

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

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

Monday, Nov 21	Anita Testa <i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-6; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday, Nov 22	Edmund Anthon <i>St Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr</i> Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday, Nov 23	Mary Seesdorf <i>St Clement I, Pope/Martyr; St Columban, Abbot</i> Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday, Nov 24	THANKSGIVING DAY (8:30 am) Albert Kunkel, Sr <i>Reception to follow in Finnerty Hall</i> <i>St Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs</i> Rv 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28
Friday, Nov 25	<i>(No Mass on Fridays)</i> <i>St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr</i> Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday, Nov 26	(9:00 am) Confessions (5:00 pm) DiRinaldo & Carney Families <i>Intergenerational Choir Sings</i> Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday, Nov 27	(9:00 am) For the Parishioners (11:00 am) John & Rosina Barbetta <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i> Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Check us out on Facebook at: **Our Lady of Victory Church**, and our youth page at: **Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church Youth Ministry!**



Celebrating Notes

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS: Parish Offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday of this week. There is no Mass on Friday morning; Confessions are at 9:00 am on Saturday as usual.



JOIN US ON THANKSGIVING DAY for Mass at 8:30 am, followed by a social in Finnerty Hall. Please see today's insert for details on **Buy One, Give One**. Thank you for the generosity our faith community so consistently shows, especially for those in need.

ADVENT 2016/NEW CHURCH YEAR BEGINS NEXT WEEKEND:

- * **BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH:** As Advent begins the weekend of Nov 26-27, we begin a new liturgical year, and our Advent preparations that lead us to the celebration of Christmas. As the **Book of Blessings** instructs, the "blessing of the Advent Wreath" takes place *once*, (this will be at the 5pm Mass Saturday, Nov 26), and occurs **after** the Intercessions (at which time, the first candle is lit).
- * **GIVE HOPE TO OTHERS:** Share the joy of participating in our annual Advent tradition of sharing the gifts God has given us with those less fortunate. **Next Weekend, MONEY** will be collected for Tallmadge Good Neighbors - **after each Mass in the offering baskets at the doors of church**. We invite a generous response to assist the growing number of neighbors in need. **On Dec 3-4, bring GIFTS & COOKIES/CANDY**. Those who took gift cards for Good Neighbors, 1st Steps, Freedom House, or Equitas Health, please complete your shopping, and be sure to place the original wish card on the outside of each wrapped gift. Make some extra cookies or candy to share with these gifts. We are one of the few groups that add the sweet treats. **On Dec 10-11, bring PAPER/SOAP PRODUCTS or non-perishable FOOD to the wreath**. These will be used after Christmas to stock the shelves of Tallmadge Good Neighbors for the cold winter months.
- * **PREPARE A PLACE IN YOUR HEART:** Get your copy of Sunday's Word (\$2.50) and/or other Advent Prayer materials (donation) for adults and children. Pray a little each day to prepare room in your heart for Jesus.
- * **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:** Plan to attend Mass at OLV at **8:30 am or 7pm on Thursday, Dec 8**. Come early in the evening at 6:30 pm to pray the Rosary. **(Incense will be used at both Masses.)**
- * **ADVENT COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE:** This year our 5-parish service of communal confessions will be at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Cuy Falls, at **7pm on Sunday, Dec 11**.
- * **"RELIT" SERIES:** Join us on **Wednesdays, Nov 30, 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".



In Our Parish – What/Where/When

- MONDAY, NOV 21, 2016**
9:00 Choir Practice/Church/8:00 pm
- TUESDAY, NOV 22, 2016**
Youth/Teen Choir Practice/Church/6:00 pm
5:00 Choir Practice/Church/6:30 pm
RCIA/Library/7:00 pm
- WEDNESDAY, NOV 23, 2016**
Men's Bible Study/Parish Ctr Rm 100/6:30 am
AA Meeting/Parish Ctr Rm 100/10:00 am
NO 7pm Bible Study
- THURSDAY, NOV 24, 2016 – THANKSGIVING**
****OFFICES CLOSED**
****Thanksgiving Food/Money Collection**
- FRIDAY, NOV 25, 2016**
****OFFICES CLOSED**
- SATURDAY, NOV 26, 2016**
Confessions/Church/9:00 am
****Advent Collection of Money at all Masses**
****Advent Resources & Sunday's Word out**
- SUNDAY, NOV 27, 2016**
NO PSR
Children's Liturgy of the Word/Parish Ctr Rm 100/9:00 am
****Advent Collection of Money at all Masses**
****Advent Resources & Sunday's Word out**



Sharing our Treasure

OFFERTORY COLLECTION SUNDAY, NOV 13, 2016

Regular Collection	\$ 6,811.25
# of Children's Envs Rcvd.....	12
Faith Direct (11/4/16)	\$ 6,752.00

A SERIES OF PARISH ROSARIES will be prayed at 6:30 pm on each Wednesday of the Advent season on 11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, and Christmas season on 12/28 and 1/4. Members of the Right to Life Team will lead the rosaries, which will be dedicated to the sanctity of human life from conception through natural death, as well as your personal petitions. Everyone is invited to include these opportunities as part of your spiritual preparation for the "coming" of Jesus Christ. **BRING A FRIEND!**



Question of the Week

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

Adults: On the cross, Jesus died the way He lived, extending the gift of forgiveness and eternal life to one more sinner. As we conclude this Jubilee Year of Mercy, how many ways has God shown me mercy this year? How can I continue extending this mercy into the next?

Children: Today, we read about Jesus on the Cross; we also celebrate Jesus as the King of the Universe. What kind of King is Jesus? What does that tell us about God's love for us?

Coming Events/News in our Parish

CHRISTMAS & YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS TO OLV – Donations received via the Collection Basket on **12/31/16 (Saturday)** will go toward your **2016** donations. Donations received via the Collection Basket on **1/1/17 (Sunday)** will go toward your **2017** donations. (It will not matter if that check is dated for December 2016 – it will go toward 2017.) If the postmark on a mailed-in contribution is 12/31, it will be recorded as a 2016 contribution. If it is postmarked in 2017, it will be recorded as a 2017 contribution. The date of the postmark is most important, not the date on the check, per the IRS. Please help be proactive and get yours in early!

BEGINNING WITH THE WEDNESDAYS IN ADVENT, you are invited and encouraged to join with other parishioners to experience the **“reLit” video series**. The purpose of this series is to strengthen our personal faith in Jesus Christ and inspire us to share this great gift with others. We will gather in Parish Center Rm 101 *beginning Nov 30 from 7-8:30 pm*. On Nov 30th we will begin with the ‘The Great Story’ and how to share that story with others through our call to evangelization.

TO THE WOMEN OF THE PARISH – our annual Advent reflection will be *Saturday, Dec 3 from 2:30-4:30 pm* in the parish center. Sister Maureen McCarthy, OSU will assist our reflection regarding Mary, the Mother of God, a true disciple and evangelist – spreading the Good News of her Son and calling them into a relationship with Him.

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!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES – Thank you to all who helped make this year’s appeal a success! As of October, OLV paid \$62,653 of the \$70,905 pledged. We encourage those who have made a pledge to fulfill it no later than December 31, 2016. Thank you!



CONGRATULATIONS to the following 200 Club winner(s) for the weekend of *November 13, 2016*:

#179 – SHIRLEY KELLER - \$25.00

News & Notes in our Neighborhood

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM MASS – *Saturday, Dec 3, at 11:00 am*, OLA/St Joseph Center in Tremont, 2346 W 14th St, Cleveland. Join Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries, with celebrant Bishop Roger Gries, as they celebrate their 32nd anniversary of this liturgy for persons with disabilities, their families, and friends. A light luncheon will follow. Call 216-334-2963 for more information.

A DAY OF REFLECTION for those who love someone who is Incarcerated – *Sunday, Dec 4*, Jesuit Retreat House, 5629 State Rd, Parma. Registration 9:30 am, Program 10am – 3pm. Enjoy a day of reflection, quiet prayer, time to share a delicious meal, and Mass. NO cost. RSVP to Paula at the Parish Life Office at 800-869-6525 x 3500.

SACRED STEPS ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE for the Separated and Divorced – St Joseph Church, 12700 Pearl Rd, Strongsville, *Friday, Dec 9 from 7-8:30 pm*. Catholic Charities offers this evening to prepare the way of the Lord this Advent season. All are welcome – no reservations needed.

HOPE & HEALING SURVIVOR RESOURCE CENTER – Be a part of supporting survivors of domestic violence in Summit County this Christmas. To better serve families who are working their way to an independent and violence-free life, they are opening a new 150-bed shelter, **but are still in need of basic items**. Summit County Battered Women’s Shelter is registered at Target and needs your help. Call them at 374-0740 or visit their online registry at www.target.com/gift-registry/registry/jWg5EV0znn5u0yoFwwkZJg.

AMERICAN RED CROSS is looking for volunteers to greet donors at weekday blood drives in our community. Friendly, flexible, reliable individuals who are interested in helping with a life-saving program may contact Ann Catanese at 330-958-1873 or ann.catanese@redcross.org.

Celebrating the Sacraments

WEDDING BANNS:
I – SANDY KLINE & KRISTEN PHILEN

WELCOME NEWLY REGISTERED:
GARY & CAROL JENKINS - AKRON

Caring Commission

Pray for the Sick: Marion Boehm, Cameron Fortney, Barbara George, Zachary Gravatt, Wilma Hipply, Irene Ingram, Rita Lopus, Matthew Pramik Jr, Anna Rivera, Conor Ryan, Mary Ann Sekowski.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPONSOR OF THE WEEK:

Summit Villa Care Center
Skilled Nursing & Rehab Center
Parishioner
Kathleen Langer-Champlin
Executive Director
330-633-0555
330 Southwest Ave, Tallmadge