

MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF 12/31/2017

Mass on January 1, **Octave of Christmas** will be at 9:30 AM Traditional Latin Mass.
Mass on January 1, **Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God** will be at 11 AM English (Novus Ordo).
The Parish Office will be closed on January 1.
Holy Name Society will meet on Thursday, January 4 at 6:30 PM in the Rectory
Confirmation Class will start on Saturday, January 6 at 10 AM in the St. Francis Room

PRO-LIFE CORNER: SANCTUARY OF LIFE

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. Though he was conceived of a virgin, Jesus nevertheless lived as a son in a human family -- a family which points the way for the rest of us. The family is the sanctuary of life. There can be no life without family, and there can be no family without life. The family, above all, is where life is to be welcomed, no matter how fragile or inconvenient it may be. One of the many reasons why the Pope and bishops identify abortion and euthanasia as pre-eminent issues is because these crimes are committed by one family member upon another. May the Holy Family lead us to a Culture of Life! www.priestsforlife.org

2018 New Year Message

Gracious God, it's with profound faith that we dare to come together as a family before you on this special day (first day) of the year. We have all the sufficient reasons to thank you

Father, for all the Graces and Blessings you bestowed on each one of us last year and other past years and now beseech you gracious God to continue ushering more blessings upon each one of us as we begin this New Year 2018.

Dear Parishioners and friends of St. Stephen family, let us continue working together in promoting the spirit of New Evangelization through the Intercession of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. I call upon each one of us to come out and exercise God's given talents for the growth of our Church and for the realization of his Kingdom. Permit me to use the words of the Scripture "Father may they be one as I and you are one....." John 17:21. In this New Year let us get together in the spirit of love, faith, unity, peace, hope and forgiveness. In this way be sure of God's abundant blessings upon our church, family, community, nation and places of work.

Mary, the Holy Mother of God Pray for us.

- Fr. Caroli and Staff

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There's no more unusual setting to celebrate today's Feast of the Holy Family than Barcelona, Spain and the towering unfinished sandcastle known officially as the Temple Expiatori de la Sagrada Familia. In 1882, the plan was hatched to build a vast place of worship in reparation for the revolutionary and liberal leanings of the city. The modern artist Antoni Gaudi dedicated his life to the project, living in the building, attending Mass daily, and giving up his personal wealth. When people pressed him to pick up the pace, he responded, "My client is not in a hurry." (Gaudi's cause for beatification is moving along, and he could be the first professional artist and architect to be beatified.) The Spanish Civil War, a disaster for the Catholic Church in which thousands of priests, brothers, and nuns were murdered, halted work in 1935. In the 1950s work began anew, speeded up by computers in the 1980s. Still, the final stage of construction is not due to end until 2026. If the original methods had stayed in place, it would take several hundred more years to complete the plan. So far there are eight towers, with four to go. The highest steeple is three feet shorter than the nearest hill, since the architect didn't want his work to surpass God's artistry. The three faces of the basilica each have three doors, with the faces named Passion, Nativity, and Grace. The interior is crammed with geometric figures that almost seem to spin, crazy-quilt windows, spiral staircases, and jumbles of statues and figures. Although inspired by ancient Gothic cathedrals, the style is called Expressionist, and very little is left unexpressed by the masonry. If you can't afford a visit, Sagrada Familia maintains a web site, and virtual visits are free. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. During our New Year may our families "grow in wisdom and have the favor of God upon them." Simply write SVdP on the memo line of your check - make a difference!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Birthright is a pregnancy Service that helps pregnant women and new mothers. We are currently seeking volunteers for our Lakewood office to answer the phones, make up infant layettes and help women find community resources. No experience is necessary and training is provided. If you are interested in helping please call Toni Sabo at 216-228-5998 for more information.

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE			
MASS TIME:	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	11:00 AM
Dec. 30 & 31	Rev. Franz	Rev. C. Shao	Rev. B. Koka
Jan. 6 & 7	Rev. B. Koka	Rev. C. Shao	Rev. Franz
All Sundays & Holy Days at 9:30 AM: Rev. Bede Kotlinski			

December 23 & 24 Offertory Contributions	
General Collection:	\$7,908.12 Children: \$31.35 (6)
Issued:	226 Returned: 115
Christmas Offertory: \$7,968.12	
Food Pantry: \$1,002.00	
Thank you for each and every contribution!	

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

December 31, 2017

Please pray for the following:

Patricia Burfield	Deacon Moises Cruz	Burley Blankenship
Chris Rose	Sidonia & Hans Speier	Roger Gregory
Mike Schmidt	Ann Miller Kufner	Agnes Hogan
Sharon Sneed	Victoria Bailey	Judith Kenny
Michalyn Blasius	Lawrence Blasius	Frances Hasentaub
Dolores Bompiedi		

Please pray for the sick and infirmed members of our parish
If you would like someone added to this prayer list, please call
the Parish Secretary at 216-631-5633. Thank you.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES <u>December 30 & 31</u>			
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 8 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Lector	Russ Nieling	Barb Rieth	Glenn Sneed
Euch.Min	Candra Krisch	John Rieth	Diane and Paul Beargie
Acolytes:	Russ Nieling	Kevin Kroesen	

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES <u>January 6 & 7</u>			
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 8 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Lector	Steve McElroy	Barb Rieth	Ed Morre, Kevin Young
Euch.Min	Candra Krisch	John Rieth	Diane and Paul Beargie
Acolytes	Terry Shannon	Kevin Kroesen	

SAINTS/OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 12/31 (o) = Optional

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Monday: Mary, the Holy Mother of God;
The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord;
World Day of Prayer for Peace;
New Year's Day

Tuesday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

Wednesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Thursday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Friday: St. John Neumann; First Friday

Saturday: St. André Bessette; First Saturday

READ THE BIBLE WITH THE CHURCH (Daily Mass Readings)

First Reading — Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins

(Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14) or *Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3.*

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128) or *Psalm 105.*

Second Reading — Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]) or *Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19.*

Gospel — The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]).

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METROCATHOLIC AT THE CLEVELAND PLAYHOUSE

Please join us for "Marie & Rosetta" Tuesday, January 23 @ 7 PM at The Allen theatre. Preshow reception in the Allen Theatre Lobby at 5:30 PM. Individual Rock & Roll Ticket \$100 includes drink voucher and \$20 in gift basket raffle tickets. Individual Gospel Tickets \$75.00 each. Our reception will honor the memory of Maria Bastulli, long time friend of Metro Catholic. Tickets make a great Christmas gift! lewisj@metroatholic.net

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph December 31

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

—Luke 2:30-31

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH SERVICES

Saturday, December 30 Church

4:15 - 4:45 PM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
Pray the Holy Rosary

5:00 PM Vigil of the Holy Family of Jesus
† Helen Ujvari

Sunday, December 31 Church

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00 AM † Richard Durica

9:00 AM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
Pray the Holy Rosary

9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass

Sunday in the Octave of Christmas
Intentions of The Volkenant Family

11:00 AM Sunday Mass

† Victoria Ortiz

Monday, January 1 Church

9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass

(Octave Day of Christmas)

Intentions of The Thomas O'Donnell Family

11:00 AM (Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God)

† Chrisann Blankenship † Dawn Tucker

† Theresa Bewley Dailey

Living & Deceased Members of the Bewley Family
The Deceased Members of the Smith Family

Tuesday, January 2 Church

7:00 AM Latin (Holy Name of Jesus)

Intentions of The Gloria Rivera Family

6:30 PM (Chapel)

†† Francis & Grace Riley

Wednesday, January 3 Church

6:30 PM Latin Mass (Feria in Christmastide)

Intentions of The Weaver Family

7:00 - 8:00 PM Holy Hour

Thursday, January 4 Church

6:30 PM Latin Mass (Feria in Christmastide)

† Loretta Busa

Friday, January 5 Church

6:30 PM Latin Mass (Feria in Christmastide)

Intentions of Amy Mushinski

Saturday, January 6 Church

9:30 AM Latin Mass (Epiphany of the Lord)

†† John & Rita Krock, Sr.

Pray the Holy Rosary

5:00 PM Vigil of the The Epiphany of the Lord

† Maria Lourdes Becerra

Sunday, January 7 Church

The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM † Richard Durica

9:00 AM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)

Pray the Holy Rosary

9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass

The Holy Family

† Patricia Gee

11:00 AM German Sunday Mass

Intentions of The Hayne Family