



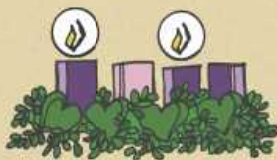
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist

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Since 1848, this historic Cathedral Church in the middle of Cleveland's civic center has served Catholics and the wider community of Cleveland as a prayerful oasis and spiritual home. As the Bishop's Church, the Cathedral is the "Mother Church" for over 710,000 Catholics in the Diocese of Cleveland. All are welcome! Your generous support is very much appreciated.



Masses

Sunday:

8:00, 10:30 am, 12:15, & 5:30 pm

Monday - Friday:

7:15 am, 12:00 noon, 5:10 pm

Saturday: 7:15 am

4:30 pm (Sunday Vigil)

Confessions

Monday-Friday:

6:30-7 am, 11:30-12:30, 4:30-5 pm

Saturday:

7:45-8:15, 3:00-4:00 pm

Devotions & Novenas

Miraculous Medal - Monday: 12:30 pm

St. Anthony - Tuesday: 12:30 pm

Sacred Heart - Friday: 12:30 pm

Rosary - Sunday: 11:30 am



8 December 2019 - Advent II

SATURDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2019

ST. AMBROSE

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

7:15 Intention of Victims of War

4:30 People of the Cathedral Parish

SUNDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

11:30 am Advent 15-Minute Catechism

5:30 pm Visiting Choir: St Peter Parish
(Lorain)

MONDAY, 9 DECEMBER 2019

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

NOT A DAY OF OBLIGATION IN 2019

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

7:15 Allan, Anne, & Karen Churchmack

12:00 Intention of Michael Kieley, Sr.

5:10 Dominic Avenoso

6:30 pm Centering Prayer

TUESDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2019

Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

7:15 Intention of Michael Archer

12:00 Clyde Allen & Poor Souls

5:10 Rev. Louis DeGoesbriand

6:30 am Women's Prayer Group

6:00 pm RCIA

6:00 pm Parish Council

WEDNESDAY, 11 DECEMBER 2019

ST. DAMASUS I

Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

7:15 Helen Dales

12:00 Most Rev. William Cosgrove

5:10 Michelina Rapa

THURSDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2019

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38

7:15 Fred, Rose, & Gerald Joseph

12:00 David Perez

5:10 Barbara Regan

12:30 pm Advent 15-Minute Catechism

FRIDAY, 13 DECEMBER 2019

ST. LUCY

Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

7:15 Intention of John Hocevar

12:00 Benny & Nancy Zingales

5:10 Christopher Kralik

6:30 am Men's Prayer Group

SATURDAY, 14 DECEMBER 2019

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

7:15 Rev. Edward Hannin

12:00 Wedding: Stahler /Barbara

4:30 People of the Cathedral Parish

2:00 pm PHSR

SUNDAY, 15 DECEMBER 2019

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

11:30 am Advent 15-Minute Catechism

5:30 pm Visiting Choir: St Peter (North Ridgeville)

6:30pm Giving Tree Sorting

Wedding Banns

II Kaitlyn Scholtz & Jeffrey Herold, Jr.

II Stephanie Starek &

Brandon Wojtosik

III Samantha Stahler &

Matthew Barbara

III Megan Cohara & Kyle

Stanislawczyk at St. Paul Shrine

Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez,
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Cathedral Parish Membership

December: 1,098 households, 1,792 individuals

Parish Finances

OFFERTORY COLLECTION\$5,847
 (Sunday, November 24, 2019)

MAIL\$855

CREDIT CARDS\$1,294

WEEKDAYS (Nov18-23)\$1,222

WEEKLY TOTAL\$9,218

OFFERTORY COLLECTION\$6,026
 (Sunday, December 1, 2019)

MAIL\$667

CREDIT CARDS\$2,528

WEEKDAYS (Nov 25-30)\$2,097

WEEKLY TOTAL\$11,318

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT TOTAL\$775

THANK YOU!

FISCAL YEAR BUDGET\$234,806
 (\$10,673 x 22 weeks)

FISCAL YEAR COLLECTION\$232,829

TOTAL OVER (UNDER)(\$1,977)

Dear Parishioners and Friends of the Cathedral,

On December 13th, the Church celebrates a great reformer, spiritual master, doctor of the Church, and mystic of the 16th century – Saint John of the Cross. Born in AD 1542, in the small village of Fontiveros (Spain), to Gonzalo de Yepes and Catalina Alvarez. Despite the fact that his father was of noble birth, the family was very poor because the father was disowned for choosing to marry beneath his social class, and later died when John was very young. His mother struggled greatly to provide for the family.

Early on, John excelled academically and later took a job as a nurse, working for several years in a hospital for the poor. Eventually, he was admitted into the newly founded Jesuit college at Medina del Campo. His studies included classical languages, rhetoric, and humanities, but it was also here that he gained a clearer understanding of his vocation to Carmelite religious life.

John entered the Carmelite Order in AD 1563, but even before entering the order, he had already been drawn to practice a life of prayer and asceticism. As a member of the order, he received permission to live according to the Carmelite's original rule of life – which stressed solitude, silence, poverty, work, and contemplative prayer. In AD 1567 he was ordained a priest, and began to long for an even more austere way of life, even seriously considering leaving the Carmelites to join the Carthusians. Before he could take this step, however, Saint Theresa of Avila, who was working to reform the Carmelites back to a stricter observance of their original rule of life, convinced him to remain and help her with this work.

In AD 1568, the first house of Discalced Carmelites was established following the strict observance of the rule, and John took the name – 'John of the Cross'. As their reform movement grew, it faced greater and greater opposition, and in AD 1577, John was kidnapped by fellow Carmelites and locked in a small cell where he was beaten several times a week. During his imprisonment, he had nothing except God in that cell, but God was all he needed to find joy. And it was during this time that he composed spiritual poetry that would become the basis for the later spiritual treatises he would write. He was able to escape in August of 1578, by unscrewing the lock on his cell and climbing out a window with a rope made from blankets.

Over the next ten years, he would continue to found more discalced Carmelite houses, while at the same time being charged with greater areas of responsibility within the order. We also composed numerous spiritual writings that remain great treasures of the Church to this day – 'The Dark Night of the Soul', 'The Ascent of Mt. Carmel', 'The Spiritual Cantic', and 'The Living Flame of Love'.

Due to machinations within the order, Saint John of the Cross lost his leadership offices within the now autonomous discalced Carmelites, and was assigned to the newly established Province of Mexico. However, while preparing for the long journey, he became seriously ill and died before setting out, in AD 1591.

Saint John of the Cross once drew a picture on which he had three paths that were directed to heaven. The first path had earthly goods like science, liberty, rest, and honor. The second path included spiritual goods like knowledge, joy, consolation, security, and glory. Both of these paths were wide and both stopped short of reaching heaven. It was only the third narrow path which he labeled 'nada' (nothing) that ultimately reached heaven. It reminds us that we must let go of anything that is not God. All those earthly and spiritual things, good as they may be, are not God. So, we must be willing to let go of everything, even good feelings and peace in prayer. Because anything that is not God can become an idol for us, becoming the focus of our attention instead of God. Being stripped of these things so as to attach ourselves only to God is what Saint John called the 'Dark Night'.

Father Sean Ralph



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Since December 8 falls on the Second Sunday of Advent, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, Dec. 9th, and is not a Day of Obligation in 2019.

Retirement Fund for Religious - Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests offer their lives in service to others: educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Please give generously to this collection this weekend, December 8/9.



Advent 15-Minute Catechism - Join us for an Advent study of the topic "What is God?" There will be three segments, each presented on Thursday afternoon at 12:30 pm, and repeated on the following Sunday at 11:30 am. All are welcome.

Session I Dec. 5 – 12:30 pm & Dec. 8 at 11:30 am

Session II Dec. 12 – 12:30 pm & Dec. 15 at 11:30 am

Session III Dec. 19 – 12:30 pm & Dec. 22 at 11:30 am

Join Us for the Peace Light Celebration - Dec. 9th



The Peace Light is a flame that originates in the Grotto of Bethlehem and is passed from lantern to lantern around the world each December, in the name of Peace. The Boy Scouts are sharing the light with as many as are willing to accept it. Join us in the Cathedral on **December 9th,**

at 7:00 pm, for an ecumenical prayer service and an opportunity to take the flame home to share it with others. For details visit: <pack72.com>; <peacelight.org>; or on Facebook, visit the group: <@Peace Light of North America>.

Oplatki (Christmas Wafers) are a Central and Eastern European Catholic Christmas tradition. On Christmas Eve, family members and friends break off a small piece of the wafer and give it to one another along with a blessing. Oplatki are available in the Sacristy and at the Rectory Office. A donation of \$2.00 is requested.

Tying the Knot? - For baptized Christians, Marriage is a Sacrament that is best celebrated in the home church of the bride or the groom. For weddings at the Cathedral, a six-month minimum period of preparation is required. This preparation includes a Pre-Cana class or retreat, the Prepare and Enrich Marriage Preparation instrument, and liturgical planning. Those who are not parishioners of the Cathedral may celebrate their weddings in the Cathedral; however, those are exceptional cases and must be discussed with the parish staff. Fr. Sean Ralph can assist anyone interested in planning a wedding.



This Week at the Cathedral



SUNDAY

Retirement Fund for Religious

9:00 am Social Action Meeting

11:30 am **Advent 15-Minute Catechism**

5:30 pm Visiting Choir: St Peter Parish (Lorain)

MONDAY

6:30 pm Centering Prayer

TUESDAY

6:30 am Women's Prayer Group

6:00 pm RCIA

6:00 pm Parish Council

THURSDAY

12:30 pm **Advent 15-Minute Catechism**

FRIDAY

6:30 am Men's Prayer Group

SATURDAY

8-11 am Decorating in the Cathedral

12:00 pm Wedding: Stahler / Barbara

2:00 pm PHSR

SUNDAY

PIC Collection

11:30 am **Advent 15-Minute Catechism**

5:30 pm Visiting Choir: St Peter Parish (North Ridgeville)

6:30 pm **Giving Tree Sorting**



Decorating Help Needed

Volunteers are needed to help get the Cathedral ready for Christmas. Jobs with which we need help include:

- Fluffing, & lighting trees,
- Hanging decorations, inside & out,
- Cleaning, and much more!

Help is needed from 8:00 to 11:30 am on Saturday December 14th. Please sign up using the sheets available just outside the Sacristy, or by calling the Rectory Office at 216-771-6666.

The Homeless Rely on Us

The Social Action Ministry will be collecting for the needy **next weekend, Dec. 15/16**. The staff of the Bishop Cosgrove Center is seeing more and more men coming in with no shoes because someone has stolen them right off of their feet. Please check your closets. Those shoes you don't wear anymore could mean the world to someone who is shoe-less or has shoes in desperate disrepair. Additional needs of the homeless include toiletries and new underwear, which are in constant demand. Remember the words of Pope Francis, who said,

"These days there is a lot of poverty in the world, and that's a scandal when we have so many riches and resources to give to everyone. We all have to think about how we can become a little poorer."

Make yourself a little richer in spirit by remembering those who have been forgotten by so many.

Serving the Poor in Our Midst

Each day, numerous people come to the rectory office seeking assistance. Through your generosity, and with the assistance of the workers at the Bp. Cosgrove Center, we are able to fill some of their needs. Listed below is a report on the assistance the Cathedral has offered this past month, and on your generosity in support of these efforts.

November Charitable Donations

Charitable Assistance Fund\$424.00
Cosgrove Center\$108.00

November Assistance Expenses

Greyhound \$902.65
RTA Assistance..... \$842.50
Rent / Utility Assistance\$2,027.12
Emergency..... \$479.80
ID Assistance..... \$33.50
Total \$4,285.57

A Community of Justice & Love



Advent Giving Tree 2019

Note the dates! The annual Advent Giving Tree project at the Cathedral is under way! The Advent Giving Tree provides clothing, gifts, and household items, mostly to children in downtown Catholic schools. Last year, we were able to provide Christmas gifts to 360 children and many low income seniors! Please note the following important dates and information.

- Tags are available on the back walls of the Cathedral. Volunteers are needed to replace tags as they are taken from the walls.
- **To participate**, pick one or more tags, purchase the item(s) and wrap the gifts. Make sure to **tape the tag securely to the outside** of the wrapped gift.
- **You can donate for school uniforms online at:** tinyurl.com/SJCGivingTree.
- **December 15 (Sunday)** - Gifts will be sorted in the Cathedral after the 5:30 Mass. This is the big event! Sorting takes about 1½ hours and refreshments are served after the gifts are sorted.

**Gifts MUST be returned NO LATER
than the 5:30 pm Mass
next Sunday, December 15th!**

Gifts received after the 16th will not be delivered to the schools.

- **December 16 (Monday)** - Gifts will be delivered in the morning. Volunteers are needed to load the gifts on the truck and to deliver to the schools. Loading the truck takes about an hour and begins at 9:00 am, with delivery typically finished by noon.
- **The Advent Giving Tree is in need of a box truck or large capacity van (not a minivan) for delivery of this year's gifts on Dec. 16th. Please contact Jeff or Sarah Stoner at 216-644-8009 if you have a vehicle that could be used for deliveries on that day. (The time needed would be from 8:00 am until 1:00 or 2:00 pm.)**
- **Volunteer Opportunities** - This event has been very successful in the past due to the generosity of the Cathedral community who donate items, and donate their time to help plan, sort, and deliver the gifts. This event is truly amazing because of the dedication and community spirit brought about by the volunteers. Please invite your friends and family to participate and welcome in the Christmas season! If you would like to volunteer for a specific task or have any questions, please email Jeff and Sarah Stoner, sarahscribe@msn.com, or leave a message at 216-644-8009.



Advent II

8 December 2019

Prelude

4:30 vigil Partita on WINCHESTER NEW Trey Cleg

8, 10:30, 12:15 Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele Georg Böhm

10:30 & 12:15 **Choral Introit – Populus Sion (Is 30:19,30; Ps 80)**

Pópulus Sion, ecce, Dóminus véniet ad salvándas gentes: et audítam fáciat Dóminus glóriam vocis suæ in lætítia cordis vestri. Ps 80: Qui regis Israë!l, inténde: qui dedúcis, velut ovem, Ioseph.

People of Sion, behold the Lord shall come to save the nations; and the Lord shall make the glory of His voice to be heard, in the joy of your heart. Shepherd of Israel, hear us, Guide of the flock of Joseph.

5:30 pm **St Peter Choir (Lorain) Anthony Trifiatti, Dir**
Who But the Lord? Craig Courtney

O come, thou bright and morning star, and bring us comfort from afar. Dispel the shadows of the night and turn darkness into light.

Who but the Lord can give the shadows light, can break into the dark, draw morning from the night? Who but the Lord will hear our cry and answer, "Here am I?"

Who but the Lord makes blinded eyes to see, brings music to the deaf, sets the lonely captive free? Who but the Lord will by his glory show the paths of peace?

O shine on us the brightness of Your face, to earth's remotest end, every people, every race. O shine on us until to each is shown Your saving grace. Who but the Lord can give the shadows light? None but the Lord.

Creator Alme Siderum Richard Burchard

Creator of the starry skies, Your people's everlasting light, Jesus, Redeemer of us all, We pray you hear us when we call.

When man was sunk in sin and death, lost in the depth of Satan's snare, Love brought Thee down to cure our ills, by taking of those ills a share.

Thou, for the sake of guilty men, causing Thine own pure blood to flow, Did issue from Thy virgin shrine and to the cross a Victim go. So great the glory of Thy might, if we but chance Thy name to sound At once all heaven and hell unite in bending low with awe profound.

Every Valley John Ness Beck

Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain made low and the crooked made straight and the rough places plain. Amen.

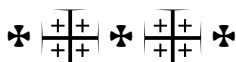
Postlude

4:30 vigil, 5:30 WINCHESTER NEW arr. Malcolm Archer

8, 10:30, 12:15 Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele Georg Böhm

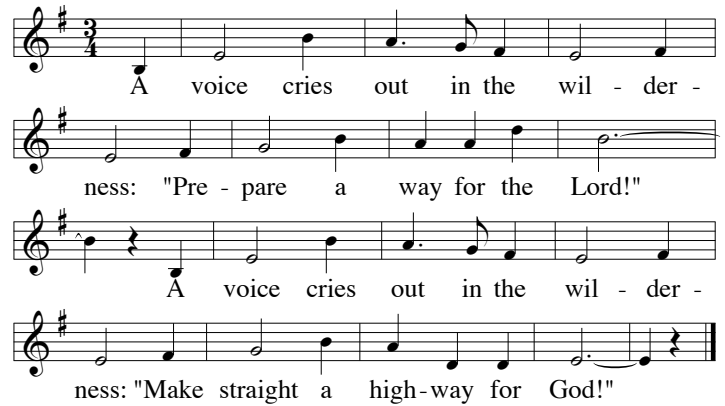
5:30 pm **St Peter Choir (Lorain) Anthony Trifiatti, Dir**
A Spotless Rose Ola Gjeilo

Alleluia! A spotless rose is blowing, Sprung from a tender root, Of ancient seers' foreshowing: Of Jesse promised fruit; It's fairest bud unfolds to light Amid the cold, cold winter, And in the dark midnight.



Introductory Rites

A Voice Cries Out



Text: Isaiah 40: 1-11; A voice cries out. Verse 3: Isaiah 30: 19, 30; Populus Sion - Introit, Advent 2. Music: J. Michael Jonas; © 1981, 1982, OCP, Portland OR. Permission: OneLicense A-702555

Console my people, the ones dear to me; speak to the heart of Jerusalem: "The time of your mourning is ended now; the Lord of life will come."

Ev'ry valley is made a plain, ev'ry mountain is leveled. The glory of God shall then be revealed, and the nations will sing in praise.

Introit: Behold, O people of Sion, rejoice, the Lord comes to save the nations; the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.



Greeting

Priest: The Lord be with you. *People:* And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

(striking their breast, all say)

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.



Tune: NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND

Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from Isaiah 11:1-10

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 72



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O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; He shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment.

Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save.

May his name be blessed forever; as long as the sun his name shall remain. In him shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed; all the nations shall proclaim his happiness.

Psalms for the Week

Sat: Blessed are all who wait for the Lord.

Mon: Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous deeds.

Tue: The Lord our God comes with power.

Wed: O bless the Lord, my soul!

Thur: You are the highest honor of our race.

Fri: Those who follow you, Lord, will have the light of life.

A Reading from Romans 15:4-9

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Alleluia



Tune: NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND

Now prepare the way of the Lord; All shall see salvation of God.

Liturgy of the Word

Priest: The Lord be with you. *People:* And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel...

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel according to Matthew 3:1-12

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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, (All 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.

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Universal Prayer



Tune: NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND

Presentation of the Gifts

Deus tu convertens

Johann Joseph Fux (1660-1741)

Deus tu convertens vivificabis nos, et plebs tua laetabitur in te: Ostende nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam; salutare tuum da nobis.

[Psalm 85: 7, 8 – Offertory, Advent II]
You will turn toward us, O God, and restore our life again, and your people will rejoice in you. Show us, Lord, your mercy and grant us your salvation.

5:30 - St Peter Parish Choir (Lorain) Anthony Trifiletti, Director
The Lord Shall Come and not be Slow Zebulon Highben

The Lord shall come and not be slow; His light is soon appearing. Prepare, you children, here below who are these tidings hearing. Arise, O sleepers, trim your lamps! Their flames so swiftly burning Reveal the path to hope & peace; dawn for which you're yearning. Come forth, you weary, meek, & poor. Forget your strife and labor. Messiah comes to those who toil, bestowing God's own favor.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation - My Soul in Stillness Waits



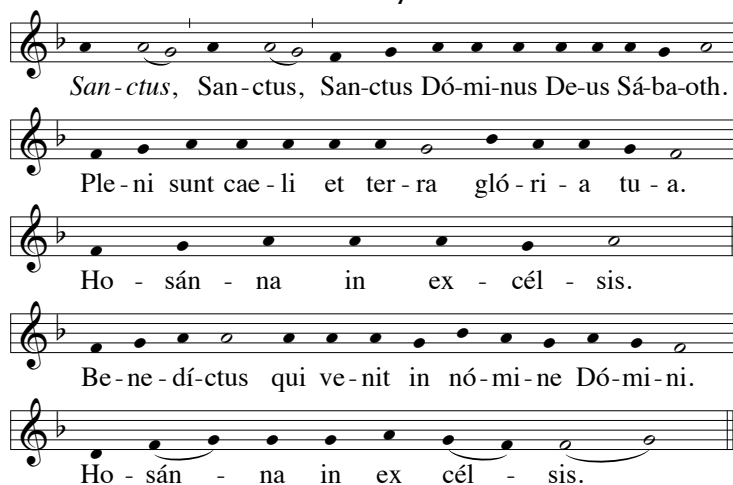
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Turn t'ward us God, restore our life again, and all your people will rejoice in you. Show us, O Lord, your mercy and salvation.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God **It is right and just.**

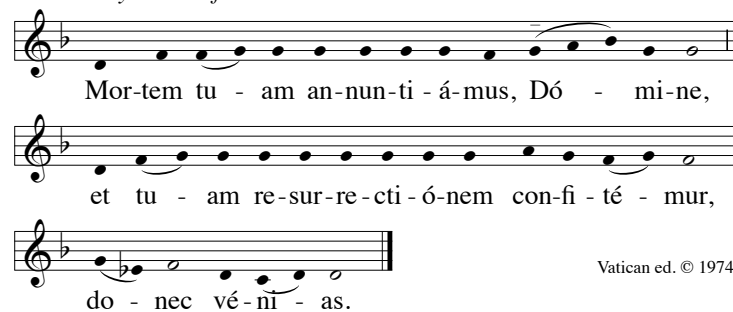
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Vatican ed. XVIII - Missa Deus genitor alme.

Mystery of Faith

Priest: Mysterium fidei...



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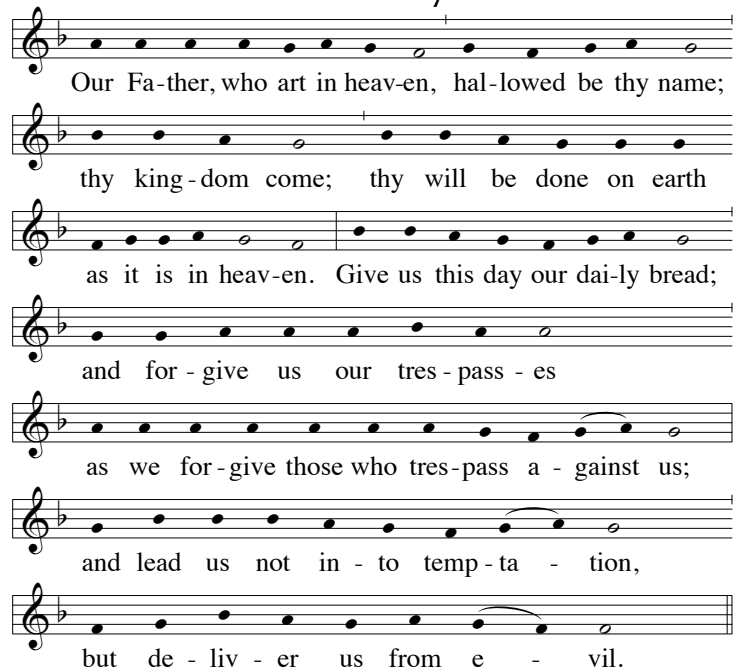
Amen

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.



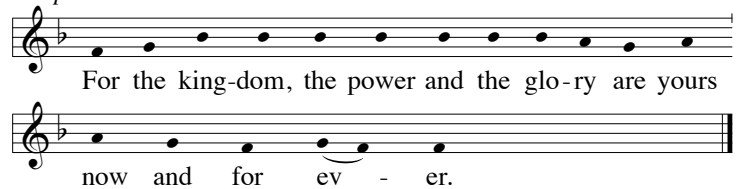
Communion Rite

Lord's Prayer



Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil...
as we await the blessed hope and coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

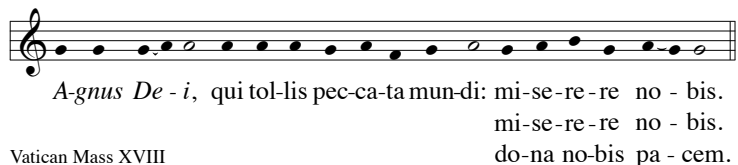
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Rite of Peace

Fraction of the Bread

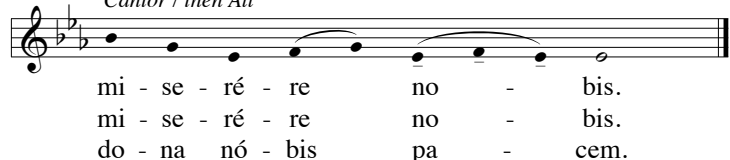


Vatican Mass XVIII

Sunday 10:30 & 12:15 masses

Choir: Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:

Cantor / then All

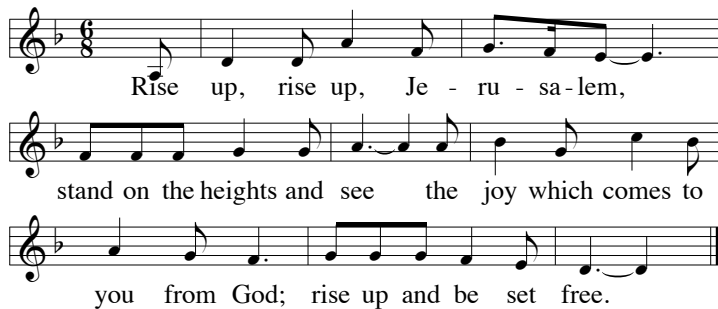


Vatican Mass XVII; In Dominicis Adventus et Quadragesima

Communion Rite

(Please remain standing throughout the Communion Rite until the Communion hymn has ended.)

Rise Up, Jerusalem



Refrain: Baruch 5:5; 4:36, Communion, Advent II. Music: © 2010 Greg Heislman, Diocese of Cleveland. Verses: Isaiah 40:1-8, *Comfort ye my people*; trans: C. Winkworth (1827-78)

Comfort, comfort ye, my people; speak ye peace, thus says our God; Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning 'neath their sorrows' load. Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.

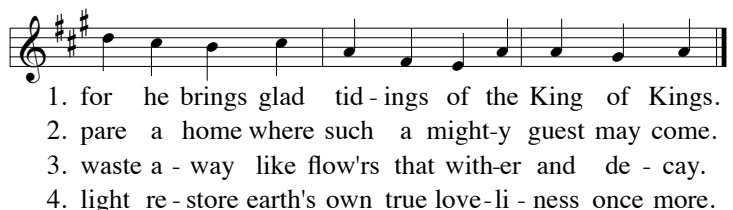
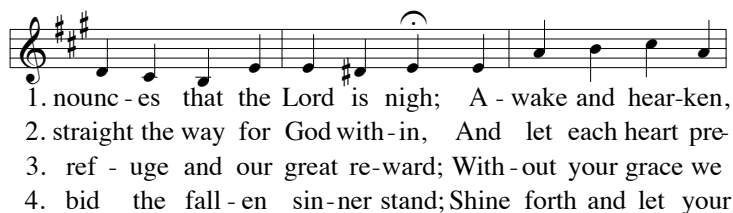
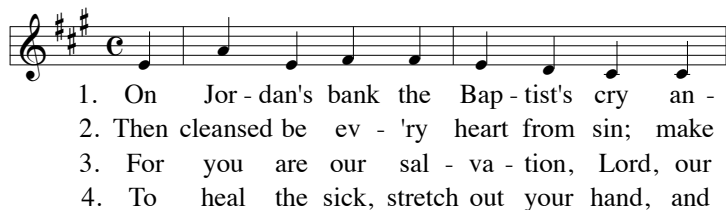
10:30 Choir: The Lord will grant abundance Charles Thatcher
The Lord will grant abundance, and our land will yield its fruit.

Jerusalem surge, sta in excelsa Bar 5:5; 4:36, Communion
Arise, Jerusalem, and stand on high, and behold the joy that shall come to you from God.

5:30 St Peter Choir, Lorain Anthony Trifiletti, Director
God of the Watching Ones Lee Dengler

God of the watching ones, the waiting ones, the slow and the suffering ones, the angels in heaven, and child in the womb;
Grant us your healing peace, your gift of love, the hope of eternal life, the flower of Jesse, the rose yet to bloom.

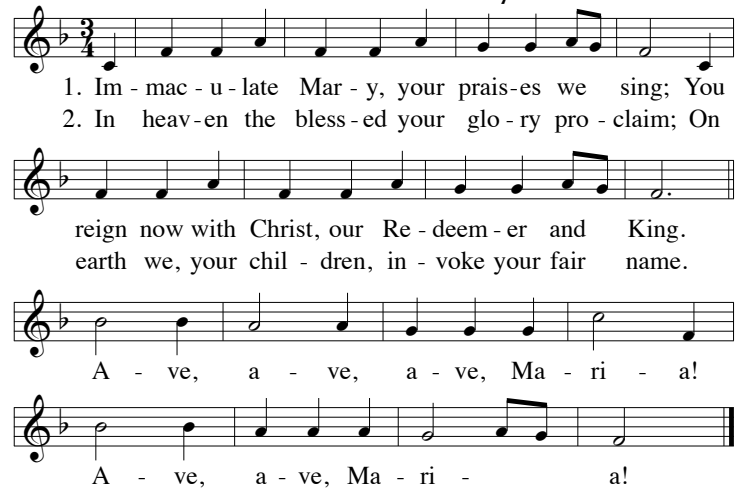
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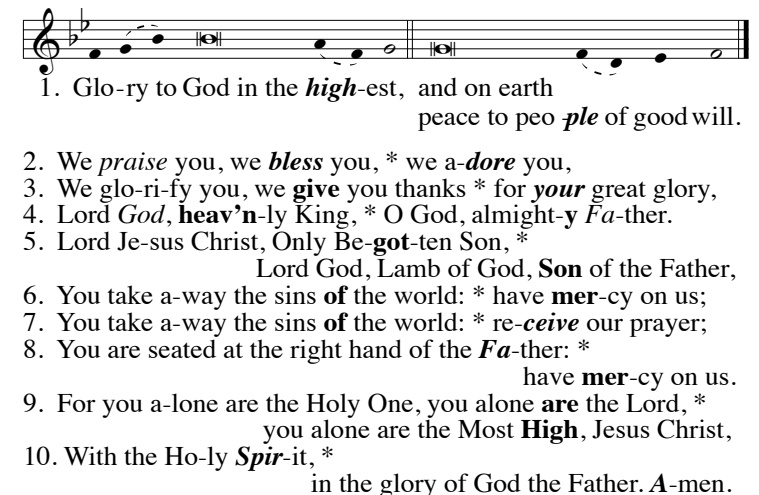
Dec. 9 & Dec. 12 Feasts of Mary

Immaculate Mary

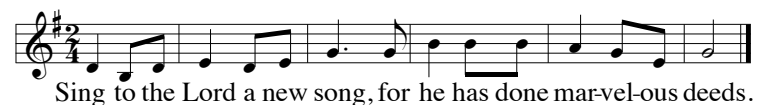


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Dec. 9 - Psalm 98



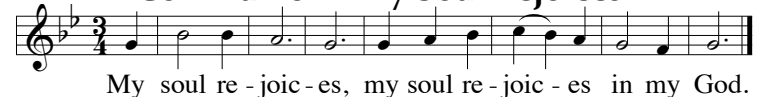
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Dec. 12 - Canticle Judith 13



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Communion - My Soul Rejoices



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Family Perspectives - Parents must be like John the Baptist “a voice crying in the wilderness” in our consumer society. While society pressures us to “shop until we drop” during the weeks until Christmas, you have the opportunity to “prepare the way of the Lord” in the lives of your children and families.

Morning Prayer Groups - Please consider joining our weekly gatherings from 6:30-7:00 am in the Lower Sacristy of the Cathedral. Using the scriptures for the coming Sunday, these groups share their faith and some fellowship over a cup of coffee. The women's group gathers on Tuesdays, and the men's group on Fridays. Just show up at the Lower Sacristy, or contact the parish office with inquiries.

Centering Prayer is a spiritual practice of our Catholic contemplative tradition that opens us more deeply to a relationship with God in faith and intimacy. Our group meets on Monday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Lower Sacristy.



School Shadow Visits are geared to young men who are juniors or seniors in high school and are interested in learning more about Borromeo Seminary. Individual visitors “shadow” a Borromeo seminarian through his day of seminary life. Call 440-943-7631 for more information.

Let Us Pray - You will find “Oremus” cards at the entrances of the Cathedral. Please use them to share your prayer needs, loved ones for whom you are praying, or concerns that you hold in your heart. Write those prayer needs on the card and drop them in the collection basket. For four weeks, we will remember your intentions in our public liturgical intercessions. We ask you to add them to your personal prayer as well.

✠ Oremus ✠ Let Us Pray ✠

Please feel free to write your intentions, prayer requests, or the names of individuals on this card and either drop it off at the Cathedral Rectory office or in the collection basket. Your intentions will be collected and remembered in this month's Masses and prayers of the Cathedral Community.

Pray for Each Other - In your prayers, please remember those in need of healing and support, especially: Sherry Brodock ✠ Natalie Rose Hayek, Drusilla Allen, William Loar Jr., Betty Allen, Mary Pierce, Dan F. ✠ Maureen Kolar ✠ Mary Theresa Dias & Family ✠ Pat Hesland ✠ Jim Nagle ✠ Kristen LaManna, Peggy LaManna ✠ Nancy Stinson, Alice Mycan, Melanie Dansko Mille ✠ Tim Ward ✠ Brian Churchmack ✠ Gloria Diederick, Elizabeth Gurango, Joan Emerick ✠ Kristina Oliver ✠ Michael Rullo ✠ Marquis Williams, Alfred LaManna, Doug Primus ✠ Robert Grasso ✠ John Ezerskis ✠ Rene Bedard, Margaret Fadrowski, Terrel & Michael Washington ✠ Andrey Agapov, Joan Uniatowski ✠ Deacon Charles Doerpers, Shelly, Vicki Kaltner, Helen Williams ✠ **Please pray for the repose of the soul of Cathy Cigoi, aunt of parishioner Nick Matuch, and George Jacob D'Souza, father of parishioner Gerard D'Souza. May the God of all compassion have mercy upon them and grant consolation to their families and friends.** ✠ *If you, or one of your family, would like to be included in this prayer list, please contact the Cathedral Office. After 30 days, please let the office know whether to retain the person on the prayer list.*



Parish Pastoral Council

For details visit:

<SaintJohnCathedral.com/ParishCouncil>

Parish Council generally meets on the **second Tuesday** of the month at 6:00 pm. Any parishioner wishing to address the Council at this time should contact the Council with their request. E-mail <ParishCouncil@saintjohncathedral.com>, or contact the rectory at 216-771-6666 ext. 4700.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 10, 2019.

Want to Become a Parishioner?

You can register to be a member of the Cathedral Parish by simply attending a 45-minute registration event in the Lower Sacristy. The next Parish Registration Days are:

Sundays at 11:30 am: January 19, March 15

Saturday at 5:30 pm: May 16

Welcome New Parishioners!

Richard Burns & Donna Richardson
Mary Baltas, Madeline Baltas, John Baltas,
Joseph Mannario, Brian & Kris Barren,
Patricia & Marshall Nill,
Robert, Agnes & Hunter Boal,
Jeff & Stephanie Pitts, Milita Nasuytis,
Victor Nasuytis, Charles & Kathleen Koch,
Madison Filicko, Natalie Monastra,
Jillian DePoy, The Hauser Family

Religious Education

Children's Ministries at St John's Cathedral include Parish Home School of Religion (PHSR); as well as Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation (8th to 11th grade).

PHSR and sacramental preparation: Through small group, on-line, and home schooling, we provide Kindergarten to High School students with catechesis and sacramental preparation.

If you are interested in assisting in these ministries, registering your child for PHSR or sacramental preparation, or if you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Apperson at 216-771-6666, ext. 5620 or <capperson@dioceseofcleveland.org>.

Intention of the Holy Father

December – The Future of the Very Young
– That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.



Diocesan e-Media

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Home Energy Assistance Program

(HEAP) information is available in the literature rack for low income seniors and adults with disabilities to apply for the 2018-2019 HEAP season. This federally funded program is designed to assist eligible low income Ohioans with their winter heating bills. The program does not end until May, so there is plenty of time to apply.

Tax-Wise Gifting from your IRA

If you are 70½ or older, you may be able to reduce your taxable income with a gift made directly from your IRA to a qualified charity such as our parish. Your accountant or IRA administrator can help you understand how the IRA Charitable Rollover works and the particular steps you can take to lower your taxes and help St. John Cathedral. Questions? Contact our parish office at 216-771-6666. You are also welcome to contact Sandy Lucas of the Catholic Community Foundation at 216-696-6525 x1640 or via email at <slucas@catholiccommunity.org>.

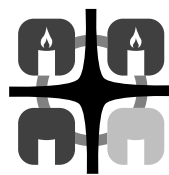


In Our Diocesan Community

Theology on the Rocks West – the Catholic based discussion group for adults 40 and above – will be held **Monday, Dec. 9th**, at 7:00 pm. NEW LOCATION: VOSH, 1414 Riverside Dr., in Lakewood (The old Three Birds-Georgetown). Many of us have a 'general' idea of what Judaism, as a faith, is, but truth be told, there is so much we don't know or understand. Join us as Fr. Hilinski, Delegate for Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs, is joined by a special guest, Rabbi Stephen Weiss, B'nai Jeshurun Temple, to discuss with us what it means to be Jewish. \$12 per person (incl. appetizers & cash bar) - register in advance at <theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west>.

Faith-Based Community - Are you creative, responsible? Want to work for a faith-based community? You are invited to become a L'Arche Assistant, to act as direct support for community members with intellectual disabilities (core members). Assistants live in, create a home, and share life with persons with disabilities. No experience required, but assistants must be at least 18 years old and able to drive. For more information, call Jen at 216-721-2614 or visit the website:<larchecleveland.org>.

St. Vincent De Paul Hunger Centers fundraiser - The Cleveland Cavaliers have teamed up with the St. Vincent de Paul Society's Hunger Centers to feed the hungry this Christmas Season. The CAVS are offering discounted tickets to the Friday, Dec. 20th home game against the Memphis Grizzlies at 7:00 pm. In addition to your ticket purchase benefiting our hunger centers, all attendees will receive a Whammer Bobblehead. The fun-filled evening includes a free throw on the court after the game - a great photo opp. for all. Order tickets at <svdpcl.org> or <go.rallyup.com/svdp-cavs>. Tickets sales end December 19th at 5:00 pm.



Local Advent Reflections from AM 1260 The Rock: Fr. Ryan Mann, Parochial Vicar at St. John Neumann Parish in Strongsville, will share his Advent reflections on AM 1260 The Rock. Each week he will help us prepare for the coming of our Savior with a new reflection. Tune in to AM 1260 The Rock to hear Fr. Mann's reflections, daily Gospel reflections, and other great programming to make your Advent a time of prayer and preparation. Visit <m1260therock.com> for our complete program schedule.



Please keep the health and safety of the members of our Armed Forces in your thoughts and prayers. God grant that they may return home safely and soon. **Please also let us know when your service people have returned.** Jewell Portwood, Luke Turbin, Devion Long, Craig Long, Travis Harman, Chris Paulett, Ben Maragliano. After 90 days, please let the office know whether to retain the name on the prayer list. (Please feel free to submit the names of service members for inclusion in this space.)

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