

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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For information about the Parish School,
visit: SaintPaschal.net

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 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

Bulletin Material: email: Bulletin@SaintPaschal.com
Join us on all major social media.

YouTube Channel: visit: Church.SaintPaschal.net to subscribe for our regular videos and worship events, broadcasted and archived.

MASS INTENTIONS AND HAPPENINGS AT SAINT PASCHAL BAYLON December 15-21, 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:

<p>Monday, December 15 Advent Weekday [3] Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5b, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27</p>	<p>9:00 AM MASS: † Anthony Valenti (Anniversary) 11:30 AM MASS: Steward & Carole Reese (Saint Ann Shrine) 7:00 PM MASS: Benefactors Supporting our Legacy</p>	<p>1:00-2:15 PM: K-3 Christmas Program Practice – CH 3:00-4:30 PM: Organ Rehearsal – CH 5:30-8:00 PM: PSR Volunteer Thank-you Party – OBH, SC, GYM, CH</p>
<p>Tuesday, December 16 Advent Weekday [3] Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32</p>	<p>9:00 AM MASS: Benefactors Supporting our Legacy 11:30 AM MASS: Benefactors Supporting our Legacy (Saint Ann Shrine)</p>	<p>1:30-2:30 PM: Primary Christmas Concert – CH 1:30-3:30 PM: Tuesday Table Games – DK 6:00-8:30 PM: Bereavement Support Group – PP 7:00-8:00 PM: Men’s Bible Study – AR, DK 7:00-8:00 PM: Primary Christmas Concert – CH</p>
<p>Wednesday, December 17 Advent Weekday [3] Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4b, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17</p>	<p>9:00 AM MASS: Benefactors Supporting our Legacy 11:30 AM MASS: Benefactors Supporting our Legacy (Saint Ann Shrine)</p>	<p>5:15-6:15 PM: Children’s Choir Rehearsal – CH 6:30-7:30 PM: Adult Choir Practice – CH 7:00-8:00 PM: Advent Lessons & Carols – CH</p>
<p>Thursday, December 18 Advent Weekday [3] Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25</p>	<p>9:00 AM MASS: † Alexandra Wuertz (5-year Anniversary) 11:30 AM MASS: Benefactors Supporting our Legacy (Saint Ann Shrine)</p>	<p>6:00-8:00 PM: Preschool Christmas Program – CH 6:30-8:00 PM: Prayer Shawl – PP 6:30-9:30 PM: Knights of Columbus – OBH 7:00-8:30 PM: OCIA – FLC Library</p>
<p>Friday, December 19 Advent Weekday [3] Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6b, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25</p>	<p>9:00 AM MASS: Benefactors Supporting our Legacy 11:30 AM MASS: Benefactors Supporting our Legacy (Saint Ann Shrine)</p>	<p>6:30-8:00 AM: Faculty/Staff Breakfast – OBH 9:30 AM-12:00 PM: Arts & Environment – CH 10:00-10:30 AM: School Sing-along – CH</p>
<p>Saturday, December 20 Advent Weekday [3] Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38</p>	<p>9:00 AM MASS: Benefactors Supporting our Legacy 4:30 PM MASS: † Michael Iliano</p>	
<p>Sunday, December 21 Fourth Sunday of Advent Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24</p>	<p>8:30 AM MASS: † Jean M. Futey 10:30 AM MASS: † Kathy Kazimir 6:30 PM MASS: Benefactors Supporting our Legacy</p>	<p>5:00-7:30 PM: Christmas Caroling</p>

Email bulletin@saintpaschal.com with your name and email requesting to be added to our weekly eNewsletter, *Paschal Life*.

CAMPUS KEY FOR ROOM LOCATIONS

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| AR = Arkin’s Conference Rm | FLL = Family Life Library |
| CC = Church Chapel | JB = Saint Julie Billiart 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, at ecross@saintpaschal.com



Scan above to find our scheduled upcoming events, forms & more



Scan above to sign up for meetings, volunteer/service opportunities, trips & more

A LETTER FROM FR. LANE



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Traditionally, on this “rejoice,” or in Latin, *Gaudete* Sunday, we remember the joy, the hope and the dream that Isaiah brings for Israel and all God’s people. No matter what comes our way, we can “be strong, fear not,” and know that God is always with us to lift us out of our blindness, deafness, and muteness. May this Advent be a chance for us to speak up, see differently, especially God’s vision, and listen to the needs of others.



THANK YOU, ANDY: For 35 years, Andy Futey has led our Society of Saint Matthew (the money counters from our envelopes and other tithing). In their secret location each week, he has been a regular fixture **EACH WEEK WITHOUT FAIL!** We are so grateful for his dedication and service and will miss seeing him regularly in the front office to provide this amazing service. Andy

was honored at our first gala for all his service to our parish, leading Bingo, the Society, Holy Name Society, lector, Communion minister, leader of the funeral altar servers. (He still does that!) He truly embodies what SPB is and still look forward to seeing him at daily Morning Prayer, Rosary (many times leading it!), and Eucharist. **THANK YOU SO MUCH ANDY!** We are grateful to Bill Fleck and Mary Jane Iacco for stepping forward to co-lead the Society of Saint Matthew.



OUR NEXT BIG PROJECT: While the two halls are now in the beginning stages of their actual renovation, we can’t help but think about our next major maintenance project: the church lighting. Like the church, it is 54-years old and has the original breakers. Yes, Virginia, we use breakers to turn the lights on and off, not regular light switches. These are deteriorating and being replaced little by little. Additionally, the bulbs are going and their fixtures. It’s held up well for all these years, but it’s now showing its age (like us all!). We have our maintenance team, John Margevicius, Jeff from the electrical world and Knights of Columbus looking into our next system. Thankfully, some gave us a starter gift to the project, annoyed about their area of darkness in the church. We will keep you posted. Meanwhile, if your section is a little darker, this is partially the reason why and we encourage you to sit in an area that has the lighting still working.

COMING FINANCE KNIGHT: Several times a year our ministry leaders gather for planning and important discussions. With the leadership of the School Advisory Council and the Finance Council, they are hosting a financial night to share our statistics and let you know where we are as a parish and school. Our Catholic school is one big part of the budget and will be our main focus, addressing concerns and plans for the future.

As we have read in the bulletin, and heard during our September Stewardship month, we are on great footing as a parish. I am so grateful for your continued donation to the daily operations (for the first envelope supports this with snow removal, lay staff salaries and benefits and everything in between). We have secondary causes that come from the national Catholic Church, our diocese and our own parish outreach (i.e., Manna and Helping Hands ministries). Plus, the other source of your generosity

is funding the Capital Campaign. We are grateful for so many families who want these improvements and are supporting the project. And next, the diocese will be rolling out its own Capital Campaign whereby every person/parish in the diocese, including our parish, has a \$1.6 million dollar goal to support the Diocese of Cleveland and its future.

One comment from the suggestion box was that we do not focus on the Gospel enough – and on too much talk about money. Hopefully this person sees we do both and use our bulletin to keep you informed and enlighten – with the majority of our parishioner’s wanting transparency. With our excellent parish groups and their funds supporting the parish, we are going along well. And we look forward to your participation this Christmas and in our Finance Knight to learn where our tithing goes to support the Gospel mission of SPB.

SPIRITUAL MATTERS THAT WE ARE ENCOURAGED TO DO:



- **COME WEDNESDAY** for our **Lessons & Carols at 7:00 PM** in the church with all our musicians (children and adults) assisting in praising God for the gift of Emmanuel.
- **CHURCH IS OPEN 24/7:** Come be in the presence of God! We 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, 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.

SPRING FLING 17 PLANNING BEGINS: Assist Jon Detzel, Michelle Mazza and Stephanie Evans as they start our next major fundraiser for our parish’s life. As you know, all the parishes in the area have gone to an in-house fun day to support the parish and not worry about harming our neighbors’ properties. We need your help to make our advertising booklet spectacular; 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’ benefits and our school building improvements. We are always making things better for the future. **The celebration is Saturday, May 16, 2026.**

ELSEWHERE IN THE BULLETIN:

- 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 are in 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. Being 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! Due to the holidays, I write this column on November 26. **We had a wonderful Hillcrest Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, and PSR Vocation Knight.** Photos are included to let you see our great collaborators.

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

In Christ our Eucharist,

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



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.
- **TODAY IS THE TRADITION OF 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 & 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** Vigil (Children’s Choir)
 - **8:00 PM** Night – formerly called “Midnight” (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: 4:00 PM**
 - 8:00 AM Morning Prayer
 - **8:30 AM** (Mass at Dawn)
 - **10:30 AM** (Mass during the Day)
 - There is **no** 6:30 PM Mass this day
 - **Saturday, December 27:**
 - 8:00 AM Morning Prayer & 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 & 6:30PM 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:** **\$13,967.00**
- **SECOND COLLECTION FOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** **\$2,156.00**

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.

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 monagrignsbysuarez@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 AND CLOWN MINISTRY: We thank all who donated jeans for those in need and canned goods for our pantry! We are overwhelmed and humbled by your generosity and quick response to our request. The jeans, along with socks, shirts, hoodies and coats are given to those on the streets and in subsidized housing who need it. Through your generosity, we are able to respond to these requests and for food. We have seen an increased need for food at our parish door. Together, we are the hands and feet of Christ serving our brothers and sisters in need. We could not serve so many without you! May God continue to bless all of us during this Advent season and always!

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.

SPB LADIES GUILD: We’re excited to share that our ministry now has T-shirts available for purchase! This is not a fundraiser; it’s an opportunity to show your support and represent our mission wherever you go!

To order, drop a \$13.00 check payable to “SPB Ladies Guild” at the Parish Office by Wednesday, December 31.

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
 3:15 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

Congratulations to our school spelling bee champion, eighth grader Matthew Zalik, and to our runner-up, eighth grader Emma Sackey! Matthew secured the title by correctly spelling “whittled” after a hard-fought competition among all participants. This marks the second consecutive year that he has won the school spelling bee. He will now take a qualifying test to determine whether he advances to the regional level. A special thank-you to Mrs. Popelka for moderating the event and to Mrs. Detzel and Ms. Raguz for serving as judges.

Peace 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

And a special THANK-YOU to the 16 folks who donated and came to sign hundreds of Holiday Cards for the incarcerated at the Juvenile Detention Center, the Women’s jail, and the Men’s prison.

OUR STEWARDSHIP



JOIN IN USING MYEOFFERING: See our website: 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: \$13,967.00

SECOND COLLECTION for Immaculate Conception: \$2,156.00

MyEoffering: November: \$25,618.00

Loan balance for the new parking lots and driveways: November \$98,506.82

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!

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION: As Christian stewards, we share the responsibility of making our Church a true community of faith and a vibrant source of service to the larger community. That includes providing financial support for today’s needs – and building a firm financial foundation for tomorrow. **Your IRA can be a tool to help you do this.** If you are 70½ years old or older, you can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution today for up to \$108,000.00 from your IRA directly to your parish. It will not count as taxable income, and it can satisfy your “required minimum distribution.” Looking to the future, consider naming our parish as a beneficiary IRA. Speak with your financial advisor, visit <https://www.catholiccommunity.org/ira>, or contact Moira Wopershall at 216-696-6525, ext. 8070 for more information.

The Catholic Community Foundation can help parishioners remember your parish in your estate plan: ***“It’s Time to Create or Update your Will.”*** Many of us have very busy lives. Be sure to block off 20 minutes of time to create or update your will. Head over to www.catholiccommunity.org/freewill to use the FREE online will-maker platform offered to our parishioners, compliments of the Catholic Community Foundation of our diocese.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES USA: Catholic Charities USA, the official domestic disaster relief agency of the Catholic Church in the United States. Catholic Charities USA is accepting donations via this form to provide humanitarian relief to those in need through the good work of Catholic Charities agencies <https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org>.

DIOCESE VARIA



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERING AT HILLCREST HOSPITAL: Are you a Eucharistic Minister? If so: Would you like to bring Holy Communion to the sick at Hillcrest Hospital and Saltzman Family Pavilion Mentor Hospital? Looking for Eucharistic Ministers for Friday and Sunday. Please contact Christine Young by phone at 440-312-3739 for more information. Thank you.

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN: The Diocese of Cleveland’s “Protecting God’s Children” program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior. Also, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999 or via email at response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org.

COMMUNITY EVENTS & NEWS

Are you looking for...
...quiet time away?
...time for prayer and solitude?
...time to slow down and listen?



Come to Bethany for a Quiet Day of Prayer

9:30AM – 2:00PM

Tuesday – November 18, 2025

Wednesday – January 14, 2026

Wednesday – March 18, 2026

Monday – December 15, 2025

Thursday – February 12, 2026

Tuesday – April 14, 2026

Bethany Retreat Center and God’s beauty in nature provide a peaceful and welcome setting in which to pause for a few hours to be attentive, reflective, creative—to meet God as you gently come away and slow down. We begin and end with prayer together and in between, you are free to create your own day: take a walk, bring a book, relax with a cup of tea, pray before the Blessed Sacrament, journal... Gently ease into the silence...and emerge refreshed. Stay all day or an hour or two. Lunch is provided. **Contact Sister M. Jennifer Kramer to register.**

Register ONE WEEK before the date
Donation: \$15.00 (includes a box lunch)

 Bethany Retreat Center • 13000 Auburn Road • Chardon, OH 44024 • 440-279-1143 • jkramer@sndusa.org
 (Across from Notre Dame Cathedral Latin)

BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS: Thank you to all who took part in our recent Blood Drive. We collected a total of 35 units of blood at this drive, which will not only save lives but also bring in \$350.00 in grant money for our school! Saint Paschal’s next Blood Drive is scheduled for March 29, and the appointment schedule is already available online (www.redcrossblood.org/give, sponsor code: stpaschal). Thanks a bunch to the three donors who have already signed up!



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!

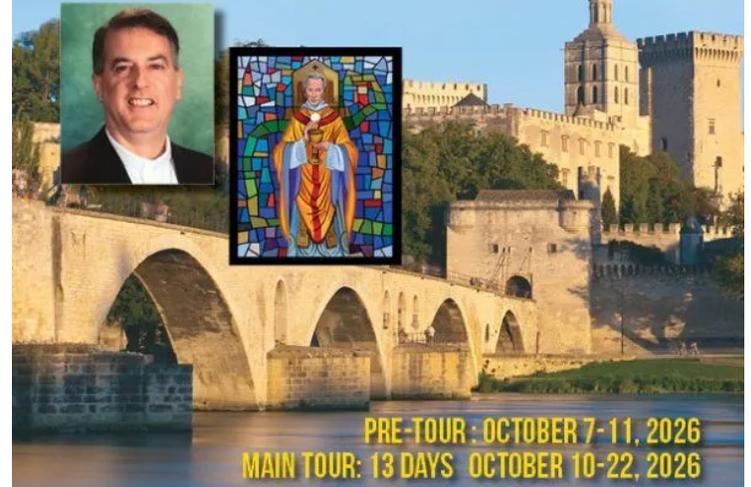
Maranatha! Come!

December 17 at 7:00 pm in Church



EUCCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SAINT PETER JULIAN EYMARD

plus a Pre-Tour to Barcelona
including Marseille, Avignon, La Salette, La Mure, Lyon, and Paris
with Fr. John Thomas Lane, SSS



PRE-TOUR: OCTOBER 7-11, 2026
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Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025

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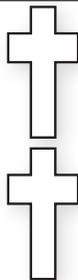
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