



# Schedule

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## Sunday, December 7th

*Second Sunday of Advent*

*9:00 am Albina Selva*

*11:00 am Alan G. Veccia*

*5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

## Monday, December 8th

*The Immaculate Conception of*

*The Blessed Virgin Mary*

*Holyday of Obligation*

*8:30 am Chris, Mike & Patti Doan*

*7:00 pm Cecelia Januszewski*

## Tuesday, December 9th

*No Morning Mass*

## Wednesday, December 10th

*No Morning Mass*

## Thursday, December 11th

*9:00 am Zachary & Ed Span*

## Friday, December 12th

*8:30 am Hyatt M. "Gunnar" Rhine*

*1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary*

## Saturday, December 13th

*4:00 pm St. John Nepomucene Parish*

## Sunday, December 14th

*Third Sunday of Advent*

*9:00 am All Souls*

*11:00 am Dennis Gerlak*

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Sanctuary Guild Volunteers for  
December 10<sup>th</sup> thru December 23<sup>rd</sup>

Barb Nieszczur, Andrea Powers  
& Toni Suchy

**Sick Calls** – Please call the rectory to arrange for Father Jasany to bring the Sacraments when a member of your family is hospitalized.

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**Weddings** – Parishioners are asked to call the rectory office at least 6 months in advance of the wedding to schedule an appointment with Father Jasany

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**Baptisms** – The 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 12:00 pm. Parents are required to attend Pre-Baptism Class. Arrangements must be made a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the date of baptism. Before parents baptize their child, Diocesan and parish policy requires you to complete a Baptism Preparation Class. **The next class will be on Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at St. Stanislaus Parish at 7 pm.** Reservations are needed; please call 216-341-9091 to make your reservation.

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**Godparent and Sponsor Certificate** – Sponsors for Baptism or Confirmation must be registered and practicing members of the Church, attending weekly and Holy Day Masses for a minimum of 3 months prior to the celebration of the Sacraments for which they have requested the certificate. Please note individuals 18 years of age and older, no longer in school, need to register.

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**Pre-Cana Program** for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage at the Jesuit Retreat House- **Sunday, January 11, 2015 at 12:30 pm.** This program satisfies the requirement for marriage preparation as stipulated by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. Register at 440-884-9300 or [www.jrhcleve@att.net](mailto:www.jrhcleve@att.net)



Dear Parishioners,

I am very grateful for the wonderful “Friends-Giving” celebration that our parish had on Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. It was wonderful to visit and socialize with those who came. We had over 65 people in attendance. I would like to thank Kathy Bartoszek and Pete Gentile, who hosted the event along with our Fund Raising Committee and Pastoral Council. Also, I would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time, talent and treasure for this event- the individuals who set up, took down the tables & decorations and those who brought refreshments to be shared. This was an evening of fun and fellowship.

We thank Bishop Lennon and all those who made Thanksgiving a beautiful occasion. Thank you for your generous donations to our St. Vincent DePaul Society to serve the poor in our midst. I am grateful to God for all of you!

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holyday of Obligation. We will have mass at 8:30 am and 7 pm on Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Kathryn Decapite, President of the World Apostolate of Fatima, Cleveland Division will give a talk on the Fatima Message immediately after the 7 pm mass in our church. Please plan to attend.

We really would like our children to act out the First Christmas Story at our 4 pm Mass on December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve.

Please refer to the flyer in our bulletin and fill out the bottom portion and return it to the rectory office if you are interested in having your children participate.

We are having Eucharistic Adoration at 5 pm and our Solemn Eucharistic Service at 5:30 pm on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> in our church. Come and spend quiet time before Our Blessed Lord.

We are again having the “Giving Tree” to provide gifts for needy children in our parish and at Beech Brook, which serves Northeast Ohio’s most vulnerable children. Take one or more tags from the “Giving Tree” and purchase a gift for a needy child or children.

If you have not already done so, please pick up a blue Advent Book at the entrances of our Church.

John the Baptist invites all of us to “Prepare the Way of the Lord” so that Christ can be experienced anew by all of us. The most important preparation for Christmas is what you do to spiritually prepare for the Birth of Our Savior. To the degree we open our hearts to Him, He will be reborn in us, in our relationships and in our circumstances.

Together may we diligently prepare a place for Christ to be reborn in the mangers of our hearts this year.

Wishing you a Happy and Blessed Advent.

Prayers & Best Wishes!  
Father Jasany

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Stewardship of Treasure

<i>Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>\$2414.95</i>
<i>St. Vincent DePaul Society</i>	<i>836.00</i>

Readings for the Week of December 7<sup>th</sup>

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/  
Mk 1:1-8  
Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/  
Lk 1:26-38  
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14  
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30  
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15  
Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,  
10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47  
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1  
Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



**Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

Jesus, Renewer of Our Hope – We hope that Jesus’ presence will change us and our lives. So let us pray this week

not to fear these changes.

**Altar & Rosary Society Christmas Party and Meeting** beginning at 12:30 pm.

**This weekend is the Annual Appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious.**

Please give to those who have given a lifetime. Envelopes for this collection are in your monthly envelope packet.

**Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Today is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary a Holyday of Obligation.**

We will be celebrating Mass today at 8:30 am and 7 pm. Kathryn Decapite, President of the World Apostolate of Fatima, Cleveland Division will give a talk on the Fatima Message after the 7 pm mass in our church. Please plan to attend.

**PSR Classes 6:30 – 8 pm**

**Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Rosary Making 10 am – 12 Noon**

**Adult Education at 6:30 pm –**

Discussion on “Lectio Divina: How to pray with the Bible”

**Zumba Class 7 pm School Hall**

**Choir Practice – 7 pm**

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**Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Rosary at 8 am before Mass**

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**Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Rosary at 8 am before Mass**

**Friday Night at the Movies – Tonight’s movie is “the Gift of Love: A Christmas Story”** at 6:30 pm at the rectory. Please call 216-641-8444, ext. 13 if you are attending. Popcorn, pretzels, water, coffee and sodas provided!

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**Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Market Day Pickup 10:30 – 11:30 am**

**Eucharistic Devotion 5-5:30 pm**

**Taize Meditation 5:30 – 6 pm**

**Everyone is invited to attend and spend some quiet time before Our Blessed Lord during the Advent Season**

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**Do you need Food? The Greater Cleveland Food Bank can assist you.**

Call today at 216-738-2067. Apply over the phone. You no longer have to go the county office to apply for Food stamps. No waiting in line to apply. The monthly income limits for this program are:

Household #	Monthly Income
1	\$1265
2	\$1705
3	\$2144
4	\$2584

Additional household members please add \$440 to monthly income.



**Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**

**Jesus, Bringer of Joy**

We rejoice because Jesus wants to be with us. So let us pray to let Jesus love us.

**Today at our 9 am Mass we will have the**

**Rite of Election for Confirmandi.** Please remember in your prayers those who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**Holy Name Society Meeting** at 10 am with Mass to follow

**World Apostolate of Fatima Holy Hour** at 12:30 pm. Benediction, Rosary and Chaplet of Mercy. Everyone is invited to the Holy Hour.

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Please remember these individuals, who are called to the priesthood in your daily prayers.

Also, please remember the Society of Jesus, Detroit Province (Jesuits) (SJ)

- Sunday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> – Bishop Richard Lennon  
Monday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> – Scott Swinerton  
Borromeo Seminary  
Tuesday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> – Dominic Gideon  
Borromeo Seminary  
Wed., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> – Robert Johansen  
Borromeo Seminary  
Thursday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> – Joshua Soldat  
Borromeo Seminary  
Friday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> – Luis Munguia  
Borromeo Seminary  
Saturday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> – Joshua Cochrac  
Borromeo Seminary  
Sunday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> – Bishop Anthony Pilla

May our prayers bring healing, comfort and strength to the sick and their caregivers, remembering especially John Balciar, Carol Bellomy, Gwen Beres, Mary Ann Betliskey, Bill Bican, Millie Bloedorn, Bonnie Branche, Bill Connors, Katie Davis, Corrine Dawe, Robert Dunning, Jose Dybzinski, Kristin Hill, Frances Holecek, Art Madsen, Cindi Magyar, Rita Petkoff, Brianne Rhine, Chris Toth, Andrew Turowski and Virginia Turowski.



May our Loved Ones who have died, rest in eternal happiness in heaven.

For the safety of the Men and Women serving in the military, especially those from our parish and their families.

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**Looking for Christmas Gifts? Consider purchasing gift certificates for the hard to buy for individuals on your Christmas list!** If you are looking for a gift for that hard to buy for person, consider a gift certificate. We have gift certificates from \$10.00 to \$100.00. Certificate are available for Acme Stores, Daves, Giant Eagle, Heinens, Applebees, Arbys, Bakers Square, Barth & Body, BP Gasoline, Lowes, Marathon Gas, Mr. Hero, Olive Garden, Starbucks, Subway and many more. A list of gift certificates is available on the church registers near the entrance doors. You can also call of stop at the rectory office for information or to purchase certificates.

## Karen's Korner

Did you know that the Christmas stories in Matthew and Luke were not meant to be “charming” children’s stories, but rather stories of opposition and confrontation?

Let me ask you this, why did Jesus come as a baby? I love C. S. Lewis’s response to that, he says, “Jesus had to slip clandestinely behind enemy lines.” I love that image! Jesus sort of sneaks into the world that is being ruled by the great Caesar Augustus! Luke makes it very clear from the beginning that this story is not about Caesar, but about another king. Who was the most protected king in the world? Caesar! But Luke tells us that the true king arrives vulnerable and exposed because the good life is not about the protection of the ego, but rather about the willingness to become open to the other in love! Who was the best dressed in the kingdom? Caesar! But Jesus was a newborn infant without even the power to lift his own head! He was wrapped in swaddling band, and that is the ultimate picture of weakness. Who was the freest person in the kingdom? Caesar! But Luke tells us that true kingship hasn’t anything to do with earthly domination, but rather the willingness to be bound to other people for their sake and for loves sake. Who was the best fed person in the world? Caesar! And where was the newborn king placed? In a manger, an animal’s eating place. He who is to become the Bread for the World, is placed in trough where animals would have eaten. The true king is willing to offer himself as food for the world!

These reflections are based on Fr Robert Barron’s “Catholicism DVD: Amazed and Afraid.”

I think the last thing Fr. Barron talks about is how the angels appeared to shepherds. We have a romanticized vision of shepherds, but they were basically the outcasts of the time. A host of angels appears to the shepherds. The Greek word is “*stratia*” or army. A whole army of angels appeared to the shepherds! Who wouldn’t be frightened? But the angel tells the shepherds, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy!” Who had the biggest army? Caesar! But his army is nothing compared to the army of God, the *stratia* of angels that line up behind the new baby king. The good news is that the savior of the world comes to us not as a warrior, but as a helpless child coming out of his manger/crib. I mentioned the prophets last week, and their words are beautiful and tell us of the King to come. In this second week of Advent, what have you done to become closer to Jesus?

On Wednesday, December 10, join me to learn how to more deeply pray with Scripture using the technique *Lectio Divina*. And then, please join me this Friday, December 12, 2014 for the Hallmark Hall of Fame movie, “The Gift of Love: A Christmas Story.” Both programs start at 6:30 pm in the rectory.

See you soon!  
Karen

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**St. John’s Giving Tree** – There are still tags on our Giving Tree if you did not pick one up last week. Your gifts for area children and Beach Brook may be placed under the tree in front of the Blessed Mother’s Altar. All gifts must be dropped off by the weekend of December 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> for distribution. Gifts may also be taken to the rectory office.



## Coming Events ---

**The World Apostolate of Fatima  
Cleveland Division Advent Retreat –**  
Advent Shapes Us for Hope on December  
12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> at Mary Queen of Peace; 4423  
Pearl Road in Cleveland. Registration is  
required - \$65.00 per person for this  
2-day retreat. Call Kathryn DeCapite at  
440-223-8570 or register at  
<http://www.rsvpbook.com/bluearmy2014adventretreat>.

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### **St. Rita Parish presents A Christmas Concert featuring Burning River Brass and the Moving Heart Gallery.**

Proceeds from this concert will be used to  
help Cleveland children find homes. This  
concert will be on Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>  
at 3 pm. St. Rita's is located at 32820  
Baldwin Road in Solon. Please call  
440-248-1350, Ext 130 for more  
information

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Congratulations to the Winners of  
November's \$1000 Raffle!!!

\$1000 Winner – Pat Bednarz  
\$100 Seller's Prize – Pat Bednarz

\$10 Consolation Winners – Joe Kocab,  
Rose Borcuch, Robert Dawe, Al Thomas  
& Joe Pytel

Our December Raffle will be held on  
Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested in receiving a \$5.00  
book of monthly raffle tickets, please call



the rectory office.

**From now until December 19, GolfTEC  
Northeast Ohio** is collecting coats for St.  
Vincent DePaul Society to distribute to  
needy individuals and families in the  
region. When you drop off your new or  
clean, gently-used coats at a GolfTEC  
location, you will be entered in a drawing  
to win \$1000 worth of prizes. Stop by one  
of GolfTECs six local stores today and give  
the gift of warmth this holiday season.

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**Stewardship** - Today's second reading is  
about Christ's coming again, "The day of  
the Lord," Peter calls it, but that day isn't  
December 25<sup>th</sup>. It is that other day, that  
second-coming day about which Peter is  
concerned. He waits with great hope and  
anticipation for God to remake the earth  
into a place of perfect justice and peace.  
And he sets some demanding goals for the  
Christian community as it awaits that  
final day of accounting and reconciliation:  
strive to be at peace, without spot or  
blemish. Christian stewards work for  
peace. As we await the coming of  
Christmas, what can we do to promote  
peace in our homes, workplaces,  
community and world?

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**We would like to Thank everyone for  
their generosity this holiday season.**  
We were able to assist 63 individuals for  
Thanksgiving this year! Also, we would  
like to Thank everyone who donated  
canned goods and paper products at our  
Thanksgiving Day Mass. Also, Thank You  
to Father Jasany for designating the  
collection on Thanksgiving Day to our  
parish St. Vincent de Paul Society.

May God Bless all of you!  
St. Vincent de Paul Society

