HOLY ROSARY CHURCH
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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 (or by appointment)
Wednesday: 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM (or by appointment)

Parish Staff:
Father Joseph Previte, Pastor
Deacon Bruce Battista, Permanent Deacon
Tammy Moore, Pastoral Associate
Laura Bastulli Parran, Parish Catechetical Leader
Lorenzo Salvagni, Director of Ministries of Music
Johanna Bacik, Office Assistant

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.

Christmas 2019
O HOLY NIGHT
For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. ~ Luke 2:11
With Gratitude & Appreciation

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Dear Parish Family,

As we anticipate the celebration of Christmas this week, our surroundings remind us of this festive season; the homes decorated with lights, the music playing on the radio, the gatherings with family and friends. We know that something special is about to take place, and we can sense it. In the days leading up to the Nativity of our Lord, that first Christmas, Mary and Joseph knew something special was about to take place, too. Yet, they were the only ones until the event itself, when the angel announced to the shepherds the “good news of great joy that will be for all people.” That announcement changed the lives of those shepherds and the whole world forever!

It is fitting that the shepherds would be the first to hear this good news! God always invites the humble and the poor first to share in divine revelations. We hope this announcement continues to change us as we encounter the mystery of the Christ event. Jesus, the Word, becomes human to show us what it means to be human, to show us what God intended in creating us in His image and likeness. Do we continue to allow God to transform our lives?

It is easy for us to be drawn into the vacuum of worldly affairs and lose our focus on what really matters. This Christmas season provides us the opportunity to refocus our lives on Christ, to appreciate the great love God has for us in emptying Himself to become part of His own creation in order to redeem it and enable us to share in His divinity.

Remember, the Christmas season begins the evening of December 24. It continues through the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 12. Let us celebrate the entire Christmas season well. So whether we celebrate with praise and worship of God during Mass, in our times of prayer, in our gatherings with family and friends, let us do all of this mindful of the person for whom we celebrate – Jesus Christ! Let us be ever-grateful for God’s abundant gifts to us, most especially His Son, the Word who became flesh. Let us allow this joyful season to transform us to share in the Incarnation, making Jesus’ Presence manifest to all those we meet during these next weeks.

Let us pray that Mary and Joseph will intercede for us in deepening our love and devotion to the Christ Child, as we obtain the graces of Christmas. Something special is about to take place – may we not only sense it but, more importantly, rejoice in it with the whole of our lives each day!

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

Buon Natale!

In Christ,
Fr. Joe Previte

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Christmas Season Special Mass Schedule*

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24:
• 5:00 p.m., Christmas Vigil
• 10:00 p.m., Christmas Mass During the Night
  Musical Prelude begins at 9:30 p.m.

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25th:
• 11:00 a.m., Mass, with Bishop Anthony Pilla

Tuesday, December 31:
• 5:30 p.m., Vigil Mass for the holy day

Wednesday, January 1: Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God
• 11:00 a.m., Mass (holy day) – Note special time!

*Unless the date is listed above, weekend and weekday Mass times will remain as regularly scheduled.

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2020 Religious Art Calendars

If you did not receive a 2020 religious art calendar last Sunday, we invite you to take one as you leave Mass today — 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!

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Epiphany – Little Christmas in Little Italy

Please mark your 2020 calendar for our parish’s celebration of the Epiphany on January 5th:

10:00 a.m. Christmas Concert in Church

11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 5th.

We look forward to a visit from the Befana at the conclusion of 11:00 a.m. Mass! Families with young children are especially encouraged to attend.

Help Needed!

Finger foods and bakery are needed for the annual reception after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Items may be brought to the Parish Center/Office on Saturday, January 4th or brought to the church hall on Sunday, January 5th, after 8:30 a.m. (and before the 11:00 a.m. Mass). If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office at 216-421-2995.
2020 March for Life Bus Trip
With One Night Hotel Stay – January 23-24
Join Holy Rosary Parish and take two days to take the message to our nation’s capitol that we are a country that supports the life of even its most vulnerable citizens. Leave our sister parish, Sacred Heart of Jesus, 1545 South Green Road, South Euclid, Ohio 44121 at 7:00 a.m., January 23rd, with a mid-afternoon arrival at a Rockville, MD hotel, a short distance from the Metro. There are opportunities for Mass and a visit to the legislature, or venture out on your own. Ride the Metro into D.C. on January 24th for the Rally and March in the afternoon. Return home after the March for Life – with late night arrival in South Euclid.

Bus fare is $70.00 The rate per room is $120.75. For reservations and more information, please call (216) 932-9515 or heightsareaforlife@wowway.com.

Please call to sign up as soon as possible! If you are unable to go yourself, consider making a donation to sponsor someone else. Thank you.

2020 Mass Intentions – Mass Book
The Mass Book is now open for all Mass intentions for 2020. The suggested donation is $10.00 per Mass. Please call or stop in the Parish Office during business hours. Questions? Please call (216) 421-2995.

Why Request A Mass Intention? “All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. ...From the beginning, the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1030, 1032)

Ozanam Center in East Cleveland – Volunteers and Donations are Needed
The Ozanam Center at Saint Philomena Church on Euclid Avenue in East Cleveland provides food and clothing to clients living in seven nearby zip codes including our own parish’s zip code of 44106.

Donations can be dropped off in the Church hall on Sundays between 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or at the Parish Office during business hours.

Clothing Donations: Seasonally appropriate clothing donations and shoes in good condition are welcome.

Food/Supply Donations: Accepting nonperishable cans of soup, peanut butter, canned fruit, canned chicken, canned tuna, meal-in-a-can (i.e. chili), toilet paper, paper towels.

Shoe Collection at Holy Rosary
The American Heritage Girls Troop #0433 is collecting used shoes of all kinds. American Heritage Girls is a Christ-centered, character development and leadership program for girls 5-18 and is sponsored by our sister parish Sacred Heart of Jesus. Shoes will be collected and distributed to those in third world countries for refurbishment and resale. A box dedicated to the collection of used shoes is located in the back of the church near the children’s room.

Shoes can be donated through January 15.

Holy Rosary Culture of Life Ministry
Spiritual Adoption: We invite you to continue to pray daily to save a baby’s life from abortion through Christmas, December 25. Prayer cards are available in the back of church by the children’s room. You may prayerfully discern a name for the child and write it in the book located near the prayer cards promising to pray for the baby and parents.

Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine Gift Shop
With Advent and the Christmas season soon upon us, remember that you can purchase all kinds of items at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine Gift Shop, located at 21281 Chardon Road, Euclid, Ohio 44117. The telephone number is 216-481-0900. The items are reasonably priced. If you want to put more of a religious spirit in your season come and get an Advent Wreath, a Nativity set, an Advent calendar. Some see what other beautiful items you can purchase for Christmas gifts for family members and friends.

Holy Rosary Church — Parish Pilgrimage to Italy in October 2020
A special pilgrimage to Italy is planned for Holy Rosary parishioners from October 16-27, 2020. This is a pilgrimage, rather than simply a vacation, with an opportunity for daily Masses, attending a Papal audience and traveling to multiple holy places in Italy. Planned stops include Rome, Loreto, Lanciano, Assisi, Florence, Siena and Pompei – the home of the original portrait of Our Lady of the Rosary, upon which the statue behind our altar is based.

If interested in participating in the pilgrimage and for more information, please take an informational flye available near the church exits, or call the Parish Office at (216) 421-2995. Price: $3,695.00. The first deposit of $200.00 is due now. Payment plans are available.
PRAYER INTENTIONS:
Please pray for the following individuals & their caregivers. 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.

Jim Anderson • Michael Antonacci, Jr. • Pearl Beningo • Lisa Bielawski • Yvonne Bolden • Bryan • Joy Buckholtz • Michael K. Buckholtz • Ebe Chamberlin • Patricia Cornacchione • Corrine (Corky) Ferrone-Ramey • Gabe Council • Keith Davis • Celeste DiCillo • Marie Elena DiFrancisco • Mary Duhiig • Marissa Elsing • John Feighan • Marie Fiore • Phyllis Flannery • Vince Francioli • Joe Frank • Florencio Gomez • Chris Gruttadaria • Nick Grasso • Anton Hannaford • Terri Hannaford • Cathy Heimburger • Michalina Hocevar • Salvatore Lamont • Robert Lay • Antoinette Malatesta • James Malatesta • Bobby Mandato • Harry McNally • Patrick McKinney • Sarah Menatti • Paul M. Miller • Mary Nero • Richard Damian Nero • Anthony Nunziata • Michael Peluso • Emily Pinzone • Patrick Pronio • William Principi • Alice Puliafico • Flo Rapposelli • Susan Restifo • Gretchen Richmond • Susan Royer • Antoinette Sabato • John Sabetta • Vincent Scibana • Charles Skripko • Viv Strong • Cheryl Sweitzer • Sendev Tamilselvan • Margaret Trenkamp • Karyn Thomas • Annmarie Varga • Mary Lou Welther • Donald Worthington

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

• Third District Cleveland Police
• Battalion I Cleveland 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. • Capt. Evan Campbell, Marines • David D’Eusanio, 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 Moriarity, U.S. Army • Lt. Kevin Owens, Beachwood Police Dept. • SrA 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 Stustarsic • Sgt. Ralph Valentino, Cleveland Police Dept.

FIDES Sign Ups for Spring 2020: Our first semester of FIDES has been fantastic. Next semester, we’ll be launching one new group with a new leader, and adding new participants into our existing groups. So if you’d like to join one of our small faith communities, sign up at bit.ly/fidesspring2020.

March for Life: In the late evening of Thursday, January 23rd, we’ll join the other Newman Campuses in the Diocese of Cleveland to go to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. We’ll be back in the early morning of Saturday the 25th, so you’ll only miss one day of classes to attend this year!

Spring Retreat: We’ll also partner with the other campuses for our Spring Retreat this year, taking place from Friday, February 21 to Saturday, February 22. This is the first time in over five years that all campuses have been together for a Spring Retreat, so we hope you’ll join us! To mark your interest for either or both of these events, give us your name at bit.ly/newmanspringtrips.

Check out our Podcast, Case Catholic Radio! Find us free wherever you get your podcasts!

Are you interested in the Catholic Faith? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

We invite you to learn what the Church teaches and to ask questions about the Catholic faith or to inquire about the process for becoming Catholic. For more information, please contact Deacon Bruce Battista at the Parish Office at (216) 421-2995. Adult Confirmation classes are also available for those who never received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Baptism ~ Confirmation ~ Eucharist

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!