

**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK**

**DAILY MASS – Mon - Thurs 8:30 am (except where noted)**

Monday, Dec 11	<b>Denny Clark</b> <i>St Damasus I, Pope</i> <i>Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26</i>
Tuesday, Dec 12	<b>Joe Lesho</b> <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> <i>Zec 2:14-17; Jud 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:39-47</i>
Wednesday, Dec 13	<b>Mary Regallis</b> <b>(6:30 pm) Rosary</b> <b>(7:00 pm) Advent Evening Prayer</b> <i>St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr</i> <i>Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30</i>
Thursday, Dec 14	<b>Lou Ann Flick</b> <i>St John of the Cross, Priest/Doctor of the Church</i> <i>Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15</i>
Friday, Dec 15	<i>(No Mass on Friday)</i> <i>Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19</i>
Saturday, Dec 16	<b>(9:00 am) Confessions</b> <b>(5:00 pm) Orlando &amp; Laura Pronio</b> <i>Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19;</i> <i>Mt 17:9a, 10-13</i>
Sunday, Dec 17	<b>(9:00 am) For the Parishioners</b> <b>(11:00 am) Carl Tilenni</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> <i>Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54;</i> <i>1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28</i>

Check us out on Facebook at: **Our Lady of Victory Church**,  
and our youth page at: **Our Lady of Victory Catholic**  
**Church Youth Ministry!**



*From the Pastor's Desk*

**“THANK YOU!”** for a wonderful start to this holy season of Advent: - To the Art & Environment Committee folks who spent some very long hours preparing the Church inside and out so that we might enter into this season with a prayerful environment. - To the parish Staff who got materials, resources and all sorts of things ready so that you might have access to what you need to pray well. - To the volunteers who continue to step forward to help clean, set-up, take-down, and do other custodial tasks. - To all who minister at our liturgies in so many roles and ways. - To the generosity of so many parishioners who, by taking a tag/tags from the “Giving Trees” and turning those into gifts, have helped to make Christmas a bit brighter for others in need. - To the organize/set-up/serve/take-down clean-up group of volunteers who helped make the Reception for Bishop Perez this past Sunday such a joy-filled gathering. - To the many bakers who donated such delicious treats for the Reception. - To the Women’s Guild for so generously helping to substantially cover the cost of the Reception. *To all . . . THANK YOU! Fr. Mike*

**YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS** – Per the Diocese of Cleveland and the IRS, donations received via the Collection Basket on **Sunday 12/31/17**, will go toward your 2017 donations. Donations received via the Collection Basket on **Monday 1/1/18**, will go toward your 2018 donations. *It will not matter if your Monday donation check is dated for Sunday, Dec 31, 2017 – if we receive it on Monday, Jan 1, it will go toward 2018.* Also, if the **postmark on a mailed-in contribution is 12/31/17 or before**, it will be recorded as a 2017 contribution. If it is **postmarked in 2018**, it will be recorded as a 2018 contribution; again, no matter if the check is dated for December 2017. **The date of the postmark is the most important**, not the date on the check, again, per the IRS. **For Faith Direct users**, they will be accepting one-time gifts until **Dec 22 at 3pm**, and live one-time credit card gifts until **midnight on Dec 31** if you’d like to do an end-of-year contribution. **Not on Faith Direct?** Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code **OH669** to sign up!



**In Our Parish – What/Where/When**

**MONDAY, DEC 11, 2017**

- Bloodmobile/Finnerty Hall/1:00-7:00 pm
- Youth/Teen Choir Practice/Church/6:00 pm
- 5:00 Choir Practice/Church/6:30 pm
- Worship & Spiritual Life/Parish Ctr Rm 101/7:00 pm
- 9:00 Choir Practice/Church/8:00 pm

**TUESDAY, DEC 12, 2017**

- Children’s RCIA/Parish Ctr Rm 102/4:30 pm
- RCIA/Library/7:00 pm

**WEDNESDAY, DEC 13, 2017**

- Men’s Bible Study/Parish Ctr Rm 100/6:30 am
- AA Meeting/Parish Ctr Rm 100/10:00 am
- Prayer Shawl Ministry/Library/1:15 pm

**THURSDAY, DEC 14 2017**

- Bible Study/Parish Ctr Rm 101/2:00 pm

**FRIDAY, DEC 15, 2017**

- Grief Support Group/Parish Ctr Rm 100/11:00 am

**SATURDAY, DEC 16, 2017**

- Confessions/Church/9:00 am

**\*\*Advent Collection of Money at Mass**

**SUNDAY, DEC 17, 2017 – 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

- Child Liturgy of the Word/Parish Ctr Rm 100/9:00 am
- PSR K-10/TMS/10:45

**\*\*Advent Collection of Money at both Masses**

**Advent Communal Reconciliation/St Eugene/4:00 pm**

**Sharing our Treasure**

Regular Collection (12/3/17) .....	\$ 8,507.05
# of Children’s Envs Rcvd.....	4

**Standing in the Gap Prayer Times:**

- Monday 9:30 am, 5:00 pm. Tuesday 4:30 pm, 5:45 pm.**
- Wednesday 1:00 pm, 6:00 pm. Thursday 1:00 pm.**
- Friday 9:00 am, 3:00 pm.**

**Celebrating Notes**

**SCHEDULE FOR ALL LECTORS, EMs, SERVERS, & WELCOME MINISTERS:** Soon we’ll begin preparing the schedule for Jan 13/14 through May 5/6, 2018. Please send in the Liturgical Ministers – Unavailable Days/Dates no later than Sunday, Dec 17<sup>th</sup>.

**ADVENT 2017:**

Thank you to those who brought Paper/Soap Products, personal grooming products, disposable diapers, or non-perishable Food!



✳ **NEXT WEEKEND: Dec 16-17**, we encourage you to come prepared for our **collection of money**, to be given to Tallmadge Good Neighbors, for the many local people in need. Your financial donation will be a special blessing!  
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## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- ✦ **A SERIES OF PARISH ROSARIES** will be led by members of the Right to Life Team at *6:30 pm each Wednesday* of the Advent season, on *12/13 and 12/20*, which will be dedicated to the sanctity of human life from conception through natural death, and for your personal petitions. "Let every heart prepare Him room!" Bring a friend!
- ✦ **ADVENT EVENING PRAYER** will be *each Wednesday of Advent at 7:00 pm*, following the Rosary, on *12/13 and 12/20*.
- ✦ **CONFESSIONS:** The last opportunity for Confession at OLV before Christmas will be **Saturday, Dec 16 at 9am**, or come to the **Advent Communal Reconciliation next Sunday, Dec 17:** This year our 5-parish service of communal confessions will be at St Eugene Parish in Munroe Falls, at **4:00 pm**.
- ✦ **YOU ARE INVITED TO HELP WITH CHRISTMAS EVE/DAY MASSES:** Youth/children, families, individuals are needed as candle bearers at Christmas Eve, and/or Ushers for Christmas Eve/Day Masses. Sign-up sheets are on the tables near the entrances of the Church.
- ✦ **EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION SIGN-UP SHEETS** will also be available. All-night Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be in Church *Sunday evening, Dec 31*, following the 5:00 pm Mass.
- ✦ **WE CAN USE YOUR HELP ON SATURDAY, DEC 16** to help light up the outside of the Church/Parish grounds. Gather with others at **10:00 am**.

### Question of the Week

Reading: Mark 1:1-8

Adults: John's role is to deliver an invitation to the event of Jesus' coming, and to challenge us to have a change of heart. As the messenger, John is always pointing to Christ. What will you do so your actions and your words direct others toward the light and love of Christ?

Children: You were baptized with the Holy Spirit. Do you know when this happened for you? How does the Holy Spirit help you?

### Coming Events/News in our Parish

**"WHERE THERE IS LOVE, THERE IS GOD".** Join with other women of the parish on *Sunday, Dec 10*, during this holy season of Advent, to prayerfully reflect on our giftedness, and the opportunities to become holy through the works of love that we do. We will gather in Room 101 of the Parish Center *from 4-6 pm*. This reflection will be led by our own Rosemary Cochran, parishioner, teacher, retreat leader and spiritual director.

**THE RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE** is scheduled for *Monday, Dec 11*, *from 1-7 pm* in Finnerty Hall. Donors may take advantage of a new tool, allowing you to reduce the time you spend at the blood drive. Visit [www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass](http://www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass) ahead of your visit, answer the questions to complete your pre-reading, print your pass and bring it with you! Thank you!

**JOIN US IN OUR PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** *Wednesday, Dec 13 at 1:15 pm* in the Parish Ctr Library. If you are aware of anyone who would benefit from receiving a blessed shawl, or need more information about this ministry, please call Rosemary at 633-8060 or Beth at 633-4759.



**IT'S TIME AGAIN FOR THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. Students grades K through 8 can submit their posters showing what it means to them to keep Christ in Christmas. Posters should be submitted on 11x17 paper, to the parish office by *Friday, Dec 15* to be eligible for judging on *Dec 16*. Winners will be selected and announced sometime shortly after the New Year. Good luck to all and may we all remember this season to keep Christ at the center of Christmas.



**OUR MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** will meet in Parish Ctr Rm 100 on *Friday, Dec 15 at 11am*. This is an opportunity to join with others to share your stories, your memories, and check out some resources for your grieving process.

**THE WIDOWS OF FAITH, HOPE, & CHARITY** invite ALL widows to a morning of faith, fellowship, and fun on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at Our Lady of Victory. Join us *Tuesday, Dec 19* for 8:30 am Mass, followed by our guest speaker, Fr Mike. We will also have a \$1.00 gift exchange for those who wish to participate. Be sure your gift is wrapped. Please note we will not meet in January or February, but resume in March, 2018. For more information, please call Beverly Dannemiller at 330-983-4706.



**ACME COMMUNITY CASHBACK...**Remember to bring your Acme store receipts to church and place them in the collection bins located near the doors of the church. **Receipts dated Aug 10 through Dec 30, 2017 are accepted.** The OLV Youth Ministry will receive 5% of those purchases! Thank you!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the 200 Club winner(s) for the weekend of *December 3, 2017:*

#127 – DAN & NICOLE COCHRAN - \$25.00

### Caring Commission

**Pray for the Sick:** Chris Cortel, Leonard Davis, Bill Dineen, Linda Feezel, Clarence & Geri Florkiewicz, Michele Gray, Heidi Hinl, Helen Humble, Irene Ingram, George Morgan, Cheryl Ray, Katrina Shunk, Jean Sibit, Eugene Torisky, Karen Treat.



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We pray with the Church that Rev Mirko Hladni, and Ralph Reinmann (father of Linda Gorham) may share in the peace and joy of the Risen Lord.

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPONSOR OF THE WEEK:**

**Catholic Cemeteries Association**  
Diocese of Cleveland  
*Faith Hope Remembrance*  
19 Cemeteries – 8 Offices  
**216-641-7575 www.clecem.org**