

December 6 Second Sunday in Advent 2015

John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins... Luke 3: 1-6

In today's Gospel, John the Baptizer makes his Advent appearance. He calls us to snap out of our stupor and obliviousness to life around us - turn off our television sets and video games, put down our spreadsheets and calendar books, unplug our iPods and laptops and behold the reality of God's presence in our midst. The same **Word** that came to John in the desert comes to each of us in the deserts of our own hearts, enabling us to transform the wastelands and straighten the winding roads of our lives in the compassion and justice of God. In this holy season of Advent, may we behold, with humble and grateful joy, the Word of God becoming alive and real for us in the person of Jesus. Let us welcome God's Word into our own consciousness, calling us, as it called John, to proclaim God's presence in our midst.



*Repentance is not feeling sorry or badly; it's not about guilt or regret. The word **repentance**, as used in the original Greek text of today's Gospel, means **change** - not just feeling sad about a given situation or set of circumstances, but resolving to do something about it. Change can't happen, of course, if we believe there is no reason to change - change is not part of anyone's perfect image of Christmas. Repentance begins with the acknowledgement that everything isn't fine, that we've been blown off course and need to make a correction, that the geography of our lives is filled with the crooked roads and steep mountains. So make this a season of real repentance. Recapture the serenity of Christmas, repair the broken relationship, restore the meaning of Christ's birth in works of generosity and peace. In the spirit of John the Baptizer, make a new, straight path for God to enter your home and heart this Advent.*

Pray for the Deceased

Deacon Leo F. McNulty



May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 35: 1-10; Lk 5: 17-26
Tuesday: Gn 3: 9-15, 20; Eph 1: 3-6, 11-12;
Lk 1: 26-38
Wednesday: Is 40: 25-31; Mt 11: 28-30
Thursday: Is 41: 13-20; Mt 11: 11-15
Friday: Is 48: 17-19; Mt. 11: 16-19
Saturday: Zec 2: 14-17; Lk 1: 39-47
Sunday: Zep 3: 12-18; Phil 4: 4-7; Lk 3: 10-18

Coffee & Donuts - Cancelled

Coffee and donuts are cancelled Sunday, but join us after the 9 am & 11 am Masses for the Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast with Santa. A freewill offering will be accepted.

Mass Intention Book 2016

The Mass Intention Book for 2016 is open. Please note there are still dates available for Mass intentions this year. You might like to remember the birthday or anniversary of your living loved ones, as well as the deceased. Mass stipends are \$10 each. Please stop by the Rectory office, or call the office at 226-5116.

Pre-Baptismal Class

For those preparing to have a child baptized in the near future, one requirement is that the parents attend a Pre-Baptismal Class. The next Pre-Baptismal Class will be held at **Saint Clement Church on Sunday, February 14, 2016, at 1:00 pm.**



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 7 - Saint Ambrose

5:15 PM Vigil for The Immaculate Conception

Elizabeth Scheff

Tues., December 8 - The Immaculate Conception

of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM Barbara Taylor

Wednesday, December 9 - Saint Juan Diego

5:15 PM Walter & Virginia Frederick

Thursday, December 10 - Advent Weekday

8:00 AM Jack Wolf

Friday, December 11 - Saint Damasus

5:15 PM Michael Tobia

Saturday, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 AM Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet

4:00 PM Rose Marie Huber

Sunday, December 13 - Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM George Puro

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Mary, on this **Holy Day of Obligation**, **Tuesday, December 8th**, is celebrated as the Patroness of the United States.

The Mass schedule is as follows:

Vigil - Monday at 5:15 pm

Holy Day Mass - Tuesday at 8 am



Thanksgiving Raffle

....and the **Winners** are....

\$10,000.00 Marty Kendra

\$ 1,000.00 Jim Lutterbaugh

\$ 500.00 James Higgins

Ron Brown won the early bird drawing - dinner at the Rectory.

Gift certificate winners are: Rita Hinkel, Debbie Mangan and Judy Salcedo.

Please check out our website:

www.stclementlakewood.com

Check out our upcoming events - parish news and calendar on our Home page. Also, please explore our website to obtain the Sunday bulletins under Resources Bulletins page, sign up for Online Giving, and obtain information about our 2016 Pilgrimage.

Liturgical Ministers

Lector Schedule

Saturday, December 12:

4:00 pm J. Wagner

Sunday, December 13:

9:00 am S. Donahoe

11:00 am J. Cudnik

Eucharistic Minister Schedule

Saturday, December 12:

4:00 pm D. Senft, J. Dippong, L. Dippong

Sunday, December 13:

9:00 am B. Radvansky, J. Lutterbaugh, T. Rehl,

P. Wagner, J. McMaster, K. Elder, C. Kelly

11:00 am Deacon Danny, B. Popernack, J. Walsh

Server Schedule

Saturday, December 12:

4:00 pm F. Senft, J. Grunder, J. Staviscak

Sunday, December 13:

9:00 am C. Donahoe, K. Donahoe, B. Donahoe,
A. Brocklehurst

11:00 am I. Cudnik, M. Dineen, P. Triesel,
J. Cudnik

Cluster Communal Penance Service

Wednesday, December 9th, 2015

7:00 pm

Saint James Parish

Please plan to attend this spiritual opportunity with Jesus as we prepare to celebrate His birth.

Pot of Gold Winners - Week of 11/30

(\$25) John Nortz, Andi McAlister,
Mark Ronan, Joe Starck,
Jeanne McMaster, Renee Mahoney



Finance Corner

Collection for weekend of November 22 - \$ 6,565.62

Catholic Campaign-Human Development - \$ 325.00

Children's envelopes - \$ 20.00

Online giving - Monthly - \$ 515.00 - Weekly - \$ 333.00

Collection for weekend of November 29 - \$ 6,891.50

Monthly - \$ 675.00

Catholic Campaign-Human Development - \$ 10.00

Children's envelopes - \$ 4.00

Online giving - Monthly \$ 202.00 - Weekly - \$ 273.00

Thank you for your continued support and generosity to the parish.

Advent Confession Schedule

Saint Clement Parish:

Saturday, December 19th

9 am to 10 am and 3 pm to 3:30 pm

Monday, December 21st

6 pm to 7 pm

Saint James Parish:

Communal Penance Service in Church

Wednesday, December 9th - 7 pm

(Confessions in the Chapel in the Parish Office)

Saturday, December 19th

12 noon to 1 pm

Monday, December 21st

9 am to 10 am and 5 pm to 6 pm

In This Upcoming Year of Mercy...



We have begun planning a special trip in May 2016, during the Year of Mercy, to visit the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. This will be an opportunity to enter through the Holy Doors of the Basilica and participate in Mass. Other historical sites will be visited during our time in Washington, D.C.. More details regarding the trip will be noted in future bulletins.

Daily Prayer Online

Make a sacred space in your day!
Visit: www.sacredspace.ie/.

LCA Preschool Explorers Camp

Looking for a few hours to do holiday errands but still keep your preschooler busy and happy? LCA is offering Preschool Explorers Camp for children ages 3-5 on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons in December from 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm. For details see the LCA website: www.lakewoodcatholicacademy.com. Click on the academics tab, choose preschool program, and scroll down to the bottom of the page where you'll find a link for the flyer, or contact Admissions at LCA at 216-521-0559, ext. 3028.

Thanksgiving Raffle and

Potluck Dinner Thank You!!

Our thanks go to Janet and Jeanne McMaster for all their dedicated work and another successful Thanksgiving Raffle! Thank you also to George Birsic, Dick Geib, Beverly Kelly, and Liz Lozar for volunteering their time; and thank you to Bill Trentel who designed the posters! Thank you to Fr. Workman for donating the gift certificates and dinner as prizes. And to all who bought and sold tickets - total tickets sold 1,296, without whom we would not have made a profit of \$14,320 for Saint Clement Parish!

We would like to thank all of our parishioners who came and set up, worked the Potluck Dinner, and cleaned up afterward. Also, all of you who came and brought delicious food to share - we enjoyed your company, as well as your delicious recipes. Many hands make light work! We appreciate all of you!!

Moving?

Please notify the Rectory office of any change of address so that we can update our records. You can call the office at 216-226-5116 or email us at: stclementlakewood@cox.net.



**BEST OF
SPAIN & PORTUGAL
with FATIMA & LOURDES
11 DAYS: November 8-18, 2016**

*Visiting
Lisbon, Fatima, Salamanca,
Avila, Madrid, Lourdes,
Montserrat & Barcelona
Hosted by:*

**Fr. Rod Kreidler
Fr. Joseph Workman**



**\$3,179 PER PERSON FROM CLEVELAND
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government taxes/airline imposed surcharges)**

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taxes/airline surcharges
First Class/Select Hotels, Most Meals, Comprehensive
Sightseeing and much more!!*

**FOR A BROCHURE AND MORE INFORMATION
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Jesuit Retreat House Program

Jesuit Retreat House, 5629 State Rd., Parma, OH.

From Advent to Christmas:

Building the Spirit of Mercy, Hope & Joy

December 14 - 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Presented by Fr. Norm Douglas, Advent is the season of hope and anticipation. So it is good to consider what we are hoping for and what sort of world we are anticipating. The birth of Christ is about a new order coming to the world. On December 8th in this Advent, Pope Francis will open a *Holy Year of Mercy*. How do we open ourselves in this season to experience God's mercy in our lives as a source of hope and joy that shapes our celebration of Christmas? How do we foster this spirit of mercy, hope and joy in the New Year in our lives and our relationships? Lunch is included. Cost is \$35. To register contact the Jesuit Retreat House at 440-884-9300, or visit:

www.jrh-cleveland.org.

CatholicJobs.com...

is a website that features free job listings for Catholic organizations, as well as free job searches and career tools for anyone seeking employment.

Parish Photo Directory – Make-up Dates

Maybe you missed out and were unable to sign up for one of the photo sessions, or maybe you had to cancel your session. For those still interested in participating in our Photo Directory here is your chance. We have secured two more days of photos. These sessions will take place at the St. James Parish Center. This photo session will be open to members of both St. Clement and St. James Parishes.

Every family that participates will receive a directory and an 8 x 10 portrait free, along with a choice of poses and groupings. You will also have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits. Price lists are available at the parish office.

Portrait photos are being taken Monday and Tuesday after Christmas, December 28th and 29th, from 2 pm to 8:50 pm.

The easiest way to sign up is to go to St. James parish website: www.stjameslakewood.com and follow the Parish Photo Directory link. You can also call the Parish Office at 216-712-6755 Monday, Wednesday, or Friday. Slots are limited. Sign up now!

You're Invited to an Advent Reflection

Come as you are and see what this fresh and relevant Catholic scripture-based program for women is all about! Join our FREE *Walking with Purpose* (WWP) Connect Coffee on Thursday, December 17th, from 7:30 pm - 9 pm in the St. James Parish Center, 17400 Northwood Avenue, for an inspirational Advent reflection from Fr. Sean Ralph entitled, "Waiting with Mary", as well as an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Meet other women in the area and experience WWP for yourself. Please contact Lina Simms at: WWPLakewood@gmail.com with questions and to RSVP. Learn more at is.gd/wwplakewood.

Oplatky - (Christmas Wafers)

Oplatky will be available at Transfiguration Parish for 35 cents each and can be purchased at the Parish Office during business hours, Monday through Friday, 9 am - 5 pm. Also, oplatky will be sold at the parish at the Christmas Bake Sale sponsored by the Catholic Order of Foresters #1630 to be held the weekend of December 12th & 13th.

Paper Retriever Bin

Recycle your newspapers, catalogs, magazines, office and school papers and bagged shredded paper. The green and yellow bins are located in the back parking lot. The proceeds benefit our parish.