



HOLIDAY

Mass Schedule

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Sunday, December 23rd

9:00 am *Sick & Needy of SJN*
St. Vincent DePaul Society
11:00 am *All Souls*

Monday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Vigil
4:00 pm *Special Intention*
Christmas Vigil Mass
with Buck McDaniel
10:00 pm *Special Intention*
Traditional Midnight Mass
with Ralph Bednarz & Schola

Tuesday, December 25th

Christmas Day
9:00 am *Special Intention*
with Ralph Bednarz & Schola
11:00 am *Special Intention*
With Contemporary Choir

Wednesday, December 26th

No Morning Mass

Thursday, December 27th

No Morning Mass

Friday, December 28th

No Morning Mass

Saturday, December 29th

4:00 pm *Gertrude Pruchnicki*

Sunday, December 30th

9:00 am *St. John Nepomucene Parish*
11:00 am *St. John Nepomucene Class*
of 1946

Sick Calls – Please call the rectory to arrange for Father Jasany to bring the Sacraments when a member of your family is hospitalized.

Weddings – Parishioners are asked to call the rectory office at least 6 months in advance of the wedding to schedule an appointment with Father Jasany.

Baptisms – The 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 12:00 pm. Parents are required to attend Pre-Baptism Class. Arrangements must be made a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the date of baptism. Before parents baptize their child, Diocesan and parish policy requires you to complete a Baptism Preparation Class. **The next class will be on Sunday, January 6, 2019 at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish at 11:15 am.** Please call 216-641-2829 to register.

Godparent and Sponsor Certificate – Sponsors for Baptism or Confirmation must be registered and practicing members of the Church, attending weekly and Holy Day Masses for a minimum of 3 months prior to the celebration of the Sacraments for which they have requested the certificate. Please note individuals 18 years of age and older, no longer in school, need to register.

Pre-Cana Program for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage at the Jesuit Retreat House on Sunday, January 13, 2018 at 12:45 pm. Program satisfies the requirement for marriage preparation as stipulated by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. Register at 440-884-9300 or www.jrhcleve@att.net



Dear Parishioners,

We look forward to celebrating Christmas with you. Please join us in rejoicing at the Gift of Our Savior's Birth.

Our Christmas Schedule is:
Christmas Eve
December 24th

We will celebrate with Mass at 4 PM & 10 PM

Christmas Day, December 25th
Our Masses will be at 9 AM and 11 AM

The Feast of the Holy Family
Saturday, December 29th - 4 PM Mass
Sunday, December 30th - 9 AM & 11 AM Masses

Feast of the Holy Mother of God
New Year's Eve, December 31st
4 PM Mass
New Year's Day, January 1st
9 AM and 11 AM Masses

Many beautiful celebrations occur during the Christmas Season. The Season of Christmas extends all the way to include the Baptism of the Lord, which is on Sunday, January 13, 2019.

Plan to attend Mass on all the special occasions of this Christmas Season. Invite your family, relatives and friends to come with you. "Jesus is the Reason for the Season." We hope to see you and possibly your family members, relatives and friends at our various Masses.

Let us celebrate the true Gift of Christmas, the Gift of Our Savior.

This weekend we will be passing out 2019 Christian Monthly Planners. It is a planning calendar with inspirational sayings. Please take one home with you.

Where would we be without Jesus?

He was born of a woman so we could be born of God....He humbled himself so we could be lifted up. He became a servant so we could be heirs. He suffered rejection so we could become his friends. He denied Himself so we could freely receive all things. He fully gave himself so He could bless us in every way!

In response to the Great Gift given to you in Jesus Christ and in honor of Our Savior's birth, would you kindly consider making a financial gift to the parish of St. John Nepomucene at Christmas? Just as we give a gift to someone on his or her birthday, I kindly request that you make a financial gift to our parish as a way to honor Christ on His Birthday.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Merry Christmas!

Father Jasany, Pastor
St. John Nepomucene Parish



Sunday, December 23rd

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Jesus was born into a family. Because of his birth, not only was the world changed—the role of family life was also profoundly changed. Every family is called to recognize, value, and nurture the presence of God in their midst.

SVDP Meeting 10am

\$1000 Raffle - After the 11 am Mass

Monday, December 24th

Christmas Eve

At 3:30 pm on Christmas Eve, we will present the 4th Annual Christmas Eve Concert preceding our 4 pm Family Mass. Organist Buck McDaniel leads a professional orchestra and soloists in arrangements of favorite Christmas carols including *Gesu Bambino* and *O Holy Night*. The perfect Christmas family experience, the mass includes additional favorites including *The First Noel* and *Silent Night*, all with orchestra in the glorious space that St. John Nepomucene offers the Slavic Village community and beyond.

Ralph Bednarz and the Scola Choir will present a Christmas Concert featuring Christmas Carols before our 10 pm Traditional Midnight Mass beginning at 9:30 pm.

Tuesday, December 25th

Christmas Day

Our Christmas Day Masses will be at 9 am and 11 am

Please note that the rectory will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, December 24th & 25th. We will be back on Wednesday, December 26th. Merry Christmas!



Readings for the week of December 23rd

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-18 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
Monday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
Tuesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22
Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Friday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Sanctuary Guild Volunteers
December 19th thru January 1st

Kathy Bondzio and Patty Kowalec

Stewardship of Treasure

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| <i>Sunday, December 16th</i> | <i>\$2556.50</i> |
| <i>Memorials</i> | <i>120.00</i> |
| <i>Maintenance</i> | <i>22.00</i> |
| <i>Capital Improvements</i> | <i>150.00</i> |
| <i>Utilities</i> | <i>95.00</i> |
| <i>Diocesan Assessments</i> | <i>5.00</i> |
| <i>Novena Lights</i> | <i>52.18</i> |
| <i>Immaculate Conception</i> | <i>135.00</i> |
| <i>Christmas Flowers</i> | <i>65.00</i> |
| <i>Religious Retirement</i> | <i>45.00</i> |
| <i>Little Blue Books</i> | <i>43.00</i> |

*Thank you for your continued Generosity!
May Our Lord continue to bless you.*

Tax Letter for 2018 Contributions

Parishioners who would like a letter to verify their church contributions for the 2018 tax year may call the rectory office at 216-641-8444 or drop a note in the offertory basket to the attention of Mrs. Kowalski. A letter will be prepared and mailed to you after January 14, 2018. If you call the rectory after office hours, leave a message in voicemail box #10.

REMINDER CONCERNING 2018 CONTRIBUTIONS – In order for your contributions to be attributed to the 2018 Tax Year, they must be received by December 31, 2018 and your check must be dated 2018. Contributions received on or after January 1, 2019 must be reported as 2019 contributions.

This complies with IRS Requirements and Regulations.

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick. May they and their caregivers receive comfort and strength, remembering



especially Mary Adams, Sierra Adams, Ronnie Bellomy, Mary Ann Betliskey, Tony Betliskey, Pat Colburn, Donna Czyzynski, Corrine Dawe, Joseph Deccola, Carole Dlouhy, Joan Gorris, Barb Herdering, Richard Hejl, Kristin Hill, Ethan Jackson, Jacob Jackson, Millie Jasany, Tracy Johnson, Pearl Kliment, Judy Landolph, Bishop Richard Lennon, Barbie Lister, Deborah Malinowski, Erin Mangan, Jeanette Miller, Marguerite Miller, Geri Milton, Nikki Milton, Donna Murrin, Louis Novac, Art Novotny, Fred Pickle, John Pocius, Joel Rivera, Sue Seda, Earl Sheets, Margaret Slechta, Elaine Stack, Rev. John Tezie, Ed Vitigoj, Robert Wagner, Zdzislaw Wojciechowski & Greg Wisniewski.

For the Men and Women serving in the military, especially those from our parish and their families.

For Our Loved Ones who have died that they rest in eternal peace in heaven.



A Message from our St. Vincent de Paul Society...

As 2018 comes to a close we would like to thank our parishioners for their continued support of canned and boxed foods, paper products and monetary donations. Also, their generosity to our Giving Tree Program. To our parish staff for distributing food to those who come to the rectory for assistance. To Father Jasany for his support.

To Pete & Stasia Gentile and the Social Concerns Committee for sponsoring the Giving Tree. To Slavic Village Bi-Rite on Fleet & East 65th for their assistance throughout the year.

This Christmas we were able to serve twenty-six (26) families totaling eighty-three (83) individuals.

May God Bless All of You!
Merry Christmas!
St. Vincent de Paul Society

The Catholic Cemeteries Association has a Grief Support Group, which meets the third Sunday of every month. Their grief support leaders are certified as Ministers of Consolation by the National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved, Inc. This Catholic-based support can be supplemental to your existing support group. Their next meeting will be on January 20th at St. Joseph Cemetery, Avon; Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron and Holy Cross Cemetery, Brookpark. The January topic is "Grief's Gentle Journey: One Foot in Front of the Other." No registration necessary. For more information visit www.cclecem.org or contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866

Church Memorials & Gifts

In Loving Memory of Robert Schaefer
from his Wife, Marge

A Gift from Lou & Kathy Gazo

A Christmas Gift from the Members
of SJN Altar & Rosary Society

In Loving Memory of the Balli Family
from Lisa Balli

In Loving Memory of
the Merryman Family
from Emily Nagle

In Loving Memory of
Joseph S. & Florence Ferek
from their Daughter, Connie

In Loving Memory of the Nagle Family
from Emily Nagle

In Loving Memory of Leon Maslowski
from Connie Maslowski

In Loving Memory of Andrew Gurcze Sr.
from his Wife, Mary

In Loving Memory of
the Girolamo Family
from Emily Nagle

In Loving Memory of
Charlotte Kotlarsic
from Mr. & Mrs. Gary Kotlarsic & Family

In Loving Memory of
Harry & Delores Abramowski
from Mr. & Mrs. Jim Ciesla

In Loving Memory of
the Nejman Family
from Emily Nagle

In Loving Memory of
Gloria Lasecki
from Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Lasecki

In Loving Memory of
Leonard & Pauline Ciesla
from Mr. & Mrs. James Ciesla

In Loving Memory of
Hyatt Rhine Jr.
from Mr. & Mrs. Edward DeMore

In Loving Memory of
Kathryn Ksiazka
from her Husband, Edward

In Loving Memory of Ron Walk
from Tom Konkoly

In Loving Memory of Ralph Warner
from Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Lasecki

In Loving Memory of
Sam & Mary Zingales
from Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Lasecki

In Loving Memory of
the Svec Family
from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Stack

In Loving Memory of
Ronald & Carole Walk
from Mr. & Mrs. Dave Lanzola

In Loving Memory of
Hyatt Rhine Sr.
from Mr. & Mrs. Edward DeMore

In Loving Memory of the Skala Family
from Lisa Balli

In Loving Memory of
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Lasecki
from Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Lasecki

In Loving Memory of
Robert DeMore
from Mr. & Mrs. Edward DeMore

In Loving Memory of
Mr. & Mrs. Hank Zarko
from Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Lasecki

In Loving Memory of Deacon Donlin
from Mr. & Mrs. Chester Betliskey

In Loving Memory of
the Pivonka Family
from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Stack

Christmas Dinner Prayer

Loving God and Father of us all, we joyfully celebrate the birth of your Son, the eternal Word who came to dwell with us and is born this day of the Virgin Mary. May the meal we share on this great feast satisfy us not only with the good food you give us, but also grace us with the fullness of your love, which you bestowed on our human nature when your Son took on our very flesh. May we come to share completely in your divine life through the coming of your Son among us. May his self-giving love be made manifest in our hearts so that the joy of our Christmas feast may extend beyond our family and home to touch the lives of others with the love that makes this day holy and makes us all children of one family in you. Amen.