

FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

For all the oracles of the prophets foretold him,
the Virgin Mother longed for him
with love beyond all telling,
John the Baptist sang of his coming
and proclaimed his presence when he came.

— Preface II of Advent

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday [Vigil] 5:00 PM • Sunday 9:00 AM | 11:00 AM

Daily Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday • 8:30 AM

[No Mass on Thursday]

RECONCILIATION

Saturday • 3:30 PM—4:30 PM

PRAYER & WORSHIP

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 18

5:00 PM John and Margaret Walsh†

Sunday, December 19

9:00 AM Parishioners of St. Noel

11:00 AM Carl Brunnett†

Monday, December 20

8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Mihalcik Family†

Tuesday, December 21

8:30 AM Jim Krause†

Wednesday, December 22

8:30 AM Mary Bredesen†

Friday, December 24

4:30 PM No Mass Intention Scheduled

6:30 PM Nick Spehar†

Saturday, December 25

12:00 MIDNIGHT No Mass Intention Scheduled

11:00 AM Deceased Members of the Coccia Family†

Sunday, December 26

9:00 AM Ann Baden†

11:00 AM Parishioners of St. Noel

†denotes deceased

IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember to pray for all our sick and recovering parishioners, families, and friends. Hospitals do not notify the parish of admissions. Please call the office if you would like someone added or removed. Names will be left on for three months, unless otherwise notified:

Joan Mihalcik, William Lange, Mary Hanko, Valentina Giovanna Leahy, Jerry Armbruster, Linda Mersek, Rose Drenski, Gayle Miragliotta, Patti Burhenne, Alica Garbo, Leah LaRiche, John LaRiche, Mary Ann LaRiche, Joe Campagna, and Fern Woldman.

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(to date, since 16 December 2019)

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CATECHESIS ON THE MASS • HOLY COMMUNION

The priest reverently receives Holy Communion first, while reciting prayers quietly. This act begins the **Communion Hymn** or **Chant**, uniting his communion with that of the rest of the assembly. Evidence for singing Psalms during Holy Communion is quite ancient. The unity of our voices is our communal prayer until all have received. We need to sing this hymn together. Choir members and those still in their pews carry it while others are in procession. When we return to our pew we join back in, and carry it for those who just did for us. Our reception of Holy Communion is not a private act, but a communal one. The faithful approach the altar as one in the “procession of all processions.” This is not a “you and Jesus moment.” Jesus never did anything apart from the Father and the Spirit. If anything, this is a Trinitarian moment. An allotted time of sacred silence follows, allowing the faithful the opportunity to give individual thanks for Whom they have received, as well as time for private prayers or personal devotion.

After the priest (and any priest concelebrants) consume the Body and Blood of Christ, a vested deacon follows, in addition to Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Because priests and deacons are the Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, if the number present would suffice for the distribution, Extraordinary Ministers respectfully do not exercise their ministry at a given celebration. The deacon is rightfully a Minister of the Cup, since he is the one who prepares it at the Offertory.

In the United States, the faithful have been instructed to bow their heads before receiving Holy Communion under each form. The minister says, “**The Body of Christ**” or “**The Blood of Christ**,” (nothing more, nothing less) and each person answers, “**Amen.**” Your “Amen” should be said with a strong voice. Again, because this is a communal act, the minister, in this moment, is not to address a given individual by name. Doing so makes distinctions, and since no one minister could possibly know everyone who presents themselves for Communion, what is easily enough thought to be hospitable, is actually not appropriate.

The formula, “The Body of Christ” and “The Blood of Christ,” and the response to each, “Amen,” can be found in the Apostolic Constitutions, where the deacon (even then) administered the

WEEKLY READINGS

(S) Solemnity • (F) Feast
(M) Obligatory Memorial • (m) Optional Memorial

chalice. Saint Ambrose wrote, "Therefore you say not casually, 'Amen,' already confessing in the spirit that you are receiving the Body of Christ. For when you beg, the priest says to you, 'The Body of Christ,' and you say, 'Amen,' that is, 'it is true.' What the tongue confesses the heart holds."

As a gentle reminder, as you receive, one hand should be under the other, and your palms as flat as possible. The minister should not have to guess "which hand" to place the host upon. Despite our regular reception, this moment should always be done with great intentionality, both on the minister's part, as well as the communicant's. Contemplate the treasure being placed in your hands. If a host is dropped, reverence and common sense are to take over. First, no one should "freak out." This was an accident, and it is never intended. The communicant may simply pick the Body of Christ up reverently and consume it, or may offer it back to the minister and be presented a new one. Anything that touched the mouth before falling, should be offered back to the minister and a new host presented. These hosts are dissolved in water and reverently placed in the sacrarium in the sacristy (the sink that goes directly into the ground).

Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds. For in this form the sign of the Eucharistic banquet is more clearly evident and clearer expression is given to the divine will by which the new and eternal Covenant is ratified in the Blood of the Lord, as also the connection between the Eucharistic banquet and the eschatological banquet in the Kingdom of the Father (GIRM 281).

At the Last Supper Jesus asked all of those present to drink from the cup. The Church therefore never eliminated the possibility of administering Holy Communion under both forms to the faithful. However, during the Middle Ages, the cup was reserved to the clergy, largely out of fear of spillage. The Second Vatican Council permitted the broader reception of Holy Communion from the cup, and the practice has spread with enthusiasm and appreciation from the faithful in many parts of the world. The pandemic, of course, changed this for the world, and we await the lifted suspension of the cup from the Diocese and the USCCB, if, I suspect, years from now or ever in our lifetime.

Fr. Terry

19 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mi 5: 1-4a
Ps 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19
Heb 10: 5-10
Lk 1: 39-45

20 Monday: Advent Weekday [4]

Is 7: 10-14
Ps 24: 1-6
Lk 1: 26-38

21 Tuesday: Advent Weekday [4]; St. Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor of the Church [m]

Sg 2: 8-14/Zep 3: 14-18a
Ps 33: 2-3, 11-12, 20-21
Lk 1: 39-45

22 Wednesday: Advent Weekday [4]

1 Sm 1: 4-28
(Ps) 1 Sm 2: 1, 4-8d
Lk 1: 46-56

23 Thursday: Advent Weekday [4]; St. John of Kanty, Priest [m]

Mal 3: 1-4, 23-24
Ps 25: 4-5b, 8-10, 14
Lk 1: 57-66

24 Friday: VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD [S]

Is 62: 1-5
Ps 89: 4-5, 16-17, 27, 29
Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25
Mt 1: 1-25 or 1: 18-25

25 Saturday: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS) [S]

(Night) Is 9: 1-6
Ps 96: 1-3, 11-13
Ti 2: 11-14
Lk 2: 1-14
(Dawn) Is 62: 11-12
Ps 97: 1, 6, 11-12
Ti 3: 4-7
Lk 2: 15-20
(Day) Is 52: 7-10
Ps 98: 1-6
Heb 1: 1-6
Jn 1: 1-18 or 1: 1-5, 9-14

26 SUNDAY: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH [F]

Sir 3: 2-6, 12-14
Ps 128: 1-5
Col 3: 12-21 or 3: 12-17
Lk 2: 41-52

WORSHIP AID

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today's Missal (TM)
Music Issue (MI)

Penitential Act **B** | **TM** | Inside Front Cover

Gloria | **Omitted during Advent**

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Responsorial Psalm | **TM** | Page **28**

Profession of Faith | **TM** | Inside Front Cover

ENTRANCE CHANT • TM #46

LITANY FOR ADVENT

RESPONSORIAL PSALM • MI #790

PSALM 80

OFFERTORY CHANT

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COMMUNION CHANT • MI #353

ONE LOVE RELEASED

SENDING FORTH • TM #31

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To learn more about the synod process, please visit:
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The Lord, your God is in your midst ... he will rejoice over you with gladness ... he will renew you in his love (Zephaniah 3:17).

The Synod to which Pope Francis has invited us, offers the opportunity for a real moment of prayer and opening to God in our midst. Each listening session calls us to gather, listen, and discern what it means to be Church and where the Holy Spirit is calling us. Today, we announce the opportunity for two listening sessions to be held on **Wednesday, January 12** at:

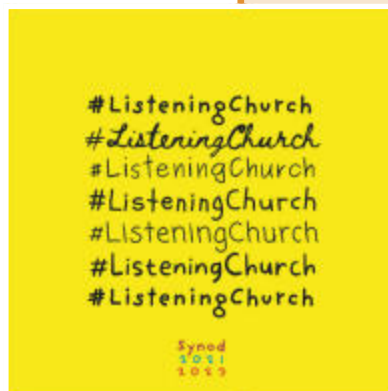
9:30 AM — 12:00 NOON
6:00 PM — 8:30 PM

All are welcome to join us at either time for this chance to listen in a spirit of prayer, and dream about the Church we are called to be. The information gathered from these sessions will help us discern how we can move forward together as a parish community, as well as a diocesan and universal Church.

Please **RSVP** by **Jan. 4**, by logging on at:
<https://stnoel.breezechms.com/form/fb6ad3>

Each session will begin with light refreshments. If you are unable to attend on Jan. 12, but would still like to be involved, please, still RSVP and select that option.

Continue to keep an eye on our bulletin, e-mails, website, and Facebook page for more information on the Synod process at St. Noel. If you have questions, please contact **Michele** at mbaetzold@stnoel.org or **440-946-1128**, opt. 3).



SAINT NOEL CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve
Friday, December 24

4:30 PM

6:30 PM

12:00 MIDNIGHT

Christmas Day
Saturday, December 25

11:00 AM

- On Christmas Day, there is no 5:00 PM Saturday Vigil for the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.
- Masses will be celebrated the following morning on Sunday, December 26, at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Saturday, January 1, 2022

- Based on how it falls on the liturgical calendar, this solemnity is *not* a holy day of obligation this year.
- There is no Mass scheduled for this celebration at Saint Noel.
- The 5:00 PM Saturday Vigil for the Epiphany of the Lord, however, is scheduled for that evening.
- Masses will be celebrated the following morning on Sunday, January 2, at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM.



KIOSK CHRISTMAS CARD

GRACIOUS GREETINGS AND WELCOMING WISHES FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

Our kiosk has been hiding in the hallway outside the coatroom for nearly two years. It is making its return to the narthex for the Christmas season on December 22, dressed up as a big, blank Christmas card! When you visit throughout the Christmas season, write a greeting to your fellow parishioners on one of the five panels, or simply pin your family Christmas card. The mini-panels at the bottom of the kiosk are the perfect place for kids to leave messages, too! If you can't get to St. Noel over the Christmas season, you can mail your greeting to:

Kiosk Christmas Card
c/o Saint Noel Parish
35200 Chardon Road
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Also, be sure to check the pockets of the kiosk, for something that could be meant just for you!

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

We have served **142** people in December. **Currently, we need pasta sauce in jars and “chunky” soup.** Bring your donations directly to the parish and place them on a bench in the hallway off the narthex. You can support the pantry online at: <https://stnoel.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/SocialJusticeCollection>. Thanks to all who have donated.

PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

Our next distribution is scheduled for **Mon., Dec. 20**, beginning at **1 PM**. Anyone in need is welcome to come. Registration is not required, but bring ID. Contact **Anthony** with questions.

LEAF

LEAF is a non-denominational ministry where relatives and friends of those incarcerated can join with others in conversation and fellowship. Our next, in-person LEAF meeting is **Tue., Dec 21**, at **7 PM** in the **Nativity Room**. If you have a loved one who is incarcerated, consider attending LEAF (Listening, Empowering, Assisting Families). Meetings are anonymous and registration is not required. Visit www.leafministry.org or call **Anthony at 440-946-1128 #2** for more information.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Our first N2N meal of **2022**, is scheduled for **Thu., Jan. 6**. All parishioners are welcome to join us for a delicious meal with our community neighbors. Dinner is served at **6 PM** in the Large Hall.

ST. JAMES MEAL

Our team is serving the meal at **St. James in Painesville** today (Sunday). We're grateful for their commitment and invite any parishioners to join our lunch team. Call **Anthony** if interested.

CHRISTMAS PROJECT GRATITUDE

Your generosity to the 2021 Christmas Project is overwhelming. You gave \$12,743 in gift cards and monetary donations that made the Christmas Season brighter for 46 families (198 people). Thank you for being a source of light and love at this holiday time and all year round!

HOLIDAY HELPS FOR THE DIVORCED AND SEPARATED

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Are you ready for a new year? Let us help you turn the corner! Join us for this special program intended to offer practical advice, support, and the skills to move forward. We will meet on **Jan. 6**, from **6:30 PM—8:30 PM**, at **St. John Vianney Parish, 7575 Bellflower Rd., Mentor**. To register, or for more info: call **Karen** at **440.352.8282** or email: kjubeck@st-gabriel.org.

DIVORCE RECOVERY FOR CATHOLICS

An 8-Week Support Group designed to meet the needs of those who are divorced or separated, will begin **Sat., Jan. 8**, at **St. Noel Parish**. The group meets mornings, **10 AM—12 NOON**, and will conclude on **Feb. 26**. Sessions are designed to offer direction, support, and the tools for coping with this life-changing experience. For more information or to register, email kjubeck@st-gabriel.org or call **440-352-8282**. There is no charge for this program, all materials are provided, and it is open to people of all faiths.

DEC. MORNING PRAYER FOR WOMEN

Mon., Dec. 20, from **9:30 am—11:00 AM**. Presented by **Sr. Mary Ann Flannery, SC**. Women from all walks of life are invited to pray together and learn more about the beauty of prayer. This prayer group will refresh your spirit and help you find strength in regular prayer habits. Just bring your bible and come as you are! Price includes coffee and pastry. Registrations are encouraged, but walk-ins welcome! Cost: **\$10**.

CINEMA + CONVERSATION

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

Mon., Dec. 20, from 7 PM - 9 PM: Join us at **Jesuit Retreat Center** each month for films that inspire and entertain. After each movie, there will be time for conversation and questions. We continue in December with the 1946 American Christmas classic, **“It's a Wonderful Life.”** A free will offering is appreciated.



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