

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

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

Monday, Jan 2	No Morning Mass <i>Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church</i> 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday, Jan 3	Benito Antognoli <i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i> 1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday, Jan 4	Margaret Begue (6:30 pm) Rosary <i>St Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious</i> 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Thursday, Jan 5	Jean Carder <i>St John Neumann, Bishop</i> 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51
Friday, Jan 6	(No Mass on Fridays) <i>St André Bessette, Religious</i> 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147: 12-15, 19-20; Lk 3:23-28
Saturday, Jan 7	(9:00 am) Confessions (5:00 pm) For the Parishioners <i>St Raymond of Penyafort</i> 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11
Sunday, Jan 8	(9:00 am) Ruth Thompson (11:00 am) Helen Mudd <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i> Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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and our youth page at: **Our Lady of Victory Catholic
Church Youth Ministry!**



From the Pastor's Desk

FAITH DIRECT USERS –Thank you for choosing Faith Direct as the way to contribute your Stewardship of Treasure to your Church. The ease for the users as well as the consistency of contributions is a win-win for all of us! Please make certain to check your online information, as the various collections for 2017 have been updated online. Now is the time to make any adjustments as we begin the new year. For those who have not yet signed up for Faith Direct, you can do so online at www.faithdirect.net, and use our Church Code OH669, or, pick up an updated hard-copy enrollment form found in the pews or near the entrances of the Church.



Celebrating Notes

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The offices will close *Friday at Noon* for our Staff Christmas Luncheon, and reopen *Monday, Jan 9 at 9:00 am*. If you have an emergency during those times, please call the office, dial extension 18 (Fr Mike), and follow the instructions.

Coming Events/News in our Parish

DON'T FORGET - The Volunteer Appreciation Brunch after either Mass **NEXT Sunday, January 8**. Fill out the tear-off from an earlier bulletin (extras are in the back of church), and drop it off at the office by **Tuesday, Jan 3**.

relit RETURNS WEDNESDAY, JAN 4TH; it is still not too late for you to join in this DVD series. On the 4th, we will pray the *rosary in Church at 6:30 pm and then come to Room 101 of the Parish Center at 7 pm*. We will first share how we were an intentional witness to another during Christmastime. The DVD will lead us in a discussion to explore evangelization in the context of family and friends. These are two of the most important places for us to be a witness, but for many it also may be the most challenging. Reflect how our relationships with others are the key and a simple approach may be the best as we are led toward the ultimate relationship. **The "relit series" will continue through Feb 8.**

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 **January 14 & 15** after any Mass, where a member of our Welcome Committee will assist you in filling out a Registration Form. Welcome to the Family!



JOIN US IN OUR PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY *Wednesday, Jan 11 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.



In Our Parish – What/Where/When

MONDAY, JAN 2, 2017

****OFFICES CLOSED**

NO Morning Mass

TUESDAY, JAN 3, 2017

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

RCIA/Library/7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, JAN 4, 2017

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, JAN 5, 2017

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

Ministry of Consolation Mtg/Parish Ctr Rm 101/6:30 pm

FRIDAY, JAN 6, 2017

****OFFICES CLOSE AT NOON for Staff Christmas Luncheon**

SATURDAY, JAN 7, 2017

Confessions/Church/9:00 am

SUNDAY, JAN 8, 2017

PSR Preschool/Parish Ctr Rms 102, 103/8:50 am

Children's Liturgy of the Word/Parish Ctr Rm 100/9:00 am

PSR K-8/TMS/10:45 am

PSR 9-10/TMS/10:45 am

Volunteer Brunch after both Masses/FH

Christmas Take-down/Church/2:00 pm

OFFERTORY COLLECTION SUNDAY, DEC 18, 2016

Regular Collection \$ 9,270.00

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Faith Direct (12/15) \$ 5,369.00

(Dec 25 Regular Offertory & Christmas not available at print time)



Question of the Week

Reading: Luke 2:16-21

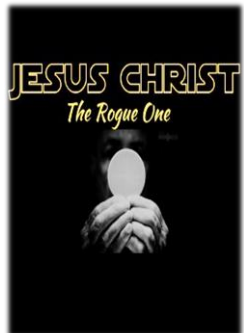
Adults: Luke tells us that Mary kept all these things, and reflected on them in her heart. As a new year begins, what do you hold in your heart and reflect on? How will you follow Jesus in faith this year and how will you invite others to do the same?

Children: Mary was the first Disciple of Jesus, the one who loved Him most in the world. How can we be like Mary? How can we say yes to Jesus today?



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 3RD GRADE Parish School of Religion class for collecting the most number of warm clothing for the homeless and needy this Advent season! They collected a total of 274 items. As a program, we collected 548 items for those in need. Good work, everyone!

ATTENTION 6th, 7th, and 8th GRADERS: The Collaborative Middle School Retreat is back again! This year's theme is "Jesus Christ: the Rogue One"!



When: Saturday, Jan 28th, 9:30am -5:30pm

Where: St Sebastian Parish in Akron

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Includes: lunch, t-shirt, Mass, and a day packed with fun, Jesus, service, and community. Email Katie at kpyles@ourladyofvictory.net to get registration forms.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following 200 Club winner(s) for the weekend of *December 25, 2016:*

#143 – LARRY KOVALCIK - \$75.00

News & Notes in our Neighborhood

CATHOLIC RENEWAL MINISTRIES will host a Charismatic Mass *Friday, Jan 6 at 7pm*, at St Peter Parish, 35777 Center Ridge Rd, N Ridgeville. Fr Bob Franco will celebrate. Praise/worship begins at 7pm, and Liturgy at 7:30 pm. Healing teams available after Mass. Call Fr Franco at 440-327-2201 for more information.

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.

CAMP CHRISTOPHER WINTER FAMILY CAMP is scheduled for *Jan 13-16!* This Camp is a fantastic family bonding time. They offer high quality programming throughout each day for every age group! Visit www.campchris.org to register now.

HEART TO HEART COMMUNICATIONS invites you to their next quarterly breakfast *Tuesday, Jan 10 from 7:30-8:45 am* at the First Congregational Church, 292 E Market St, Akron. Shon Christy, Focal Point Social Media Marketing will be the speaker. Cost is \$20. Call 330-434-3278 ext 0, or visit www.h2hc.org by **Jan 5 to pre-register**.

RETROUVAILLE is a 3-month program, supported by the Cleveland Diocese, to help couples struggling in their marriage. It has 3 phases, starting with a weekend experience in which couples learn to re-establish communication and to gain new insight into themselves as individuals and as a couple. The 2017 weekends are: *Jan 20-22, April 21-23, and Sept 8-10*, at the Fairfield Inn & Suites in Beachwood. For more info, visit www.helpourmarriage.com, or call Marce or Liz Gliha *in complete confidence* at 1-800-470-2230.

SACRED STEPS PILGRIMAGE RETREAT – A Retreat for the Separated and Divorced – *Friday, Jan 20 (7-9pm), and Saturday, Jan 21 (8:30 am-4pm)*. St Joseph Church, 12700 Pearl Rd, Strongsville, OH 44136 will host this retreat, which will offer guidance in coping with the various situations and problems one experiences during separation and divorce. Make your \$25 check payable to St Joseph Church, with "Sacred Steps Retreat" in the memo line. Send to above address, Attn: Deacon Bob Lester, **by Jan 13**.

EXTRAORDINARY MISSION MEN'S CONFERENCE – *January 28* at St Matthew Church, 2603 Benton Ave, Akron. This men's conference features author John Wood, and musical guest Cassandra Acree, beginning at 8:30 am with breakfast, and concluding at 5pm with dinner for all men and their families. The day will include inspiring talks, powerful music, fellowship, Eucharistic Adoration, and an opportunity for confession. Cost is \$10, and reservations can be made by calling St Matthew's office at 733-9944. See OLV Bulletin Boards for flyer and info.

Caring Commission

Pray for the Sick: Marion Boehm, Doris Bovard, Leonard Davis, Gail Deneen, Zachary Gravatt, Catherine Grohosky, Martha Guld, Irene Ingram, Samuel Mazur, Duane & Helen Platt, Mary Rickert, Bob Speer, Marie Weirich, Barb Young.



We pray with the Church that Nicholas Colaric (father of Kathy Weiss), Deacon Donald W Lobdell, and Martha Sarlouis (sister of Margaret Strayer) may share in the peace and joy of the Risen Lord.

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