Mass Intentions

Monday, December 24, 2018 – Christmas Vigil Masses
5:00 pm  Esposito, Cuda, DeMann & Gallo Families (Family)
10:00 pm  Wally Hannaford (Mother)

Tuesday, December 25, 2018 – Christmas
11:00 am  Living and Deceased of Holy Rosary Parish

Wednesday, December 26, 2018
12:15 pm  Angie Russo (Nancy Notaro)

Thursday, December 27, 2018
7:00 am  Antonia Brescia (Family)

Friday, December 28, 2018
12:15 pm  Joseph Marino (Family)

Saturday, December 29, 2018
1:00 pm  Wedding: Allison Lisy & Steve Jerome
5:00 pm  Sr. Ann Isabella, SND (Friends)

Sunday, December 30, 2018
8:30 am  Emiddio Minnillo (Wife Mary & Children)
11:00 am  Luiggi & Angela Pucella (Family)
8:00 pm  Living and Deceased of Holy Rosary Parish

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 24:
1 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Tuesday, December 25:
Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17; 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday, December 26: Saint Stephen
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3-4, 6-8, 16, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Thursday, December 27: Saint John
1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Friday, December 28: Feast of the Holy Innocents
1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd; Mt 2:13-18

Saturday, December 29:
1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Sunday, December 30: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Col 3:12-21 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

With Gratitude & Appreciation

The offertory total for December 15-16th will be reported in next Sunday’s bulletin due to an early publisher deadline.

Faith Direct for month of November: $ 6,440.00
For online giving, please visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: OH473.
Thank you for your continued support.

Upcoming Parish Events:

Sunday, December 23: Fourth Sunday of Advent
- Coffee & Donuts in the church hall after the 8:30 am & 11 am Masses.
- PSR/Atrium–9:30 am (3rd floor Parish Center)

Monday, December 24: Christmas Eve
- Mass at 5 pm
- Mass at 10 pm (Musical Prelude at 9:30 pm)

Tuesday, December 25: Christmas Day
- Mass at 11 am (Musical Prelude at 10:30 am)
- Parish Office is closed today. Merry Christmas!

Wednesday, December 26:
- No Confession tonight.
- Parish Office is closed today.

Sunday, December 30:
- Coffee in the church hall after the 8:30 am & 11 am Masses.
- No PSR/Atrium today.

Buon Natale! Merry Christmas!

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 closed on December 25-26th and January 1st.

WEDDING BANNS

III  Allison Lisy & Steve Jerome

LITURGICAL MINISTERS for December 29-30

Lectors:
5:00 p.m. Vigil  Rebecca Knab
8:30 a.m.  Marietta Santucci
11:00 a.m.  Mike Campanelli
8:00 p.m.  Ed Occhionero

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
5:00 p.m. Vigil  F. DiFranco, Len & Lyn Okuly
8:30 a.m.  Fred Karbonski, Mike Trentanelli
11:00 a.m.  Joy Vargas, John D’Angelo
8:00 p.m.  Rose Spena, Rebecca McCalligan, Chris Trotta

Altar Servers:
5:00 p.m. Vigil  F. DiFranco
8:30 a.m.  M. Trentanelli, P. Karbonski
11:00 a.m.  S. Leopold, D. Leopold
8:00 p.m.  R. Spena, G. McCalligan

CLEVELAND, OHIO
Dear Parish Family,

Another year passes and in two days Christmas comes once again—a day we celebrate the reality that God chose to enter the world and share our human nature in the person of the child Jesus. What awesome love brings forth the Savior! He takes human flesh from His Mother, Mary. Her love for Him is beyond words as she continues to ponder the great blessing bestowed on her. Saint Joseph, too, adores in amazement the tiny child whom God calls him to care for during his early earthly life.

We gaze upon the scene before us in our crèche. The characters surrounding the manger remind us of humanity, going about the daily routine of life amid the breaking in of God to the human condition. Our focus typically draws us to the manger itself where the Savior of the world lays as a newborn infant. We are drawn to the newborn baby as we would be drawn to any baby—innocent, pure, a true gift and image of God. But this baby is THE gift of God’s love and this baby is **God**. In becoming human for our sake, our Lord emptied Himself so that He could become fully human and fully divine. He becomes fully human to show us how to be human and through His divinity He saves us from ourselves and our slavery to sin.

In our current world of 2018, we see a similar pattern. Christ continues His desire to break into our world and wants us to recognize His Presence. Humanity goes about the daily routine of life often unaware or indifferent. Where are we in this moment of human history? Are we mere spectators of what we celebrate or do we take a long, loving look to reflect deeply on the reality of the Incarnation in our lives and realize God calls us to be fully active participants in Christ’s body, the Church?

We live in a world today where some minimize the importance of the Incarnation—of Christmas—and relegate it as just another holiday, void of religious significance. We know differently. We know, believe and profess each week that the “Word became flesh” and offered Himself as a sacrifice and redemption for sinful humanity. The Christ Child emptied Himself to share our human nature; He walked among us to show us what it means to be fully human; and the Risen Christ is present to us always. We celebrate His birth into the world on Christmas Day, but we really celebrate all He is for us. Let us allow this Christmas season to transform us and, if necessary, help us refocus the center of our lives on the person of Jesus Christ.

On behalf of the entire parish staff, please know of our prayers and best wishes for a joyous and blessed Christmas season and New Year.

*Buon Natale!*  
In Christ,  
*Fr. Joe Previte*
**2019 March for Life Bus Trip & 1 Night Hotel Stay**

Make this the year you take two days to bring the message to our nation’s Capitol that we are a country that supports the life of its most vulnerable citizens. Leave Sacred Heart of Jesus, 1545 S. Green Road, South Euclid at 7 am on January 17th. Arrive mid-afternoon at the hotel in Rockville, MD (a short distance from the Metro). Opportunities for Mass and a visit to the legislature, or venture out on your own. Ride the Metro into DC on Jan. 18th for the Rally and March in the afternoon. Return home after the March late night. Bus fare is $70. The rate per room is $120.75. Sleeps up to 6 people. Registrations are available near the church exits. If you cannot attend, please consider a donation to sponsor someone else. Thank you.

**2019 Religious Calendars**

If you didn’t pick up a calendar last weekend, please ask one of the ushers for a 2019 calendar—one per family, please. We are grateful for the generosity of the Vitantonio-Previte Funeral Home in providing the annual religious calendar for our parish again this year. Thank you!

**Are You Registered at Holy Rosary?**

If you are attending Mass regularly at Holy Rosary Church and have not yet registered as a parishioner, we invite you to fill out a registration form—please stop down in the hall on Sunday morning after either Mass, or call the Parish Office at (216) 421-2995. We look forward to officially welcoming you!

**Father Michael Wittman Ozanam Center in East Cleveland**

Holy Rosary supports the Ozanam Center located at Saint Philomena Church on Euclid Avenue in East Cleveland. The center provides food and clothing to clients in need.

- **Clothing Donations**: Seasonally appropriate clothing donations are welcome. Please drop off clothing donations in the Holy Rosary Church hall on Sunday mornings between 9:30 am and 12:30 pm.
- **Food/Supply Donations**: The following items ONLY are accepted by the center: cans of soup, peanut butter, canned fruit, canned chicken, canned tuna, meal-in-a-can (i.e. chili etc.). Toilet paper, paper towels. Items may also be dropped off in the Church hall on Sunday mornings. The next date Holy Rosary will provide volunteers is Saturday, January 5th from 9:40 am to 1 p.m. If interested in volunteering please call Deacon Bruce at 216-421-2995.

**Bulletin Advertising — Thank you!**

Holy Rosary is grateful to our many Bulletin Sponsors and wishes to encourage parishioners to support the businesses who choose to advertise in the weekly parish bulletin. Thank you so much for your support!

**Nativity—Artists and Assemblers Needed!**

Last chance! We are so grateful for the work of the volunteers who help move the Nativity items from storage and for those who then artistically build and create the Nativity scene inside Holy Rosary Church for Christmas each year. If you are creative and would like to assist in setup or cleanup this year, please call (216) 421-2995. Help needed 12/23 and 12/24.

**Year-End Giving and Future Planning**

In this season of giving, consider making a year-end gift to our parish in gratitude for all the blessings you have received in life. As you plan to make the most of your charitable donations in 2018, know that we gratefully accept gifts of cash and appreciated assets such as stocks or bonds. If you are 70 ½ or older, you may be able to reduce your taxable income this year and help us in our ministry with a gift made directly from your IRA to our parish. Talk to your advisors and IRA administrator for more information and to be sure that a gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as our parish. Lastly, should this year-end find you creating or updating your estate plan, please consider helping us grow our parish ministry for future generations by including our parish as a beneficiary of your will, trust, retirement plan or life insurance policy. Questions? Contact our Parish Office at (216) 421-2995. You are also welcome to contact Mary Lou Ozimek of the Catholic Community Foundation at 216-696-6525 x4070 or via email at mozimek@catholiccommunity.org.

**2019 Mass Intentions**

The Mass Book for 2019 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 Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday 9 am to 5 pm or Saturday from 9 am to 4 pm, or call (216) 421-2995.

**Shrines of France Tour September 23—October 3, 2019**

11-Day tour hosted by Father Philip Racco. Visiting Lourdes, Nevers, Tours, Loire Valley, Chartres, Mont St. Michel, Bayeux, Normandy, Caen, Lisieux, and Paris. $3879 per person from Cleveland (Air/land tour price is $3429 plus $450 govt. taxes/airline surcharges) $500.00 deposit will reserve a spot. Tour price includes: Round-trip Air from Cleveland, First Class/Select Hotels, Most Meals, Comprehensive Sightseeing, Professional Tour Escort, Transfers to/from Airports and more!! For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Philip Racco at St. Bernadette Parish at: (440) 734-1300.

**Advent Programming on AM 1260 The Rock:**

Make your Advent special this year—tune out the noise and tune in to Catholic radio. From devotionals to apologetics and catechesis, there is something for everyone. For a complete schedule, visit www.am1260therock.com.
**Prayer Intentions:**

Please keep the following individuals & their caregivers in your prayers. Names will remain on the list for one year. If you wish to add a name to the list, please call the Parish Office at (216) 421-2995.

Maria Alvares • Jim Anderson • Michael Antonacci, Jr. • Pearl Beningo • Joy Buckholtz • Michael K. Buckholtz • Ebe Chamberlin • Patricia Cornachione • Gabe Council • Keith Davis • Celeste DiCillo • Marie Elena DiFrancisco • Mary DiGeronimo • Mary Duhigg • John Feighan • Marie Fiore • Joe Frank • Gino Gentile • Florencio Gomez • Chris Gruttadaria • Anton Hannaford • Terri Hannaford • Cathy Heimburer • Laurie Hemsoth • Michalina Hoecevar • Bernadette Iacobucci • Albert Jann • Jayanne Kapostasy • Salvatore Lamont • Anthony Leonardi • Robert Lay • Antoinette Malatesta • James Malatesta • Bobby Mandato • Harry McNally • Patrick McKinney • Zena Mesi • Paul M. Miller • Mary Nero • Richard Damian Nero • Anthony Nunziata • Michael Peluso • Emily Pinzone • Patrick Pronio • William Principi • Alice Puliafico • Flo Rapposelli • Gretchen Richmond • Susan Royer • Antoinette Sabato • John Sabetta • Vincent Scibana • Charles Skripko • Sonny Strong • Cheryl Sweitzer • Father Lawrence Tosco, C.S.J. • Margaret Trenkamp • Karyn Thomas • Annmarie Varga • Mary Lou Welther • Donald Worthington

**Pray for All Those in the Military, Law Enforcement & Firefighters**

- Firefighter Nicholas Angie, Euclid • Major Timothy Berger, Marines • Sgt. Dan Clementi, Shaker Hts. Police Dept. • Basic Patrol Officer Danny Clementi, Cleveland Heights Police Dept. • First Lieut. Evan Campbell, Marines • David D’Eusiano, Parma & Willoughby Hills Police Depts. • Rct. Frank DiPenti, Marines • SFC Daniel Geraci Elliott • Patrol Officer Christopher Frato, Jr., Euclid • Firefighter Joseph Frato, Euclid • Ryan Gvora, Mayfield Hts. Firefighter • R.J. Harmon, Willoughby Hills Police Dept. • William Madan, Mayfield Hts. Firefighter • Nicholas Mandato, Air Force • Miles McGreehan, U.S. Federal Police Officer • Sgt. James Mixon • Sgt. Sean Moriarty, U.S. Army • Lt. Kevin Owens, Beachwood Police Dept. • SrA Stevan Previte, Air Force • Joseph DeLa 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 Reserve & Lorain Firefighter • Patrol Officer Matthew Sustarsic • Sgt. Ralph Valentino, Cleveland Police Dept.

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**March for Life Sign-Ups**

If you’d like to take part in the largest annual March, the March for Life, in Washington D.C. on Friday, 1/18, send Steve an email ASAP! The bus will be departing from the University of Akron at 11:00pm on 1/17, and returning at 11:00pm on 1/18. Cost for the trip is only $15!

**Check out our Podcast! Find us free wherever you get your podcasts!**

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- **Charpentier’s Midnight Mass**
  
  Featuring Les Delices and Quire Cleveland
  
  Contemplative and celebratory music for the Christmas season. Traditional carols are at the core of this beautiful and jubilant concert. Conductor: Eric Milnes. Presented on Sunday, December 23 at 4 pm, Our Lady of Peace Church, 12601 Shaker Blvd.

  Advance ticket price $25. Tickets at the door $30; Students $5. For more information call Les Delices box office at 216-302-8404 or www.lesdelices.org

- **Annual Mass for Life**
  
  Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
  
  Jan. 22, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. The Diocese of Cleveland honors the Church’s teaching that every life is cherished, chosen and sent. Each year the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelists celebrates the Mass for Life on 22 January, the anniversary date of Roe v. Wade. Members of all parishes and students from all high schools are encouraged to join in prayer at the special liturgy at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 22 January 2019. Following Mass, the Rosary for Life will be prayed. In our society, it is easy to see ways that the dignity of human life is disregarded. God creates every person for eternal union with himself and continually invites us to embrace the teaching that every life is chosen.