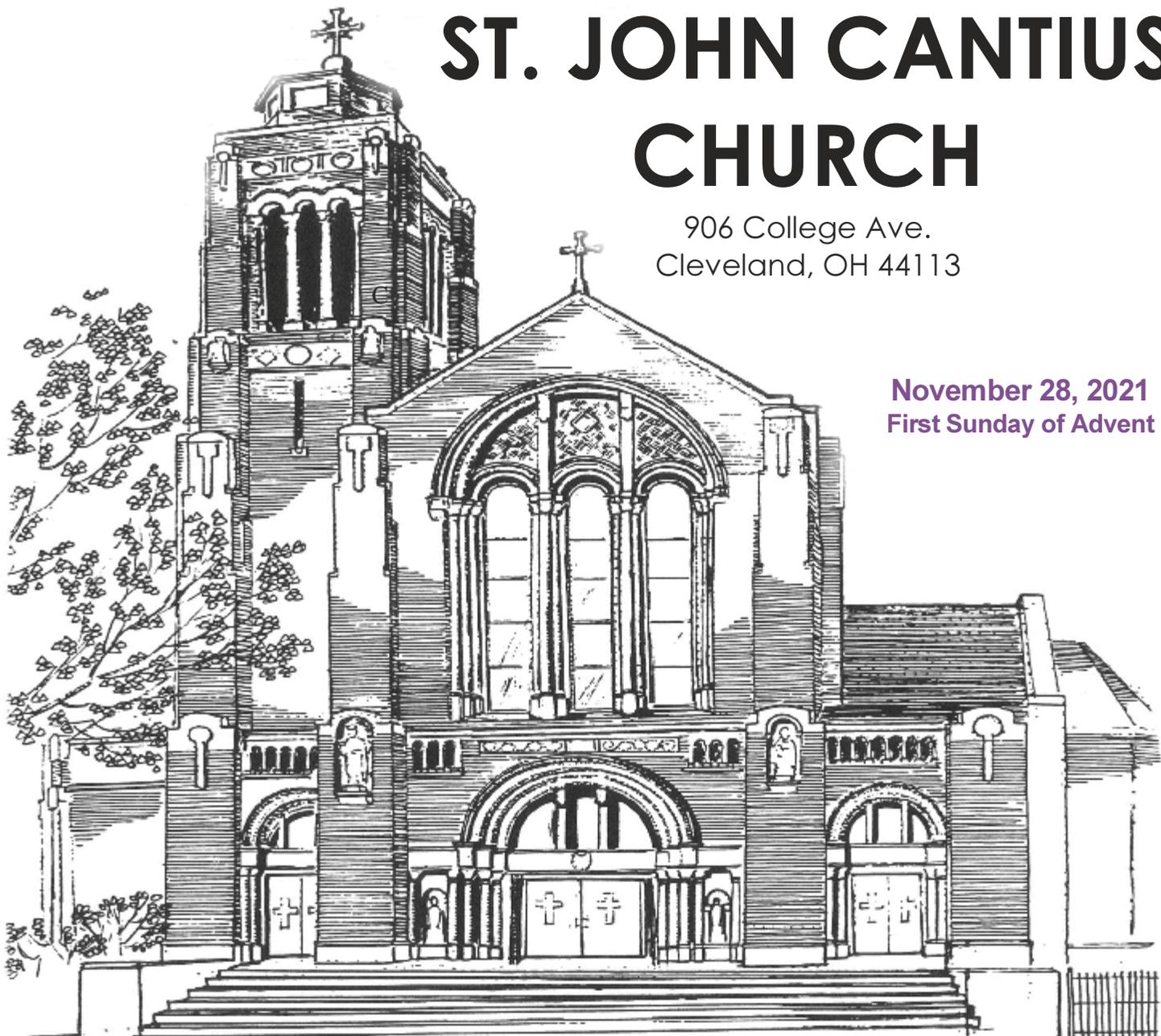


ST. JOHN CANTIUS CHURCH

906 College Ave.
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November 28, 2021
First Sunday of Advent



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Mon (Miraculous Medal Novena), Tues, Weds 6:30 pm
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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
LITURGY SCHEDULE
ROZKLAD MSZY SW.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

9:30 a.m. † Beverly Jarret
 11:30 a.m. † Lottie Urban

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

6:30 p.m. † William & Barbara Sones
 Novena following Mass

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

6:30 p.m. † Joe & Alice Kilbane

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

6:30 p.m. † John Moysey

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:30 a.m. † Living & Deceased Blind, Deaf, Handicap

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

NO MASS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

4:00 p.m. † Mary Ann Fechick

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:30 a.m. † Maryanna Piotrowski
 11:30 a.m. † Piotr Bak

COLLECTION FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 4:00 p.m.	\$ 2,630.00
Sunday 9:30 a.m.	\$ 534.00
Sunday 11:30 a.m.	\$ 654.00
Mail	\$ 19500
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Total	\$ 4,996.00

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Almighty God be in our midst to cast away all works of darkness which separate us from you. In your great mercy, forgive all the things we have done that we should not have done and all the things we failed to do that we should have done. Teach us to live as children of God: in Jesus' name. Amen

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

This weekend we officially begin the Church's New Year, The First Sunday of Advent. The word ADVENTUS in Latin means to wait for the 'arrival' of something. Most of us I would suspect, relate the ADVENTUS of this season to the coming of Jesus Christ on December 25th, Christmas morning. In fact, Advent focuses on the life to come - Christmas remembers the "already happened" historical birthday of Jesus Christ. The Advent liturgy and the scriptural readings all relate to the coming of Christ at the end of time - at the end of your time - and the end of the world. Waiting though, can be a mixed bag of things. I know if someone keeps telling me something is coming in the mail and weeks and weeks go by, then weeks turn into months, it does present credulity issue on what was promised. Advent also recalls the wait that you and I personally have for the day Christ will call us home to be with Him. While this should not be something we fear, but something we look forward to. Advent may be your time to utilize the Sacrament of Confession to recall and re-think the need for the infinite and glorious mercy of a loving Savior.

I would like this season to offer a morning of reflection for the parish entitled "Advent in Art." Art has a way of engaging us in a way that goes beyond just the intellectual as it engages one's spirit. There are key things to look for during the Christmas season in artworks that have much deeper symbolic meanings than just a 'quick glance' can offer. Things like holes in manger ceilings, ox and ass in mangers, angels inside stables, and many other Advent symbols have a meaning that goes well beyond just what we see. The reflection will be offered on Sunday Morning in-between the 930 am and 11:30 am Mass so that it will be convenient for all to attend. Sunday December 19th at 10:15 in the lower school hall we will take a historical journey viewing famous Advent themed artworks and untangle some of the deeper meanings of famous works of art. We will serve coffee and cookies as well. Please mark your calendar for SUNDAY DECEMBER 19 10:15 AM for this journey.

Finally, December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation - the Immaculate Conception. Masses will be Tuesday December 7 at 6:30 pm (Vigil); December 8th 10:00 am (Polish); 6:30 pm (English). May you have a blest Advent and be filled with peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Fr. Roach

HUMOR: Race Track Blessings

Did you hear about the about the Southern Baptist who was in the habit of sneaking to the race track to bet on the horses? One day the Baptist man was losing badly when he saw a priest step onto the race track, walk up to line-up and bless one of the horses on the forehead. The horse was a long shot, but the Southern Baptist thought, "With the priest's blessing, surely this horse will win." He placed a small bet and, sure enough, the horse came in first place.

At the next race, the priest stepped onto the track and blessed another horse's forehead. Even though this horse was also a long shot, the Southern Baptist was a little bolder this time and placed a larger bet on that horse. Again, it won. A third time, the priest stepped onto the track and blessed a horse on the forehead. Like the others, this horse was also a long shot. The Southern Baptist placed an even larger bet this time and, sure enough the horse won. This pattern continued throughout the day with the priest blessing the forehead of a long shot horse, the Southern Baptist placing larger and larger bets and the horse always winning.

At the last race of the day, the Southern Baptist thought, "I have got to go for broke here." With great anticipation, he watched as the priest stepped onto the field one more time, walked up to the line-up and blessed the forehead, eyes, ears and hooves of one of the horses. The Southern Baptist ran to the ticket counter and bet all he had on that horse. The horse however came in dead last! As he was walking out, he saw the priest. Walking up to him, he demanded, "What happened Father? All day long you blessed horses and they won, even though they were long shots. Then at the last race you blessed a horse even better by blessing his eyes, ears and hooves. So I figured I couldn't lose this one and I bet everything and the horse lost." "That's the problem with you Protestants," said the priest. "You can't tell the difference between a simple blessing and Last Rites."



ZIARNO SŁOWA BOZEGO

Niedziele adwentowe to krótki okres, w którym przeżywamy te długie tysiące lat oczekiwania na Boga, oczekiwania na Tego, "który wprowadzi nas na właściwą drogę", przyniesie nam pokój i zbawienie. Z kart Pisma świętego słyszymy głos proroka Izajasza, który przemawiał przed 2600 laty: Bóg przyjdzie! Z tych samych kart słyszymy głos Jana Chrzciciela wołający, że Bóg jest już przed drzwiami, trzeba więc przygotować dusze, orzyść serca i zmienić życie. My wszyscy spotamy Boga, wszyscy więc musimy przygotować się na to wielkie spotkanie. Ewangelia napomina nas: "Czuwajcie, bo nie wiecie, o jakim czasie przyjdzie Pan". Blisko jest już Boże Narodzenie, blisko jest nasz Bóg, blisko jest nasza wieczność. Liturgia pierwszej niedzieli Adwentu uświadamia nam kilkakrotnie przyjście Chrystusa: Jego historyczne przyjście przed 2000 laty. Jego codzienne przyjście do nas w Eucharystii i Jego ostateczne przyjście na końcu czasów. Przygotowując się na kolejne Boże Narodzenie Kościół przygotowuje nas na wieczne Boże Narodzenie.

IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

FAMILY PERSPECTIVES

At this time of the year we become more conscious of our family as we make preparations for cards, gifts and visits. Today's gospel warns us not to get "weighted down" by activity. "Take heed to yourselves" during this Advent and devote yourself to appreciating the gift of those who are already such an important part of your life. The greatest gift this season might be the true appreciation of Christ in others.



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