



Saint Michael Catholic Church

6912 Chestnut Rd. Independence, OH 44131

December 12, 2021

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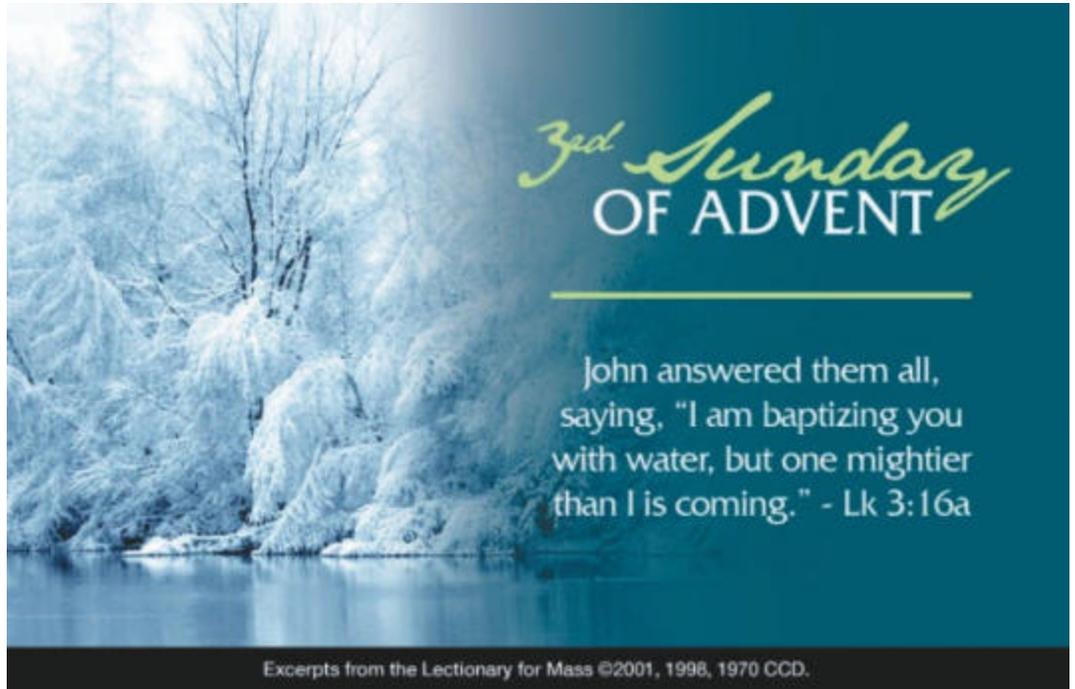
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Mass Schedule

Saturday—4:30pm
Sunday—8:00am
10:00am
12:00pm
Mon.-Wed. & Fri.—8:30am
Holy Days—8:30am
12:05pm
7:00pm
Legal Holidays 8:30am

Confessions

Saturday—3:30pm
and by appointment

Anointing of the Sick

by appointment

Weddings & Baptisms

please call the Rectory
to schedule

“Meeting Christ through prayer and
being Christ for the World”

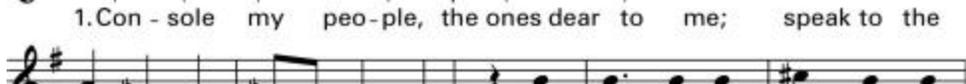
A VOICE CRIES OUT

Michael Joncas

Verse 1



1. Con - sole my peo - ple, the ones dear to me; speak to the

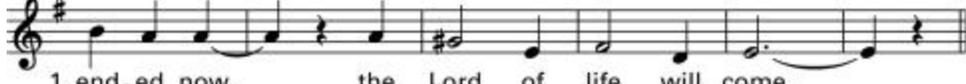


1. heart of Je - ru - sa - lem; the time of your mourn - ing is

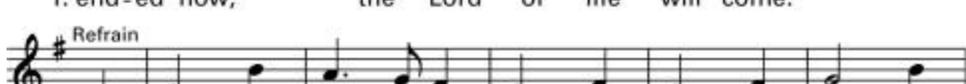


1. end - ed now, the Lord of life will come.

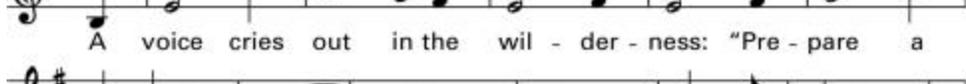
Refrain



A voice cries out in the wil - der - ness: "Pre - pare a



way for the Lord!" A voice cries out in the wil - der -



ness: "Make straight a high - way for God!"

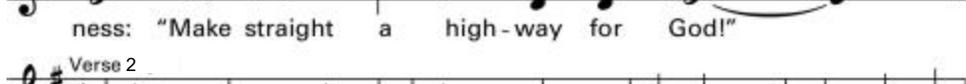
Verse 2



2. Ev - 'ry val - ley is made a plain, ev - 'ry moun - tain is



2. lev - eled; the glo - ry of God shall then be re -



2. vealed, and the na - tions will sing in praise. to Refrain

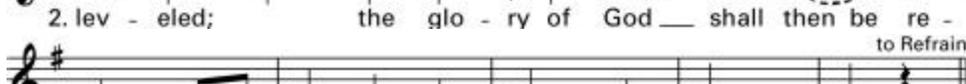
Verse 3



3. A voice shouts: "Cry!" O what shall I cry? All flesh is like



3. grass and its flow - ers: the grass may with - er, the



3. flow - ers may fade, but the Word of the Lord is for - ev - er. to Refrain

The Gloria is not recited during Advent.

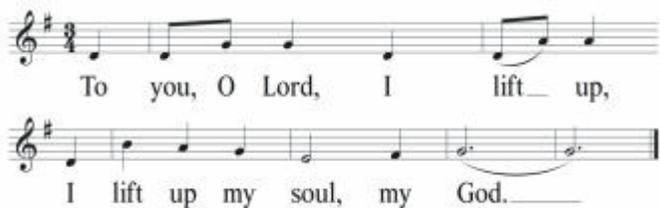
1st Reading - Zephaniah 3:14-18a

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion!
Sing joyfully, O Israel!
Be glad and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!
The LORD has removed the judgment against you
he has turned away your enemies;
the King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst,
you have no further misfortune to fear.
On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged!
The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a mighty savior;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
and renew you in his love,
he will sing joyfully because of you,
as one sings at festivals.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9



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*Your ways, O Lord, make known to me;
teach me your paths.
Guide me in your truth, for you are my God,
and for you I will wait.*

*Good and upright is the Lord;
he shows us the way.
He guides the meek to justice,
he teaches the humble to follow his way.*

*Your way, O Lord, is kindness to those who
are true. Your friendship is with those who
love you; you reveal to them your Word.*

Second Reading - Philippians 4:4-7

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the
Philippians

Brothers and sisters:
Rejoice in the Lord always.
I shall say it again: rejoice!
Your kindness should be known to all.
The Lord is near.
Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God.
Then the peace of God that surpasses all
understanding will guard your hearts and
minds in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



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*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.*

Gospel - Luke 3:10-18

The Lord be with you. **And with your Spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He answered them, "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed." Soldiers also asked him, "And what is it that we should do?" He told them, "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages."

Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven (*bow*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, (*bow*) who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

O HOW BLESSED (THE BEATITUDES)

Dan Schutte



1. O how blessed are the poor in spir - it, the
2. O how blessed are the meek and low - ly, for
3. O how blessed are the pure of heart, for
4. O how blessed those who fight for peace, the



1. king - dom of God is theirs. O how blessed those who
2. they shall pos - sess the earth. O how blessed those who
3. they shall be - hold God's face. O how blessed those who
4. chil - dren of God are they. O how blessed those de -



1. dwell in sor - row, they sure - ly will be con - soled.
2. thirst for jus - tice, they sure - ly will have their fill.
3. mend with mer - cy, for - give - ness is their re - ward.
4. spised and hat - ed, who bear it be - cause of me.



Re - jice and be glad, be - loved of the Lord, the



king - dom of heav - en is yours. The first shall be last, the



last shall be first, for such is the wis - dom of God.

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After everyone has received communion and after the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the Tabernacle, you may be seated or kneel for a time of quiet prayer.

Prayer to St. Michael

**Saint Michael
the Archangel,
defend us in battle,
be our protection
against the wickedness
and snares of the devil;
may God rebuke him,
we humbly pray;
and do thou,
O Prince of the
heavenly host,
by the power of God,
cast into hell
Satan and all
the evil spirits
who prowl about
the world seeking the
ruin of souls.
Amen.**

READY THE WAY

Curtis Stephan

Refrain

Read-y the way, read-y the way, read-y the way

1 of the Lord. 2 of the Lord.

Verse 1

1. Make straight the road, raise the val - leys, and
1. moun-tains make low. Turn-ing from sin, let the bro-ken be whole,
1. and read-y the way of the Lord. to Refrain

Verses 2, 3

2. As we wait for you, give us the strength to walk
3. Let us see your face; in our hearts we pre-
2. in your truth, so we may love more like you
3. - pare a place. Come bring this world your mer - cy and grace

2. and } read-y the way for you, Lord.
3. as we }

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from the Pastor

Fr. John J. Mullee



Many thanks to the team who is planning the next Sandwich Saturday, which will be on **Saturday morning, Nov 18th at the St Francis Center from 9-11:30am.**

God Bless your generosity in supporting the Advent Giving Tree.

There will be another opportunity to pray and spend time with our Lord this Advent season. **On Friday Dec 17th we will offer Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation: 6-8 PM**

Please reflect and pray on this reflection:
The people in today's Gospel are "filled with expectation." They believe John the Baptist might be the Messiah they've been waiting for. Three times we hear their question: "What then should we do?" The Messiah's coming requires every man and woman to choose – to "repent" or not. That's John's message and it will be Jesus' too (see Luke 3:3; 5:32; 24:47). "Repentance" translates a Greek word, *metanoia* (literally, "change of mind"). In the Scriptures, repentance is presented as a two-fold "turning" – away from sin (see Ezekiel 3:19; 18:30) and toward God (see Sirach 17:20-21; Hosea 6:1). This "turning" is more than attitude adjustment. It means a radical life-change. It requires "good fruits as evidence of your repentance" (see Luke 3:8). That's why John tells the crowds, soldiers and tax collectors they must prove their faith through works of charity, honesty and social justice. In today's Liturgy, each of us is being called to stand in that crowd and hear the "good news" of John's call to repentance. We should examine our lives, ask from our hearts as they did: "What should we do?" Our repentance should spring, not from our fear of coming wrath (see Luke 3:7-9), but from a joyful sense of the nearness of our saving God. This theme resounds through today's readings: "Rejoice!...The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all," we hear in today's Epistle. In today's Responsorial, we hear again the call to be joyful, unafraid at the Lord's coming among us. In today's First Reading, we hear echoes of the angel's Annunciation to Mary. The prophet's words are very close to the angel's greeting (compare Luke 1:28-31). Mary is the Daughter Zion – the favored one of God, told not to fear but to rejoice that the Lord is with her, "a mighty Savior." She is the cause of our joy. For in her draws near the Messiah, as John had promised: "One mightier than I is coming

St. Michael Church Advent Services

Friday December 17th
Adoration & Confessions
6-8pm

The weekend of December 18th & 19th we will celebrate all Masses with the Anointing of the Sick

2021-2022 Christmas/New Years Mass Schedule

Friday, December 24th, 2021
4:00pm & 10:00pm

Saturday, December 25th, 2021
8:00am & 10:00am*

Saturday, January 1st, 2022
10:00am*

* The Saturday Vigil (4:30pm) will not be celebrated on The Feast of the Nativity (Dec.25) Sunday Masses are celebrated as usual. The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God (Jan.1) is not a day of obligation this year.

A PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY:

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PFC Joshua Strenk, National Guard
Capt. Zak Zubic, Marine Corps
LT George Ponce, Navy
Lt. Col. Michael Oetjens, Air Force
Ensign Kevin Clymer, Navy

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 11

- 1:00 Wedding—Geraldine Basar &
Stephen Kovacs
4:30 + Carmella, Carmello & Biagio Indriolo
(Antonia Giaimo)

Sunday, December 12

- 8:00 Parishioners
10:00 + John & Mary Yudasz
(John & Louise Satory)
12:00 + Thomas P. Day
(Geoff Harvey)

Monday, December 13

- 8:30 + Benjamin Marotta
(Yolanda Marotta)

Tuesday, December 14

- 8:30 + Helen Kolousek
(Daughter)

Wednesday, December 15

- 8:30 + Maggie Surovi
(Husband—Edward)

Friday, December 17

- 8:30 + Kenneth Bialkowski
(Family)

Saturday, December 18

- 12:00 Wedding—Laura DiGeronimo &
Connor Sideri
4:30 + Ella Krogman
(Mary Fink)

Sunday, December 19

- 8:00 Aponte Family
(Aponte Family)
10:00 + Clara Switalski
(The Switalski Family)
12:00 Parishioners

In the event the Mass Intention for the weekend is for your loved one and you would like to bring up the gifts, please see the ushers in the back of Church prior to Mass, thank you!

OFFERTORY

12/5/2021

Offering Nov.

Regular Collection	\$13,645	General Offertory	\$12,302
Parish Maintenance	\$1,064	Parish Maintenance	
School Endowment	\$20	School Endowment	\$1,981
Human Development	\$664		\$140
		Deacon Jim Scholarship	\$125

Thank you!

Please Remember in Your Prayers Our Sick
Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need.

Joyce R.	Charlenea Fabrizo
Michael Herasimuk	John Patrick Gallagher
Tom Matia	Diane Bernaciak
Betty Schwab	RaeAnn DiBaggio
Rick Schreiber	Thomas Gannon
Laura Kelley	Lisa Bielawski
Christopher	Danny Goins
Mary Stanley	Lorenzo Gramuglia
Gina Childress	Connie Fossa
Gayle Telford	Fred Wright
Phyllis Owsiak	Gaylene Bielawski
Gaetano Rini	Judy T.
Gayle Rini	Posy Grzincic
Daisy Santocildes	Ron Krzynowek
Ron Gerba	Dorothy K.
Jerry Wright	Christine Banaszak
Judy Fiore	Terrie Goodrich
Mark L.	Linda Szymanski
Jen LeBlanc	Ken Stephan
Cecilia M.	Alexis Cerio
Joe Denk	Tony Kucia
Barbara P.	Rosanne Cifani
Ashley Skuhrovec	Mafalda Fiorentino
Sylvia Priebe	Donald Keller
Rita Matthis	Patrick Baker
Maryann Cohara	Mary Jane Blue
Michelle Murach	Levi
David Pichert	Sue Synek
Sal Loparo	Judy Scouloukas
Vincenzino Ciclone	

**Remembering all of our
beloved deceased especially
all those remembered in
the St. Michael Memorial Fund and**

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all of the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace.
Amen.



Wedding Banns

III Laura DiGeronimo & Connor Sideri



Adoration Chapel Meditations

Brothers in Christ Ministry of St. Michael
(www.brothersinchristcmf.org/blog)

The God We Didn't Know We Knew

"The abundance of a grateful heart gives honor to God even if it does not turn to Him in words. An unbeliever who is filled with thanks for his very being has ceased to be an unbeliever." -- Paul Tillich, German-American Christian existentialist philosopher

There is nothing God loves more than a grateful lover. Gratitude can't be faked. It shows in our being. Unfortunately, the world doesn't give us many opportunities to give thanks. We have to take them.

As we approach Christmas, Advent teaches us that the best way to feel gratitude is to do something for someone who can't repay you. Those opportunities abound, whether by volunteering to deliver meals to shut-ins or simply by checking in on your widowed neighbor periodically.

The joy that comes from answering someone's needs is illustrated in this Sunday's readings. The first from Zephaniah (**Zep 3:14-18a**) reminds us that God lives with, and loves, joyful givers, and rewards them by compounding their investment.

The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love, he will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals.

Paul teaches us that joy removes fear and prayer multiplies joy (**Phil 4:4-7**).

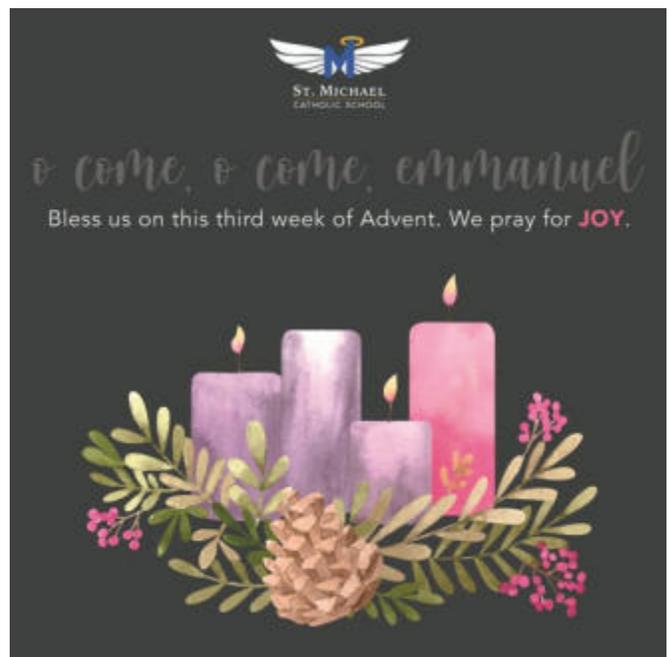
Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

That peace comes when we show God our gratitude for all we have—every blessing we tend to take for granted while the world distracts us with its shiny objects. In Sunday's gospel (**Lk 3:10-18**), John the Baptist is surrounded by people who are dissatisfied with what they have and long for something more—something they can't define but feel that John can help them discover.

Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He answered them, "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed."

Soldiers also asked him, "And what is it that we should do?" He told them, "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages."

Then John promises the arrival of someone who will give them something for which they will be eternally grateful: a lesson in how to love. That gift Jesus gave from the cross is greater than all the Old-Testament burnt offerings and all the modern-day cyber "thank-you" notes we moderns send into the electronic ether. The spirit of true gratitude we share with each other is the incense that rises from our soul's altar to a God we may not know we already know.

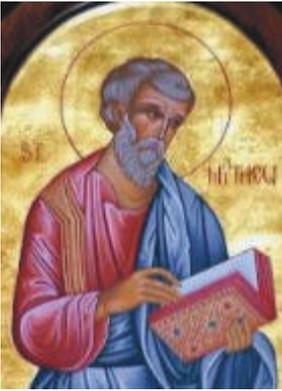


Have you ever thought about becoming Catholic? Have you been attending Mass with your spouse, a friend, or family member and would like to learn more about joining the faith and sharing in the full sacramental life of the Church?

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process by which non-Catholics journey towards sacramental initiation within the Catholic Church.

RCIA is a learning and loving process in which one walks with members of our faith community towards a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Body, the Church.

Contact Fr. John in the Parish Office for more information.



Matthew 25

Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.'



Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2021 Fall Campaign of 40 Days for Life. God blessed the campaign and we know 850 babies, mothers, fathers and families were spared from abortion, 8 more abortion workers experienced conversion, and 2 more abortion facilities closed. Praise God! Cumulatively over the 14 years of 40 Days for Life, there have been 20,328 babies spared from abortion, 229 converted abortion workers, and 114 abortion facility closures. Praise God! We look forward to praying with you from March 2 – April 10 in the 2022 Fall Campaign. God bless you and thank you.

John Noall, campaign director - 40 DFL/Cleveland/Bedford Hts/Painesville



SANDWICH SATURDAY

December 18, 2021

Time: 9-10:30 am

Location: St. Francis Center of St. Michael
Each family should bring, one or two loaves of bread, jelly (any flavor) and foldtop sandwich bags. This month, St Vincent dePaul will be providing Peanut Butter. Latex gloves and knives will provided. Please help us feed the children and homeless. If you are unable to join us, you can make sandwiches at home and drop them off at the center.

**Thank You and God Bless!
Dennis and Barbara Juliani**

MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

For visits to Parishioners in Hospitals, Nursing facilities or homebound, please let us know if you or someone you know is receiving some medical care and would like a pastoral visit. We want to be with you during these challenging times.

Please call the rectory and leave a message for Sr. Betty.

ST. MICHAEL PRAYER CHAIN

Email your prayer requests to stmprays@gmail.com. If you don't have access to email, call the rectory office and we can get your prayer requests submitted to the chain. Prayer requests can be submitted anytime. A list of prayer requests will go out to the prayer chain via email. You can also request just to be part of the prayer chain. Just email us at stmprays@gmail.com



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CONVERSATION STARTERS FOR HOLIDAY FAMILY GATHERINGS

Pope Francis has invited us to listen to one another, share our experiences, and dream about the future of the Church as part of the upcoming Synod of Bishops. It's for everyone – not just practicing Catholics.

Are you being called to give a voice to someone who might not otherwise participate in this process? During the holidays, you may encounter a friend or family member willing to have a conversation with you about their faith journey and experiences in the Church. We hope you will consider taking this opportunity to listen to their stories with an open mind and heart.

Before your conversation, ask the Holy Spirit to help you to know when and how to begin, to guide your words, to help you see with His eyes and love with His heart. Say the prayer below or speak from your heart.

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.
Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy.
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy.

—Holy Spirit Prayer of Saint Augustine

Think about your own perceptions and assumptions before you begin the conversation. Simply listen with an open heart. Be non-judgmental in your words, actions, and posture. Try to imagine yourself in the other person's shoes.

You may want to begin like this: *"Pope Francis has asked everyone in the Church to spend time listening to one another and sharing our experiences of Church. Would you be open to a conversation? The goal is listen to one another, learn from our experiences, and identify ways that we can move forward together as Church."*

Here are some questions to get you started:

- *What is one of your favorite memories of the Catholic Church? How can we share in that joy more often?*
- *Describe a moment when you felt unwelcome by the Church. What can we do better?*
- *What are some practical steps that the Church can take to walk with you on your life's journey?*

At the end of the conversation, repeat back what understood was being expressed. For those who have been hurt by the Church, take this opportunity to apologize and to share words of care and encouragement.

Scan the QR code to complete the online form to share your thoughts with the larger Church. Thank you for being a listening ear for our Church!



St. Michael Advent Giving Tree



This year due to Covid our Advent Tree will be collecting gift cards for those in need. If you can't come to church to take a tag please send a gift card to the rectory. We will be collecting gift cards for Metro Catholic, I'm in a Ministry, and 8 St. Michael Families in need. Our Youth Group will be donating stocking stuffers too. We will also be collecting gifts for Koinonia. All gift cards and gifts need to be received by Monday, December 13th. These can be dropped off under the Advent Tree or dropped off in the church rectory. Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

CATHOLIC CEMETARIES GRIEF SUPPORT

Please visit <https://www.clecem.org/> for the most updated schedule of events.

CCA Grief Support December 19th "In-Office" at 3:00pm and "Virtual" at 5:00pm:

Catholic Cemeteries Association provides free monthly grief support groups in two formats: In-Office (3pm) at six Cemetery offices and Virtually (5pm) via Zoom. We meet the 3rd Sunday of every month; 4th Sunday if the third Sunday falls on a holiday. Meetings are open discussion, surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is on your heart. The December 19th topic is "The Gift of God's Presence: You Never Walk Alone". We offer a comfortable, private, and safe environment where you are free to explore your grief. Come and be in the presence of those who understand.

3:00 pm In-Office Grief Support groups meet in the main office building at each of the following 6 cemetery locations:

All Saints, Northfield | 480 W. Highland Road
All Souls, Chardon | 10366 Chardon Road
Calvary Cleveland | 10000 Miles Avenue
Holy Cross, Akron | 100 E Waterloo Road
Holy Cross, Brook Park | 14609 Brook Park Road
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Catholic Cemeteries Association follows the guidelines set by the CDC, the State of Ohio, and the Diocese of Cleveland regarding COVID-19 protocols.

5:00 pm Virtual Grief Support group meets for an hour via Zoom and follows the same monthly topic discussion as the in-office groups.

Sign-up at <http://bit.ly/ccavirtualgriefsupportgroup> to receive login information and to download the hand-out materials. You can join virtually from any Wi-Fi enabled area via computer, laptop, smartphone, or even without Wi-Fi (via audio only) from your analog phone. If you do not have Wi-Fi or email, please contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

Your RSVP for both In-Person and Virtual Grief Support is appreciated but not required to attend. For more information or if you have questions, please contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866

"A Closer Walk With Thee" – CCA Monthly Grief Support E-Newsletter:

Our monthly grief support e-newsletter, "A Closer Walk with Thee" provides much of the same helpful grief support information that is presented at the monthly meetings but can be enjoyed from the comfort of your home and from any device where you can access your email. This e-newsletter is emailed the first Tuesday of each month to any family/individual who has expressed an interest in our bereavement programs. To subscribe to this valued grief support resource, go to the signup form at <https://bit.ly/ccabereavementbulletin> or contact Rhonda at rabrams@clecem.org or 216-930-4866.

PSR Classes this week!

Tuesday, December 14th

No in-person classes this week.

1st Grade Virtual

6:30-7:30pm

5th Grade Virtual

6:30-7:30pm

6th Grade Virtual

6:30-7:30pm

All other grades are home study this week.

Contact the PSR office:

216-524-4212

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CARING COMMITTEE

The Caring Committee will be meeting on Sunday, December 19th at Creekside in Brecksville at 12:00pm. This group was formed for those who have lost a spouse. If you're interested in joining us or know someone who is, please call Laurie @[216-213-5070](tel:216-213-5070)

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

There will be a Divine Mercy Holy Hour Sunday December 12th at 2:30PM in St. Monica Church. All are welcome!



Wedding

Geraldine Basar & Stephen Kovacs
December 11, 2021

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Prayer before meals:

*Loving Father,
As we gather at our table to give thanks
and honor to You, We remember Your grace
and open our hearts to Your compassion.
We are in a pandemic and our hearts are restless.
The future which lies ahead is uncertain and anxiety
producing. We place ourselves in Your care,
entrusting our lives to You. Bless our family,
our parish, our nation, and our world.
Give us comfort and strength.
Help us to see beyond this challenge
and find comfort in Your guidance.
Jesus, we place our trust in You.
St Michael the Archangel- Pray for us!
Amen.*

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All announcements need to be emailed to:

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ANTIPHONS FOR THIS WEEK'S MASSES	SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK
<p>Monday 12/13</p> <p><u>Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr</u> ENTRANCE—Behold, now she follows the Lamb who was crucified for us, powerful in virginity, modesty her offering, a sacrifice on the altar of chastity. COMMUNION Revelation 7:17—The Lamb who is at the center of the throne will lead them to the springs of the waters of life.</p>	<p>12/13 <i>St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr</i> Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a Ps.25:4-5ab,6&7bc,8-9 Teach me your ways, O Lord. Matthew 21:23-27 or 2 Corinthians 10:17-11:2 Ps.31:3cd-4,6&8ab,16bc&17 Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. Matthew 25:1-13</p>
<p>Tuesday 12/14</p> <p><u>Saint John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church</u> ENTRANCE Galatians 6:14—May I never boast, except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. COMMUNION cf. Matthew 16:24—Whoever wishes to come after me, must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me, says the Lord.</p>	<p>12/14 <i>St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church</i> Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13 Ps.34:2-3,6-7,17-18,19&23 The Lord hears the cry of the poor. Matthew 21:28-32 or 1 Corinthians 2:1-10a Ps.37:3-4,5-6,30-31 The mouth of the just murmurs wisdom. Luke 14:25-33</p>
<p>Wednesday 12/15</p> <p>ENTRANCE cf. Habakkuk 2:3; 1 Corinthians 4:5—The Lord will come and he will not delay. He will illumine what is hidden in darkness and reveal himself to all the nations. COMMUNION cf. 2 Timothy 4:8—Behold, our Lord will come with power and will enlighten the eyes of his servants.</p>	<p>12/15 Isaiah 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25 Ps.85:9ab&10,11-12,13-14 Let the clouds rain down the Just One, and the earth bring forth a Savior. Luke 7:18b-23</p>
<p>Friday 12/17</p> <p>ENTRANCE cf. Isaiah 49:13—Rejoice, O heavens, and exult, O earth. for our Lord will come to show mercy to our poor. COMMUNION cf. Haggai 2:7—Behold, the Desired of all the nations will come, and the house of the Lord will be filled with glory.</p>	<p>12/16 Isaiah 54:1-10 Ps.30:2&4,5-6,11-12a&13b I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. Luke 7:24-30</p> <p>12/17 Genesis 49:2, 8-10 Ps.72:1-2,3-4ab,7-8,17 Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever. Matthew 1:1-17</p> <p>12/18 Jeremiah 23:5-8 Ps.72:1-2,12-13,18-19 Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever. Matthew 1:18-25</p>



For daily bible readings, go to usccb.org

Catholic Scripture Resources

12/19 *4th Sunday of Advent*
Micah 5:1-4a
Ps.80:2-3,15-16,18-19
Lord, make us to turn you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45



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