

The Roman Catholic Community of

Saint Paschal Baylon



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LITURGY

Eucharist

Sunday *The Lord's Day*: 8am, 10, 12am, 7
Saturday: 9am, Vigil: 4:30am
Weekdays: 8:30am T only, 9am M-F, 12:15pm M/W,
11:30am Saint Ann Shrine: M-F

Liturgy of the Hours

Morning Prayer: 8am OLBS Chapel/
Evening Prayer: 4:45pm OLBS Chapel

Rite of Penance

Anytime by appointment or at the Parish Office
Saturday: 3:30pm - 4:15 individual/
Communal Rite 2: Advent and Lent

Anointing of the Sick

First Sunday of the month after 8am Mass OLBS
Chapel. Please ask a priest to anoint at church
or come to you.

Celebration of Other Sacraments and Processes

Please contact the Parish Office for: Becoming
Catholic, Baptism, Confirmation, Matrimony,
Annulment and Vocations.

DEVOTION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Weekdays, around the clock, our Community at
Prayer ministry keeps vigil until the Lord's return
and extends our prayer and praise of the Mass.
Visits always welcome. Commit to an hour of prayer
with your family in the Our Lady of the Blessed
Sacrament Chapel OLBS Chapel.

The Rosary

Monday - Saturday: 8:30am OLBS Chapel/
Wednesday: 11am Saint Ann Shrine

Novena with Saint Peter Julian Eymard
Eymard Spiritual Group: A Tuesday each month
Anytime OLBS Chapel/
Thursdays, Day of the Eucharist

We Rent Our Spaces

Plan on having one of your family events here at
SPB by checking on the availability of our halls
and meetings rooms. With two kitchens and other
spaces, celebrate your important events with us!
Contact the parish office.

SERVICE

Communion of the Sick

Call the Parish Office to set up a visit

Manna Ministry

Helping parishioners in need, call the Parish Office

Helping Hands

Weekly food distribution: Contact Deacon Joe

**Saint Paschal Baylon is a joyful,
welcoming community centered
in the Eucharist. Through our
prayer and liturgy, we are
empowered to grow in faith, love
and service.**

Office Hours

Weekdays: 8am - 8pm
Weekends: 8am - 12pm

Bulletin Material

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**THIS WEEK AT SAINT PASCHAL BAYLON
MASS AND MEETING SCHEDULE**

**Monday, December 7, 2015, Saint Ambrose, Bishop,
Doctor of the Church**

Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab,10-14; Lk 5:17-26

- 9:00 a.m. MASS: Joelle Daher**
- 11:30 a.m. MASS: Barko & Stenko Families (St. Ann Shrine)**
- 12:15 p.m. MASS: Mary Kupiec**
- 7:00 p.m. PSR - Vigil**
- 7:00 p.m. Welcoming Committee, Parlor

**Tuesday, December 8, 2015, THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Gn 3:9-15,20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6,11-12; Lk 1:26-38

- 6:30 a.m. MASS: Antoinette Koussa**
- 9:00 a.m. MASS: Maria Piccirello**
- 11:30 a.m. MASS: NO MASS (St. Ann Shrine)**
- 12:15 p.m. MASS: Edward Shamrock**
- 7:00 p.m. MASS: Jerry Evangelista**
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study, Arkins and Kazel Rooms
- 7:00 p.m. PTO Meeting, Eymard

Wednesday, December 9, 2015, Advent Weekday

Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4,8,10; Mt 11:28-30

- 9:00 a.m. MASS: Victor Simonyi**
- 11:30 a.m. MASS: Novak Family (St. Ann Shrine)**
- 12:15 p.m. MASS: In honor of Immaculate Conception**
- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study, Arkins Room

Thursday, December 10, 2015, Advent Weekday

Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1,9-13b; Mt 11:11-15

- 9:00 a.m. MASS: Maria Piccirello**
- 11:30 a.m. MASS: (St. Ann Shrine)**
- 6:00 p.m. Welcoming Committee, Eymard Room
- 7:00 p.m. RCIA, Family Life Center Library
- 7:00 p.m. SPB Students Music Concert, O'Brien Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Catholics Men's Fellowship, Saint Julie Billiard Room

Friday, December 11, 2015, Advent Weekday

Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4,6; Mt 11:16-19

- 9:00 a.m. MASS: Parishioner Intentions**
- 11:30 a.m. MASS: Joseph Mathilda & Bob Horn (St. Ann Shrine)**

Saturday, December 12, 2015, OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE (USA)

Zec 2:14-17; Jdt 13:18bc,19; Lk 1:26-38

- 8:30 a.m. Avenues, Parlor
- 9:00 a.m. MASS: Erokwu Family**
- 4:30 p.m. MASS: Joseph & Kathleen Mills**

Sunday, December 13, 2015, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

- 8:00 a.m. MASS: Thomas Byrne**
- 10:00 a.m. MASS: Raymond Drescher & Charles Nohava**
- 12:00 p.m. MASS: Lou Grassel, Sr. and Jr.**
- 7:00 p.m. MASS: Khoa Nguyen**

SAVE THE DATES

- **SPIRITUAL LIFE FOR ADVENT:**
 - Join us for Daily Mass – 9:00 a.m. Weekdays & see the other special times.
 - Join us for Morning Prayer – Weekdays in the chapel - 8:00 a.m.
 - Join us for Evening Prayer – Weekdays in the chapel - 4:45 p.m.
 - Join us in the chapel for a moment or two – or an hour - and pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament!
- **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY – (Patron Saint of the USA) - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION – What a joy to celebrate God’s plan:**
 - Vigil Mass: 7:00 p.m. Monday, December 7 with PSR Students.
 - Tuesday, December 8, 6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (with our school students), 12:15 p.m., 7:00 p.m. – Join us!
- **ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES:** Monday, December 7, 9:45 a.m. with school students; Monday, December 14, 7:00 p.m. (at SPB) and Thursday, December 17, 7:00 p.m. (at Saint Clare).
- **PTO:** Our meeting is Tuesday, December 8, 7:00 p.m., Eymard Room.
- **PLEASE NOTE: NO 12:15 P.M. MASS ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 14.** The community will be at Regina Health Center.
- **PRIMARY CONCERT:** Wednesday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m. in church.
- **SPECIAL BULLETIN DUE DATES:** Please submit items for the December 26/27 bulletin by Wednesday, December 16 and items for January 2/3 bulletin by Wednesday, December 23.
- **ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS: Saturday, December 19, 6:30 p.m.** Join with our Music Ministry in celebrating the prayer, season and joys of creation. A special program will be presented based on the pope’s new encyclical, *Our Common Home*. Special thanks to the Welcoming Committee for the reception afterward!
- **PSR ADVENT/FIRST SEMESTER CLOSING MASS:** Monday, December 21, 7:00 p.m.
- **TAIZE PRAYER – HOLY HOUR:** Tuesday, December 22, 7:00 p.m. Just in time for ending Advent and beginning Christmas Time, a hour of prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament to help us celebrate patience, joy, peace and hope!
- **SPIRITUAL FORMATION COMMITTEE:** Tuesday, January 5, 7:00 p.m. at the Church of Saint Clare.
- **MINISTRY FAIR 2016: Weekend Masses, January 9/10:** After the Weekend Masses, please plan on coming to the Eymard Room for some time to enjoy snacks, learn about our parish’s ministry’s and renew your baptismal covenant to be of service to your parish family! You will be able to renew/sign up to participate in our ministries and to assist in helping our parish grow! Pray now how you may participate or renew your commitment to serve in the parish and the Body of Christ!
- **ASH WEDNESDAY: Wednesday, February 10, 2016:**
 - Masses, with ashes distributed after the homily: 6:30, 9 a.m., Noon, 7 p.m.
 - Service of the Word with distribution of Ashes: 4 p.m. (20 minute service)

SAVE THE DATES - continued

- **MUSLIM – CHRISTIAN DIALOG GROUP:** Monday, February 15, 6:30 p.m.
 - Potluck Dinner in the Eymard Room
 - Book signing: Professor Zeki from John Carroll University – *Muslim Jesus*, & our pastor with his book, *Guide to Celebrating the Worship of the Eucharist Outside of Mass*
- **YEAR OF MERCY – GIFT OF SELF INTERNATIONAL CONVOCATION** – hosted here at SPB – July 29 – 31, 2016 – reserve the date – take your vacation with us! Hosting people here from around the world!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS TIME:

- Thursday, December 24: **4:00 p.m.** (Young Adult Choir), **7:00 p.m.** (Ensemble Choir) & **10:00 p.m.** (Adult Choir) – music begins ½ hour before each Vigil Mass.
- Friday, December 25: **9:00 a.m.** (Ensemble Choir) & **11:00 a.m.** (Children’s Choir).
- Monday, December 28 – 30: Weekday Masses **ONLY AT 9:00 a.m.**
- Thursday, December 31: **4:30 p.m.** (Vigil of Mary, Mother) **(NO 9:00 a.m. ON THIS DAY).**
- Friday, January 1: **9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. ONLY** (Mary, Mother of God).
- January 4 – 8: Regular Weekday Mass Schedule.
- January 9/10: Feast of the Baptism of the LORD – Ministry Fair & Parish - Recommitment Ceremony at the Mass you attend.
- ***Christmas Time ends Sunday, January 10 with the Feast of the Baptism of the LORD.***
 - ***Help ready the church for Ordinary Time after the 7:00 p.m. Sunday Mass, January 10.***

OTHER NEWS

DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT POSITION - Saint Paschal Baylon parish has an immediate need for a full-time, accomplished Advancement Director. Demonstrated recorded success in creating and administering fund development programs, capital campaigns and major gift solicitation; research, cultivate and categorize strategic internal and community donor databases. Candidate will establish an advancement program unique to the mission and needs of the church and school. Bachelor’s degree (Masters a plus) with minimum of 5 years’ experience required. Strong computer skills with proficiency in Word, Excel, Raisers Edge and other relevant software languages necessary. Submit cover letter and resume via email to: kathy@saintpaschal.com Saint Paschal Baylon parish is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

EDUCATION

SAINT PASCHAL BAYLON CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS: Advent is a time of new beginnings. We think of Advent as a time of quiet, joyful preparation for the celebration of Jesus's birth and also a time to remember that we wait for Christ to come again at the end of time. Our school's Advent theme is *Christ Our Light*. The faculty, staff, and students of Saint Paschal Baylon Catholic School will be busy making ourselves ready for the celebration of Christ's birth by attending our parish mission, receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, supporting Laura's Home, working together with buddies to send cheer to others in need, and preparing joyful music through our choirs and bands as we focus on the light of Christ.

Here are some great things happening this week:

- **Our students will be visiting the Jingle Bell Shop this week. Thank you to the many parent volunteer helpers that assist our children as they shop.**
- **Students in Grades 3-8 will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday, December 7.**
- **Join us in celebrating the Immaculate Conception school liturgy on Tuesday, December 8. Grade 2 is leading the Mass.**
- **The Junior High will be attending the Cleveland Playhouse performance of *A Christmas Carol* on Wednesday, December 9.**
- **The Saint Paschal Baylon Choir and Bands will present a combined performance on Thursday, December 10 at 1:00 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m.**

God bless,

Carol L. Jansky, Principal

SCHOOL

FAIR TRADE CANDY – The last of the Fair Trade chocolate orders have been filled and may be picked up at the parish office. There was a shortage of milk chocolate bars, so they substituted with mini bars, as they had done before. Thank you for all your patience and for your support of Fair Trade products.

HEINEN'S - Happy Holidays everyone! So far, 91 people have signed up for the ABC rewards program for Saint Paschal Baylon. We have had roughly 200 sign up over the last several years, which resulted in roughly a \$2,000 annual donation to the school. **WE HAVE TO RE-SIGN UP EVERY YEAR!** So please CALL 1-855-475-2300 X2337 to sign up. Heinen's continues to match up to 1% of our purchases. There is no cost to you if you are already shopping at Heinen's, so please make the call before you stock up for the Holidays.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

Geoffrey and Greta Rose, Kelli DiPippo, Karen and Tracy Gamber, Kenneth and Suzonna Zak, Thomas and Therese Mohorcic, Robert and Karen Hostoffer, Jr., Darek and Christine Bell, Nancy Strong, Timothy and Maureen Barrett and Jacob Bell.

RCIA NEWS

If you've been attending Mass for a while but are not Catholic, we invite you to look deeper into the Catholic faith. We invite you to learn what Catholics believe in an open and welcoming environment. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please contact George Peko 440-442-3410 ext. 107 or email at psr@saintpaschal.com.



Second Sunday of Advent: What motivated John the Baptist to preach? The Word of God! We are reminded this week that our motivation, our call to ministry and service from and for God comes from the Word that comes to our hearts. We are proud to profess and live this glowing zeal that always touches our hearts.

Immaculate Conception – Year of Mercy: Even before John the Baptist, there was and is our Blessed Mother Mary. Her vocation and call to serve God is epic. Join with us this week in celebrating her special holy day – a day of celebration, not just obligation. The United States is under her patronage – so

join us as we celebrate our liturgical day as fellow Christian citizens. The special schedule is Monday night (with our PSR Students) and Tuesday with special Masses for your convenience.

We also begin the special Year of Mercy that Pope Francis has called us to celebrate beginning December 8 until the end of this liturgical year. This is an opportunity to grow in sharing and showing God's mercy to others. What a great opportunity for us to share our faith with others and invite members who have felt estranged, to return to an active church life. Our Evangelization Committee is working hard and preparing for the next "Catholics Returning Home Series," the Sundays of Lent. We also have other opportunities to meet with anyone on the Pastoral Staff, but especially the priests and deacons, to share and communicate reconciliation and mercy. We are all agents of God's love and mercy; the pope is calling each Catholic Christian to share what we receive – the mercy and love of God and build God's kingdom. In the bulletin are excerpts from the papal document, technically called a "bull of indiction" to explain the purpose and meaning of the Jubilee Year of Mercy – an extraordinary year ahead.

Calendars & bulletin advertisers: We are grateful to the three funeral homes that provide liturgical calendars for us – to know the special days of the church's life, to wear clothes in tandem for the liturgical days we celebrate, and when unable to be at church, keep these days holy in our families. Whether our family is one person or 20, we are grateful to each parishioner – and each parishioner who advertises in our bulletin. The next time you are at a business – thank them for advertising in SPB's bulletin. And if they say that they do not, request that they start to support our church and publishing arm, our parish bulletin and quarterly newsletter *Paschal Life*. These publications come "free of charge" to us all and we enjoy them due to the hard work of our advertisers.

Taste of the Town THANKS! A team of 7 parishioners, all but two without children in our day school pulled off an incredible night of hospitality, fun, celebration and fundraising. With our parish groups who donated so many wonderful baskets, we were able to all work hard to raise over \$18,000. Also, in the bulletin you will see a report of the night. Special thanks to Kathy Pohlhammer and Chris Hart for chairing this event. Other leaders are to be commended (and do not wish public recognition – as neither did Kathy or Chris). However, it is important to note that we need to start planning for next year's event. Having had this great team for the last two years, who will be the next leaders of this wonderful evening? Please contact me soon so that you may be part of the planning committee and the smooth transition from former Bingo volunteers to other school supporters.

Deadline Approaching Haiti: Congratulations SPB & thank you for your continued witness of your faith. From the 2nd collection, we were able to collect enough money to have a home built in Haiti for our mission trip **February 22 – 26**. This \$3,200 does not include the individual parishioners who mailed their envelopes separately! THANK YOU-THANK YOU! Now, won't you join with us and go down to Haiti and paint this house? (We are not able to physically build a cement blockhouse in Haiti because of the physical labor issues, but we are able to paint and build other parts of this house.) Here are some details:

- \$1,150 – for hotel, meals, security and bus/taxi services in Haiti.
- Plus airfare from CLE to Fort Lauderdale.
- Plus airfare from Fort Lauderdale to Haiti on the Food for the Poor chartered plane.

Let me know soon, so that we may place our deposit. Deposit is needed by Christmas. We need a minimum of **4** more people. Thanks for prayerfully considering.

Advent Blessings & Prayers: This short liturgical season affords us many opportunities for spiritual growth. I hope you enjoyed our parish mission with Fr. James – and notice the other events coming up, from Penance Services to a special evening of quiet meditation and music from Taizé, France. It's all here at SPB – your spiritual home for assisting you in your faith journey! Bring a friend – and let us always continue to pray for each other!

In Christ our Eucharist,



Reverend John Thomas J. Lane, SSS, Class of 1979

Pastor

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FROM THE BULL OF INDICATION OF THE EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY - *Misericordiae Vultus* (1-3): Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith. Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in him. The Father, "rich in mercy" (Eph 2:4), after having revealed his name to Moses as "a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness" (Ex 34:6), has never ceased to show, in various ways throughout history, his divine nature. In the "fullness of time" (Gal 4:4), when everything had been arranged according to his plan of salvation, he sent his only Son into the world, born of the Virgin Mary, to reveal his love for us in a definitive way. Whoever sees Jesus sees the Father (cf. Jn 14:9). Jesus of Nazareth, by his words, his actions, and his entire person reveals the mercy of God. We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it. **Mercy** - the word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. **Mercy** - the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us. **Mercy** - the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life. **Mercy** - the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness. At times we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives. For this reason I have proclaimed an *Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy* as a special time for the Church, a time when the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective. Brothers and sisters, let us go forth in the name of Christ: He is the way that leads us in the year of grace and mercy!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

TITHING/TALENT/TREASURE - Have you thought of leaving a legacy, especially for our faith, church and school? Remember Saint Paschal Baylon in your will or trust to continue our award-winning traditions and education. **The Sunday Collections:**

Tithing for November 22, 2015 - \$17,600.00
Campaign for Human Development - \$2,179.00
Tithing for November 26, 2015 (Thanksgiving Day) - \$2,187.00
Tithing for November 29, 2015 - \$15,203.00
Advent Parish Mission - \$1,505.00

END OF THE YEAR GIVING OPPORTUNITIES. Consider the many ways you can enjoy tax and income benefits and help further the mission of Saint Paschal Baylon church and school:

GIFT OF CASH OR PROPERTY: If you are looking for a way to save on your taxes this year, a gift of cash or your property is the easiest gift you can make.

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY: If you are looking for a secure, stable source of income for the future, there is a way that you can receive a charitable deduction this year and income for life.

CHARITABLE BEQUEST: We appreciate your support of our work. Maybe you are not able to make a gift right now, but would like to help Saint Paschal Baylon parish in the future. The way to make a future gift is through a bequest made in your will or trust.

BEQUEST OF RETIREMENT ASSETS: A retirement account may be your greatest asset, so why not consider Saint Paschal Baylon church as a beneficiary? Your gift helps our parish continue its ministries in the future and is the only beneficiary that will not pay taxes.

Our Suggestion box - May I Suggest...?

As part of our Pastoral Plan, our Saint Paschal Baylon Pastoral Staff and Pastoral Council are always interested in your ideas, suggestions, improvements and more! Through our "ombudsman," Tom Kelley, you are able to share your input: tjk12@case.edu. Additionally, we now have a yellow suggestion box in the narthex underneath the intention book. Place your comments in this box for the Pastoral Council.

TASTE OF THE TOWN

TASTE OF THE TOWN RECAP: Many thanks to those who attended our fourth Taste of the Town event. Delicious food, tasty beverages, amazing silent auction items, wonderful company and a great deal of hard work all combined to create a fantastic evening. The parish benefitted \$18,121.36 from this event. We are grateful to all who contributed items to our silent auction and/or volunteered. Special thanks to our food purveyors who donated their culinary creations, time and expertise: The Cheese Shop (West Side Market), Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, Corbo's Bakery, Davis Bakery, Granite City Food and Brewery, Great Scott Tavern, Heavenly Bites Cupcakes, Michaelangelo's, Maxi's, Parallax, Pick Your Pie and the Saint Paschal Music Ministry.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be Monday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Kazel Room. Please meet in Saint Ann Shrine Chapel at 6:45 p.m. for a short prayer.

CLOWN AND HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

The Clown and Helping Hands Ministry want to thank all of those who helped make Thanksgiving special for so many needy and homeless people. We have one parishioner who donates six turkeys every year. I would like to give a special thank you to Manhattan Deli for donating more than 250 Thanksgiving meals with all the trimmings every year. We are in the process of working on our Christmas parties for the homeless. These parties demand so much work and dedication from the generous donations of our parishioners to the hard work of our volunteers. We prepare over 500 hot meals and gifts for these parties. The clowns put smiles on their faces and laughter in the air. The extra surprise is saved for the end when Santa Claus arrives bringing gifts for the men, women and children. The reaction on their faces says enough. They are so thankful and happy. They are overjoyed in the fact that Santa Clause came to them even though they are homeless and living on the streets. All the children want a chance to sit on Santa's lap. One young lady said, "I am going to wait until Christmas morning to open my gift because it has been over five years since I had Christmas. When I open this gift Christmas morning, I will know I am loved." This love is the love of the parish ministry and our generous parishioners and their love is directed from GOD. This prayer was written by a homeless person and I would like to share it with you. My prayer, Oh my God, I beg of you to grant me food in my stomach, a roof over my head, a shirt on my back, a smile on my face, the truth on my tongue, the light in my eyes and the love of God in my heart. I also pray that the warm-hearted and generous people of Saint Paschal will continue to love and make me feel special. God love me....God Bless all of you and thank you for being you. GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME...ALL THE TIME GOD IS GOOD.

HELPING HANDS GIVING TREE: The annual "Giving Tree" will remain up in the Narthex during Advent. The items listed on the paper ornaments are items that Helping Hands Ministry will deliver as gifts to the needy of Cleveland (socks, hats, gloves, thermal underwear and boots) and to Laura's Home-Women's Crisis Center (diapers, boots and sweatshirts) during the Christmas season. If you would like to help, please take a paper ornament, purchase the item and return the item to the Narthex or rectory unwrapped with the ornament attached by December 20th. As always, your contributions are appreciated and will help support those in need. God Bless You!

YOUTH MINISTRY

"The shepherds came to see the baby, stood by his mother's side, here laid the Savior inside a manger. Oh what a glorious night! Oh what a glorious night! I hear the angels singing halleluiah! Let the earth receive her king. I know that love has come.....singing it out: Jesus Christ is born! Jesus Christ is born!" -What A Glorious Night by Sidewalk Prophets.

"What a Glorious Night" by the Christian band Sidewalk Prophets is one of our favorite Christmas songs. We loved it so much; it's the theme of our annual Advent Retreat happening this weekend. Advent is all about getting ready to encounter Jesus at Christmas. It is our hope that the teens in our parish will open their hearts to Him; get to know Him, getting truly ready for this great feast. We will be participating in prayer stations, games, Eucharistic Adoration and fellowship. Pray for us as we will be praying for you! Happy Second Week of Advent! **Please mark your calendars for our upcoming meeting and events:**

- **Sunday, December 13th:** Regular Meeting - Chosen Night:
How do you know God is real?
- **Sunday, December 20th:** Santa Breakfast/Birthday Party for Jesus 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (No evening YG meeting).
- **Sunday, December 27th:** Eucharistic Adoration - combined meeting - 5:30 p.m. for all.

YOUTH MINISTRY - continued

Be sure to grab your Winter Youth Group schedule found at each exit of the church! Grades 6th - 8th meet from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m., everyone attends the 7:00 p.m. teen Mass, and grades 9th - 12th meet from 8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. in the youth group room in the Rectory.

PSR AND OTHER NEWS FROM THE PEKO'S

Helping Hands Giving Program: We are going to continue the Helping Hands Giving Program through PSR. We are asking that each PSR student raise and donate \$10 (amount flexible according to your ability) to create over 250 bags filled with all the necessary items to help the homeless in Cleveland for our brutal winter season. Make checks payable to Saint Paschal Baylon with "Giving Program" in the memo. **Thank you!** Thank you to everyone who has donated items already for our Helping Hands Giving Program! And thank you to all the PSR families and other parishioners who volunteered to pack the bags this weekend!

3rd Grade Catechist Needed: PSR is in **URGENT** need of an adult volunteer called to teach 3rd grade. If you are available on Monday nights beginning in January, please contact George and Anna Peko at 440-442-3410 ext. 107 or psr@saintpaschal.com.

Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass: Please join us on Monday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church as PSR helps celebrate the Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass. Drop your children off at PSR as normal at 6:45 p.m. and then meet us in the Church for Mass. Parents, if you cannot join us, please remember that pick up will be from the Church that night.

INFANT BAPTISM CLASSES OFFERED: If you are interested in having your child who is under the age of 7 baptized, please contact George and Anna Peko at 440- 442-3410 ext. 107 to sign up for a course on baptism.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION: Session 3: Our 3rd Confirmation session is Sunday, December 13 beginning with 10:00 a.m. Mass. Please have rides ready for pick up at 12:15 p.m. in front of the FLC. These sessions are mandatory for all 8th graders preparing to be confirmed in 2016.

PARISH ACTIVITIES



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: At Saint Paschal Baylon, Sunday, January 3rd, 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in the Eymard Room . . . right on the heels of the busy Christmas season. Please help by participating if you are able. Any time schools and businesses are closed for a holiday can be a very precarious time for those who depend on blood products. The demand for blood is constant, but the supply is most definitely *NOT!* It's not too early to schedule an online appointment at www.redcrossblood.org/make-donation, and popular time slots are already beginning to fill up. Many thanks to our committed blood donors.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

THE CLEVELAND DIOCESAN – The Diocese support group for parents and families of gay and lesbian children will host a meeting at Saint John Vianney Parish in Mentor on December 13, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. Any questions please contact Saint John Vianney Parish at 440-943-3445 or visit our web site at www.dioceseofcleveland.org/gayandlesbianfamilyministry/.

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