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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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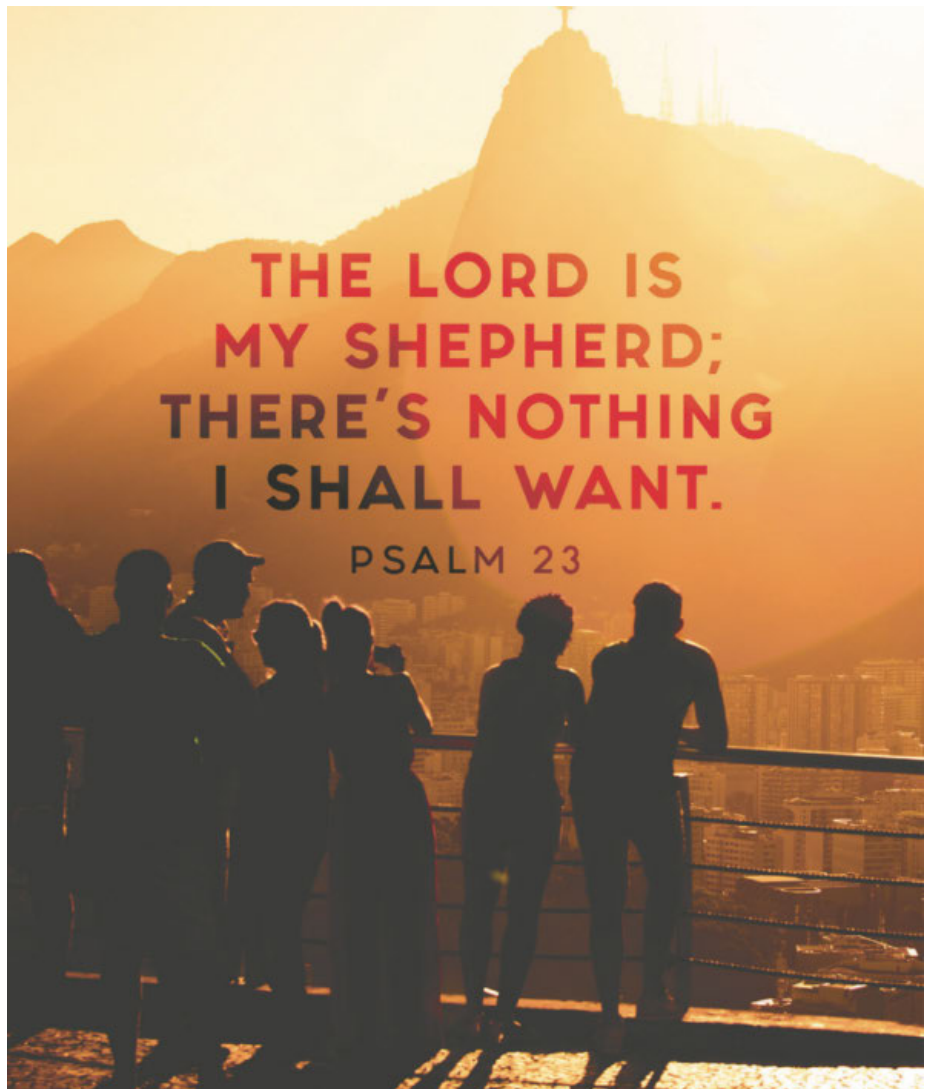
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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE NOVEMBER 26, 2023



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! I hope you had a very blessed Thanksgiving week! I have always enjoyed Thanksgiving since it allows me some time off. Christmas and Easter are definitely the greatest holidays since they celebrate our Savior but there is a lot of time and work that goes into those celebrations! This past weekend I went to Philadelphia to run the Philadelphia marathon. I have been in the habit of training over the summers and running two marathons in the fall. This fall I ran Akron in late September and Philadelphia a week ago. I was really impressed with the Philadelphia marathon. There were around 10,000 runners which made for lots of great competition the whole way through the race. One of my favorite parts of the race was around mile 20. By this point in the race each runner is just ready to be done and collapse and you still have 6.2 miles to go. I was beginning to feel that way as we made our way down to mile 20 and at this point the course had us turn around and head back into the city for the final stretch. What I did not expect was to see an incredible number of fans cheering us on at the turn-around (it had been pretty quiet with spectators for the past several miles) and they had the Rocky Balboa theme song blasting. This gave us runners the inspiration and strength the push those last 6 miles to the finish. And I am very happy to say I did set my personal record (PR) at 2:56 (2 hours and 56 minutes). I took two minutes off my previous best which I was very happy with at 36 years old. I am not sure how much more I can take off that time but, God-willing, will give it my best for these next few years!

On a different note, and a more important one, this weekend closes our liturgical year. We finish the year with a great liturgical celebration of Christ the King! The Church acknowledges and proclaims Jesus as the King of the Universe. This feast was originally instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 in response to the growing amount of secularism and atheism. I think its easy to look at the early 20th century with rose-colored glasses as if faith was not a problem in "those days." But clearly there were real signs of faith being pushed out the door and secularism taking over. I think we would all agree we see this pretty powerfully in our day today. There has been an ongoing trend for society to push away from Christian values and morals and to adopt a more and more secular way of thinking. We see this in very real ways in the past few decades. Generally speaking Sunday Mass attendance is down significantly and replaced by sports or laziness, abortion laws have increased, marriage has been "redefined" and the list goes on. If we are honest, secularization has been strong.

Pope Pius reminds us by instituting this feast that we not only believe Jesus is King but we proclaim Christ as King. It can be easy to always be on the defense with our faith. People challenge us for our beliefs and way of thinking all the time. There is nothing wrong with defending the

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 27, 2023 - Last Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m.....Richard Donley
First Anniversary - Barbara Rizzo

Tuesday, November 28, 2023 - Weekday

8:30 a.m.....Mary Purgert
First Anniversary - Joseph Rositano

Wednesday, November 29, 2023 - Weekday

7:00 a.m.....Richard Milosovic

Thursday, November 30, 2023 - Saint Andrew, Apostle

7:00 a.m.....Marcy Marchak
Month's Mind - Judy Hovorka

Friday, December 1, 2023 - Weekday

8:30 a.m.....Deceased of the Verga Family
Month's Mind - Frank Mueller

Saturday, December 2, 2023 - Weekday

8:30 a.m.....Deceased of the Pawlowski Family
4:30 p.m.....Eva Kisley
Month's Mind - Suzanne Weiner
First Anniversary - Mildred Soltis

Sunday, December 3, 2023 - First Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m.....For the Parish
10:30 a.m.....Larry Doyle
5:30 p.m.....Tony Kazmierczak
Vigil Light - Fr. Pat

faith, for anything it can be a good thing. But we are called as Christians, not just to play defense but to play well on offense. On this feast and as we close the Church year, we are reminded to really proclaim our faith not just always defend it. Please never forget, every person is searching for God whether they realize it or not. Every person has a deep, deep hunger for the love of God written within their hearts. Is all you and I have to do is help awaken that hunger and thirst that already exists. In a way its like helping people connect the dots in their lives. It is true that we should not force faith or guilt people with faith. We should have genuinely good human interaction and conversation about our beliefs and not be afraid to share our own testimony. And we can help people make connections in their lives. Is someone feeling lost that you know? Encourage them to pray or even better, pray with them. Has someone been caught in grave sin that you know and is looking for a way out? Share the story of the prodigal son or the 99 and the 1 from Luke's Gospel where Jesus seeks and saves the lost. Maybe encourage someone to return to confession this Advent. Or consider handing them a Advent devotional book to prepare for Christmas. Just remember everyone is searching for God. You already have that working with you while helping people come to Christ. Again, this feast reminds us – Jesus Christ is the King! We are meant not just to remember this but to proclaim it!


God bless,

Fr. James

TOB CLE Focus Formation Series

Theology of the Body & the Environment

Opportunities for
Evangelization



Drew Courter
New Director of Catholic
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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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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 all our faithful departed. May their souls rest in peace.

Donut Sunday!

Enjoy donuts and hot coffee in the Cafeteria after the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses.



Sunday, December 3

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with the Catholic Community Foundation November 28, 2023


GIVE ON NOVEMBER 28

HELP RAISE FUNDS TO RENOVATE THE PARISH AND SCHOOL CAFETERIA

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DONOR GOAL: 400 DONORS

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- NEW APPLIANCES
- NEW FLOORING
- NEW WALL PAINT
- NEW TABLES
- WRAP COLUMNS AND CEILING BEAMS (WOOD ACUSTIC FOR COLUMNS)
- NEW CEILING
- NEW LIGHTS
- NEW COUNTERTOP
- NEW BLINDS
- NEW RUBBER BASE
- NEW WARMING TRAYS
- FOUNDATION REPAIR



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 "Tetéléstai!" 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.

RELIGIOUS ITEM DISPOSAL Do you have religious items: rosaries, medals, holy cards, statues or prayer books that you want to discard? Please, do not "drop them off" in the church. Dispose of them by burning them or donate them to the Tilma, which will take donations of religious items.. Located at 146 Front Street, Berea. Phone: 440-243-1060.



ADORATION "Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. AMEN." (Prayer of St. Gertrude the Great)

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., Thursdays at 2 p.m. and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. starting 12/2 until May.

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- douglip@netzero.net

#weGIVE CATHOLIC

November 28, 2023

Northeast Ohio's Online Day of Catholic Giving

50+

Today we end the Church's liturgical year with the Feast of Christ the King. All the readings center in some way on service to others. Christ, who went about doing good, is our model for living. If we want to walk in His footsteps, we must look for opportunities to help people in need. This past week we celebrated Thanksgiving and if we watched the news recently, we saw many people helping others. The tragic bus accident with students on their way to a conference, TV stations collecting food for the homeless and the hungry, our Christmas trees in the breezeway with gifts of hope hanging on each limb, for food kitchens looking for monetary help and the many needs of our own parish family and our St. Vincent De Paul group who are always being of service to others in need. So, if we want to enter Heaven, service is one way that we might get there. We have to lift up others in prayer and by doing acts of mercy. C.S. Lewis wrote an essay that might surprise us. One of the first things he said was: we would be surprised at the amount of people in heaven. Secondly: we would be shocked that there are people that we never would have thought would be there. And third: we would be surprised that there were people we expected to be in heaven who were not there, and finally we would be surprised that we were there. Christ went about doing good and so must we. He has blessed us to be able to share what we have with others. It is in imitation of Jesus' works of mercy that we become one with Jesus. Saint Mother Theresa lived her life ministering to the poor. Her thoughts for reflection today are: "I was thirsty, not for drink but for a sign of friendship. I was hungry for a smile and you smiled at me. I was a stranger and you made me feel welcome. Each of us could add our own encounter with the Lord. So, during these last twelve months we have followed the life of Jesus from Advent, through his birth, mission, death and resurrection. Now, at the conclusion of this liturgical year we beg Him to help us recognize Him in our world and to acknowledge His presence by reaching out to Him in the face of others. Christ is indeed our King and we bow down in worship.

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.

11/12	458	no winner
11/13	731	no winner
11/14	400	NATHAN TELLING
11/15	807	no winner
11/16	253	MARY GAVAN
11/17	474	NATHAN TELLING
11/18	197	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

Catholic author, Kathleen Beckman shares the following: "In 2000 our son was a teenager going through a very rough time. I could see the spirit of the world trying to pull him away from our family and take him into a dark world. I began to pray the rosary specifically for our son to be delivered away from all the bad influences and temptations that were pulling him down. I prayed the Glorious Mysteries because I was interceding for my son's resurrection. While meditating on the Glorious Mysteries, I claimed for my son the grace of each mystery. I prayed with deep confidence that this Rosary was pleasing to God. I somehow knew that He would hear and answer this prayer. I continued this rosary novena for my son's healing and deliverance for one year. I could not see improvement. In fact things seemed to get worse. My prayer only became more fervent and my faith increased that God would rescue him. I never doubted but it was difficult. Then God moved. He sent my older son home from Europe. He saw the difficulties that his younger brother was undergoing. He approached me immediately stating that there is a serious problem here. I shared with my older son that neither I nor my husband could reach him no matter what we tried. Our oldest son went into his room for a long time and emerged with a letter to his younger brother. He entered his younger brother's room and read the letter slowly to him. Our older son had written a long list of positive attributes about his brother, all the things that were loveable about him. His brother's list was a statement of truth. His brother provided a mirror of his true self-identity. For a while he had lost the image of his true self as he entered an arena of deception, an arena that is the downfall of many young people. My two sons went to the movies together. At the end of that day our son was healed and delivered. I assure you that this was a big deliverance from the influence of the Evil One on my family. It was the power of a brother's love that overcame the power of evil that had a grip on our son. But it was the power of a mother's prayer, specifically the Holy Rosary, that was the catalyst behind the events that led to the healing and deliverance of our son. I was simply the mother and intercessor with Mary, praying the Holy Rosary to prepare the soil of my son's heart to receive the flood of grace that would come through his brother — not through me or my husband. I have no doubt my son's healing and deliverance was the fruit of the one year novena of the Holy Rosary."



We had a busy last two weeks at St. Barnabas Life Teen! Two weekends ago we had our retreat, which hosted 72 teens. It was a life-changing experience. Last week we brought five teens to Indianapolis for the National Catholic Youth Conference, a three day conference which hosted 13,000 teenagers, 17 bishops, and countless others from across the US. It is a blessed time for Life Teen!

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. Please - if you can - 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.

THANK YOU to the St Barnabas volunteers who successfully served a great meal with beverages and dessert to our very appreciative brothers and sisters in Christ at Holy Name Parish on November 16th.. They served 106 meals to about 64 guests. We couldn't serve these meals without the hard work of our volunteers. Our volunteers do a great job, working hard to prepare, serve and clean up after the meal. They welcome each guest with a warm smile. They truly "serve" the poor and we are grateful to have them as part of our SVDP ministry. Your monthly SVDP envelope also enables us to purchase the food that is prepared for this meal. Thank you everyone.

PLEASE DONATE TO OUR FOOD PANTRY. More than ever, extra food is needed for food boxes given to our local families for Christmas. Due to the high number of families needing assistance this year, large quantities of food and paper products are needed for our holiday food giving. We especially need Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Cereal, Oatmeal, Canned Meats and Mac and Cheese. Thank you for your generosity.

TURKEY COOKERS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS. Take-Out and Pickup meals will be provided at Holy Name for Christmas. 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 frames. Turkeys need to be cooked in advance and deboned - separating the white meat, dark meat, and juice for gravy packaging each in freezer bags - and brought to the Parish Office for freezer storage. The deadline for Christmas is Friday, December 18. 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.

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 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: Arthur Bodenschatz, Chuck Cairnie, Noah Furin, Jeremy Shafer



SAINT BARNABAS PARISH CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 26 - DECEMBER 3, 2023

Sunday, November 26, 2023

7:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Science Olympiad - PC
 8:00-12:00 a.m. SVDP Giving Trees - GS
 10:30 -11:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word - BC, ELC
 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. SBAA Football - PC
 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. SBAA Basketball - PC
 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. StBLT Life Night - Cafe, LTL, PC

Monday, November 27, 2023

12:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. SVDP Giving Trees - GS
 9:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Adoration - CH
 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. Art/Environment - CH
 3:00-4:30 p.m. Monday Prayer Group - BC
 4:00-9:00 p.m. SBAA Basketball- Parish Center
 5:30-6:30 p.m. Crusade Prayer Group - GS
 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Cub Scouts - Cafe
 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Men's Fellowship - PJP
 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Renewal Leadership Team - ANN
 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 28, 2023

8:00 - 12:00 a.m. Giving Trees - GS
 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. Walking With Purpose - BC
 9:15 - 10:00 Church Care - CH
 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. SBAA Basketball- Parish Center
 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. Rosary Group -Gathering Space
 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. PSR - BC, ELC, CH
 6:30 -8:00 p.m. EDGE - PC
 8:00 -10:00 p.m. SBAA Basketball - Parish Center

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

2:45 - 3:30 p.m. Music Ministry Children's Choir
 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. School Gymnastics
 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
 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. SVDP Mtg. - RR1
 8:00-9:30 p.m. Wednesday AA - Bedell Commons

Thursday, November 30, 2023

8:00 - 12:00 a.m. SVDP Giving Trees - GS
 3:00 -9:00 p.m. SBAA Pictures - BC
 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. SBAA Basketball - PC
 8:00 - 8:30 p.m. Walking With Purpose - BC
 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. Rosary Group - GS
 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. RCIA - BC
 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Blue Army - Chapel
 9:00 - 11:00 p.m. Men's Basketball - PC

Friday, December 1, 2023

12:00 - 9:00 p.m. SVDP Giving Trees
 8:30 - 10:00 p.m. School Awards Mass - CH
 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. 50+ Club Board Meeting - BC
 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. SBAA Basketball
 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. Rosary Group - GS

Saturday, December 2, 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, December 3, 2023

7:45 - 10:00 a.m. Science Olympiad - PC
 9:30 - 12:30 p.m. Donut Sunday
 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word - BC,
 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. SBAA Basketball - Parish Center
 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Confirmation ANN, BC, CR, FL, PJP
 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. StBLT Life Night - Cafe, LTL, PC

PRO-LIFE

THANKS TO ALL who supported the Pro-Life Ministry's Annual Advent & Christmas Sale last weekend! And a big "thank you" to our volunteers! Proceeds will benefit our 3 Pregnancy Centers listed at the bottom of this section. DID YOU MISS US? NOT TO WORRY: We will have our FINAL SALE the weekend of December 9th and 10th. Questions? Call Marlene Wisniewski at 330-467-7645.

NEXT SUNDAY, DEC. 3rd, is the First Sunday of ADVENT. Priests for Life invites us to say the following prayer each day of Advent, beginning on Dec 3rd:

*"God of Life,
 We rejoice in the promise of your coming.
 You have sent your Son, born in Bethlehem.
 He is the Prince of Peace, and
 The one in whose name all oppression shall cease.
 May we welcome His coming each day
 And prepare for His coming at the end of time.
 May we build a culture that welcomes Him
 By welcoming every child, born and unborn.
 We pray through the same Christ our Lord. Amen."*

NEXT WEEK: Volunteer opportunities at Zelie's Home. PRAY at PLANNED PARENTHOOD in Bedford Hts. with fellow parishioners. The babies need our prayers; women have changed their minds just by seeing us there. Studies have shown that they drive by without going in to Planned Parenthood. 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?

EMBRACE CLINIC & CARE CENTER, 330-825-1900,
www.embraceccc.org;
 WOMANKIND, 216-662-5700,
www.womankind/cleveland.org;
 ZELIE'S HOME, 440-886-2620, www.zelieshome.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

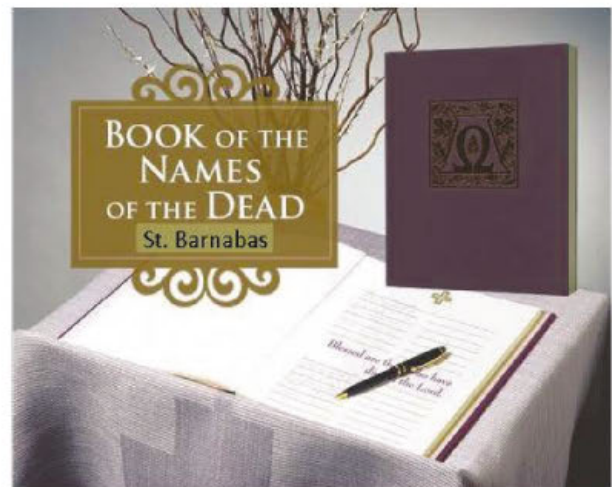
Christian communities remember the names of their dead. These names are heard in the Prayer of the Faithful during Mass and in the chanting of the Litany of the Saints at the Easter Vigil. The names of the deceased are seen on holy cards, memorial cards, and grave markers. Masses are prayed for the repose 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.

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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.

Monday, December 18 6:30-8 p.m. (Communal Penance Service at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish)

Wednesday, December 20 5-7 p.m.

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