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OUTREACH TO THOSE IN NEED

Our Bereavement Ministry offers assistance during your time of grief following the death of a family member. Please call the Parish office.

Catholic Social Services provides professional counseling for personal or family issues.

Geauga County: 440-285-3537

Lake County: 440-352-6191

The St. Vincent de Paul Society responds to the needs of the poor through direct aid and advocacy. Please contact the Parish Office.

Pregnant, scared, need help? Call 1-800-395-HELP for 24/7 consultation.

Call the Prayer Line at 286-1230 to entrust your prayer requests to fellow parishioners.

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

This Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. The Gospel of Mark (13:33-37) tells us:

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch.

Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: "Watch!"

This Advent is unlike any other in our lifetimes. While there may be a number of things that are uncertain in our world, we can be certain of God's love for us. God is always faithful to us. I pray that you and your loved ones will celebrate a spiritually fruitful season of Advent.

God bless you.

Fr. Dan Redmond

Bulletin Deadlines

As we approach the holidays, please note the deadlines for sending information for the bulletin.

Bulletin For:	Deadline:
December 5-6	Monday November 30, 10am
December 12-13	Monday December 7, 10am
December 19-20	Monday December 14, 10am

Please send bulletin information to:

Bulletin@stmarychardon.org



Maintenance Job

Part-time temporary help is needed at St. Mary School, from 4-6:30 pm, on school nights. Our part-time maintenance person is retiring in December and we are in need of help cleaning and sanitizing the school in the afternoon. Please contact Michaela Boehnlein at 440-286-8879 for more information or to make an appointment for an interview.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Mass Intentions

First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, November 28, 2020

4:30 pm – Marian Nigborowicz *Catherine & Joe Parisi*

Sunday, November 29, 2020

8:00 am – Deceased members of the Ritondaro Family
John Ritondaro

10:00 am – Dorothy Dottore *Tom & Mary Ann Dottore*

12:00 noon – Matthew Fenske *Debbie Powell*

Monday, November 30, 2020

7:30 am – Barbara Ann Cech *The Cech Family*

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

7:30 am – Communion Service

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

7:30 am – Deceased members of the George Svajger
Family *Marge Svajger*

Thursday, December 3, 2020

7:30 am – Communion Service

Friday, December 4, 2020

7:30 am – Nancy Sanker *Shelli Zeleznik*

9:20 am – Norma & Carl Kangas *Shelli Zeleznik*

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 5, 2020

4:30 pm – Walter Apanasewicz *Skip & Patty Murray*

Sunday, December 6, 2020

8:00 am – Joyce Monarchino *Carole Iseli*

10:00 am – Erik Race *Mark & Sandy Race*

12:00 noon – Anna Zorich *Al & Diane Harcher*



Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Monday December 7 at 4:30pm
Tuesday December 8 at 7:30am.

Due to the pandemic, this year the feast is NOT a holyday of obligation.

Pray For Our Sick

Dottie Bauman

Laurie Bertke-Manahan

John Bowyer

Doug Campbell

Jim Carlson

Robert Choate

Nathan Cole

Sr. Mary Cora

Mary Kay DeCapite

Grace DiDomenico

Beverly Gellings

Brian Hurless

Mike Kobetitsch

Elizabeth Lajeunesse

William Lang

Betsy LeBlanc

Gary LeBlanc

Nicholas leBlanc

Sr. Joretta Marie

Livignano

Marianne LoCastro

Gail Moriarty

Jennifer Phipps

Josh Phipps

Kelly Queen

Harriet Ratowski

Dale Roby

Nora Rodriguez

Marty Seuffer

Mark Shoag

Bill Skoch

Joey Tromba

Ken Udovic

Chantel Vargo

Crystal Vecchio

Jay Walter

Lauren Watts

Jace White

Charlette Whiting

Additions or deletions—
Please contact the Parish
Office at 440-285-7051.



PSR Reconciliation November 29-30

PSR students grades 3-8 will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on November 29 and 30 during class time. If you are doing home study this year, you may bring your child(ren) to Reconciliation as well. We

will start at promptly at 6:15pm both nights in the church. If you are planning to participate, please call the PSR office at 286-6531 or email hgady@stmarychardon.org.



Pro Life Reflection

The pro-life movement does reduce abortions, but also works to end it, and this is what the other side consider “divisive”. They want to present themselves as favoring life, but they don’t want to protect every life. Your hands are full of blood; wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight! Stop doing wrong, learn to do right! Isaiah 1:16.

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Christmas Mass Changes

In just a few weeks Christmas will be upon us. Following state and Diocesan guidelines, social distancing and wearing masks will change some of the things we

have traditionally done at Christmas. The biggest change will be the reduction in the number of people who can be in the church or banquet hall.

This year the 4:00 pm Christmas vigil mass will be live streamed from the church to the banquet hall and communion will be brought to those who are in the hall. We **will not** be able to accommodate the usual numbers of people that attend mass on Christmas. In addition there will be a 6:30pm mass and a 10:00 pm mass in the church Christmas Eve.

On Christmas morning we will offer an 8:00am and 11:00am mass. **Note the change** — there will be no 10:00 or 12:00pm mass.

Masks and social distancing is required at all liturgical celebrations. The Diocese continues to suspend our obligation to attend mass during this pandemic. We will continue to live stream one mass each weekend.

You may participate in Christmas Mass via livestream either at St Mary or the Cathedral Mass at 4:00pm with the bishop. We encourage you to go to the diocesan website dioceseofcleveland.org to access the special Christmas page with family prayers and activities for the entire Christmas season.

In addition, the Diocese just announced that starting on November 22, the Sunday morning mass will be moved to 10:00am on WUAB channel 43. This will provide a more convenient time to watch mass.

These are trying times and we will continue to do our best to provide for the spiritual needs of our parish community. We ask that you plan ahead so we may all be prepared for the coming of Christ at Christmas.



Art & Environment

The Art & Environment committee will be decorating the Church to enhance the liturgies of the Christmas season.

Would you like to help to arrange flowers, prepare the Christmas trees, set up the nativity, and hang the banners and wreaths? If you would like to help, please contact Judi Parker for more information at 440-313-4040 or jparker@stmarychardon.org



*“For unto us
a Child is born.
Unto us a Son is given”.*

Our Lady of Fatima Christmas Holy Hour

**Tuesday, December 1
7:00—8:00pm**

Benediction, Eucharistic Adoration, Recitation of the Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet.
Led by Pastor Father Dan Redmond.

Join us as we make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Please send your prayer requests to:
FatimaPrayers1917@gmail.com

Our Lady of Fatima requested prayer through the daily recitation of the Rosary, penance and sacrifice in a spirit of reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, for the conversion of poor sinners and to bring about the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the promised era of peace to our world.



Grade 8 First Semester Home Study Due December 1

A reminder to all 8th grade homeschool students, please return your First Semester homeschool packet by **December 1**. You may leave your materials in the Community Room in the box marked "PSR Home Study Material Pick-up & Return". You should already have your 2nd semester materials which are due by March 7, 2021. Please call the PSR office with any concerns at 286-6531.

Grades 1-7 Second Semester Home Study

Second semester homeschool packets will be available for pick up on **December 2** in the Community Room. Packets can be found in the box marked "PSR Home Study Material Pick-up & Return". Please call the PSR office with any concerns at 286-6531.

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Truth

*“And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us; and we saw His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”
John 1:14*

WOW Women’s Advent Morning of Prayer

Dear women of the parish, high school-age and up,

Please join the Women of the Well Prayer Group for an Advent Morning of Prayer on **Saturday, December 5**, from **8:30 am – 11:45 am**. Please come after breakfast. We will provide bottled water and chocolate! We will finish before lunchtime.

Due to safety guidelines, seating in the Banquet Room will be limited, so please make a reservation as soon as possible. Register by contacting: Christine Kolonko at ckolo@outlook.com or at **440-867-3556** by **November 29**. Please include the following: name, cell number, email, emergency contact name, and emergency phone.

We will celebrate with adoration, confession, and Mass. We will enjoy a talk from Fr. Redmond. We will pray the rosary together and have discussion time. We look forward to being able to celebrate Advent together, preparing for the birth of the Savior – the way, the truth, and the life! You are in our prayers!

Joy! the WOW Advent Team



Boy Scout Wreath Sale

For over 25 years, it has been a tradition for many of our parishioners to get their annual Christmas wreaths from the Boy Scouts. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the troop will not be able to take orders like we did

in the past. This year only wreath products that can be directly mailed to customers can be taken. If you would like to continue your tradition or start a new tradition by supporting St. Mary’s Boy Scouts, please go to **Giftitforward.com**, use **TR1900H001** as the fundraising code and **Troop 190** as the referring member code. Have a very Merry Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year.

Advent Prayer from *mycatholic.life*

My hidden Lord Jesus, I love You and thank You with profound gratitude for uniting Yourself with fallen humanity. When You first entered into this world, You remained hidden for nine months in the immaculate womb of Your Blessed Mother. She carried You, body and blood, soul and divinity, within the sanctuary of her body. She also carried You within her heart as a result of her perfect love for You and her perfect obedience to the will of the Father.

Precious Lord, as I embrace this Advent Season, please open my eyes to see the great value and blessing of Your Incarnation. Help me to discover Your hidden presence in this world and within my own soul. I desire to see, understand and experience the profound effects that Your Incarnation has on my life and I desire to receive those effects more fully this Advent. May I become a sanctuary in which You dwell so that I, like Your dear Mother, may bring Your presence into the world.

My loving Jesus, I choose You, this Advent, as my King and my God. I abandon myself to You and seek to put all my trust in Your tender care. Draw me close to You and free me from my sin so that I may love You with a pure and holy heart.

Mother Mary, as You carried your dear Son in your immaculate womb, you also carried Him in your heart. Pray for me, this Advent, that I may surrender myself to the will of the Father in imitation of you. You said “Yes” to all that God asked of you and never hesitated to fully embrace His divine will. Pray that I may imitate your perfect example so as to share a deeper union with you and your divine Son. Come Lord Jesus. Come Lord Jesus. Come Lord Jesus! Amen.

Divorced & Separated Holiday Help

The holiday season can be full of stress, mixed emotions, and challenges, especially for those who are separated or divorced. Join us for our Holiday Helps program, presented on December 1 and January 5 via Zoom. While the holidays can be joyful, they can also be difficult as a result of separation and divorce, not to mention the realities of a pandemic. Join us for a discussion on how to reset expectations and embrace new traditions. Registration is required. Please contact Karen Jubeck at 440-352-8282 for more information or to register. The sessions are led by trained, caring facilitators, and attendance will be limited to 10 people. You will be contacted via email to join the meeting.

MINISTRY & OUTREACH



Knights of Columbus Sharing Tree

This year's gift requests are coming at a time of desperate need for some. The Knights of Columbus are incredibly appreciative of this parish's generosity in the past. We anticipate this year's need will be even greater and potentially be purchased by fewer parishioners. If you are capable of taking a couple more gift requests than you have in the past, that would be greatly appreciated. The gift ornaments will be on the tree in the gathering space November 28-29, and December 5-6. **The gifts need to be returned to the rear of the church no later than Saturday December 12 at 12noon.** Thank you in advance for your participation in our Sharing Tree!



Toys for Appalachia

The St. Mary School community, with the help of St. Mary Parish, has collected toys for the Toys for Appalachia Program for several years now. Each year we provide toys for the Grahn Community Center in Grahn, Kentucky. The center staff receives hundreds of applications for help with the holidays. They traditionally provide for 100 families. We will be collecting NEW or GENTLY USED toys for this program. Without our help the children would have nothing. Our collection of toys will begin Monday, November 16. If you have a set that has a lot of pieces, please bag up the pieces and tape it to the larger thing it belongs to. We will NOT be accepting stuffed animals! Bring your donations to the School Lobby near the large bulletin board. **The last day for drop off is Sunday, November 29**, in order for us to clean and pack the toys into boxes for delivery. Volunteers who would like to clean, sort and pack toys please contact Kara Passow at St. Mary School, 286-3590 or email kpassow@stmaryschoolchardon.org. Monetary donations are welcomed and will be accepted at the school or parish office during business hours. Thank you for taking time to make Christmas brighter for those in need. Your donations and your help are greatly appreciated especially in this very difficult time. May all of your days be Merry and Bright!



Legacy Giving

The spirit of giving is most evident during the Advent season. Consider a gift to the Church this season through your will or a legacy gift. Please contact Father Redmond at 440-285-7051.

Father Michael Wittman Ozanam Center Fall Update

The Father Michael Wittman Ozanam Center, located on the campus of St. Philomena Church in East Cleveland, will continue to operate with outdoor distribution of food and essential clothing (coats, blankets, etc) due to the elevated COVID cases in Cuyahoga County to ensure the health and safety of clients and volunteers.

Hours for the weekly operation of FMWOC will continue every Saturday from 10am-12pm. Volunteers from our partner parishes are always needed. If you are in a position to volunteer, please contact your parish representative, Bill Jackson at pencilmagician@aol.com or you can sign up directly at <https://fmwoc.ivolunteer.com/>

You can also support FMWOC in one of the following three ways:

1. Donate Items: FMWOC is now accepting WINTER COATS and SWEATERS ONLY for men, women, and children. (No summer clothing). Also, shoes, blankets, bedding and towels. Donations can be delivered directly on Saturdays during the hours of operation.
2. Financial Donations: Every donation makes a big difference in supporting the operations of FMWOC. Please consider making a donation in one of these ways:
 - A. Online donation via St. Vincent de Paul Cleveland <https://donate.svdpcle.org/hunger-center-donations/> Be sure to select FMWOC to support our hunger center.
 - B. Send a check payable to Society of St. Vincent de Paul Cleveland and write Father Michael Wittman Ozanam Center in the memo line. Mail to Communion of Saints Parish, 2175 Coventry Rd, Cleveland Heights, OH, 44118.
3. Spread the Word: You can help our ministry by spreading the word to those who can benefit from our services.

We are grateful for the ongoing support of everyone from our partner parishes, especially in the midst of the COVID pandemic. Your generosity helps our neighbors in need in East Cleveland and the surrounding suburbs — THANK YOU!