

# THIS WEEK AT SAINT PASCHAL BAYLON MASS AND MEETING SCHEDULE

## Monday, December 5, 2016, Advent Weekday

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

- 9:00 a.m. MASS: Diane Bevack
- 11:30 a.m. MASS: Daly Family (St. Ann Shrine)
- 12:15 p.m. MASS: Drazio and Lucia DiVincenzo
- 7:00 p.m. Welcoming Committee Meeting, Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Advent Program, Church and Eymard Room

## Tuesday, December 6, 2016, Advent Weekday

Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10-13; Mt 18:12-14

- 6:30 a.m. MASS: Parishioner Intentions
- 9:00 a.m. MASS: Immaculate Conception
- 11:30 a.m. MASS: (St. Ann Shrine)
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study, Arkins and Kazel Rooms

## Wednesday, December 7, 2016, Saint Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

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

- 9:00 a.m. MASS: St. Lucia
- 11:00 a.m. Rosary Guild, Arkins Conference Room
- 11:30 a.m. MASS: Marjorie McCarthy (St. Ann Shrine)
- 12:15 p.m. MASS: Aldo and Marcella Spada
- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study, Arkins Conference Room
- 7:00 p.m. Ladies Night Out, Eymard Room

## Thursday, December 8, 2016, THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America

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

- 6:30 a.m. MASS: Parishioner Intentions
- 9:00 a.m. MASS: Victor Simonyi
- 11:30 a.m. NO MASS: (St. Ann Shrine)
- 12:15 p.m. MASS: John and Rose Verhovitz
- 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts, Eymard Room
- 6:30 p.m. Pack 555 Meeting, OBH
- 7:00 p.m. MASS: Minnie and Alex Elliott
- 7:00 p.m. Catholic Men's Fellowship, Kazel Room

## Friday, December 9, 2016, Advent Weekday

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

- 9:00 a.m. MASS: Maria Piccirillo
- 11:30 a.m. MASS: Joseph, Bob and Mathilda Horn (St. Ann Shrine)
- 2:30 p.m. Brownies, Eymard Room
- 7:00 p.m. Flock of Friends, Billiard Room

## Saturday, December 10, 2016, Advent Weekday

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9, 10-13

- 9:00 a.m. MASS: Benny and Rina Andreano
- 4:30 p.m. MASS: Kathleen Kern
- 5:30 p.m. Cub Scout Bake Sale, Narthex

## Sunday, December 11, 2016, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 35:1-6, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

- 8:00 a.m. MASS: Ernest Cooke Jr.
- 9:00 a.m. Cub Scout Bake Sale, Narthex
- 10:00 a.m. MASS: George Cicero
- 12:00 p.m. MASS: Louis Cunzolo
- 7:00 p.m. MASS: Bernie and Fran Robideau

## SAVE THE DATES

- **SPB BLOOD DRIVE:** Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m., Eymard Room
- **ADVENT RETREAT NIGHT:** Monday, December 5, 7:00 p.m. in church with Sr. Melannie Svoboda, SND
- **LADIES NIGHT OUT:** Wednesday, December 7, 7:00 p.m., Eymard Room
- **SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:** Special holy day of celebration – all day Thursday, December 8 Masses: **6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.**
- **FAREWELL TO STEFI SOMRACK:** Sunday, December 11, 10:00 a.m. Mass and reception afterward in the Eymard Room (note the change in location).
- **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FEAST DAY:** Monday, December 12:
  - Special Masses @ 9:00 a.m. church, 11:30 a.m. Shrine, 12:15 p.m. church chapel, 7:00 p.m. PSR Mass, church
- **ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES – Rite 2 – Communal Celebration with Individual Confession:**
  - Tuesday, December 13, 1:00 p.m. – School Students – and others welcome
  - Thursday, December 15, 7:00 p.m. – at the Church of Saint Clare
  - Tuesday, December 20, 7:00 p.m. – here at SPB
- **SPB TRAVELERS:** Wednesday, December 14: Bus Trip is SOLD OUT. **Let Fr. Lane know the next place you would like to see and explore!**
- **TAIZE PRAYER HOLY HOUR:** Monday, December 19, 7:00 p.m. in church – to pray for Advent & Christmas Time Blessings
- **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:** This year Christmas is a Sunday – please do not forget your Sunday offering and your Christmas gift to help your parish and its multiple ministries and needs. (We have one less Sunday collection this year – so thanks for being so generous!)
  - Saturday, December 24: (no morning Mass) – 4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.
  - Sunday, December 25: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. (Children's Choir)
  - Saturday, December 31: 9:00 a.m., 4:30 p.m. (Mary, Mother of God Vigil)
  - Sunday, January 1: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m. (Mary, Mother of God Sunday)
- Please note – there is only 1 Mass in the church each day during Christmas Time: 9:00 a.m. from December 26 – January 2. The 6:30 a.m. Mass returns Tuesday, January 3 and the 12:15 p.m. Mass returns Wednesday, January 4.
- **CHRISTMAS CAROLING AT THE MANGER OUTSIDE:** Wednesday, December 28, 6:30 p.m.
- **EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING KITS:** The annual kit for blessing your home for the new year will be available at all the Masses January 7/8, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the LORD. We thank the ARISE Groups for putting these together for us.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN RECENTLY BAPTIZED AT SAINT PASCHAL BAYLON:

Thomas Gregg Lombardo, son of Vincent and Amber, Hannah Elizabeth Carle, daughter of Derek and Lelsie

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**“You carry us, carry us, when the world gives way. You cover us, cover us, with Your endless grace. Your love is relentless!”**

**Relentless by Hillsong United**

**The 2016 theme of the Cleveland Catholic Youth Conference**

This weekend 20 of our high school youth group members joined over 500 fellow teens at the Cleveland Catholic Youth Conference (CCYC) at John Carroll University. A little over a year ago, a group of us attended the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in Indianapolis with 24,000 teens all over the USA. God put it in my heart to resurrect our local youth conference, and together with a small group of youth ministers in our Cleveland Diocese, that little tug in my heart became a reality. I am so proud to have been part of this ministry - uniting the teens from our Diocese and allowing them to grow in faith, fellowship, and learn what amazing RELENTLESS love God has for each one of us. Our teens attended breakout sessions, participated in Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, Reconciliation, and listened to nationally known speaker Paul J. Kim. Next November, our group will be heading to NCYC once again! Our Catholic faith is alive and well in our young Church!

Next weekend we will have our annual Advent Retreat on December 11th. Those who registered will participate in some amazing prayer experiences, fellowship, and will conclude the retreat by attending the Matt Maher concert at St. Ambrose. Our next “meeting” will be on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15th. We will have a Christmas Party Potluck Dinner and attend a very special XLT at the Seminary. We will hear internationally known speaker, Matt Fradd. Permission slips are required. Please RSVP to Mrs. Mickol by Sunday, December 11th if you will be attending to make sure we have enough transportation! Please keep us in your prayers!

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Sunday, December 11th: Advent Retreat and Matt Maher Concert. Registration deadline has passed.
- Thursday, December 15th: Christmas Potluck Dinner (Bring a dish to share) and XLT at the Seminary to hear internationally known speaker Matt Fradd. Permission slip required! RSVP to Mrs. Mickol by December 11.
- Sunday, December 18th: Service Hours Opportunity ~ Breakfast with Santa/Birthday Party for Jesus! Sign up online to help!
- January 6-8, 2017 Teens Encounter Christ Retreat for Juniors to Adult. No YG meeting on January 8th.
- Sunday, January 15th: Regular Meeting times (JYG begins at 5:30 p.m., EVERYONE attends the 7:00 p.m. Teen Mass, and HS YG begins at 8:00 p.m.) New Year, New You, New Prayer meeting.

## END OF THE YEAR GIVING

Your generous tithing and financial donations to the church are greatly appreciated. Your gifts support our parish life in so many ways! As we near the end of another year, consider that there can be tax benefits to your contributions in the year they are made. 2016 contributions must be received by the parish on or before December 31, 2016, or if mailed, the postmark must be on or before December 31, 2016. This year, December 31 is a Saturday. Contributions received at our 4:30 p.m. Mass will be posted to 2016. Contributions made on Sunday, January 1, 2017 will be posted to 2017. We are obligated by law to post the contribution when it is received, regardless of the date on the check. If you have any questions regarding year end contributions, please contact our parish office.

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### Weekly Tithing:

Thank you for your sacrificial gifts!

- First Collection:\$13,145.00
- Second Collection for Helping Hands: \$6,974.00
- Thanksgiving Collection: \$2,200.00

### **GIFTS (GIVING IS FUNDAMENTAL TO SUCCESS!)**

Receiving the GIFTS Annual Appeal – making up the difference between amount we request for tuition versus the actual cost for each student. Now more than ever, a donation to SPB is an investment in the future of our church – our dear young people.

Thank you for your tithing which supports our many bills, such as:

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| • Postage for GIFTS mailing                | \$1,000    |
| • Electric bill                            | \$8,982.39 |
| • New computers & printers for the offices | \$3,862.35 |
| • School cable bill for internet           | \$651.20   |
| • Landscaping equipment maintenance        | \$798.29   |
| • Hosts                                    | \$131.50   |
| • Copier lease                             | \$416.65   |
| • School copier lease                      | \$440.00   |
| • State alarm systems                      | \$131.00   |
| • Paper supplies for Eymard kitchen        | \$401.35   |
| • Ink cartridges                           | \$634.21   |
| • Pensions                                 | \$3,088.63 |

## COMMUNITY AT PRAYER

We are in need of parishioners and friends to sign up for the following hours to provide a witness, in vigil, in the setting of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. From the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament *Rule of Life* we read the importance of this mission of the SSS and SPB:

### **RL 31 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

By drawing our attention to the signs of the Sacrament, exposition of the Holy Eucharist calls to mind the celebration of the Memorial of the Lord.

It invites us to recognize and adore the presence of Christ in the gift of his body given up for us and of his blood poured out for a New Covenant. Thus exposition facilitates our communion with Christ (Cf. EM 60, RR 82) who offers himself to us as the Bread of Life, nourishment shared for a community of brothers. We practice and encourage it, mindful of the pastoral needs of the local Church.

### **RL 32 Participation of the people**

We associate the people with our prayer so that their lives may be enlightened and penetrated by the paschal mystery. We are attentive in promoting communal prayer; it manifests the unity of the Church, fruit of the Eucharist. According to pastoral possibilities, we encourage nocturnal prayer in a spirit of watching and waiting for the Lord.

Help us fill these hours of watching and waiting:

- Monday 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday 12 Noon
- Tuesday 3:00 p.m.
- Thursday 11:00 a.m.
- Friday 12 Noon
- Friday 1:00 p.m.
- Friday 2:00 p.m.
- Friday 4:00 p.m.

Thanks for becoming a pray-er in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament!

## FROM THE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE



**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent:** The grand character of Sacred Scripture returns once again this week with the Baptist crying in the desert, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” John helped set the tone for many years that Advent was a time of penance. However, since the Second Vatican Council, we have recognized the special nature of Advent Time being one of preparation “in the waiting” for Christ to come again. It is in that vein, this period of waiting and preparation, that we are called to reform our lives and pay attention to where God is. To say that the kingdom of heaven is at hand is to say, “Look at the marvels God puts in our midst.” We are called to have “a shoot” sprout from these old bones of ours and have the newness and freshness come forward and blossom. Sure, we acknowledge our sinfulness, and recognize that some things block or dampen our growth, but we are still growing.

The Jesse Tree growing on the north window wall of the church reminds us that God is not finished with us! Throughout salvation history, from the story of creation, Noah, Abraham, Isaac and the other prophets and figures of the Bible, we have come to see and experience the growth of that stump of Jesse. This growth is with us now. See where the marvels of new life are in your life as you celebrate and harken: “The kingdom of heaven is at hand!” See this Good News! Live this Good News!

**The Mood is Set:** Yes, other things are set for us to enjoy the new liturgical year and season of Advent Time. The lighting and music always help us set the tone and seasons for us. We also wish to acknowledge those who had a hand in other Art & Environment Committee projects: Special thanks to Jeff, Dan & Fr. John today for getting the church ready for Advent. I hope you will enjoy the updated images on the candlesticks, reflecting the Gospel readings each week and the new Jesse Tree on the north wall of the church. Please do come forward to see these images before or after Mass.

**Full 4 Weeks of Advent This Year:** This is the longest time that Advent may be with Christmas on a Sunday. And Christmas Time will be shorter than usual, with the celebration of the Feast of the Baptism of the LORD on a Monday – it’s just how the calendar works, doesn’t it?

And here are some reminders of Advent experiences to deepen your spiritual life:

- Monday night talk at 7:00 p.m. in church with Sr. Melannie Svoboda, SND
- Thursday, Immaculate Conception Masses or Mass any day during Advent
- Communal Penance Services Tuesday, December 13, 1:00 p.m. with our school students, Thursday, December 15, 7:00 p.m. at Saint Clare or Tuesday, December 20, 7:00 p.m. here at SPB.
- Taizé Prayer Holy Hour in the still of the Advent Night! – Monday, December 19, 7:00 p.m.

**Preparing For Christmas & Spring Fling:** May I suggest a parking solution for some families to consider so that our elders in the community are able to park closer to the church? Many have forgotten that we have a special path next to the convent to Roland, Lynd & Case Avenues, and the Lyndhurst side of our campus. Perhaps your family could park on these streets and walk the short distance (the spiritual pilgrimage!) through the woods to the church? It would help us out a lot. Of course we thank our neighbors on Colony and Eastlawn that share the street with us at the Christmas Eve Masses.

**Caroling:** A new event we have added this year is Christmas Caroling around the Manager on Wilson Mills Road. Bro. Gary LaVerdiere, SSS builds with a dedicated team, this amazing nativity scene each year – getting better and better. On Wednesday, December 28 at 6:30 p.m. we will have our first annual caroling with the manager. Please plan on joining us!

Let us continue to pray for each other!  
In Christ our Eucharist,



Reverend John Thomas Lane, SSS, '79  
Pastor

P.S. Thanks for your prayers these days while I'm leading a parish mission in Spring, Texas, wearing my other hat that so many priests do these days.

## ADVENT DECORATIONS

Last week a new liturgical year began with the first week of Advent. And with that we began the tradition of displaying a Jesse tree in our worship space. In fact, our first reading today from Isaiah 11 is where this tradition finds its' scriptural inspiration. Isaiah 11:1 reads, "... a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom." The "Jesse tree" portrays the unfolding of salvation history from Genesis to the birth of Jesus. Each week we are displaying two new banners in the sanctuary with the Jesse tree slowly extending it's branches across the sanctuary. Hanging upon these branches are symbols taken from scripture. Last week the images concentrated mostly on Genesis (ex. creation, the fall, the flood, God's covenant with Abraham). This week the images focus more upon Exodus and God's covenant with Moses and the people of Israel. We see this in the lamb of sacrifice from Passover and the stone tablets of the law. Also depicted are a ram's horn trumpet from Joshua 6:1-20 and a sheaf of corn from the book of Ruth. All of these images symbolically lead us toward the birth of our savior Jesus Christ. Noteworthy as well this week, is the second candle of Advent that portrays John the Baptist which is drawn from our gospel reading today. We hope this artwork helps enrich your pray life and enhance your experience of Advent this year. Have a joyous Advent.

Rev. John Christman, SSS

## CLOWN/HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

Last Sunday at Mass after Communion the choir sang "Jubilate" which means rejoice. They did an outstanding job as usual. It was so appropriate in light of the testimony given by a gentleman who has a lot to rejoice about. For years, he was a homeless drunk, but told us how the SPB Knight Riders reached out to him and saved his life. What a great witness he gave and he thanked our parish over and over for helping him start a new life. He has stopped drinking, has a part-time job and a roof over his head. All this is because of the very generous parishioners who support our ministry. The whole parish gave this man a standing ovation and there were tears of joy. God has blessed us with His grace. Always remember as long as we do our work for God and not ourselves, God will continue to bless us and this parish. GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME. ALL THE TIME GOD IS GOOD.

P.S. if there are any sick children or adults that might enjoy a visit from Santa on Christmas, please call the rectory at 440-442-3410.



## SAINT PASCHAL BAYLON SCHOOL NEWS

### Coming Up:

- Monday, December 12 is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We will have an all school Mass at 9:00 a.m. on Monday. There is no Mass on Wednesday.
- Both the 5th grade GCCTM tournament team and the Power of the Pen team meet after school on Monday.
- Our all school Penance Service is on Tuesday, December 13 at 1:00 p.m.
- We are looking forward to our Primary Christmas concert in Church at 1:15 and 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14.
- Club Lead meets for the last time on Thursday, December 15.
- On Thursday, December 8, Grades 3 & 4 will complete their second Catholic Math League Test after school for those who are participating in the event.

God Bless,  
Carol L. Jansky, Principal

## PSR AND OTHER NEWS FROM THE PEKO'S

**PARISH MISSION:** Parents of PSR students are specially invited to attend the Parish Mission in the Church on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 p.m. PSR students will attend regular PSR classes that evening.

**MASS DECEMBER 12:** Join us Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> for our Advent Family Night and Mass! Mass will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

**NO PSR DECEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup> OR JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>:** We will have regular PSR classes on December 19. There is no PSR on December 26<sup>th</sup> or January 2<sup>nd</sup> because of the holidays. We will return on Monday, January 9, 2017.

**INFANT BAPTISM CLASSES OFFERED:** If you are interested in getting your child who is under the age of 7 baptized, please contact George and Anna Peko at (440) 442-3410 ext. 107 or [psr@saintpaschal.com](mailto:psr@saintpaschal.com) to sign up for a course on baptism. The next class is Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> following the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

**CONFIRMATION: Confirmation Session 3 December 11:** Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Confirmation session for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders is Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> beginning with 10:00 a.m. Mass. Please have a ride ready for your child at 12:15 p.m. in front of the FLC. Contact George and Anna Peko with questions [psr@saintpaschal.com](mailto:psr@saintpaschal.com).

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

### **BLOOD DRIVE - THIS WEEKEND, DECEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>!**

Do you have a giving spirit, but an empty wallet? Not to worry . . . the most remarkable gift you have to give this season won't cost you a dime!

St. Paschal's has a blood drive this weekend, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Eymard Room. The blood you donate will help save someone's life right here in our own community. Can any other gift be more appreciated? Not only that, our students will benefit directly from LifeShare's Educational Grant program as well! Thanks to donor support at our last two drives, SPB School has already earned \$1,000 in grant money. We need only 17 more donations to qualify for an additional \$500. (Double-red blood cell donations count as *two*!) Please give blood if you are able! No other gift can be more valuable to person who needs it.

**ADVENT EVENING OF REFLECTION – MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2016** You are invited to pause amid the Christmas rush and reflect on three gifts Advent wishes to give you: courage, love, and hope. Using scripture, stories, and humor, Sister Melannie Svoboda, SND will lead us in our reflection on these three gifts in our personal lives. Start your Advent season with this Evening of Reflection on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Paschal Baylon Church. Refreshments will follow provided by the Welcoming Committee.

**FLOCK OF FRIENDSHIP:** Singles: 40 and over, Information: (440) 442-3410  
Membership is free. E-mail address: [flockfriends@yahoo.com](mailto:flockfriends@yahoo.com) Events are social, volunteering and spiritual.

On Saturdays of the month, we will assemble on the sidewalk in front of the Preterm abortion facility at 12000 Shaker Blvd at 9:30 a.m. There we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and meditate on three sets of mysteries of the Rosary. For more information call Jim at 440.944.1552 or Julie at 216-362-1732. Join us for Christmas caroling at Mount St. Joseph's Nursing Home on Tuesday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m. The address is 21800 Chardon Road in Euclid. No musical talent is needed so don't let that stop you. Afterwards we will go to Muldoons' to eat. The address is 1020 East 185th Street. Call Mike Covelli at 440-461-1868 for any questions.

Our Christmas Party will be on Friday, December 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Molinari's in Mentor. Molinari's is located at 8900 Mentor Ave. Mentor, OH 44060. RSVP to Karen at [karendoubrava@sbcglobal.net](mailto:karendoubrava@sbcglobal.net)

Friday, December 16th at 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly game night at St. Paschal Family Life Center. This is one of our best-attended events and is good for old and new members. Please bring a snack to share, money for pizza, and your favorite game. RSVP Jim at 440-944-1552 to let him know you are coming. The Book Club will meet on Friday, January 6th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paschal Family Life Center. The book we will be discussing is A Tap On The Window by Linwood Barclay. RSVP to Karen at [karendoubrava@sbcglobal.net](mailto:karendoubrava@sbcglobal.net)

**LADIES GUILD UPDATE: UPCOMING EVENTS:** Please join us for **LADIES NIGHT OUT Wednesday, December 7** in the Parish Life Center, Eymard Room from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. We welcome all ladies of the parish and their guests to join us for appetizers, desserts, and drinks with the opportunity to shop, get pampered and win door prizes! Pampering courtesy of Vera Joyce, Vera Joyce Hair Studio and Alisa Sapanaro of Gary Ann Studio and Salon. Shopping provided by local vendors: Chocolate Bliss, Darista Dips, Designs by Maggie, Fresh-You Nutrition, Heavenly Bites, Living Proof, LulaRoe, Margaret V Creations, Nerium, St. Paschal PTO, Stella and Dot, Wildtree, and more...

It is the tradition of the Ladies Guild to donate to Providence House during the Holiday Season. If you wish to donate, please visit [www.provhouse.org](http://www.provhouse.org) for donation suggestions. Items or monetary donations may be brought to Ladies Night Out and will be delivered to Providence House by Ladies Guild Board Members. RSVP to Beth Detzel at [BethDetzel@gmail.com](mailto:BethDetzel@gmail.com)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH: SPB YOUTH GROUP'S ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA/BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS 11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m..** Join Santa and his elves for a very special Birthday Party for Jesus and share some pancakes, bacon, bagels, and more! We will have games, crafts, and a special photo opportunity with the big guy himself. Tickets are \$8 per person. All proceeds will go towards our Life in the Eucharist Mission trip.

**HELPING HANDS GIVING TREE:** The annual "Giving Tree" will be set 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 through our Knight Riders (socks, hats, gloves, sleeping bags, tents) and to our new venue, Villa Serena (sweatshirts, socks, blankets, towels) 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. Please attach the paper ornament to the gift. Items marked "VS" maybe wrapped or put into a gift bag, items marked "KR" may be unwrapped with the ornament attached. Please return items by December 23<sup>rd</sup>. As always, your contributions are appreciated and will help support those in need! God Bless You!



**SAVE THE DATE: LADIES GUILD PAST PRESENT AND FUTURE MASS:**

**JANUARY 15, 2017, 10:00 a.m.** We invite all past, present and future Guild members and their families to attend this special Mass and reception afterward. Contact Beth Mennel at 440-759-4694 or [bsmennel@gmail.com](mailto:bsmennel@gmail.com) for more information or to make sure you are on Guild update emails. Thank you!

**WHAT IS "BAMBINELLI SUNDAY?"**

Throughout the weekend of December 17th and 18th, a "**Bambinelli Blessing**" will be held during all of the Masses. "Bambinelli," refers to the "Baby Jesus" in a Nativity scene. Originated by Pope Paul VI in 1969, the blessing takes place each year in Rome on the Third Sunday of Advent. Since then, Roman Catholic churches from around the world, and now ours, have adopted this tradition – though we will do this a week later, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent. Every family is invited to bring their "Baby Jesus" from their Nativity Scene to the Mass they attend on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent and receive a blessing. Have your children come forward with the baby Jesus figurine. The Bambinelli Blessing after the homily will incite us to experience God's true joy and love that comes to us from the infant Jesus, which reinforces the true meaning of Christmas: the birth of Jesus Christ. Come and rejoice in God's love for you in this new Advent celebration with your parish family!

**1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROLING AT THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS MANGER:** We invite you and your family to share in a new SPB tradition as we gather outside (dress appropriately!) on Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Park in the horseshoe parking lot, walk over to the doors of St. Ann's shrine to get your Caroling Book, and proceed to the front of the manger. Caroling will last about 30 minutes and conclude with hot chocolate inside the lobby. This new tradition could be a perfect family picture for next year's Christmas card so bring your cameras and cell phones for picture taking. Let us celebrate the Birth of Our Savior who is Christ our Lord!

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

**RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND – January 20-22, 2017**

Someone once said "marriages may be made in heaven, but they sure take a lot of work on earth." Have you become so distracted by outside pressure that you neglect your spouse? The Retrouvaille program can help you put your troubled marriage back on track. This program is supported by the Catholic diocese of Cleveland, but, it is open to couples of all faiths. The next Cleveland Retrouvaille weekend will be held on **January 20-22, 2017**. A registration fee of \$150 is required to confirm your reservation. For more information please call Marce or Liz Gliha *in complete confidence* at 440-357-6580, or 1-800-470-2230. For additional information, please go to [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).

**THE CLEVELAND DIOCESAN SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS AND**

**FAMILIES OF GAY AND LESBIAN CHILDREN:** We will have a meeting at St.

John Vianney Parish in Mentor on December 11, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. Any questions please contact St. John Vianney Parish at 440-943-3445 or visit our web site at [www.dioceseofcleveland.org/gayandlesbianfamilyministry/](http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/gayandlesbianfamilyministry/).

**TOWN HALL:** An important piece of the Pastoral Plan was having a "town hall" style meeting from time to time; as part of the Pastoral plan and as we move toward consensus with the capital campaign, please plan on being present for this Town Hall Meeting, in the name of the Quarterly, **Tuesday, January 10, 7:00 p.m. in the Eymard Room**. Thanks for marking this on your calendar; if unable to attend, let us know of your interest and we would welcome you coming in to meet with Barb DiTurno, our Advancement Director.

## PROVIDE A MEANINGFUL LEGACY GIFT

**SUPPORT SAINT PASCHAL BAYLON THROUGH AN IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER GIFT:** The bill Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act, allows taxpayers age 70 ½ or older to transfer up to \$100,000 annually from their IRA accounts directly to charity without first having to recognize the distribution as income. Consider supporting Saint Paschal Baylon with a contribution from your IRA account before the end of the year. For more information, contact the Advancement Office at 440-442-3410 ext. 112.

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