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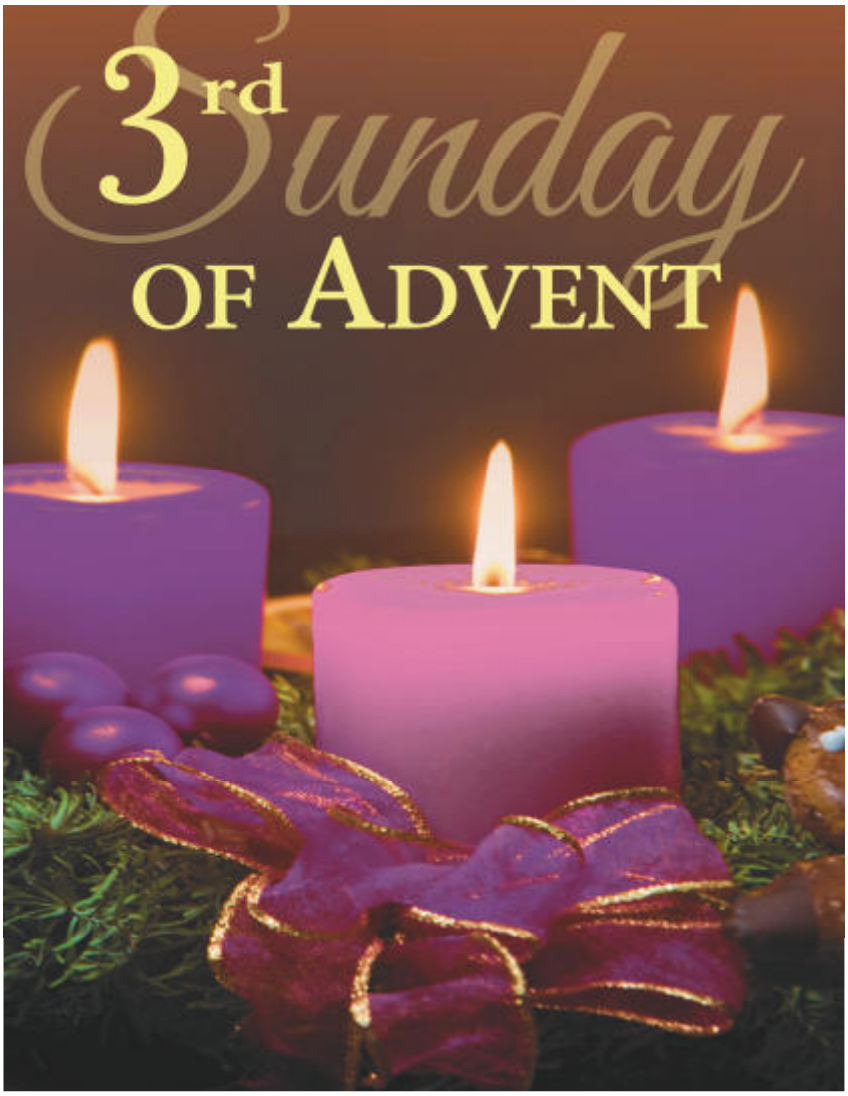

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday–Thursday 8:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Confessions will be heard on Saturdays from 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. before the 4:00 p.m. Mass and also by appointment.

BAPTISM

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MARRIAGE

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Mass Intentions—Saint Mary

Saturday, December 11th
4:00 p.m. ……...…….……. Earl Miller

Sunday, December 12th
9:15 a.m.……...…...… Helen Travnik

Wednesday, December 15th
7:30 a.m. - Rosary
8:00 a.m.……...……...…… John Kelly

Thursday, December 16th
7:30 a.m. - Rosary
8:00 a.m.……...…….……. Tim Barker
Novena to the Miraculous Medal

Saturday, December 18th
4:00 p.m. ……...…...… Andrew & Catherine Pangrac

Sunday, December 19th
9:15 a.m.……..…… Bob & Jean Andolsen

Please Remember In Your Prayers . . .

Nancy Belsito, Gen Cannella, Pat Christian, JoAnn Conway, Alice Cotter, Deb David, Robin Davis, Bill Deak, Dick Dolan, Jim Goersmeyer, Darillinn Grubbs, Mary Hills, Dolores P. Hovan, Ken Hudak, Helen Husky, Leonard Iacco, Cindy Jerick, Carlotta Jones, Carol Kainec, Matt Kish, Judy Kobus, Kelly Kostilo, Ken Krawczyk, Corey Kurilko, Ryleeann Kurilko, Lucy Lagaza, Cindy Lowe, Wiletta Lynch, Ryan Martin, Marcy Nero, Delores Nose, Lucille Novak, Virginia Pfeffer, Conner Press, Clara Rizzo, Eileen Salupo, Charles Saraniti, Jonathan Sedor, David Shostek, Anna Marie Slaby, Bill Smith, Gabe Sobina, Madyson Strohl, LueRean Talley, Mary Ann Taylor, Ed Thorsby, Diane Whitelaw, Carl Wilson Jr., Loretta Yarish, Gwen Yates, Patricia Zak,
Special Intention and all those affected by the coronavirus throughout the world

In Remembrance

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of

Leonard Iacco
and
Nicolina Spikowski

who were buried from our church this past week. May their souls and all the souls of all the faithful departed rest in the arms of Jesus and Mary.

Mass Intentions—Our Lady of Hope

Monday, December 13th
8:00 a.m.……....…… Living & Deceased Parishioners

Tuesday, December 14th
8:00 a.m.…….…….. Conchita Rivera

Friday, December 17th
8:00 a.m.……...……...… Virginia Henderson

Sunday, December 19th
11.:00 a.m.……..…… Sam & Nina Alesci

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In today's Gospel John the Baptist says, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise…"

Christmas is a time of love and gift giving… please share your abundance by giving a gift to the St. Vincent de Paul Society so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessings of Christmas.

Our Food Pantry **will be open** on Thursday, December 23rd from 3-4:30 p.m. with outside pick-up only.

2022 PARISH CALENDARS

2022 parish calendars will be available this weekend, December 11/12 at the doors of the church and in the foyer of Our Lady of Hope parish office. We are grateful to the St. John family who is providing the parish calendars. Please feel free to take one.

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

There will be a Divine Mercy Holy Hour this Sunday, December 12th at 2:30 p.m. at St. Monica Church in Garfield Hts. All are welcome!

OPLATKI

Oplatki is available at Our Lady of Hope parish after the weekend Masses in the Sacristy or at the rectory during office hours. Cost is $1 a pack.

Parish Support
for 12/5/2021

Church Support	$2606.00
Parish Improvement	$1389.00
TOTAL	$3995 00

MASS COUNTS

SM:	4 pm—142; 9:15 am—61	Total—203
OLH:	4 pm—72; 11 am—79	Total—151

Thank you for your continued generosity

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners.

The third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday. The word "Gaudete" is taken from the first word of the entrance antiphon for this Sunday's Mass, and it is from the Latin translation of today's second reading from Philippians: "Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!" We should rejoice since the remembrance of the Incarnation at Christmas is drawing ever closer. As an early reminder, Christmas falls on a Saturday this year, and there will be a 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Vigil at both Saint Mary and Our Lady of Hope. On Saturday, December 25th there will be a 9:15 a.m. Mass at Saint Mary and an 11:00 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Hope. There will be no Vigil Mass on Christmas afternoon at 4:00 p.m. for the Feast of the Holy Family which falls on the Sunday after Christmas. Whether one goes to Christmas Mass on Friday or Saturday, the Sunday Obligation for the Feast of the Holy Family still remains, and we will have the traditional 9:15 a.m. Mass at Saint Mary and the 11:00 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Hope on Sunday, December 26th.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Christmas Sharing Tree at OLH, or the Christmas Giving Angel at St. Mary. The gifts you provide will brighten the Christmas morning for many children. Father Isidore and Father Mrosso belong to the religious order, the Apostles of Jesus, and they live in a house at 5204 Northcliff Ave in Cleveland. They had to buy this house from funds that belong to the Apostles of Jesus. There are nine Apostles of Jesus who minister in the Cleveland Diocese, and the house on Northcliff is used for their community meetings in addition to being the dwelling place where Father Isidore and Father Mrosso live. When they bought the house, there was very little furniture that was useable, and recently the Apostles of Jesus had to buy new furniture. All religious order priests take a vow of poverty, so there is very little money, and all property is in the name of the religious order. If you would like to make a donation to Father Isidore and Father Mrosso to help them with the cost of paying for their furniture, they would be very appreciative. Just make the check out to the "Apostles of Jesus" and put it in the collection basket. I will forward the money to them.

Christ's peace,
Father Joe

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

OUR LADY OF HOPE AND ST. MARY

Christmas Eve: Friday, December 24th

Our Lady of Hope	4:00 p.m.
Saint Mary:	4:00 p.m.

Christmas Day: Saturday, December 25th

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ANGEL TAGS

The tradition of the giving angel has returned this year. Please see the angel and choose a tag in order to provide a gift for a child in need. Please wrap your gift and include the tag on the front of the wrapped gift. **Please return all gifts by Wednesday, December 15th.** If you have not brought the gift today, you may return it to the church office. Thank you for your kindness to others during the Christmas season.

100th ANIVERSARY CLOSING MASS CELEBRATION

Last Saturday we celebrated our 100th Anniversary Closing Mass with Bishop Edward Malesic, and 142 people participated in the festivities. There were seven concelebrating priests present along with two deacons. It was Bishop Malesic's first trip to Bedford, and he had a very positive impression of Saint Mary and all the parishioners he met. He took pictures with many different parishioners in front of the Pieta. Then the Bishop enjoyed some of the delicious food at the reception in the Gathering Space. A big "thank you" goes out to the Centennial Planning Committee who put in many long hours to make the Mass and social run so seamlessly. Thanks to the Ladies Guild members who baked for the event and to all those who brought in and helped in the preparation of the food. I also want to thank all the liturgical ministers, the decorating committee, and the music ministry for making the celebration so memorable. A good time was had by all! May the Lord continue to bless Saint Mary in the years to come. *Peace, Father Joe*

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