



December 27, 2020

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

# SS. ROBERT & WILLIAM

CATHOLIC PARISH | DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND

Dear Parishioners,

Merry Christmas! I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and are enjoying the 12 days of the Christmas season. Despite the pandemic, I thought it was an absolutely beautiful Christmas. It was very refreshing for the soul and gave me much reason to Hope! My prayer is that you were able to find that hope as well. On behalf of both the SRW and SJC staffs, I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and blessings all season and year long. We give thanks for the gift of being able to serve you.

As I reflect on this past year, I think about the last nine months. I can still remember being in the chapel at the St. John of the Cross rectory on Monday, March 16 and reading an email saying all public Masses were cancelled for the time being. That was a very surreal moment for me as I am sure it was for many of you when you heard word of it too. Then came shutdowns, plans cancelled, social distancing, hand sanitizer, masks, division, civil unrest, a very heated and contested election season, and so much more. However, despite all this messiness and struggle, God has prevailed and our parishes are stronger for it. Why? Because we banded together and truly embraced the notion that “we are in this together!” I believe that SRW and SJC came together in a beautiful way and recognized that while we are each great parishes and will remain independent, we can do so much together and learn so much from each other.



- We shared the celebration of Mass together via online LIVE-STREAMING, and SRW helped SJC with the technology so now both parishes are able to LIVE-STREAM their own Masses.
- We offered *Concerts of Hope*. Kyle and Francesco did a great job starting these together and now each parish has its own monthly concert. People are able to watch and participate in both.
- We had many “drive-thru” distributions including: palms, Easter devotionals, Mother’s Day, Memorial Day, Anointing of the Sick, Donuts, etc. These were great opportunities to interact in a “safe manner.”
- We made weekly calls to all parishioners including a prayer on Wednesdays and a check-in on Sundays.
- Parishioners and staff reached out to call our older parishioners and checked on their needs.
- We added a second Community Meal at SRW and a Community Meal is in the works at SJC in 2021.
- We provided free Thanksgiving and Christmas meals.
- We safely reopened the Church. We have offered our full Mass schedule since August.
- Extreme generosity in our regular collections and fund raisers, as well as special appeals, have helped our financial stability.
- And we have prayed many times, with and for each other.

I could go on and on, but I share this to say THANK YOU! This is all possible because each of us banded together around our Faith in Jesus Christ to be a beacon of hope to our community. So, as we end 2020, I certainly acknowledge the struggles, but I also acknowledge just how awesome it was to see so many people come together! Thank you!

I will be away for the next week with Fr. Scott and some friends, refreshing my soul and body ☺. I will come back very energized to bring in 2021 and all the Lord has in store for us! Don’t forget there is a Holy Day this week: January 1, Mary Mother of God. The Vigil Masses will be at 4 pm at SJC and SRW. The January 1 Masses will be at 10 am at SRW and 10:15 am at SJC. All Masses will be LIVE-STREAMED.

Happy New Year! Make it a great week!

Peace,

Fr. John

Friends of Perpetual Adoration,

We hope you and your families are doing well during these trying times. We know you have missed our appeal emails dearly, so we will begin to send them occasionally.

Thanks to you and praise be to God, we have full coverage for every hour of the week in our beloved chapel except for the following times:

Wednesday Noon-1pm  
Thursday 2-3am, 3-4am  
Saturday 11am-Noon  
Sunday 2-3am, 3-4am, 4-5am

If you would consider taking one of these hours, please add yourself to the schedule using the new adoration system.

<https://adorationpro.org/robertwilliam/>

You can also reach out to Irene at 716-908-3741 or [irenekazmierczak@hotmail.com](mailto:irenekazmierczak@hotmail.com) with any questions or to get signed up.

Here are the words of a parishioner doing weekly overnight holy hours:

*There is something about going to Perpetual Adoration in the middle of the night. The stillness, the peace, the calm. There are not as many distractions at that time, making it easier spending time with Our Lord; listening and praying. Getting up in the middle of the night is all about planning, but also realizing He is waiting to spend time with you. I also enjoy the bond with those who come before or after, catching up on each other's lives and prayers etc. Psalm 46.10 comes to mind when I think about Perpetual Adoration . . . "Be still and know I am God."*

Sean Ward

Sincerely,  
The SRW Perpetual Adoration Team

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, December 28

11:30 AM (TK) † Scott Bealko

### Tuesday, December 29

8:30 AM (TK) † For the People of the Parish

### Wednesday, December 30

11:30 AM (GB) † Lois Bambic

### Thursday, December 31

4:00 PM (TK) † For the People of the Parish

### Friday, January 1

10:00 AM (TK) † For the People of the Parish

### Saturday, January 2

8:30 AM (TK)† For the People of the Parish

4:00 PM (TK) † Matthew Barner

### Sunday, January 3

9:00 AM (TK) † For the People of the Parish

11:30 AM (TK) † Matilda Turpack

6:00 PM (TK)† For the People of the Parish

**THE PARISH OFFICES WILL BE  
CLOSED DECEMBER 28  
THROUGH JANUARY 1.**



Our next Community Meal is this Tuesday, December 29th, at 5:00 pm. These will continue to be takeout meals until pandemic restrictions are lifted.



On the third Wednesday of the month, at 10:00 AM, the rectory will host 5 seniors in the rectory for coffee and donuts.

Seating will be 6 feet apart and a mask must be worn (when not eating or drinking). You must call in advance to reserve a space. First-come, first-served.

We want to give everyone a chance to participate so if you have attended once, we will give priority to those who haven't attended. You can request to receive a call if a cancellation should occur.

**Available dates include:**

January 20, 2021

February 17, 2021

March 17, 2021

April 21, 2021

*Call Anita at 216-731-1515 to reserve a space.  
Above dates are dependent on current health guidelines.  
Participants will be notified of changes in advance.*

S. ROBERT & WILLIAM PRESENTS

# The Epiphany Anniversary Concert

SATURDAY,  
JANUARY 9th  
7:00 PM  
IN THE CHURCH

Featuring  
*The Ss. Robert & William  
Music Ministry*



## HOLIDAY CASH WINNERS

Here are this week's winners of 50 days of Holiday Cash.

- 12/11 Becky Conway
- 12/12 Carey Bray
- 12/13 Aaron Smith
- 12/14 C. Moore
- 12/15 Gerry Sustarsic
- 12/16 Alicia Bryant
- 12/17 Sandi Bombic

Congratulations! Stay tuned for the next set of winners.

## LUKE BROWN'S REFLECTION

Merry Christmas! I hope everyone had a great Christmas celebration and that you have all been filled with God's grace and blessings during this holiday season. This week's Gospel reading has always been one of my favorites. I love the story of Simeon as he holds baby Jesus in his arms and his words, "Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled." Imagine waiting patiently for Christ and then finally meeting and holding him. Simeon seems to be saying that he could die at that moment now that his greatest goal, vocation, and purpose has been fulfilled. It is like he knows that nothing can ever be greater than the experience of meeting and knowing Christ. I think about how easy it is to get discouraged, lose sight of God, and turn inward, even after coming to know Christ. I pray that we can all have the same humility, love, and contentment that we find in Simeon and in his words. I pray that we will find that same peace in the midst of the turmoil, anxiety, and stress that seems to be so present in today's world. Consider praying this week with Simeon's words and pray for the grace to model the example that Simeon has given us this week..

## MOURNING TO MORNING BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Mourning to Morning is an informative and prayerful program for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. A new session begins on Saturday, January 9, 2021 at 10:30 AM in the SRW Parish Office Building.

There is no fee but registration requested.  
Call Renée Barber at 216-731-1515 Ext. 262

2020  
Ss. Robert & William  
Christmas Caroling Contest

Share the gift of Christmas joy by entering the SRW Christmas Caroling contest from Dec 1st - Dec 31st.

Carol entries can be traditional or festive songs.

All participants are welcome.

Judges will award (3) \$100 gift card prizes.

Submit video entries to Nate Raddell at [nraddell@srweuclid.cc](mailto:nraddell@srweuclid.cc)  
Please ensure your name, phone number and mailing address are included in the email entry.

Contest sponsored by:  
Ss Robert & William Catholic Parish |  
Ss Robert & William Catholic School |  
Ss Robert & William Parent Association

Submittal of an entry constitutes permission to post the video on the SRW parish & school websites and SRW social media.

## 2020 OFFERTORY STATEMENT

If you would like to request your 2020 Offertory statement, please complete this statement request and either drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office. Requests may also be made by calling the parish office at 216.731.1515 or emailing [alinsky@srweuclid.cc](mailto:alinsky@srweuclid.cc).

Please Note:

- Statements will only be issued upon request and will be available at the end of January.
- Capital Campaign statements will be mailed automatically.
- Faith Direct statements are generated and mailed out from Faith Direct.

PLEASE SEND ME A 2020 OFFERTORY STATEMENT

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Envelope Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

## YEAR-END GIVING

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 2020, know that we gratefully accept gifts of cash and appreciated assets such as stocks or bonds. *Even if you don't itemize your taxes, because of the new stimulus package passed by Congress, qualified charitable donations up to \$300 for individuals may be tax-deductible.* The CARES Act legislation also temporarily suspended the limitation on qualified charitable contributions of cash, allowing for a current year deduction (for those who itemize) up to 100% of AGI. This provision is in effect only for the 2020 tax year. And, if you are 70 ½ or older, you may be able to make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA that will help us in our ministry and reduce your taxable income. Talk to your advisors and IRA administrator for more information and to be sure that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as our parish.

**Have you thought of leaving a legacy, especially for our parish or school?** Remember Ss. Robert & William in your will or trust to continue our traditions and education. Contact Fr. John at the Parish Office for more information.

The advertisement for The Guardian Angels Early Learning Center (GAECLC) features a close-up photo of a baby's face, partially obscured by a colorful headband with a pattern of small birds. The text "Say What!?" is written in a stylized, bubbly font at the top right. Below it, the text "THE GUARDIAN ANGELS EARLY LEARNING CENTER HAS ENROLLMENT OPENINGS" is displayed in a serif font. To the right of the baby's face, the words "welcoming infants & babies" are written in large, orange, outlined letters.

Are you, or someone you know, looking for a child care center? GAECLC has openings in our Infant, Baby, and Toddler Angel Rooms.

In addition to being Four-Star Rated, our facility is equipped with thermal scanning and air scrubbers in our air system. These upgrades minimize the spread of germs and maximize our ability to keep your little ones safe.

Contact Molly Lorek, Director, for more information: [mlorek@srschool.cc](mailto:mlorek@srschool.cc) or (216) 331-5080.



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Monday—Friday: 8:00 am— 4:00 pm  
Closed Saturday & Sunday

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**The Collection: for December 13th was \$8,771.75**

Faith Direct December First Half, \$14,393

**Loan Balance: \$953,830.00**

**Monthly Loan Payment: \$8,362.00**

#### **Capital Campaign**



Total of pledges	\$1,966,126.54
Total received/posted	\$1,546,649.98
Total donors	559

Please consider a donation to help lower our long-term debt.

Please call Fr. John at the Parish Office at 216.731.1515 or email him at [fjb@srweuclid.cc](mailto:fjb@srweuclid.cc). Thank you very much for your continued generosity. ~Fr. John

#### PRAYERS NEEDED

Please pray for... Tom Brickman, Camelle Brown, Faye Bukovec, Eileen Driscoll, Pauline Dutcher, Marianne Ellul, Donald Evanchick, Jean Feiten, Mary Ellen Fellenstein, Tom Golden, Ann Grossman, Helen Herman, Jeanette Hocevar, Tony Hocevar, Geraldine Hoffert, Wesley Hollingsworth, Patricia Johnston, Karen Long, Dolly Luskin, Betty Mailander, Alice Martincic, Ann Montreal, Darlene Novotney, Ryan Parker, Paul Pavicic, Carl Phillips, Ashley Phllis, Eugene & Margaret Reilly, Lydia Rydzinski, Laddie Stupica, Roberta Szmania, Glenn Terrell, Rosemarie Terrell, Jean Toth, Chuck Van Horn, Laverne Varga, Anthony Wisniewski, Stansa Zitnik, Esther Zobec, and all those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit.

We thank, pray, and ask for God's blessings for those in the military and safety forces serving our community and country.

We offer our deepest sympathy to the family of all those who have lost a loved one. May they know the peace and comfort of God's love, and find strength in the support of our parish community.

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