



*The Nativity of the Lord*

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs.**

7:00AM Eleanor & Keith March Family  
8:00AM Raymond Rolinc

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29**

7:00AM Tom Fanous  
8:00AM Dottie Nechvatal

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30**

7:00AM August Poliafico  
8:00AM Frank Kuczma

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31**

7:00AM Bernice Bierman  
8:00AM Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Sunday Family  
4:30PM For People of the Parish (living & deceased)  
6:00PM For People of the Parish (living & deceased)  
7:00PM Holy Hour

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God.**

8:00AM For People of the Parish (living & deceased)  
10:00AM For People of the Parish (living & deceased)  
12:00PM For People of the Parish (living & deceased)

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church.**

8:00AM Vocation Mass  
4:30PM Hal Larkman  
6:00PM Al Miterko

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, The Epiphany of the Lord.**

8:00AM Betty Kozak  
10:00AM August Poliafico  
12:00PM For People of the Parish (living & deceased)

Due to an early publication deadline, the Contribution and Poor Box amounts for December 19/20, 2015 were unavailable. They will be reported in a future bulletin.

**SUNDAY THOUGHT****Luke 2:41-52**

St. Luke in our Gospel reading today asks us to consider the familiar story of Jesus at twelve years old being lost in the Temple in Jerusalem. We can update this story for ourselves by considering how Jesus often becomes lost in our own awareness that He shared our human nature. Jesus was one like us in all things but sin, as scripture reminds us. He shared our aches and pains. He struggled to grow up and to understand the world around Him. If we would have known the twelve-year old Jesus, He would have appeared to be just another child. Jesus personally knows our many needs because He shared in them.

We can also consider how Mary and Joseph were lost in the story. They were lost as to why Jesus would bring them heartache by staying behind in Jerusalem. Jesus was always their obedient son. Why would He trouble them so?

God's plans often are hidden from us. We are frequently lost. We think we have our lives and world around us under control. We have a good home in which we live. Our income while not always what we wish does provide for our needs. Our children are doing well in school. Not too many things are broken that cannot be fixed. Life seems good and content. Then suddenly, we lose our job, our child is discovered with a learning disability, or our home is severely damaged. We are lost in the messiness and uncertainty of life.

The Feast of the Holy Family reminds us that even when we feel lost, God is present. He is finding us. St. Luke's unique story about Mary and Joseph searching for their lost child in the Temple prepares us for an equally unique story He will tell us in the scriptures. A father will lose his son, but he will never stop going out each day at the head of the road to prepare for a joyful homecoming. God is interested in finding us no matter where we are lost.

  
*For unto us  
a child is born*

**CELEBRATING THE SAINTS**

**Saint Candida Maria of Jesus, Religious and Foundress (1845-1912)**

Juana Josefa Cipitria y Barriola was born on May 31, 1845 in Berrospe, Spain. Her father was a weaver. The eldest of seven children, rather than attend school, she helped look after her younger siblings. As a young girl Juana went to Salamanca to help support her family by working as a servant in various homes. She was deeply affected by the depth of poverty she saw in society undergoing the social effect of the Industrial Revolution in her country. She spent whatever free time she had helping the poor. With the advice of her spiritual director, she started a number of charitable programs.

Juana believed that she experienced a vision of Jesus on Good Friday of 1869. On December 8, 1871, with five companions, the congregation of the Daughters of Jesus was established. Juana took the religious name Candida Maria de Jesus and was chosen the first superior of the newly founded congregation.

Despite their meager resources, the order spread. The sisters educated young people at all levels and taught the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius to their students. Mother Candida encouraged a tender love of the poor in her sisters. "Where there is no room for my poor," she said, "neither is their room for me." In 1911, only a year before Candida's death, some of the Daughters of Jesus went work in South America. Today they are present on four continents.

After Candida's canonization in 2010, one of her sisters summarized her legacy: "It's true that the present-day reality can sink us in discouragement, can prostrate us in thinking that we are very small drop in the great sea of this world so broken by the absence of God. But I feel that Mother Candida says to me and say to us: 'Trust in him who said one day, I am the light, I am life!'"

Saint Candida Maris of Jesus died on August 9, 1912 in Salamanca, Spain. She was canonized together with Blessed Antonia Bandres, a young member of her own Daughters of Jesus, on May 12, 1996. Her feast day is August 9<sup>th</sup>.



**NEW YEAR'S EVE HOLY HOUR**

Spend an hour in prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament New Year's Eve, December 31, 2015, following the 6:00 p.m. vigil Mass. The time of prayer and adoration from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. is a splendid way to close the old year and greet the new. Come and join us in prayer.

**New Year's Masses – 2015/2016**

**New Year's Eve, 31 December 2015  
4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.**

**Holy Hour:  
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**New Year's Day, 1 January 2016  
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 Noon**



**THE YEAR OF MERCY LOGO**

The *logo* and the *motto* together provide a fitting summary of what the Jubilee Year is all about. The motto *Merciful Like the Father* (taken from the Gospel of Luke, 6:36) serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure (cfr. Lk 6:37-38). The logo – the work of Jesuit Father Marko I. Rupnik – presents a small *summa theologiae* of the theme of mercy. In fact, it represents an image quite important to the early Church: that of the Son having taken upon his shoulders the lost soul demonstrating that it is the love of Christ that brings to completion the mystery of his incarnation culminating in redemption. The logo has been designed in such a way so as to express the profound way in which the Good Shepherd touches the flesh of humanity and does so with a love with the power to change one's life. One particular feature worthy of note is that while the Good Shepherd, in his great mercy, takes humanity upon himself, his eyes are merged with those of man. Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with the eyes of Christ. Every person discovers in Christ, the new Adam, one's own humanity and the future that lies ahead, contemplating, in his gaze, the love of the Father. The scene is captured within the so called *mandorla* (the shape of an almond), a figure quite important in early and medieval iconography, for it calls to mind the two natures of Christ, divine and human. The three concentric ovals, with colors progressively lighter as we move outward, suggest the movement of Christ who carries humanity out of the night of sin and death. Conversely, the depth of the darker color suggests the impenetrability of the love of the Father who forgives all.

**PSR AND PRESCHOOL**

A reminder to parents that Preschool classes will resume on Sunday, January 3, 2016 and PSR classes will resume on Monday, January 4, 2016. Happy New Year.

**LIGHTHOUSE MEDIA**

Please check out the CDs on the Lighthouse media display in the gathering area. There are many interesting topics that will enlighten you and help you to grow in your love for our Lord Jesus Christ and the Catholic Faith. The CDs are great to listen to while driving in the car. **Thank you to all who purchase CDs, we will continue to provide you with new and relevant topics.**

**CHARISMATIC MASS**

Catholic Renewal Ministries will host a Charismatic Mass on Friday, 15 January, at 7:00 p.m., at St. Peter Parish, 35777 Center Ridge Rd., North Ridgeville 44039. Fr. Bob Franco will be the celebrant. Praise and worship will begin at 7:00 p.m. and the liturgy will start at 7:30 p.m. Healing prayer teams will be available after mass for individual prayer. For more information, please contact Fr. Franco at 440-327-2201 or CRM at 440-944-9445. Come and bring a friend! This will be a time to truly encounter the Lord.



Martha Ashton, Ed & Helen Bartkiewicz, Irene Bednar, Dylan Bocian, Lynn & Russ Bouchez, Maxine Cerny, Joe & Marsha Demko, Sybil Dougherty, Lucille Edwartowski, Norbert Erker, Rita Fecek, Greg Findura, Beth Foster, Anne Kilbane-Friedl, Sandra Friedl,

Sam Gappa, John Gladden, Betty Grossi, Rose Marie Hewitt, Ron Hicks, Celeste Hurley, Marian Jarabek, Colleen Jarvis, Pat Jones, Ted Kaliszewski, Michael Kaliszewski, Betty Kilbane, Andrea Kolo, Douglas Kren, Cynthia Kufleitner, Andrea Lagzdins, Robert Laheta, Dorothy Laquatra, Isidoro LaRosa, Bernice Laskan, John Lieske, Michael Lieske, Corinne Lipinski, Elizabeth Madar, Thomas Madej, John Martin, Edward & Josephine Maskulka, Emmett Masterson, Russell Mazanec, Peyton McCarthy, Rosemarie Medvin, Helen Marie Mendyka, John Metzger, Jane Najlepszy, Mary Niec, Rose Nosse, Agnes Padar, Richard Petrusky, Mary Phillips, Carrie Piechowski, John Precario, Mary Jane Precario, Marlene Ranallo, Christopher Reeves, Ed & Leigh-Ann Revay, Vinny Ruvo, Frances Rymut, Mary Sabo, Tammi Safranek, Theresa Sanfilippo, Lorraine Schmidt, Joseph Schmitt, Robert & Teresa Setele, Carl Shaheen, Margaret Sheridan, Helen Smith, Phyllis Tomaselli, Alice Tucker, Mark Turner, Frank Viccarone, Annie Vorndran, Helen Westerh, Cathy Yappel, Andrew Yaronczyk.

**Test you Catholic IQ**

1. Who is the patron saint of divine Mercy?
  - A) St. Peter
  - B) St. Faustina Kowalska
  - C) St. Bernard of Clairvaux
2. The Lord is kind and \_\_\_\_\_. (Psalm 103:8)
  - A) Unpredictable
  - B) Invisable
  - C) Merciful
3. “Hail Holy Queen, \_\_\_\_\_ of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry.....”
  - A) Princess
  - B) Child
  - C) Mother
4. In the early church, public sinners performed public \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A) Dancing
  - B) Penance
  - C) Exercises
5. In the early church, sins were forgiven only once through baptism. True / False

**CLEVELAND FURNITURE BANK**

The Cleveland Furniture Bank provides basic home furnishings to people in need who are trying to rebuild their lives. They are in need of couches, chairs, kitchen tables and dressers to provide to over 3,000 people referred to them each year. If you are downsizing, remodeling, redecorating or just have furniture items you no longer need, call (216) 459-2265 ext. 101 or visit [www.clevelandfurniturebank.org/donate](http://www.clevelandfurniturebank.org/donate) to schedule a pickup. Mention our church and they will waive the pickup fee.



**MONDAY, DECEMBER 28**

7:00 PM Athletic Association Board Mtg. - H

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29**

7:00PM The Way - CM

*Christmas  
Blessings*

Faith and learning . . . inspiring future citizens

# St. Anthony of Padua School

A silent night, a star above,  
A blessed gift of hope and love.  
A blessed Christmas to each of you!

*Sister Roberta Goebel, OSU  
Principal*



## OPEN HOUSE

**St. Anthony of Padua School**

**Sunday, January 10, 2016**

**11:30-1:00**

**All are welcome.  
Please plan to come!**

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Parents are welcome to attend an informative Kindergarten meeting for the 2016-17 school year. Anyone interested in registering their child for Kindergarten is encouraged to attend on **Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.** - which ever meeting works best for you - in the St. Anthony of Padua School Library.



*"Let all we do be done in love."* 1 Cor.16:15



Bring Your 4-Year Old  
to St. Anthony of Padua School's  
**Giggle, Wiggle & Jiggle Hour**

Join us for smiles, story-time, crafts,  
music, & jiggles, plus a  
special little treat-to-go!

Friday, January 15, 2016

10:00-11:00 am

**RSVP by January 13, 2016**

**440-845-3444**