Mass Schedule:
Saturday:  5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)
Sunday:   8:30 AM,  
           11:00 AM, & 8:00 PM
Monday:   5:30 PM
Tuesday:  12:15 PM
Wednesday: 12:15 PM
Thursday:  7:00 AM
Friday:    12:15 PM
Holy Day:  5:30 PM (Vigil),  
           12:15 & 8:00 PM
First Saturday:  8:30 AM
First Friday:  Exposition of the 
               Blessed Sacrament  
               after 12:15 PM  
               Mass until 1:45 PM
Sacrament of Penance:
Saturday:  4:00 PM to 4:45 PM
Wednesday: 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM  
           (or by appointment)

Rosary: Prayed a half hour before weekday Masses & before 8:30 AM  
        and 5:00 PM Masses on the first Saturday of each month, as well as  
        before 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM Masses on the first Sunday of each month.

Miraculous Medal Devotions: After 5:30 PM Mass on Mondays

Please call the Parish Office at (216) 421-2995 regarding:
Anointing of the Sick and Home Visitation: Please call the Parish Office if you or a family member are seriously ill and desire to receive  
the Eucharist or to be anointed, or are homebound & would like to  
request a visitor.
Baptism: Parents must attend a pre-baptism class before the baptism  
of your first child only. Please call at least a month before the baptism  
date you wish to schedule.
Marriage: Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.  
Please call the Parish Office for guidelines of the marriage preparation  
process.
Parish School of Religion: Call to register your child (preschool  
through grade 8) or for more information about our program which  
includes sacramental preparation.
Registration: We invite new parishioners to contact the Parish Office  
to register. We look forward to welcoming you!
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.): For those seeking  
Baptism, Confirmation or full Communion with the Catholic Church,  
or to learn more about the Roman Catholic faith, we invite you to  
contact the Office.
Hall Rental: Contact Parish Office at (216) 421-2995.
Mass Intentions

Monday, December 19, 2016
5:30 p.m. Maggie Klarich Bakke
(Koepe & Simonson Families)

Tuesday, December 20, 2016
12:15 p.m. Marziale & Giovina & Mary Rossi
(Frank Rossi)

Wednesday, December 21, 2016
12:15 p.m. Paul Sidari (Steve & Jean Bucchieri)

Thursday, December 22, 2016
7:00 a.m. Sammy Klein III (Nicole Laurienzo)

Friday, December 23, 2016
12:15 p.m. Fifi Brescia (Edith Manfrino)

Saturday, December 24, 2016 – Christmas Eve
5:00 p.m. Deceased Members, Chamberlin Family
(Ed & Ebe)
10:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the Spuzzillo Family
(Annette & Ray Kristosik)

Sunday, December 25, 2016 – Nativity of Our Lord
11:00 a.m. Living and Deceased of Holy Rosary

NOTE: If your family has requested a weekend Mass intention, we invite you to bring up the offertory gifts. Please inform an usher before Mass begins.

Daily Readings, Feast Days & Observances

Monday, December 19:
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday, December 20:
Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday, December 21:
Sg 2:8-14; or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21;
Lk 1:39-45

Thursday, December 22:
1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1-4, 5-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Friday, December 23:
MI 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66

Saturday, December 24: The Nativity of the Lord
Vigil Mass: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17,
22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

Mass During the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13;
Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Sunday, December 25: Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or
Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Upcoming Parish Events:

Sunday, December 18 • Please join us for coffee, tea and donuts after the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses (Church hall)
• PSR/Atrium – 9:30-11:00 a.m.
• Confirmation preparation – 10:50 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Monday, December 19: Confession, 11:00 a.m. to Noon

Tuesday, December 20: Confession, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 21: Confession, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Friday, December 23: Confession, 4:00-5:00 p.m.
• Christmas Caroling – Meet in the Hall at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 24: Christmas Eve
• Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m. (Note: No Confession today)
• Mass at 10:00 p.m. – Musical prelude at 9:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 25:
• Christmas Day – one Mass only at 11:00 a.m.
(Note: No coffee/donuts on December 25 and January 1 and no PSR/Atrium on those holy days.)

Advent Penance Opportunities
Opportunities for individual Confession during the remainder of Advent are:

Monday, December 19, from 11:00 a.m. to noon
Tuesday, December 20, from 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 21, from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Friday, December 23, from 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Note: There will not be Confession offered on Saturday, December 24th before the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve.

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS for December 24-25
5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on December 24
Lector: Rosetta Vercellino
Extraordinary Ministers: Heather & Dave Pindel, TBD
Altar Servers: F. DiFranco, C. Marttin, TBD

10:00 p.m. Christmas Mass in the Night, December 24
Lector: Anne DeMarco
Extraordinary Ministers: Fred Karboski, Monica Karboski
Altar Servers: L. Karboski, M. Karboski, TBD

11:00 a.m. Christmas Day, December 25
Lector: Bill Laufer
Extraordinary Ministers: Joy Vargas, Bonnie Kaczor
Altar Servers: I. Parks, E. Parks, P. Gaughan

WEDDING BANNS
II Olivia Dean & Tyler Becka
My Dear Parish Family:

Have you ever experienced a time of darkness in your life? The loss of a loved one or a job; an illness overtakes you or someone dear to you; challenges within families...the list goes on, and in the mix, we ask, “where is God?” Four weeks ago and every week since, candles were lighted signifying each week of Advent, depicting hope, preparation, joy and love. During these weeks were heard deliberate and poignant readings that revealed God’s plan for us, if we choose to accept it.

In this week’s first reading, we witness the darkness experienced by King Ahaz of Judah. His fear that Jerusalem would soon be attacked and overtaken perpetuated his hopelessness, to the point of rejecting a sign from God. But God’s love for His people was greater than Ahaz’s rejection. God promised a just King who would rule over the House of David would come, and in this we see the fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy of the Incarnation of the Messiah.

In today’s Gospel, Matthew tells us the account of “how the birth of Jesus took place,” focusing on a man named Joseph who was betrothed to a young woman named Mary. Both Mary and Joseph were faced with enormous challenges that would make most of us question truly, where is God? Their faith was strong and, unlike King Ahaz, Mary and Joseph were prepared to accept God’s divine signs: Mary agreed to give birth to the Messiah, the Messiah that was promised in Isaiah’s prophecy. Joseph accepted his mission to take Mary as his wife and the child she was carried in her womb as the promised Messiah. Is it possible that Mary and Joseph could have suffered a moment or moments of darkness? Probably they did, but they did not falter because they trusted God was with them and their hearts were opened to His call.

Baby Jesus lived in His mother’s womb surrounded in darkness, and it was from that darkness that He was born – born to be the Light of the World. The darkness from which we suffer can change our lives if we follow the Light of Christ. God has promised us that He would never leave us alone. He gave His only Son to come on this earth, to walk and live among the rich and poor. He gave His only Son to suffer, die and then resurrect so you and I may have eternal life. When our challenges begin to blind us, and darkness seems to be taking hold, remember the meaning of the four candles of Advent and re-read the Advent readings. Live Advent every day of the year with hope, preparing to one day be one with God, always with joy and great love.

Saint Paul tells us in his letter to the Romans, that through Jesus we have the “grace of apostleship, to bring about obedience of faith, for the sake of His name...” May each one of our lives be a sign of God’s love that will bring others to believe and trust that God is with us, now and forever.

In Christ,

Anne De Marco,
Pastoral Minister

Christmas Season
Mass Schedule
at Holy Rosary Church

Saturday, December 24th,
Christmas Eve:

~ 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

~ 10:00 p.m. Mass During the Night
Presider: Bishop Anthony Pilla
Musical Prelude beginning at 9:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 25th,
Christmas Day:

~ 11:00 a.m. Mass

Please note that there is only ONE Mass on Christmas Day—at 11:00 a.m.

The Annual Parish
Celebration of the Epiphany –
“Little Christmas in Little Italy”

at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 8th.
The Befana will visit and all are welcome to attend the reception in the hall following Mass.

Bakery and pastry donations are needed for the reception. Please bring to the Parish Office on Saturday, January 7th or bring to the hall before Masses on Sunday, January 8th. Thank you!
2017 Calendars
Religious calendars for 2017 are available for pick-up from the ushers after Masses. Please take one per family. We are grateful to Vitantonio-Previte Funeral Home for their generous annual gift of the beautiful calendars.

2017 Mass Intentions
The Mass Book for 2017 is now open for all requests. The suggested donation is $10.00 per Mass. Please call or stop in the office at any time during business hours: Monday through Wednesday, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., or Thursday, Friday, Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, call (216) 421-2995.

Advent Angel Tree
Thank you!
We appreciate your generous support for the St. Philip Neri Family Center’s Christmas Shop again this year. Thank you for your generosity which will bring great joy and hope to many families this Christmas.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
(RCIA) is a journey of conversion to God and what He intends for us. RCIA is the process by which persons who were never baptized, or were baptized in another Christian tradition, baptized Catholic and have not been Confirmed or received First Eucharist, can become members of the Church, a people on a pilgrimage to our Heavenly Father. For more information, please contact Father Joseph Previte or Anne DeMarco, at the Parish Office at 216-421-2995.

Holy Rosary’s Annual Christmas Caroling in the Little Italy Neighborhood!
Friday, December 23rd. Meet in the hall at 6:30 p.m. and bring an appetizer, snack, Christmas cookies or treats to share after caroling. Cocoa, lemonade and decaf will be provided. All are welcome!

Songbooks will also be provided – all ages are welcome (and no talent is necessary!) to spread Christmas joy to homebound parishioners living nearby. Bring friends and family for a fun evening and please remember to dress for the weather and wear warm boots or shoes for walking outside.

From POPE FRANCIS in The Joy of Love
A reminder for our family gatherings this Advent-Christmas Season: “No family drops down from heaven perfectly formed; families need constantly to grow and mature in the ability to love… stop demanding of our interpersonal relationships a perfection, a purity of intentions and a consistency which we will only encounter in the Kingdom to come…May we never lose heart because of our limitations, or ever stop seeking that fullness of love and communion which God holds out before us.”
(From the Cleveland Diocesan Dept. for Marriage & Family Ministry
On Facebook at www.facebook.com/clevelandmarriageandfamily.)

2017 Mass for Life
Sunday, January 22, 2017, at 10:30 a.m., Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Join Bishop Richard Lennon to observe a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children, remembering the anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision.
Individuals, schools and parish groups are encouraged to join us and to stay after Mass to participate in a Rosary for Life. #Mass4LifeCLE Visit https://mass4lifecle2017.eventbrite.com or call 216-334-2965 for more information.

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The Holy Rosary Capital Campaign
PARISH GOAL: $1,300,000.00
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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 a one-time contribution, please call the Parish Office at (216) 421-2995. Payments may also be made automatically through Faith Direct at www.faithdirect.com. Thank you for your generosity & prayers.
Prayer Intentions:
Please keep the following individuals & their caregivers in your prayers.


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If you are in the Cleveland area...
Labre hopes to continue during winter break and we need your help. If you are available on December 26, January 2, January 9, or January 16, please email Labreinfo@case.edu ASAP, so we don’t have to cancel any runs!

***This Week’s Schedule***
Monday, December 19, 5:45 p.m. – Labre Homeless Outreach brings food and friendship to those living outdoors. Contact Labreinfo@case.edu.

Tuesdays during break – Please email Peter Liao at pll21@case.edu to see what the Lectio Divina Prayer Group might be up to!!

You continue to be in our prayers as you complete finals week, and we wish you all a very joyful Christmas!!

The next gathering is
January 10, 2017
at Holy Rosary Church!

The mission of Young Catholic Professionals (YCP) is to encourage young adults working in various professions to “Work in Witness for Christ.” As a national organization, YCP membership consists of young adults in their 20s and 30s, single and married, who are highly motivated to achieve personal and professional success while seeking a greater understanding of their Catholic faith. We also welcome professionals who may not be Catholic, but are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. YCP Cleveland invites young professionals to join us for our upcoming Executive Speaker Series featuring seasoned professionals sharing how they have embraced the Catholic faith within their careers:

Tuesday, January 10 – 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Holy Rosary, featuring Michael Guarino

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