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SUNDAY JANUARY 9, 2022

FR. DANIEL J. REED, PASTOR DEACON BILL PERKINS

MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Weekdays: 5:00 p.m. Monday

8:30 a.m. Wed. & Fri.

Holy Days: 7:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION ~ PRAYER ROOM:

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; and until 10:00 p.m. on the Thursday before the First Friday of each month.

Family Life Ministry: Colene Conley

Music Ministry: Stephen Dickson

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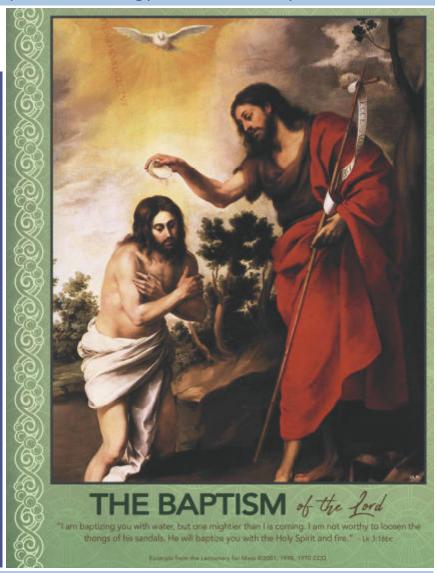
Rosie Strack

Cemetery Coordinator: Joan Weigel

Office Staff: Cheryl Lasch, Brenda

Scheiman, Paul Scheiman

PSR: Sarah Sidor





RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:00-4:45 p.m. in the Church; or by appointment.

BAPTISM:

Contact the parish after the birth to schedule the baptism.

MARRIAGE:

Contact the parish at least six months in advance

PRAYER ROOM:

9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Mon.—Fri. CHURCH SUPPORT:

A fair share. One hours wage per week. Try tithing.

REGISTRATION:

Come to the parish office or call to register.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Fri. 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m.—Noon

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Tuesday 12:00 p.m.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP



Saturday, January 8

5:00 PM The People of St. Martin's

Sunday, January 9

8:00 AM Charles "Chick" Swingle

10:30 AM Helen Wilk

Monday, January 10

5:00 PM Lawrence & Marian Weigel

Wednesday, January 12

8:30 AM Joe Pasuit

Friday, January 14

8:30 AM George Stahl

Saturday, January 15

5:00 PM The People of St. Martin's

Sunday, January 16

8:00 AM Sr. Margaret Mary

10:30 AM Thomas & Monica Kucera



ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HER O LORD AND LET THE PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HER

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marcy Kessler

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES



Anthony Kisiday Michael Music Thomas Music Jaret Yohman~Navy Maj. Thomas Hudak Jack A. Dewey~Marine Nicholas Buonocore~Army Tyler Kelley Joseph Musso~Army Daniel Musso~Air Force Eric Melillo-Lyons~Navy Taylor M. Walter~Air Force Jordan Frisco Daniel M. Sotak~Air Force Brandon Scheiman~Marine Hannah Kuchta Noah Davis~National Guard

Keep Your Eyes Fixed on Jesus

CATHOLIC RENEWAL MINISTRIES

Catholic Renewal Ministries will host a Charismatic Mass on Friday, January 28 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Peter Parish, 35777 Center Ridge Rd., North Ridgeville 44039. Fr. Bob Franco will be the celebrant. Praise and worship will begin at 7:00 and the liturgy will start at 7:30. Healing prayer teams will be available after Mass for individual prayer, and there will also be a social after Mass. For more information, please contact Fr. Franco at 440-327-2201 or CRM at 440-944-9445. Come and bring a friend! This will be a time to truly encounter the Lord.

ST. MARTIN'S MOMS!

We are hoping to form a **Catholic Mom's Group** here at St. Martin of Tours! It will be open to mom's of all stages of life. Come and join in the fun, companionship, and prayer! If you are interested, please contact Sarah Sidor at ssidor@stmartinvc.org or 330-483-3808 for more information.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please keep the following friends & family members in your prayers:

Penny Mallery, Carla Yatsko, Amber Aukerman, Geri Sasalar, Ron Chapman, Mary Beth Stevens, Scott Habart, Phil Krieger, Tierney Gabriel, Joyce Savich, Joey Keider, Vicky Oboy, Don Haag, Bernie Duncan, Hope Wodzisz, Pat Demyan, Joanne Carr, Lisa Lenahan, John Ziman, Nicholas DiGioia, Bill Rundle, Stefanie Walter, MaryAnn Riccio, Fr. Joe Mamich, Art Westlake, Ed Csulik, Gina Gannon, Dee, Dean Duplaga, Dixie Bernard, Joe Kovach, Sue Pate, Richard Shepard, Olivia, John Coghlan, Jan Bartczak, Regina, Michael & Tanner Mobley, Bob Stainbrook, Jack Wojciehowski, Elaine Koesel, Jerry Grammes, Josh Midgly, Joe & Annie Westfall, Trish Gallagher, Phillip Teague, Kristine Carver, Bob Yohman, Jaret Yohman, Patty, Lisa, Doug Eller, Ed Lichtenberg, Dorothy Plona, Sharon Hornung, Gabrielle Wuensch, Geoff Guntle, Al Varwig, Loretta Walter, David Flack, Margaret Sweeney, Gerry Sherepita, Mark Osborne, Paisley Palmer, Cris Melillo, Ann Marie Krynock, Jack Carroll, Patricia Ferencik, Melissa Zurawski, Pat Sedlowski, James Henry Trim, Iris Kotlarek, Tom Zellefrow, Kermit Keefer, Manny Carrion, Paul Kenny, Bridgette Reichwein, Gene & Kay Markowski, Doris Matuszak, Isabella DeCaro, Oliver Family, Brandon, Kevin Wisor, Yolanda McWilliams, Celeste Rawlinson, Cecilia Blue, Constance Schneider, Diane Iacobucci, Kathy Duncan, Baby McKenna, Carol Varwig, Chuck Depp Jr., Diane Long, Joseph Berger, Joe & Janis Dick, Mary Ann Fyda, Linda Cooksey

Names will be left on the prayer list for 3 months unless an additional 3 month period or cancellation is requested.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, January 9

No PSR

Monday, January 10

Grief Share, PC mtg. room, 2:00—3:30 p.m. Silver Sneakers, PC mtg. room, 4:15—5:15 p.m.

Tuesday, January 11

K of C, Ed. Bldg., 7:00 p.m.

Friday, January 14

Recovery in the Valley, Ed. Bldg., 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 16

PSR, Ed. Bldg., 9:00—10:15 a.m.

PRESENTATION:

FRAUDS & SCAMS TARGETING SENIORS



St. Martin of Tours, 1800 Station Rd., Valley City, is hosting a presentation on frauds and scams targeting seniors on Wednesday,

January 26 from 7:00—9:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Detective Girard from the Medina County Sheriff's Office and Officer Mummert, a Community Engagement Officer, from the Brunswick Police Department are partnering up to present information on Scams which specifically target Seniors. Come learn about the "Red Flags" of a scam and how to avoid becoming a victim. We are asking that only adults sign up for this presentation. Adult family members and care takers of Senior citizens are also encouraged to attend to help your loved ones navigate through the information.



ST. MARTIN'S CLOAK

St. Martin's Cloak healing team members will be available for prayer with anyone who desires on the first weekend of each month. They will be stationed in the Eucharistic Adoration room after all the

Masses. Prayer is also available by appointment. Please call Jenny Smetana, 330-321-1958.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Offertory envelopes are now available in the Parish Hallway. You can either pick them up after Mass or pick them up in the Parish Office from 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday and 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Friday. Any questions please call the office during office hours.

January 1/2 Collection \$4,499.00 102 Envelopes Building Fund \$1,005.00 December Online Giving \$14,131.50



January 8/9

Readers & Ministers of Communion

5:00 Sunny Ledford, Vern Krieger Jack Marquard, Frank Sapara

8:00 Neil Brody, Mike Reindel, Dan Murphy, Cheryl Lasch

10:30 Patrick Furey, Deacon Bill, Mary Beth Stevens, Mike Doyle

Ushers

5:00 Paul Scheiman, John Gill, Ron Neumeyer, Jeff Peters

8:00 John Discenza, Scott Mesmer, Dave Pesarchick, Ray Kemp

10:30 Bob Walter, Dan Innocenti, Mike Jurkowski

January 15/16

Readers & Ministers of Communion

5:00 Katy Pack, Deacon Bill, Sharon Coghlan Bruce MacMeans, Sue Monroe

8:00 Colene Conley, Deacon Bill, Mike Lanzer, Roger & Nancy Hassler

10:30 Jim Plikerd, Deacon Bill, Mary Beth Stevens, Carole Curtin, Sue Jurkowski

Ushers

5:00 Rick Monroe, Allan Morrow, Bill Metzinger, Vern Krieger

8:00 Ray Kemp, Brian Beriswill, Ed Kost. Joe Pate

10:30 Bob Walter, Mike Jurkowski, Joe Majkrzak, Mario D'Amico

PSR REMINDER

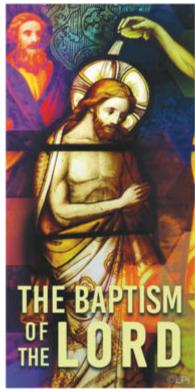
Just a reminder that next Sunday, **January 16** PSR will resume in the Education Building from 9:00—10:15 a.m. Please make sure your child brings their completed homework with them.

TO OBTAIN YOUR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

Contribution Statements will be available after January 30. If you need just the total amount of your contribution, please call the office and we can give you that information, over the phone, immediately. If you need an actual Contribution Statement you must request it. We will print a copy of your statement only after you have requested one by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the church or dropping it in the collection basket, asking for it by email or asking for it to be faxed to you. We will get to it as quickly as possible, but please allow a two day turn around time.

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,



We conclude the Christmas Season today with the Baptism of the Lord in the Jordan River.

This event begins Jesus' ministry as the Anointed Son of God, the Christ.

The Church wastes no time in getting to what the ministry entails as we enter "Ordinary Time". For the next seven weeks we will listen to and reflect on his first sign at a wedding his in Cana, preaching in Nazareth, the curing of Gentiles, call of the the Apostles to follow,

the teaching of the Beatitudes, responding to enemies, and on judging one's self before judging others.

Do you know where you were baptized? Many of us began our Christian life in infancy. It was the pledge of the parents and godparents to see that the child would be given a foundation in faith within the Church. But more often than not, families move around the country and children may not know where their baptism took place. It helps to know that information in case you ever need a copy of your baptismal and other sacramental records.

This month I draw your attention to two presentations and encourage you to consider attending:

- 1) On Wednesday, January 26 we will have two law enforcement officers here in the parish hall. They will provide information and advice to raise one's awareness of internet and telephone Fraud and Scams. The elderly are often the victims of these crimes, but not always. This presentation can benefit any adult, and especially those who care for an elderly parent. Come and hear Det. Girard and Officer Mummert address this safety issue.
- 2) On Saturday, January 29 the Diocese of Cleveland is sponsoring a Young Catholic Men's Conference at Walsh Jesuit High

School in Cuyahoga Falls. I highly recommend this conference for Dads raising young men in their teen years. The keynote speakers are: our Bishop Edward Malesic, and, radio talk-show host and mission preacher, Fr. Larry Richards of Erie, PA. Along with them are a married couple and 8 other individuals presenting on topics, such as: sports, science, dating, stress, spiritual growth, and more.

Please see in today's bulletin this event and also how you can register: ycmc.us. You can also find information on our website: stmartinvc.org.

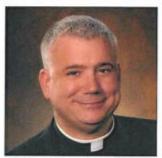
Today and in the coming week PSR sessions are 'At Home'. We resume sessions here at the parish next Sunday, January 16, in the school classrooms. Please bring with you work you completed at home. Also, a reminder to parents that the annual Praesidium class will be held during the regular 9-10:15 session by the catechist. If you would like more information on Praesidium and its content, please contact Sarah Sidor, PSR Coordinator, at 330-483-3808. The Diocese requires parishes to present this program for the safety and wellbeing of children.

Also, next Sunday we will continue with the 2022 Confirmation Candidates. If candidates have completed any documentation, please bring it along (e.g. sponsors, baptismal record, etc.). And PLEASE don't forget to bring your Decision Point Book with your reflections/notes from the last in-person Session in December.

Along with other parishes in our Diocese, we *encourage* the wearing of a mask while attending Mass. This is not mandated but encouraged for persons vaccinated or unvaccinated. The current rise in transmissions of Covid-19 variants asks us to consider the safety of others, particularly those most vulnerable. If you feel ill, please stay home. The obligation to attend Mass is dispensed if you are ill or are uneasy in large groupings of people.

Currently our Mass attendance is low. Every winter many of our parishioners leave for warmer climates, but the Virus has also depleted the number of people. As a result over half of the 2022 collection envelopes are still in the hallway. Please pick them up when you are here. If you no longer consider yourself or household, members of the parish, please notify the parish office. If there is someone homebound and needing sacraments, please notify the office. Fr. Dan

YCMC.US SATURDAY SJANUARY 29th





WALSH JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL



Bishop Malesic

Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio



Father Jacob Bearer



Father Ryan Mann



Father Mike McCandless



Luke Brow



Tommy Dome



Erin Manag



lim Hogar



Paul Koonma



Dean Robinson



Drew Vilinsky

DYNAMIC SPEAKERS gym activities inspiring talks CONFESSION OPPORTUNITY

Each teen chooses several of the 8 offered breakout sessions that pertain to; sports, science, dating,

managing stress, spiritual growth, culture and integrity.

YCMC is an initiative to encourage and strengthen men in their Catholic life and how to live it in today's culture. With cooperation of religious, this event is wholly produced by a group of committed lay Catholics who recognize the vast challenges of Christian manhood.

space is limited!
register:
vcmc.us

8:00 am Check-in and continental breakfast 9:00 am Welcome and keynote address

5:00 pm Event concluding Mass

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DADS & MENTORS are encouraged to join us for talks and resources tailored to those that are raising young men.

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READINGS AND INSPIRATION

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. (40:5)

Psalm:

O bless the Lord, my soul. (Ps 104)

Second Reading:

He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. (Ti 3:5)

Gospel:

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. (Lk 3:22)



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

I Hope I Am Like Him

"Who is this Christ? Is he like you?"

Perhaps you've heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

"He is nothing like me," the saint is said to have answered. "But I hope I am like him."

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. "One worthier than I is coming," he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God's will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let's examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God's plan?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9

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

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19;

Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd;

Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20;

Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25;

Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19;

Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7;

Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3];

1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord **Thursday:** St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor

of the Church

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased.

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MARCH FOR LIFE ~ WASHINGTON, D.C.

Knights of Columbus ~ Brunswick Council 4847 And Fr. Ragan Council 3269 (Avon/Avon Lake)

The bus trip to the 2022 March for Life will leave the Fr. Ragan Hall and St. Ambrose Parish on Thursday



night, January 20, traveling overnight to arrive in Washington, DC, Friday, January 21. Before participating in the Rally and March for Life at the US Capital area, we will attend the Vigil for Life Closing Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the

Immaculate Conception on Friday morning. We will return Friday PM, following the March, arriving back at St. Ambrose and the Fr. Ragan Hall around midnight. A box lunch is included. All seats are \$50/ person. Contact Marty Shaw for more information or reserve your seat at 216-533-7737 mshaw603@gmail.com. You may also book online at **KofC4847.org**. Look for the March for Life banner.

ST. MARTIN'S DRIVE-UP FOOD PANTRY



St. Martin's will be having a drive-up food pantry on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month from 12:00-2:00 p.m. You do not have to call in and reserve anything and this service is for all surrounding counties.

THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS ~ WEST **FOR ADULTS 40 & OVER**

Monday, January 10 at 7:00 p.m. **NEW LOCATION: LACENTRE** Speaker: Fr. Adam Zajac, Pastor at St. Mark's & St. Mel's



Our topic this month is The Sacraments & Mysticismthe mystical action of Christ in the sacraments and how we experience Him. It's been awhile since many of us have gone through preparation to receive one of the sacraments

and we'd be hard pressed to explain them to anyone else. Fr. Zajac is going to help us understand how we experience Christ through the sacraments. We are now meeting at LaCentre (next to Houlihan's) 25777 Detroit Rd. in Westlake-right off of the Columbia Rd. Exit off I-90. Cost is \$15 per person—includes light appetizers—Cash bar. Pay online or at the door.

Be sure to RSVP either way. Register in advance at: www.theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west

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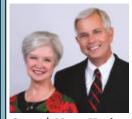
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