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MONDAYS: 7:30-8:30 P.M.

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SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, FOLLOWING MORNING MASS UNTIL 11:00 P.M.; MONDAY IN THE CHURCH, UNTIL 8:30 P.M.; MONDAY HOLY HOUR 7:30-8:30 P.M.

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 19, 2023



MASS SCHEDULE: SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 4:30 P.M.

SUNDAY MASS: 8:30 A.M., 10:30 A.M. AND 5:30 P.M.

WEEKDAY MASS: MONDAY, TUESDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, 8:30 A.M.; WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, 7:00 A.M.

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FRIDAY: 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



Hi everyone! Last weekend we had an amazing retreat for our Life Teen youth group. We had 72 teens come to the Hiram House for a two-day retreat. They seem to have a very blessed few days on retreat. I really enjoyed being a part of it where I was able. I came to celebrate Sunday Mass for the teens and their parents to close the weekend. Right before that I was able to hear them share some of the graces they experienced on retreat. I was taken back by how many talked about the profound experience they had being prayed over, and going to adoration. Many of them also mentioned how much they enjoyed their small groups. In small groups they are given a chance to have discussion about a talk or given topic with a group leader and this gives them a chance to open up about their lives and what they are experiencing.

I found it really powerful that they had these great experiences in just basic Christian practice – prayer, adoration, small groups. There is nothing complicated about this but it just demands making the time for it. Retreat offers that time for them and they really have the chance to go deeper with God, and open up more about their lives. We really want these basic practices to be foundational for their young lives. I would want them to build their lives from this foundation of having quality time with Jesus, and open discussion with people they trust. These are the basics we really want all of our parishioners to experience. Do you have quality time with Jesus on a regular basis? Have you ever been prayed over? Do you have a group of brothers and sisters in Christ that you can open up to about your life?

Advent is coming up in two weeks. This really is a perfect time to re-establish these basics in our own lives. We are offering a few things this Advent to help. First, I will be offering a prayer workshop Wednesday, December 6th from 6:30-8pm. My hope with this is to teach on prayer for 45 minutes and then to have 45 minutes to lead us through prayer. One of my most important responsibilities as a parish priest is to help people to pray better in their lives. If I can give you anything it would be to help you grow in your relationship with Jesus, learn to listen to Him, and help you to open your life to Him. This is one of the ways I can best help you as your spiritual father and pastor. Many of us know about Jesus, and are familiar with certain passages from Scripture or the Mass but have very little practice in communicating well with the Lord. My hope in this prayer workshop is to begin to establish or re-establish this fundamental part of being Christian which is to be in a real relationship with Jesus and to really have a prayer life.

The second opportunity in Advent will be the evening of praying in the Spirit. This is called "outpouring." Having a

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 20, 2023 - Weekday

8:30 a.m.....Clyde and Florence Staup

Tuesday, November 21, 2023 - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 a.m.....Ronald Jaeger

Wednesday, November 22, 2023 - Saint Cecilia, Virgin

7:00 a.m.....Gail Jira-Spatz Dunn

Thursday, November 23, 2023 - Weekday

7:00 a.m.....Andrew Gnip

Month's Mind- Robert Garcar Jr.

Friday, November 24, 2023 - Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

8:30 a.m.....Kathleen Kuznicki

Saturday, November 25, 2023 - Saint Katherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

8:30 a.m.....Terry and Donna Zak and Family

4:30 p.m.....Robert Burian

Sunday, November 26, 2023 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:30 a.m.....Deceased Members of the St. Barnabas Golf League

10:30 a.m.....For the Parish

5:30 p.m.....Dolly Mirarck

Vigil Light - Fr. James

real encounter with the Holy Spirit is another fundamental of Christian living. Often those graces we receive at Baptism and Confirmation go dormant since we are really not open to the Holy Spirit. On retreat the teens had the opportunity to be prayed over and really allow the Holy Spirit to stir within them once again. Having this encounter with the Holy Spirit is life-changing. God really can heal our hearts, and heal us from the effects of sin. Again, we really just need to be open to it and this evening of outpouring is a great chance to re-open our hearts to the Holy Spirit in prayer and praise of God.

The third opportunity for this Advent is the sacrament of reconciliation. Making a good confession has instrumental to Christian living. Jesus calls us to repentance and forgiveness of sins. This is basic to the Gospel and to us getting our lives back on track. Jesus healing and forgiving us through this Sacrament relieves us of our sins and grants us that peace and freedom of heart we all yearn for. Please see our times offered for confession and really try to give yourself to Jesus in this sacrament.

Have a very blessed Thanksgiving week! I hope and pray you can have quality time with your family for this holiday. And I look forward to beginning Advent with you in a couple weeks!

God bless,
Fr. James

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GIVE ON NOVEMBER 28

HELP RAISE FUNDS TO RENOVATE THE PARISH AND SCHOOL CAFETERIA

FUNDRAISER GOAL: \$150,000

DONOR GOAL: 400 DONORS

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NEW COUNTERTOP
NEW BLINDS
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PLEASE PRAY for all those in need of prayers, especially: Therese Armstrong, Dennis Balis, Dolores Barcik, Virginia Bellitto, Joseph Blasko, Joshua Blouir, Rebecca Bondra, Chuck Bulina, Joanne Buss, Dorothy Cale, Joe Candio, Leroy Ceccardi, Kathleen Copus, Lamont Cunningham, Cheri Davenport, Ann Davis, Barbara Davis, Adele Dekka, Mary Demerest, Ted Derbin, Mary Ann Diegidio, Anthony DiFranco, Betty Dukes, Ehrman Family, Tom and Laverne Eggert, Michael Eppolito, Audrey Fischer, Mary Kay Foth, Mary Ellen Frabotta, Ray Frabotta, Frank Gambosi, Margaret Galus, Paulee Goins, Shirley Gregg, Lindsey Gries, George Hamed, Betty and Carole Haydocy, Maddy Heller, Helen Hocevar, Edward Holicky, Kevin Hoogenboom, Dan Houlahan, Dennis Houlahan, Dolores Jacobs, Eileen Jones, Rosemary Kancler, David Kirchner, Robert Kozak, Evelyn Krause, Susan Lee, David Lenczewski, Lee Letterle, Maria Liotta, Anthony Lupica, Martin Mawyer, Andrea "Dolly" McHugh, Luella Merecki, Adam Milewski, Diana Miller, Cindy Milne, Catherine Minnick, Mark Morgan, Linda Muha, Susan Murphy, Richard Neubert, Tyler Pappadakis, Richard Pavlish, Jim Pearl Jr., Marian Ponyik, Kara Ponzio, Jackie Rice, Gloria Rossi, Margaret Schillero, Regis Schilling, Janice Schnurr, Rita Schnurr, Rachel Schoonmaker, Richard Segal, Ashley Skuhrovec, Josephine Snyder, Eric Stopar, Andrew Sugalski, Bernie Szczepanski, Alana Shaffer, Charlotte Vercek, Bill Watkins, Richard Witt, Vickie and David Wojcik, Carmen Vitale and all the sick of our parish.

(Please notify the Parish Office, 330-467-7959, to add or remove a name from the list.)

Our loving prayers are extended to the families of Rocco Ciardullo and all our faithful departed. May their souls rest in peace..

RETROUVAILLE A Unique Program to Strengthen and Heal Your Marriage – Beginning January 26, 2024. The Retrouvaille program is designed to help married couples develop improved ways of communicating and relating to each other in order to overcome challenges which have left them feeling frustrated, hurt, distant, or even hopeless. Retrouvaille, which means rediscovery, is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, and is open to couples of all faiths. This program consists of a weekend experience and six follow up sessions. For more information concerning the program, or to register, visit www.helpourmarriage.org or call Shelly or Rob at 216.509.0301 or 440.836.4810.

TETELESTAI Do you love to SING? ACT? Work BEHIND the SCENES? Then come share your talents by helping to spread the Good News. Audition to join the musical passion play "Tétélestai!" Auditions for both cast & crew will be held Friday December 15, Saturday December 16, and Sunday December 17 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. Times and information are available online at LiveThePassion.org.

THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS Food, Fellowship and Faith for Adults on Monday, November 20, Fr. Joe Koopman will speak on "Critical Issues in Bioethics: A Catholic Response" at Our Lady of Cedars, 507 Massillon Road, Fairlawn, Ohio. Doors open at 7 p.m, Speaker at 7:30 p.m. There is a \$15 admission that includes light appetizers. A cash bar is available.

Happy Thanksgiving



ADORATION "My Lord Jesus Christ! For the love You bear mankind, You remain night and day in this Sacrament, full of compassion and love, awaiting, calling and receiving all those who come to visit You. I believe You are present in the Sacrament of the altar." (St.

Alphonsus Liguori)

Weekly community Holy Hour in the church. Join us Monday nights at 7:30 p.m. The sacrament of Reconciliation is available starting at 7:30 p.m.

The Adoration Chapel is open after the morning Masses until 9 p.m.; spend time with Jesus if only for a few minutes.

We are in need of an adorer for Tuesdays at 7 p.m., Saturdays 3:00-4:00 p.m. and Saturdays 7:30-8:30 p.m. starting 12/2.

Adoration will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday. We will be closed Thursday, 11/23 through Sunday, 11/26. We will reopen Monday, 11/27 after the morning mass.

If you are interested in becoming a substitute or guardian or sharing an hour with someone, please contact Doug Lippitt, or sign up at the website: <https://adorationpro.org/barnabasoh> Doug Lippitt (234)400-9416 -or- dougrip@netzero.net

YOUR GIFTS ARE APPRECIATED!

	<u>October 2023</u>	<u>YTD Totals</u>
Target Collections	\$122,500.00	\$490,000.00
Envelopes	\$73,064.00	\$224,698.00
Electronic Giving	<u>\$51,845.46</u>	<u>\$197,552.34</u>
Total Collections	\$124,909.46	\$422,250.34
Variance	\$2,409.46	\$(67,749.66)
Mandatory Diocesan Assessment (11.5%)	\$(11,638.11)	\$(46,552.44)
Remaining in Parish	\$113,271.35	\$375,697.90
Capital Fund:		
Envelopes	\$3,234.00	\$10,654.00
Electronic Giving	<u>\$4,246.00</u>	<u>\$13,952.00</u>
Total Collections	\$7,480.00	\$24,606.00

St. Barnabas parishioners are remarkably generous. Thank you for sharing a portion of your income with the Church. Thank you so much for your generosity!

The Special Collection this weekend is for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States more than 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects.

TOB CLE Focus Formation Series

Theology of the Body & the Environment

Opportunities for
Evangelization



Drew Courter
New Director of Catholic
Identity for the Diocese

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5th

7:00-9:00PM

ST. BASIL THE GREAT PARISH CENTER

- What do the teachings of Theology of the Body have to say about caring for our natural world?
- How can we use these teachings as an opportunity to engage those who advocate for environmental care?

The evening will include light refreshments, Q&A, and discussion. The cost is \$10 in person or Zoom. Register at TOBCLE.ORG by Dec. 4th

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St. Barnabas School

ST. BARNABAS SCHOOL NEWS Fall has been filled with service opportunities for the students at St. Barnabas! Families were invited to donate Halloween candy to the St. Malachi

Center and we wrapped up the student council food drive to help our St. Vincent de Paul group restock for Thanksgiving. Our fifth graders baked pumpkin pies for the West Side Catholic Center's Thanksgiving dinner, while each student in the school decorated a Thanksgiving placemat for use at the dinner.

Besides helping others, we said thank you to our military friends for Veteran's Day. The school celebrated with a Mass attended by friends and family members who are serving or have served our country. We appreciate your service. You are in our prayers!

11/5 982 no winner
11/6 828 no winner
11/7 076 no winner
11/8 313 no winner
11/9 507 CARY BEILSTEIN
11/10 460 no winner
11/11 103 no winner



Lotto tickets for July - December 2023 are available at the Parish Office for \$10 each. Good luck, and thank you for supporting this Capital Improvements Fundraiser.

Notes from the Blue Army

In 2001, the late Fr. John Hardon wrote, "The month of November has been dedicated to the Poor Souls. No doubt the reason is because November is the last month of the liturgical year, even as purgatory is the last stage of human existence before a soul reaches heaven. The Poor Souls are the souls of those people who died in the friendship of God. But they still have some suffering to undergo for the sins they had committed during their lives on earth. In order to understand why the Poor Souls are in purgatory, as Catholics we should know what we believe about the double effect of every sin. Every time we sin we lose more or less of God's grace. This we call "guilt." Every time we sin we also incur a debt of pain. This we call "penalty." Mortal sins are called mortal because they deprive the sinner of sanctifying grace and the right to heaven. Mortal sins also incur the debt of eternal punishment. When mortal sins are forgiven in the sacrament of penance, sanctifying grace is restored and the debt of eternal punishment is removed. But normally there is still temporal punishment to be expiated. Moreover, venial sins always carry with them a debt of temporal punishment, which is more or less remitted, depending on a person's spiritual dispositions.

This immediately tells us that because we are sinners we must expect to suffer in expiation for our sins. The choice we have is between patiently suffering here on earth or suffering in purgatory after our bodily death."

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Our gospel today tells us that Jesus uses the parable of the talents to remind us that we must be ready to make good use of the gifts He has

given us and they are indeed many. God has given each one of us a different talent and probably more than one according to our various abilities. We look around us and see mothers, fathers, teachers, priests, children, grandparents, doctors, those who are retired, the elderly in nursing homes and many others who still serve God and church in some capacity. These are just a few of the talents at our parish family and in our world. The Lord tells us that the Master will come for an accounting of how we used those gifts. The first two servants in the parable returned more than they received, allowing the Master's possessions to grow. The third buried his and gained nothing. God expects a return on his investment, in us. If we want to touch God, we need to take care of the poor and the needy; when we serve them, we are serving God as well.

Thanksgiving is this week. Maybe we can set aside a little time every day to reflect on the blessings we have been given. God showers blessings on us, day by day and week by week drawing us closer to the source of life: Jesus present in the bread and wine that we receive when we come to this church. And for this we are forever "thankful". Wishing all a Blessed Thanksgiving. Reminders: Christmas luncheon is December 15. Doors open at 11:30 AM. Amish Trip: Bus leaves St. B at 11:30 a.m. on Dec. 11. Our next meeting is January 12, weather permitting.

SVDP NEWS

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL AND YOUR DONATIONS OF TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE

THE GIVING TREES ARE UP. Help us provide hope and joy to the needy in our community. Your gifts are provided to local families in need, Boys Hope Girls Hope, Cleveland Christian Home, Rosemary Center, HM Life, Applewood Centers, Open M and El Salvador Mission. Please take an ornament or ornaments from the trees or send a monetary donation to the Parish Office and the shopping will be done for you. Gifts should be in the \$25-\$30 range. An item that was specifically requested is listed. All gifts/gift cards will need to be returned to the Gathering Space or Parish Office by Monday, December 4. Thank you for your support of this project. Please see the Giving Tree insert in today's bulletin for information.

HOLY NAME NEEDS YOUR HELP WITH THANKSGIVING DINNER. Holy Name Parish is asking for volunteers to help prepare, pack, and deliver meals for Thanksgiving. The dinners will be take-out, or they will be delivered to people's apartments and homes. Help with preparations and packing of the meals is needed on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thanksgiving morning, November 21-23, starting at 9:30 a.m. Also, they need additional help on Thanksgiving morning to deliver meals starting at 9:30 a.m.. Please contact Sarah Dodeci at (216) 315-2500 if you are willing to help. This is a great opportunity to share your time and talents to help those who are less fortunate.

TURKEY COOKERS ARE NEEDED FOR THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS. Please cook and donate an extra turkey for the holidays! Holiday meals for Thanksgiving and Christmas will be provided to needy people in Slavic Village by Holy Name Parish for the upcoming holidays. This is one of the most important ways to reach out to the needy people in Slavic Village. They are counting on the generous people at St. Barnabas to help again this year. It is a wonderful way you can volunteer and do it within your own time frame. Turkeys need to be cooked in advance - separating the white meat, dark meat, and juice for gravy and packaging each in freezer bags- and brought to the Parish Office for freezer storage. The deadline for Thanksgiving is Friday, November 17th. The Christmas Deadline is Friday December 18th. Please call Bernie at 330-468-1848 or Laura at 330-908-1527 if you want to participate. As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

NEED SOME HELP FOR THE HOLIDAYS? Your SVDP is here to help. Holidays may be financially stressful due to high inflation at this time. If you could use some help with Thanksgiving and Christmas food and/or Christmas gifts, please call the Parish Office at 330- 467-7959, press "7", and leave your confidential message or send an email to SVDPofStBarnabas@gmail.com to leave your message. Your call will be returned in 48 hours. Please do not hesitate to call.

This week in your daily prayers please remember **Seminarians at St. Mary and Borromeo**, who are discerning the call to the priesthood: Travis Seagraves, Mitch Carson, Cameron Ferrell, Nathan Frankart, Joseph Truong, Viet Ho, Sean Neville



SAINT BARNABAS PARISH CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 19 - NOVEMBER 26, 2023

Sunday, November 19, 2023

8:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Pro Life Christmas Sale -GS
 7:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Science Olympiad - PC
 10:30 -11:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, November 20, 2023

7:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Preschool Feast
 9:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Adoration - Church
 3:00-4:30 p.m. Monday Prayer Group
 4:00-9:00 p.m. SBAA Basketball- Parish Center
 5:30-6:30 p.m. Crusade Prayer Group
 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Cub Scouts - Cafe
 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Men's Fellowship - PJP
 6:30-7:00 p.m. Rosary Group - Gathering Space
 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Holy Hour and Reconciliation -CH
 9:00 - 11:00 p.m. Men's Basketball - Parish Center

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

7:00 - 10:30 a.m. Preschool Feast - PC
 10:30 -1:00 p.m. School Grandparents Day - Church
 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. SBAA Basketball- Parish Center
 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. Rosary Group -Gathering Space
 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. K of C Council Mtg - RR1
 7:00 -9:00 p.m. Prayer Warriors - Ann. Room
 8:00 -10:00 p.m. SBAA Basketball - Parish Center

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

2:45 - 3:30 p.m. Music Ministry Children's Choir
 4:00 -9:00 p.m. SBAA Basketball-Parish Center
 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Divorce Support Group - FL
 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. Rosary Group -Gathering Space
 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Women's Fellowship - PJP
 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Music Ministry - Church
 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Bible Study - ANN
 8:00-9:30 p.m. Wednesday AA - Bedell Commons

Thursday, November 23, 2023

Thanksgiving Holiday - Campus Closed

Friday, November 24, 2023

Thanksgiving Holiday - Campus Closed

Saturday, November 25, 2023

7:00 - 7:45 a.m. Focus 40 Fitness - PC
 8:00 - 4:00 p.m. SBAA Basketball - PC
 9:15 a.m. Reconciliation - Church
 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Lectio Divina - Bedell
 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. Reconciliation - Church
 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. SBAA Basketball - Parish Center

Sunday, November 26, 2023

7:45 - 10:00 a.m. Science Olympiad - PC
 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word - BC,
 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. SBAA Football - Cafe
 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. SBAA Basketball - Parish Center
 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. StBLT Life Night - Cafe, LTL, PC

PRO-LIFE

This weekend, Nov. 18-19 is the Pro-Life Ministry's Annual Advent & Christmas Sale after all the Masses. We will have tables in both the school breezeway and the gathering space. We can accept cash or checks (made out to St. Barnabas Pro-Life.).

- ADVENT: round and square Advent calendars, Advent wreaths, and boxed 4-count and 5-count Advent candles.
- CHRISTMAS: Nativities, ornaments, "Keep Christ in Christmas" auto magnets, Christmas cards, Christmas novena chaplets, gift boxed baby Jesus.
- GIFTS & RELIGIOUS ITEMS: statues, Rosaries & containers, jewelry, scarves, crucifixes, holy water bottles, car visor clips, mugs, note cards, and more.
- CHILDREN'S ITEMS: coloring & activity books, crayons, puzzles, punch-out nativity sets.

November 25, Sat., 9 a.m.-3 p.m.: St. Monica & Zelig's Home Christmas Craft Fair. 13633 Rockside Rd. Garfield Hts., 44125. Adult admission is \$1.00; under 14 is Free. Gifts, vendors, handcrafted items, food, 50/50 & hourly raffles. Santa 10-12 noon. Bring your camera.

Now What? After the terribly disappointing results of Issue 1 on Nov. 7, we must go to our Father for comfort and the strength to continue working to save babies from abortion. Our prayers, fasting, witnessing, and the time and donations we give to the pregnancy centers do not go to waste! Bishop Edward Malesic said, "Even though our efforts to overcome the enshrinement of abortion into our state constitution failed, we must never give up on the just cause to support a culture that values every life, at every stage. We must recommit ourselves to supporting pregnant women in need through our ministries that serve them - whether they face challenging pregnancies or find it extremely difficult to care for their children after birth. We must continue our work to care for these vulnerable women by providing physical, emotional, and spiritual support..." And, of course, PRAY, PRAY, PRAY!

PRAY at PLANNED PARENTHOOD in Bedford Hts. with fellow parishioners. Call Sue Sawyer at 330-414-5568. PRAY the Rosary for Pro-Life intentions every Saturday after the 8:30 am Mass.

Free Crisis Pregnancy Support:
www.CrisisPregnancySupport.com
 Life Coaching Course: email Lauren@LifeCoachMama.com
 PREGNANT & NEED HELP?
 WOMANKIND, 216-662-5700,
www.womankind/cleveland.org;
 ZELIE'S HOME, 440-886-2620, www.zelieshome.org;
 EMBRACE CLINIC & CARE CENTER, 330-825-1900,
www.embraceccc.org;
 HEARTBEAT INTERNATIONAL, 1-800-712-HELP (4357),
www.OptionLine.org; BIRTHRIGHT, Parma Hts. 216-661-6400, Lakewood 216-800-8086, Cleveland 216-486-2800



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The Book of the Names of the Dead

REMEMBERING THE DEAD

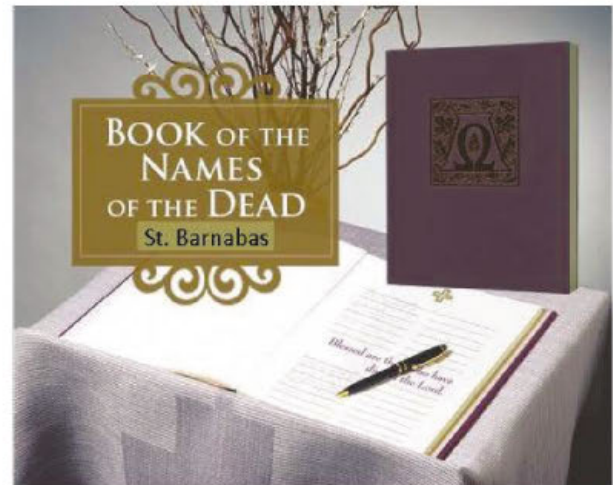
Christian communities remember the names of their dead. These names are heard in the Prayer of the Faithful during Mass and in the chanting of the Litany of the Saints at the Easter Vigil. The names of the deceased are seen on holy cards, memorial cards, and grave markers. Masses are prayed for the repose of souls. These rituals and practices serve to keep the memory of those who have gone before us in faith present in our minds and hearts.

MONTH OF ALL SOULS

The origins of the solemnity of All Saints (November 1) and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day, November 2) are connected. Honoring the dead dates to prehistoric times and finds expression in various parts of the world, with tributes given to deceased loved ones and veneration of those most worthy offered on the day of their birth. In the pre-Christian Celtic religion, November 1 and 2 were the celebration of their new year, when dead souls would return for a visit.

From the beginnings of the Church, Christians have cherished the memory of those martyred for the faith as icons of Jesus Christ. The small shrines built where the martyrs' remains were buried became places of prayer and pilgrimage. On the anniversary of a martyr's death, the *dies natales*, or birth into the new and heavenly Jerusalem, was commemorated at the tomb, with Eucharist celebrated at dawn on their graves. The martyrs became venerated as disciples and imitators of Christ.

All the saints are celebrated each year on November 1; however, most Christian traditions of honoring the dead are linked with All Souls Day on November 2. On this day, we remember our own loved ones who have gone before us in faith. These tributes extend beyond the day itself and last through the month of November, the Month of All Souls. The days are now at their darkest; crops have been harvested; leaves have changed colors and are falling to the ground; the weather turns cold and bitter, while the readings of the liturgy direct our thoughts to the end times, when Christ will return in his full glory restoring the fullness of salvation to all of creation. What a perfect time to remember our beloved dead!



THE BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD

During the Month of All Souls, we give a place of honor to a book in which community members and visitors write the names of their beloved dead. *The Book of the Names of the Dead* was inspired by the ancient practice of recording the dates of the deaths of loved ones in a necrology, a public record or registry of death. This practice provides the living with an opportunity for healing and consolation in the face of grief.

The Book of the Names of the Dead will be displayed from the solemnity of All Saints until the beginning of Advent. It is left open for people to write the names of their deceased loved ones and for others to read the names, remember, and pray for the repose of their souls. *The Book of the Names of the Dead* will be in the front of the church, in the area of the tabernacle.

Remembering all of these men and women who have gone before us, "marked with the sign of faith," helps us better understand and appreciate our faith in the Christ our risen Lord who conquers sin and death and brings new life to all.

**A TIME TO GIVE
JOY AND HOPE TO THOSE
WHO NEED IT MOST**

GIVING TREE

November 18 - December 4, 2023

- Choose an ornament(s) from the tree to be purchased. Gifts should be in the \$25-\$30 range.
- Buy the exact item. Use gift bags instead of wrapping paper. Securely attach the ornament to the bag.
- Return gifts by placing under the Giving Tree in the back of the church or the Gathering Space. Return gift cards to the Parish Office. Both are due back by December 4. Gifts returned after this date will not be able to be delivered.

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Advent Prayer Workshop

Wednesday, December 6
6:30-8:00 p.m.

**Led by Fr. James in the church. This event is free.
Please RSVP to LFullerman@barnabasohio.org to
reserve your spot. Babysitting is available.**

Advent Offerings

AT ST. BARNABAS

Prayer Workshop

Wednesday, December 6 from 6:30-8 p.m.
Led by Fr. James in the Church

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Thursday, December 7 Vigil at 7 p.m.
Friday, December 8 at 8:30 a.m., 12 p.m., 7p.m.

Outpouring

Saturday, December 16 6:30-8 p.m.
A night of worship in the church and a message for the whole family

Lessons & Carols

Monday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m.
Led by Max Menkhaus in the church. Following the concert will be hot chocolate and an opportunity to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Reconciliation Schedule

Monday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m.
Monday, December 11 at 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 20 5-7 p.m.
Friday, December 22 5-7 p.m.

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