

**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK**

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

Monday, Dec 26	<b>No Morning Mass</b> <i>St Stephen, the First Martyr</i> Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday, Dec 27	<b>Ruth Thompson</b> <i>St John, Apostle and Evangelist</i> 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday, Dec 28	<b>David Wack</b> <b>NO Rosary - cancelled</b> <i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i> 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
Thursday, Dec 29	<b>Ruth Thompson</b> <i>St Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr</i> 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Friday, Dec 30	(No Mass on Fridays) <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i> Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-17; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Saturday, Dec 31 <i>(Incense used)</i>	<b>NO Confessions</b> <b>(5:00 pm) Mary Matusz</b> <b>Followed by all-night Exposition</b> <i>St Sylvester I, Pope</i> 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Sunday, Jan 1 <i>(Incense used)</i>	<b>(9:30 am) Morning Prayer</b> <b>(10:00 am) Tiffany Tilenni</b> <i>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i> Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

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*

Once again, we are all blessed with the reminder of God's great love for us, as we gaze upon the babe in the manger . . . that God so loved what God created . . . especially each human person . . . and did not want to lose that, so, He took on our human flesh and joined himself to us in Jesus Christ. "Lord Jesus, come and reign! Be at the center of our lives and continue to make yourself manifest by the witness of care, support and generosity of so many, many individuals – young and not-so-young and everywhere in between, here, at Our Lady of Victory, and beyond; in our lives and the lives of others." May this be our prayer now, and always!

A heartfelt "thank you" to so many volunteers and liturgical ministers who gave of their time and talent throughout the Season of Advent and into Christmas in so many, many ways to help us pray and praise God - too numerous to list, but always in our minds and hearts. May we, throughout this coming year, not only experience, anew, God's love and grace but be bearers of that same love and grace for others. May our hearts continue to be filled with gratitude for the many blessings God has bestowed on us, and may each of you and your families enjoy a blessed and joy-filled Christmas and a new year filled with God's choicest blessings!

*Christmas Blessings*

Fr. Mike and the Staff of Our Lady of Victory

**In Our Parish – What/Where/When**

**MONDAY, DEC 26, 2016**

**NO MASS OR CHOIR PRACTICE**  
**OFFICES CLOSED**

**TUESDAY, DEC 27, 2016**

5:00 Choir Practice/Church/6:30 pm  
NO RCIA

**WEDNESDAY, DEC 28, 2016**

Men's Bible Study/Parish Ctr Rm 100/6:30 am  
AA Meeting/Parish Ctr Rm 100/10:00 am

**THURSDAY, DEC 29, 2016**

NO Bible Study

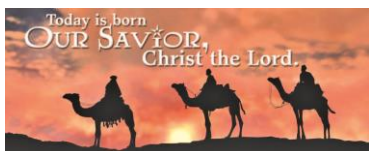
**FRIDAY, DEC 30, 2016**

**SATURDAY, DEC 31, 2016 – NEW YEAR'S EVE**

NO Confessions  
Luminary Lighting/Grounds/3:00 pm

**SUNDAY, JAN 1, 2017 – NEW YEAR'S DAY**

NO PSR  
NO Children's Liturgy of the Word



**OFFERTORY COLLECTION SUNDAY, DEC 18, 2016**

Regular Collection ..... \$  
# of Children's Envs Rcvd.....  
(Not available at print time due to early bulletin deadline)

**Celebrating Notes**

**PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS:** The offices will be closed *Monday, Dec 26*, 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.

**MARY, MOTHER OF GOD VIGIL:** *Saturday, Dec 31 at 5pm*, followed by all-night Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Church. Exposition will conclude with Morning Prayer on *Sunday, Jan 1 at 9:30 am*. Mass will then begin at **10:00 am**. Sign up for Exposition for ½ hour or more on the Sign-up sheets near the entrances of the Church. *(Incense used)*



**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). Thank you again, to Donovan-Bagnoli, for this donation. Christmas Blessings!

**Coming Events/News in our Parish**

**LAST REMINDER to finalize you year-end donations to OLV, as well as your Catholic Charities pledge.** Remember, if you want your OLV donation to count for 2016, you **MUST** put it in the basket by **Saturday, Dec 31**, or mail it with a **postmark of December**. If it is given to us on **Sunday, Jan 1**, we are required by the IRS to put it toward your **2017** donations. It will NOT matter if your check is dated for December 2016. Also, Faith Direct will be accepting live one-time credit card gifts until midnight Dec 31. For questions, please call the Parish Office.

## THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (CHRISTMAS)

**SAVE THE DATE! IF YOU HAVE VOLUNTEERED** in any way over the past year, bring your immediate family to the Volunteer Appreciation Brunch after either Mass on *Sunday, January 8*. Fill out the tear-off in last week's bulletin and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the office by **Monday, Jan 2**.



**TALLMADGE GOOD NEIGHBORS WRITES...** "Mere words can never express the gratitude for the countless things you do for us! Thank you for all of the financial support, the food, cookies and candies, all the beautifully wrapped gifts; but most of all your prayerful support! Because of your support, we are able to feed and clothe those in need in our community. Thank you for being a beacon of hope! May God continue to bless each of you. *Candy Lorkowski, Chairman*

### Question of the Week

**Reading:** *Nativity of the Lord*

**Adults:** Mother Teresa said that the coming of Jesus in Bethlehem brought joy to the world and every human heart. The same Jesus comes again and again in the hearts in Eucharist. Let us keep that joy in our hearts and share it with all we come into contact with this Christmas and beyond.

**Children:** Jesus is Born! Hallelujah! As you enjoy your family and gifts today, think about the fact that God loved us so much, that He gave us His only Son, as a gift. Jesus is the gift that gives us eternal life. Spend some time with this ultimate gift this week. Pray this simply prayer: "Jesus, come into my heart".



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

**THE HOLIDAYS ARE A GREAT TIME TO COLLECT ALUMINUM CANS** – which 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!

**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL** invites 4 and 5 year old children to its "Educational Expo" on *Thursday, Jan 5 from 5:00 - 7:30 pm*. Parents and children will be welcomed by student ambassadors in the McIntyre Room of the Parish Center at 2859 Lillis Dr, Cuy Falls. Appetizers will be provided, with hands-on activities, school tours and Kindergarten visitation. Call 923-1220 to make a reservation or email [szitoroney@ihmgradeschool.org](mailto:szitoroney@ihmgradeschool.org).

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following 200 Club winner(s) for the weekend of *December 18, 2016*:

#34 – LARRY & JOYCE MILLER - \$50.00



## News & Notes in our Neighborhood

**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](http://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*

**THE GAY AND LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY OF THE CLEVELAND DIOCESE** is pleased to announce that a new group has formed. The St Mary Family Support Group will meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month at 7pm in the chapel. The goal of this ministry is to support all persons, in particular, LGBTQ persons, and their family/friends, in their quest for wholeness and holiness. For questions, contact Lori Joseph at [ljoseph@stmaryhudson.ccf](mailto:ljoseph@stmaryhudson.ccf) or 330-653-8118 x233. St Mary's address is: 340 N Main St, Hudson. All are welcome.

**THE FIRST FRIDAY CLUB** speaker for *Jan 6 at Noon*, at Tangier, 532 W Market St, Akron, will feature a Woman Religious Panel, speaking on the topic: *The Joys and Challenges of Consecrated Life in today's World*. Send your pre-paid reservation of \$20 to the First Friday Club of Greater Akron, 795 Russell Ave, Akron, OH 44307 no later than the Monday prior to the program, or call 535-7668, or visit [www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org](http://www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org).

## Celebrating the Sacraments

**WELCOME NEWLY REGISTERED:**

SARAH BROWN – TALLMADGE  
JAMES & ANGELA HAUBIEL - TALLMADGE

## Caring Commission

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



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We pray with the Church that Deacon Alfred J Koch may share in the peace and joy of the Risen Lord.

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

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