

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

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

Monday, Jan 9	Helen Mudd <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i> Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 9, 10; Mt 3:13-17
Tuesday, Jan 10	Angelina DiTirro Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday, Jan 11	Agape Prayer Group & Their Families Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday, Jan 12	Suzanne Dann All Souls Intention Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-7c, 8-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday, Jan 13	(No Mass on Fridays) <i>St Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday, Jan 14	(9:00 am) Confessions (5:00 pm) For the Parishioners Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday, Jan 15	(9:00 am) Katherine Tomei (11:00 am) Charles Pfeil <i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

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

INTERGENERATIONAL CHOIR "ALERT": As Anna Rickert continues to mend, please certainly keep her in prayer. She is doing well, but it will be a slow process. In the meantime, rehearsals for the "Intergenerational Choir" will be suspended until further notice. PEACE!

AFTER CHRISTMAS SALES can be helpful . . . consider purchasing some white lights (if led, please make it the "warm", not "cool" color) as we are always in need of replacing strings that don't work year to year, and now, the sale prices are great! Thanks for your consideration.

WHAT ABOUT THOSE TREES IN CHURCH? Several have inquired about them, so, here is the little tidbit that was shared. They are constructed out of Tomato Cages and artificial Pine Garland (with lights added, of course). Several elves from the Art and Environment Committee helped to construct them, and each tree hosts 200 white lights. All it takes is a Tomato Cage and 45 feet of Pine Garland, and you're good to go. Bag it up after the end of the Christmas Season (Feast of the Baptism of the Lord), lights and all, and you can use it again.

I AM THANKFUL FOR ALL THE GENEROUS GIFTS that you provide to our parish, but I realize that you cannot be with us every Sunday of the year. Please consider using our secure electronic giving program, Faith Direct. They will automatically process any offertory or second collection donations of your choosing. For those who are already on Faith Direct, please check your online information and make any adjustments, as the various collections for 2017 have been updated. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **OH669** or pick up an updated hard-copy form, found in the pews and near the entrances of the Church, to enroll or make changes. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!



In Our Parish – What/Where/When

MONDAY, JAN 9, 2017

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

TUESDAY, JAN 10, 2017

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

WEDNESDAY, JAN 11, 2017

Men's Bible Study/Parish Ctr Rm 100/6:30 am
AA Meeting/Parish Ctr Rm 100/10:00 am
Prayer Shawl Ministry/Library/1:15 pm
Relit Series/Parish Ctr Rm 101/7:00 pm

THURSDAY, JAN 12, 2017

Bible Study/Parish Ctr Rm 101/2:00 pm
Right to Life Team Mtg/Parish Ctr Rm 101/7:00 pm

FRIDAY, JAN 13, 2017

SATURDAY, JAN 14, 2017

Confessions/Church/9:00 am

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

SUNDAY, JAN 15, 2017

NO PSR Preschool or K-8
Children's Liturgy of the Word/Parish Ctr Rm 100/9:00 am
PSR 11th Gr Confirm Class/Parish Ctr Rm 101/10:30 am

****K of C Pancake Breakfast/Finnerty Hall/10:00 am-1:00 pm**

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION SUNDAY, DEC 25, 2016

Regular Collection	\$ 9,249.25
Christmas Collection.....	\$11,421.00
Faith Direct (Christmas)	\$ 1,162.00
# of Children's Envs Rcvd.....	4

OFFERTORY COLLECTION SUNDAY, DEC 31/JAN 1, 2017

Regular Collection	\$ 5,848.00
# of Children's Envs Rcvd.....	2

Celebrating Notes

MASS INTENTIONS: All parishioners are free to schedule Mass Intentions for their deceased loved ones at any time, by filling out the blue 1/2-sheet form, located at each of the doors of the church. Enclose the form with your stipend of \$10.00 per Mass (make checks payable to OLV), and mail it to the office, or place it in the collection basket. Or you can stop by the office to schedule them personally. (Note that if you are unable to provide a stipend, a Mass Intention will still be accepted.)

In addition to Mass Intentions, you may continue to make contributions to OLV's Replacement Account, or other "memorializing" contributions to the parish. Additional Mass Intentions may also be brought to the Parish Office for us to forward to the Cleveland Diocesan Mission Office for distribution to local and missionary priests, who may be in need of intentions, and they will celebrate the Mass for you.

For any questions, please call the office at 633-3637 and speak to Jean, or Fr Mike.

Coming Events/News in our Parish

relit St. Catherine of Sienna uses the image of a 'tempestuous flood' to describe the rupture between us and God and the analogy of a bridge to understand the basic Gospel message in our restored relationship. Come explore 'the ultimate relationship' using the *relit* DVD series

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

on Wednesday, Jan 11 at 7pm in the Room 101 of the Parish Center. Begin to answer the question regarding where Jesus is in your life, and how to share that with others. *The "reelit series" will continue through Feb 8.*

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.



A RIGHT TO LIFE TEAM PLANNING MEETING is scheduled on Thursday, Jan 12 at 7pm, in Parish Ctr Rm 101. Our 2016 accomplishments, lessons learned, new initiatives, and preliminary plans for 2017 will be discussed. Parishioners committed to the protection of innocent human life from conception to natural death are invited to attend. Full-time or part-time membership is welcome! See you there...bring a friend!

SIGNATURE & MEDIA CAMPAIGN – On JAN 21 & 22, OLV will join Right to Life of Northeast Ohio and area parishes in this annual campaign to help build a Culture of Life. Volunteers in the back of the church and alcove will accept signatures, which will be sent to our legislators to support pro-life policies and to collect donations to fund pro-life multi-media education. These programs have been highly effective in changing the hearts and minds of women in crisis pregnancies. Women who see the ultrasound image of their baby's heartbeat are 90% less likely to have an abortion. The 2015 Ohio Dept of Health Report shows that abortions have decreased from 37,464 to 20,976 annually since 2001!!! **Your continuing support of our life-saving campaign is saving lives NOW!!! Please give generously.**



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!



"DEAR PARISH MEMBERS AND STAFF: We would like to thank you for your continued support. Because of your loving support, we were able to help 1845 individuals with food in 2016, and 1142 with clothing. We would not be able to help so many without you sharing the light and Spirit of Christ. Thank you for being Beacons of Hope in this uncertain world. Many Blessings for the New Year."

Candy Lorkowski, Chairman, Tallmadge Good Neighbors

Question of the Week

Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Adults: The Magi were overjoyed at seeing the star and sought the child Jesus. They offered Him gifts, including the gift of themselves. This weekend, open your heart to the light of Christ, allow it to fill you and shine forth from you; then proclaim it to those you meet.

Children: Imagine having to travel thousands of miles to be able to meet baby Jesus! Have you ever gone on a long trip to see family, or to go on vacation? How did you feel when you made it to your destination? Each time you come to Mass, imagine that trip the Magi took. Come to Jesus with the same joy they felt!



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 January 1, 2017:

#146 – CHUCK WEISS - \$25.00

News & Notes in our Neighborhood

THE DIVORCED, SEPARATED AND WIDOWED CATHOLICS of Akron is sponsoring a talk by Diane Parker, Stow Munroe Falls Library, who will speak about **"Getting Familiar with Technology"**, on Monday, Jan 9, 7:30 pm, at Immaculate Heart of Mary, 1945 Portage Trail, Cuy Falls. This is a great opportunity to ask questions about your mobile devices and tablets! This event is open at no cost to single people of all faiths. For information, call Sue 330-554-5626.

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 Bulletin Boards for flyer and info.

Celebrating the Sacraments

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS: 60TH:

JOSEPH & PHYLLIS FALKENSTEIN – 1/7/57

Caring Commission

Pray for the Sick: Marion Boehm, Leonard Davis, Gail Deneen, Zachary Gravatt, Catherine Grohosky, Martha Guld, Helen Humble, Irene Ingram, Beth Mason, Samuel Mazur, Anna Rickert, Mary Rickert, Dorothy Walsh.

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