



*Blessed art thou  
&  
the fruit of  
thy womb*

**MONDAY, December 28, The Holy Innocents**

8:30 am Robert &amp; Dorothy Brogan

**TUESDAY, December 29, Fifth Day within the Octave of Christmas**

8:30 am No Mass

**WEDNESDAY, December 30, Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas**

8:30 am Living &amp; Deceased of the Ferrari and Doherty Families

**THURSDAY, December 31, Seventh Day within the Octave of Christmas**

5:00 pm Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary

**FRIDAY, January 1, 2021**

9:00 am Solemnity of Mary

**SATURDAY, January 2, 2021**

5:00 pm Christine &amp; George Grilli and Joe Rocco Venefra

**SUNDAY, January 3, Epiphany of the Lord**

9:00 am Mary C. Lucas

**WHAT DOES A FAMILY LOOK LIKE?**

Single parents or a couple with one or more children belonging by birth or adoption, an extended family or friends, all of the above? The Holy Family consisted of Jesus, his birth mother and his birth mother's husband. Our Gospel offers us one of the few glimpses we have into their life together. The teenage Jesus gives Mary and Joseph a scare.

Their response is typical of many frightened parents: they retrace their steps and, filled with anxiety, scurry to find him. Mary's frustration is clear: "Why have you done this to us?" Jesus answers like many teens who wonder why their parents worry. Their family was complicated. Jesus' parents were not only human. He was the Son of God. Jesus is learning to respect his situation.

Hannah's prayers for a child were answered, unlike others who pray and do not conceive. Remember those families today. Such pain paralyzes some. Others find life through adoption, friendship, or outreach. Not all family relationships give life. Healing only comes through time.

Whatever our experience of human family, we are all children of God, called to love one another with a love that makes our belonging to the human family visible. Healing, life-giving, unconditional love takes a lifetime to learn. So we too need to advance in wisdom, age, and favor before God and others.

What does your family look like? Thank those who make your experience life-giving. Seek healing where your family has brought pain. Grow in love, however you can, so others can know the light of hope we celebrate at Christmas. Dedicated to the



Lord by baptism, may we advance in wisdom, age, and love.

*"Loving God, the Church gives us the life of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus as an example of holy living. Help us express the truth of Mary's anxiety, Jesus' confidence, and Joseph's faithfulness to you in ways that deepen faith and free us to grow in your love."*

**SVDP LIVE-STREAM**

The live-stream of the Mass may be viewed on our website! [Go to www.svdpcleveland.org/watchMass.](http://www.svdpcleveland.org/watchMass)

**WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Our ill and homebound faith community members, all those serving in the Armed Forces, deceased parishioners and friends, and all who have been commended to our prayers. *"May we always be diligent in prayer and seeking God's will. May we persist in our asking for the Holy Spirit to guide us and strengthen us in all we do."*

**WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY**

*In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

Our Parish extends its sincere sympathy to the family and friends of **Lucy Ponerantz.**

May God bring us comfort in our grief and bring our loved ones to eternal life. *"Death is the end of a lifetime, not the end of a relationship."*



Dear Parish Family,  
 Merry Christmas! As we rejoice in the glory of Christ the newborn King in the manger at Bethlehem, I'd venture that there's one question that you're asking and wondering about? The question of when we will see the budget for the upcoming year. The answer is, it will be coming soon, hopefully very soon.

The original plan was to have publishes the budget much earlier, but there were some circumstances outside of our control that delayed its publication. When David Jaronowski, our not-so-new anymore, Business Manager started, he started right around the time that the budgets for all parishes were due to the Diocese. In order to give David some time to wrap his head and hands around the budgets and the financial situations at both parishes, we were able to extend the submissions of the parish budgets to the Diocese. Then, as we looked on the process of organizing what was needed to formally finalize and submit the budget, along with some other necessary tasks that were needed to both organize and to reconcile the needed paperwork, along with some slow downs from COVID, that delayed the process. There weren't any major issues or problems, but rather just some organizing that needed to be completed before everything could be submitted and finalized.

All that being said, the budget for the upcoming year is in the final stages of its finalization. Once that work is done, it will be submitted to the Diocese and then, following their approval, we will release it to you. It is our hope and plan to have it to you ASAP. Going forward, it is our plan to have future budgets to you earlier, before the end of the year. This year has just simply been, to put it lightly, an extraordinary year with the continuing global pandemic and the staff turnover right around normal budget time. Thank you for your prayers, support, and understanding.

God Bless, have a great week and Happy New Year!

—Fr. John



**The Parish School of Religion** has been busy with their weekly lessons. We have been doing in person learning and remote learning which has been very successful for our families. We had a Fall get-together in October, collected shoes for Hurricane victims in Nicaragua, collected goods for the SVDP Pantry, and sent Christmas cards to local businesses. The students, parents, and instructors would like to wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.



We volunteered to plant a tree for a person in the Lakeshore neighborhood with the Western Reserve Land Conservation. Non perishable food donations were collected for the SVDP Pantry.



- Offertory for December 13, 2020:** \$2537.00  
 Immaculate Conception: \$348.00  
 Religious Retirement Fund: \$531.00  
 Building Maintenance: \$45.00  
 Christmas: \$140.00  
 St. Vincent de Paul Society: \$151.00  
 SVDP Giving Tree: \$513.00  
 Campaign for Human Development: \$1.00  
 On-line Giving November: \$727.14  
 On-line Giving Maintenance Fund (Nov): \$315.18

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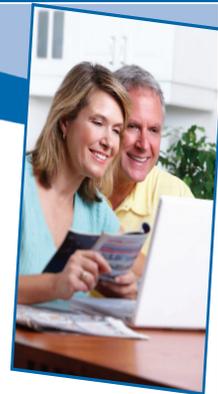
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