

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

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

Monday, Dec 19 "O Flower of Jesse's Stem"	Lillian Shaheen All Souls Intention Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Tuesday, Dec 20 "O Key of David"	Keith & Frank Hipply Jr Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday, Dec 21 "O Radiant Dawn"	Frank Polefrone (6:30 pm) Rosary St Peter Canisius, Priest/Dr of Church Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Thursday, Dec 22 "O King of Nations"	Ruth Thompson 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Friday, Dec 23 "O Emmanuel"	(No Mass on Fridays) St John of Kanty, Priest Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Saturday, Dec 24 (Incense used)	CHRISTMAS EVE NO Confessions (4:30 pm) George Keller Jr & Sr Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 (10:00 pm) Agnes Dahlkemper Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Sunday, Dec 25 (Incense used)	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS (10:00 am) For the Parishioners Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

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

OLV'S ADVENT SHARING 2016: A huge "Thank You!" to all who gave so much throughout this season. All the gifts, cookies, candy, paper and personal products, disposable diapers, and food products are a testament to your generous hearts, and will give many families a very happy Christmas, as well as helping to fill the shelves of Good Neighbors to assist even more clients during these cold winter months. Christmas Blessings to you and your family!

A VERY SPECIAL "THANK YOU" to the Donovan-Bagnoli Funeral Home for their donation of the 2017 calendars for Our Lady of Victory parishioners. May God Bless you and your family for your kindness! **There will be a blessing of "Time" and "Calendars" New Year's Eve weekend, at which time the Calendars will then be made available for distribution. (1 per family please)**

JUST A REMINDER TO PLEASE MAKE SURE you have finalized your 2016 pledge for Catholic Charities Annual Appeal now. Thank you!

Celebrating Notes

Parish Office Holiday Hours: The offices will be closed on *Friday, Dec 23*, and reopen at **10:00 am, Tuesday, Dec 27**. The offices will again be closed on *Monday, Jan 2*, and reopen at **9:00 am, Tuesday, Jan 3**. If you have an emergency during those times, please call the office, dial extension 18 (Fr Mike), and follow the instructions.



We look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus with all who will gather here at Christmas and beyond. Be certain to reach out and meet someone new during these holy days, as we open our hearts and minds to the newborn King!

- **"RELIT" SERIES:** *We'll skip Dec 21 & 28*, and continue the series on *Wednesdays, Jan 4, 11, 18, 25, Feb 1, 8 at 7pm in the Parish Center.*
- **YOU ARE INVITED TO HELP WITH THE CHRISTMAS EVE/DAY MASSES:** Youth/children, families, individuals are needed as candle bearers at Christmas Eve; and/or Greeters and Ushers for Christmas Eve/Day Masses. Sign-up sheets are on tables near the entrances of the Church.



- **CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES:** *Saturday, Dec 24 at 4:30 with the Teen/Youth Choir and 5:00 Music Ministers.* Note that this Mass is generally the most well-attended by families with children, so come early; and be sure to **PARK CAREFULLY** to give ample space for others.... *And also 10:00 pm with our 9:00 Music Ministers. (Incense used)*
- **CHRISTMAS DAY MASS:** Join us on Christmas morning to celebrate the Birth of Our Lord at **10:00 am with our 11:00 Music Ministers. (Incense used)**

(Schedule continues on next page)

In Our Parish – What/Where/When

MONDAY, DEC 19, 2016

9:00 Choir Practice/Church/8:00 pm

TUESDAY, DEC 20, 2016

Youth/Teen Choir Practice/Church/6:00 pm

5:00 Choir Practice/Church/6:30 pm

NO RCIA

WEDNESDAY, DEC 21, 2016

Men's Prayer Group/Church/6:30 am

AA Meeting/Parish Ctr Rm 100/10:00 am

THURSDAY, DEC 22, 2016

NO Bible Study

FRIDAY, DEC 23, 2016

OFFICES CLOSED

SATURDAY, DEC 24, 2016 - CHRISTMAS EVE

NO Confessions

Luminary Lighting/Grounds/3:00 pm

SUNDAY, DEC 25, 2016 – CHRISTMAS DAY

NO PSR

NO Children's Liturgy of the Word



Sharing our Treasure

OFFERTORY COLLECTION SUNDAY, DEC 11, 2016

Regular Collection	\$ 6,694.92
# of Children's Envs Rcvd.....	5
Faith Direct (12/5/16)	\$ 6,820.00

(Please see last week's flyer regarding Year-end Contributions)

- **MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (NEW YEAR'S DAY):** This year, this Holyday falls on Sunday. We will have Mass on *Saturday, Dec 31 at 5pm, followed by an all-night Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Church, concluding with Morning Prayer on Sunday, Jan 1 at 9:30 am, which will then be followed immediately after with Mass at 10am.* (Incense used)
- **ALL NIGHT EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Spend some quiet time in prayer as we anticipate the coming of the New Year of 2017. *Exposition will follow the 5:00 pm Vigil Mass of Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Eve), and will continue until Morning Prayer at 9:30 am on New Year's Day, followed immediately by Mass at 10:00 am.* Sign up for ½ hour or more on the Sign-up sheets near the entrances of the Church.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following 200 Club winner(s) for the weekend of *December 11, 2016:*

#66 – PEGGY SHUNK - \$25.00

News & Notes in our Neighborhood

THE WIDOWS OF FAITH, HOPE, AND CHARITY invite ALL widows to our Christmas party, *Tuesday, Dec 20 at 9:00* at St Eugene Parish. Following Mass, we will meet in the SOCIAL HALL to hear Donna Bongo of the Legion of Mary speak. The meeting will also consist of distribution of new phone directories and a \$1.00 gift exchange. If you want to participate, bring a \$1.00 wrapped gift. There will be no meeting in January or February. Contact our parish representative, Bev Dannemiller at 330-983-4706 for more information.

NEW YEAR'S EVE RETREAT – Jesuit Retreat House – Dec 31 through Jan 1. Presented by Fr Matt Roche, SJ, this evening will provide a time to stop and reflect and pray in gratitude for the blessings of the past year, and look with renewed hope in the New Year. *Dinner at 6pm, retreat concludes at 11am the next morning.* Cost is \$90. Contact 440-884-9300 or visit www.jrh-cleveland.org.

WHO WOULDN'T WANT TO SUPPORT A SOLDIER over the Holidays? It starts with a Facebook post asking you to send a holiday card to any wounded soldier at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center. And then you are asked to share the post with the promise of getting wounded members of the military holiday cards. The problem is that it's a hoax. The Walter Reed Army Medical Center closed in 2011 and the U.S. Mail will not deliver any letters or packages addressed to "Any Soldier" or "Any Wounded Soldier". Instead, you can send holiday mail through the American Red Cross Holiday Mail for Heroes at this address: Holiday Mail for Heroes, P O Box 5456, Capitol Hts, MD 20791-5456. Reprinted from Summit County Prosecutor's "The Senior News", Winter 2016

Coming Events/News in our Parish

THE RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE was planned for *Monday, Dec 19*, in Finnerty Hall. However, because of the lack of heat in the Hall, **Red Cross is attempting to find a near-by location instead.** Between now and the end of the year, they must collect more than 300,000 blood and platelet donations for critical needs during this holiday season. **Please watch for signs directing you to another location.** If you are at least 17 yrs old, are at least 110 lbs based on height, and are in good health, **they desperately need you!**

SAVE THE DATE! Ministry Weekend Recognition and Brunch after both Masses on *Sunday, January 8!* Fill out the tear-off in today's bulletin and place in the collection basket or drop it off at the office ASAP!

Question of the Week

Reading: *Matthew 1:18-24*

Adults: An angel of the Lord speaks to Joseph in today's Gospel, asks him to not be afraid to do what is being asked of him. We too are to have courage to know Jesus as Emmanuel, God is with us. What signs do you see that God is with you? Share those signs with someone.

Children: Today, the Gospel tells us about Joseph, and his fears. Joseph is afraid to believe Mary, and afraid to raise Jesus. An angel appears to Joseph to tell him not to be afraid. What are we afraid to do for Jesus? What makes us want to run away from him? How can we invite Him into our hearts?

Celebrating the Sacraments

PRAYERFUL WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS:

SANDY & KRISTEN KLINE – 12/10/16

Caring Commission

Pray for the Sick: Marion Boehm, Doris Bovard, Cameron Fortney, Zachary Gravatt, Catherine Grohosky, Irene Ingram, Bob Speer, Marie Weirich, Barb Young.



We pray with the Church that Andy Naglak (husband of Kate) may share in the peace and joy of the Risen Lord.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPONSOR OF THE WEEK:

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Visiting Angels

In-Home Elderly Care

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TIME TO LIGHT UP CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S EVE! All youth are invited to join us at *3:00 pm, both Christmas Eve, and New Year's Eve* to help light the luminaries! See you then!

OUR ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION benefits our youth ministry, collecting over \$1,000 each year! Please bring your aluminum cans in plastic garbage bags, to the North end of the church parking lot. The gate may be locked, so please just toss the bags over the gate. It is extremely important to **TIE BAGS TIGHTLY SHUT, PLEASE.** Do NOT throw open bags over the gate. No loose cans, no paper bags or boxes, and no other trash should be mixed in with the cans such as glass, plastic or other metal. If in doubt, test it with a magnet – IF IT STICKS, DON'T BRING IT. Thank you!

