

St. Francis de Sales

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Bulletin for Sunday, December 8, 2019

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Weekday & Holy Day

Masses: listed in the bulletin

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

Care of the Sick:

Notify the parish office of those who are hospitalized or homebound. Holy Communion is brought to the homebound on Sundays and the week of First Friday. Arrangements can be made for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Baptism & RCIA:

Call the parish office to register. Diocesan regulations require first time parents to participate in a pre-baptismal instruction class. Adults wishing to become Catholic will be enrolled in the RCIA Program (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).

Matrimony:

Call the parish office to meet with a priest. Diocesan regulations require a minimum of 6 months preparation time.

Funerals:

Please have the funeral director call the parish office to finalize plans.

Parish Membership:

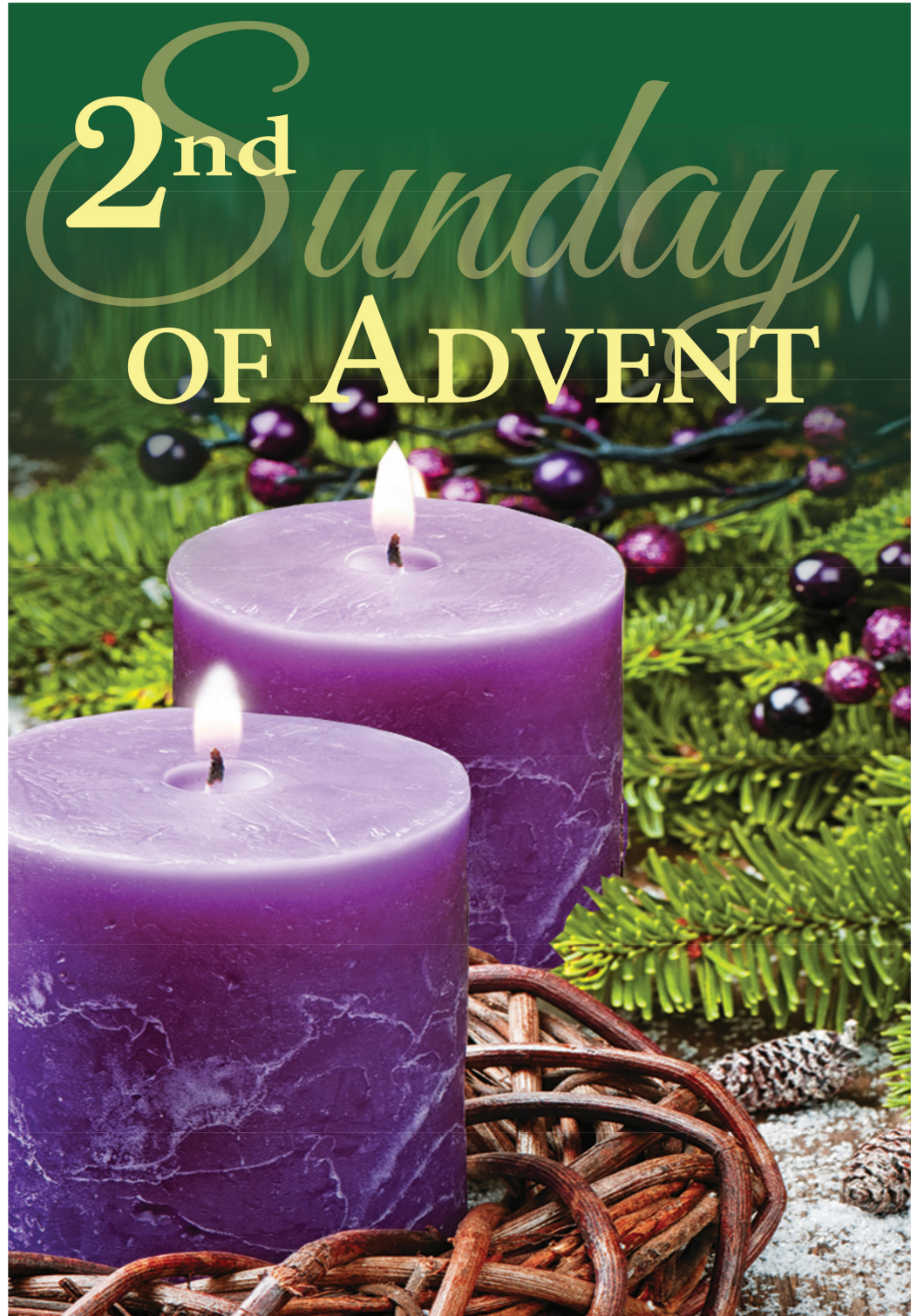
New parishioners are always welcome! Please call or stop in the parish office to register. Please notify the office if moving, changing address or changing phone number. All parishioners should be receiving offering envelopes to help support the works of the parish.

Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs.: 8:30am to 8:00pm

Friday: 8:30am to 6:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am to 12:00pm



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Parish Mission Statement

St. Francis de Sales Parish (Parma, Ohio) was founded in July, 1931, in the midst of the Great Depression. As a Catholic Church community, in keeping with our Baptismal calling, we strive to live the message and model of service of the Lord Jesus. We are committed to being faithful stewards of God's gifts to us, living the sacramental life of the Church, serving the poor and the needy and providing faith formation for all generations. We seek to continue to be a parish community welcoming all, a parish community helping people to grow in faith and a parish community reflecting the love of Christ. (March, 2015)

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week



SUNDAY, December 8
Second Sunday of Advent

8:30am For the People of the Parish
Holy Name Society Corporate Communion

11:00am † Frank & Rosemarie Crish



MONDAY, December 9

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:45am † Alexandra Tudini



TUESDAY, December 10

Advent Weekday

8:45am † Kozinski & Rutkowski Families

WEDNESDAY, December 11

Saint Damasus I, Pope

8:45am † Marie Weber

THURSDAY, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:45am † David Magic

FRIDAY, December 13

Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

8:45am † Robert, Frank, Esther Elizabeth,
and Janet Romanowski

SATURDAY, December 14

Saint John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

4:00pm † Donald & Cindy Molek



SUNDAY, December 15

Third Sunday of Advent

8:30am For the People of the Parish

11:00am † Joe Kaczmarek



4:00pm **Communal Penance at**
at St. Anthony of Padua Church

SUNDAY, December 8

7:00pm **RCIA** (Room A)

MONDAY, December 9

6:15pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm **Social Justice (Room A)**

7:00pm Boy Scout Troop Meeting (Cafeteria)

7:00pm Guitar Lessons



TUESDAY, December 10 Credit Union Open Noon-5pm

12:30pm **SENIORS' CLUB**

Christmas Luncheon at
Eddie's Pizzeria Cerino

7:00pm Men's Choir



WEDNESDAY, December 11

7:00pm **PSR**

Grades 3-8: Confessions

THURSDAY, December 12 Credit Union Open 2-pm

7:00pm **Youth Choir**



FRIDAY, December 13

SATURDAY, Dec. 14 Credit Union Open 9—Noon

Parish Office Open 9:00—Noon

9:00AM Christmas Tree Setup



"Angel Tree"
Gift Return Weekend



SUNDAY, December 15

Social Justice Food Packing

7:00pm **RCIA** (Room A)



BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO SERVE

Sat., Dec. 14 4:00pm Emily & Dana Juby

Sun., Dec. 15 8:30am Mark Chmielecki

11:00am Stephen Vavro &
Evan Fank



In Loving Memory

Genevieve Nowack

Ralph C. Clement





Joseph Amata, Elizabeth Ardner, Donita Arena, Mary Rose Baioni, Jim Bartkiewicz, Charlie Basich, Leonard Betlejewski, Stanley Beaudry, Kathleen Bomba, Mary Bourque, Ernie Bruno, John Ceregan, Kathy Chmielewski, Janice Clement, Joseph & Laura Collins, Ida Cmolik, Kathy Coffey, Larry Cole, John Cyngier, Josephine Czarnecki, Vittoria DeBiasi, Dawn Renee Dedo, Thomas Drusa, Zita Dudkowski, Cynthia Dunchak, Rosalie Duray, Robert Emerick, Julia Fabish, Kristine Faust, Eleanore Felty, Mary Fern, Joe Fischbach, Sandy Frankovic, Bernie Friedl, Bernie Gaines, Melissa Gatka, Barbara Glynn, Tom Golem, Walter Grale, Jerry Gunsley, Mildred Habich, Loretta Homick, Dorothy Houck, Linda Houck Menko, Bridget Houdek, Patricia Hovanic, Michael & Maryann Howard, Theresa Hrusovsky, Dorothy Inman, Nancy Sue Jablonowski, Anne Janatovich, Colette Jedlicka, Lena Jones, Larry Jones, Patricia Jones, Clara Kallal, Anna Kaminsky, Rosemary Karpus, Donald Karpus, Joseph Kaschalk, Shirley Kazimer, Daniel Kenski, Elizabeth Kiwala, Paul Kostansek, Walter Kowalski, Karen Kuczin, Linda Lachowski, Art & Marlene Lang, Jim Leggott, Louise Leo, Doreen Lerch, Judith Mallos, elen Maslanko, Anna Massitti, Linda Mastroianni, Linda Menko, Gloria Merholz, Barbara Milavec, Robert & Grace Miller, Donald Mlady, Toni Muceito, Mary Ellen Mura, Ted Murawski, Theresa Nicholas, Michelle Nowakowski, Ed O'Bloy, Marjorie Oster, Chris Ocasek, Cecylia Owca, Tina Panlillio, Andrew Pavka, Mary Peters, Ron Peters, Deacon Bob Piskach, Rosemarie Polefko, Sheila Porubsky, Tom Potoczak, Richard Raycher, Michael Repko, Carol Rickard, Maria Rizzo, Josephine Salonia, Lillian Salwan, Ramona Salupo, Thomas Sammon, Susan Sarota, Philomena Scalise, Ron Seman, Walter Sleva, Marge Svancara, Suzanne Sliva, Ed Smetanka, Hilda Stigalt, Bill Sunday, Ed Szalkowski, Julian Teul, Delores Tollis, Kenny Tomecko, Linda Toothman, Edith Ulicny, Carol Vale, Clara Vasicek, Sara Vondra, Pat Weston, Carol Wolff, Josephine Wramp, Joanne Zajkowski, Alice Zamiskie

From the Pastor's Desk



Thank you to our Ushers and everyone for the wonderful way you adapted to the new procedures for using the "Breaking Bread" hymnals at Mass. It appeared everything went smoothly for the first time doing this. I only found two hymnals in the pews on Monday morning! As weeks go by I'm sure that we all will become comfortable with the procedure..... Have you noticed the new, round collection baskets that are being used at Mass the past few weeks? The old ones were getting shabby looking and needing repairs. Thanks to the **Holy Name Society** for underwriting the cost of the new baskets. Now we just need to fill them every week!!..... Thank you to **Fred Sullin** who is retiring from being Scout Master of our Troop 192. Fred has been with our Scouting program from the time his sons were young boys in Cub Scouts all the way through Boy Scouting. I'm not sure how many years Fred has been with Scouting, but it has been a long time! Thanks, Fred, for the great example you have been to so many boys as they have grown in their manhood. Thanks also to your wife, **Sherry**, for being there with you and helping in the Scouting program. I'm sure that our new Scout Master, **Kurt Gutwein**, will do a great job because of the example and guidance both of you have given to him..... Have you been doing the "Reverse Advent Calendar" that was on one of the inserts in last weekend's bulletin? If not, it's not too late to start. At the end of Advent the food items that you collected for people in need can be brought to the church to help replenish our Social Justice Committee's pantry. Copies of the "Reverse Advent Calendar" can be found on top of the hymnal book cases at the church entrances.

.... Fr. Mark Peyton

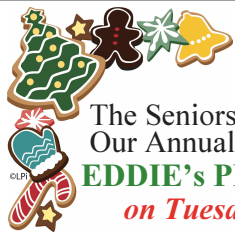
Church Christmas Environment

Your December packet of offering envelopes has an envelope for "Christmas Flowers". Your generosity in this collection next weekend (Dec. 14-15) helps to defray the expense for creating the beautiful environment in the church – the flowers and candles in the sanctuary, the arrangements and candles in the church windows and the décor around the manger. Please be generous. (You can also donate through **Online Giving** at our website, stfrancisdesales-church.org)



Christmas Wafers
(Oplatki)

Oplatki will be available again in the Parish Office during regular hours. There are 4 wafers in a package for a \$3.00 donation.



Attention: SENIORS CLUB

The Seniors' Club will be meeting this week for Our Annual Christmas Luncheon. It is at:

EDDIE's PIZZERIA CERINO (Broadview),
on Tuesday, December 10th at 12:30 P.M.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS - December 1, 2019

SUNDAY Collection	\$ 7,922
Online Giving "We Share"	\$ 465
UTILITIES	\$ 796
FUNDING THE FUTURE	\$ 443
TOTAL:	\$ 9,626

Thanksgiving / Social Justice \$ 2,285.00

Thank You for your Generosity

ONLINE GIVING is available!

Go to: stfrancisdesales-church.org

You can also use Online Giving to donate to Special collections. (e.g. Utilities, SFDS Social Justice, etc.)



Communal Reconciliation Service

Next Sunday, Dec. 15th, St. Anthony of Padua Church will host our joint Advent

celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 4:00 P.M. The service allows our two parishes to come together in a special way to prepare to celebrate Christmas. The Communal Celebration (usually about 1 hour long) consists of song, scripture, homily, examination of conscience, and private confession of sin and absolution. Besides the two priests from St. Anthony of Padua and the two priests from SFDS there usually are one or two other priests for the confessions. Why not make it a family Christmas tradition to join in the Communal Reconciliation Service?

Thank You!
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Thank you to the SFDS Mailing Crew for putting together the mailing of the Winterfest Flier & Raffle Tickets for all the SFDS parishioners & Alumni.
 Our GREAT Crew included:
Jeannette Baranyai,
Cathy & Jon Cutnaw,
Rich & Leona Juby,
Donna & George Kuzda,
Jim Leggott, Adeline Lusnia,
Verne Pfeifer, Kitty & Jerry Rohr
Gail Sluss, Rita Staniszewski
& Josie Wojtonek



Angel Tree Gift Returns

If you took an angel from the Social Justice's Giving Tree last weekend you are to **return the gift for the child NEXT WEEKEND (Dec. 14-15).** When you come for Mass please keep the gift with you in the pew. At the time of the Offertory Procession you will be invited to come forward and place your gift in the sanctuary. In the tradition of the Church the Offertory Procession is the time during Mass to present gifts for the poor and the bread and wine for the Eucharist.

Thank You!

Our new 2020 "Breaking Bread" books are now in place in the pews with new covers and Stewardship prayers! We do this once a year and it is actually quite an involved job. Our helpers this year were:

Mike Burk, Valrie & Megan Bohnak,
Paula Curtin, Eugene Franks,
Shirley & Dave Gyurcs, Ken Kovacs,
Patty & Jim Kusinski, Donna & George Kuzda,
Maryann Kuzda, Kitty & Jerry Rohr,
Gerald Vicki and Grace Zanath

We may have missed the names of a few people who helped. We are VERY GRATEFUL to **EVERYONE** who helped complete this annual project for our Parish!

Winter Fest 2020

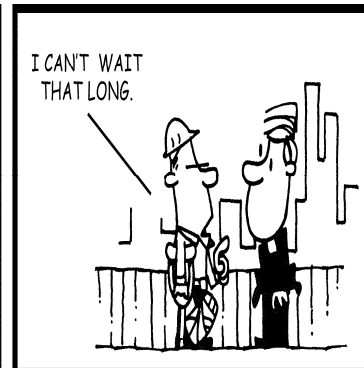
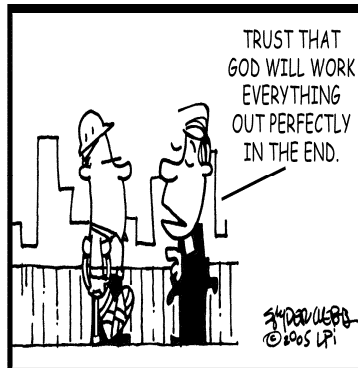
DONATION SUGGESTIONS...

New items for Chinese Auction Baskets & Spin Booths:

- * Items for a **HOUSEHOLD** Basket
 - * Items for a **MOVIE NIGHT** Basket
 - * Toys, stuffed animals for children
 - * Toys/games for older children
 - * Personal items, colognes, etc.
 - * Work basket...paintbrushes, tools, etc.
 - * **MONEY and GIFT CARDS** are a great help in putting everything together
 - * **SCRATCH OFF CARDS** for Money Trees
 - * **Larger HOUSEHOLD Items** for one of our newer and more popular booths.
 - * **SPORTS ITEMS** for Teens & Children's Booths.
- Thank you for helping to make this endeavor a success for our parish!* ...Sr. Annette



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT / THE SALVATION OF GOD



Social Justice News



As we prepare ourselves spiritually for Christmas, we look forward to your support of our **ADVENT FOOD DRIVE.** Your donation of any non-perishable food or staple item will be greatly appreciated.

Suggested items are:

Soup, Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit,
Sloppy Joe Mix, Mac N Cheese, Tuna,
Spaghetti Sauce & Pasta, Cereal,
Peanut Butter & Jelly/Jam, Cake Mix,
Pancake Mix & Syrup, Jello,
Shampoo, Body Soap, Detergent,
Paper Products (Toilet paper, Tissue/Kleenex)

Thank you for your continued and generous support!!!

St. Francis de Sales CHICKEN DINNER 2020

The dinner will be served **January 25th**, Saturday, from **5:00 to 6:30 P.M.** Tickets will be on sale before and after Masses, and will be sold in the Parish Office. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets are \$15 for adults/seniors and \$7.50 for children (10 years & under).

THE DINNER WILL BE CATERED BY STANCATO's

MENU:

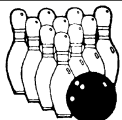
- * **Chicken**
- * **Au-gratin potatoes**
- * **Vegetable Medley**
- * **Breadsticks**
- * **Salad (w. pkg. dressing)**
- * **Dessert**
- * **Coffee/punch**
- * **Beer/wine/pop for sale**

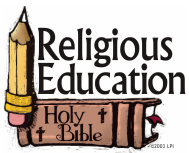


Besides the dinner, there will be sideboards, Toys 'N Treats, Gifts 'n Gadgets, Games of Chance, and there will be opportunity to take chances on our Chinese Auction and our Money Raffle. Plan to come to this special evening of fellowship and fun! Come and support our parish in our 5th annual **WINTERFEST** Chicken Dinner. (You will receive the **WINTERFEST Flier & Raffle** tickets in your mailbox!)
 ... Sr. Annette

**People
 Are
 Loving
 Servants**

The SFDS Wii Bowling group will meet this **Tuesday,**
December 10th at 11:00 A.M.





PSR

Michelle Nowakowski, PSR Director

Parish Office: 440-884-2319

SFDSGenerationsMinistry@yahoo.com

- ◆ PSR students in Grades 3-8 will receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** on **Wednesday, Dec. 11th**, during their PSR classes.
- ◆ Please help us decorate our **GIVING TREE** during the month of December. The tree is located in the hallway near the Parish Office. We hope to fill it with gloves, scarves, and hats. PSR families are invited to help decorate the tree with these warm items. So many people in our communities need our help. So please, help decorate our tree to help others!
- ◆ Please note that our **last** PSR Class before the Christmas break is Wednesday, December 18th.



CONFIRMATION

The next Confirmation Preparation class is **Wednesday, December 18th**. All candidates should report to **Room A**. Class is from **7 :00 to 8:15 P.M.**

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 the weeks until Christmas, you have the opportunity to “prepare the way of the Lord” in the lives of your children.

Bringing up the Gifts

If the weekend Mass you are attending is being offered for **an intention you requested**, it would be very appropriate for you and other family members to bring up the gifts (cruet of wine and bowl of hosts) during the Presentation of the Gifts at that Mass. **If you would like to bring up the gifts, please talk to one of the ushers when you come for Mass (early) and let them know.** The usher will then give you instructions on when to bring the gifts forward.

Catholic Charities Appeal 2019

During the week of Nov. 18th Bishop Perez sent a letter to Catholic households inviting a new or additional gift in support of this year's Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. At the end of October our parish had 280 donors who pledged \$33,837.00. This represents 94.2% of our parish goal of \$35,928.00. As you are purchasing Christmas gifts for family and friends in the next few weeks don't forget the hungry and homeless. If you received a letter from Bishop Perez please respond and make a donation to help people in need at Christmas time. You can email Karen Joyce at kjoyce@CatholicCommunity.org or call her at 216-696-6525x1910 for information.

MEET & GREET

Due to the Holiday scheduling and the Construction in Room C, there will **NOT** be a Meet & Greet this month. We may be able to schedule a Meet & Greet in January in the Cafeteria. Please watch the bulletin for future updates.

Happy Holidays !!!!



Liturgy Update

GOSPEL MEDITATION

The Second Sunday of Advent



What does it mean to be worthy? There are a few different ways to approach this question. Today's Gospel highlights two: the way of the Pharisees and the way of John the Baptist. Our faith values good works and discipleship. Perhaps, then, we “earn” our worth by adhering to the right doctrines and following the right pious practice. The Pharisees thought they were worthy. Due to their religious pedigree and proper procedures, they were self-satisfied. John the Baptist's words to them are strong. *“Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’”* Of course, Jesus (and John) don't omit the responsibility for moral behavior. John gives the Pharisees quite a strong warning in that regard. *“Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance ... every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”*

It's a question of attitude. Of disposition. It's a matter of the heart. If anyone would be worthy in this scenario, it's John the Baptist. Jesus himself will name him the greatest of prophets and a great man. John, however, recognizes his own lowly place in the grand scheme of things. *“The one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals.”* The Pharisees take pride in being “better” than others. John embraces humility in Christ being “better” than him. We don't self-generate our own worthiness. We receive it as a gift from God.

In a few short weeks, we'll celebrate the birth of Christ. Bishop Ven. Fulton Sheen wrote about the Nativity in his “Life of Christ”: “Because [Jesus] was born in a cave, all who wish to see Him must stoop. To stoop is the mark of humility. The proud refuse to stoop and, therefore, they miss divinity.” God invites us to prepare our hearts this Advent. When you consider your own life, where are you looking for your worth? This Christmas, are you prepared to stoop? (LPI, Liturgical Publications Inc.)

...Sr. Annette



The Parma/Parma Hts. parishes will be offering the Sacrament of the Anointing of the sick **this Thursday, Dec. 12th**, at **St. Bridget of Kildare Church after its 8:30 A.M. Mass**. Don't forget that if you are admitted to a hospital you can always request that the Catholic chaplain anoint you if you did not receive this sacrament of healing previously.

Notes from Sr. Annette... MY PRACTICES & MEETINGS WILL BE CANCELLED WHEN...



Catholic and public schools are closed because of bad weather. This **ONLY** applies to **Sr. Annette's** meetings and practices. This does **NOT** apply to other parish meetings, practices, etc.

Thank you.

...Sr. Annette

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

HEALING MASS

Dec. 13th at Holy Family Church (Parma)

Catholic Renewal Ministries will host a **Healing Mass** at Holy Family Church, 7367 York Rd., Parma, 44130, on **Friday, December 13th**. Praise and Worship will begin at 7:00 P.M. and the liturgy will start at 7:30 P.M. Fr. Bob Franco will be the celebrant. Healing prayer teams will be available after Mass for individual prayer. For more information, please contact Fr. Franco at 440-327-2201 or CRM at 440-944-9445. Come & bring friends or family.

Catholic Cemeteries Grief Support

Grief support groups will meet **next Sunday, Dec. 15th**, at **3:00 P.M.** at the following cemeteries.

Holy Cross Cemetery (Brook Park) – in the office

Calvary Cemetery (Cleveland) – in the office

All Saints Cemetery (Northfield) – in the office

The December topic will be **'Emmanuel/God With Us: You are Not Alone'**. A reservation is not required, but is appreciated. Visit the Cleveland Catholic Cemeteries Association's website or call Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

Feed Neighbors in Need

The **Cleveland Cavaliers** have teamed up with the **St. Vincent de Paul Society's Hunger Centers** to help feed the hungry. The CAVS are offering discounted tickets to the **Friday, Dec. 20th** home game at 7PM against the Memphis Grizzlies. In addition to your ticket purchase benefiting the hunger centers, all attendees receive a Whammer Bobblehead. Order tickets at svdpcle.org or go to go.rallyup.com/svdp-cavs. Ticket sales end 12/19 at 5PM.

LUMINARIES FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

St. Francis de Sales Parish is planning once again to decorate the outside of the church on Christmas Eve and Christmas morning with luminaries. The church will provide a luminary for each deceased parishioner since last Christmas. If you would like to have a luminary dedicated to someone (deceased or living) please fill out the form below and include a \$2.00 donation for each name. Please forward the form to the parish office or put it in the weekend collection basket **by Friday, Dec. 20th**. Thank You.

Christmas Luminaries

Name: _____

Amount Paid: _____

Names for Luminaries (Please PRINT):

You can drop off Luminary requests & donations in the Collection Basket or at the Parish Office.



Lunch & Learn...

Senior Scams: What you Need to Know

Tuesday, Dec. 17th - 11:30 a.m.

Mount Alverna Village, 6765 State Rd., Parma
Bring a friend and receive an extra door prize ticket!

Please RSVP by December 16th - 440-663-3301

or email: mmyoung@franciscancommunities.org

Many fraud schemes are performed over the telephone, door-to-door or online. Join us for lunch and discover the schemes attributed to credit cards, sweepstakes, banking or wire transfers, insurance & more! A delicious soup & sandwich lunch will be provided.



Jesuit Retreat
Center

A PLACE OF PEACE

Upcoming Retreats Jesuit Retreat Center

5629 State Road

To register contact:

Jesuit Retreat Center at **440-884-9300**

or www.jesuitretreatcenter.org

December Morning Prayer for Women. Monday, Dec. 16th from 9:30am - 11:00am. Women from all walks of life are invited to pray together and learn more about the beauty of prayer. Led by Sr. Mary Ann Flannery, S.C., 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! Cost: \$8.

Calix AA Men's Retreat: God's Grace. Friday, Dec. 20th 6:00p.m. – Sunday, Dec. 22nd, 11:00am. Presented by George B. & Team. It is from God's grace that we were all spared from this disease, and it is his grace that we are all thankful. Included are daily conferences, time for prayer and reflection, a healing service, and Mass. The weekend includes presentations and 5 meals. Cost: \$170

**Christmas
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Rev. Mark J. Peyton.....Pastor
Rev. John Crawford..... In Residence (Retired)
Deacon Robert Piskach.....Permanent Deacon (Retired)
Sr. Annette Amendolia, SND...Lit./Spiritual Life Minister
Miss Michelle Nowakowski.....Generations Minister
Mr. Gerry Mass.....Music Minister