**HOLY ROSARY CHURCH**

**Daily Readings, Feast Days & Observances**

**Monday, December 21, 2015**

5:30 PM  Jean & Charlie Presti

**Tuesday, December 22, 2015**

12:15 PM  Michael DeMarco (Family)

**Wednesday, December 23, 2015**

12:15 PM  Irene Waseleski (Son, Jeremiah)

**Thursday, December 24, 2015—Christmas Eve**

5:00 PM  Gallo, DeMann, Cuda & Esposito Families  (Family)

10:00 PM  Jenny & Joe Gallitto  (Children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren)

**Friday, December 25, 2015—Christmas Day**

11:00 AM  Frank, Mary & Russell Corio  (Sally & Larry Corio)

**Saturday, December 26, 2015**

5:00 PM  Sam Klein III (Frank Mottola Family)

**Sunday, December 27, 2015**

8:30 AM  In Honor of St. Anthony  (St. Anthony Women’s Society)

11:00 AM  Luigi & Angela Pucella (Son)

8:00 PM  Living and Deceased of Holy Rosary

**With Gratitude & Appreciation**

December 12-13:  $ 4,718.13

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**Liturgical Ministers for December 24-25**

**Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24:**

5:00 p.m.  Lector: Mike Campanelli  
Extraordinary Ministers: Maria Campanelli, Frank DiFranco, H. Campanelli, K. Campanelli, F. DiFranco  
Altar Servers: Steve Bacik, Eddie Occhionero, Mike Trentanelli

10:00 p.m.  Lector: Anne DeMarco  
Extraordinary Ministers: Fred Karboski, Monica Karboski  
Altar Servers: M. Karboski, L. Karboski

**Christmas Day, Friday, December 25:**

11:00 a.m.  Lector: Eric Seddon  
Extraordinary Ministers: Len Okuly, Lyn Okuly  
Altar Servers: I. Parks, E. Parks

**Upcoming Parish Events:**

**Sunday, December 20:**  Please join us for coffee and doughnuts in the church hall after the 8:30 am & 11 am Masses.  
- **PSR/Atrium—9:30 to 11 am**  
- **Confirmation Preparation—11 am to 1 pm**

**Wednesday, December 23:**  Honey Baked Ham pickups for those who pre-ordered from 4:30 to 6 pm (hall)

**Thursday, December 24:**  Christmas Eve  
Parish Office Closes at Noon today.  
- **Masses at 5 PM and 10 PM**

**Friday, December 25:**  Christmas Day  
- **Parish Office Closed. Wishes for a Blessed Christmas!**  
- **Christmas Mass at 11 AM only today.**

**Saturday, December 26:**  Parish Office Closed

**Sunday, December 27:**  
- **Please note there will NOT be coffee/donuts after Masses today.**  
- **There is no PSR/Atrium today — Merry Christmas!**  
- **See you next Sunday, January 3rd, for the Epiphany Celebration after 11 AM Mass!**

**Liturgical Ministers for Dec. 26-27**

**Lectors:**

5:00 p.m.  Michael Campanelli  
8:30 a.m.  Caroline Koepke  
11:00 a.m.  Cara Milgram  
8:00 p.m.  Kathy Jirus

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

5:00 p.m.  Dan Gordon, Maria Campanelli, Marie Frank  
8:30 a.m.  Fred Karboski, Bridget Karboski  
11:00 a.m.  John D’Angelo, Terri Occhionero  
8:00 p.m.  Steve Bacik, Eddie Occhionero, Mike Trentanelli

**Altar Servers:**

5:00 p.m.  H. Campanelli, K. Campanelli  
8:30 a.m.  C. Karboski, L. Karboski  
11:00 a.m.  O. Seddon, K. Seddon,  
8:00 p.m.  S. Bacik, Mike Trentanelli
My Dear Parish Family,

Anticipation: That was the central theme of my letter three weeks ago as we began this blessed season of Advent. Since then the focus of the scriptures for our Sunday liturgy have shifted from the eschatological events of Christ’s second coming to His coming in our history – from the Parousia to the Incarnation. Today’s passage from the gospel of Luke puts flesh and bones on this anticipation in the persons of Elizabeth and Mary.

What could be a more concrete example of humble, quiet anticipation than the beautiful interchange between these expectant mothers? In the normal course of pregnancy when expectant mothers gather there is a common wonderment about what the future holds for the children they carry. Who will they become? What difference will they make in the world into which they are born? How much greater must that anticipation be given the divine circumstances under which the children in these two mothers were conceived!! Elizabeth is granted a child even though she is beyond “the age” while Mary, who is barely more than a child herself, bears her child without loss of her virginity. Both pregnancies were pronounced by a holy messenger from God. Truly, there is more than mere natural maternal anticipation at work here!

Indeed, this moment is so jam packed with anticipation that Elizabeth cannot contain herself, “filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.” The Holy Spirit – the same Holy Spirit that overshadowed Mary to create in her the incarnation of God, gives voice to the anticipation of the most important birth of any child of any time in human history.

I don’t know about you but regardless of the season, when I read this passage from the gospel of Luke that is so “pregnant” with anticipation, it gives me goose bumps. I suggest that you carve out a quiet moment or two during these final few days of Advent and pray over this short gospel and allow it fill you with wonder and holy anticipation. I can think of no better what to prepare for the celebration of Christmas.

Peace of Christ,
Deacon Bruce

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Father Joseph Previte and the Staff of Holy Rosary Parish wish you and your family the Blessings, Peace and Love of the Christ Child. Please note that the Parish Office will be close at noon on December 24th and will be closed on December 25-26. Buon Natale! Merry Christmas!

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Opportunities for the Sacrament of Penance During Advent
Mon. 12/21 from 11 a.m. to noon
Tues. 12/22 from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Weds. 12/23 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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Holy Rosary Christmas Season Mass Schedule:

December 24th:
5:00 p.m. — Vigil, Christmas Eve
10:00 p.m. — Mass during the Night

December 25th:
11:00 a.m. — Christmas Day
(Please note: This is the only Mass time on Christmas)

December 26-27th: Regular Mass Schedule for the Feast of the Holy Family: 5 pm Vigil on Saturday 12/26 and 8:30 am, 11 am and 8 pm on Sunday 12/27.

New Year’s Day, Friday, January 1 — Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation): Vigil at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, 12/31 Holy Day Masses: 8:30 am & 11 am only on Friday, 1/1

The Annual Parish Celebration of the Epiphany — “Little Christmas in Little Italy” will be at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 3rd. The Befana will visit & all are welcome to attend the reception in the hall following 11 AM Mass. The Regular Mass schedule will be in effect on the weekend of January 2-3, 2016.
Stitch Ministry
The Holy Rosary Stitch Ministry invites you to drop in at the Church Hall on the second Thursday of each month from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to work on projects. Choose one of our collected patterns or use your own favorite. Whether you drop in on Thursdays or work on your own at home, you can drop off your finished items and yarn donations in the specially marked box in the church hall or at the parish office. Thank you!

Jesuit Retreat House—New Year’s Eve Retreat
Retreat Theme: Gratitude
Presented by Matt Roche, SJ. New Year’s Eve is an ideal time to kick back and pray in gratitude for the things I am grateful for. Do I have my health? Are my children and grandchildren doing well? What would I like to thank God for? Let’s come together in a litany of gratitude with discussion on how God has been good to us. The evening will begin with dinner at 6 pm and conclude at 11 am the next morning. Includes Mass and time for reflection and discussion. Fr. Matt Roche, SJ is a fulltime minister at Jesuit Retreat House with 30 years experience in spiritual direction.
Cost: $90. To register, contact JRH at (440) 884-9300 or www.jrh-cleveland.org

Gratitude for our Calendar & Bulletin Sponsors
We are so very grateful for the financial support and loyalty of the merchants who advertise year-round on the back page of this bulletin. It is through their generosity that we are able to publish our bulletin each week free of charge. Please remember to patronize their businesses throughout the year. We also thank the Vitantonio Previte Funeral Homes for their gift of the 2016 Religious Art calendar. Thank you!

The Holy Rosary Capital Campaign Continues...
Continuing the Tradition
PARISH GOAL: $ 1,300,000.00
Pledges Made to date: $ 1,105,076.71
Payments Made to date: $ 901,515.28
We are grateful for the sacrificial pledges and payments made by parish families and friends who believe in Continuing the Tradition that is Holy Rosary parish. If interested in making a pledge or one-time contribution, please call (216) 421-2995. Payments may also be made automatically through Faith Direct.
Thank you for your generosity & prayers.

Are you interested in the Catholic Faith?
We invite you to learn what the Church teaches & to be introduced to some of our parish members. These also are opportunities for you, and others that you may wish to invite, to ask those perplexing and difficult questions you may have about the Church. These gatherings are for inquirers & are open to those who are not baptized, as well as those who are baptized Christians from Protestant or Evangelical backgrounds, or baptized Catholic but have not received Eucharist & Confirmation.
The sessions are Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 pm. Please contact Father Joseph Previte or Anne DeMarco if you have questions or would like further information at 216-421-2995. Tuesday night RCIA meetings resume again on January 12th. Topic, Jan. 12: Sanctity of Life

Advent Angel Tree Project Thank You!
Thank you for your generous participation in the annual Advent Angel Tree project to benefit the St. Philip Neri Family Center this year.
If you still wish to donate to the Knights of Columbus Angel Tree collection to aid persecuted Christians in the Middle East, there are envelopes in the racks in the back of church next to the children’s room. Checks can be made payable to “Holy Rosary” and the memo line should read “Christian Refugee Relief.” 100% of all donations directly supports humanitarian assistance of persecuted Christians and religious minorities.
Monetary donations may be placed in the envelopes provided and placed in the offertory basket or delivered to the Parish Office during business hours. Thank you for your generosity.

Pray for those in the military, law enforcement & firefighters
• Third District Cleveland Police • Battalion 1
  Cleveland Firefighters • City of Bedford Safety Forces
• Firefighter Nicholas Angic, Kirtland • First Lieut. Timothy Berger, Marines
• Sgt. Dan Clementi, Shaker Hts. Police Dept. • Ret. Frank DiPenti, Marines
• SFC Daniel Geraci Elliott • Lt. Guy Estergall, Cleveland Fire Dept. • Patrol Officer Christopher Frato, Jr., Shaker Hts • Firefighter Joseph Frato, Akron • Cpl. Aaron Gobidas, Marines • Ryan Gvora, Mayfield Hts Firefighter • R.J. Harmon, Willoughby Hills Police Dept. • William Madan, Mayfield Hts Firefighter • Nicholas Mandato, Air Force
• Sgt. Miles McGreehan, U.S. Army Reserves • Sgt. James Mixon
• Sgt. Sean Moriarty, U.S. Army • Lt. Kevin Owens, Beachwood Police Dept. • A1C Stevan Previte, Air Force • Joseph Della Rosa, U.S. Coast Guard • Captain Jonathan Royer, Marines • Firefighter Michael Scabbo, Bedford • Matthew Scalisi, Cleveland Clinic Police Dept. • Deputy Rex Smith, Minnehaha County, SD • Mark Stack, Marine Reserves & Lorain Firefighter • Patrol Officer Matthew Sustarsic
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***This Week’s Schedule***

Mon, Dec. 14, 5:45pm Labre Homeless Outreach brings food, supplies, & friendship to those living outdoors. If you have signed up to help over the holidays, don’t forget that we will be running Labre out of the IFC until Sigma Chi reopens! For more information, contact labreinfo@case.edu

**Wishing all CWRU, CIM, and CIA Students, as well as Holy Parishioners, a very Joyful Christmas!!**

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**LOST & FOUND:** Have you Lost something?

We have a collection of eyeglasses, rosaries, hats and gloves, and miscellaneous items that have been left behind in church or dropped in the parking lot throughout the year. If you are missing something, please call or stop by the office. All unclaimed items will be discarded or donated at the end of the year, so please call (216) 421-2995 if you think you may have lost something while at Holy Rosary.

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**Bulletin Submissions** may be sent to tmoore@holyroary.org before Monday at 5 p.m., or 216-421-2995, ext. 18.

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**Holy Rosary Women’s Group**

Meets Monthly on First Saturday

The women of Holy Rosary are invited to join together each First Saturday of the month to pray the Rosary at 8:00 am, for Mass at 8:30 am and then (after a coffee break, we will meet in the hall for a discussion on how to more consciously live our faith, grow spiritually, and form supportive friendships within our parish community. We have begun reading: Sacred Fire: A Vision for a Deeper Human and Spiritual Maturity by Ronald Rolheiser and will discuss chapter 4 on Saturday, January 2, 2016. Questions? Please call Tammy at 216-421-2995, ext. 18. Women of all ages are welcome!