

**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK**

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

Monday, Dec 5	<b>Bob Nolte All Souls Intention</b> <i>Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26</i>
Tuesday, Dec 6	<b>Leocadia M Lewandowski</b> <i>St Nicholas, Bishop</i> <i>Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14</i>
Wednesday, Dec 7	<b>Dr Fred Barton</b> <b>(6:30 pm) Rosary</b> <i>St Ambrose, Bishop/Doctor of the Church</i> <i>Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30</i>
Thursday, Dec 8	<b>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION</b> <b>(8:30 am) Joseph Rickert</b> <b>(6:30 pm) Rosary</b> <b>(7:00 pm) Brian McCrory</b> <i>Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38</i>
Friday, Dec 9	<i>(No Mass on Fridays)</i> <i>St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin</i> <i>Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19</i>
Saturday, Dec 10	<b>(9:00 am) Confessions</b> <b>(5:00 pm) Robert Coudriet</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 11	<b>(9:00 am) For the Parishioners</b> <b>(11:00 am) Benito Antognoli</b> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i> <i>Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11</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!**



**Sharing our Treasure**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION SUNDAY, NOV 20 & 27, 2016**

Regular Collection (11/20)	\$ 6,636.81
# of Children's Envs Rcvd(11/20)	7
Regular Collection (11/27)	\$ 5,790.50
# of Children's Envs Rcvd (11/27)	2
Faith Direct (11/15/16)	\$ 5,444.00

**CHRISTMAS & YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS** – Per the Diocese of



Cleveland and the IRS, donations received via the Collection Basket on **Saturday 12/31/16, will go toward your 2016** donations. Donations received via the Collection Basket on **Sunday 1/1/17, will go toward your 2017** donations. (It will not matter if your Sunday donation check is dated for December 2016 – if we receive it on Sunday, Jan 1, it will go toward 2017.) Also, if the **postmark on a mailed-in contribution is 12/31/16 or before**, it will be recorded as a **2016** contribution. If it is **postmarked in 2017**, it will be recorded as a **2017** contribution, again, no matter if the check is dated for December 2016. **The date of the postmark is the most important, not the date on the check, again, per the IRS.** Please help make our job a little easier by getting yours in early!

**Celebrating Notes**

**In Our Parish – What/Where/When**

**MONDAY, DEC 5, 2016**

K of C Member Mtg/Parish Ctr Rm 101/7:00 pm  
9:00 Choir Practice/Church/8:00 pm

**TUESDAY, DEC 6, 2016**

Youth/Teen Choir Practice/Church/6:00 pm  
Sponsi Dinner/Finnerty Hall/6:00 pm  
5:00 Choir Practice/Church/6:30 pm  
RCIA/Library/7:00 pm

**WEDNESDAY, DEC 7, 2016**

Men's Prayer Group/Church/6:30 am  
AA Meeting/Parish Ctr Rm 100/10:00 am  
Relit Series/Parish Ctr Rm 101/7:00 pm

**THURSDAY, DEC 8, 2016**

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

**FRIDAY, DEC 9, 2016**

**SATURDAY, DEC 10, 2016**

Confessions/Church/9:00 am  
Sandy Kline-Kristen Philen Wedding/Church/1:00 pm  
Luminary Prep/Finnerty Hall/2:30 pm

**\*\*Advent Collection of Paper, Personal, Food at Mass**

**\*\*Welcome Committee Taking New Registrations after Mass**

**SUNDAY, DEC 11, 2016 – 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

PSR Preschool/Parish Ctr Rms 102, 103/8:50 am  
Children's Liturgy of the Word/Parish Ctr Rm 100/9:00 am  
PSR 11<sup>th</sup> Gr Confirm Class/Parish Ctr Rm 101/10:30 am  
PSR K-8/TMS/10:45 am

**Advent Communal Reconciliation/IHM/7:00 pm**

**\*\*Advent Collection of Paper, Personal, Food at all Masses**

**\*\*Welcome Committee Taking New Registrations after all Masses**

**\*\*Youth Donut Sale after both Masses**



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION THURSDAY:** The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, giving honor to Mary, full of grace from the moment of her conception, is the Feastday of the U.S. We will have two Masses on *Thursday, Dec 8, at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm.* Come early at *6:30 pm* to pray the Rosary. ***(Incense used both Masses.)***

**ADVENT 2016:**

- \* **LAST WEEKEND:** Thank you to those who contributed to our Money Collection for Good Neighbors, in the amount of **\$2,527.66.**
- \* **THIS WEEKEND:** We thank those who brought gifts, cookies, and candy!
- \* **NEXT WEEKEND: Dec 10-11,** we encourage you to bring **PAPER/SOAP PRODUCTS, personal grooming products, disposable diapers, or non-perishable FOOD** to the wreath.
- \* **ADVENT COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION NEXT SUNDAY:** This year our 5-parish service of communal confessions will be at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Cuy Falls, at **7pm on Sunday, Dec 11.** (Note the time change.)
- \* **PARISH ROSARIES** will be prayed at **6:30 pm each Wednesday** of Advent – 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, and also 12/28 and 1/4.
- \* **"RELIT" SERIES:** Join us on **Wednesdays, Dec 7 & 14 at 7pm in the Parish Ctr.** We'll skip Dec 21 & 28. The series will continue Jan 4, 11, 18, 25, Feb 1, 8. Details under "Coming Events".
- \* **WE CAN USE YOUR HELP ON SATURDAY, DEC 17** to help light up the outside of the Church/Parish grounds. Gather with others at **10am.**
- \* **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.





**EXTRA HANDS NEEDED FOR GOOD NEIGHBORS:**  
Volunteers – please help by joining us on *Sunday, Dec 11* after the 11:00 Mass, to help sort, pack and transport products to Good Neighbors. **We'll meet in the Church.**



**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following 200 Club winner(s) for the weekend of *November 27, 2016:*

#50 – MIKE & SUE TULLY - \$75.00

Question of the Week

Reading: *Romans 15:4-9*

Adults: In Paul's letter to the Romans, he reminds us to have hope and to think in harmony with one another, as Christ welcomed everyone for the glory of God. Reach out to someone this week, through the love of Christ and strength of the Holy Spirit, and invite them to return to the Lord this season. Be a witness for Christ.

Children: Today, Paul reminds us that Jesus came to save everyone. How can you share this good news with others? How would you share Jesus with your best friend? Practice sharing Jesus by writing a letter, pretending the person you're writing to has never heard of Jesus. Explain to them why they should get to know Him.

**Coming Events/News in our Parish**

**SPONSI DINNER** – Come join us for an evening of fellowship, a very good meal (DiFeo's Pasta/meatballs, chicken), and great entertainment ("Steppin Out" with Tim & Linda Radecky), *Tuesday, Dec 6, at 6pm* in Finnerty Hall! Our committee is Reuben & Nancy DiSalvatore 630-3955, Dale & Marge Walker 699-0888, and Jim & Connie Beaulieu 634-1113. They will be calling you soon, or you may call one of them to let them know you're coming. All are invited!

**WHAT IS MEANT BY BEING A WITNESS?** We are all called to be witnesses at work, with our family, families, simply everywhere we go; to lead others to a place of conversion and faith. Witness is the first step in living a Christian witness. Come examine and share how our life and relationships can be that witness for others, as we continue the *relit* DVD series on *Wednesday, Dec 7 from 7-8:30 pm* in Parish Ctr Rm 101.

**YOU'RE THE MISSING PIECE!** If you would like to become a member of our parish family at Our Lady of Victory, we invite you to stop back in Finnerty Hall on the weekend of *December 10 & 11* after any Mass, where a member of our Welcome Committee will assist you in filling out a Registration Form. Welcome to the Family!



**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION** – In your envelope packet next week, you'll find an opportunity to help support our Retired Religious community. Your gift helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and more for elderly religious. Thank you!

**JOIN US IN OUR PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** *Wednesday, Dec 14 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.



**MANY THANKS** once again, for helping us to continue supporting our local Humility of Mary Housing in Akron; and Good Samaritan Hunger Center! Filling your Poor Fund Envelope makes this possible. Blessings!

**News & Notes in our Neighborhood**

A **CANCER SPIRITUALITY GROUP** for those on the cancer journey, those facing diagnosis, or who have faced diagnosis in the past, are welcome to attend meetings twice a month on the *2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays* at St Matthew Rectory, 2603 Benton St, Akron. The next meeting will be *December 8, from 11:00 - 12:30*. This interfaith group is co-facilitated by cancer survivors Pat Flaherty and Linda Herold. For more information, please contact Pat at 628-5725 or at [everhiker@sbcglobal.net](mailto:everhiker@sbcglobal.net).

**YOU'RE INVITED TO** a Christmas Concert with the Daughters of St Paul Choir at the Cathedral of St John, 1007 Superior Ave, Cleveland, on *Friday Dec 9 at 7pm!* The concert is FREE and open to all. No tickets or reservations required. Bring a friend!

**CHRISTMAS, A NOT-SO-MERRY TIME** – A "special" group session for grieving children, ages 6-12, will take place on *Saturday, Dec 10 from 1-3pm*, at The GriefCare Place, 4499 Darrow Rd, Stow. This "special" session will help these children sort through their questions and feelings about what Christmas will be like for those who have lost a loved one. An RSVP is essential in planning. Call 686-1750 for more information.

**THE OZANAM CENTER** tells us they are in desperate need of good used or new men's and children's coats, as well as gloves for everyone, to give to their clients. If you can help, drop your donation off on Saturdays from 9:30-12pm. Someone would be happy to help unload them.

**DONATE YOUR CAR TO ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** and receive a tax deduction to the fullest extent of the law, and your donation will become food, medicine and rent for the poor in our community. They will tow within 24 hours, and will mail you the completed required tax forms. Call 800-322-828 4 or donate online at [www.svdpusa.org](http://www.svdpusa.org).

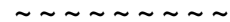
**Celebrating the Sacraments**

**WEDDING BANNES:**  
III – SANDY KLINE & KRISTEN PHILEN



**Caring Commission**

**Pray for the Sick:** Marion Boehm, Cameron Fortney, Zachary Gravatt, Irene Ingram, Norman Killian, Rita Lopus, Barb Young.



We pray with the Church that Deacon Ross C DeJohn Sr may share in the peace and joy of the Risen Lord.

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