

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Monday, January 4 – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
8:15 a.m. Anthony Danilo

Tuesday, January 5 – St. John Neumann

1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
8:15 a.m. The Freedman & Wolff Families

Wednesday, January 6 – Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
8:15 a.m. Dominic, Margaret & Joseph Scolari

Thursday, January 7 – Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
8:15 a.m. Marti Malek

Friday, January 8 – Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
8:15 a.m. Carl Polifico and the Polifico Family

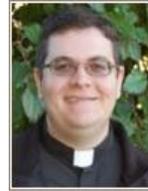
Saturday, January 9 – Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
8:15 a.m. Anthony Ferrando
4:00 p.m. Pete & Ann Schultz and Evelyn Matuska

Sunday, January 10 – BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Is 55:1-11/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
8:00 a.m. Thomas Gulick
10:00 a.m. Mike & Florence Minjock
12:00 p.m. James Toomey & Carol Lynn

New Year leads to New Roads and New Habits of Prayer



Happy New Year to all of you! May our 2021 be filled with healing and hope for a better world, safe from the fears of COVID-19. 2020 was a very stressful year for all of us and our world tempted us more than ever to indulge in temporary often destructive pleasures: excessive shopping, overeating, endless streaming entertainment, alcohol, drugs, pornography, etc. These activities only cover up pain and perpetuate loneliness. This is not what we are made for. We are made for an incredible relationship with the Blessed Trinity! Our bodies and souls made in the image and likeness of God are made to pursue lasting happiness and eternal joy in Christ that this world cannot offer. If you want different results in your life you must start down a new path and take a different road. When you begin to change small things and take different roads, God shows up in unexpected ways. This year, how is the Lord Jesus inviting you to take steps down a new road in your life?

In 2021 my hope for all of you is that you learn how to pray in new ways. Prayer is essential for every Catholic which is why I am passing out copies of **Matthew Kelly's** new book entitled "**I Heard God Laugh**" to every family this weekend. It is all about cultivating a daily habit of prayer and how God shows up in amazing ways when we take time to listen to His voice in prayer. Today's Feast of the Epiphany calls to mind the new road that the wise men had to take on their return journey home after visiting the newborn Savior in Bethlehem. "And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way." We all have King Herods in our life, and they come in all shapes and sizes...job loss, divorce, poverty, sickness, homelessness, violence, addictions, loneliness, anger, etc. In order to truly adore our Savior and grow in relationship with Jesus Christ, we must start living, loving and working differently than the rest of the world...none of us can think our way out of a bad situation, like the wise men we must act and return home by a new road. Wake up at a different time, drop by the adoration chapel for 5 minutes on your way to or from work, volunteer and be of service, start praying the St. Michael prayer after Mass, go for a walk after eating dinner, sit in a new chair, invite someone new to come with you to Mass...in time your "King Herod" won't seem so big anymore. Never forget, the Lord is with us, always!

PARISH VISION STATEMENT

*As the Parish of Saint Columbkille, we strive to be a welcoming, caring, Catholic family that transforms lives, proclaiming the Kingdom of God.
(Vision is about who we want to be in the future...)*

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

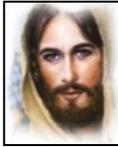
*As missionary disciples of Jesus, being formed as a community through Scripture and Sacraments, we are sent into the world to joyfully proclaim the Gospel with our lives.
(Mission is about what we do now...)*

Father Anthony J. Fuser

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please keep in your prayers Marilyn Jirousek and all the members of our parish who are ill.

If you would like your loved one's or friend's name on the Please Pray For list, please call the rectory office at (216) 524-1987. Please be sure that the person who is ill consents to have their name placed on the list.



REST IN PEACE

May all our deceased parishioners live forever in the joy of the Resurrection...



Marie Bammerlin, Vincenzo Penna,
Clara Posendek, Steve Quarrick,
Madeleine Strzalka, Richard Tegowski

VIRTUAL PRE-BAPTISM CLASSES AVAILABLE

The pre-baptism class is now available at your convenience and in the comfort of your own home! Parents about to celebrate the Baptism of their first child can now arrange with Deacon Paul to attend the pre-baptism class virtually. If you're in need of this class contact Deacon Paul at paul.kutolowski@gmail.com for details.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the ordinary means by which adults who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, purposely and freely seek the living God by formally inquiring with the Catholic Church. Through dedicated instruction and spiritual accompaniment, and with the help of God, those inquiring embark upon a journey of growth and conversion so that, at the proper time, they may fruitfully receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist).



Those who are not baptized, or have been baptized in another Christian tradition, and wish to explore full communion in the Catholic Church—as well as anyone who has stopped the active practice of the Catholic faith—are invited to contact Fr. Michael at (216) 524-1987 for information regarding the RCIA process. Spiritual accompaniment is available and formal instruction is ongoing. Please join us!

Please share this information with those who may benefit!

RECENT BAPTISM

Sophie Mae Ruscito



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



God Bless Jake Shorts on his First Holy Communion, Saturday, December 19th, at the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Please keep him in your prayers.

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

As we pray together the verses from the prophet Isaiah, let us acknowledge that we are the children of light and we are responsible to bring the light of Christ into a world that is increasingly dark and turning away from God.

“Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance.”
Isaiah 60:1-5

PRAYER REQUEST LINES

Carmelite Sisters (Cleveland Hts.)	(216) 321-6568
Poor Clare Nuns (Euclid Avenue)	(216) 361-0783
Sisters of Saint Joseph	(216) 252-0548
Sisters of Notre Dame (Chardon)	(440) 279-1163

**Catholic Charities Addiction Hotline:
Matt Talbot Inn (440) 843-5522**

2020 END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

For the third year now the parish office has been tracking the contributions of registered parishioners who donated by use of their envelopes or checks in order to produce the required statement of these contributions for tax purposes. **Please contact the parish office at (216) 524-1987 and give us your name, envelope number, address and phone number and you will be added to a list in order to receive a year-end statement of your 2020 contributions.** If you donated through Faith Direct, you will automatically receive a contribution statement from them, and you **don't** have to call the office.

ST. COLUMBKILLE OFFERTORY GIVING

DUE TO EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES
BECAUSE OF THE HOLIDAY,
THE FINANCIAL DATA FOR
OUR COLLECTIONS IS NOT
AVAILABLE THIS WEEK.

Thank you for your generous support of St. Columbkille Parish. Our mission is to worship God, serve others and form disciples of Jesus Christ. This mission would not be possible without your prayers and giving of your time, talent and treasure. I invite you to please consider giving as you are able in one of the following ways: 1. Donate online using Faith Direct using this secure link: <https://membership.faithdirect.net/OH668> 2. Drop off your offertory envelope in church using one of the collection boxes located at the church doors. 3. Drop off your offertory envelope using the mail slot next to the rectory front door. 4. Mail your weekly envelope contribution to 6740 Broadview Road, Parma Ohio 44134.

Thank you for your generous support of our parish during our *Worship God, Serve Others, Form Disciples Stewardship* Program! We are beginning to see signs that our Sunday offertory collections are growing through the generosity of many, many parishioners. Thank you so very much to all who have chosen to participate in this very important program.

If you currently use Faith Direct electronic giving, please make sure you go into your account and update your giving to reflect your new commitment. If you do not remember what you have committed to or if you need help logging in to the electronic giving application, please contact Sharon Gullatta at the parish office. Your generosity shows your willingness, as a faithful steward, to be a part of the ongoing mission of St Columbkille.

Thank You for your continued generosity to our parish!

THE GOSPEL OF LIFE

36. Unfortunately, God's marvellous plan was marred by the appearance of sin in history. Through sin, man rebels against his Creator and ends up by worshipping creatures: "They exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator" (Rom 1:25). As a result man not only deforms the image of God in his own person, but is tempted to offences against it in others as well, replacing relationships of communion by attitudes of distrust, indifference, hostility and even murderous hatred. When God is not acknowledged as God, the profound meaning of man is betrayed and communion between people is compromised.

In the life of man, God's image shines forth anew and is again revealed in all its fullness at the coming of the Son of God in human flesh. "Christ is the image of the invisible God" (Col 1:15), he "reflects the glory of God and bears the very stamp of his nature" (Heb 1:3). He is the perfect image of the Father.

The plan of life given to the first Adam finds at last its fulfilment in Christ. Whereas the disobedience of Adam had ruined and marred God's plan for human life and introduced death into the world, the redemptive obedience of Christ is the source of grace poured out upon the human race, opening wide to everyone the gates of the kingdom of life (cf. Rom 5:12-21). As the Apostle Paul states: "The first man Adam became a living being; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit" (1 Cor 15:45).

All who commit themselves to following Christ are given the fullness of life: the divine image is restored, renewed and brought to perfection in them. God's plan for human beings is this, that they should "be conformed to the image of his Son" (Rom 8:29). Only thus, in the splendour of this image, can man be freed from the slavery of idolatry, rebuild lost fellowship and rediscover his true identity.



EPIPHANY HOME BLESSING



For the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, the Church has a special blessing for homes, designated for this time of year. The head of the household prays while members hold lighted candles:

“O Lord, Almighty God, bless this house that it may be a shelter of health, purity, self-conquest, humility, goodness, mildness, obedience to your commandments, and thanksgiving to you. O God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, may your blessing come upon this house and among all who live here and remain with us, forever, through Christ our Lord, Amen.”

The head of the household, or one of the children, inscribes with chalk on the door of the entrances to the home,

+ 20 + G + M + B + 21”

Which is the New Year and initials of the traditional names of the Magi, “Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthasar.” The entire home (each room) is sprinkled with Holy Water.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 3

Monday, January 4
 4:00 p.m. Chime Choir (Church)
 7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir (Church)
 7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. (Parish Center)

Tuesday, January 5

Wednesday, January 6
 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir
 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (Parish Center Basement)

Thursday, January 7
 7:30 p.m. Al-Anon Beginners Meeting (Parish Center basement)
 8:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting (See above)

Friday, January 8

Saturday, January 9
 2:30 p.m. Confessions in Church

Sunday, January 10
 10:00 a.m. Holy Name Mass (NO DONUTS)
 10:15 a.m. PSR – 7th & 8th Grades

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

“Do you want Our Lord to give you many graces? Visit Him often. Do you want Him to give you few graces? Visit Him seldom. Visits to the Blessed Sacrament are powerful and an indispensable means of overcoming the attacks of the devil. Make frequent visits to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and the devil will be powerless against you.” *St. John Bosco*

The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel, located in the Parish Center, is open daily between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. You *DO NOT* need an appointment; **you will, however, need a face mask and are asked to respect social distancing guidelines.** Anyone interested in spending a specific hour each week with Jesus, please call Scott or Amanda at (216) 310-6831.

CATCHING FIRE – YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Our “Catching Fire” young adult group (ages 18 to 39) meets periodically throughout the month. For more information or to join the group, please email catchingfirestcolumbkille@yahoo.com.



PERISHABLE FOOD

Please do not leave any perishable food anywhere in the Church, the Church vestibule, the Good Samaritan baskets or the Ushers’ Room. Also, do not leave perishable foods outside of the Rectory. Any perishable food left on the premises will be thrown out as we cannot be sure it would be safe to eat. Thank you!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The next scheduled Red Cross blood drive will be:

**St Columbkille Church
 Parish Center**

6740 Broadview Rd., Parma 44134

Thursday, January 28, 2021

3:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Due to Social Distancing, appointments are necessary! Masks are required! Please make your appointment @RedCrossBlood.org, or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



CATHOLIC MEN’S FELLOWSHIP

Due to the latest COVID restrictions, Catholic Men’s Fellowship will not meet until January 19th. Check the bulletin the week before for more details.

WHAT'S NEW AT SCHOOL

Join us!

January 11th
6:00-7:00pm

**LIVE ON
INSTAGRAM**



We invite new families to spend an hour on Instagram Live with Mr. Richards, Principal of Saint Columbkille School.

Ask questions and get answers regarding the school.

https://www.instagram.com/mr_richards_scs/

LITTLE KNIGHTS PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM

In preparation for our 2021-2022 School Year and expanding our Little Knights program, please fill out this quick survey to gauge what is best for our families. Please go to the following link: <https://surveymonkey.com/r/mb6ttz5> which will open to [Little Knights Preschool Program 2021-2022](https://www.saintcolumbkilleschool.org/little-knights-preschool-program-2021-2022).

ST. COLUMBKILLE SCHOOL TOURS

St. Columbkille School is a leader in academic success located in Parma, Ohio. We are rooted in faith, friendship and academic excellence and now accepting students from preschool up to 8th grade. Come see for yourself why St. Columbkille School is THE place to get the best Catholic Education!

If you are interested in a private or virtual tour of St. Columbkille School, please visit the following website to schedule the tour: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054AA9A829ABF58-school>.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA UPDATE

We are so proud of SCS for participating in the Wreaths Across America this year. On Saturday, December 19th, some Junior High volunteers with their parents, Mr. Gadus, and Mrs. Brezina had the honor and blessing to lay wreaths and say a small prayer at the gravesites of Military personnel that served in WWI, WWII, and the Korean Wars. Our ceremony was a smaller version of what is performed at Arlington every year.

eGIVING WITH FAITH DIRECT

Faith Direct enables parishioners to make their Parish contributions electronically through either debit from their checking/savings account or through their credit/debit card. Visit www.faithdirect.net to enroll securely online. Our parish code is **OH668**. This program is optional. If you do not wish to participate, you will continue to receive your contribution envelopes as you are accustomed.

GOOD SAMARITAN ITEMS NEEDED

Our Good Samaritan Ministry needs certain basic items to fill our pantry. The needed items are: canned meats, cake mix, cookies, crackers, canned fruit, coffee, peanut butter, jelly, jello and pudding, tea, toilet paper, paper towels, bar soap, laundry detergent and dish detergent. We are also in need of cash donations to purchase food certificates for our needy families. Food deliveries can be made at the door at the rear of the Rectory between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

As a parish, you have always been very generous in the past and we know we can count on your continued support! Please stay safe during this trying time and thank you for your support of our needy families!



**SUPPORT ST. COLUMBKILLE AT
NO EXTRA COST WHEN YOU
SHOP AT SMILE.AMAZON.COM.**

HOW IT WORKS:

- Go to smile.amazon.com (or copy our link into browser).
- Choose St. Columbkille as your charitable organization.
- Use smile.amazon.com when shopping on Amazon,
- .5% of your eligible purchases will go to St. Columbkille!

Link for Amazon Smile:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/34-0821257>.

GOT YARN?

It seems those with the ability to crochet and knit have been going to town since the pandemic resulting in a shortage of yarn to keep their fingers busy! Many people are staying home during this pandemic and letting their fingers work away the day, crocheting and knitting some wonderful afghans and assorted items to help those in need of warm clothing, etc. God bless them for their work! If you are able to share, please bring the yarn to the Rectory basement.

REQUESTS FROM MALACHI CENTER

We wanted to share with you a few ways you can help Malachi Center prepare for the holiday season. As we look ahead towards programming for the Winter, we ask for the following donations for our organization:

Winter Wonderland Decorations:

May be gently used;
color scheme of
blue, silver and gold;



for use in decorating the Malachi Center for the children in our learning pod program.

Full-sized toiletries:

Consistent need of shampoo, conditioner, body wash, hand soap, paper towels and cleaners; distributed in kits to low-income families.

Blankets: New – for the homeless.

To-Go meal containers: for the homeless

Juice boxes: for learning pod program

Gallon Ziploc bags: for the homeless.

We are also including links to our Amazon wishlists for the homeless shower program and winter supplies for the homeless:

Malachi Center Homeless Winter Duffel Bag**Wishlist:**

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/10JLNLCAVEBH?ref=wl_share - Distribute about 100 bags of clothing and winter supplies to the homeless.

Malachi Center Homeless Toiletries Wishlist:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/H4H2C638BAG?ref=wl_share

Malachi Center Family Programming Wishlist:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3VRN1MNGCGYHI?ref=wl_share

ALL SAINTS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

All Saints Federal Credit Union is running a Debt Consolidation Loan Promotion! **Borrow up to \$3000.00 with a rate as low as 7.99% for 12 months.** This promotion runs from **January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021.** Visit or call any of our three branch locations; for hours, addresses, phone numbers, and additional information, please visit our website at www.allsaintsfcu.com or call (216) 524-0414, (216) 587-0631, or (440) 888-3663.

GIVING TREE THANK YOU!

With 2020 being like no other year, the people of St. Columbkille parish again came through making the Giving Tree a success once more! We were able to distribute gift cards to more than 450 people, making their Christmas a little brighter. The cards were distributed to families in need within our own parish, the Good Samaritan organization, to families at St. Patrick's Church, Metro Catholic School, Zellie's Home (formerly Maggie's Place, St. Stanislaus School and L'Arche (a home for disabled adults). We were also able to purchase some toys for the Pediatric Unit at MetroHealth Hospital in Cleveland. Once again, thank you for giving so generously and making the Giving Tree project a reality!

WOMANKIND

Are you **pregnant** or think you might be?

Are you considering an **abortion**?

Do you need prenatal care but have **no health insurance**?

Is your pregnancy complicated by issues such as **addiction, abuse, anxiety or depression**?

CALL US

AT (216) 662-5700

Regardless of how you are feeling about your pregnancy – joyous – devastated – or uncertain – Womankind is here to help. Womankind provides **free pregnancy testing.**

If you are **considering an abortion**, Womankind can provide you with a medical confirmation exam performed by a physician, certified nurse midwife or advance practice nurse, an ultrasound if medically indicated, the opportunity to address any medical concerns or questions and professional counseling to explore your options.

If you find yourself **uninsured**, Womankind provides free prenatal care for the first 28 weeks of your pregnancy. During this time you will receive comprehensive prenatal care in our clinic and see a social service worker to address your medical, emotional, financial and insurance questions and concerns.

If you are experiencing **addiction, abuse, anxiety or depression**, regardless of where you are getting your prenatal care, professional counseling is available to you at no cost to address these and other concerns related to your pregnancy.

Womankind provides hope and help and possibility. Call us at (216) 662-5700.

SUNDAY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Presented by the Catholic Cemeteries Association, the Support Group meets on the third Sunday of each month at 3:00 p.m. Please join us for an hour of sharing, listening, learning, and healing along your grief journey. We offer a comfortable private, and safe environment where you are free to talk about your grief. Meetings do not build off each other so you can stop in any month and fit right in. You do not even have to talk, but come and listen and be in the presence of those who understand. The January topic is “Facing the New Year with Hope and Love” but discussions follow whatever is on your heart. We kindly ask that you RSVP to these events so we can make arrangements for proper social distancing. Attendees are required to wear a face covering throughout the session. Meeting sites are sanitized and seating is arranged so everyone is at a safe distance.

2021 Meeting Dates

January 17	July 18
February 21	August 15
March 21	September 19
April 18	October 17
May 16	November 21
June 27	December 19

Locations

- (Cemetery Offices)
 St. Joseph Cemetery, Avon
 Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron
 Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park
 Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland
 All Saints Cemetery, Northfield
 All Souls Cemetery, Chardon

A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE

Don't forget to subscribe to the Catholic Cemetery Association's monthly grief support e-newsletter, "A Closer Walk With Thee." This newsletter is mailed the first Tuesday of each month to any family or individual who has expressed an interest in our bereavement programs. To subscribe to this valued grief support resource, visit the Bereavement page on our website and click the brown sign-up box on the right side or contact Rhonda at (216) 930-4866. You can also click on the above link and go directly to the sign-up <https://bit.ly/ccabereavementbulletin>.

POVERTY AWARENESS MONTH

January is Poverty Awareness Month! During Poverty Awareness Month, join the U.S. Bishops, the Catholic community and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development in the United States in taking up Pope Francis' challenge to live in solidarity with the poor! *"I want a Church which is poor and for the poor."*
-Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium

2021 CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULT ENVELOPES

The 2021 envelopes for children and young adults are available for pick up at the rectory office. If you wish your child or young adult to receive envelopes, please call the rectory before you come to pick them up.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR FORMED YET?

Father Suso purchased a subscription to offer you the chance to have access to *FORMED*, the online gateway to the most amazing Catholic content in one place. With **FORMED.org** THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND. *FORMED* you can prepare for Sunday Mass by watching a five-minute video by renowned Catholic teachers, enjoy a movie with your family that is both nourishing and entertaining, enrich your marriage with an award-winning video series *Beloved: Finding Happiness in Marriage*, help your children grow in character and embrace the beauty and wonder of the Faith and so much more. Register for *FORMED* and take advantage to grow in the Faith 24/7. It is FREE and easy to register. Visit **formed.org** with a web browser. Click on "Sign Up," then "I belong to a Parish or Organization." Type "St. Columbkille" in the box that opens, and a list will come up with numerous choices....select our parish. Click "Next" and then type your name and email. Finally, click on "Sign Up." Then go to STUDY and watch Forgiven Episode 1 to experience *FORMED*. Fall in love with Jesus and become a missionary disciple.



