



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2011

First Sunday of Advent

Is 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:33-9; Mk 13:33-37

8:00 a.m. The Parish

10:00 a.m. Giglio Family

12:00 noon Victor Simonyi

6:00 p.m. Marge & Al Flowers

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2011

Advent Weekday

Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

6:30 a.m. Bart Mercurio

9:00 a.m. Grace Sofia

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2011

Advent Weekday

Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

6:30 a.m. Coewen Thomas Henk

9:00 a.m. Peter & Bridget Murphy

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2011

Andrew

Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

6:30 a.m. Gust Gallucci

9:00 a.m. Virginia Liederbach

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2011

Advent Weekday

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

6:30 a.m. All Souls Day Intentions

9:00 a.m. Bill Schneider

FRIDAY DECEMBER 2, 2011

Advent Weekday

Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

6:30 a.m. Jimmy D'Arcangelo

9:00 a.m. Dillhoefer & McCarthy Families

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2011

Francis Xavier

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5-8

8:15 a.m. Winifred Clark

4:30 p.m. Wendy Murphy

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2011

Second Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

8:00 a.m. Mangino & Harrington Families

10:00 a.m. Laura Czerwony Marckese

12:00 noon Walter Coffey

6:00 p.m. The Parish

LIFE IS CHANGED, NOT ENDED.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD!

Patricia A. Pierce

Josephine Gallucci

Eucharistic Exposition

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on First Friday, December 2nd, from 9:30 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord.



**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY**

WEEKEND COLLECTION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2011

	Period	Cum To Date
Actual Collection	\$18,966.00	
Electronic Giving	\$ 3,752.00	\$11,256.00
Variance to Budget Plan	(\$ 482.00)	(\$ 2,876.00)
Reduction in Savings (variance to need)	(\$ 3,782.00)	(\$72,176.00)

MEMORIAL ALTAR FUND

IN MEMORY OF
Anthony P. DeFabio
Jennifer Lynn Sloe

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When we consider our use of the gift of time, the most important thing is to allow time for prayer. No matter how busy our lives are, we need to keep our focus on God.



Congratulations to Beatrice & John Bondra, as they celebrate their 56th Wedding Anniversary. May you continue to share God's many blessings!



Wedding Banns

Jenna Zerkoe & Ryan Silakpski

Advent Thoughts

Dear God, help us to be ready to walk in Your light. This first week of Advent, help us prepare our minds and our hearts to follow the teachings of Your son, Jesus.

Holy Spirit, guide the choices we make throughout this week so that we choose to do what honors our creator and what shows our love of others.

PARISH NOTES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2011

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2011

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary/CH
- 7:00 p.m. Novena/CH
- 7:15 p.m. Rosary/CH (Behind Altar)
- 7:15 p.m. Confessions
- 7:30 p.m. Prayer, Healing and Eucharistic Adoration/CH (Behind Altar)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2011

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary/CH
- 9:30 a.m. Scripture Study/AR
- 11:30 a.m. Confessions
- 6:30 p.m. PSR
- 8:00 p.m. Hillcrest Meeting/AR

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2011

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary/CH
- 12:30 p.m. Rosary/OMR
- 7:00 p.m. AA/CAF
- 7:00 p.m. RCIA/OMR
- 9:00 p.m. Men's Basketball/Gym

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2011

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary/CH

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2011

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary/CH
- 12:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration/CH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 2011

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary/CH
- 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Meeting/Gym
- 3:30 p.m. Confessions

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2011

- 6:00 p.m. 8th Grade PSR/CH
- 6:00 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

DECEMBER 3

- 4:30 p.m. J. Fink – R. Fink – N. Fink

DECEMBER 4

- 8:00 a.m. K. Jackson – J. Silk – D. Wallethe
 - 10:00 a.m. M. Carbone – M. Pestotnik – L. Sablotny
 - 12:00 noon L. Brown – R. Greene – J. Mhanna
 - 6:00 p.m. N. Alicea – J. Betley – M. Haddad
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View from the Caddyshack II

We welcome Joanne Sheldon to our parish staff. She will be directing our ministry to the homebound and sick, Communion services, and outreach to our senior population. Joanne also will meet with families to prepare funeral liturgies.

We bid farewell to Martha Stewart, who has taken a position with the Hospice of the Western Reserve. We send along our prayers and best wishes as she takes on this new responsibility.

A reminder when a loved one is dying at home or in the hospital: please call the Rectory before your loved one dies. The Anointing of the Sick can only be administered to a living person. Recently, we have received several middle-of-the-night phone calls from the hospital requesting "last rites" for a patient who has died. We go and offer prayers for the deceased, but would much prefer to receive the call before death occurs.

Rooted in Faith – Forward in Hope Update: Our total to date is \$2,021,724.00, which puts us at 123% of our goal. Those who still wish to make a pledge are invited to do so by filling out a pledge card, which may be found at the kiosk. Pledge cards may be returned in the collection basket at your convenience. Seventy-percent of all pledges will come back to St. Francis.

The use of the New Roman Missal begins this weekend. The new texts will be found inside the Breaking Bread hymnals, on the card inside the back cover of the hymnals, and in the missalettes. Please use these aids until you become familiar with the wording of our prayers and acclamations.

We are not introducing a "new Mass," the Mass remains the same. However, after 40 years, the Church is giving us a new translation of many of the prayers we use at Mass. The hope is that the new translation will be more thought-provoking, more prayerful, and more attuned to the Scriptural connections in our prayers. This means that some of the prayers we have grown used to will sound differently. With the passing of time and a little patience, we'll grow accustomed to the new wording in our responses. Hopefully, the new wording will break the routine we have become accustomed to and cause us to think about the meaning of the words we pray every day at Mass. My hope is that we will come to know our Scriptures and our worship tradition more fully.

Vocation View: At the beginning of Advent: watch and wait, be attentive to the ways in which God comes into your life. Be willing to be surprised.

Some words to live by: God creates out of nothing... but God does what is still more wonderful: God makes saints out of sinners. (Soren Kierkegaard)

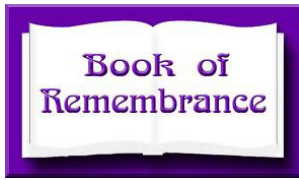
Some humor to survive by: The cavalryman was galloping down the road, rushing to catch up with his regiment. Suddenly, his horse stumbled, pitching him to the ground. In the dirt, with a broken leg, terrified of the approaching enemy, the soldier called out, "All you saints in heaven, help me get up on my horse."

Then, with superhuman effort, he leaped onto the horse's back and slipped off the other side. Once again on the ground, he called to the heavens, "All right, just half of you this time."

The unhappy diner summoned his waiter to his table, complaining, "My oyster stew doesn't have any oysters in it."

"Well, if that bothers you, you better skip dessert," replied the waiter. "It's angel food cake."

Fr. Jim Caddy



Throughout the month of November, we invite you to write the names of your deceased loved ones in the Memorial Book, located in the Gathering Area of the church. During the month of November, the Catholic Church remembers in a special way the Faithful Departed. Confident that they now share the fullness of the resurrection in heaven, we lovingly remember their lives and continue to be embraced by their love.

RCIA – Please continue to support and pray for our RCIA catechumens and candidates as they prepare for the celebration of the Easter sacraments. Their pictures are on the kiosk.

Transportation Available

We have a Transportation Committee that is part of our Wellness Ministry and coordinated by parishioner, Charlie Castle. If anyone needs a ride to a doctor or hospital appointment or a ride to Mass, please call Roberta (461-1494) and Charlie will make arrangements to assist you **if possible**.



TUESDAY CLUB

Our next meeting for the Tuesday Club will be our annual Christmas luncheon on **December 6th**. We will have a special catered lunch by Catered to You and wonderful entertainment by Mark Lyda. The cost is \$13.00 for members and \$15.00 for guests. We ask for paid reservations in advance by enclosing your payment in an envelope and placing it in a **separate envelope** in the collection basket marked, "Tuesday Club" – **do not include your check in your Sunday collection envelope**. You may also mail it or drop it off at the Parish Office. If you enclose cash, please be sure that your name is on the envelope in order to secure your reservation. This afternoon will be a lot of fun, so come and join us. We will also have wonderful door prizes! **Call Joanne or Roberta at 440-461-1494 to make your reservations.**

Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, November 30th.

Thank You

The Art and Environment Committee and our parish staff would like to say "Thank you" to

Mr. and Mrs. William Dodero and daughter, Corinne, for donating the beautiful Thanksgiving flowers that grace our worship space.

What Just Happened at Mass Today?

If you haven't kept up with the bulletin and newsletter articles during the past months, you may not have been prepared for the changes that took place at Mass today. This First Sunday in Advent ushered in the revised translation of Mass prayers and responses contained in the *Roman Missal*. The children in the school, PSR Program and LifeTeen have been learning the new responses and the reasons behind them. The change is a multifaceted opportunity for you to grow in faith and deepen your understanding while participating more meaningfully in the Mass.

If you would like to know more about these changes and the meaning behind them, come to the Cafeteria on Tuesday, November 29th, from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m.

We'll catch you up on what just happened, help you grow in understanding, and renew your experience of Eucharist.

For planning and set-up purposes, it would be helpful if you would call Sue at the Parish Office (440-461-0066) to let us know you'll be coming. Sr. Julianne

Celebrants for December 3-4, 2011

Saturday, December 3, 2011

4:30 p.m. Fr. Dool

Sunday, December 4, 2011

8:00 a.m. Fr. Dool

10:00 a.m. Fr. Dool

12:00 p.m. Fr. Caddy

6:00 p.m. Fr. Caddy



Bridge for the Holidays

The Divorced and Separated Ministry has a new program that will be launched this holiday season: Bridge for the Holidays. The program will be a four-week ministry that will offer support for those who are struggling with the effects of divorce or separation. It will begin on Tuesday, December 20th, and conclude on January 10th. It will be hosted at St. Noel Parish from 7:00-9:00 p.m. There is no charge for the participants. Each week will have a theme and topic for discussion and will offer support opportunities for growth as well as practical advice.

SAVE THE DATE

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon

Look for more details next week.



... AND IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE

Our Giving Tree project had its beginning in 1989. This is the 22nd year of this project. May God bless all who graciously contributed so unselfishly in the past years. Our tree is in the Vestibule of the church. The final day for bringing gifts to the church is **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11**, at 1:00 p.m. Please DO NOT wrap the gifts. This is a project for the whole family to participate in. Please follow these simple directions:

- 1) Take a tag off the tree.
- 2) Purchase the gift.
- 3) DO NOT WRAP THE GIFT. Remove the self-adhesive name tag and place it on the gift you purchased.
- 4) Bring the gift to church and place it under the tree NO LATER than **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11**, at 1:00 p.m.
- 5) Cash donations may be placed in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Giving Tree."

We will need volunteers to help sort the gifts after each Mass and also deliver the gifts. Please call Terry at 440-461-8815, leave a message with your name and phone number and your call will be returned. We accept gift cards from Giant Eagle. The Giving Tree has been so successful in previous years because of your giving spirit and the care and concern you have for others; may it again be a great success. The tree will be left bare at Christmas, because we have filled all the needs.

Prayers for the Sick

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

Blanche Smyth, Rose Coletta Fraser, James Monastra, Sean Barker, Maxwell Peppers, Michael Peppers, Frank Stanek, Ilona Paulin, Tom Shannon

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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.

Gates Mills Players Auditions

Tryouts are being held for Gates Mills Players production of

HOW TO SUCCEED IN BUSINESS WITHOUT REALLY TRYING

Tryouts will be held on November 28, 29 and 30,
at 7:30 p.m.,

at the Gates Mills Community House,
1460 Chagrin River Road.

Please contact mganselmo@roadrunner.com
or 440-561-1881 for more information.



St. Francis of Assisi Open House

Do you know a family interested in sending their children to Saint Francis of Assisi School?

Be sure to invite them to one of our Open Houses on **Monday, January 30, 2012**. All are welcome to see our students and teachers in action during the school day, from **10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**, or to visit from **6:30-8:30 p.m.** If you are unable to make it to our Open House that day, feel free to call for an appointment to tour the school any time. **Come and Discover the Saint Francis of Assisi Tradition!**

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WALK-A-THON 2012

Saint Francis of Assisi School will be having its **2nd Annual Walk-A-Thon on May 18, 2012**. We are very excited to announce that all proceeds for this fund raiser will go directly toward building a **SCIENCE LAB** in our school to be utilized by all students in Grades K-8!!! We plan to build our Science Lab into a portion of our current Library, while still maintaining a generous-sized Library for our school. We are looking very forward to this new venture for SFA School and would appreciate any support you can give us!

Donations can be sent into the School Office, or given online at [http://www.edline.net/pages/St Francis of Assisi](http://www.edline.net/pages/St_Francis_of_Assisi).
Thank you for your continued support!



ALL-AROUND-TOWN COUPON BOOKS

St. Francis of Assisi School is selling "All-Around-Town" coupon books to benefit families in need during the holidays. These families are from our own parish community. The books contain coupons to Cleveland area services and restaurants. The cost per book is \$28.00. Please consider buying a book and help to make the holidays special for families in need. To purchase a book, please stop in the Parish Office, or call the school at 440-442-7450.

Football Frenzy Winners – Week 3

The teams on ticket number 2775 scored a total of 126 points on November 13th winning \$250.00. for that ticket owner. Second place was ticket number 1305 winning \$100.00, because the teams on that ticket scored 116 points. Ticket number 138 won \$80.00, as those teams totaled 113 points at third place. Fourth place was also a single winner as ticket number 1344 scored 112 points, winning \$70.00. There was a tie at the fifth, sixth, and seventh place, each receiving \$50.00. Those winning numbers were 372, 757, and 1443 each, totaling 111 points. Another tie of three tickets developed for eighth place. They were numbers 2530, 136, and 1449. They each had 109 points, and each received \$10.00. Again as last week, there was a tie for low and second low. Two tickets scored only 17 points. They were ticket numbers 2746 and 809, and each received \$35.00.

Attention, Confirmation Candidates

Confirmation Preparation is

Saturday, December 3, from 10:00-11:45 a.m.

Mr. Jim Hogan, a member of the faculty from Ignatius High School Theology Department, will be our featured speaker.



LifeTeen

"Everything Skit" planning
Join us!

LifeNights this month:

November 20

December 4

December 11

December 18 - Holiday Par-tay!!



Warm Hands from Warm Hearts

Let's help keep everyone warm this winter!

Please donate new or gently worn hats, gloves, scarves, snow suits and coats in any size. We are also in need of **new** socks. These items will be donated to local hunger centers throughout the holiday season. Your contribution can be made in the back of the church until December 6th. "If you make much, give of your wealth; if you have little, give of your heart" – unknown

For more information, call Sabrina at 440-376-0212, or Christine at 216-548-2630.



Rosary for Life

Pray the Rosary against abortion on First Saturday, December 3rd. Gather at St. Andrew's Abbey for Mass (MLK and Buckeye) at 9:15 a.m. Need transportation? Call John at 216-351-8502.



Recycle

We are now able to collect bottles and cans!

Please use the one BLUE AND GREEN bin for bottles and cans.

The yellow and green bins are for all paper recyclables.

Thank you for your help in a successful recycle program.

Christmas Concert

A Christmas Concert with the Daughters of Saint Paul Choir will take place on Friday, December 2nd, at 7:00 p.m., at the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist, 1007 Superior Avenue, Cleveland. The concert is free and open to all. No tickets or reservations are required. Free secure parking at the Cathedral Plaza Garage (Rockwell and East Ninth Street). For more information, e-mail gheislman@dioceseofcleveland.org, or call 216-696-6525, ext. 5510.

FOOD PICK-UP VOLUNTEERS



December 11	Michele Kirsch	Bring Food
December 18	Jack & Eileen Carney	St. Augustine
December 25	Ed Hoenigman	Lutheran Church

FOOD VOLUNTEERS

Thank you all for your continued help in bringing food and delivering it to the Hunger Centers. It is greatly appreciated. Once again, we are working on the delivery schedule for next year. If you need to change your times or are no longer able to help, please contact me at 440-423-4741 as soon as possible. Again, thank you! B.B.

A REMINDER...There are many ways that our parish can help those in economic need in our area. Gently used clothing, household items, and even small pieces of furniture can be placed in the SVDP shed, which is now conveniently located next to the recycle bins on the east edge of the church parking lot. They will NOT accept toys, cribs, high chairs, strollers, paint, or mattresses. If you have larger furniture items, call the Cleveland Furniture Bank at 216-459-2265 to arrange for pick-up.

Nonperishable food items can be placed in the large wooden bin in the Usher's Room just off the church entryway. Its contents are delivered weekly to local Hunger Centers by parish volunteers.

Nonfood items (such as toilet paper, paper towels, facial tissues, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, etc.), can be placed in the marked cupboard just outside the Usher's Room in the church entryway. These items are taken to the Wittman Center at the former St. Philomena's Church and distributed to those in need.

Mary in Scripture and Tradition

This Advent, the Office of Catechetical Services of the Diocese of Cleveland, is pleased to offer an evening presentation titled *Mary in Scripture and Tradition*. Mary occupies a central role in the history of salvation and in the life of the Church. Learn what the Church teaches regarding the Virgin Mary and how we can better explain our beliefs to people of other faiths. This workshop, presented by Joyce Kelleher, will include Mary in Scripture, in the Tradition of the Church, and in the Catechism, as well as provide answers for ecumenical issues. Workshop will be offered from 6:30-9:00 p.m., December 13th, at St. Noel Parish, in Willoughby. For planning purposes, kindly RSVP to Mary Keating at mkeating@dioceseofcleveland.org or 1-800-869-6525, ext. 3260, or go to <http://www.oce-ocs.org/ocs>. A suggested donation of \$5.00 will be accepted at the door.