

Saint Vincent de Paul

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mr. Scott Meade, Plant Manager
Ms. Virginia Hueter, Director of P.S.R.

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday 5:00 pm Vigil
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:00 noon
Monday through Friday: 8:30 am
Holy Day Vigil: 7:00 pm
Holy Day: 8:30 am, and 7:00 pm
Confessions: Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 pm or
any time by appointment

Baptisms are Sundays at 2:00 pm. Prior scheduling and Parent Preparation Class are required.

Novena to the Sacred Heart is every Friday after the 8:30 am Mass.

Rosary is prayed at 8:10 am Monday - Friday.

Eucharistic Adoration is Saturdays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction is on the First Sunday of the month at 3:00 pm.

Marriages require a six month preparation period by Diocesan policy. Call one of the parish priests prior to setting a date.

Funerals: Arrangements are to be made at the Parish Office before publication of the death notice.

Ministry to those who are Sick or Shut-In

Our Eucharistic Ministers can bring the Eucharist to those parishioners who are ill, recovering from a hospital stay, shut-in, or otherwise unable to attend the Liturgies each Sunday. Please call the Parish Office to be placed on the schedule.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which adults are brought into the Catholic Faith through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. The RCIA meets weekly from September through April. Further information can be obtained by calling the Parish Office.

New Parishioners are always welcome. Please stop by the Parish Office to register at your earliest convenience. Thank you for joining St. Vincent de Paul Parish.





MONDAY, January 16, Weekday

8:30 am Michael and Dorothy Videc

TUESDAY, January 17, St. Anthony

8:30 am George, Christine and Nellie Grilli

WEDNESDAY, January 18, Weekday

8:30 am For the Parishioners

THURSDAY, January 19, Weekday

8:30 am Special Intention Dorothy McGuire

FRIDAY, January 20, St. Fabian

8:30 am JoAnn Uher and Bill Schuller

SATURDAY, January 21, Vigil of Third Sunday

5:00 pm Jeannette Jelencsics (Anniversary)

SUNDAY, Jan. 22, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Thomas Maher (Anniversary)

10:30 am Anthony and Pauline Sofo

12:00 noon Antoinette (Birthday) & Wallace McPhee

THE PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY,
January 18th, in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

INAUGURATION NIGHT OF PRAYER

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL CHURCH, located at 6928 Detroit Avenue, in Cleveland, will hold an Inauguration Night of Prayer on Friday, January 20th, 2017, from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm. During this time they will offer Eucharistic Adoration, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Scripture Meditation and Praise and Worship. Please consider attending and praying for the continued strength and protection of our Country.

THE 2017 DIOCESAN MASS 4 LIFE will be held on Sunday, January 22nd, at 10:30 A.M. at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. There will be an optional Rosary for Life following the Liturgy to add another dimension to our dedication and prayer for human life.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR MONTHLY TICKETS?
You can return your tickets and money in the sealed envelope by dropping them in the collection basket.

THE WINNER OF THE RAFFLE FOR DECEMBER
was Sharon Flannick. She won \$211.00. (Seller - Holy Name Society).

THE TWO WINNERS of the \$25 Grocery Certificates were Mary Lucas (Seller - Same); and Brenda Burden (Seller - George Smith).

ENVELOPES FOR THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY
of America can be dropped in the regular collection.

ENVELOPES FOR OUR DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT can be dropped in the regular collection next weekend.

EVANGELIZATION

THIRTY YEARS

*God is eternal.
It takes time to be human.*

During the three years of His public life, the Divine Teacher called Himself The Son of Man - perhaps because for thirty years He had been a student of man and his world. Roots and wings are the best legacy of parents to children. Jesus chose to sink His roots thirty years deep, so that He could fly three years high, and bear us heavenward on His mighty wings.

Thirty years for His character and personality to be shaped by His parents' love and daily example of generosity and devotion; and by home town friendships. Thirty years to absorb the lessons of nature and human livelihood, which He would use in His parables: carpentry, tending sheep. Fishing, farming, and the daily wage; water, sand and rock, seeds, vines, flowers, and chicks under their mother's wings. Thirty years to feel and refine in His own heart the whole spectrum of human emotions, which would enable Him to compassionate the people He would instruct, nourish, comfort, and heal. Thirty years to learn human prayer.

Oh infinitely Patient One - Thank You
For moments and days and years and roots
And wings and love!

PASTOR'S NOTES

Dear Parishioner's

Last year an article appeared in the Cleveland Plain Dealer about the number of priests serving the Diocese of Cleveland. The article was based on a study done by an organization called CARA at the request of Bishop Lennon. The study points out that in 1970 there were 565 active diocesan priests and 275 religious order priests serving our diocese. By the year 2000, the number of active diocesan priests dropped down to 348 and the number of religious order priests fell to 142. In 2014, the number of active diocesan priests decreased to 256 and the number of religious order priests decreased to 91.

The declining number of priests is not limited to our diocese. In 1965, there were 58,632 priests in the U.S. and in 2014 that number dropped to 38,275. Over that same period, the number of Catholics in the U.S. increased from 46.3 million to 66.6 million. The resultant ratio of priests to lay people rose dramatically by 120 percent from one for every 790 to one for every 1,740. This of course translates into a significant increase in the amount of work priests are expected to do today.

Unfortunately, things are going to get worse before they get better. In the year 2015, there was a total of 264 priests available for ministry. If current trends continue, that number will shrink to 183 by the year 2025. We currently have 187 parishes in the Diocese of Cleveland. As you can see, within 9 years we will have more parishes than we do priests. This does not even account for the number of priests in special ministry like Hospital Chaplains, Priest Chaplains for the Incarcerated and those who are at the Tribunal and other vital Diocesan Offices who are already assisting at other Parishes on weekdays and weekends. Our own Fr. Manning helps out St. Ladislav each weekend plus often other parishes as needed. We are so grateful for his assistance during my illness as well as all others who came to our parish during that time.

I know Fr. Manning had addressed the subject of looking at our current Mass schedule in the near future. When I accepted the privilege of being pastor here at St. Vincent de Paul, I was told the same thing by the Diocese. Unfortunately the future has arrived not only for the Diocese of Cleveland but also for our Parish. I plan on talking more about this over the next few weeks.

On another note, we thank The Cleveland Teamsters #1 Retirees and their wives for the generous amount of food and other supplies they donated to our St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank this year for Christmas. Thanks to Parishioners Bill Guzay and Mike Checovich for suggesting our parish

Finally on behalf of Fr. Clancy and myself, thanks to all who dropped off bake goods, candy and other goodies, as well as prayer cards and other gifts to us over this Christmas Season. It was so nice of you to remember us.

Have a Blessed Week,
Fr. Ken Wallace, Pastor



THANK YOU to all of Santa's helpers who made Christmas special for 13 families hit by hard times (including 25 adults and 23 kids) and the veterans at the Sandusky Veterans Home this holiday season.

We also want to thank St Clarence Parish, the West Park Knights of Columbus, #2790, VFW Post 387, The Shea Family, our PSR classes, the Teamsters Union and our parishioners for their donations of food.

As is typical, the Good Lord sent us a special client again this year. These always come after we are done with our usual clients and are cleaning up. This time it was a single mom with 5 kids who moved here from out of state to take care of her mom who was very ill.

When she contacted us, she was in tears because every other agency she called told her she was too late for Christmas and her kids would not have anything. We were able to give her food, Christmas gifts for her kids (plus a few for mom), and most importantly, a sympathetic ear to vent on. We also gave her some leads on other agencies that could help. Being from out of state, she had no idea what was available.

You truly are feeding the hungry and clothing the naked.

The members of your St. Vincent de Paul Society



NATIONAL MEMORIAL FOR THE PRE-BORN, their mothers and fathers on Friday, January 27th, at the DAR Constitution Hall, 1776 D Street in Washington, D.C., from 8:30 to 10:30 A.M. Catholic Mass at 7:30 A.M., Doors open 7:00 A.M. FREE. No tickets needed. Large groups are welcome. Pam Tebow is the Guest Speaker; Tony Melendez - Singer, Songwriter; Ryan Bomberger - Musical Guest; and Rev. Frank Pavone, Preacher. Visit NationalPrayerService.com for more information and to let us know that you are coming.

SUNDAY OFFERING



OUR OFFERTORY COLLECTION for January 8th, 2017 amounted to \$3,502.46. Envelopes used - 192.