



Mass Intentions

Monday	January 8th <u>Baptism of the Lord</u> 5:00 p.m. Marian Kirkbride
Tuesday	January 9th 8:30 a.m. Julius Korzan
Wednesday	January 10th 5:00 p.m. Frank and Florence Kaminski
Thursday	January 11th 8:30 a.m. Jeanne Esch
Friday	January 12th 8:30 a.m. Fr. Joseph C. Weigand
Saturday	January 13th <u>Hilary, bishop/dr of the church</u> 9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Keys Family 4:30 p.m. Kathleen L. Cole
Sunday	January 14th <u>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> 8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Parish 9:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Herman & Dolores Plas Family 11:00 a.m. Jack Fildes

Readings for the Week of January 8th

Mon: Is 55:1-11 ; Is 12:2-6 (3); Mk 1:7-11
 Tue: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8; Mk 1:21-28
 Wed: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2-5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
 Thur: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 25-26; Mk 1:40-45
 Fri: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
 Sat: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
 Sun: 1 Sm 3:3-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20;
 Jn 1:35-42

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, Betty, Bob, Chris, Craig, Elaine, Eli, Evan, Greg, Harriet, Jessica, Jim, Kathy, Linda, Mark, Mary, Mary Jane, Matt, P.J., Pat, Patrick, Robert, Susan, Tom, Victoria** and all who have asked for our prayers.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday Collection 12/31/17	\$13,554.50
Tuition Assistance	\$507.66
Envelopes	219

Thank you for your continued generosity.

[2nd Collection January 7th - Helping Hands Ministry]
 [2nd Collection January 14th - Tuition Assistance]

2018 Calendars are available at the Church Entrances – please be sure to stop and pick one up.

My Friends,

As the Christmas decorations come down and the deep freeze sets in limiting our activities, the winter season can make life a bit drab and routine. If we live only on the surface of life, these days can suck the joy out of living. There is no depth or real significance to the rush of daily activities. This is why Pope Francis keeps directing our attention to the *Joy of the Gospel*. Jesus is the one to give meaning and purpose to our lives.

Many people at the beginning of a new year will make resolutions to improve their lives. More often than not it is about diet and exercise. When I go to the fitness center to play handball, I am amazed at the hours people will spend pumping machines to improve their physic. I am not sure that we have the same kind of commitment to improving our spiritual health. I was amused by the thousands of people who would stand for hours in the freezing cold to watch a ball drop, but not have the same kind of enthusiasm for entering into an encounter with their God.

As we assess the state of our spiritual life at the beginning of a new year, I would like to offer a couple of suggestions. We need to find time to nurture our relationship with the Lord. One retreat that offers a powerful encounter with the Lord is the Cursillo. As John Jurco mentioned at a couple of our Masses last weekend, there is a men's Cursillo at St. Augustine's on January 18-21 and a women's Cursillo March 1-4. You can call John or myself for more information.

There are retreats for couples throughout the diocese. There is Marriage Encounter for those who would like to make a good marriage better. There is Retrouville for marriages that are struggling. You can get more information on our diocesan website: dioceseofcleveland.org.

There are many spiritual growth opportunities online that we can access on our own time. You can simply *google* your interest to discover various bible studies or programs for spiritual growth. Do yourself a favor in 2018 and make a resolution to enhance your own spiritual wellbeing.

Fr. Charlie



Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Venett Smith** and **Kathryn Standen** and for the consolation of her loved ones.



SNOWFALL OF CASH



All winners are notified by phone and/or email and names will be posted on the board outside the Weigand Room.

Stubs can still be turned in for a chance to win a cash prize for days remaining in January. Additional Calendars are still available in the Parish Office.

Thank you to all who sold and/or purchased Snowfall of Cash Calendars.



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD



This Week in our Parish

Monday	January 8th
5:30 p.m.	Helping Hands Ministry - Conference Room
6:30 p.m.	P.S.R. - St. Joseph & Marian Buildings
7:30 p.m.	P.S.R. Family Epiphany Prayer Service - Church followed by Reception in Weigand Room
Tuesday	January 9th
5:00 p.m.	Hot Meals - Cafeteria
Wednesday	January 10th
6:00 p.m.	Spiritual Development - Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	R.C.I.A. - Conference Room
Thursday	January 11th
9am - 5pm	Eucharistic Adoration - Lower Church
Sunday	January 14th
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: 01/07/17

CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS: Thursday, March 1st 2018, Abbot Gary Hoover will be celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation in our parish. Adults having received Baptism and First Holy Communion who wish to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Sister Mary Dorothy at the Parish Office 323-5539.



January's Book Club Book is titled: Indestructible by John R. Bruning. We will meet on Thursday, January 18th at 7:30pm in the Cahill Library. All are welcome.

This weekend, Jan. 6th/7th, after Masses, you can sign up for the Lorain County Right To Life Signature Ad & Billboard Campaign. These ads will appear in the local news media, electronically produced & printed, on or about January 22, 2018 [the 45th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's decisions legalizing abortion-on-demand for all 9 months of pregnancy.] The ads will include Pro-Life educational info. & the names of all people who sign up for the ads. Same-theme billboards will be displayed in the Lorain County area during the month of January. The purpose of the ads and billboards is to educate about abortion, and to publicize that many people in the county care about the men, women and children victimized by abortion. The cost for sign-up is \$5/per name line.

Retrouvaille Weekend

January 19-21, 2018 - A Lifeline for Troubled Marriages
Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring - your relationship cold, distant - thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but both of you want to try again? Then the Retrouvaille program may help. RETROUVAILLE (rediscovery), is supported by the Catholic diocese of Cleveland, but open to couples of all faiths, consists of a weekend experience for couples and six follow up sessions. A registration fee of \$150 is required to confirm your reservation. For information or to register, call Marce or Liz Gliha 440.357.6580 or 1.800.470.2230, or go online: www.helpourmarriage.org.



St. Mary School
will host an **Open House**
on **Sunday, January 28, 2018**
from **11am to 2:00pm**.

Our school enrolls children in grades kindergarten through grade 8. We also have a preschool for four year olds. We invite all parishioners, especially those considering the education of their children, to meet our teachers, tour our buildings, and learn about our challenging curriculum in a Christ-centered environment. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 440-322-2808 to discuss them. We hope to see you on January 28th.

PTU Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser: St. Mary PTU is selling Texas Roadhouse gift cards in increments of \$5.00. Please call the school office 322-2808 to order your gift cards. The PTU receives a portion of each card sold. Additional order forms are in the school office or on the school website under the Wednesday folder tab [stmarycatholicsschoollelyria.com].

Our Parish will be serving dinner next Sunday, Jan. 14th from 5-6pm in the School Cafeteria. Volunteers are always appreciated to serve or help with preparation at 3pm.

...and Jesus said...FEED THE HUNGRY

This will be our 15th year of taking dinner once a month to the Catholic Homeless Shelter now St. Elizabeth's Center in Lorain. If you would like to participate the menu is pasta with meat, salad, dessert & rolls. Our January date is the 20th, so please call me by the 17th if you wish to furnish part of the meal. Also, I do need a driver. Thank you, Maryann 458-6159.

Gentle Woman Fellowship will meet **Fri., Jan. 5th 2018** at St. Clarence Parish Ctr. 30106 Lorain Rd., N. Olmsted beginning at 9:30am. The January speaker is Fr. Robert Cole, Pastor at Sacred Heart, Oberlin. His topic will be "We Are People Who Believe in Life" Please bring a cold salad, veggies with a dip, little cold sandwiches, fresh fruit or something similar to share. Dessert will be provided. All women are welcome. No reservations needed. Bring a friend. Questions? Call Mary Hoover 330-636-1698 or Mary Tschanz 440-235-6258.

Catholic Renewal Ministries will host a **Charismatic Mass Fri., Jan. 19th - 7pm.**, at **St. Peter Parish**, 35777 Center Ridge Rd., N. Ridgeville. Fr. Bob Franco will be the celebrant. Praise & worship begins at 7pm. Liturgy at 7:30. Healing prayer teams will be available after Mass for individual prayer. There will be a social after Mass. For more information, contact Fr. Franco at 440-327-2201 or CRM @ 440-944-9445. Come & bring a friend! This will be a time to truly encounter the Lord.

Women's Retreat Day "FINDING WAYS TO SERVE GOD"

St. Teresa's Altar & Rosary Society invites all women to a day of learning & prayer on **Sat., Jan. 27, 2018**. Doors open at 9:30am for coffee and pastry. Sr. Mary Berigan, SND, from The Blessing House in Lorain, will be our speaker. Sr. Mary will share her insights regarding "serving God as our lives change". Lunch will be served at Noon, followed by a prayer service. Call the church office at 440-934-4227 to reserve your seat. \$5 at the door. A Free-Will offering will be taken to benefit The Blessing House in Lorain.