



Praise be to God! The first Sunday of the New Year! It is hard to believe that ten years have passed since the turn of the century. A new year always brings new hopes and expectations for better things. We pray that this New Year will be filled with many blessings, especially the blessing of knowing God in a deeper and more profound way in our daily lives. The blessing we receive from God are not just accidents, but they are what happens when we make God the center of our lives.

Making God the center of our lives is not a burden or something that need be very difficult. All it takes is making some time for God each day in prayer, going to Mass each Sunday and more often if we are able, receiving the sacraments frequently, and reading the scriptures or whatever will help us grow in our faith and our knowledge of it.

How do we make the time to do this? It is just like making time for all the other things that we do for ourselves and our families because we believe they are important. What could possibly be more important for us or our families than our relationship with God and the salvation of our soul? First, we have to believe that this is the most important thing to us and our loved ones. Everything else we do is just so temporary. The only part of our lives that will or can last forever is our relationship with God and His love for us and our love for Him. Our salvation depends on our faith and our faith can only grow and survive if we really live it out in our daily lives.

So, on this Feast of the Epiphany and the beginning of this New Year, let us renew ourselves in faith and resolve to follow our Lord more closely by making more time for Him in our homes and our families.

Today we welcome our new Parochial Vicar (associate pastor) Fr. Michael Ausperk. Father Mike comes to us from St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Cleveland. He grew up at St. Gregory the Great Parish in South Euclid and was ordained a priest on May 27, 1989. I am sure we will all give Fr. Mike a warm welcome to Sacred Heart Parish. Please keep him in your prayers, especially during this time of transition, so that his ministry here will be fruitful and help us all grow in our Catholic Faith and our love for God and one another.

Last Sunday, at the 11:30 a.m. Mass, we blessed the new statue of Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta. This statue, as well as the statue of her in the school, has been so generously donated by the Oscar and Judy Mifsud Family in memory of Oscar's father Joseph Mifsud. We are very grateful for the generosity of the Mifsud Family for these beautiful statues which can be a constant reminder to us of all the little things that Mother Teresa did with such great love for God and others, especially the poor and the sick. May God bless and reward the Mifsud Family for such kindness and generosity.

Springtime of Hope – Sacred Heart Parish Iron Chef Banquet 2010 – January 23, 2010

After a tremendous success last year, we are very excited to move the Iron Chef Banquet to Sacred Heart School gymnasium. Watch for the insert in our parish bulletin for reservation information or call Diane Bruce, 335-0029, or e-mail dianebruce@yahoo.com with your reservation early. Please join us for an enjoyable evening of fine food and desserts which will benefit the homeless and less fortunate in the Akron and Barberton area. Twelve chefs, including top chef 2009 winner, Ray Tricomi, will battle off for the best dish of the evening! Added features this year include:

1. All chefs will prepare their favorite dish.
2. Cash wine and soft drink bar.
3. \$20.00 per ticket + dessert dish.
4. Reserved seating only (no walk-ins this year).
5. Reserve your table with your friends; first-come, first-serve on all reservations.
6. Music and MC by Big Ear Entertainment.
7. Please make check payable to *Sacred Heart Parish*.

Every penny raised on this event will benefit those in need.
Please come and help us...





Saturday, January 2, St. Basil; First Saturday
 5:00 p.m. John Fongheiser [Florence]

Sunday, January 3, THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
 8:00 a.m. John Mazzola [Lucy Marrone]
 9:30 a.m. Sam Patti [Michael & Lynn Patti]
 11:30 a.m. Katherine Bault [Dorie Harris]

Monday, January 4, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
 8:00 a.m. For Our Parish

Tuesday, January 5, St. John Neumann
 8:00 a.m. John Schick [Barbara Born]

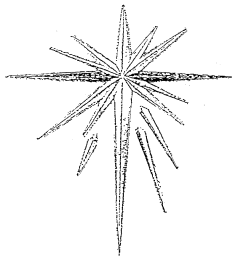
Wednesday, January 6, Blessed Andre Bessette
 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 5:30 p.m. Rita Pennza [John & Mickey Kulton]

Thursday, January 7, St. Raymond Peñafort
 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 9:30 a.m. Richard Dunning [Joan & Children]

Friday, January 8
 8:00 a.m. James Durkin, Anniversary [Durkin Family]

Saturday, January 9
 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 5:00 p.m. Rita Sonderman [Florence]

Sunday, January 10, THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
 8:00 a.m. James J. Witschey, Sr. [Family]
 9:30 a.m. Helen Manternach [Diane Batyko]
 11:30 a.m. For Our Parish



Readings for the Week of January 3, 2010

Monday 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday 1 Jn 4:19-5:14; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38;
 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

The Epiphany of the Lord

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house, found the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their coffers and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Matthew 2:10-12



STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR CHRISTMAS

Offertory..... \$56,984.00!

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT – DECEMBER 27
[5% of our collection was given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.]

Offertory.....\$17269.00
 Support Our School.....\$310.00
 Christmas Decorations.....\$125.00
 Immaculate Conception.....\$50.00
 Solemnity of Mary.....\$230.00
 Religious Retirement.....\$105.00

Number of envelopes used:..... 353

MANY THANKS for your generous offerings.

Your Sacrificial Offering

SCRIPTURE READING REFLECTIONS OF THE WEEK

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

[WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2010]

Question for Adults: When have you been jealous or fearful of another person? When are such feelings harmful?

Question for Children: When have you been jealous because something good happened to another person instead of you? What is the problem with feeling that way?

COME JOIN Paul Coddington’s birthday send-off back to GlenMary Seminary on Saturday, January 9, following the 5:00 p.m. Mass at the K of C Hall. A light supper will be served!



“The shepherds then, come from nearby to see, and the Magi come from afar to adore.”

– St. Augustine of Hippo

RETRouvaille WEEKEND JANUARY 2010

Have you become so distracted by outside pressures that you have neglected your spouse? Retrouvaille [Help our Marriage] can help you put your marriage back on track. The next Cleveland Retrouvaille Weekend will be held on January 22-24 at the Cleveland Hilton Inn in Beachwood. A registration fee of \$50.00 is requested to confirm a reservation. For more information concerning the program, or to register, contact Al or Diane Miskinis, 800-470-2230. You may also learn about Retrouvaille on the web at www.helpourmarriage.com.



LITURGICAL + ROLES

MASS SERVERS SCHEDULE

Week of January 4

- 8:00 a.m. - **Monday - Wednesday**
- David Mansfield, Tracey Petersen
- 5:30 p.m. - **Wednesday ONLY**
- Hailey Dustin, Zachary Porter
- 8:00 a.m. - **Thursday - Saturday**
- Nick Palecek, Anthony Palecek

Saturday, January 9

- 5:00 p.m. - Joe Sablotny, Steven Sablotny
- Elizabeth Sablotny, Nick Santora

Sunday, January 10

- 8:00 a.m. - Molly Fahey, Ann Fahey
- Elizabeth King, Christopher King
- 9:30 a.m. - Anna Anderson, Samantha Gearhart
- Jon Ott, Jason Wenneman
- 11:30 a.m. - Elizabeth Edurese, Cody Lamielle
- Will Ozbolt, Bryan Uhl, Jr.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 9

- 5:00 p.m. - Joe & Ruth Giacomoni
- Brenda Sablotny, Lou & Joan Perry

Sunday, January 10

- 8:00 a.m. - Dick Ravetta, Mark Smith
- Paul & Dolores Schafer

Cup Ministers

- *Bill & Jan Elliott, Mike Krietemeyer*
- *Rob Lewis, Rosa Owens, Bill Walchli*
- 9:30 a.m. - Cathy Anderson, Cynthia Wenneman
- Frank Witschey, Donna Sponsler,
Dominic Sorrent
- 11:30 a.m. - Karla Bellinger, Elaine Daigle
- Matt & Jan Finneran, Bryan Uhl

Wadsworth Hospital - Palecek

Altercare - Hunt

Liberty Residence II - Beerys

Magnolia - Krietemeyer/Strickler

Wadsworth Pointe - Lionetti/Seifert

The Rosary is prayed at:

- Wadsworth Pointe on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, at 2:00 p.m.
- Magnolia on the 3rd Wednesday, at 10:00 a.m.
- Altercare on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, at 10:00 a.m.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 9

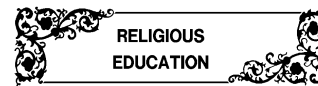
- 5:00 p.m. - Frank Collins, Madeline Schwab

Sunday, January 10

- 8:00 a.m. - Joe Buccitelli, Richard Day
- 9:30 a.m. - Tom Seeman, Teri Johenning
- 11:30 a.m. - Don Drouhard, Jay Edurese



Thank you to all who brought in the wonderful Christmas goodies for the Parish Office staff. Your kindness and generosity were deeply appreciated!



CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: We have been participating in an outreach to the poor and homeless at St. Bernard Parish in Akron on the 2nd and 4th Fridays from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. The youth and their parents who have participated in the last few months have many affirming comments about this much needed work. We are a part of the much larger group, Springtime of Hope, which is also associated with Sacred Heart Parish. We need additional volunteers beginning in February. Please contact Diane Bruce at 330-335-0029 if you would be willing to volunteer your time.

ALSO, THE CONFIRMATION DISCIPLE T-SHIRT will be available for pick up at the Rel. Ed. Office, or after Mass beginning January 9 and 10.

CONTINUE TO PRAY for our families and their children as they prepare for the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. STILL A FEW Prayer Partner cards for Confirmandi available in the chapel. Recently, I had a coach call me and confess how he recalled his own Confirmation and what it meant to him. He said this in the context of working with some of our youth who at times may need to be excused from a school function to attend a Confirmation session. This would be a great secret New Year gift, to pray for one of our Confirmandi as they study and prepare to become a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church. As we all know, prayer works and our youth need our prayers to sustain them in this most distracting culture.

NFP CLASS FOR MARRIED & ENGAGED COUPLES – A Natural Family Planning Class taught by the Couple to Couple League, will be offered for all interested married and engaged couples on Sunday, January 10. Class will be from 4:00-6:30 p.m. and will be located in the Andes Room in the church lower level. To register, go to www.ccli.org and click on the Register for Class button. For more information, contact John and Julie Roberts at 330-598-1858 or jroberts0118@gmail.com.



2009 ANNUAL PARISH CONTRIBUTION – Due to cost, statements will only be sent out to the parishioners who do not have e-mail! Please return in the collection basket. Statements will be mailed by the end of January.

ENVELOPE NUMBER MUST BE INCLUDED, PLEASE!

NAME _____

ENVELOPE NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

ASSIGNMENT CHANGE

After proper consultation, Bishop Lennon has appointed Fr. Joseph Workman pastor of St. Clement Parish, Lakewood. This appointment will become effective Friday, January 1, 2010. In light of this appointment, Fr. Workman's assignments as administrator of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Wadsworth and Parochial Vicar of St. Augustine, Barberton, conclude Friday the first of January, 2010. If you would like to send Fr. Workman any letters of appreciation and words of encouragement, it would be greatly appreciated. Letters can be mailed to:



Fr. Joseph Workman
2022 Lincoln Avenue
Lakewood OH 44107

Thank you, Fr. Workman!

This Week...



SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

- 10:45 a.m. - **NO!** PSR, school
- 6:00 p.m. - High School Youth Group Epiphany Party, Andes Room
- 5:00 p.m. - Adoration for Vocations, chapel

MONDAY, JANUARY 4

- 8:30 a.m. - A & R Society Meeting, Andes Room
- 3:15 p.m. - Jr. Presidium, Andes Room

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

- 7:00 p.m. - Cub Scouts, Conry Room
- 7:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts, McMahon Hall

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

- 9:00 a.m. - LBS, church lower level
- 7:00 p.m. - RCIA, McMahon Hall
- 7:00 p.m. - RCIC, Andes Room
- 7:30 p.m. - LBS, Conry Room

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

- 7:00 p.m. - Legion of Mary, Andes Room
- 7:30 p.m. - Adult Choir, church
- 11:00 p.m. - Gethsemane Hour, chapel

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

- 10:45 a.m. - PSR, school
- 4:00 p.m. - NFP class, Andes Room
- 5:00 p.m. - Adoration for Vocations, chapel



The High School Epiphany Party will be **THIS** Sunday, January 3, at 7:00 p.m., in the Andes Room. **Next meeting: January 10, in McMahon Hall!**

Attention all Middle School Youth: Be sure to get your registration forms in ASAP for the upcoming retreat in January. Need more info? For this and any youth activities contact Keith Johnson at the Parish Office or e-mail keith@shofjesus.com.

THE ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY INVITES YOU TO a fun evening including dinner and "Snatch Bingo" on January 12, 2010, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in the Andes Room. We ask you to bring a wrapped new item or regift a slightly used item as a bingo prize. Dinner will include soup, salad, and dessert. Please see reservation form below:



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY – The K of C will have an all-you-can-eat fish fry on Friday, **January 8**, from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m., at the K of C Hall. You can eat in or take it out. Come and enjoy the best fish in town!

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY SNATCH BINGO!

Dinner and Bingo Reservation - Tuesday, January 12, at 6:30 p.m.

If you would like to attend, please complete this form along with your \$8.00, place in an envelope marked Altar & Rosary Society, and drop into the offertory basket, or drop off at the Parish Office no later than Monday, January 11 before noon. Checks should be made out to The Altar & Rosary Society. [This is REALLY a fun night!]

Name _____ Phone Number _____

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Cash

