



Mass Intentions

- Monday** November 30th Andrew, apostle
5:00 p.m. Shirley Roling
- Tuesday** December 1st
8:30 a.m. Rolando and Suzana delaCruz
- Wednesday** December 2nd
5:00 p.m. Anthony Larizza Family
- Thursday** December 3rd Francis Xavier, priest
8:30 a.m. Catherine Gorman
- Friday** Dec. 4th John Damascene, priest/dr of the Church
8:30 a.m. James Reitz
- Saturday** December 5th
9:00 a.m. Walter Clare
4:30 p.m. Debra Forthofer
- Sunday** December 6th 2nd Sunday of Advent
8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Larizza Family
9:30 a.m. Ron Peloquin
11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Parish



Readings for the Week of November 30th

Mon	Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Tue	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2,7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wed	Is 25:6-10; Ps 23:1-7; Mt 15:29-37
Thur	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Fri	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Sat	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5, 6-8
Sun	Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6



*Congratulations to **Gary & Stephanie Bowers** on celebrating their **50th Wedding Anniversary** on **November 25th**. God bless you!*

In your prayers...

This week, please remember all in our parish community, the intentions in our intention book, our family and friends in need, especially: **Ann Lou, Ben, Bette, Bob, Carmen, Claire, Dennis, Jo Ann, Kelly, Mary, Mary Ellen, Paul, Tom, Vicki, Zak** and all who have asked for our prayers.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Due to the Holiday bulletin deadline, collection totals for 11/22/15 were unavailable at the time of printing.

Thank you for your generosity.

[2nd Collection November 29th - Home for a Season]
[2nd Collection December 6th - Retirement for Religious]



Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe but this Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. We begin a new Church year and the yearly focus will be on St. Luke's gospel. St. Luke is the gospel writer of compassion. It is only in his gospel that we find the parable of the prodigal son or the thief seeking forgiveness on the cross. It is an important theme as we observe Pope Francis' 'Year of Mercy' beginning on December 8th. I fear that the barbarous slaughter in Paris will send the world on another round of deep retrenchment. The 'Arab spring' is being followed by a 'global winter' that will find terrorism and violence spread to every corner of the world.

We need to enter this season desperately praying for the coming of the Prince of Peace. Our first reaction will be to escalate our military response to snuff out the terrorists. I fear such an escalation will only more seriously escalate the problem. I do not know the solution. We cannot let a small group of extremists rule the world through fear. But I do know that we need to fast and pray if we have any hope of resolving the crisis. Our hearts grow hardened and there is little room for God to work his mercy.

The recently released movie, 'Spotlight' illustrates how blind we become to our own faults and failings. While there is definite arrogance on the part of the church leadership in Boston, I don't think the cardinal thought of himself as being malicious. That is how blind we become to the reality around us. We need to honestly seek the truth and proclaim it openly. Jesus is the Truth. He comes to dwell among his people. May we be awake to his presence among us... "Now is the acceptable time, now is the time of salvation."

Fr. Charlie

Thank You...
to all those who supported our
Altar & Rosary Society Bake Sale
last weekend!



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Thank you for your generous donations of non-perishable foods that were collected for the Elyria Hospitality Center



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Thank you to all who helped to make our Thanksgiving Dinner a great success!*

CASH EVERYDAY IN JANUARY CALENDARS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!



Each calendar sells for \$10 and entitles you to 31 chances to win that day's cash prize. Due to postal regulations, we are no longer able to mail these calendars so we ask that you please stop outside the Weigand Room and pick up your envelope of calendars. They make great Christmas stocking stuffers!

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



This Week in our Parish

Monday	November 30th
5:30 p.m.	Helping Hands Ministry - Conference Room
6:30 p.m.	P.S.R. - St. Joseph & Marian Buildings
Tuesday	December 1st
11:00 a.m.	Hot Meal Planning Meeting - Conference Room
12 Noon	Senior Luncheon - Weigand Room
6:00 p.m.	Advent Family Night - Weigand Room
6:00 p.m.	Brownies - Green Room
7:00 p.m.	Wellness Group - Conference Room
Wednesday	December 2nd
6:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts - Green Room
6:00 p.m.	Teen Jam - Cahill Library
7:00 p.m.	Choir - Choir Loft
Thursday	December 3rd
9am - 5pm	Eucharistic Adoration - Lower Church
2:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts & Brownies - Art Room
7:00 p.m.	Bible Study - Cahill Library
Saturday	December 5th
5:30 p.m.	200 Club Dinner Dance - Parish Hall
Sunday	December 6th
9am-1pm	Pancake Breakfast & <i>Lil' Christmas Shoppe</i> - Hall
9:30 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Children
11:00 a.m.	Pre-School P.S.R. - St. Joseph Building

200 CLUB WINNER: 11/29/15 Pat Krischer #91



The next Senior Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, December 1st at 12:00 noon in the Weigand Room. The cost of the luncheon is \$5.00. Please call your reservation to Sister Mary Dorothy at 323-0140. The Children from St. Mary School will perform part of their Christmas Choral Concert. Time will be available for those who wish to stay and play bingo. We look forward to a great meal, sharing new ideas and hope that you will bring a friend with you.



Our "GIVING TREE" is once again set up outside the Weigand Room. We have requests for items from Catholic Charities Family Center, The Elyria Health Dept., Blessing House, Birthright and Genesis House. The requests were placed on Christmas tree ornaments and hung on the tree. Parishioners are encouraged to take one (or more) of the tree ornaments, purchase the gift, wrap it and place it under the tree. [Please be sure to attach the tags securely to the packages so that they will get to the correct organization.] This outreach program brings Christmas to those most in need in our community and is a great way of showing concern for one another. **All gifts will need to be collected by SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13th** in order for them to be distributed in time for Christmas. ~ Thank You!

St. Mary School Programs:



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Christmas Choral Concert: Wednesday ~ December 9th at 7pm in the Parish Hall

Pre-School Christmas Program: Tuesday ~ December 15th at 10am in the Lower Church

Band Concert: Tuesday ~ December 15th at 7pm in the Parish Hall

All are welcome to attend.

ADVENT FAMILY NIGHT ~ Tuesday, December 1st at 6:00pm in the Weigand Room

Please contact Sister Mary Dorothy at 323-5539 if you plan to attend and have not sent in a reservation slip.

Light supper provided.

Shepherds and Angels



At the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass, children [age 4-9] are encouraged to come and to dress as shepherds, angels, Mary & Joseph and the three kings. If you are interested in your child being a special part of this Christmas Eve Mass, please pick up a form from the church entrance, fill it out and return it to the Church office. We ask all who sign up to arrive by 3:40pm on Thursday evening December 24th in the Weigand Room for costume distribution and instruction.

The St. Mary Hall Committee is sponsoring a **Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, December 6th** beginning after 8am Mass until 1pm in the Parish Hall.

All are welcome!

[No charge ~ free will donations will be accepted at the door. Proceeds will benefit our Helping Hands Ministry.]

Children can visit with Santa Claus and buy special gifts at **The Lil' Christmas Shoppe**. [Sponsored by the St. Mary P.T.U.]

Sending Christmas Cards to Inmates on Death Row: The Catholic Action Commission of Lorain County invites you to join in preparing Christmas Cards for the 141 people on death row in Ohio on Thurs., Dec. 10th at 7pm at the Conlon Ministry Ctr. - St. Vincent dePaul, 41295 North Ridge Rd., Elyria. All materials will be provided. Questions? Contact Ann Clark: amclark@ccdole.org or 366-1106 x12

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM, DECEMBER 4TH: *'Hearing the Call of the Mother Church'* presented by Sir Jeffery Abood, KCHS, Speaker and Writer, North Central Lieutenancy Equestrian Order of Holy Sepulchre. Join the First Friday Forum for spiritual refreshment, fellowship & good food at LCCC Spitzer Conference Ctr., 11:30am. Tickets: \$17. RSVP by calling 440-244-0643 or fflorain@gmail.com by Nov. 30th.

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