

Advent Prayer

Come, long-expected Jesus.

Excite in me a wonder at the wisdom and power of Your Father and ours.

Receive my prayer as part of my service of the Lord who enlists me in God's own work for justice.

Come, long-expected Jesus.

Excite in me a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself.

Come, long-expected Jesus.

Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father's joy.

I seek His will so I can serve with gladness, singing and love.

Come, long-expected Jesus.

Excite in me the joy and love and peace it is right to bring to the manger of my Lord.

Raise in me, too, sober reverence for the God who acted there, hearty gratitude for the life begun there, and spirited resolution to serve the Father and Son.

I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose advent I hail.

Amen.

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In Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe

“The words of Our Lady to Juan Diego in December of 1531 have echoed through the ages and inspire many in the Pro-Life movement. Do not be troubled or weighed down with grief. Do not fear any illness, anxiety or pain. Am I not your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not your fountain of LIFE? Are you not in the folds of my mantel; in the crossing of my arms? Is there anything else that you need?” (taken from the Holy Family Adoration Chapel’s stained glass window of Our Lady). The Knights of the Father Maruskin Council invite you to join us to recite a Pro-Life Rosary in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas and the Unborn. The Rosary will immediately follow the regular 5pm Saturday, December 12, afternoon Mass at Holy Family/Stow beginning at approximately 5:50 in the Daily Mass Chapel. Please come and pray for an enhanced culture of life in our parish, community, nation and world.

Hoban Happenings

Archbishop Hoban High School (1 Holy Cross Blvd., Akron, OH 44306) will administer a Placement test to 8th grade students on Saturday, December 12. Testing will begin at 8:30am. Students may pre-register by calling the admissions office at 330-849-2149 or register at www.hoban.org. There is a \$20 test fee.

Please check the vestibule for more information on upcoming events, registration forms, prayer cards, and notices.

In Your Charity

Please remember **Ramon J. DiMascio, Sr.**, father of **Deacon Ramon J. DiMascio**, in your prayers. May Ramon live forever in the joy of the Resurrection and may his family and friends be consoled. Amen.

Community Thanksgiving Service

The annual Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service last Sunday, November 22, that was hosted here at Mother of Sorrows harvested over 12 full bags of non-perishables, paper products and \$263.00, all to be given this year to the SVDP Akron Ozanam Center. Words of appreciation to MOS Director of Music, John Weniger, MOS musicians Diane Griffiths, Steve Mehal, Patty Pohl, of PUMC Nancy Clifton and choir. Grateful acknowledgement to Pastor Claudia Britton and her husband, Peter of PUMC, Pastor Ray Notarian and his wife, Nancy of Church in the Valley, members of their congregations, to MOS Confirmation Candidates, to all who attended from MOS and the community at large. Most special thanks to our parishioners, William Reimer and Molly Wagner for their extraordinary help with the Service and fellowship dinner that followed. Thank you!!!

Giving Tree

Thank you to the **Knights of Columbus**, Father Maruskin Council #10936 for their donation of \$300.00 to the Mother of Sorrows Giving Tree.

Oplatki

The **Christmas wafers** known as “**Oplatki**” have arrived and **available** 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*.

Looking for a Car?

Parishioner has a 2005 Volvo V50T5 Sport Wagon for sale. It is very dependable and in fair condition. Interested? Details, call 330-401-2562.

Christmas Concert

St. Rita Catholic Church (32820 Baldwin Ave., Solon OH 44139) Proudly Presents: The Singer’s Club of Cleveland’s 123rd Season Concert “Pop Goes Christmas!” Enjoy sounds of the season with both traditional and innovative holiday repertoire and then join in for the audience sing-along! **Held Sunday, December 6, 2015, at 3pm.** There will be two 45 minute halves with a 10 minute intermission and reception immediately following. Concert and reception are free.

K of C Christmas Luncheon

Knights of Columbus #3410 Wives Auxiliary will celebrate their **Christmas Luncheon, Wednesday, December 9 at 11:30am at Prime 93 Restaurant, 4315 Manchester Rd.** All ladies are invited to attend and K of C Wives are encouraged to bring a friend. Menu: Scrod \$17, Swiss Steak \$17, Chicken Caesar Salad \$15 (includes salad, dessert, drink, tax and tip). **For reservations, call Sally Casenhiser 330-773-2085 or send a check payable to Sally Casenhiser, 418 Selden Ave., Akron, OH 44301.** Please consider attending this friendly event. It is a great way to start off the Christmas season.

Chick Flick Movie Night

Our Lady of the Elms will be hosting a free **Child Flick Movie Night Friday, December 4 from 7:00-9:00pm** in the high school theater for girls grades 6-8. Come watch "Inside Out" with your friends and enjoy popcorn and snacks. **If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Hutzler-Psihountakis at 330-867-0918 or spsihountakis@theelms.org.**

It's Not Too Early To Think About Christmas

The Women's Board of Catholic Charities Community Services of Summit County (CCCS/SC) is planning its annual Christmas "Bags of Love" collection for the agency's families in need. The Women's Board is accepting donations of household and personal items such as: laundry detergent, soap, dish detergent, toothpaste/brushes/floss, shampoo/conditioner, paper products, and diapers. **If you prefer to give a monetary donation, please make checks payable to: Women's Board of CCCS/SC with "Bags of Love" on the memo line.** Donations for the Bags of Love may be dropped off at, or checks mailed to: **Women's Board of CCCS/SC, 812 Biruta St., Akron, OH 44307. Deadline is December 4.** For more info, call **Maribeth Hutchins-Saxer at Catholic Charities, 330-762-2961 x248.** The Women's Board of CCCS/SC thanks you for your help.

Help The Needy in Northeast Ohio

The Cleveland Furniture Bank provides basic home furnishings to people in need who are trying to rebuild their lives. They are in need of couches, chairs, kitchen tables and dressers to provide to over 3000 people referred to them each year. **If you are downsizing, remodeling, redecorating or just have furniture items you no longer need, call 216-459-2265 x101 or visit www.clevelandfurniturebank.org/donate to schedule a pickup of your furniture.** If you have other items such as clothing, household goods, pots and pans, dishes, etc. they will pick those up at the same time. **Mention Mother of Sorrows Parish and they will waive the pickup fee.**

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Hi Everyone,

The November 2015 monthly statistics for the Fr. Hilkert Ozanam Center are as follows:

Food Pantry

Total number of people served was 1201
Total number of households served was 338
Total number of children served was 516
Total number of seniors served was 106

Clothing Bank

Total number of families served was 244
Articles of clothing given away: 2285
Winter coats given away: 238

Furniture Bank

Total number of clients served was 26
Couches given away: 11
Armchairs given away: 10
Mattresses/box springs: 17
Dressers given away: 4
Misc. given away: 28

Since we were closed the Saturday after Thanksgiving, our averages for the three Saturdays we were open were very good. Our blanket give away that started in October ended this month with a total of 700 queen size blankets given out. This month marks the start of our winter coat program. We gave away 238 coats in the three Saturdays we were open. Thank you all for the great work that you do.

Jim and Cathie Perusek

Opportunity for Service

Response 2016, the most comprehensive guide of faith-based service opportunities is now available. Volunteers serve full-time for periods of one week to one year or more across the United States and in more than 100 countries worldwide. Summer and school break opportunities are also available. **Our volunteers are from all walks of life.** Contact Catholic Volunteer Network to receive your free copy/copies of Response 2016 at **800-543-5046** or info@catholicvolunteernetwork.org. You can also visit www.catholicvolunteernetwork.org.

Helen D. Schubert Concert

The Daughters of St. Paul Choir under the direction of **Sr. Bridget Ellis FSP**, presents well-loved carols and holiday favorites combining a heartwarming collection of both lively and moving songs that celebrates the glory, wonder and joy of the Christmas season. Held at **7pm on Friday, December 4** at the Cathedral of St John the Evangelist (1007 Superior Ave. at E. 9th St., Cleveland OH 44114). Concert is free, (no tickets, no reservations). **Free secure parking at the Cathedral garage on Rockwell Ave. at E. 9th St.**