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Since 1848, this historic Cathedral Church in the middle of Cleveland's civic center has served Catholics and the wider community of Cleveland as a prayerful oasis and spiritual home. As the Bishop's Church, the Cathedral is the "Mother Church" for over 710,000 Catholics in the Diocese of Cleveland. All are welcome! Your generous support is very much appreciated.



Masses

Sunday:

8:00, 10:30 am, 12:15, & 5:30 pm

Monday - Friday:

7:15 am, 12:00 noon, 5:10 pm

Saturday: 7:15 am & 12:00 pm

4:30 pm (Sunday Vigil)

Confessions

Monday-Friday:

6:30-7 am, 11:30-12:30, 4:30-5 pm

Saturday:

7:45-8:15, 11:15-11:45 am, 3-4 pm

Devotions & Novenas

Miraculous Medal - Monday: 12:30 pm

St. Anthony - Tuesday: 12:30 pm

Sacred Heart - Friday: 12:30 pm

Rosary - Sunday: 11:30 am



17 December 2017 - Third Sunday of Advent

SATURDAY, 16 DECEMBER 2017

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

7:15 Christopher Miller

12:00 Special Intention

4:30 People of the Cathedral Parish

8:00-11:00 am Church Decorating

1:00-3:00 pm Church Decorating

THURSDAY, 21 DECEMBER 2017

ST. PETER CANISIUS

Sm 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45

7:15 Int. of A. Naphtali &
for the USA

12:00 Mildred & Jack Heislman

5:10 Cheryl Darrah

FRIDAY, 22 DECEMBER 2017

1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

7:15 Anthony & Jane Lavandosky

12:00 Jose T. Eliazo

5:10 Hugh & Tina Carlin

6:30 am Men's Prayer Group

SATURDAY, 23 DECEMBER 2017

ST. JOHN OF KANTY

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

7:15 Erica Drap

12:00 John & Mary Mazzola

4:30 People of the Cathedral Parish

SUNDAY, 24 DECEMBER 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2 Sm 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27;

Lk 1:26-38

Mass: 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:15 pm

No 5:30 pm Sunday Mass

★ THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD ★

★ CHRISTMAS EVE ★

DECEMBER 24

4:30 pm - Christmas Vigil Mass

9:15 pm - Christmas Choral Concert

10:00 pm - Christmas Mass at Night

★ CHRISTMAS DAY ★

DECEMBER 25

Mass: 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:15 pm

(No 5:30 pm Mass on Christmas Day)

SUNDAY, 17 DECEMBER 2017

GAUDETE SUNDAY

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1Thes 5:16-24;

Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

5:30 pm Our Lady Queen of Peace

Choir at Mass

Giving Tree

Gift Sorting

after Mass



MONDAY, 18 DECEMBER 2017

Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

7:15 Christian Hein

12:00 Carl Sferry

5:10 Frank & Christine Tetlak

6:30 pm Centering Prayer

TUESDAY, 19 DECEMBER 2017

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

7:15 Ashley Pohorence

12:00 Karen Orr Massoni

5:10 Joseph Uniatowski, Jr.

6:30 am Women's Prayer Group

6:00 pm RCIA

WEDNESDAY, 20 DECEMBER 2017

Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

7:15 Int. of Sr. Kenneth Bielski

SSJ TOSF

12:00 Sr. Bernice Therese Malinowski

SSJ TOSF

5:10 John & Alberta Pelc

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Our Cathedral Mission is to provide all people with access to the saving love of God through Word, Sacraments, and a community of justice and love, that empowered by the Holy Spirit, we might all become beloved disciples of Jesus Christ, living and inviting others to a holy and abundant life.

Cathedral Parish Membership
 December: 1,041 families, 1,669 individuals

Parish Finances

OFFERTORY COLLECTION	6,647
(Sunday, Dec. 10)	
CREDIT CARDS	\$1,227
MAIL	\$966
WEEKDAYS (Dec. 4-9).....	\$1,244
WEEKLY TOTAL	\$10,084
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.....	\$2,286
RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS	\$1,045

THANK YOU!

FISCAL YEAR BUDGET	\$238,848
(\$9,952 x 24 weeks)	
FISCAL YEAR SUNDAY COLLECTION...	\$231,736
TOTAL OVER (UNDER)	(\$7,112)
Received by Cathedral to date from the Rooted in Faith Initiative	\$177,912

Dear Parishioners, Friends, and Visitors to the Cathedral,

Have you ever found that things just aren't working out the way that you had pictured them in life?... or that things just don't ever seem to go your way? If such sentiments are all too familiar to you, then you are in good company – namely the company of a Saint – John of Kanty, whom we celebrate on December 23rd.

John was born in Poland in AD 1403, in a tiny village near Kanty, to a land-owning family. His parents sent him to study at the University of Krakow, where he brilliantly excelled at his studies and was later ordained a priest. John earned his doctorate in theology, and soon afterwards became a professor at the university. He quickly distinguished himself among the student body as a dynamic and gifted teacher, garnering great affection and popularity among his pupils. His admiration, however, engendered a fair amount of envy from some of the other members of the faculty, who fabricated a false accusation against him. As a result, John was put on trial by the university, but was not even allowed to appear in his own defense. He was removed from the university in disgrace and sent off to a parish Olkusz.

The people of the parish were not all that thrilled to be receiving a 'disgraced priest', and so did not receive him warmly at all. Despite what had happened to him, Saint John did not allow bitterness to overtake his heart. Instead, he was determined to serve the people of this new assignment to the best of his ability. But, despite his best efforts, it didn't seem that he could do anything right, and the people always seemed to have a reason to be displeased with him. However, John did not allow himself to become discouraged by this either, and labored for years (even without any sign of success), careful not to show any impatience or anger. After eight years of patient and loving service to the people of the parish in Olkusz, John was exonerated and invited to take up a teaching post once again at the University of Krakow. As he was leaving the town to return to the university, the once hostile people of the parish, traveled with him several miles down the road, all the while begging him to stay.

Saint John would spend the rest of his life as a professor of Sacred Scripture. He would teach his students: "Fight all error, but do it with good humor, patience, kindness, and love. Harshness will damage your own soul and spoil the best cause." During his life, he lived very frugally, taking only what was necessary from his salary, and sharing the rest with the poor (who frequently took advantage of him). He also made a pilgrimage on foot to both Rome and the Holy Land, where he hoped to win the martyrs crown by preaching Christ to the Turks. Instead, he died of old age in AD 1473.

We have all found ourselves, at one point or another, in situations that we didn't feel that had we deserved. The natural human tendency is to become embittered and lash out or complain. Saint John of Kanty reminds us, that what makes a Saint, a Saint, is that they are able to serve Christ with heroic charity in every situation in which they find themselves, not just when things are unfolding according to their plans.

Father Sean Ralph



Praying with the O Antiphons - The seven “O Antiphons” are prayers that come from Vespers during the Octave before Christmas Eve, a time which is called the “Golden Nights.” (December 17-23) Each Antiphon begins with “O” and addresses Jesus with a unique title which comes from the prophecies of Isaiah and Micah. These “O” antiphons express the theology of Advent and are the season’s brightest jewels. From them we can see that the celebration of Advent, like that of Christmas, has its true center in the Paschal mystery, wherein the death and resurrection of Christ accomplishes our salvation. A brochure on “Praying with the O Antiphons” is available in the Church for your prayerful preparations for Christmas.

Oplatki - (Christmas Wafers) are a Central and Eastern European Roman Catholic Christmas tradition. On Christmas Eve, family members and friends break off a small piece of the wafer and give it to one another along with a blessing. Oplatki are available in the Sacristy and at the Rectory Office. A donation of \$2.00 is requested.

Late Advent Confessions -

On Dec. 18-22, extra priests will be available for Confessions from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm. On Saturday, Dec. 23, Confessions will be heard before the 7:15 am, 12:00 pm, 4:30 pm Vigil Masses. Please take advantage of one of these opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the Cathedral before Christmas.



Rectory Office - Bishop Perez has graciously given the employees of the Diocesan and Cathedral offices off on the days around Christmas. As a result, the Cathedral Office will be closed from December 22 through January 2nd. Thank you for your understanding and have a Blessed Christmas Season.

Christmas Radio - Merry Christmas from your friends at AM 1260 The Rock! Make your Christmas more meaningful by joining AM 1260 The Rock for a variety of special programming on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day from EWTN celebrating this joyous season! For the complete schedule visit am1260therock.com.



Christmas Season Liturgical Minsters - Additional Liturgical Minsters, especially Servers, Ushers, and Eucharistic Minsters, will be needed during the liturgies of the Christmas Season. Sign up lists for Servers and Eucharistic Minsters are in the Sacristy. Ushers may sign up near the usher closet off of the East Ninth Street vestibule.



Advent 2017

DECEMBER 18 - 22

Mass: 7:15 am, 12:00 pm, 5:10 pm
Extra confessors available at mid-day
 Confessions: 6:30-7 am, 11:30 am-12:30 pm, 4:30-5:00 pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

Mass: 7:15 am, 12:00 pm, 4:30 pm Vigil
 Confessions: 7:45-8:15, 11:15-11:45 am, 3:00-4:00 pm

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 24

Mass: 8:00, 10:30 am, 12:15 pm
No 5:30 pm Sunday Mass



Christmas Season

★ **THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD** ★

★ **CHRISTMAS EVE** ★

★ **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24** ★

4:30 pm - Christmas Vigil Mass - Bp. Perez
(No 5:30 pm Mass on December 24)
 9:15 pm - Christmas Choral Concert
 10:00 pm - Christmas Mass at Night

★ **CHRISTMAS DAY** ★

★ **MONDAY, DECEMBER 25** ★

Mass: 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:15 pm
(No 5:30 pm Mass on Christmas Day)

DECEMBER 26-29

Mass: 7:15 am, 12:00 pm, 5:10 pm
 Confessions: 6:30-7 am, 11:30 am-12:30 pm, 4:30-5:00 pm



DECEMBER 27

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
 PATRONAL FEAST OF THE CATHEDRAL

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

Mass: 7:15 am, 12:00 pm
 4:30 pm Vigil Mass - Holy Family
 Confessions:

7:45-8:15, 11:15-11:45 am, 3:00-4:00 pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 • HOLY FAMILY

Mass: 8:00, 10:30 am, 12:15 pm, 5:30 pm

MONDAY, JANUARY 1 • MARY MOTHER OF GOD

Mass: 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Not a Day of Obligation in 2018
No Confessions on the Holy Day

Stewardship of the Earth - As



Christians, we believe that the earth is entrusted to our faithful stewardship. We are not its owners, but its caretakers on behalf of God. How can I be a good steward?

HOW CAN I REDUCE GARBAGE?

The mantra of recycling is *Reduce, Re-use, Recycle*. One way we can help the environment is to reduce the amount of waste we produce. In this season of giving, there are many ways to conserve and recycle in your gift choices:

- Give a reusable lunch bag or box, and eliminate a paper bag thrown every day!
- Use reusable plastic containers for food instead of plastic bags.
- Take shopping bags with you; when you make a purchase, don't take a bag unless you absolutely need one.
- Use plates, cups, and utensils that can be washed instead of ones you throw away.
- Encourage recycling of gift wrapping paper, particularly on large items.
- Rent or share things you use infrequently instead of purchasing them.
- Consider reusable gift boxes or tins.
- Use a sponge or cloth instead of paper towels.
- Look for items that use little or no packaging.

Serving the Poor in Our Midst

Each day, numerous people come to the rectory office seeking assistance. Through your generosity, and with the assistance of the workers at the Bp. Cosgrove Center, we are able to fill some of their needs. Listed below is a report on the assistance the Cathedral has offered this past month, and on your generosity in support of these efforts.

December Donations

St. Vincent de Paul Fund \$1,201.00
 Cosgrove Center \$180.00

November Assistance Expenses

Greyhound transport to stranded travelers \$255.30
 RTA Assistance \$5.00
 Rent / Utility Assistance \$1,197.05
 Emergency Assistance \$449.52
 Total \$1,906.87

Advent Giving Tree 2017

Today is the Day!

**Gifts MUST be returned
 NO LATER
 than the 5:30 pm Mass
 Sunday, December 17th!**



The Advent Giving Tree provides clothing, gifts, and household items, mostly to children in downtown Catholic schools & some local elders. Last year, we were able to provide more than 600 items to families in need! Gifts will be sorted in the Cathedral after the 5:30 Mass. This is the big event! Sorting takes about 1½ hours and refreshments will be served after the gifts are sorted.

**Gifts received after the 17th
 will not be delivered to the schools!**

**You can donate for school uniforms online at:
 <tinyurl.com/SJCGivingTree>**

- **December 18** (Monday) - Gifts will be delivered in the morning. Volunteers are needed to load the gifts on the truck and to deliver to the schools. Loading the truck takes about an hour and begins at 9:00 am, with delivery typically finished by noon.
- **Volunteer Opportunities** - This event has been very successful in the past due to the generosity of the Cathedral community who donate items, and donate their time to help plan, sort, and deliver the gifts. This event is truly amazing because of the dedication and community spirit brought about by the volunteers. If you would like to volunteer for a specific task or have any questions, please email Jeff and Sarah Stoner, <sarahscribe@msn.com>, or leave a message at 216-644-8009.



Womankind Baby Bottle Fundraiser - All the pennies, nickels and dimes collected in October are counted, and Womankind is overwhelmed at the generosity of Cathedral Parishioners. **A total of \$2,033.12 was raised** to support Womankind's Maternal and Prenatal Care Center. From those who need an open heart to listen to their concerns about pregnancy to providing diapers and baby items for young children, Womankind is there to offer their services.

Prelude

Organ Prelude *Veni, Emmanuel*

Camil Van Hulse

10:30 & 12:15 **Choral Introit - Gaudete** (Phil 4: 4, 5; Ps 85)

Gaudete in Dómino semper: iterum dico, gaudete. Modéstia vestra nota sit ómnibus homínibus: Dóminus enim prope est. Nihil sollíciti sitis: sed in omni oratióne petitiónes vestræ innotéscant apud Deum. Ps 85:2: Benedixísti, Dómine, terram tuam: avertísti captivitátem Iacob.

[Chant, Mode I]

Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, rejoice. Let your moderation be known to all men: for the Lord is near. Have no anxiety, but in everything, by prayer let your petitions be made known to God.

Ps 85:2: You have favored, O Lord, Your land; You have restored the well-being of Jacob.

5:30 **Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Choir (Grafton)**

Rob Keshock, director

Bread of Angels

Curtis Stephan

Bread of angels, we receive you; with us now abide. Precious Jesus, manna of ages, with us now reside. Panis angélicus fit panis hóminum, Dat panis cáelicus figúris términum.

Cup of Mercy overflowing, fill us with your grace; wine of passion, O Son begotten, we flee to your embrace. O res mirábilis mandúcat Dóminum, Pauper, Pauper, servus, et húmilis.

Word incarnate, dwell within us; pierce our hardened hearts. Tender Jesus, Love so gentle, never let us part. Te, trina Déitas únaque, póscimus, Sic nos tu vísita, sicut te cólimus.

Though unworthy, we receive you, sacrament divine. Bread of angels, accept our praises, let your glory shine! Per tuas sémitas duc nos quo téndimus, lucem, Ad lucem quam inhábitas.

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O Mother Mary **Kate Bluett & Kevin Keil**

O Mother Mary, my sweetest shelter, O Mother, hold me close to your heart as once you held him, your Son and Savior. May he go with me when I depart.

O Mother Mary, pray for and guide me in your Son's footsteps; the way is long. And when the night falls, in your cloak hide me that when the dawn comes, I may go on.

Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus.

O Mother Mary, help me to love him, as you, his mother, have always done. Help me to know him; Help me to serve him and serve his children. His kingdom come.

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Advent III

17 December 2017

O Come, O come Emmanuel



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,
2. O come, O Branch of Jes - se's stem;
3. O come, O key of Da - vid, come,



1. And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
2. From ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them
3. And o - pen wide our heav'n - ly home;



1. That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
2. That trust your might - y pow'r to save,
3. Make safe the way that sets us free,



1. Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2. And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
3. And close the path to mis - er - y.



Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em-man - u - el



Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Text: Based on "O" Antiphons, Latin-9th C.; Trans: John M. Neale. Tune: VENI EMMANUEL.



Greeting

Priest: The Lord be with you. People: And with your spirit

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

(striking their breast, all say)

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son
Chri - ste e - le - i - son
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son

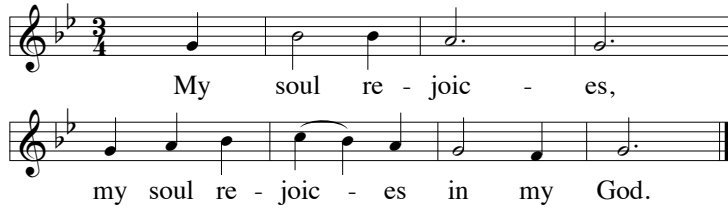
Tune: NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND

Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

Lector: The word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God

Canticle Luke 1: 46-54



Text: Luke 1:46-55, *Magnificat*. © 1963, The Grail, England. Music: Robert J. Batastini; © 1986, GIA Publications. Chicago IL 60638. Printed with permission: OneLicense A-702555

My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. He looks on his servant in her nothingness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name! His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him.

He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty. He protects Israel his servant, remembering his mercy.

Psalms for the Week

- Sat: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.
- Mon: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.
- Tue: My mouth shall be filled with your praise, and I will sing your glory!
- Wed: Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory.
- Thur: Exult, you just, in the Lord! Sing to him a new song.
- Fri: My heart exults in the Lord, my Savior.

A Reading from 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Lector: The word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God

Alleluia



Liturgy of the Word

Priest: The Lord be with you. People: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel...

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel according to John 1:6-8, 19-28

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (All bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

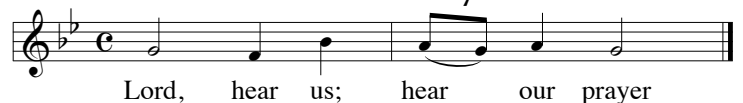
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Universal Prayer



Tune: NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND

Preparation of the Gifts

Benedixisti Domine **Johann Joseph (1660-1741)**

Benedixisti, Domine, terram tuam; avertisti captivitatem Jacob. Remisisti iniquitatem plebis tuae, operuisti omnia peccata eorum..

[Psalm 85: 2 - Offertory, Advent III]

Lord, you have blessed your land; you have an end to Jacob's captivity. You have forgiven the guilt of your people, & have covered all their sins.

5:30 Our Lady Queen of Peace Choir; Rob Keshock, Dir.

Come, Lord Jesus **M.D. Ridge**

When the darkness closes in, Come, Lord Jesus! Courage fails and hopes grow dim. Lord Jesus, come! Clear the shadows from our sight; set our troubled world aright. Fill our eyes with radiant light. Lord Jesus, come!

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Liturgy of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you. And with your spir - it.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right and just.

Sanctus

San-ctus, San-ctus, San-ctus Dó-mi-nus De-us Sá-ba-oth.

Ple-ni sunt cae-li et ter-ra gló-ri-a tu-a.

Ho-sán-na in ex-cél-sis.

Be-ne-dí-ctus qui ve-nit in nó-mi-ne Dó-mi-ni.

Ho-sán-na in ex-cél-sis.

Vatican ed. XVIII - Missa Deus genitor alme.

Mystery of Faith

Priest: *Mysterium fidei...*

Mor-tem tu - am an-nun-ti - á-mus, Dó - mi-ne,

et tu - am re-sur-re-cti - ó-nem con-fi - té - mur,

do - nec vé-ni - as.

Vatican ed. © 1974.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Amen

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.

A - men.

Communion Rite

Lord's Prayer

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, hal-lowed be thy name;

thy king-dom come; thy will be done on earth

as it is in heav-en. Give us this day our dai-ly bread;

and for-give us our tres-pass-es

as we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us;

and lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion,

but de-liv-er us from e-vil.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil...

as we await the blessed hope and coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

People:

For the king-dom, the power and the glo-ry are yours

now and for ev - er.

Text: The Lord's Prayer. Music: adapted & arranged by Robert J. Snow, © 1964.

Rite of Peace

Fraction of the Bread

A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di: mi-se-re-re no - bis.

mi-se-re-re no - bis.

do-na no-bis pa - cem.

Vatican Mass XVIII

Sunday 10:30 & 12:15 masses

Choir: *Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:*

Cantor / then All

mi - se - ré - re no - bis.

mi - se - ré - re no - bis.

do - na nó - bis pa - cem.

Vatican Mass XVII; *In Dominicis Adventus.*

Communion Rite

(Please remain standing throughout the Communion Rite until the Communion hymn has ended.)

Priest Behold the Lamb of God, behold him...
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People **Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Be Strong, Fear Not

Be strong, fear not. Here is your God. Be strong, fear not. Here is your God. He comes to save us.

Text: Isaiah 35:4; Text & Music: Thomas Keesecker, *Be Strong, Fear Not*. © 1992, Concordia Publishing House, St Louis MO 63166. Reprinted with permission: OneLicense A-702555.

1. Strengthen the hands that are feeble, Make firm the knees that are weak, Say to hearts that are frightened: Be strong, fear not.
2. The eyes of the blind be opened, The ears of the deaf be cleared. The broken will dance forever, The silent will sing.
3. Climb to the highest mountain, Walk in the path of light, All nations shall join together, Rejoice and sing!
4. The wolf shall befriend the small lamb, The leopard shall rest with the kid. The calf and lion shall follow the child who guides.
5. The desert shall bloom with flowers, The rivers flow freely again; The earth be abundant and fruitful, All glory shout out!
6. The poor will be judged with justice, The lowly be lifted high, The hungry will laugh in gladness, In freedom cry out!

Choral verse: Ecce concipies _____ **Jacob Handel (1550-91)**
Ecce concipies et paries filium, et vocabis nomen ejus Jesum. Hic erit magnus, et filius Altissimi vocabitur. Super solium David et super regnum ejus sedebit et regnabit in domo Jacob in aeternum et regni ejus non erit finis.

[Luke 1:31-33; (cf Is 7:14) – Communion, Advent IV]
Behold, thou shalt conceive and bear a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great and shall be called the son of the Most High. He shall sit upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom and he shall reign in the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Prayer

Concluding Rites

Blessing and Dismissal

Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: **And with your spirit.**



Priest: Go forth, the Mass is ended.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

1. Come, thou long ex - pec - ted Je - sus,
2. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion,
3. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er,
4. By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it
born to set thy peo - ple free.
hope of all the earth thou art;
born a child, and yet a king.
rule in all our hearts a - lone;
From our fears and sins re - lease us,
Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion,
Born to reign in us for - ev - er,
By thine all suf - fi - cient mer - it
let us find our rest in thee.
joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Haggai 2:7; Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Tune: STUTTGART

Postlude

Organ Postlude	Veni, Emmanuel	John Hebden Shaffer
5:30	Our Lady Queen of Peace Choir (Grafton) Rob Keshock, director	<i>See the Little Baby</i> Kendal Gunlick

Christmas Shopping - The DVD on the history of the first 160 years of the Cathedral, and the CDs of the choir, including Christmas recordings, are still available to help with your Christmas shopping needs. Requested donation: DVD-\$15, CDs-\$16, CD/DVD Combo-pack-\$25. You can purchase them at the rectory office, or on the Cathedral's website at <StJohnCathedral.com>.

CATHEDRAL CHOIR CD RECORDINGS:

Advent and Christmas:

Glorious Hope

Christmas at St. John's

Other recordings: *Et In Terra Pax, Sicut Locutus Est, Ecce Agnus Dei*



Morning Prayer Groups - Please consider joining our weekly gatherings from 6:30-7:00 am in the Lower Sacristy of the Cathedral. Using the scriptures for the coming Sunday, these groups share their faith and some fellowship over a cup of coffee. The women's group gathers on Tuesdays, and the men's group on Fridays. Just show up at the Lower Sacristy, or contact the parish office with inquiries.

Centering Prayer is a spiritual practice of our Catholic contemplative tradition that opens us more deeply to a relationship with God in faith and intimacy. Our group meets on Monday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Lower Sacristy. **Centering Prayer will not meet on Christmas Day, December 25, or New Year's Day, January 1.**

You Did It for Me! - Congratulations to the parishioners & friends of St. John Cathedral for reaching our 2017 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal goal. From Matthew's Gospel message, we know that "whatever you did for the least among us, you did it for me" (Mt 25). In responding to our neighbors served by Catholic Charities, we respond to Jesus himself. Catholic Charities impacts the lives of more than 400,000 men, women, & children each year, especially in Downtown Cleveland. Through your faithful generosity, St. John Cathedral is walking the path of mercy with us in providing resources that restore hope and dignity. Thank you for helping to shine a beacon of light on the lives of others.

Pray for Each Other - In your prayers, please remember those in need of healing and support, especially: Natalie Rose Hayek, Drusilla Allen, William Loar Jr., Betty Allen * Mary Theresa Dias & Family * Richard King, Pat Hesland * Mary Pierce, Dan F. * Sherry Brodock, Amy Sonoda * Alice Mycan, Melanie Dansko Mille * Kristen LaManna, Peggy LaManna

* Timothy Ferris * Margaret Fadrowski, Joe Carnivale, * Lisa Holzheimer Miheli, James R. Forristal, Tom Sonneborn * Joe Bruozis, Tim Prestel * Jemia Sworski, Jim Nagle * Frank Dimeo, Joel Rivera, Michele LaBella * Mike Mannino * Nancy Stinson, Robert & Jessica Bossone * *If you, or one of your family, would like to be included in this prayer list, please contact the Cathedral Office. After 30 days, please let the office know whether to retain the person on the prayer list.*



Parish Pastoral Council

For details visit:

<SaintJohnCathedral.com/ParishCouncil>

Parish Council meets on the **second Tuesday** of the month at 6:00 pm. Any parishioner wishing to address the Council at this time should contact the Council with their request. E-mail <ParishCouncil@saintjohncathedral.com>, or contact the rectory at 216-771-6666 ext. 4700.

Next meeting: Tuesday, Jan 9, 2018.

Want to Become a Parishioner?

You can register to be a member of the Cathedral Parish by simply attending a 45-minute registration event in the Lower Sacristy. The next Parish Registration Days are:

Sunday at 11:30 am: Jan. 21, Mar. 18

Saturday at 5:30 pm: May 12

Welcome New Parishioners!

Tom McKrill, Alexis Christlieb, William Lawless, Grace Manfroni, Ryan Kraft, Paul & Marie Shymske, Briana Cates, Kiersten Young, Matthew Jones

This Week at the Cathedral



MONDAY

6:30 pm Centering Prayer

TUESDAY

6:30 am Women's Prayer Group - L. Sacristy
10:00 am Tour: Our Lady of Angels
6:00 pm RCIA

FRIDAY

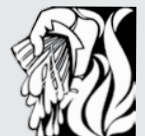
6:30 am Men's Prayer Group - L. Sacristy
Rectory offices closed Dec. 22 - Jan. 2

SUNDAY - SEE PAGE 3

Wedding Banns

I Lauren Mazanec & Christopher Cassleman

Baptismal Preparation Classes - It is required that all first-time parents attend a Baptismal Preparation class prior to the Baptism of their first child. While parents are welcome to attend a class anywhere in the Diocese, the Cathedral will offer the class on Jan. 14th at 1:15 pm. To register for the class call 216-771-6666.



Intentions of the Holy Father

December: The Elderly - That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

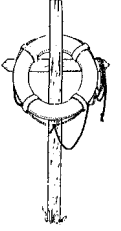
Please save the date! The Diocese will be celebrating World Day for Migrants and Refugees on January 14, 2018 with a special liturgy celebrated by Bishop Nelson Perez at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 3114 Scranton Road, Cleveland 44109. Following the liturgy will be a special buffet of various foods! Pope Francis' theme for the 2018: **To Welcome, To Protect, To Promote, To Integrate: We Share the Journey.**

Year-End Giving and Future Planning - In this season of giving, consider making a year-end gift to our parish in gratitude for all the blessings you have received in life. As you plan to make the most of your charitable donations in 2017, know that we gratefully accept gifts of cash and appreciated assets such as stocks or bonds. If you are 70 1/2 or older, you may be able to reduce your taxable income this year and help us in our ministry with a gift made directly from your IRA to our parish. Talk to your advisors and IRA administrator for more information and to be sure that a gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as our parish. Lastly, should this year-end find you creating or updating your estate plan, please consider helping us grow our parish ministry for future generations by including our parish as a beneficiary of your will, trust, retirement plan, or life insurance policy.

Questions? Contact our parish office at 216-771-6666 or via email at <stjohns@dioceseofcleveland.org>. You are also welcome to contact Mary Lou Ozimek of the Catholic Community Foundation at 216-696-6525 x4070 or via email at <mozimek@catholiccommunity.org>.

In Our Diocesan Community

Retrouaille which is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, but open to couples of all faiths, consists of a weekend experience for couples and six follow up sessions. A registration fee of \$150 is required to confirm your reservation for the next weekend, January 19-21, 2018. For more information concerning the program, or to register, please call Marce or Liz Gliha at 440-357-6580 or go online to <helpourmarriage.com>.



Monthly Grief Support - Please join us for an hour of learning and healing along your grief journey. Our Grief Support leaders are certified as Ministers of Consolation by the National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved, Inc. Our Catholic-based support can be supplemental to your existing support groups. We meet at St. Joseph Cemetery, Avon; Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron; and Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park; on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 3:00 pm, except on holidays, then we meet the 4th Sunday. One of the topics discussed will be "Getting Through the Holidays". No registration is required; just come and join us. For more information, visit our website <clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx> or contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866 or <rabrums@clecem.org>.

LEAF Ministries - (*Listening, Encouraging, and Assisting Families*)

Have you, or anyone that you know, because of the incarceration of a loved one, experienced isolation, shame, guilt, and an overwhelming sense of being alone? The LEAF Ministry has been formed to be of support. Groups meet monthly offering an opportunity to those who come to listen and share community, network and learn from others who understand their situation, challenges, fears and emotions. All are welcome to participate irrespective of faith affiliation. For more information and to verify the schedules, visit the website: <leafministry.org>. No pre-registration is necessary. It is our intention to continue to form additional groups in the various areas of the Diocese. If you are interested in beginning a group or want more information, call Sister Rita Mary, SND at 800- 869-6525 or 216-696-6525 x 200.



Please keep the health and safety of the members of our Armed Forces in your thoughts and prayers. God grant that they may return home safely and soon. **Please also let us know when your service people have returned.** Sean Moriarty, Desmond O'Donnell, Justin Pinchak, Chaplain Cpt. Curtis L. Kondik, Jewell Portwood, Luke Turbin, Devion Long, Craig Long, Travis Harman, Chris Paulett, Ben Maragliano. After 90 days, please let the office know whether to retain the name on the prayer list. (Please feel free to submit the names of service members for inclusion in this space.)