



# MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am Megan Wagner**

**11:00 am Blessings for the  
Leonard & Kulish Families**

**Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

**No Morning Mass**

**Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 am In Thanksgiving to  
Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**

**No Morning Mass**

**Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 am Special Intention**

**Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 am All Souls**

**Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00 pm Joseph Zelenka**

**Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am Gary John Selva**

**11:00 am Mary Dvorak  
Health & Blessing**

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Sanctuary Guild Volunteers  
for January 3<sup>rd</sup> thru January 16<sup>th</sup>

Kathy Bondzio & Patty Kowalec

**Sick Calls** – Please call the rectory to arrange for Father Jasany to bring the Sacraments when a member of your family is hospitalized.

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**Weddings** – Parishioners are asked to call the rectory office at least 6 months in advance of the wedding to schedule an appointment with Father Jasany.

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**Baptisms** – The 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 12:00 pm. Parents are required to attend Pre-Baptism Class.

Arrangements must be made a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the date of baptism. Before parents baptize their child, Diocesan and parish policy requires you to complete a Baptism Preparation Class.

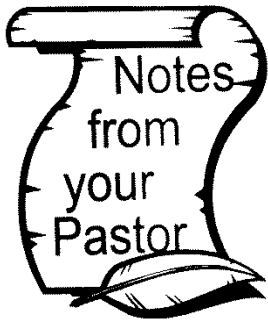
**The next class will be on Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at Immaculate Heart Parish at 1:30 pm.** Reservations needed; please call 216-341-2734 to register.

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**Godparent and Sponsor Certificate** – Sponsors for Baptism or Confirmation must be registered and practicing members of the Church, attending weekly and Holy Day Masses for a minimum of 3 months prior to the celebration of the Sacraments for which they have requested the certificate. Please note individuals 18 years of age and older, no longer in school, need to register.

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**Pre-Cana Program** for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage at the Jesuit Retreat House on **Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:45 pm.** Program satisfies the requirement for marriage preparation as stipulated by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. Register at 440-884-9300 or [www.jrhcleve@att.net](mailto:www.jrhcleve@att.net)



Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany, the revelation of Christ to the nations. The wise men brought the gifts

of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Gold stands for the truth that the child is a King. Frankincense indicates that the child is divine. Myrrh indicates that the child will give His life for us as the Suffering Servant.

Christian tradition also ascribed meaning to these gifts for us on how we can come to the manger. Gold stands for kingly generosity and good deeds. Frankincense symbolizes prayer and myrrh stands for sacrifice. I can worship the newborn King by good deeds, prayer and sacrifice.

As wisemen bring gifts to the Christ Child, you and I are called to bring the gifts of ourselves to the Lord through generosity, prayer and sacrifice.

During the month of January we emphasize a New Year and a New You.

**January 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>** we will highlight additional Ministries on our Stewardship table.

**January 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>** we will pass out our new and revised Ministry Book.

**January 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>** we will celebrate our Commitment Weekend. It would be wonderful if everyone could consider a ministry, a specific way of serving God and helping out in our parish.

As a Stewardship Parish we are called to give of our time, talent and treasure. Reflect upon your commitment to our parish in these areas.

Everyone is called to participate and contribute. The parish is all of us working together to build the Kingdom of God.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Prayers and Best Wishes,  
Father Jasany

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### Readings for the Week of January 7<sup>th</sup>

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Mk 1:21-28 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 [27b]/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 [2]/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42





**Sunday,**  
**December 7<sup>th</sup>**

***The Epiphany of  
the Lord***

*Throughout  
Germany at this time*

*of year, you will find most main doorways inscribed with: 20+C+M+B+16. Children known as Sternsinger (star singers) dress up and go door to door, requesting candy for themselves and money for the Church. As they leave, the house is blessed and the inscription written chalk. The 20 and 16 refer to the year, the CMB are said to represent either Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, the Magi; or the Latin Christus Mansionem Benedicat, which means, "Christ, bless this Home." Today, we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, in which we remember the adoration of the newborn Christ by three wise men from the East. This should leave no doubt in anyone's mind just how far and wide the promise of a Savior had spread. These representatives of pagan religions from other lands were determined to pay their respects. It was as if they were born to do this, to acknowledge in some way the beginning of the greatest reign of the greatest king of all. The Epiphany is the third manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation, following the Annunciation and the Birth of Christ. Today is truly the beginning of the paschal mystery.*

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**Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**PSR 6:30 – 8 pm**

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**Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**Rosary Makers – 10 am – Noon**  
**Choir Practice – 7 pm**

**Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Holy Name Society Meeting – 10 am**  
**World Apostolate Holy Hour-12:30 pm.**  
Benediction, Rosary and Chaplet of Mercy.  
Everyone is invited to come and pray.

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**Stewardship of Treasure**

Christmas Flowers	\$ 7987.00
Christmas	10,340.82
Solemnity of Mary, January 1 <sup>st</sup>	651.45
First Offering	55.00
Sunday, December 31 <sup>st</sup>	2363.15
Little Blue Books	114.00
Oplatki	46.00
Crib Offering	34.00

*I am very grateful for your generosity to  
our Parish throughout the year and  
especially at Christmas time.  
May Our Lord continue to bless everyone  
this New Year.*

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**Tax Letter for 2017 Contributions**

Parishioners who would like a letter to verify their church contributions for the 2017 tax year may call the rectory office at 216-641-8444, drop a note in the offertory basket or email Mrs. Kowalski at [sjnpkowskist-john-nepomucene.org](mailto:sjnpkowskist-john-nepomucene.org). A letter will be prepared and mailed to you after January 8, 2018.

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Calendars for 2018 are located near the entrance doors of our church. Thank you to Bican Brothers Funeral Home & Fortuna Funeral Home for their generosity in providing Liturgical calendars to our parish. We are grateful for their generosity in providing these calendars to our parish annually.



Let us remember in our prayers those who are sick. May they and their caregivers receive comfort and strength,

remembering especially Mary Adams, Greg Basco, Mary Ann Betliskey, Noella Burrows, Pat Colburn, Donna Czyzynski, Corrine Dawe, Joseph Deccola, Carole Dlouhy, Jose Dybzinski, Kristin Hill, Jake Jackson, Millie Jasany, Suzanne Kilker, Lucy Konkoly, Tom Konkoly, Judy Landolph, Bishop Richard Lennon, Barbie Lister, Art Madsen, Rose Meadows, Jeanette Miller, Marguerite Miller, Geri Milton, Donna Murrin, Louis Novac, Art Novotny, John Pocius, Megan Pucciani, Joel Rivera, Bob Schippling, Margaret Slechta, Mary Smith, Elaine Stack, Rev. John Tezie, Aaron Thiem, Ed Vitigoj, Carole Walk, Ron Walk, Robert Wagner, Vicky Yates and David Zelenka.

For the Men and Women serving in the military, especially those from our parish and their families.

May our Loved Ones who have died rest in eternal peace in heaven remembering especially Rev. John S. Juhas, whose funeral is this week.

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**To ring in 2018, River Valley Paper is giving us an extra \$5/ton during Bonus Week, January 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>.** So, make sure you bring us all your Wrapping Paper, Packaging, Boxes, Holiday Catalogs and Christmas Cards.

**When all the hustle and bustle of the holidays are over...** Don't you and your spouse deserve a beautiful, romantic weekend away together? If you agree then you will want to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next date is February 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> in Richfield, OH. For more information go to [www.GreatMarriagesOhio.org](http://www.GreatMarriagesOhio.org) or call 330-305-9963.

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The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion Dance to benefit the Community of Little Brothers & Sisters of the Eucharist will be held on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. This event supports the work and ministry of those who minister to the poor in the inner-city neighborhood of Central Cleveland. The dance will be held at St. Clarence Hall in North Olmsted. Tickets are \$25 each. For information and tickets, please call 216-251-4075.

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**The annual collection for the Catholic University of America will be the weekend of January 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>.** This is the national University of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington D.C. It provides an academically rigorous education guided by the Catholic intellectual tradition to nearly 7,000 students every year. Envelopes for this collection are in your monthly envelope packet.

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#### Church Memorials & Gifts

A Gift from Jerry Petkoff  
Winner of our December \$1000 Raffle

In Loving Memory of  
Helen & Edward Svec  
from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Dawe

In Loving Memory of  
Joseph & Antoinette Kocab  
from their son, Joe

In Loving Memory of Eleanor Eppele  
from Ray & Doris Czinger

In Loving Memory of  
Alice & Frank Kaplenk  
from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Dawe

A Gift from Rita Petkoff

In Loving Memory of  
Ann & William Kearney  
from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Dawe

In Loving Memory of  
Helen Kara Bartkowiak  
and Edward Bartkowiak  
from Joseph & Ann Marie Medve

In Loving Memory of Christopher Kaplenk  
from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Dawe

In Loving Memory of Joseph Plut  
from Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Plut Sr.

In Loving Memory of Miles Delmore  
from Michael Delmore

In Loving Memory of Mildred Pytel  
from her Husband, Joseph  
and Children, Karen & Joe

In Loving Memory  
of Pauline & James Skala  
from Lisa Balli

In Loving Memory  
of Hilda Plut from  
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Plut

In Loving Memory of Grace Balli  
from Lisa Balli

In Loving Memory  
of the Delagarza & Vitt Families  
from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Seneff

In Loving Memory of My Dad,  
Allan J. Selva from Steven Selva

In Loving Memory of Amerigo Spurio  
from Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Branche

In Loving Memory of Roy Camp  
from his Wife, Sue

In Loving Memory  
of John Paul Dutchnowski  
from Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Branche

In Loving Memory  
of Eleanor & Leonard Szczechowski  
from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Dawe

In Loving Memory of Barbara Reaves  
from Sue Camp

In Loving Memory of James Delmore  
from Michael Delmore

In Loving Memory of Matt Garran  
from Sue Camp

In Loving Memory of Steve Atkins  
from Michael Delmore

In Loving Memory of the Bielicki & Dzeda  
Families from Bruce & Christine Dzeda

In Loving Memory  
of Frank & Arline Matousek  
from their Daughter,  
Mary Terese Matousek