



**Parish Schedule &  
Mass Intentions**



**From the  
Pastor's Desk**

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<b>December 14</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	(Andrew L. Sanford)
<b>December 15</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)</b>	
<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	(Dice Moledor)
<b>10:00am</b>	PSR Christmas Pageant (Church)	
<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	(Sean Arthur)
<b>December 16</b>	<b>Monday</b>	Advent Weekday
<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	(Ken Bohovic)
<b>7:30pm</b>	Scripture Study/Year of Faith (Church Hall)	
<b>December 17</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	Advent Weekday
<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	(Joseph S. Trecaso)
<b>December 18</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	Advent Weekday
<b>6:30pm</b>	Avila's Prayer Group for Vocations	
<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	(People of the Parish)
<b>8:00pm</b>	AA Meeting (Church Hall)	
<b>December 19</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	Advent Weekday
<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	(John Lahoski, 8 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, d. 2005)
<b>December 20</b>	<b>Friday</b>	Advent Weekday
<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	(Brett Bohovic)
<b>December 21</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	Advent Weekday
	St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church	
<b>3:45pm</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	
<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	(Celeste Klein Prussak)
<b>December 22</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	
<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	(Sharon Bianco)
<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	(People of the Parish)
<b>1:30pm</b>	Preparing the Church for Christmas (All are welcome to help)	

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*On this Third Sunday of Advent, we are invited to consider the value of patiently waiting for the Lord.*

*O God, who see how Your people  
faithfully await the feast of the  
Lord's Nativity,  
enable us, we pray,  
to attain the joys of so great a salvation  
and to celebrate them always  
with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.  
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, Third Sunday of Advent,  
Roman Missal, 3rd Edition*

***Making Our Heart Ready***

*In all the hustle may we not forget to make ready our hearts to receive our Savior. May our prayers and acts of charity bring the gift of the Lord Jesus our Savior to all we meet. To further help this, if you cannot remember the last time the Lord Jesus welcomed you in the Sacrament of Penance (Confession), it is probably be time to celebrate this Sacrament. A Communal Penance Service is scheduled at St. Barnabas Parish, Northfield, on Monday, December 16th at 7:00pm and again here at Mother of Sorrows Parish (four confessors will be here) on Monday, December 23rd at 6:30pm. You may also receive the Sacrament of Penance on Saturday, December 21st at 3:45pm and after Masses on the weekend of December 21st and 22nd.*

***In Your Prayers, Please Remember***

Emma Aguilar, Richard Bennett, Celia Bican, Anna Bischof, Heidi Burmeister, Johannah Conner, Millie Fritz, Tom Gardner, Chris Gibbs, James Ging, Marilyn Griffith, Tayha Hostetler, Bob and Kathy James, Ellen Jansen, Kathleen Jones, Maureen Joyce, Marca Kaplar, Carol Leach, Delna Luce, Marcene, Margaret, John McDermott, Megan, Mark Munnings, Ashley Munoz, George Novak, Anika Patrick, Bridget Perez, Michael Phillips, Rita Lucy, Dorothy Rogus, Bruno Ruppel, Rosanne Sanford, Theresa "Tess" Slenn, David Shepherd, Bruce Styles, Marla Sliwinski, Phyllis Todd, Laura Tories, Marianne, Stephen, Sylvia Trecaso, Karen Vincent and all who in need of God's grace....



***Advent Prayer***

*Father, in the wilderness of the Jordan You sent a messenger to prepare people's hearts for the coming of Your Son. Help me to hear His words and repent of my sins, so that I may clearly see the way to walk, the truth to speak, and the life to live for Him, our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Amen. Today's Missal, OCP 2013*

***Scriptures for Week of December 15, 2013***

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<b>Sunday</b>	Is 35:1-6a, 10 Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11
<b>Monday</b>	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Mt 21:23-27
<b>Tuesday</b>	Gn 49:2, 8-10 Mt 1:1-17
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25
<b>Thursday</b>	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Lk 1:5-25
<b>Friday</b>	Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38
<b>Saturday</b>	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a Lk 1:39-45
<b>Sunday</b>	Is 7:10-14 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24

***Read and pray  
the Scriptures daily!***



***Mother Mary,  
Intercede For Us!***



December 15, 2013  
Third Sunday of Advent

"What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see?"

Matthew 11:7

### Oplatki

In preparation for Christmas the Christmas wafers known as "Oplatki" have arrived and are available before and after Mass near the Giving Tree. It is part of a wonderful custom where the wafer is shared as a sign of peace among those gathered for the Christmas meal. Jesus is the Bread of Life. Bethlehem means house of bread.



Have you taken a tag from the Giving Tree? Please bring a gift suggested by Monday, December 16.

### Christmas 2013 Poinsettias



Your request for a poinsettia in honor or in memory of someone special needs to be received by December 18. A special insert will be placed in our parish bulletin on the following weekend naming all who are honored by the poinsettias being used to decorate the Church for Christmas. Your name will also be listed unless you prefer to be anonymous. The list of donors and honorees will also be posted in the Church. Please fill out a form found in the Church vestibule or at [www.motherofsorrowspeninsula.org](http://www.motherofsorrowspeninsula.org) and place it in the collection basket with your donation (note in check memo "MOS Poinsettia Fund").

### Christmas Blessing from Ireland

The annual Christmas Concert, "A Christmas Blessing from Ireland" at St. Columbkille Church, 6740 Broadview Rd., Parma, will be held Sunday, December 22, at 4:00pm. Free and open to the public; free will offering will be taken to support the music ministry. A reception will follow in the vestibule of the church. For more information, call 216-524-1987 x27.

### It's Cold Outside

Blessings to all who have donated winter clothing to the SDVP Ozanam Center in Akron! Again, there is always a great need for coats, hats, scarves, and gloves. You may bring them to church when coming to Mass on the weekend and leave them in the hall or Church vestibule. May God bless you for your help in keeping those in need warm this winter!

### Donate That Old Car

Donate your used car, van or pickup truck to the SVDP Car Donation Program, and avoid the hassles and headaches of trading it in or selling it yourself. Your vehicle will be sold and the proceeds used by the St. Vincent de Paul Society in the Diocese of Cleveland in their charitable programs that assist the needy and suffering. You may also be eligible for an income tax deduction. To donate your vehicle and have it picked up within 24 hours, call 1-800-322-8284 or visit [www.svdpusacars.com](http://www.svdpusacars.com).

### Can You Help

The Fr. Hilkert Center at Visitation of Mary is in need of some strong people to help pick up furniture donations for the center. We give away furniture to people who are in need, but in order to do that, we need people to help pick up donations. We try not to overwork the volunteers we have and would like to have some to use occasionally, about twice a month or so. If you have a truck and could help, call Cathie or Jim Perusek at 330-467-5762.

### Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is vigilant in its efforts to raise awareness and protect children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers, or personnel associated in any way with the Church, please contact local civil authorities and the Diocesan Response Services office at 216-334-2999 or via email at [response\\_services@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org).

### New Meetup Site for Young Adults

Northeast Ohio Catholic Young Adults [www.meetup.com/Northeast-Ohio-Catholic-Young-Adults](http://www.meetup.com/Northeast-Ohio-Catholic-Young-Adults) is a great way to connect with other young adults and find out what is going on in Northeast Ohio. For more info...330-217-1064 or [groundsforfaith@yahoo.com](mailto:groundsforfaith@yahoo.com).

### Religious Retirement Fund

"Thank you for accompanying us as we care for our elder sisters," writes a religious superior. Your gift to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps support nearly 34,000 sisters, brothers, and religious order priest past the age of 70. May God bless you abundantly for your prayers and generosity!

### Weekend of December 8, 2013

Sunday Offering	1,385.00
Immaculate Conception (additional)	310.00
Church Maintenance	50.00
Retirement Fund for Religious (additional)	272.00
Poinsettia Christmas Fund (additional)	205.00

Thank you for your generosity!