



*Parish Schedule &
Mass Intentions*



*From the
Pastor's Desk*

December 12	Saturday	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> 5:00pm Mass (<i>Dante & Lucietta Terzano, m.12/12/35</i>)
December 13	Third Sunday of Advent <i>Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday</i>	8:30am Mass (<i>Lois Hanlon</i>) 9:45am PSR Christmas Pageant Rehearsal (Church) 11:00am Mass (<i>People of the Parish</i>)
December 14	Monday	St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church 8:30am Mass (<i>Sanford's Special Intention</i>) 7:00pm Communal Penance Service at St. Barnabas Parish in Northfield 7:30pm Bible Study (Hall) All are welcome!
December 15	Tuesday	Advent Weekday 8:30am Mass (<i>Reverend Sylvester W. Fridrich</i>)
December 16	Wednesday	Advent Weekday 8:00pm AA Meeting (Church Hall)
December 17	Thursday	Advent Weekday 8:30am Mass (<i>Joseph S. Trecaso</i>)
December 18	Friday	Advent Weekday 8:30am Mass (<i>Tom Meeker</i>)
December 19	Saturday	Advent Weekday 11:15-12:15pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 3:45-4:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:00pm Mass (<i>John Lahoski</i>)
December 20	Fourth Sunday of Advent	8:30am Mass (<i>People of the Parish</i>) 10:00am PSR Christmas Pageant (Church) 11:00am Mass (<i>Lucille Malliner</i>)

Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday in Advent, calls us to rejoice! The Lord is near! Let us be faithful and trust in the mercy of Lord! Let us pray...

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

Family Perspectives

During this season we give gifts to friends and family. The gospel asks us if we plan to share with those who have little or nothing. If our impoverished brothers and sisters aren't on our gift list, we may be missing the point of Christmas. Especially during this Jubilee Year of Mercy, let us be generous with our charitable giving.

In Your Charity

Please remember in your prayers, Norma Jean Kushner, mother of Deacon David Kushner, Barbara A. Fahey, sister of The Reverend John P. Miceli and Anthony Massaroni, father-in-law of Deacon Stephen Makara. May Norma, Barbara and Anthony live forever in the joy of the Resurrection and may their families and friends be granted consolation. Amen.

Please Pray For...



Ann, Arthur, Emma Aguilar, Susan Allanson, Monica Baird, Garth Bender, Richard Bennett, Louis Bianco, Celia Bican, Logan Boone, Heidi Burmeister, Johannah Conner, Joshua Conner, Kevin Fetty, Millie Fritz, Tom Gardner, Chris Gibbs, James Ging, Marilyn Griffith, Eric Haymaker, Tayha Hostetler, Bob and Kathy James, Ellen Jansen, Jill, Kathleen Jones, Maureen Joyce, Marca Kaplar, Carol Leach, Marcene, John McDermott, Megan, Audrey Menke, Bill Misencik, Ashley Munoz, Natalie, George Novak, Carroll O'Donnell, Richard Edward and Richard William Parker, Anika Patrick, Bridget Perez, Michael Phillips, Rita, Bruno Ruppel, Rosanne Sanford, Theresa "Tess" Slenn, Paul Stephen, Bruce Styles, Marla Sliwinski, Clara Szydowski, Patty Tesmer, Laura Tories, Marianne, Stephen, Paul Trecaso, Sylvia Trecaso, Karen Vincent, Minnie Wagner, Patricia Wiatrowski, and all those in need...



General Intercessions

That our families will generously practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy during this Jubilee Year of Mercy. Let us pray to the Lord.

Scriptures for Week of December 13, 2015

Sunday	Zep 3:14-18a Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18
Monday	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday	Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25 Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday	Gn 49:2, 8-10 Mt 1:1-17
Friday	Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25
Saturday	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Lk 1:5-25
Sunday	Mi 5:1-4a Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45



Daily read and pray the Scriptures!



December 13, 2015
Third Sunday of Advent

I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming.

Luke 3:16

You Can Help!

So many in need, even close to home! If you still would like to donate a **gift for under the Giving Tree** or **canned goods, nonperishables, paper products, soap, personal care items** to help those in need locally, **please do so no later than Tuesday, December 15**. These signs of caring for others will be shared with community *Sharing Tree* and distributed by the Valley Fire Department.

Oplatki

The **Christmas wafers** known as “**Oplatki**” are still **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*.

DSWC

The **Divorced, Separated and Widowed Catholics of Akron** is sponsoring a talk by **Jill Oldham**. Jill is from the Akron Canton Food Bank and will share information with our members about our local food bank and will inform us of the “**hungry**” in our midst and how we can get involved with feeding the hungry. Please bring a food item to be donated. Items in need are peanut butter, cereal, and canned goods. Held on **Monday, December 14th at 7:30pm** at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Convent Building (1945 Portage Trail, Cuyahoga Falls). Open at no cost to single people of all faiths. Refreshments at 7:15pm. For additional information, please call Sue at 330-554-5626.

Christmas Yard Decoration

The Knights of Columbus council is again offering for sale beautiful outdoor nativity scenes, featuring the Holy Family within a Christmas tree. The sturdy 4-foot tall display is made of double-walled plastic and available in white or yellow. Each Nativity Tree is \$70, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting your local K of C council. New this year are two additional multi-color designs, which can be viewed at www.nativitytree.com/organizations/kofc-10936-stow. Please consider buying one for yourself or as a gift to remind passersby that Christ is the true meaning of Christmas. **These units can be delivered at no cost to your residence**. Please contact **Ron Crock at 330-677-9829** or **Bob Eikenburg at 330-528-0308** to purchase one!

First Friday Club of Akron

The **First Friday Club of Akron** will meet on **Friday, January 8, 2016** at its new location, **Tangier, 532 w. Market St., Akron, 44303** and will feature a Clergy Panel speaking on the topic **The Joys and Challenges of the Modern Priesthood**. The panel includes newly ordained **Rev. Jeremy Merzweiler**, parochial vicar at St. Gabriel Parish in New Concord; **Rev. Michael McCandless**, Director of Priesthood Vocations for the Diocese; **Rev. Steven Brunovsky**, Pastor at St. Hilary Parish; **Rev. Norm Douglas**, Director of Heart to Heart Communications and campus minister at the University of Akron. Luncheon program is \$20. **Doors open at 11am; the program begins at noon, and ends promptly at 1pm**. Reservations can be made by sending a check to the **First Friday Club of Greater Akron, 795 Russell Ave., Akron, OH 44307**, by calling **330-535-7668**, or at www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org, no later than the **Monday, January 4, 2016**. See the website for information on subscriptions for the 2016 luncheon series.

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.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Religious give thanks. “We cannot begin to repay all who contribute,” writes a Catholic sister. “So we pray to God, who is never outdone in generosity, to reward you.” Heartfelt thanks for your donation to last week’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. May God bless you for your goodness!

Weekend of December 6, 2015

<i>Sunday Offering</i>	2,441.00
<i>Church Maintenance</i>	250.00
<i>Retirement Fund for Religious (additional)</i>	691.00
<i>Immaculate Conception (additional)</i>	369.00
<i>CCHD (additional)</i>	12.00
<i>Oplatki (additional)</i>	10.00
<i>Poinsettias (additional)</i>	305.00

Thank you for your generosity!