

SAINT NOEL

PARISH

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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OUR MISSION

Saint Noel is a Catholic Community committed to inspiring worship, gracious welcoming, and earnest service, all for building God's Kingdom.

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

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PRAYER & WORSHIP

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, December 27

8:30 AM Pompeo and Antonio Cusmai†

Tuesday, December 28

8:30 AM Frank Kirchner†

Wednesday, December 29

8:30 AM Sarah Hornyak†

Friday, December 31

8:30 AM Bill Bosak†

Saturday, January 1

5:00 PM Eleanor Reilly†

Sunday, January 2

9:00 AM Parishioners of St. Noel

11:00 AM No Mass Intention Scheduled

†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:

Marie Vittori, Joan Mihalczik, 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, Fern Woldman, and Marie Vittoria.

STEWARDSHIP

COLLECTION THE WEEK OF

11/28/2021 - 12/4/21

General Fund Collection: \$18,667.00

Catholic Education Fund: \$850.00

TOTAL OFFERTORY: \$19,517.00

Social Justice Fund: \$1,325.00

Donations toward the roof: **\$171,540.00**

(to date, since 16 December 2019)

Thank you! May you know the reward of your goodness.

CATECHESIS ON THE MASS • CONCLUDING RITES

Our catechesis on the Mass has come to its end, and wraps up with the end of this calendar year! I hope you've learned something about "why we do what we do," when it comes to the liturgy of the Church, the greatest prayer humanity can offer in this life!

When the distribution of Communion is over, the priest, a deacon, or an instituted acolyte purifies the vessels. While the purification takes place, a priest prays quietly: **"What has passed our lips as food, O Lord, may we possess in purity of heart, that what has been given to us in time may be our healing for eternity."** Such incredibly beautiful words! (It took me forever to commit it to memory). These words have virtually remained unchanged since the sixth century.

When the distribution of Communion is over, if appropriate, the priest and faithful pray quietly for some time. If desired, a psalm or other canticle of praise or a hymn may also be sung by the whole congregation (GIRM 88). In general, periods of silence for the entire assembly are fresh additions to the Mass. At the beginning of Mass, after the priest says, **"Let us pray,"** before the Gospel acclamation, after the homily, and after the distribution of Holy Communion, the priest, together with the assembly, is to observe moments of sacred silence: to collect our thoughts and intentions before the Collect (Opening Prayer), to reflect on the readings and psalm proclaimed (as well as set them apart from the Gospel), to reflect on what was offered in the homily, and to offer praise and thanksgiving for the gift of the Eucharist after all have received. **"I will come to you in the silence."** The observation of sacred silence is just as integral to the Mass as are our strong responses and singing.

Then, standing at the altar or at the chair and facing the people, with hands joined, the priest says: **"Let us pray."** All pray in silence with the priest for a while, unless silence has just been observed. Then, the priest, with hands extended, says the **Prayer after Communion**, at the end of which the people acclaim: **"Amen."** The Prayer after Communion concludes the Communion Rite, summing up its purpose in a single prayer to God. In centuries before the Second Vatican Council, it was customary to use more than one Prayer after Communion; for example, one for the saint's day and one for the season. But the revised Missal limits this to just one prayer, which gives clearer focus and direction to the Communion Rite.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

If they are necessary, any brief announcements to the people follow here. Once the Communion Rite concludes, and just preceding the final blessing and dismissal, announcements for the sake of the community may be made. These help the people

WEEKLY READINGS

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

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

27 Monday: ST. JOHN, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST (F)

1 Jn 1: 1-4
Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12
Jn 20: 1a, 2-8

28 Tuesday: THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS (F)

1 Jn 1: 5—2:2
Ps 124: 2-5, 7c-8
Mt 2: 13-18

29 Wednesday: FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD;

St. Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr [m]

1 Jn 2: 3-11
Ps 96: 1-3, 5b-6
Lk 2: 22-35

30 Thursday: SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

1 Jn 2: 12-17
Ps 96: 7-10
Lk 2: 36-40

31 Friday: SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD;

St. Sylvester I, Pope [m]

1 Jn 2: 18-21
Ps 96: 1-2, 11-13
Jn 1: 1-18

1 Saturday: SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD, The Octave day of the Nativity of the Lord [S]

[not a holy day of obligation this year (USA)]

Nm 6: 22-27
Ps 67: 2-3, 5-6, 8
Gal 4: 4-7
Lk 2: 16-21

2 Sunday: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (S)

Is 60: 1-6
Ps 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2: 1-12

know how to live out the Gospel in the coming week. Logically, a community gathered regularly always needs announcements. People need to know where and when to meet the next time, and to exchange information pertinent to their upcoming activities. In modern times a custom developed for making the announcements part of the homily, but by assigning them at a certain time, the Order of Mass expresses its preference that they not interrupt the flow of the liturgy, but stand at the head of the dismissal, suggesting purposes for sending the assembly into the world.

Then the priest, extending his hands, greets the people, saying, **"The Lord be with you."** They reply, **"And with your spirit."** He joins his hands again and then immediately placing his left hand against his chest, raises his right and adds, **"May almighty God bless you,"** and, as he makes the Sign of the Cross over the people, continues, **"the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit."** All reply, **"Amen."** On certain days the blessing may be amplified with a Solemn Blessing, a three-fold prayer in the third person ("May almighty God ...") to which the people answer "Amen" after each part. If a deacon is present he instructs the assembly, **"Bow down for the blessing."** Then the deacon, or the priest himself, with hands joined and facing the people says one of four options for the Dismissal: **"Go forth, the Mass is ended,"** or, **"Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord,"** or, **"Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life,"** or, **"Go in peace."** the people reply: **"Thanks be to God."** These four options are also used when the Liturgy of the Hours is prayed publicly. This final dialogue of the Mass is begun by the deacon, if present, who sends the people forth from the Eucharist into the world. During the Mass the deacon directs the people to perform certain actions; now he invites them to the kind of service he himself will offer the Church in the week to come. Double "Alleluias" conclude the dismissal throughout the Octave of Easter and on the solemnity of Pentecost.

Then the priest (and deacon) venerates the altar as usual with a kiss, as at the beginning. After making a profound bow with the ministers, he withdraws. It has become customary to sing a closing hymn or song. However, the GIRM and the Order of Mass never mention it. As with the kiss of the altar, however, it creates a balance with the actions at the beginning of the Mass.

If any liturgical action follows immediately, the rites of dismissal are omitted. In the instances when Mass is followed by another rite, the elements of the dismissal are deferred until the entire celebration is complete. This happens commonly at a funeral Mass. Following the Prayer after Communion, the liturgy continues with the Final Commendation, and subsequent burial. The dismissal, then, takes place at the cemetery.

Now, if **"Mass"** ever comes up as a category on **Jeopardy!** you're all set!

Fr. Terry

WORSHIP AID

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

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

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ENTRANCE CHANT • TM #74

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 84

Happy are they who dwell in your house, O
LORD, who dwell in your house, O LORD.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Lord, dwell among us. Lord, hear our prayer.

OFFERTORY CHANT • TM #72

AWAY IN A MANGER

COMMUNION CHANT • TM #83

THE SNOW LAY ON THE GROUND

SENDING FORTH • TM #64

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of our parishioner, **Madeleine Smith**, whose funeral liturgy was celebrated Saturday morning, December 18, at McMahon Funeral Home, Willoughby.

SYNOD • 2021-23

COMMUNION • PARTICIPATION • MISSION

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>

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Synod
2021
2023

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, emails, 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.



It's still Christmas!

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:

Also, be sure to check the pockets of the kiosk, for something that could be meant just for you!

Kiosk Christmas Card
c/o Saint Noel Parish
35200 Chardon Road
Willoughby Hills, OH 44094

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FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

We have served **154** people so far in December. **Currently, we need “chunky” soup, pasta sauce in jars, and jelly.** 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.

GED

The AERC is taking a well-deserved break over Christmas. Many, many thanks to Debbie Kramer for her wonderful job of coordinating, and to all our tutors and volunteers...thank you!!

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Our first N2N meal of **2022**, is scheduled for **Thu., Jan. 6**. Winter coats and other outerwear will be available. Dinner is served at **6 PM** and any parishioners are warmly invited to join their community neighbors for a delicious meal.

DISASTER RELIEF

Catholic Charities, USA serves those throughout our country impacted by natural disasters. We remember our brothers and sisters in Kentucky and the surrounding states. To donate financial assistance, visit [CCUSA Disaster Relief - Campaign](https://www.ccusa.org/campaign) (catholiccharities.us).

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). On Fri., Dec. 10, families referred by our food pantry, produce distribution, and community members picked up envelopes of gift cards to Giant Eagle and Walmart, enjoyed a coffee bar that included doughnuts donated by **Patterson Fruit Farm**, and took home bags of fresh apples, bananas, and oranges donated by **Mario Fazio's Restaurant**. Thank you to these businesses and to our entire parish family for being a source of light and love at this holiday time and all year round!

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

We are in need of altar servers for all of our weekend liturgies. Altar serving is open to anyone age 10 (or in 4th grade) and older: kids, teens, and adults. All are welcome. Serving is a wonderful way to fully participate in liturgy. Parents, as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, why not consider serving with your child? Parent/child server teams would be a wonderful way to grow in faith with your child and a beautiful symbol to the parish. If interested, please call the parish office, **440-946-0887**.

HOLIDAY HELPS FOR THE DIVORCED AND SEPARATED

LAKE/GAUGA DIVORCED & SEPARATED CATHOLIC MINISTRY

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.

A NEW YEAR'S EVE RETREAT AT JRC

SEE, I AM DOING A NEW THING

Friday, Dec. 31, 5:30 PM - Saturday, Jan. 1, 11:30 AM. Presented by **Bill Hobbs**. As we turn the page on the calendar to 2022, we take time to pause and reflect on the past year and plan for the year ahead. The evening begins with dinner at **5:30 PM**, followed by a reflection and time for quiet prayer. We will gather before midnight for some conversation and to share a toast to the New Year. In the morning, we will conclude with liturgy and brunch. Cost: **\$100**.