

December 13 Third Sunday in Advent 2015

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming...He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Luke 3: 10-18

As John proclaims at the River Jordan, we can only celebrate the Messiah in our lives when we step beyond ourselves to embrace the needs and hopes of others. In Baptism, we are called to be witnesses of God's love by the love we extend to others. We are called to be heralds of his justice by our unfailing commitment to what is right and good for others. We are called to be reflections of the light of God's Christ in our forgiveness, mercy and compassion for others. We are called to imitate the example of Christ the Servant in our humble, joy-filled service to others.

The coming of Christ calls us to the work of making a straight road for him, of transforming the barren deserts around us into harvests of justice and peace, of making the light of his presence in our midst known to all. As God gives himself to us so completely and unreservedly in the birth of his own Son, may we find our lives' joy and fulfillment in giving completely and unreservedly of ourselves to others.

A Gift of Your Time



The Decorating Committee will be decorating the Church on Sunday, December 20th at 1 pm. We are asking you to consider volunteering your time and talent to help beautify the church for our Christmas celebration of the birth of Christ. If you can join us, please meet at the church at 1 pm.

Sisters of St. Joseph Prayer Line:

216-252-0548

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday: Nm 24: 2-7, 15-17; Mt 21: 23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3: 1-2, 9-13; Mt 21: 28-32
Wednesday: Is 45: 6-8, 18, 21-25; Lk 7: 18-23
Thursday: Gn 49: 2, 8-10; Mt 1: 1-17
Friday: Jer 23: 5-8; Mt 1: 18-25
Saturday: Jgs 13: 2-7, 24-25; Lk 1: 5-25
Sunday: Mi 5: 1-4; Heb 10: 5-10; Lk 1: 39-45



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.



Blessing of the Bambinelli

On Saturday and Sunday, December 19th and 20th, we invite you to bring your statues of Baby Jesus from your Nativity scene with you to Mass. During Mass you will be invited to bring the Baby Jesus forward for a special blessing. Through this simple act of devotion may we all grow closer to the gift of Jesus this Christmas.

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 14 - Saint John of the Cross

5:15 PM Richard Wendell

Tuesday, December 15 - Advent Weekday

8:00 AM David Murray

Wednesday, December 16 - Advent Weekday

5:15 PM Deceased of the Fox Family

Thursday, December 17 - Late Advent Weekday

8:00 AM John Monroe

Friday, December 18 - Late Advent Weekday

5:15 PM For the Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, December 19 - Late Advent Weekday

8:00 AM Rita McMaster

4:00 PM James & Leonard Roba

Sunday, December 20 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM Mary Fran Massimiani

Poor Clares' Prayer Line

Do you need prayer today? Are your loved ones, coworkers or neighbors in need of God's loving guidance? Call the Poor Clares' Prayer Line at 216-361-0783.

Out of Town for the Holidays?

For nationwide Mass times and locations, visit www.masstimes.org and click "Church Lookups."

Pot of Gold Winners

(\$25) Beverly Conaway, Yvonne Tepfenhart,
Christine Nelson, Rich Gerber,
Maureen Gorie, Ethan Williams

\$100 Winner for December
Angie Battiatto



Finance Corner

Collection for weekend of December 6 - \$ 14,428.00

Monthly Collection - \$ 620.00

St. Augustine Hunger Center - \$ 1,934.00

Retired Religious - Share in the Care \$ 433.00

Children's envelopes - \$ 22.00

Online giving - Monthly - \$ 290 - Weekly - \$ 473

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

Liturgical Ministers

Lector Schedule

Saturday, December 19:

4:00 pm B. McCallum

Sunday, December 20:

9:00 am B. Kelly

11:00 am M. Miranda

Eucharistic Minister Schedule

Saturday, December 19:

4:00 pm Deacon Danny, C. McCallum,
B. Conaway

Sunday, December 20:

9:00 am M. Kotansky, B. Andrews, L. Andrews

11:00 am P. Buckhold, R. Brown, G. Rick,
K. Hayton, C. Hyland, N. Gatica, D. Miller

Server Schedule

Saturday, December 19:

4:00 pm P. Mullen, L. Kolenz, R. Duffy

Sunday, December 20:

9:00 am J. Mangan, C. Andrews, M. Andrews

11:00 am V. Setta, B. Setta, O. Setta

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society.....

wish to thank the parishioners of Saint Clement for donating \$1,836.00 for the Thanksgiving Day collection. We receive many calls for assistance and these calls take on a particular urgency as the weather gets cold. Your donations will benefit families throughout Lakewood who are in need. We thank you for your generosity!

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.

Poor Clares' - Gift Shop

You can purchase affordable, small Christmas gifts from the Poor Clares' Gift Shop located at 3501 Rocky River Drive, Cleveland. They will be open daily from 9:00 am to 11:00 am and from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm.



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:

(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



Christmas Mass Schedule

Saint Clement Parish:

Christmas Eve

4:00 pm

6:00 pm - Children's Choir will sing

12 midnight - Adult & Teen Choir

***At 11:30 pm, before the Midnight Mass, the Adult & Teen Choir will present
"Traditional Hymns & Carol-Sing"***

Christmas Day

10:00 am

Saint James Parish:

Christmas Eve

4:30 pm & 10:00 pm

Christmas Day

10:30 am



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.

Donate Your Old Car to St. Vincent de Paul

Donate your used car, van or pickup to the National SVDP Car Donation Program and avoid the hassles of trading it in or selling it yourself. Your vehicle will be sold and the proceeds used by SVDP in the Diocese of Cleveland in their charitable programs that assist the needy. You may also be eligible for an income tax deduction. To donate your vehicle call 1-800-322-8284, St. Vincent de Paul Society USA, or go to svdpusacars.com.



**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
(Air/land tour price is \$2,549 plus \$630
government taxes/airline imposed surcharges)

*INCLUDING: Roundtrip Air from Cleveland, \$630 govt.
taxes/airline surcharges
First Class/Select Hotels, Most Meals, Comprehensive
Sightseeing and much more!!*

**FOR A BROCHURE AND MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT:**

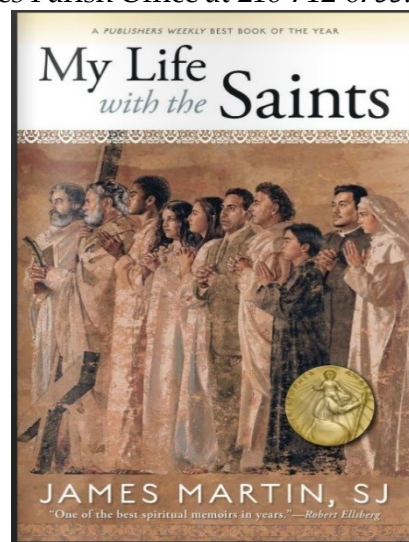
Fr. Joseph Workman
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Mark your calendars!

Back by popular demand is the joint parish book study. This six-week event will start Saturday, January 16, 2016. Parishioners from St. Clement and St. James Parishes will be offered a variety of 4 sessions during the week to participate in a discussion group at either church.

My Life with the Saints by James Martin will be distributed the weekend of December 27th after each Mass. There is no cost and no registration required to participate. The book study is open to all, or if you prefer to read the book on your own, a study guide will be made available online.

More information will follow over the next several weeks. Questions can be addressed by calling the St. Clement Rectory at 216-226-5116 and/or St. James Parish Office at 216-712-6755.



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.

Coffee & Donuts

Please join us for coffee, donuts and conversation after the 9am and 11am Sunday Masses.



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!