

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

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

Monday, Jan 4	John & Barbara Cirullo <i>St Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious</i> 1 Jn 3:22—4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17,23-25
Tuesday, Jan 5	Marlene Dunford <i>St John Neumann, Bishop</i> 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday, Jan 6	Al & Cecilia Bujalski <i>St André Bessette</i> 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52 (7:00 pm) Christmas Evening Prayer
Thursday, Jan 7	Joseph Letta <i>St Raymond of Penyafort, Priest</i> 1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday, Jan 8	(No Morning Mass) 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday, Jan 9	(9:00 am) Confessions (5:00 pm) Rosina Barbetta 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-5, 6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday, Jan 10	(9:00 am) Vincent Ebbing (11:00 am) For the Parishioners <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i> Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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

JUST A REMINDER, FOR ENVELOPE USERS (as well as Faith Direct Users), you will notice a change in your envelope packets you received for January/February (and a new listing online for Faith Direct users). Some months ago, accepting the recommendation of our Parish Finance Council, a decision was made to combine “New Development” monies with “Replacement Account” monies. In your January/February packet, you will no longer find a “Building Our Future” envelope (nor see this on Faith Direct). We ask you to continue to support the “Replacement Account” with donations that may have previously been made to “Building Our Future”. Thank you.

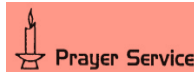
FAITH DIRECT USERS – Again, thank you for choosing Faith Direct as the way to contribute your Stewardship of Treasure to your Church. The ease for the users as well as the consistency of contributions is a win-win for all of us! Please make certain to check your online information as the various collections for 2016 have been updated on-line now, so, now is the time to make any adjustments as we begin 2016. For those who have not yet signed up for Faith Direct, you can do so online at www.faithdirect.net, and be certain to use our Church Code OH669, or, pick up an updated hard-copy enrollment forms found in the pews or near the entrances of the Church if you prefer to enroll in that manner.



ADDITIONALLY, AGAIN FOR ENVELOPE USERS, we have included an “Initial Offering” Envelope to help defray the costs of printing and mailing. You will find that in your January/February packet.

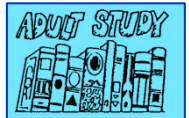
Celebrating Notes

EVENING PRAYER CONTINUES beyond Advent, as we continue to celebrate Christmas Time and Christ’s coming in time. Join with others on *Wednesday, January 6th*, at 7:00 pm in the Church as we gather for the Church’s Prayer . . . simple, but beautiful; another way to celebrate the joys of this holy season.



Faith Formation & Religious Ed. Notes

WOULD YOU LIKE TO EXPLORE the central beliefs of the Catholic faith and how these beliefs form the foundation for how we live our lives? Join us for an Adult Faith Formation opportunity on *Saturday, Jan 9, 16 and 23 from 11am - 1pm* in the Parish Center. These are part of the certification for those who teach in PSR, but all are welcome. Contact Linda Herold for more information.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES! Come any *Thursday, beginning January 7, from 2 - 3:30 pm* in the Parish Center to discuss the Book of Luke. Also, there will be a 4-week session beginning *Wednesday, Jan 6 at 7:30 pm* (after Evening Prayer) where we will begin to read and discuss Paul’s letter to the Romans.



IN OUR PARISH – WHAT/WHERE/WHEN

MONDAY, JAN 4, 2016

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

TUESDAY, JAN 5, 2016

5:00 Choir Practice/Church/6:30 pm
RCIA/Library/7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, JAN 6, 2016

Men’s Prayer Group/Church/6:30 am
AA Meeting/Parish Ctr Rm 100/10:00 am
4-8 Grade Group/Finnerty Hall/6:00 pm
Bible Study/Parish Ctr Rm 101/7:30 pm
Young Adult Group/Library/7:00 pm

THURSDAY, JAN 7, 2016

Bible Study/Parish Ctr Rm 101/2:00 pm
Ministers of Consolation Mtg/Parish Ctr Rm 101/6:30 pm

FRIDAY, JAN 8, 2016

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

SATURDAY, JAN 9, 2016

Confessions/Church/9:00 am
Adult Faith Formation/Parish Ctr Rm 101/11:00 am
Young Adult Epiphany Party/Parish Ctr Rm 101/6:00 pm
****Blessing of Volunteers at Mass**

SUNDAY, JAN 10, 2016

Welcome Committee Taking New Registrations after all Masses
PSR Preschool/Parish Ctr Rm 102,103/8:50 am
Children’s Lit of the Word/Parish Ctr Rm 100/9:00 am
PSR K-8/Tallmadge Middle School/10:30 am
PSR 9-10th Grade/Parish Ctr Rm 101/6:00 pm
****Blessing of Volunteers at all Masses-Recognition Brunch to follow**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION SUNDAY, DEC 20, 2015

Regular Collection	\$ 7,376.01
# of Children’s Envs	6
Faith Direct (12/15/15)	\$ 5,135.00
(Offertory for Christmas & Dec 27 not available at print time)	

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Question of the Week

Gospel: *Matthew 2:1-12*

Adults: Through the eyes of faith, the Magi see so much more in what appears to be an ordinary child in Bethlehem and a star. Looking through eyes of faith, where do you see Christ? What gifts do you bring?

Children: You have been given many gifts by God. Give one of those gifts back by sharing it, talk to someone about how to use your talents.

Coming Events & News in Our Parish

SAVE THE DATE! IF YOU HAVE VOLUNTEERED in any way over the past year, come and bring your immediate family to the Volunteer Appreciation Brunch after both Masses on *Sunday, January 10!* **RSVP** by filling out the tear-off in last week's bulletin and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the office **by Jan 4.**

YOU'RE THE MISSING PIECE! If you would like to become a member of Our Lady of Victory Parish, we invite you to stop back in Finnerty Hall on *Jan 9 & 10* after any Mass where a member of our Welcome Committee will assist you in filling out a Registration Form. (**Please bring sacramental information if you can.**) We're very glad to have you join our family!



YOUNG ADULT GROUP (formerly 20-Somethings) - for those in their 20s & 30s, single, married, with or without children. We meet *every other Wednesday from 7-8:30 pm* with babysitting provided. **PLEASE NOTE THE NEW DAY, as we begin the New Year, meeting on January 6 & 20 in the Parish Center.** Contact Steve in advance to get materials at Steve@Mosholder.com or 330-554-6770.

VOLUNTEER BABYSITTERS WANTED! The Young Adult Group (formerly the 20-Somethings) – Holy Family/OLV/St Eugene's Cluster Group - has some adorable children that need babysitting during Bible Studies, held every other week Wednesday evening 7-8:30 pm in the Parish Ctr. Babysitters must be Virtus trained. One-time or repeat help is greatly appreciated. Contact Linda Herold at 633-3637 if you can help.

JOIN THE YOUNG ADULTS of OLV and neighboring parishes for an Epiphany Potluck get-together and "white elephant" gift exchange, *Saturday, Jan 9 at 6:15 pm* (immediately following the 5pm Mass) in Parish Ctr Rm 101!

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



THE PARISH LIFE COMMISSION is always looking for new members. Join us on *Thursday, Jan 14 at 7pm* in the Parish Ctr, if you are interested in learning more about this important part of our parish.

THE OLV ADOPT-A-BABY NEWS! The rapid development of our baby has been incredible! During the first trimester, our baby's heart began beating at 3 weeks, brain waves detected at 6 weeks, the skeleton changed from soft cartilage to bone at 8 weeks, unique fingerprints formed at 10 weeks, and all organs and systems functioning at 12 weeks!!! The baby is now known as a fetus, the Latin word for "young one". Our baby continues to grow in size while the brain begins maturing, a process that will continue until about 14 years old. Mom begins to feel our baby's

movement - a slight flutter at first will become stronger, a reminder of God's masterpiece within her body! A word search and coloring page are located in the back of the church by the baby poster! More exciting news next month.



ATTENTION ALL 4TH-8TH GRADERS! Join us every *1st and 3rd Wednesday from 6-8pm* for youth group! There will be pizza, fun, and Jesus – all things necessary for a great time! Next month we meet **Jan 6 and 20.** All are welcome!

THE ANNUAL MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT is *January 29-30* for all 6th-8th graders at Holy Family in Stow! Please mark your calendars and look for registration materials in early January. This retreat is **led by high school students, so we'll need to put a team together** in early January as well. Contact Katie Yockey for more information.

SAVE THE DATE for HOPE (Healing Our Pain Every day) – a faith-based, safe and fun weekend Retreat for Teens, 13-17 yrs old, coping with the death of a parent, grandparent, or sibling When? Begins *Saturday, April 23 at 9:30 am - Sunday, April 24 at 4:30 pm* at Our Lady of Victory.

ATTENTION ADULTS! If you over 21 years of age, and are interested in **chaperoning the Steubenville Youth Conference** this summer, from June 24-26, please contact Katie Yockey as soon as possible! **If we do not have enough chaperones, our youth cannot attend this retreat.** We are currently in need of both male and female chaperones.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following 200 Club winner(s) for the weekend of *Dec 27, 2015:*

#177 – BILL & MARYANN KOSTICH - \$75.00

News & Notes in our Neighborhood

HAVE YOU BECOME DISTRACTED IN YOUR MARRIAGE by outside pressure, that you neglect your spouse? The Retrouvaille program can help you put your troubled marriage back on track. Supported by the Cleveland Diocese, the next Retrouvaille weekend is *Jan 15-17.* A registration fee of \$150 is required to confirm your reservation. Contact Diane or Al Miskinis at 330-665-3506, or www.helpourmarriage.org.

Celebrating the Sacraments

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS:
50TH: ROBERT & JEAN BRYER – 1/8/66

Caring Commission

Pray for the Sick: Linda Bennett, Marion Boehm, Dan Cevasco, Chris Cotel, Jim Gravatt, Zachary Gravatt, Irene Ingram, John Lanshe, Rita Lopus, Diana Morneweck, Mary Ellen Nehoda, Mary O'Shaughnessy, Lawrence Stoltz, Margaret Tejral, Ruth Thompson.



We pray with the Church that Rev William Bichl, and Violet Shepka may share in the peace and joy of the Risen Lord.

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