

January 10, 2021 – Baptism of the Lord

Welcome to the University Parish Newman Center. We cherish your presence among us and invite you to enter wholeheartedly into our worship. As Catholics, we understand our worship as our community's grateful response to God's goodness and love. Thus our liturgy is not a "spectator" experience; participation in prayer and in song is everyone's responsibility and privilege. Please do not be a stranger. Pray and sing with us as members of God's human family.

News and Noteworthy

Digital Doctrine: Pandemic Stories

Join us for the Portage County Deanery Digital Doctrine presentation, "Pandemic Stories" this Tuesday, January 12 at 7 pm.

Our presenter, Dr. Rachel Constance, is associate professor of history and Director of the Byers Institute for Community Health at Walsh University. As a specialist in the history of medicine, particularly global pandemics,

Dr. Constance will provide historical context for our current pandemic experience which has elevated civic engagement, challenged scientific and business communities, and strained the spirit of personal and community life. Bring your own story to contribute.

Join us on Facebook @PortageCatholic or contact Carmen Roebke for the Zoom link.

Offertory Envelopes

Offertory Envelopes for 2021 are available in the parish social hall from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Monday-Friday. Before stopping by, please call the parish office, 330.678.0240, to make sure someone is in. Also contact the office if you need to make alternative arrangements.

Religious Education

CCD classes will resume Wednesday, January 20 at 7:00 PM. Zoom links will be emailed out next week.

RT59 Youth Ministry resumes Monday, January 25 at 7:00 PM. Please contact Carmen for information and Zoom link.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Sunday, January 3 \$8,047

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass Schedule

Baptism of the Lord Sunday, January 10 9:00 am Mass - James San

Sunday, January 17 9:00 am Mass - Josephine Colecchi Benjamin Hu Paul Colecchi

Readings for the Week of January 10, 2021

- Sunday Baptism of the Lord Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29; Acts 10:34-38; Mk 1:7-11
Monday Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95; Mk 1:40-45
Friday Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday Second Sunday of Ordinary Time 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Our Lady of the Elms | Open Houses

Virtual - Friday, January 22, 12:00 pm In-Person - Sunday, January 31 The Elms is the only all-girls, faith-based school grades 1 - 12 with a co-ed preschool and kindergarten in Northeast Ohio. Visit with us in person or virtually for the opportunity to hear from faculty, staff, and students. We will answer questions about being back in the classroom, tour campus, ask questions, and learn what an Elms education is all about. Learn more at www.theelms.org.

Masses to be held virtually

As you are certainly aware, the Corona Virus pandemic has intensified and is overloading the capacity of our health care systems. Our resumption of Mass following the initial stay-at-home order has always been predicated upon the county remaining at a moderate risk of spread. We are now consider to be at a severe risk of exposure and spread.

In response to this all masses will held virtually. We will reevaluate the risk level for Masses in January.

This decision has been made with the safety of our community and our staff in mind. Please remember that the Obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days has been suspended indefinitely. However, all Catholics are strongly encouraged to attend Mass virtually and pray the Act of Spiritual Communion.

E-Giving Reminder:

Thank you to all who use electronic giving to support the parish! Visit https://kentnewmancenterparish.weshareonline.org to set up your payments for 2021. Contact the parish office if you need assistance.

A Year of Saint Joseph

On the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis released an Apostolic Letter about Saint Joseph and has declared a "Year of Saint Joseph" to be observed from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021. The letter, Patris corde ("a Father's heart") was released on the 150 th anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as patron of the Universal Church. The Pope writes: "After Mary, the Mother of God, no saint is mentioned more frequently in the papal magisterium than Joseph, her spouse. My predecessors reflected on the message contained in the limited information handed down by the Gospels in order to appreciate more fully his central role in the history of salvation. Blessed Pius IX declared him "Patron of the Catholic Church," Venerable Pius XII proposed him as "Patron of Workers" and Saint John Paul II as "Guardian of the Redeemer." Saint Joseph is universally invoked as the "patron of a happy death." A full text if the letter can be found at: http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html.

Campus Ministry

Student Parishioner Registration

Both new and returning students are asked to register (and re-register) with the University Parish Newman Center each school year to help us plan for the upcoming year. If you did not register in the Fall, please take a moment and help us serve you by going to kentnewmancenterparish.org/student-registration-form.

February General Meeting

Save the Date for our first Catholic Student Association General Meeting of the semester on Tuesday, February 2 at 9 pm on Zoom! Questions? Contact Liam at leitman@kent.edu.

Ongoing Events

Bible Study will continue next semester. Thank you to AJ Darby for leading our sessions! Rosary will continue next semester. Thank you to Colleen Cosgrove for leading Rosary each week!

Social Media

Follow us on Twitter and Instagram @ksu_csa. Like us on Facebook at @KSU.Catholic.Student.Association For more information about CRS Ambassadors, like us on Facebook @KSU.CRS.Ambassadors and follow us on Twitter @crs_ksu