

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2011

Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

8:00 a.m. Alyce Mooney
10:00 a.m. Victor Fioritto
12:00 noon Frank Negrelli
6:00 p.m. The Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2011

Weekday

Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20

6:30 a.m. Winifred Clark
9:00 a.m. Angela Stupansky

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2011

Weekday

Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28

6:30 a.m. Assunta Pecoraro
9:00 a.m. William B. Adornetti

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2011

Weekday

Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39

6:30 a.m. Mary Ann Kilroy
9:00 a.m. Almeda Petti

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2011

Hilary

Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45

6:30 a.m. Sadie Scaminace
9:00 a.m. Almeda Petti

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2011

Weekday

Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12

6:30 a.m. Int. Jimmy Dimora Family
9:00 a.m. Mariano Urbaz

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 2011

Weekday

Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17

8:15 a.m. Ralph Shimandle
9:00 a.m. Leonard Marous

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2011

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

8:00 a.m. The Parish
10:00 a.m. Connie Flynn
12:00 noon Denise Hammes
6:00 p.m. Rosie DiPuccio

**LIFE IS CHANGED, NOT ENDED.
ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD!**

Maria Ciancibello
Ruth F. Cerny
Matthew Crozier

Eucharistic Exposition

There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, January 14th, from 12:00 noon until 9:00 p.m. Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

We will have Collection totals for Christmas available for our January 16th bulletin.

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The Sacrament of Baptism and stewardship go hand-in-hand. What better way to live out our baptismal commitment than as good stewards of all the gifts (time, talent, treasure) God has given to us.

Catholic Charities Campaign

Our parish has reached 86% of its goal for the 2010 campaign. If you have not made a pledge or gift to Catholic Charities for 2010, you are encouraged to do so now. Envelopes are available at the kiosk. Help St. Francis to inch closer to its parish goal!

PARISH NOTES

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2011

- 11:00 a.m. Confirmation Meeting/CAF
- 12:00 p.m. CYO/Gym
- 1:00 p.m. Franciscans/AR
- 7:00 p.m. LifeTeen

MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2011

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary/CH
- 2:30 p.m. CYO/Gym
- 7:00 p.m. Novena/CH
- 7:00 p.m. Compassionate Friends/AR
- 7:15 p.m. Rosary/CH (Behind Altar)
- 7:15 p.m. Confessions
- 7:30 p.m. PTO/LIB
- 7:30 p.m. Prayer, Healing & Eucharistic Adoration/CH (Behind Altar)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2011

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary/CH
- 9:45 a.m. Scripture Study/AR
- 11:30 a.m. Confessions
- 2:30 p.m. CYO/Gym
- 6:30 p.m. Praesidium Meeting/CAF
- 6:30 p.m. PSR/SCH
- 7:00 p.m. RCIA/OMR

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2011

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary/CH
- 12:30 p.m. Rosary/OMR
- 2:30 p.m. CYO/Gym
- 7:00 p.m. AA/CAF
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting/AR
- 9:00 p.m. Men's Basketball/Gym

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2011

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary/CH
- 2:30 p.m. CYO/Gym

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2011

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary/CH

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 2011

- 8:00 a.m. CYO/Gym

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2011

- 11:00 a.m. Welcoming – New Parishioner Registration/AR
- 1:00 p.m. Pre-Baptism/AR
- 12:00 p.m. CYO/Gym
- 7:00 p.m. LifeTeen

AR – Activities Room, **OMR** – Office Meeting Room,
CH – Church, **CAF** – Cafeteria, **MR** – Music Room,
LIB – Library, **REC** – Rectory, **PC** – Parish Center,
CHAP – School Chapel

SERVERS SCHEDULE

- JANUARY 15**
 4:30 p.m. A. Fortunato – A. Fortunato – V. Matticoli
- JANUARY 16**
 8:00 a.m. K. Jackson – A.M. MacKenzie – M. MacKenzie
 10:00 a.m. J. Betley – K. Deegan – A. Nahara
 12:00 noon T. Engel – M. Fedeli – M. Pallazzo
 6:00 p.m. S. Flowers – M. Haddad – E. Kennedy

View from the Caddyshack II

Appreciation: *I am deeply grateful for your generosity at Christmastime which includes end-of-year giving. To date, total giving exceeds \$125,000.00. We will publish a complete report at the end of January. May God reward your sacrifices for St. Francis.*

New Year's Resolution: *I will make a sincere effort to be here on time for Mass and to remain until the end of Mass.*

Baptism of the Lord: *If you struggle to understand the Baptism of Jesus, you are not alone. Even John the Baptist said, "I need to be baptized by you, and you are coming to me." The Baptism of Jesus is worthy of our contemplation. Pope John Paul II included it as one of the luminous mysteries of the Rosary. The Baptism of Jesus is totally different from our Sacrament of Baptism, but there is one way in which it is similar.*

If I were to ask the average Catholic what they associate with Baptism, it would likely be taking away original sin – but there is a better answer. You all know what an empty wallet is – especially after Christmas. That is basically what original sin is: an emptiness, a big nothing. We are empty of God's grace and life. Baptism is about filling that emptiness with the fullness of God's life, making us children of God, filling us with the Holy Spirit, making us members of the family of God, and offering us the hope of eternal life. In Jesus there was no emptiness. In Him dwells the fullness of the divinity. Saint Paul tells us that Jesus was God's Beloved Son from all eternity. Jesus had no need of Baptism in any form. Jesus' Baptism by John does provide us with an occasion to reflect on our own Baptism.

There is one similarity between our Baptisms worth considering. They are similar in that they are both a commitment. John's Baptism was a public commitment people made to live holy lives and to prepare for the coming of God's kingdom. Jesus, in being baptized, was publicly committing Himself to do God's will and to preach and build the kingdom of God. The same is true for us. We are committed in a public event to belong to God, to be God's obedient child, to love God and to give witness to our faith. It's like declaring one's candidacy for the office of Christian in the world. Most likely our parents made that commitment for us with the intention of directing us in God's ways. Eventually, we have to make that commitment our own if our Baptism is going to mean anything at all.

On this feast of the Baptism of our Lord, we have a wonderful opportunity to recommit ourselves to the Lord. The effects and blessings of Baptism remain with us as long as we do not turn our hearts away from the Father. In this way, Jesus' Baptism by John is very much like our own, not a private but a public, open declaration of our commitment to love and serve the Lord and others just as Jesus did.

Vocation view: *In Baptism we become children of God. We are called to live a life of holiness. Am I being called to live that life as a priest or religious?*

Some words to live by: *Kindness is hard to give away because it keeps coming back.*

Some humor to survive by: *Adam was retuning home later one night. Eve confronted him, "You're having an affair with another woman, aren't you?" "Don't be silly," he replied, "You're the only woman on earth."*

Later that night Adam felt a tickle and woke up, "What are you doing, Eve?" "I'm counting your ribs," she said.

Fr. Jim Caddy

Grief Support Group Begins

Have you experienced the loss of a loved one? Caring people will offer you support as you adjust to your new life. Join our St. Francis-St. Anselm Cluster Grief Support Group on Thursday evenings, February 3, 10, 17, 24, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Office Meeting Room at St. Francis. Sessions focus on the grief process, coping skills, Scripture/prayer and moving forward. To register, contact Martha Stewart at St. Francis (440-461-1494) or Jean Fitzgerald at St. Anselm (440-729-5130) by February 1.

Wellness Committee Meeting

There will be a Wellness Committee meeting, Monday, January 24, in the Office Meeting Room from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Come and help us plan for the New Year ahead! Call Martha if you have any questions at 440-461-1494.

Developing Spiritual Friendships

A friendly conversation which can become a little bit spiritual is a way for diverse people of the parish to connect. Many St. Francis parishioners live their weeks in the confines of home. Our cluster will soon be providing training for men and women of the parish to become spiritual friends who will visit our homebound parishioners on a weekly basis. Eucharistic Ministers to the homebound and other parishioners are invited to participate in the training, *Becoming Spiritual Friends*, on Tuesday, February 1, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at St. Anselm. Call Martha Stewart (440-461-1494) or Jean Fitzgerald (440-729-5130) to register.



Eucharistic Ministers Needed for the Homebound

If you are presently a Eucharistic Minister and would like to take communion to the homebound or to those in a Nursing Facility or Assisted Living, there will be training on Sunday, January 23, at 1:00 p.m. in the Activities Room at the School. Also, if you would like to facilitate a weekly Sunday communion service at one of the several area senior high rises, we will also provide orientation for that. If you would like to register for this session or have questions, please call Martha Stewart (440-461-1494).

Rosary at Manor Care

Have you been looking for a way to share your faith? We are in need of people willing to visit Manor Care on Friday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. to pray the Rosary with the residents. If you are interested in helping with this, please call Martha at 461-1494.

WELCOME!

If you are interested in joining our parish community, we would love to meet you in person and talk with you. Please plan on attending our Welcoming Breakfast for new parishioners on **Sunday, January 16, at 11:00 a.m.** in the Activities Room of the Parish Center. You will have an opportunity to meet members of the Pastoral Staff and Pastoral Council and find out more information about the organizations and activities of our parish. If you are interested in attending or have any questions, please call Roberta at 461-0066, ext. 171.

RCIA –

Please continue to support and pray for our RCIA catechumens and candidates as they prepare for the celebration of the Easter sacraments.



Do you know someone interested in Saint Francis of Assisi School? Registration will take place during the month of February and tours of the school and student shadow days are available by appointment. Just call the School Office at **440-442-7450**.



Open House will take place during Catholic Schools Week on **Thursday, February 3rd**. School families, grandparents, parishioners and any new families interested in attending our school are invited during the school day on **February 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** (refreshments will be served) or in the evening from **6:30-8:30 p.m.** We really hope to see you there!

If you have any questions about our school, please do not hesitate to contact our principal, **Mrs. Adrienne Publicover**, either by phone at 440-442-7450 or via e-mail at apublicover@stfrancisgm.org. She will be happy to show you around the school and answer any of your questions.

Stop by and see all the wonderful things happening at St. Francis of Assisi School! We are so proud of our students, faculty and staff and would love for you to be a part of our school family!

End-of-Year Contribution Statements

We will not do a general mailing of contribution statements this year. If you would like to receive a statement for your contribution for the year 2010, please contact the Parish Office.



PRE-CANA DAY

The parish will hold their annual Pre-Cana Day on Sunday, April 17, 2011 in the Parish Center. Diocesan regulations require any couple getting married in the Catholic Church to attend a Pre-Cana Day prior to their wedding. If you are planning on getting married at St. Francis, please call the Parish Office to sign up. Seating is limited, so please call as soon as possible.

Football Frenzy – Week 9

The big winner for week nine games was ticket number 1924 whose teams totaled 121 points. That total won its owner \$250.00. Second and third was a tie between numbers 1277 and 1981. They both totaled 117 points and each won \$90.00. Fourth, fifth and sixth was also a tie but with three tickets, they were numbers 316, 434 and 890. They split \$180.00 three ways. All had 113 points. Incredibly seven tickets tied for seventh and eighth place. They were numbers 123, 199, 291, 502, 512, 1035 and 1120. They also totaled 110 points and were sent \$10.00 each. Completing a day of ties for football frenzy players, except for the big winner, low and second low also tied at 23 points. They each received \$35.00.

Offertory Gift Bearers

If you are a family member or friend of a loved one being remembered at a weekend Mass and would like to carry the gifts of bread and wine to the altar, please identify yourself to an usher who will arrange for your participation.

Lectors for Weekday Masses

We are in need of lectors for our 9:00 a.m. weekday Masses. If you are willing to help out, please contact Fr. Gary or Fr. Jim. We need lectors who can sub as well as cover one day a week.



McDonald's 2-for-1 Cards

You may purchase a 2011 McDonald's 2-for-1 Card from the School or Parish Office for \$10.00. The card may be used only at the Mayfield restaurant. All proceeds benefit the school.

Celebrants for January 15-16, 2011

Saturday, January 15, 2011

4:30 p.m. Fr. Malin

Sunday, January 16, 2011

8:00 a.m. Fr. Malin

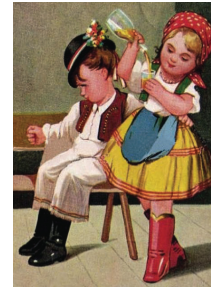
10:00 a.m. Fr. Malin

12:00 p.m. Fr. Caddy

6:00 p.m. Fr. Caddy



St. Francis of Assisi Parish presents:
A Night in Budapest
A night of fun, food, music, and dancing



Saturday, January 29
6:30-10:30 p.m.

Chef Ida's delicious menu:

- soup*
- salad*
- chicken paprikash*
- dessert*
- beer, wine, soft drinks, coffee*

Music provided by **"The Hungarians"**

\$40.00 per person

Please fill out slip and place in an envelope with payment. Make checks payable to: St. Francis of Assisi. Drop into collection basket, bring to office, or mail to: SFA, 6850 Mayfield Road, Gates Mills, OH 44040
Tickets will be held at the door.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

(for reservation confirmation)

Number of Reservations: _____

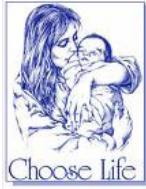
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(\$40.00 per person)

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Red Cross personnel will be in the Parish Center Gym on Sunday, January 23rd, 2011, from 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. to receive blood donations for a need that is never ending. While requirements to donate are stringent, many are capable of meeting them. Basically one must be 17 years of age (there is no upward limit), weigh at least 110 lbs. and be in good health. Bring along a list of medications taken, and photo identification. A person may donate every 56 days.





Mass For Life

The Pro-Life Office of the Diocese of Cleveland announces the Annual Solemn Mass for Life on Friday, January 21, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. This Mass for remembrance and repentance is on the vigil of the 38th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. We will pray for healing and for human dignity from conception through natural death. Bishop Lennon will be the celebrant and homilist. For more information, please call the Pro-Life Office at 216-334-2965.

Cleveland's Annual March for Life

Join Cleveland Right to Life to pray for an end to abortion and for parents who are the second victims of abortion Saturday, January 15th, at 12:00 noon on Public Square. Dress warmly and bring the family. There will be a Memorial Program at the Tower City Skylight Room from 12:30-2:00 p.m.

The program includes lunch, prayers, exhibition and a guest speaker. Visit www.ClevelandRightToLife.org to purchase lunch and for program details.

RECYCLE

We have **four** green and yellow recycling bins on our property. You can drop off:

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| newspapers | magazines | junk mail |
| office paper | envelopes | paperback books |
| hardbound books | | |

We **cannot take phone books, cardboard or plastic**. Recycling helps our environment, saves trees and provides additional income for the parish. We should be able to fill these bins up on a regular basis. It really doesn't take much effort, but your effort can truly help our parish. **Please consider recycling here at St. Francis each week.**

Adopt a bin

Your work place can adopt a recycle bin for St. Francis. The proceeds from the collections will be donated to the parish and can reduce your business' solid waste collection. In addition, this can be a charitable contribution for the business. Please contact our Business Manager, Kevin Audin for details.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY



Happy Birthday to Genevieve Burke as she celebrates her 94th Birthday! Genevieve has been a parishioner at S.F.A. for over 40 years!

If you or someone you know will be celebrating a 90th or beyond birthday, please let us know so that we can acknowledge your special day!

...AND IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE



The Giving Tree Committee thanks each one of you who participated in our Giving Tree Advent Project. You lifted a burden from so many families and allowed them to see people who really care and share the meaning of Christmas. Please read the "thank you" notes posted in the vestibule of the church. We gathered 545 gifts, gift cards totaling \$1,155.00 and \$2,480.00 in currency. Thank you for returning your gifts on time as requested even with a huge snow storm. A big thank-you to all those who helped in preparing and sorting the gifts, those who gave their time to write out tags, helped in bringing the gifts to the Rectory and all the drivers who delivered the gifts. Thank you to Fr. Jim and Fr. Gary for sharing your basement with us for three weeks. Also, thank you to the eighth grade boys who helped carry the bags from the basement out to the cars for the drivers. Thank you to everyone, for the time you spent and for your generosity in caring for those in need. Your efforts were very much appreciated. May the love you have this season be shared with others all year and returned to you a hundredfold.

Always Our Children

The parish support group for family and friends of gay and lesbian Catholics invites you to their next meeting, Sunday, January 9th, from 2:00-3:30 p.m., in the John Paul II Room in the old church of St. John Vianney Parish on Bellflower Road in Mentor, Ohio.

Prayers for the Sick

Please keep the following members of our parish community in your prayers.

Josephine Gallucci, Dolores Saada, Dora Balint,
Mary Johnson, Dan Brown, Clara Corea.

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One may request prayers for the ill (oneself or another) by calling the Parish Office and requesting the person's name be listed in the bulletin.

Please note that names will be published for two consecutive weeks. If you wish the name to be continued, you may call and renew the request. Please make certain that the ill person does not object to having his/her name placed in the bulletin.

FOOD PICK-UP VOLUNTEERS



January 9	Joan Allen	Bring Food
January 16	Jocelyn Linsalata	Bishop Cosgrove
January 23	Alyce & Craig Kasper	Lutheran Church
January 30	Mike & Joanne Grace	St. Augustine

In Memory

The advent wreaths and Christmas flowers were donated **"In memory of Sam J. Frankino, who is always in our hearts"**... The Dodero Family