



HAPPY NEW YEAR! As we begin a new calendar year, I pray that this may be a year of grace and peace for all of us. A time in which we can all grow in faith and in our love for God and for one another. I pray it will be a year during which our faith community may become more and more aware of the part we all play in the mission of Jesus Christ and His Church.

We are all called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in all that we do and say. Through prayer and study we can grow in our understanding of all that the Gospel teaches. When we know our Catholic Faith better, we can then really be witnesses to the truth. Our world is in great need of knowing the truth that is from God. Who are the ones who are willing to bring the truth to the world today? Who will God send to His people? We are all called to proclaim the truth, but first we must know the truth for what it really is and not what the world says it is. To know the truth, we must stay close to God. We stay close to God by prayer, the sacraments, and the Word of God. These gifts from God need to be a part of every day so that we can always be very much aware of the love that God has for all of us. If, through prayer, we can become more aware of the fact that God is with us, then our awareness of God's love will have a definite impact on how we live our lives, on how we treat one another, and on how we love one another.

We are very fortunate to have many opportunities to grow in our faith and in our knowledge of God and all that He teaches us through His Son, Jesus Christ, and the Church that He founded. In our parish we have Generations of Faith through which everyone in our parish is invited and encouraged to learn more about their Catholic Faith. We have Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament through which we can grow in holiness and our awareness of how very close God is to all of us. We have a variety of ministries to which all are invited to participate. Ministries that reach out to so many in our community from the elderly, to our children and young people, to the poor, those confined to hospitals or nursing homes, and to those who do so much to enhance our worship and our parish life.

I invite you to let this new year of 2006 be a time for all of us to renew our commitment to follow Jesus in a very active way by using our time, talent, and treasure to proclaim the truth that is Jesus Christ. Please pray about this and ask God what He wants you to do for Him and His Church.

2006 will be a very important year for our parish community as we begin to implement our master plan. This will hopefully see the expansion of our parish facilities, our parish school, and the redecoration of our church. In the next few months, you will be hearing more about this and in the meantime, I ask you to begin to pray in a very special way for the success of our efforts in implementing our master plan so that we may better serve God and continue the work that Jesus started of spreading the Gospel and deepening the faith of all, especially our children and young people, the future of our Church.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Mass Intentions



Saturday, December 31 Vigil: Mary the Mother of God
 5:00 p.m. Marvin Fulton [John Stopar]

Sunday, January 1, THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY
 8:00 a.m. Louie Weber [Joe & Dorothy Pape]
 9:30 a.m. For Our Parish
 11:30 a.m. Special Intention [Elaine Daigle]

Monday, January 2, St. Basil the Great
 8:00 a.m. Sam Patti [Anderson Family]

Tuesday, January 3, Most Holy Name of Jesus
 8:00 a.m. Poor Souls

Wednesday, January 4, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 5:30 p.m. Dick Dunham [Jeanne]

Thursday, January 5, St. John Neumann
 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 9:30 a.m. Margaret Policy, Anniversary [Family]

Friday, January 6, First Friday, Bl. Andre Bessette
 8:00 a.m. Intentions of Roberta Ballard [Gene & Carol Heim]

Saturday, January 7, First Saturday
 8:00 a.m. Richard Dunning [Jean & Children]
 5:00 p.m. Frances Hricko [Pat & Judy McNeill]

Sunday, January 8, EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
 8:00 a.m. Francis DiPolito Ferrara [Don Dalessandro Family]
 9:30 a.m. James Durkin, Anniversary [Family]
 11:30 a.m. For Our Parish

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT -- DECEMBER 25
 [5% of our collection was given to Immaculate Conception Parish, Kenmore].

Offertory.....	\$6,466.00
Support Our School	\$150.00
Capitol Reserve Fund	\$200.00
Christmas Decorations.....	\$5.00
Religious Retirement	\$170.00
Immaculate Conception	\$2.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$55.00
Christmas.....	\$43,639.00
Number of envelopes used:.....	741


MANY THANKS for your generous offerings!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS, on Wednesday, January 11, at 5:30 p.m., when we celebrate January anniversaries!



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS FOR CHILDREN [RCIC] Do you have a child who is currently in the 3-8th grade and has not received the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist? Classes begin on Wednesday, January 11, at 7:00 p.m. For additional information, call Diane Bruce, 335-0029.



 **JESUS IS CALLING TO YOU!** There is **no one** to cover the very special Holy Hour on **Thursday, 3:00 a.m.**, nor is there anyone covering **Saturday, at 9:00 a.m.** Please call the parish office, 336-3049 to say you will!



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the family and friends of Margaret Farrell who died recently. May our Lord grant Margaret eternal rest.



FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS will take place immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass on January 6. Please take this opportunity to consecrate yourself to the Sacred Heart of Jesus with your parish community.

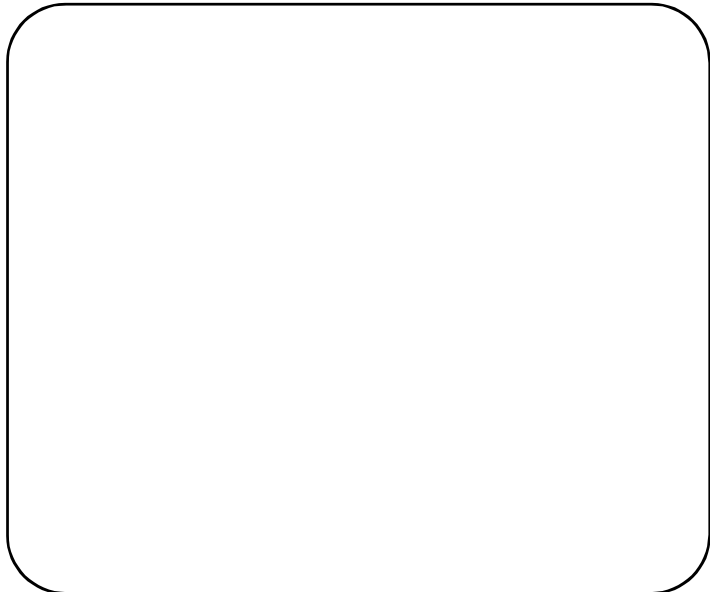


A FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY, immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass, is prayed every First Saturday, for the faith raising of our parish. Please join us this month on January 7!

SCRIPTURE READING REFLECTIONS OF THE WEEK
 [SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD-Week of January 1, 2006]

Question for Adults: How do you honor and reverence the name, Jesus?

Question for Children: Why are names special to you?



Liturgical Roles

MASS SERVERS SCHEDULE

Week of January 2

- 8:00 a.m. - **Monday - Wednesday**
 - David Bott, Jimmy Bott
 - Sean Semrau, Hannah Smith
- 5:30 p.m. - **Wednesday ONLY**
 - Caleb Busson, Olivia Petrey
 - Daniel Woods, Kristen Woods
- 8:00 a.m. - **Thursday - Saturday**
 - Tricia Bartram, Matt Kyle
 - Nick Santora, Luke Zvada

Saturday, January 7

- 5:00 p.m. - Kelly Flanigan, Allison Flanigan
 - Nick Flanigan, Sarah Masica

Sunday, January 8

- 8:00 a.m. - Megan Crawford, Alex Serfass
 - Samantha Serfass, Shannon Carps
- 9:30 a.m. - Sam Goddard, Rachel Goddard
 - David Kauffman, Devin Duhon
- 11:30 a.m. - Joseph Dean, Vincent Greczanik
 - Jon Zeiger, Sarah Knight

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 7

- 5:00 p.m. - Ken & Ginny Hampton, Brenda Sablotny
 - Steve & Michelle Masica

Cup Ministers - Lisa & Rick Tomko, Claralou Serbin
 - Bob & Debbie Mlazovsky

Sunday, January 8

- 8:00 a.m. - Bill Walchli, Dorothy Pape, John Baker
 - Mel & Ruth Wagner
- 9:30 a.m. - Judy & Pat McNeill, Eric McNeill
 - Lisa Thompson, Dominick Sorrent
- 11:30 a.m. - Elaine Daigle, Mark Walters
 - Oscar & Judy Mifsud, Betty Ruppel

- Altercare** - Klaas/Sobnosky
Liberty Residence II - Ravetta
Magnolia - Clarks/Duhons
Sterling Oaks - D. Smith

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 7

- 5:00 p.m. - Sarah Price, Tom Witschey

Sunday, January 8

- 8:00 a.m. - Fritz Kungl, Joe Buccitelli
 9:30 a.m. - Tim Reed, Tom Seeman
 11:30 a.m. - Rich Michney, Jay Edurese



2005 ANNUAL PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS



Due to cost, statements will only be sent out to the parishioners filling out the form below and returning it in the collection basket. Place them in a **SEPARATE** envelope marked *Contribution Statement*. **ENVELOPE NUMBER MUST BE INCLUDED, PLEASE!**

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DIVORCED, SEPARATED, & WIDOWED CATHOLICS will hold their monthly General Meeting with a speaker at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, January 5, 2006, at St. Martha's Church, Akron. The guest speaker will be from the Summit Psychological Association, "Setting Realistic and Achievable Goals." Visitors and prospective members are welcome and encouraged to come. For information on the group or meeting, call Fred, 330-923-1695, or Kathy, 330-926-1085.

THE FIRST FRIDAY CLUB LUNCHEON speaker for January 6th is William O'Neill, Jr., President, W. J. and D. K O'Neill Foundation, Founder Catholic Lay Leadership Council, Cleveland. His topic will be "On the Seventh Day God Rested, On the Eighth Day....(What We Have Done)." Tickets are \$14.00 each and include a luncheon at the Martin University Center, 105 Fir Hill. Please call 535-7668 for information or send a check payable to First Friday Club of Greater Akron (FFC of GA) to 795 Russell Ave. Akron, OH 44307.



"MASS" PARTICIPATION

MASS AT THE NURSING HOMES We have been blessed! Fr. Joe is able to say Mass at our area nursing homes once a month. How wonderful! Please mark your calendars with the following dates:

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| • January 13 | 10:00 a.m. | Altercare |
| • February 17 | 10:00 a.m. | Magnolia |
| • March 10 | 10:00 a.m. | Sterling Oaks |
| • April 21 | 10:00 a.m. | Altercare |
| • May 12 | 10:00 a.m. | Magnolia |
| • June 9 | 10:00 a.m. | Sterling Oaks |

Your heart will rejoice in celebrating the Eucharist with those who are unable to join us at church. It means so much to them to be with you!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR JANUARY 8 for our Epiphany Party at Fr. Joe's. Come for food and lots of fun at 6:30 p.m., and please bring something to donate to the Community Pregnancy Center- diapers, formula, blankets, infant/toddler clothes, etc.



THE YOUTH GROUP WILL RESUME their meetings in 2006 on Sunday night, January 15th, at 7:00 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP RUN GAMES at the Sacred Heart School Carnival. The carnival will be held on Friday, February 3, from 5:30-8:30PM, and youth group members can sign up for one shift or the full 3 hours. This opportunity to volunteer can be included in your service hours, so please contact Christy if you are able to help.



PARISH HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS-The office will be closed January 2. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 3.

AUDITION NOTICE FOR THE OHIO BOYCHOIR Auditions are now being held for the Ohio Boychoir 2005-2006 season. Membership is open to boys ages third grade through voice change for the concert choir and to boys ages 7 & 8 for the training choir. No previous choral experience necessary. Rehearsals are held weekly in Parma. Contact Music Director Jon Simsic, 216-556-2222, for more information or www.ohioboychoir.org

RESERVE THIS DATE! The annual Dinner Auction to benefit Sacred Heart School will be held Saturday, March 11, 2006. This elegant event will feature items large and small: hot tickets to pro sporting events, electronics, and hardware,

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE

vacation packages, children's items, home & garden décor, and front-row reserved seating for Mass on Christmas! All parishioners and their guests are invited to attend, and item donations are also being accepted right now. Contact Mary Alice Bell, 335-3400, for further information.

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This Week...



SUNDAY, JANUARY 1
6:15 p.m. - **NO!** Parish Family Prayer Group, church

MONDAY, JANUARY 2
3:15 p.m. - **NO!** Jr. Legion of Mary, Andes Room

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts, McMahan Hall

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4
3:15 p.m. - SHY choir, Conry Room
7:00 p.m. - RCIA, McMahan Hall

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5
7:30 p.m. - Adult Choir, church

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7
11:00 a.m. - Confessions until Noon, church
3:30 p.m. - Confessions until 4:30 p.m., church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8
6:15 p.m. - Grade 2 Family Rosary, church

THE NEXT "BEGINNING EXPERIENCE" WEEKEND will be held on February 10-12, at St. Joseph Life Center, in Cleveland. Divorced, separated, and widowed men and women of all ages are encouraged to attend this weekend designed for those who wish to let go of the painful past and create a more peace-filled future. Presented by people who have "been there" and offer their support. Call Carol, 330-416-8911 or www.beginningexperience.org

