



Parish Schedule and Mass Intentions

December 15 Saturday, *Advent Weekday (2)*

4:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00pm Mass (*John A. Retar*)

December 16 *Third Sunday in Advent, Gaudete Sunday*

8:30am Mass (*People of the Parish*)

9:40am Parish School of Religion Christmas Pageant (Church)

11:00am Mass (*Dorothy Santoli*)

December 17 Monday: *Advent Weekday (3)*

8:30am Mass (*Joseph S. Trecaso, d. 12/17/1987*)

7:15pm *Advent Communal Penance Service*

December 18 Tuesday: *Advent Weekday (3)*

8:30am Mass (*Elizabeth Wait, d. 12/10/2018*)

December 19 Wednesday: *Advent Weekday (3)*

7:00pm Mass (*John Lahoski, d.12/19/2005*)

8:00pm AA Meeting (Church Hall)

December 20 Thursday: *Advent Weekday (3)*

8:30am Mass (*All Souls*)

**December 21 Friday: *Advent Weekday (3); St. Peter Canisius,
Priest, Doctor of the Church***

8:30am Mass (*Minnie Wagner*)

December 22 Saturday, *Advent Weekday (3)*

4:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00pm Mass (*People of the Parish*)

December 23 *Fourth Sunday in Advent*

8:30am Mass (*Kenny Levanduski*)

11:00am Mass (*Lucietta Terzano, b. 12/23/1916*)

Penance Service and Christmas Masses

December 17 at 7:15pm Advent Penance Service

December 24, Christmas Masses: 4:00pm, 6:00pm

Midnight Mass at 12:00am

December 25, Christmas Masses: 8:30am, 11:00am

General Intercession

*That families will be eager to uphold
the rights of others and not be misled
by ignorance or self-interest.*

Let us pray to the Lord.

Family Perspective

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. Let us be generous with our charitable giving.

Scripture Readings for the Sunday and Daily Masses for the Week of December 16, 2018 can be found in the bulletin in the "Take Five For Faith" insert.



From the Pastor's Desk

On this third Sunday in Advent, Gaudete Sunday indeed let us REJOICE! In nine days we celebrate when Christ came to be with us. May our prayer be...

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 in Advent Gaudete Sunday,
Roman Missal, 3rd Edition*

In Your Charity

Please pray for Liz (Danny) Wait, Dorothy Santoli, aunt of parishioner Jim (Maureen) Lindway and Kenny Levanduski, cousin of parishioner Julie (Rich) Vaverk. May Liz, Dorothy, Kenny and all who have gone before us in faith live for ever in the joy of the Resurrection. May their families and friends be consoled. Amen

What Would You Ask Our Bishop?

What would you ask Bishop Perez
if he was sitting at your kitchen table?

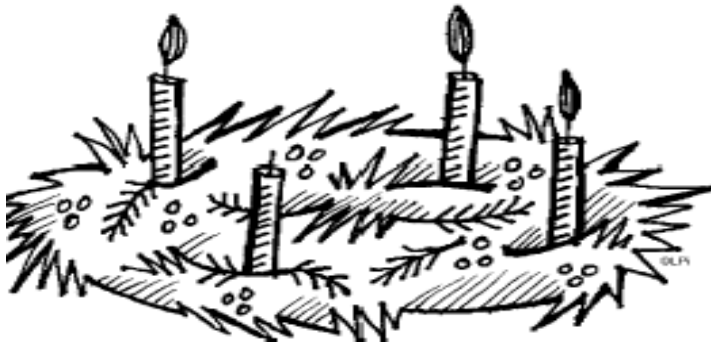
To be part of *Table Talk* with Bishop Nelson Perez, submit your questions to tabletalk@am1260therock.com by January 1st. The next episode of *Table Talk* on AM 1260 The Rock will air January 17th at 5pm and will be re-broadcast January 19th at 1pm and January 20th at noon. For audio archive of previous episodes, visit www.am1260therock.com.



Please pray for...



Ann, Richard Bennett, Terry Balinski, Celia Bican, Dennis Babb, Logan Boone, Susan Bormet, Johanna Conner, Allan Cook, Gary Crowe, Scott Ensign, Frank, Millie Fritz, Tom Gardner, Chris and Laura Gibbs, James Ging, Richard J. Grabowski, Marilyn Griffith, Angie Grimes, Jennifer Grimes, Jack Harley, Crystal Hatzimanolis, Eileen Herrman, Tayha Hostetler, Ralph Jerome, Jill, Kathleen Jones, Maureen Joyce, Marca Kaplar, Douglas Klubnik, Kenneth Klubnik, Helen Kracker, Carol Leach, Johnny Levanduski Ramona Lucas, Paul Marcene, John McDermott, Megan, Annalisa Menke, Audrey Menke, Menke Family, Bill Misencik, Connie Morehouse, Tom Morgan, Ashley Munoz, Natalie, Nate, Collin Nemet, Noa, Carroll O'Donnell, Richard Edward Parker, Bridget Perez, Michael Phillips, Jacqueline Polcen, Rita, Helen Rhuling, Lynn Riley, Bruno Ruppel, Steve Sheets, Stefanie, Stephen Sommer, Shirley Southard, Amy Stephen, Paul Stephen, Bruce Styles, Marla Sliwinski, Patty Tesmer, Laura Tories, Marianne, Stephen, Mallory Trecaso, Paul Trecaso, Patricia Wiatrowski, Darlene Zaco and all need of prayerful support. Amen. (Requests or changes call 330-657-2631 or email us at mospenoh@windstream.net)



O Antiphons

Beginning with Monday December 17 and for the next seven days, the “O Antiphons” are used with Alleluia before the Gospel of the mass of the day and at Evening prayer (Vespers) with the Magnificat. They describe who Jesus is. There are seven: “O Sacred Lord,” “O Flower of Jesse’s Stem,” “O Key of David,” “O Radiant Dawn,” “O King of All the Nations,” and “O Emmanuel.”

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.

Evening of praise and worship with Eucharist Adoration and Benediction

All are welcome to attend an evening of praise and worship with Eucharist Adoration and Benediction at St. Thomas More Church. Come and bring a friend on the fourth Friday of each month, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m (December 28th). The church is located at 4170 North Amber Dr., Brooklyn 44144.

Planned Giving

Year-End Giving and Future Planning

In this season of giving, consider making a year-end gift to our parish in gratitude for all the blessings you have received in life. Making a gift of appreciated stock may help you avoid capital gains tax and help our parish at the same time. If you are 70 ½ or older, you may be able to reduce your taxable income this year and help us in our ministry with a gift made directly from your IRA to our parish. Talk to your advisors and IRA administrator for more information and to be sure that a gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as our parish. Lastly, should this year-end find you creating or updating your estate plan, please consider helping us grow our parish ministry for future generations by including our parish as a beneficiary of your will, trust, retirement plan or life insurance policy. Questions? Contact Stan in our parish office at (330-657-2631 or via email at mospenh@windstream.net. You are also welcome to contact Mary Lou Ozimek of the Catholic Community Foundation at 216-696-6525 x4070 or via email at mozimek@catholiccommunity.org.

Protecting God’s Children

The Diocese of Cleveland’s “Protecting God’s Children” program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of 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 with the Church, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999 or via email at response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.

Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap Akron is excited to announce that it will be at Panini's Bar & Grille in Stow, OH, on Wednesday, January 9th at 7pm! Theology on Tap welcomes all young adults to come listen to Sr. Agnes Therese Davis, T.O.R., Ministry Coordinator at Our Lady of Sorrows Monastery, talk on "The Privilege of Being Poor: St. Francis and the Freedom of Poverty." Admission is \$5 and includes appetizers. The bar will be open for those who would like to purchase beverages. Come experience faith, fellowship, and food with other young adults in their 20's and 30's at Theology on Tap Akron! Panini's Bar & Grille is located right off the Route 8 Steels Corner Rd Exit at 4200 Steels Pointe, Stow, OH, 44224.

Oplatki

The Oplatki (Christmas wafers) are available before and after Mass...in the basket near the Advent wreath...

THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

In grateful appreciation!

Thank you for your support of last weekend’s annual collection that raises funds that are distributed to religious communities throughout the eight counties of the diocese and across the country. These funds help communities provide for the immediate needs of their elder members. Religious communities are exceedingly grateful for this assistance and are careful stewards of each dollar received. Share in the care and please give to those who have given a lifetime. On behalf of the Religious, thank you again for your generosity!

Weekend of December 9, 2018

Sunday	2341.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	509.98
Monthly	325.00
Maintenance	25.00
Immaculate Conception	325.00
Poinsettias (additional)	310.00
Christmas (additional)	25.00
Special Donations	7800.00

Thank you for your generous support!