



Parish Schedule & Mass Intentions

SATURDAY	December 1	<i>Weekday</i>
Mass	5:00pm	Justine Krane
SUNDAY	December 2	<i>First Sunday of Advent</i>
Mass	8:30am	Sharon Bianco
PSR	9:40am	Woodridge Intermediate School
Mass	11:00am	People of the Parish
MONDAY	December 3	<i>St. Francis Xavier, Priest</i>
Mass	8:30am	All Souls
Penance	7:00pm	Communal Penance Service at St. Barnabas Church, Northfield
TUESDAY	December 4	<i>Advent Weekday;</i> <i>St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church</i>
Mass	7:30pm	Michael Kirchurchak
WEDNESDAY	December 5	<i>Advent Weekday</i>
Mass	8:30am	Joseph and Anna Harvat
Meeting	8:00pm	AA Meeting (Church Hall)
THURSDAY	December 6	<i>Advent Weekday;</i> <i>St. Nicholas, Bishop</i>
Mass	8:30am	Alfonse Szydowski
FRIDAY	December 7	<i>St. Ambrose, Bishop and</i> <i>Doctor of the Church</i>
Mass	8:30am	Harvat and Pribonic Families
		<i>Vigil of the Immaculate Conception</i>
Mass	4:30pm	People of the Parish
Mass	7:00pm	Justine Krane
SATURDAY	December 8	<i>The Immaculate Conception</i>
Mass	10:00am	Ben Lahoski (Happy Birthday!)
Penance	11:30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Penance	4:00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
		<i>Vigil Mass Second Sunday of Advent</i>
Mass	5:00pm	Joseph Ducett
SUNDAY	December 9	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>
Mass	8:30am	Dice Moledor
PSR	9:45am	PSR Rehearsal (Church)
Mass	11:00am	People of the Parish

Communal Penance Service

Prepare for the coming of the Lord by participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Monday, December 3rd at our, St. Baranabas, Northfield at 7pm.

Scriptures for Week of December 2, 2012

Sunday	Jer 33:14-16 1 Thes 3:12-4:2 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday	Is 2:1-5 Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday	Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday	Is 25:6-10a Mt 15:29-37
Thursday	Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday	Is 29:17-24 Mt 9:27-31
Saturday	<i>Immaculate Conception Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Gn 3:9-15, 20 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38
Sunday	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> Bar 5:1-9 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6



Read and pray
the Scriptures daily!



From the Pastor's Desk

On this Sunday of Advent, the first Sunday, the beginning of a new church year of grace and hope, may we truly be watchful and open to the many opportunities of grace that will come across our path each day. May we with our prayers and the good we do proclaim our faith and hope. May our charity help the world know the coming of the Lord.

*Grant Your faithful, we pray, almighty God,
The resolve to run forth to meet Your Christ
With righteous deeds at His coming,
So that, gathered at His right hand,
They may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
Who lives and reigns with You in the unity
Of the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever.
Amen.*

Collect of the First Sunday of Advent
The Roman Missal, 3rd Edition

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
This coming Saturday, December 8th, is the Solemnity of
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and is a holy day of obligation. It is the patronal feast of
our Nation. The Masses are 4:30pm and 7:00pm, Friday,
December 7th. Please note that the Mass on Saturday
morning, December 8th is at 10:00am.

General Intercession

For single parents who struggle to raise their children alone, that they may discover the support and encouragement of others. Let us pray to the Lord.

Family Perspectives

At this time of the year we become more conscious of our family as we make preparations for cards, gifts and visits. Today's gospel warns us not to get "weighted down" by activity. "Take heed to yourselves" during this Advent and devote yourself to appreciating the gift of those who are already such an important part of your life. The greatest gift this season might be the true appreciation of Christ in others.

In your prayers...

Emma Aguilar, George Arnold, Celia Bican, Dolores Bryan, Heidi Burmeister, Johannah Conner, Tom Gardner, Chris Gibbs, James Ging, Marilyn Griffith, Tayha Hostetler, Bob and Kathy James, Maureen Joyce, Mike LaMarre, Carol Leach, Marca Kaplar, Marcene, Margaret, Megan, Mark Munnings, Ashley Munoz, George Novak, Rita Lucy, Dorothy Rogus, Andrew Sanford, Theresa "Tess" Slenn, Bruce Styles, Marla Sliwinski, Hank Symanski, Phyllis Todd, Laura Tories, Sylvia Trecaso, Margaret Wills and all those in need...

O Holy Mary, pray with us for them!



December 2, 2012
1st Sunday of Advent

*“Stand erect and raise your heads
because your redemption
is at hand.”*

Luke 21:28



Poinsettia Memorial

If you are to donating for a poinsettia in honor of or in remembrance of someone special to you, your request needs to be received by the weekend of December 15-16. Please fill out the form that is in the Church vestibule and place it in the collection basket with your donation (if using a check, in memo note “MOS Poinsettia Fund”).

Year of Faith

Sunday 2 December : Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

To You, O Lord, I lift my soul. (Ps. 25)

- **If you were called to stand before the Son of God today, what would you want to say?**
- **How can this season of anticipation prepare you to meet Jesus and humbly say “I did my best”?**
- **When has drowsiness or lack of focus caused you to miss something important?**
- **What can you do today to strengthen your faith life and relationship with Christ?**

Human reason, in fact, bears within itself a demand for “what is perennially valid and lasting.” This demand constitutes a permanent summons, indelibly written into the human heart, to set out to find the One whom we would not be seeking had He not already set out to meet us. (PF 10)

Why Advent?

The practice of observing Advent dates to the 4th century. Advent is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, an arrival. The four week liturgical season precedes Christmas when the Church prepares to celebrate the birth of Christ. The practices and readings of the Advent season emphasize penance and the joyful expectation of the Lord’s coming. The readings center on the prophecies of John the Baptist and Isaiah. The final week of Advent focuses on the approaching birth of Christ and the role of the Blessed Mother.

(From the Modern Catholic Encyclopedia)

Prayer Group

St. Padre Pio’s Prayer Group (Spiritual Director: **Abbot C. Schwartz, O.S.B.**) will meet at **Assumption Church, Sunday, December 9, 2012, 9183 Broadview Rd., Broadview Hts., OH 44147** at 3pm for Mass, Mercy Chaplet, Rosary, and veneration of St. Pio’s relic. A potluck meal will follow.



Have you taken a tag from the Giving Tree to help brighten someone’s Christmas? Please remember to bring your gift to Church by Sunday, December 9th. May the Lord bless you in as bestow kindness on others!

Akron Ozanam Center

Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.” The **Ozanam Center in Akron** does that and more but we need your help. Mother of Sorrows agreed to be responsible for sending volunteers to the Center approximately every 6 weeks. We have been doing that for 5 years but now we find ourselves **in need of some more volunteers**. Please **help for a few hours on Saturday, December 15**, we think you would enjoy it and come back again. Please pray about this **and** if you are able, call Cathie or Jim Perusek at **330-467-5762**.

Our Relationship With Jesus

On Thursday, December 6, the First Friday Club of Cleveland welcomes the Most Reverend Richard G. Lennon, Bishop of Cleveland, as he presents “Year of Faith: Living Our Relationship with Jesus Christ h”. Held at 850 Euclid Ave., 2nd floor. Reserve a seat at 440-390-0172 or at ffcleveland@sbcglobal.net. Tickets are \$20; buffet opens at 11:30am. Reservations/cancellations must be received by 9am on Monday, December 3.

Retirement Fund For Religious

Please support our elderly religious next weekend by praying and giving to the collection for the Retirement fund for Religious. A parishioner writes, “As a Catholic school student from grades K-12, I was formed to be the person I am by many religious brothers and sisters, and I am forever grateful.” **Please show your thanks for the senior Catholic Sisters, Brothers, and Religious Order Priests who made a positive difference in so many lives.**

November 25, 2012

Sunday Offering

1,995.07

May the Lord reward your generosity!