

# The Roman Catholic Community of **SAINT PASCHAL BAYLON**



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## **Our Mission**

**Saint Paschal Baylon is a joyful, welcoming community centered in the Eucharist. We are administered by the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament (SSS) in the Diocese of Cleveland. Through our liturgy and prayer, we are empowered to grow in faith, love and service.**

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## **Worship of the Eucharist**

**Saturday:** 4:30 pm *in church*  
**Sunday:** 8:30 am, 10:30 am, & 6:30 pm *in church*  
**Weekdays:** 9:00 am *in church*, 11:30 am *in Saint Ann Shrine*  
**Saturday:** 9:00 am *in church*

## **Confession**

**Saturday:** 3:30 – 4:15 pm *in church or by appointment*,  
Communal Services during Advent and Lent

## **Anointing of the Sick**

**First Sunday of the month:** after every Mass *in OLBS Chapel in church.*

## **Liturgy of the Hours**

**Morning Prayer:** 8:00 am *in church*  
**Evening Prayer:** 4:45 pm *OLBS Chapel in church (M–F only)*

## **The Rosary**

**Monday – Saturday:** 8:30 am *in church*  
**Wednesday:** 11 am *in Saint Ann Shrine*

## **Veneration of the Relic of Saint Ann**

**Tuesday:** 11:20 am *in Saint Ann Shrine or ask a priest before or after Mass to prepare for surgery or for other spiritual needs.*

## **Prayer in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament**

Our Community @ Prayer ministry continues the tradition of keeping vigil until the Lord Jesus Christ returns in glory. Our prayer extends the blessings of the Mass where we share in the Risen Christ's Body and Blood.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (a liturgical act) occurs Thursdays from 9:30 am until 8:00 pm with special exposition time throughout the year (i.e., Taizé Eucharistic Holy Hours, Saint Ann Triduum, Saint Peter Julian Eymard Triduum, etc.). See inside the bulletin for details.

The church is always open for prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle ("adoration"). Please make a visit to pray, as Saint Peter Julian Eymard would say, the "4-ends" of adoration, forgiveness, thanksgiving and petition. When the church is locked, see the pastor for the special parking area and code to enter the church to pray throughout the night in the tradition of nocturnal prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

## **Media**

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## MASS INTENTIONS AND HAPPENINGS AT SAINT PASCHAL BAYLON December 8-14, 2025

*Thank you for your generosity to the Blessed Sacrament Community for the Mass Intentions and requests for prayers. We speak aloud all we pray for at Mass, as you hear at each Mass. We mention these names with our regular intentions. Here is who we will remember this week:*

<b>Monday, December 8</b> 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 AM MASS: Benefactors Supporting our Legacy 9:00 AM MASS: † Mary I. Eichhorn 11:30 AM MASS: <b>NO MASS</b> (Saint Ann Shrine) 12:15 PM MASS: Benefactors Supporting our Legacy 6:30 PM MASS: † Mike Hart	ALL DAY: Jingle Bell Shop – SC GYM 3:00-4:30 PM: Organ Rehearsal – CH 5:30-8:00 PM: PSR – OBH, SC, GYM, CH
<b>Tuesday, December 9</b> Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14	9:00 AM MASS: Benefactors Supporting our Legacy 11:30 AM MASS: Benefactors Supporting our Legacy (Saint Ann Shrine)	ALL DAY: Jingle Bell Shop – SC GYM 1:30-3:30 PM: Tuesday Table Games – DK 6:30-8:00 PM: Welcoming Committee – PP 6:30-9:00 PM: Knights of Columbus – OBH 7:00-8:00 PM: Men’s Bible Study – AR, DK
<b>Wednesday, December 10</b> Our Lady of Loreto Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30	9:00 AM MASS: Benefactors Supporting our Legacy 11:30 AM MASS: Benefactors Supporting our Legacy (Saint Ann Shrine)	ALL DAY: Jingle Bell Shop – SC GYM 5:15-6:15 PM: Children’s Choir Rehearsal – CH 6:30-7:30 PM: Adult Choir Practice – CH 6:30-8:00 PM: Knights of Columbus – PP 6:30-8:00 PM: Cub Scouts – OBH
<b>Thursday, December 11</b> Saint Damasus I, Pope Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15;	9:00 AM MASS: Benefactors Supporting our Legacy 11:30 AM MASS: Benefactors Supporting our Legacy (Saint Ann Shrine)	ALL DAY: Jingle Bell Shop – SC GYM 1:05-7:00 PM: Jr. High Choir/Band Concert – OBH 7:00-8:30 PM: OCIA – PP
<b>Friday, December 12</b> Our Lady of Guadalupe Zec 2:14-17; (Ps) Jdt 13:18bc, 19; Lk 1:26-38	9:00 AM MASS: Benefactors Supporting our Legacy 11:30 AM MASS: Souls in Purgatory (Saint Ann Shrine)	9:30 AM-12:00 PM: Arts/Environment – CH 1:00-2:15 PM: 2nd Grade Gingerbread House – OBH
<b>Saturday, December 13</b> Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13	9:00 AM MASS: Family of Sue & Tony Isabella 4:30 PM MASS: † Gilbert Kroboth	
<b>Sunday, December 14</b> Third Sunday of Advent Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11	8:30 AM MASS: † Ernest Cooke, Jr. 10:30 AM MASS: † Kathy Kazimir 6:30 PM MASS: Benefactors Supporting our Legacy	8:30-10:30 AM: Confirmation Session 4 – SC 12:00-2:00 PM: Associate Formation – PP

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### CAMPUS KEY FOR ROOM LOCATIONS

AR = Arkin’s Conference Rm	FLL = Family Life Library
CC = Church Chapel	JB = Saint Julie Billiard Rm
CN = Church Narthex	JG = Jette Gym
CH = Church	MR = FLC Music Rm
DK = Sr. Dorothy Kazel Rm	PP = Parish Parlor
EK = Eymard Kitchen	OBH = O’Brien Hall
ER = Eymard Rm	SC = School
FLC = Family Life Center	YG = Youth Group Rm

### YOUTH GROUP MEMBERS

Questions? Contact Mrs. Cross, Director of Youth Ministry,  
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## A LETTER FROM FR. LANE



**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT:** I love this Lectionary 4 reading for the Second Sunday of Advent in Year A. We are so familiar with the prophet Isaiah telling us that God's vision is for a peaceable kingdom, one where opposites attract toward being in union with God. (Lectionary 4 is the official number given to readings, where every day of the year is assigned a lectionary number and readings.) What is exceptional is the last line of the piece selected: "For God's dwelling shall be glorious." That's what we hope and work for during Advent. It's part of our preparation for Christmas time and having Emmanuel with us all year long, all the time. We hope for our world to truly recognized how glorious God is and how God truly dwells with us. So how could we not get along, and, more than that, want to do God's will and be in communion with one another? It's what we can work on for Advent as we cross aisles, or boundaries, or any divide and bring God's union. (Notice the Jesse Tree banner from previous years, from which the Scripture texts are based upon.)

**WHAT CAN WE DO FOR ADVENT?** While we are in the Second Week of Advent, in this very busy and holy time, there are moments we should stop to take a spiritual break here at SPB!

### **TOMORROW IS THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – DECEMBER 8:**

- **MASSSES:** 6:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 12:15 PM and 6:30 PM (hosted by PSR). Holy Day of Obligation and Celebration for our National Patron. **Plus, Morning Prayer at 8:00 AM, Rosary at 8:20 AM, Evening Prayer at 4:45 PM**



- **CHURCH IS OPEN 24/7:** Come be in the presence of God! We are open from 6:00 AM until 8:00 PM without a code; you may use the parking lot by the SSS Kitchen Lot and come in the special door to pray in the church or chapel after these hours. See me for the code.
- **JOIN IN MORNING PRAYER** every day at 8:00 AM for this twenty-minute prayer and praise to God. We also have Evening Prayer in church at 4:45 PM.
- **DAILY MASS:** Hopefully you know that this is an important thing for us to participate in at either 9:00 AM or 11:30 AM.
- **EXPOSITION AND PRAYER IN THE PRESENCE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Also, for Advent, we are adding times of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament beside Thursdays:
  - **7:30-8:15 AM,** Monday-Friday with Morning Prayer
  - **9:30-10:30 AM,** Monday-Friday after Mass
  - You may come and pray in the chapel 24/7, just ask for the password.
- **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION – CONFESSION:** Now every Monday night at 6:00-7:00 PM in the church's reconciliation chapel by the baptismal font.
- **STEWARDSHIP – ADVENT GIVING TREE:** During this holy season of giving, we will have the Helping Hands Advent Giving Tree in the Fickel Narthex for your support of a houseless family or another family in one of the other residences across NE Ohio.

**SOME FINANCE NOTES:** Our Finance Council and Pastoral Staff work hard for us to make sure we are great stewards of the many gifts you entrust with us. Know that we are trying to build up our Scholarship Programs. Just on the parish side, we are grateful for MANNA MINISTRY. Secondly, we have our Angel Scholarship Fund where your Ohio Tax Rebate of \$750.00 or \$1,500.00 can go toward our award-winning Catholic school student families. We also will be adding to our GIFTS program and this scholarship program by distributing \$72,000.00 from our Endowment, currently valued at \$1.4 million, to our funds for the next school year. Whether you give to the Endowment Fund, GIFTS or Angel – we are grateful for your support of our students and their Catholic education.

- You also have time to support this year's #weGiveCatholic with your support of a new cafeteria table to the newly remodeled O'Brien Hall. At \$2,150.00, you will be supporting 6-8 students,

depending on the design, for their lunch and after-school time. Thank you so much!!

- **The Anniversary Raffle was a great success with us raising \$21,904.00 this year.** Last year, 2024 – \$19,470.00, and the previous year, 2023 – \$22,316.00. You keep supporting the great things we do at our award-winning Catholic school.



- **Join in Spring Fling 17 and the committee necessary** to make our advertising booklet; support the day with great food and fellowship. Assist the Ladies Guild, Knights of Columbus and staff with their support of this fundraiser also for the teachers' benefit and our school building improvements. We are always making things better for the future. **The celebration is Saturday, May 16, 2026.**
- **It's not your imagination.** The lighting in the church is dimming and seriously fading or breaking down. Our breakers, or the sockets are going in this 54-year-old system. Yes, we still have the original breakers that turn on lights. A replacement of this outdated system is in the works. But we want you to know that this will be the next major expense for our church.

Please note: **One of the suggestions in the Suggestion Box was for me and the Finance Council to STOP talking about \$\$ and focus on Christ.** Even Christ talked about stewardship and funds. With our pastoral plan to be always transparent with the parish about our weekly offering/envelopes, or the Capital Campaign, or the other donation items to our many parish organizations that support our mission, we can't keep things private. We want to share our gratitude and how our donations support the many aspects of our parish's life.

**ELSEWHERE IN THE BULLETIN:** Please see the notes from our recent Pastoral Council meeting. Yes, we are blessed to have a great team looking into the parish's future through creation of a new 2026-2031 Pastoral Plan and other items. Enjoy the information that we learned from our two staff members, Diane Raguz and Jon Detzel.

- See the Christmas schedule; help me with the lighting of the church during the four services. You will also enjoy the ancient "Christmas Proclamation" at each of the Masses followed by the *Mass of the Blessed Sacrament* "Gloria."
- We also look forward to having families bringing up the baby Jesus in the opening procession of the Christmas Masses. Let me know if you wish to have your family participate.

**THE JUBILEE YEAR IS ENDING SOON – HAVE YOU MADE A VISIT TO SAINT ANN?** Have you made your visit to the **Diocesan Shrine of Saint Ann?** You can also come, even after the Jubilee Year is over, however, it is important to note that Sunday, December 28 is the last day. Sadly, our Jubilee Year banner is over as we move into Advent.

**SAFETY FIRST:** Our Ushers will have a special meeting on **Wednesday, January 7, 6:30 PM in church** to go over some updated safety procedures to assist us. We found it not feasible to hire a security guard at this time; with the addition of extra panic buttons, plus our own mobile phones, we, with the ushers, can help our church feel more secure. If you would like to be part of the team, please know you are welcome to come to the meeting. And, if you are unable to attend, but still wish to be an usher, let us know.

**Have a blessed Advent and new year ahead!** On behalf of the Blessed Sacrament Community, the Pastoral Staff and the Sisters of Notre Dame at the convent, may you have a healthy and happy year of gratitude. **We are grateful for your stewardship and care – especially supporting the renovations of our two halls, which bidding begins this week!**

Let us continue to pray for each other and blessings to you this Advent.

In Christ our Eucharist,

Very Reverend John Thomas J. Lane, SSS, SPB Class of 1979  
Pastor & Provincial Superior



## PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

### PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS. DID YOU KNOW?

- **In Attendance:** Father Lane, Father Louis, Father Martin, Bob Horvath, Angie Jagan, Jack Kristofco, Mollie Barnes, Dave Yormick, Linda Citraro, Dawn Ferrante, Stephanie Evans, Beth Uzzo, Sally Likozar, and **excused:** Tom Mahorcic
- **Special Guests:** Diane Raguz, Principal SPB, Jon Detzel, Facilities & Capital Projects Director. Mollie Barnes led the opening prayer.
- **SPB Day School Updates on the Pastoral Plan:** Diane Raguz reviewed the school's four objectives and eleven action steps for the new Pastoral Plan, with the focus on accreditation. Diane reviewed the objectives, action steps and goals identified on the handout which was distributed to all members.
- **Campus Facilities and Grounds:** Jon Detzel gave an overview of the numerous areas needing attention over the next several years. The good news is there are currently no roofing issues in the school building, but Jon warned there is always potential for problems.

### SCHOOL:

- Air conditioning is needed for each classroom. Jon explained various ways to achieve this, but all come with caveats and costs.
- All bathrooms are in need of renovation. While the bathrooms are clean, they are old. He pointed out that the kindergartners are using facilities that are for adults and not small children. (We do hope that this could be covered in the third phase of the Capital Campaign.)
- There are 74 security cameras throughout the property, but there is a need for more as not all areas are covered and parishioners have requested them for certain areas of concern.
- More new lockers are needed for some of the classrooms because they are old and have safety issues. We replaced so many in the older part of the school; the others have now gotten older and need to be replaced.

### CHURCH:

- There are concerns regarding the slate roof on the church. It's old and will need to be replaced and the material it was made with does not exist anymore.
- The windows in the church have not been washed regularly, but we wished that they were washed once a year; the gaskets are old and leak. They will need to be repaired, as window replacement is too expensive to consider. There would need to be a whole new frame for the windows because modern-day windows are much heavier.
- The six Austrian Pines around the church are dying, and the pine needles are wreaking havoc on the storm sewers and sidewalks.

### JETTE GYMNASIUM & FAMILY LIFE CENTER (FLC):

- Good news! Jette Gym and the FLC are in good structural shape, at least for now. They have new HVAC systems, new flat roofs, and of course the Eymard Room will be remodeled beginning December 1. The parish pays for the work on these buildings, and the Athletic Association makes monthly rental payments as good stewards to support the regular maintenance and expenses of the gym.
- There is a new storage garage attached to the FLC building. We hope to upgrade much of the kitchen in the renovation too.

### CONVENT:

- Father Lane reported that the convent's Sisters of Notre Dame lease runs out in 2029. At that time, the Sisters of Notre Dame would like to go on a year-to-year lease. Once that occurs, SPB will be responsible for all upgrades and repairs.
- It is expected that a new boiler and new lighting will be needed.
- It was also noted there is no air conditioning in the building.
- Currently four sisters live in the building.

### VARIA:

- Bids will be taken for renovations to O'Brien Hall (OBH), and the FLC beginning December 1, 2025.



- Additional panic buttons will be distributed in the church by the music area, the handicap seating area pillars and the Cry Room. When activated, the Highland Heights Police Department will be alerted immediately.
- Father Louis reported that eleven high school students attended the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis, November 20-23 with our Youth Minister, Evamarie Cross and he.
- There will be no Ministry Fair in 2026 due to the renovation of the Eymard Room and OBH.

Notes respectfully submitted by Sally Likozar, Secretary at large.

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS



### • **CONFESSION & PENANCE SERVICE:**

- Mondays, 6:00-7:00 PM
- Saturdays, 3:30-4:15 PM
- Monday, December 22: 6:30 PM with a special Liturgy of the Word – lots of priests

### • **BAMBINELLI SUNDAY: Sunday, December 14**

*Bring your Baby Jesus statue from your manger to church for a blessing at any Sunday Mass.*

- **LESSONS & CAROLS:** Wednesday, **December 17**, 7:00 PM in church – returning to our music ministry custom after a six-year break. What a night to pray, enjoy, sing, and be Advent and Christmas people!! **Our music groups work hard – with a special Christmas concert at 7:30 PM on Christmas Eve, before the 8:00 PM (Mass at Night) Christmas Eve. MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW Before YOU FORGET. Don't miss the great music and dance! We will have the special "Bruno & Friends" String Quartet again – back by popular demand! We will also have a special liturgical dance by Tria – so do not miss any of this at Christmas Eve 7:30 PM spiritual music time!**

- **CAROLING, COCOA & COOKIES – Family Night sponsored by the Youth Group:** Sunday, **December 21** after the 6:30 PM Mass at the Blessed Sacrament Outdoor Manger.

### CHRISTMAS TIME MASSES:

- **Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)** - carols and music half-hour before the services:
  - **Wednesday, December 24: 4:00 PM** (Children's Choir) AND **8:00 PM** (Adult Christmas Choir and String & Brass Quartets – **this is the BIG ONE – come at 7:30 PM for the concert and dance**)
- **Thursday, December 25:**
  - 8:00 AM Morning Prayer
  - **8:30 AM** (Mass at Dawn) and **10:30 AM** (Mass during the Day)
  - There is **no** 6:30 PM Mass this day
- **Saturday, December 27:**
  - 8:00 AM Morning Prayer and 8:30 AM Rosary
  - 9:00 AM for the Christmas Octave
  - 4:30 PM for the Vigil of the Feast of the Holy Family
- **Sunday, December 28:**
  - 8:00 AM Morning Prayer
  - 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM and 6:30 PM Masses – Feast of the Holy Family
  - **THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE ENDS THIS DAY!** 😊
- **Wednesday, December 31:**
  - 8:00 AM Morning Prayer and 8:30 AM Rosary
  - 9:00 AM for the Christmas Octave
  - 4:30 PM for the Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God
- **Thursday, January 1:**
  - 8:00 AM Morning Prayer
  - 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM Masses – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
  - There is **no** 6:30 PM Mass this day
- **January 3/4: Epiphany Masses: Home Blessing Kits distributed – Usual Weekend Schedule**
  - Saturday 4:30 PM, Sunday Morning Prayer 8:00 AM, Masses: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM and 6:30 PM
- Christmas Time ends on Sunday, **January 11** with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Ordinary Time begins on Monday, **January 12.**

## STEWARDSHIP SUPPORT

Join us for our Annual *Finance Knight* – **Tuesday, January 6, 6:30 PM**. We will focus on the School's finances especially with the Finance Council and School Advisory Council hosting.

We are grateful how you build up the Body of Christ, our staff and ministries with your tithing, either with the Sunday envelope or online with MyEOffering. If you are not connected to us in this way, please contact Michelle Mazza, Business Manager at 440-442-3410, ext. 101.

Here's this week's report:

- **FIRST COLLECTION FOR THE PARISH'S LIFE:** **\$12,881.00**
- **SECOND COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** **\$1,517.00**

**HAVE YOU PUT SAINT PASCHAL BAYLON IN YOUR WILL OR TRUST?** Last year, we were blessed with folks who did, and this July received a \$130,000.00 gift to continue the great legacy of the parish. As we age (as in the parish ☺), we need major repairs to buildings or concrete here or there. You have seen how we are reinvesting in projects that lead to other improvements necessary to make our campus current. THANK YOU!!

## PARISH LIFE

**OUR SUGGESTION BOX – MAY I SUGGEST?** As part of our Strategic Plan, our Saint Paschal Baylon Pastoral Staff and Pastoral Council are always interested in your ideas, suggestions, improvements and more! Look for the “new suggestion box” in the Fickel Narthex where you may add your written suggestions. Through our ombudsman, Tom Kelley, you can share your input by sending him an email at [tjk12@case.edu](mailto:tjk12@case.edu).

**COME PLAY!:** Tuesday Table games | When: Tuesdays, 1:30-3:30 PM | Where: Sr. Dorothy Kazel Room. Bring your favorite table game and a snack for yourself and join in the fun! For more information, please contact Mona at [monagrigsbysuarez@yahoo.com](mailto:monagrigsbysuarez@yahoo.com) or 505-239-1019.

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:** Don't forget you still have time to donate to our ongoing Capital Campaign. You can make a one-time donation or set up a payment plan on MyEOffering or drop off/mail in your payment to the Parish Office.

**SPRING FLING 2026:** The committee is looking for volunteers to take over the sponsorship ads for the booklet. This person would work off an existing list and find new companies or individuals who would like to advertise in the booklet. The front office will help with the mailing of all the letters and forms. The volunteers would also need to follow up with emails and or phone calls to the letters that are sent. Please contact Jon Detzel at 440-442-3410, ext. 109 if you are interested.

**HELPING HANDS MINISTRY:** The Annual “Advent Giving Tree” will be set up in the Fickel Narthex until January 6, 2026. Through your generosity, our Helping Hands Ministry will deliver gifts to the needy of Cleveland distributed by the Knight Riders (winter gloves, sleeping bags, tents, thermal underwear, etc.) and to Villa Serena (hand towels and kitchen towels) during the Christmas season. If you would like to help, please take a paper flyer located on the poster board in the Narthex, purchase the item/items, and return the item UNWRAPPED or in a gift bag to the Narthex or rectory labeled “Giving Tree.” Please place an ornament on the tree (*provided in the box by the tree*) as you leave your “gift” for the needy. Our tree will be decorated by your love and generosity throughout the Christmas season. Thank you for helping us in bringing hope, love and a smile to those in need. God Bless you for your generosity.

**ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND:** The Angel Scholarship Fund grew by \$8.1 million in 2024 which was a 27% increase from 2023. Saint Paschal Baylon had 109 parishioners donate to this fund while claiming a tax credit. The total amount from our parish donors was \$116,441.00 these dollars went to support families in 17 different schools in the Cleveland Diocese.

**Your state taxes can benefit our Catholic schools.** Make a charitable donation to the Angel Scholarship Fund and “turn tax dollars into tuition” through an Ohio income **TAX CREDIT** of up to \$750.00 (\$1,500.00 if married filing jointly) against your 2025 state tax liability. Donations can be designated to benefit **Saint Paschal Baylon School** or another school in the Diocese of Cleveland.

**SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUP:** We need your help in assembling the Epiphany packets on January 4. We will be meeting in the Kazel Room at 10:00 AM to assemble 900 packets for our parish.

If you could help us, that would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please call Rosalie Lewis at 440-227-8718.

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Saint Paschal Baylon & Clare's

# YOUTH GROUP 2025

December

**SUNDAY 12/07**  
**Brunch with Santa**  
**\*Service Opportunity**  
 10:00 am – 2:30 pm – O'Brien Hall  
**YOU MUST WEAR CHRISTMAS COLORS OR DRESS LIKE AN ELF. Sign up on SignUp Genius. Space is limited!**

**SUNDAY 12/14**  
**Regular Meeting – Waiting for Christ During Advent**  
 JYC – 5:00 – 6:15  
 Mass 6:30 – 7:30  
 HSYC 7:30 – 8:15  
 Youth Group Room – adult help needed

**WEDNESDAY 12/17**  
**Feed the Homeless with Helping Hands – High School Students Only**  
 3:45 pm – 10:30 pm  
 Must sign a permission slip to attend.  
 See Mrs. Cross for details.

**SUNDAY 12/21**  
**Teen Mass, Cookies, and Caroling Family Event and Party**  
 5:00 – 6:15 Set up for the party  
 6:30 – 7:30 Teen Mass  
 7:30 – 8:15 Caroling and Cookies

SCAN ME

## SPB SCHOOL NEWS

On November 25, we celebrated Grandparents'/ Grandpals' Day welcoming over 400 grandparents/ grandpals to our school. Our Grands had the opportunity to visit their grandchildren's classrooms, tour the school, enjoy a snack, snap some family photos, and join our school community for a special Mass and blessing. It was truly a memorable day celebrating these very special people in our lives! We are thankful for all our Green Knight grandparents for providing stability, support, wisdom, kindness, and lifelong gifts of love. Thank you to our PTO who served as greeters, guides, and photographers and who hosted our treat stations.

Grace and blessings,  
 Diane Raguz, Principal



## SOCIAL ACTION COMMISSION



**PEACE** "Be seeds of peace wherever seeds of hatred and resentment are springing up."

**HOPE** "Sing a song of hope even amid the abyss of violence."

**RECONCILIATION** "Christ's peace is reconciliation, forgiveness, and the courage to turn the page and start anew."

– Three words from Pope Leo to Christians in areas of conflict 12/2025 Pope Video

## OUR STEWARDSHIP



**JOIN IN USING MYEOFFERING:** See our website: [www.church.saintpaschal.com](http://www.church.saintpaschal.com). Call Michelle Mazza in the Business Office at 440-442-3410, ext. 101. **PLEASE REMEMBER TO UPDATE YOUR CREDIT CARD INFORMATION – MANY ACCOUNTS HAVE OR WILL EXPIRE SOON.**

**Thank you for placing SPB in your will or trust! We appreciate you leaving a legacy that will strengthen the ministries of our parish into the future!**

**We are so grateful** for you and your participation in the life of our parish! **Our collections:**

FIRST COLLECTION for our parish administration: \$12,881.00

SECOND COLLECTION for Christmas Flowers: \$1,517.00

MyEoffering: October: \$28,250.00

**Loan balance for the new parking lots and driveways:** October \$102,265.12

**OUR MONTHLY EXPENSES:** We are so grateful for the many ways you choose to give your treasure: whether through the weekly envelope in the basket, dropped off at the Business Office, mailed in or your electronic giving; we are so appreciative of our common stewardship for the common good of our beloved parish SPB. We are so appreciative, too, for those who give special attention to our second collection and fill out the special form in MyEoffering. Second collections are assigned by the USCCB, the Diocese of Cleveland and the requests from our parish groups.

**We love having you here, and we are so grateful for your tithing to God through this your parish, faith family!**

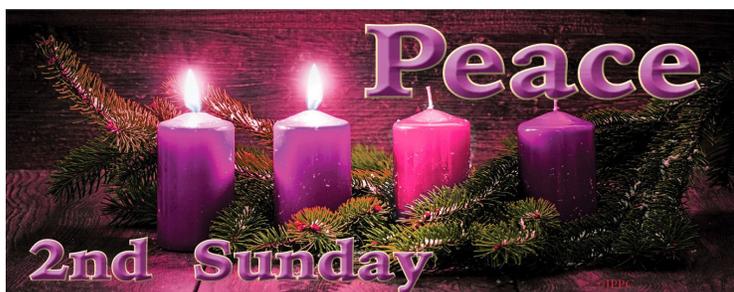
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FESTIVAL OF ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

DECEMBER 17, 2025 at 7:00 pm

All are cordially invited to join our adult and children's choir and musicians as we present the story of Advent, of salvation from the Fall of Adam and Eve to the glorious birth of Jesus Christ at Bethlehem through scripture, music, and prayer. There will be organ, piano, and strings adding to the voices of the choir joining in!! We will reflect on the joyful preparation and hopeful expectation of the arrival of the Son of God, Jesus Christ, the Redeemer!

Maranatha! Come!

December 17 at 7:00 pm in Church



***Second Sunday of Advent***

December 7, 2025

**READINGS:** Gather 994- Cycle A***Mass of the Blessed Sacrament*** by Norman Joseph Schack*Jesus, Hope of the World***HOPE PEACE JOY LOVE****Choir Prelude: Peace on Earth***Bob Hurd, Dvorak New World Symphony, © 2016, OCP.***Gathering: Jesus, Hope of the World Gather 909***Deanna Light © 2001, WLP.***Psalm 72: Every Nation on Earth ref II Gather 60***Michael Joncas © 1987, GIA.***Preparation: My Soul in Stillness Waits Gather 415***Marty Haugen © 1982, GIA.***Communion: Deep and Lasting Peace***Refrain: In the breaking of the bread: Deep peace, deep peace.**Heaven's feast on earth is spread: Deep and lasting peace.*

1. Jesus, the voice of all things calm, you are the place to hide from harm;  
you are the light that shines in dark, you are the heart's eternal spark.
2. Jesus, the door that's open wide, you are the guest who waits inside;  
you are the stranger at the door, you are the calling of the poor.
3. Jesus, my LORD, and with me still, you are my love, keep me from ill;  
you are my light, my truth, my way, you are my hope from day to day.

*Michael Joncas © 2018, GIA.***Sending: Let the Valleys be Raised***Refrain: Let the valley's be raised and the mountains made low.**ev'ry meadow and field overturn.**Make the pathway straight and the highway run smooth  
for the coming of God in our day.*

1. God, you come to your people as you promised of old.  
You have raised up a Savior in the sight of us all.
2. You, little child, go before him like the prophets of old,  
bringing news of his coming by the mercy of God.
3. God, you come like the morning on the darkness of night,  
as a light to the people, like the breaking of day.

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