PARISH PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor
Rev. Joseph Warner
Deacon
Rev. Mr. John Hirnikl
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Ms. Toni Pogwizd
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PARISH CENTER

Regular Office Hours
Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Parish Directory
Parish Center
Phone: 330-376-5144
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Religious Education
330-376-5144, ext. 226
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330-475-0321

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS
David Donatelli  Co-Chairperson
Elaine Swan  Co-Chairperson
Sue Kitzmiller  Secretary
Liz Breiding  Mary Caprez
Karen Wise

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Sunday Masses
Saturday Vigil.................................................... 5:00 p.m.
Sunday ......................................... 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
(Also, please join us for coffee hour after Sunday Mass in McKeever Hall)

Holy Day Masses: See bulletin for Mass times.

Weekday Masses
Monday:………………………………………...8:30 a.m.
Tuesday:………………………………………...8:30 a.m.
Wednesday:……………………………………..5:30 p.m.
Friday:………………………...…………….…..8:30 a.m.

On those weekdays (Monday thru Friday) when there is a Funeral Mass, the scheduled Mass will not take place. Rather, you are invited to participate at the Funeral Mass, and support the family and friends of the deceased. If this is not possible, you may also participate at Saint Anthony of Padua (M–F at 7:30 a.m.). Rosary before weekday morning liturgies at 8:00 a.m.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS: Baptism is typically celebrated with the Parish community at one of our Weekend Liturgies. Baptism preparation sessions are held on the last Thursday of January, May and September at 7:00PM. Please contact Deborah Scopacasa (330) 376-5144 ext. 226 for information about Baptism Preparation.

CONFIRMATION: Call the Parish Center at 330-376-5144 for additional information.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4:00–4:45 p.m. May also be arranged by appointment.

MARRIAGE: Couples should contact a member of the Pastoral Staff at least 6 months in advance of the date they plan to marry. Parish arrangements should be made prior to making any hall reservations.

CARE OF THE SICK: The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is administered at various times during the year with the Parish community during weekend liturgies. Those wishing or needing to be anointed at other times may arrange for this by contacting a member of the Pastoral Staff. Also, those wishing for a home visit and to have communion brought to them should contact a member of the Pastoral Staff at 330-376-5144.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) : A journey toward full sacramental initiation into the Roman Catholic Church. Contact a member of the Pastoral Staff if interested in more information.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION: September - April for Grades 1-8: Sunday 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.

YOUTH MINISTRY: Grades 9-12 meet according to a published schedule throughout the year.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Contact the Parish Pastoral Staff for an appointment to register.

IF YOU HAVE MOVED: Please notify the Parish Center of your new address.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday 4:00 pm  e-mail to helenatblessedtrinity@yahoo.com
Readings for the week of January 10, 2016

        Lk 3:15-16,21-22

Monday:  1 Sm 1:1-8  Ps 116:12-19  Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday:  1 Sm 1:9-20 (PS)  Sm 2:1,4-8  Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday:  1 Sm 3:1-10,19-20  Ps 40:2,5,7-10  Mk 1:29-39

Thursday:  1Sm 4:1-11  Ps 44:10-11,14-15,24-25  Mk 1:40-45

Friday:  1 Sm 8:4-7,10-22  Ps 89:16-19  Mk 2:1-12

Saturday:  1 Sm 9:1-4,17-19; 10:1  Ps 21:2-7  Mk 2:13-17

Sunday:  Is 62:1-5  Ps 96:1-3,7-10  1 Cor 12:4-11  Jn 2:1-11

LITURGIES FOR THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, January 11
8:30 am - Mass
6:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, January 12
8:30 am - Mass - Ralph Warner

Wednesday, January 13 - Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
5:30 pm - Mass - Judie Burkley
6:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, January 14
No Mass

Friday, January 15
8:30 am - Mass - Randall Keenan
6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, January 16
5:00 pm - Mass - The Fitzpatrick Family

Sunday, January 17
8:30 am - Mass - Peggy Ciraldo
11:00 am - Mass - Parishioners of Blessed Trinity

OUR LADY OF THE ELMS KINDERGARTEN Coundown for the 2016-2017 school year is on Thurs., Jan. 21 from 9 - 11am. This allows children and parents the opportunity to see our school and meet with the principal, and tour the school. Kindergarteners will spend time in the classroom for special activities and fun! Register online at http://www.theelms.org/welcome-to-kindergarten/ or contact Sarah Hutzler-Psihountakis at 330.867.0918.

MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. is a great witness to the sanctity of all human life. Anyone interested in going on a bus pilgrimage to participate in this witness on January 21-22, may contact Deborah (330) 376-5144 before January 13 for more info. and to reserve your seat.

AVENGERS OF THE FAITH 2016: ENCOUNTER THE HERO WITHIN, a Junior High Regional Retreat will take place Fri. Jan. 29 at Holy Family Church in Stow. Any student in grades six, seven or eight who would like to participate must contact Miss Scopacasa by Wed. Jan. 13 to obtain a permission form (330) 376-5144.

“Lord, God, bring peace to our world, protection to the innocent and safety to those who serve.”

Pray for the innocent victims of war and violence and those who serve in the armed services:


Pray for:
Janette Beckwith, Anna Kathryn Bowman, Ann DiAntonio, John DiAntonio, Ronald Donatelli, Rudy Donatelli, Glen Friedrichsen, Rose Gregory, Bill Hodson, Mary Jenkins, Ray Jurkowski, Jim Krasnicki, Frances Lutz, Ron Mondy, Deborah Nichols, Kathleen Ostroski, Tim Ostroski, William Peters, John Ryan, Phillip Slinger, Deanna Tanner, Sharon Richardson, Roberta Schaeztle, Mildred Shiplett, Amanda Swan, Craig Vernotzy, Jerry Wise

ANY HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY students who are interested in assisting with the Regional Junior High Retreat must contact Miss Scopacasa by Wed. Jan. 13 for a permission form and to discuss planning meetings.

NORTHEAST OHIO THEOLOGY ON TAP will be Jan. 21 at Pizzazz Pizza, University Hts. Join other adults, married and single, in their 20s and 30s to learn about the Catholic faith with speakers and good company in a casual setting. Cost is $5.00 and begins at 6pm. For info visit http://ecdocle.org/program/neothology-on-tap or contact: Mark Delsander at 216-334-1261 x25.

INFORMATION UPDATES NEEDED Please review and let us know of any changes to our bulletin prayer list or list of service men and women. We would be happy to make those changes. Call 330-376-5144.
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Through our baptism we truly become God’s beloved son, beloved daughter in a most profound sense. And as disciples we share in Jesus’ mission: to proclaim the Gospel message to the world by living holy lives.

UPCOMING RETREATS AT JESUIT RETREAT HOUSE: Life Changer Series-Final Reflection This evening is a follow-up to our three-part fall Life Changer Series that featured talks given by Larry Vuilleman, Paul Wright, MD and Ann Ertle. The evening is on Jan. 25 from 7pm - 9pm. What is it like to walk The Way – El Camino de Santiago? An International Perspective This evening will feature personal reflections on walking this pilgrimage by Steve Flynn and Brenna Davis. The cost is $20 and is from 7pm - 9pm on February 8. To register contact Jesuit Retreat House 440-884-9300 or visit www.jrh-cleveland.org.

CHARISMATIC MASS Catholic Renewal Ministries will host a Charismatic Mass on Fri., Jan. 15 at 7pm at St. Peter Parish, 35777 Center Ridge Rd., North Ridgeville 44039. Fr. Bob Franco will be the celebrant. Healing prayer team available after mass. For info contact Fr. Franco at 440-327-2201.

GET CATHOLIC NEWS EMAILED TO YOU! Want to stay connected to Catholic news from Northeast Ohio? Sign up for the Northeast Ohio Catholic eNewsletter. Visit www.dioceseofcleveland.org to sign up to receive our weekly diocesan eNewsletter and stay connected to timely news and information from the Vatican and our Catholic community. Sign up today!

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

From the Desk of Father Joe,

Today the Church celebrates the Baptism of the Lord. Some people are perplexed over why Jesus was baptized, since he had no original sin to be rid of. Even the people of Jesus’ own time wondered about it and were embarrassed over the whole episode. They would have gotten rid of the whole incident, except that it was so strong in the tradition that they couldn’t. It really happened - Jesus was baptized.

For Jesus himself, his baptism was not a cleansing from sin, but something in its deeper sense: it was a public declaration of his mission. From that point on Jesus would be defined as God’s Son, God’s envoy, God’s prophet.

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