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DECEMBER 8, 2019 • 2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT



Corporal Works of Mercy

**To Feed
the
Hungry**

**To Give
Drink to
the Thirsty**

**To Clothe
the
Naked**

**To Shelter
the
Homeless**

**To Care for
the
Sick**

**To Visit
the
Imprisoned**

**To Bury
the
Dead**

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**Monday, December 9**

8:30AM Mary Jane LaForet

Tuesday, December 10

8:30AM Rose Marie Dani

Wednesday, December 11—St.

Damasus I, Pope

8:30AM Wayne Whitmore

Thursday, December 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30AM Drs. Edgardo & Mark Katigbok

Friday, December 13—St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

8:30AM Ross & Ellen Ellis

Saturday, December 14—St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:30AM Carole O'Toole

4:30PM Robert & Rita Lynch

Sunday, December 15

7:30AM Ursula Patton

9:30AM Joseph & Stella Yuska

11:30AM Dorothy Evans

5:30PM For the Parish

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS**Monday-Friday:** 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

If you wish to see a priest, please call (440)333-2133 for an appointment.

If you have an appointment with a specific individual when the office is closed, please go to the side door and ring the bell.

Evening Rosary Group

All are welcome to join in prayer with the St. Angela Evening Rosary Group which meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month.



This month we will be meeting on **Wednesday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center.

Unsure how to recite the rosary? Don't worry! We'll provide "How to Pray the Rosary" sheets. Bring your rosary and intentions to lift up to our Blessed Mother.

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30PM, Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM; 5:30PM

Monday - Friday: 8:30AM

Saturday: 8:30AM Mass followed by a Novena to our Mother of Perpetual Help

Holy Days: Vigil 5:30PM, 6:30AM, 8:30AM, 12:00PM, 7:00PM

Confessions: Saturday 3:00PM - 4:00PM, or by request

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School/Preschool 440-333-2126; Extended Care x157 (2:30-6PM)

Mrs. Lisa Whelan, *Upper School Principal*Mrs. Elizabeth Andrachik, *Lower School Principal*Mrs. Christina Kutz, *Preschool Director*Mrs. Julie McGovern, *Extended Care Director*Mrs. Danyelle Anderson, *Nutrition Services Supervisor***New Parishioner Registration:** Call the Parish Center.**Religious Education Classes:** Preschool Sunday School, 9:30 AM; PSR Grades 1-8, Monday 4:00 and 7:00PM; Special Needs, Monday 7:00PM**RCIA:** This formation for adults who wish to become Catholic begins in early September. Call the Parish Center.**Natural Family Planning Classes:** Contact Timothy and Mary Ellen Jakubisin at 440-779-5793, or go to www.ccli.org**Baptisms:** Second, third, fourth, and fifth Sundays at 12:45 PM. Arrangements must be made in advance with one of the priests. Pre-Baptism class is required.**Marriages:** Couples should consult the priest of their choice at least 6 months before the wedding date. Call the Parish Center.**Ministry to the Sick/Homebound:** Anointing of the Sick; Communion for Shut-Ins. Call the Parish Center.**Funerals:** Arrangements must be made at the Parish Center before any publication in the newspaper.

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK**Sunday, December 8 | SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

FIAT WEEKEND OF SERVICE—ACTIVITIES ALL DAY

9:30AM	Family Mass Gr. 3	Church
10:30AM	Family Mass/Hospitality Reception	Social Hall
3:00PM	Christmas Concert	Church
8:00PM	Men's Basketball	Gym

Monday, December 9

4:00PM	PSR	School
7:00PM	PSR	School
7:00PM	Sports Boosters Board Mtg.	SH-East

Tuesday, December 10

9:00AM	Adult Spirituality Session #2	Seminar Room
7:00PM	Boy Scout Troop 401 Mtg	SH-West
7:00PM	Adult Spirituality Session #2	Seminar Room

Wednesday, December 11

5:30PM	Yoga	Social Hall
7:00PM	Ladies Monthly Rosary Group	PC-West

Thursday, December 12

2:30PM	Children's Choir Practice	Church
7:00PM	Adult Spirituality Session #2	Seminar Room
7:00PM	Lower School Christmas Play	Church
7:30PM	Al-Anon	SH-East

Friday, December 13

6:00PM	SJC Cookie Walk Drop-Off	Social Hall
7:00PM	SND Associates Mtg.	PC-East
7:30PM	Prayer Group	PC-West
8:00PM	Men's AA	SH-East

Saturday, December 14

11:30AM	Yoga Class	School Hallway
2:00PM	SJC Cookie Walk Drop-Off	Social Hall
3:00PM	Confessions	Church
5:00PM	SJC Cookie Walk	Social Hall

**Sunday, December 15 | THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT |
FOOD SUNDAY**

8:00AM	SJC Cookie Walk	Social Hall
9:30AM	Sunday School Christmas Party	Cafe
5:30PM	YOSA Mass	Church
6:30PM	YOSA Meeting	Social Hall
8:00PM	Men's Basketball	Gym

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY: Is 11:1-10 / Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 / Rom 15:4-9 / Mt 3:1-12

MONDAY: Gn 3:9-15, 20 / Ps 98:1-4 / Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 / Lk 1:26-38

TUESDAY: Is 40:1-11 / Ps 96:1-3, 10-13 / Mt 18:12-14

WEDNESDAY: Is 40:25-31 / Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10 / Mt 11:28-30

THURSDAY: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a / Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 / Lk 1:5-25

FRIDAY: Is 48:17-19 / Ps 1:1-4, 6 / Mt 11:16-19

SATURDAY: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 / Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 / Mt 17:9a, 10-13

NEXT SUNDAY: Is 35:1-6a, 10 / Ps 146:6-10 / Jas 5:7-10 / Mt 11:2-11

OREMUS PRO INVICEM*(Pray for one another) In your prayers, please remember those in need of healing, especially:*

Thomas & Alice Bader, Mary Cook, Ken DeCrane, Jean DiRuggiero, Bernice Dobrentey, Edward Dziedzina, Rosemary Eyerman, Kim Herricks, Jeanne M. Hudak, Ron Kay, Megan Keefe, Martha Kramer, Angelina Lapp, Fr. Jim Lee, Ave Leonard, Charles A.

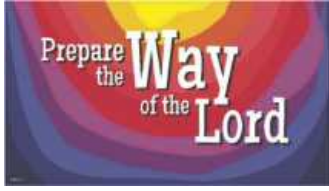
Lowe, Robert Lynch, Linda Materna, Gene Murphy, James Nieberding, Frances Parco, Alison Pettit, Lynn Piper, Joan Robinson, Rita Solly, Charlie Steigerwald, Ann Stomp, Dolly Szunyog, Kimberly Yaeger, Victoria Yaeger, William Young and Charlotte Zak.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for Stella Klasch. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.


Rest in Peace
WEDDING BANNSI Taylor Anne Sgro Spooner and Alexander James Spooner
December 23, 2019I Jennifer Ann Murtha ands Ryan Patrick Monter
December 28, 2019

Dear Friends,




God bless our Advent efforts as we journey through this new year of grace. Here are some thoughts to help guide us:

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT— CYCLE A

THY KINGDOM COME

The Texts: Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

Each time we gather for worship and stand before the altar, hearing again the story of our Lord's life, death, and resurrection, we come to that moment when we pray the Lord's Prayer. Praying the "Our Father" both privately and publicly is central to Christian practice and has been for as long as the Christian faith has existed. In that beloved prayer, we say, "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." So poignant is that phrase, that to hear ourselves pray it again and again surely reminds us that our faith is all about God's Kingdom, not ours, God's agenda, not ours, and God's purpose for life, not ours.

 **Today's lessons marshal the genius of that profound phrase in three unique and powerful ways.** So let's look at each of the lessons and ask ourselves what they are saying across the great chasm of time calling us to pray more fervently, "thy Kingdom come". Some 700 years before the birth of our Lord, a court prophet in the southern Kingdom of Judah envisioned a day when all the rancor and brokenness of our world would become a peaceable kingdom. We know him as the prophet Isaiah. His day was much like ours. The world he knew, much like ours, teetered on the edge of barbarity. Nations rose and fell, rulers came and went, and yes, most human beings knew a degree of suffering and inhumanity that most of us cannot even begin to imagine.

For Isaiah, God's Kingdom would be led by a person he called "A shoot out of the stump of Jesse." The Spirit of the Lord would rest on this sovereign in a way that informed every decision made. This coming ruler would not be hostage to capricious or selfish interests, nor would greed or grabbing for power color decisions made. Rather, this ruler, this monarch, this leader would be clothed with the presence of God. "Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins."



This Kingdom was Isaiah's holy and beautiful dream. In that land for which he longed millennia ago, the wolf would lie down with the lamb, and the lion would eat straw like an ox. In that Kingdom, children would not be threatened or harmed by any malady, whether it be a poisonous snake or the killing machine of an invading army. Said Isaiah, "They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea." The coming Kingdom, as Isaiah dreamed it, would be an existence when life in all its wonder would fully be lived and celebrated as God's good gift.

We fast forward seven plus centuries and meet there a burly, rough-hewn, spirited preacher we know as John the Baptist. Born to Elizabeth, the cousin of the Virgin Mary, John and Jesus were roughly the same age, John being a handful of months older. Much mystery surrounds John the Baptist. Scholars in recent years have tried to tie him to the monastic community that produced the Dead Sea Scrolls. There, on the western shore of the Dead Sea, the community of Qumran lived a simple, ascetic, deeply observant lifestyle in community. One of their tasks, by which they may have earned income for the community, was the hand copying of Holy Scripture.



Whether John the Baptist was part of that community at one time in his life begs the question.

We do meet him in the desert. The texture of Matthew's portrait of him suggests a counter-cultural, in-your-face prophet. And most of all, John is looking for the coming of God's Messiah. For John, God's coming Kingdom was going to be a wholesale housecleaning of history. John's baptism was for repentance. The Gospels suggest thousands of people walked great distances to hear him preach and to experience his baptism in the muddy waters of Jordan.

In John's words, not even respectable religious folks would get a pass when God came in all God's power and judgment. He called the religious leaders who came seeking his baptism a "brood of vipers" whose hearts' devotions did not square with their ritual observance. The Kingdom that was coming, in John's vision, would be violent, radical, revolutionary, and sudden. With one exception: One mightier, anointed of God, was coming after him who would do the heavy lifting required in this coming revolution. His work would use the winnowing fork of God's cleansing and "unquenchable fire" of God's judgment.

Our third picture of God's Kingdom comes from Paul's letter to the Romans. Paul describes to the Christians of the Imperial City a way of life infused with the values, character, and presence of Jesus Christ. He called them to live in the realm of "hope", breathing the rarified air of "steadfastness and encouragement" all of which has the power to grant "harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus."



For Christians, the Kingdom is a community of mutual affirmation and generous love showing the world a way of life that refuses to let anger lead to ruptured relationships or fear sabotage mercy. Our example, wrote Paul, is always Jesus Christ. At that time, Jews and Gentiles saw the life of faith from radically different perspectives. Paul reminds the Romans – who were mostly Gentiles – that our Lord, being a Jew, became a servant to bring the entire world – both Jews and Gentiles – into God's Kingdom. In a word, in God's Kingdom, there are no categories of being human. All humankind is loved equally and passionately by God.

So what do we do with these three sketches of God's coming Kingdom? Without distinction, all three tell us God's Kingdom will be unlike anything humankind can imagine or create. None of us have the power or persuasion to bring God's Kingdom into being. It is God who establishes the high mountain of worship, God who overturns our selfish understandings of faith, and God who creates a community rooted in harmony and grace.

But let us hasten to add that while God's Kingdom is God's doing, God calls all of us to live in ways that anticipate and reveal the Kingdom to others. Here is a picture of grace unlike any other. We do not bring God's Kingdom; but by our lives, we reveal God's Kingdom values and presence. So how we speak, the integrity with which we live, the compassion we demonstrate in the face of human suffering, and the love we give without expectation of anything in return reveal God's Kingdom, offering a glimpse of what is surely coming in all its fullness. Such is the Kingdom coming in this One who draws near and meets us at Bethlehem. Amen.



I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I.

I am not worthy to carry his sandals. (Mt 3:11)

The God Who is Revealed in Christmas from Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Christmas is God's answer to human longing, God's response to the centuries of prayers that lay hidden in our groaning, in our sighs, our frustrations, and our religious efforts, each of them a plea, mostly silent, for a divine intervention, all of them asking God to come and rid the world of injustice and our hearts of loneliness and heartache.



But God's answer didn't exactly meet our expectations even as it surpassed them. What was born with Jesus' birth and what still lies seemingly helpless in manglers all around the world wasn't exactly what the world expected.

What the world expected was a superstar, someone with the talent, sharpness, and raw muscle-power to out-gun everything that's bad on this planet, someone charismatic enough to make everyone who opposes him slink away in defeat. God's answer to that: A baby lying helpless in the straw!



Why? Why would God choose to be born into the world in this way?

Because you can't argue with a baby! Babies don't try to compete, don't stand up to you, don't try to best you in an argument, and don't try to impress you with their answers. Indeed, they can't speak at all. You, on your part, have to coax everything out of them, be it a smile or a word, and that effort, which demands great patience, usually draws out what's best in you. Moreover, you can't push at a baby too hard, it will begin to cry and the session is over.

And that is the Savior who was born in Bethlehem, and that is how God is still basically in the world. Like a baby. God does not outgun anyone, out-muscle anyone, threaten anyone, or overpower anyone. The power of God revealed in Christmas is the power of a baby, nothing more, nothing less: innocence, gentleness, helplessness, a vulnerability that can soften hearts, invite in, have us hush our voices, teach us patience, and call forth what's best in us. We watch our language around a baby in the same way as we watch our language in a church, with good reason.




The power of Christmas is like the power of a baby, it underwhelms in such a way as to eventually overwhelm. There is a greater power than muscle, speed, charism, unstoppable force: if you were to put a baby into a room with the heavy-weight boxing champion of the world, who ultimately would be the stronger? The boxer could kill the baby, but, no doubt, wouldn't, precisely because something inside the baby's powerlessness would overwhelm the boxer. Such is the way of God, the message of Christmas.

But we have always been slow to understand this. We want our messiahs to possess more immediate power. And we are in good company here. The messiah that people longed for during all those centuries leading up to Jesus and Bethlehem was precisely conceived as a human superhero, someone with the earthly muscle to bang heads together and purge the world of evil by morally superior muscles.



Even John the Baptist expected the messiah to come with that kind of power. His concern was justice, repentance, asceticism. He warned people of an approaching time of reckoning and expected the longed-for messiah to come precisely as a violent fire, a winnowing fan that would separate the bad from the good and burn up the former with a righteousness that came straight from God.

When he heard reports of Jesus gently inviting sinners in rather than casting them off, John was scandalized. That kind of a messiah didn't fit his expectations, or his preaching. That's why Jesus, in sending a response to him, invited John not to be scandalized in him. John hadn't wanted a gentle, vulnerable, peace-preaching messiah. He wanted bad people punished, not converted. But, to his credit, once he saw how Jesus' power worked, he understood, accepted a deeper truth, stepped back in self-effacement, and pointed people in Jesus' direction with the words: He must increase and I must decrease. I'm not even worthy to untie his scandal strap!

 **We too are slow to understand.** Like John the Baptist, our impatience for truth and justice makes us want and expect a messiah who comes in earthly terms, all talent and muscle, banging heads together so as to rid the planet of falsehood and evil. We want the kind of messiah we see at the end of every Hollywood thriller: Mother Theresa turned into Sylvester Stallone or Bruce Willis as I write this, beating up the bad guys with a violence they can only envy.

But that's not the Christmas story, nor the power revealed in it. An infant lying in the straw in Bethlehem didn't outgun anyone. He just lay there, waiting for anyone good or bad to come to him, see his helplessness, feel a tug at his or her heart strings, and then gently try to coax a smile or a word out of him.

That's still how God meets us.

Don't forget our adult ed sessions. And plan on our communal penance service on December 18th at 7pm. It's a great gift to give to yourself.

Oremus pro invicem. Soli Deo Gloria.

Father Michael J. Lanning, Pastor



YOSA Christmas Party!

YOSA's annual Christmas party will be held in the rectory on



**Sunday, December 15th
following the 5:30 p.m. Mass.**

All teens are welcome to come experience the joy of Christmas along with great food and friends.

This will also be an opportunity to pick up a registration form for the annual **YOSA retreat, held January 17–19, 2020.** Don't miss this great weekend retreat!



Cleveland Christmas Bus Tour With Fr. Rob

Join Fr. Rob Ramser on **Monday, December 30th** as we journey to some of our most beautiful ethnic parishes during the Christmas Season. We will visit St. Vitus Church, St. Rocco Church and the Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus. Daily Mass will be offered as part of the trip.

The bus will leave St. Angela's at 8:30 a.m. and arrive back at about 4:30 p.m.

The cost is \$50 per person and includes lunch at the Hofbrauhaus (any drink other than water is at your expense). Checks should be made out to St. Angela Merici Parish and can be dropped off or mailed to the Parish Center or put in the offertory basket in an envelope marked *Bus Pilgrimage*.

Due to logistics of the bus rental, there can be no refunds.

Contact Fr. Rob at (440) 333-2133 with any questions.

FIAT's 3rd Annual COOKIE WALK

FIAT is sponsoring its 3rd annual cookie walk to raise funds for their many activities. Come and purchase a variety of cookies perfect for home, your office or even as gifts. Mix and match to get all your favorites! Cookies will be sold by weight.



Join us in the Social Hall
Saturday, December 14th after the 4:30 p.m. Mass
Sunday, December 15th after the 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses.

Do you enjoy baking? Please share in the Christmas spirit and donate your cookies for the walk. Drop-offs will be Dec 11th, 12th, and 13th in the Parish Center 9am-5pm –or– Dec 13@ 6-8pm or Dec 14 @ 2-4pm in the Social Hall.

St. Angela Merici's Annual Christmas Choir Concert
 Featuring the Adult and Children's Choir along with members of
 Bluewater Chamber Orchestra
 Directed and Conducted by David Tidyman
Sunday December 8, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in the Church

Experience the joy of Christmas with traditional carols from the children, adults and soloists, along with a special presentation of Irving Berlin's *I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas!*
 Father Michael J. Lanning will be leading a closing song of Silent Night as a blessing on our parish.
 The children, adults and soloists will be ready to help you usher in Christmas.
 Come early to get a good seat and be sure to invite friends and family.



Adult Spirituality/Faith Formation Series

SAM is offering an Adult Spirituality/Faith Formation series. This series is based on the Jesuit Retreat with the late Rev. Howard Gray, S.J., *Growing In Our Relations With God, Others and Self*.

Join us for Week 2

This week's topic will be: ***God's Abiding Love for Me.*** There are three opportunities to attend; Tuesday at 9 a.m., Tuesday at 7 p.m. or Thursday at 7 p.m. and each session will last about 45 minutes. For a complete list of session topics, visit the Events & Announcements page at samparish.org



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 www.am1260therock.com for our complete program schedule.

**St. Joseph Academy
Christmas Fair Trade Boutique**



Shop for gifts that help people and help the planet at the fourth annual Saint Joseph Academy Christmas Fair Trade Boutique

**Thursday, December 12, 5-8 p.m.
Saint Joseph Academy Auditorium
(3470 Rocky River Drive,
Cleveland, OH 44111)**

Browse various fair trade items from more than 20 vendors, including artwork by Saint Joseph Academy students and teachers, One World Shop, Sweet Designs, jewelry, soaps and lotions, prints, cards, coffee, tea, homemade candles, high-end handbags and scarves, fruit leathers, knitted apparel and chocolates.

Admission and parking is free.

**COOKIE DONATIONS
NEEDED!**



The SAMs Ladies Guild is in need of homemade cookies. We prepare small cookie boxes for our shut-ins. The Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be delivering cookie boxes to our shut-ins the weekend of December 21st, so please bring your cookies to the Parish Center by 3:30 p.m. on Friday, December 20th. The shut-ins really look forward to this treat every year! Call Lil Tovtin at (440) 779-5151 with questions.



LITURGICAL ROLES

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Monday, December 9

8:30AM Ann Burgett, Joseph
Ramunno, Max Schroeder

Tuesday, December 10

8:30AM Kaitlyn Andrachik, Grace
Chambers, Jameson Pierce

Wednesday, December 11

8:30AM Emily Bernosky, Mary
Kearney, Thomas Wilson

Thursday, December 12

8:30AM Alaina Gardner, Elizabeth
Jodon, James Pacetti

Friday, December 13

8:30AM Kaitlyn Andrachik, Mason
Compiseno, Jack Pofok

Saturday, December 14

8:30AM Hannah Danburg, Henry
Scott

WEEKEND SERVERS

(DECEMBER 14—DECEMBER 15)

4:30PM Shannon Gardner, Margaret
Molnar, Abigail Rosol

7:30AM Connor Keast, Luke Lavelle

9:30AM Liam Carey, Xavier
DiGennaro, Stephen Martis

11:30AM Liam Campbell, Brian Keim,
Kevin Marks

5:30PM Lauren Buck, Ryan Crable

LECTORS

(DECEMBER 14—DECEMBER 15)

4:30PM Jeff Szemplak, Michelle Fox

7:30AM John Jeziorowski

9:30AM Joe Yuska, Bob Austria

11:30AM Mike O'Donnell, Bob Heiss

5:30PM YOSA



SVDP FOOD COLLECTION

The SVDP food collection is next

Sunday, December 15th.

Please consider donating for those who are less fortunate.

Use the **BLUE** containers located in the Lorain Ave. vestibule.

Thank you for your support and donations!

~SVDP/ St. Angela Conference

River Valley Paper Recycling Update

*PLEASE NO CARDBOARD!

Cardboard fills the bins fast because even when flattened, it takes up more space than paper. It is also much lighter than paper, and so we are not earning very much money from River Valley since we are paid by the pound.

Thank you for supporting our PTC by recycling paper at home and bringing it up to the bins. Magazines, newspapers, mail, catalogs, notebooks (even with spirals), and bagged shredded paper are welcome. No need to remove staples or paperclips, as those are removed at the factory. Our September totals were 5,300 lbs earning us \$13.25. Questions? Contact Trena



Did you know?

The holidays can be a very difficult time for many people who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Whether your loss happened recently or many years ago, holidays and family traditions can cause people to feel their grief more intensely. This is a very normal response to one's grief, but some may feel caught off guard from the emotions that surface around the holidays.

If you feel as though you could use some grief support this holiday season, please reach out to Erin or Carrie who are part of the St. Angela Merici Ministry of Consolation.

To learn more about the Ministry of Consolation please email Erin or Carrie at moc@samparish.org



FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE ARMED SERVICES

Lord, we pray for all family members in the armed services, especially those who have asked for prayers:

Jason Actis, Liam Anglin, Christopher Ceren, Captain Kevin Comiskey, Patrick Elfers, Michael P. Gallagher, James Graham, Ron Grethel, Shane Hillman, Michael Hills, Derek Lisowski, Coulton Manning, Matthew Martis, Dan Meleason, Joseph O'Malley, Andrew Pipak, *Captain Christopher Salisbury*, Tyler Thompson and Jonathan Traczyk.

Please keep all of our armed forces stationed here and in foreign lands including those disabled by war in your prayers.

Note: To add a family member, please contact the Bulletin Editor, Ms. Suzanne Quinn, at bulletin@samparish.org.



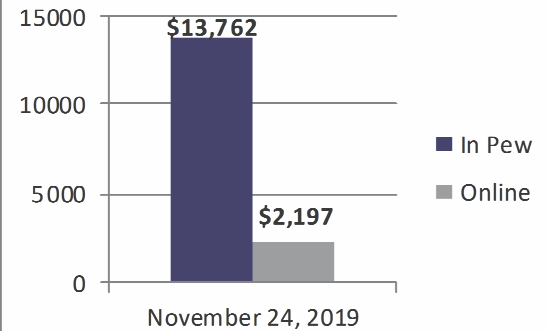
ST. ANGELA'S PRE-CANA RETREAT

Are you engaged and planning a wedding? Are you also planning for the sacrament of marriage? Please join married couples of all ages from our parish who share their insights into married life and help you plan for all the days that come after the wedding day.



St. Angela's 2020 Pre-Cana Retreat will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2020.

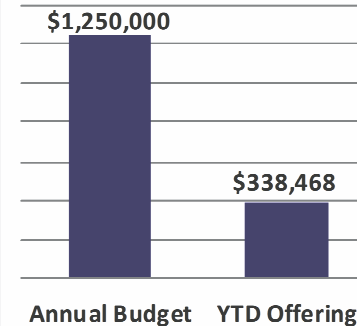
Register online at www.samparish.org. Questions? Please call Sarah and Brian Burke (440-438-3808) for more information.

Weekly Offertory**Protecting God's Children**

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at (216) 334-2999 or via email at response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org. You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.



Catholic Diocese of Cleveland

2019-20 Annual Offertory**Stock Giving to Our Parish**

Did you know that donating stock can be more beneficial than donating cash, due to the tax advantage often associated with transferring appreciated stocks to a charitable organization such as St. Angela's? Gifting appreciated stock (held more than one year) to our parish may allow you to deduct the stock's full value and bypass capital gains tax. Your accountant or financial planner can help you decide if this option is right for you.



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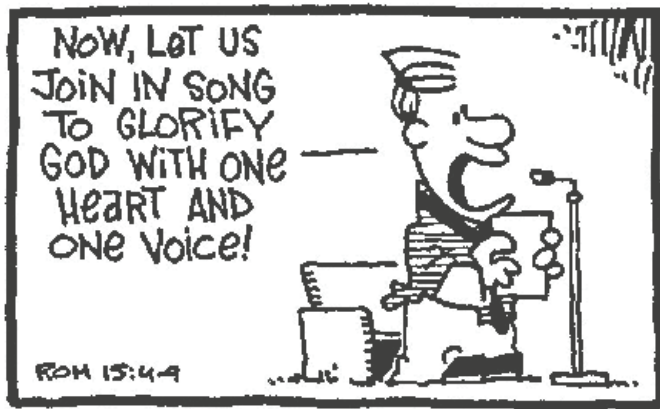
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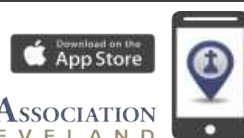
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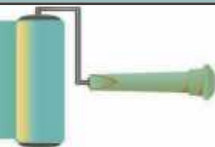
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