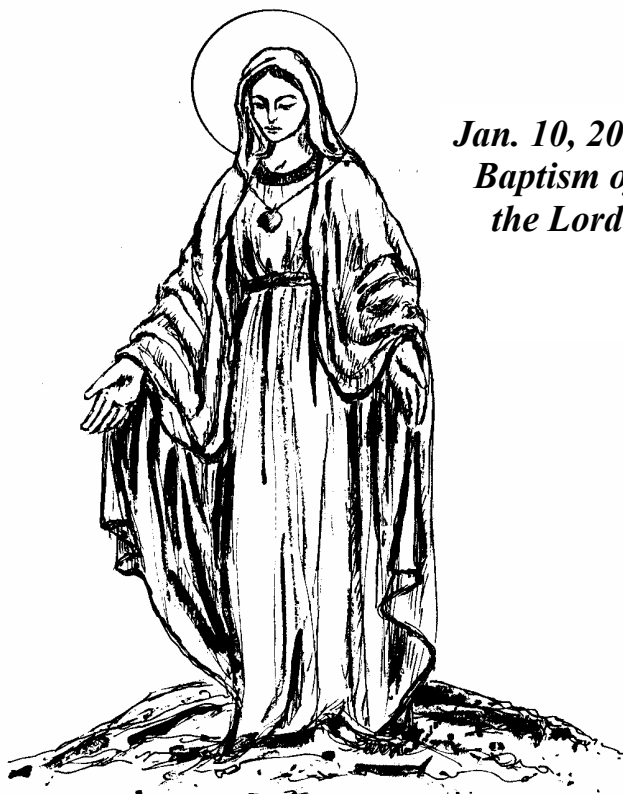


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BISHOP OF YOUNGSTOWN

Jan. 10, 2010
Baptism of
the Lord



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Liturgy

Weekdays, 8:00 a.m.
Adoration Fri. 9 a.m. - 9 a.m. Sat.
Weekends: Saturday, 9:00 a.m., 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, 9:00 , 11:00 a.m.
Adoration Sun. 12 pm – 8 am Mon.

Sacraments

Confessions: Saturday, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Baptisms: Arrange at Rectory
Matrimony: Arrange at least 1 year
in advance.
Anointing of the Sick: Call the rectory

***Welcome:** We extend our hands and hearts to you here, celebrating with us, whether longtime resident or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God that you are with us.*

MISSION STATEMENT

Our parish is a diverse and dynamic Catholic family community, committed to Jesus Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit and relying on the Patronage of His Mother, Mary.

We will serve not only the needs of our Parish Church, school, and individual members, but also the broader needs of our society, in union with the other Parishes of the Ashtabula County Deanery and the Diocese of Youngstown, through worship, stewardship, education, Christian service, evangelization and other programs.



VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK, Jan 10-16

Please pray for vocations and generous responses to God's call.



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

By Bud Ozar

Parents can be so busy criticizing they overlook good behaviors. Like God the Father in today's gospel, tell your children you are well pleased with them. Children are never too old for praise. Affirmation goes a long way, but criticism is a short trip.

MASS FOR LIFE

Bishop George Murry, SJ, will be celebrant and homilist for the annual Mass for Life on Saturday, Jan 16 at 12 noon at St. Columba Cathedral. A complimentary spaghetti dinner provided by the Knights of Columbus will follow the Mass at St. Columba.

FREE THROW CONTEST

Boys and girls, ages 10-14, are invited to enter a free throw contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. It will be held next Sunday, Jan 17 at Assumption hall at 1:00.

PASTA DINNER

The School will be having a Pasta Dinner fundraiser on Saturday, January 30, 3-7 pm. The school teachers and staff will be serving. Adult tickets are \$6, children and Seniors are \$4. Carry out is available. For tickets, please call the school, 466-2104, or the rectory, 466-3427.

LUNCH BUNCH will meet on Thursday, Jan 14 at 1:00 at Mar-G's, Rte 534 at 84. For reservations call Dea, 466-3594, or Vel, 466-2940.

YOUTH CORE MEETING

Will be held tonight, Sunday, Jan 10, at 6:30 in the Friendship Room.

Please remember to pray for the sick in the parish. Gene & Ruth Trhlin, Joe Kessler, Jeanne Dubsky (cards can be sent to Jeanne at 2002 Bal Harbour Blvd, # 1411, Punda Gorda, FL 33950).

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **ELAINE LISTER** and **FRANK HRANEC**, brother of Marge Granchi, who died recently.

LAKE CO. JUSTICE MARCH FOR PREBORN

Today, Sunday, Jan 10, 2:00 procession from Great Lakes Mall east along Rte 20 to St. Mary Church Gym for warm refreshments and speaker at 3:00, Rachel Benda, Director of Bethesda – House of Mercy. You need not march to listen to the program.

BLANKETS FOR BABIES

This expanded Lenten program is in its 20th year. We are in need of quilt batting, yarns, fabric for baby quilts. Your donations can be dropped off at Lake Co Right to Life office, or Immaculate Conception Church, Madison. These donations will be made into blankets and baby items and given to mothers in need around NE Ohio. For more information call 440-255-5257.

HOLIDAY COUNTDOWN

The Holiday Countdown winners are announced. They are: \$150: **Linda Beeman**; \$250: **Joanne Holahan**; \$150: **Joe Siesel**, and \$500: **Vicki Smee**. Congratulations to all. Thanks goes out to all who participated in this fundraiser.

SHARING HOPE

Lending a strong and ready shoulder is the workplace with an open ear to someone who may be an "old" new hire starting over again may fan the flame burning within him or her. Pray for those who find themselves starting over again in a difficult job market, that they find friends to help ease them through their difficult transitions.

A COMPUTER is needed by St. Vincent de Paul Society. If you have one that is useful and would like to donate it, please call Greta or Jamie Cordova, 415-1216.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETS Tuesday, Jan 12 at 7 pm the Friendship Room.

"WINDOWS INTO THE FUTURE"

Goal \$40,000
 Donations (Week # 22) \$ 27,005 (68%)
 Unpaid Pledges: \$ 750
 Thank you!

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Additional forms are available at the school, rectory and side entrance of the church.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 10:

SUN.	St. Vincent de Paul Collection	all Masses
MON.	Church remove-decorating <u>help needed</u> .	
	Girl Scouts, hall	2-5
	K of C	7:30
TUE.	Parish Council	7:00
	BINGO, 1/12/10. Team # 1	6:30
	Admissions	D. Pasqualone
	Early Birds	R. Laurello
	Early Instants	T. Ivankovic
	Cashier	B. Peters
	Kitchen	T. Baxter, T. Foss, J. Soslowicz
	I Caller	J. Ayersman
	Floor	J. Steen
	Instants	T. Ivankovic, N. Perijoc
	II Caller	J. Ayersman
	Floor	J. Steen
	Instants	T. Ivankovic, N. Perijoc
WED.	AA Friendship Room	7:00
	Clinic	1-3
	CCD, K-8	4:15
	Liturgy Meeting	7:30
THU.	N.A. Rental	7:00
	Stewardship Meeting	7:00
SAT.	Children's Choir Practice	10:00
	Neo Catechumenal Way, Mass	7:00
SUN.	K of C Free Throw Contest	12:30

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Jesus, whom God called "my beloved son," is also identified as a "servant" by the prophet Isaiah. We who are baptized in Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbor.

REMOVE DECORATIONS

It is time for the Church decorations come down. Helping hands are needed. Please join us after morning Mass on Monday.

"Sin is not hurtful because it is forbidden, but it is forbidden because it is hurtful." Benjamin Franklin

"When everything goes against you, till it seems as though you could not hold on a minute longer, never give up then, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn." Harriet Beecher Stowe

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Dec 20, 2009 Offertory	\$ 4,362
Dec 25, 2009 Offertory	\$ 8,731
Dec 27, 2009 Offertory	\$ 3,323
Jan 1, 2010 Offertory	\$ 1,282
Jan 3, 2010 Offertory	\$ 3,372
Renovation Fund Balance	\$ 2,144
Bills to be paid	\$ 1,202
Assessments:	\$ 3,300

Thanks to all our generous parishioners.

ENDOWMENT BOARD

In 2004 the parish received a loan of \$30,000 from the school Endowment Fund for current operations. The Board of directors has forgiven the loan. Many thanks to the members of the Board for their prudent and generous action!

EARLY CHILDHOOD FAITH FORMATION

On Thursday, Jan 28, at 7 pm, all parents of the parish, especially those with infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers, are invited to a meeting in the Friendship Room. Fr. John Mulqueen will be guest speaker. This program is sponsored by the parish.

PRO LIFE

"When the family is weakened, it is inevitably children who suffer. If the dignity of women and mothers is not protected, it is the children who are affected most." Pope Benedict XVI, message for the Celebration of the World Day of Peace, Jan 1, 2009.

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

The Christmas season closes this Sunday with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

This is a sister feast to last week's Epiphany. Each celebrates an "epiphany" or a manifestation of the Spirit of God in Jesus— first at his birth and now at his baptism. The divine Spirit is manifested in all of the Scriptures for this feast. Psalm 104 highlights the Spirit of God creating and renewing the earth, while the reading from Isaiah describes God's restoring Israel. In Luke's account of the baptism the Spirit descends upon Jesus. The letter from Titus reminds us that the Spirit was "richly poured out" on us also, through the "bath of rebirth." Copyright: JS Paluch Co.

STATIONS and ICONS

The 14 Stations of the Cross and 7 icons from two Catholic Churches in the Cleveland Diocese are appraised/valued at \$100 each: Total value is \$2,100.

If you would like to give a donation of any amount, envelopes are provided. A gift of \$100 or more will be recognized on a memorial plaque in the church vestibule.

For more information call the rectory, 466-3427. Envelopes are in the vestibule by the window.

Mass  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

SAT.	4:30 PM	ISABEL PIZZUTO Family
SUN.	9:00 AM	KATHERINE HOLAHAN Bill & June Koval
	11:00 AM	JOHN BUSKIRK Mom, Kathleen Buskirk

MON.	8:00 AM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
TUE.	No Mass	
WED.	8:00 AM	TOM MCGRAW Don & Joanne Holahan
THU	8:00 AM	RAY ELLIS Altar & Rosary Society
FRI.	8:00 AM	M/M WILLIAM F. PALKOVIC & ROBERTA PALKOVIC William R. Palkovic
SAT.	9:00 AM	RAY CONLEY Altar & Rosary Society
	4:30 PM	SYLVIA MEEHAN Jeannette Branham
SUN.	9:00 AM	JOSHUA FORINASH Girard & Forinash Families
	11:00 AM	RAY ELLIS Dick & Mary Louise Bischoff

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JAN 16-17 :

LECTOR

SAT.	4:30 PM	V. Smee
SUN.	9:00 AM	J. Coggins
	11:00 AM	F. Krasneski

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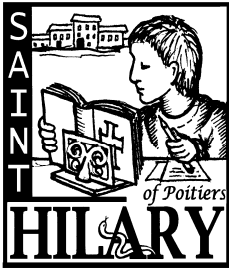
SAT.	4:30 PM	M. Bergen
SUN.	9:00 AM	R. Linehan
	11:00 AM	B. Johnson

ACOLYTES

SAT.	4:30 PM	F. Stocker, A. Costello
SUN.	9:00 AM	J. Loftus, D. Gustafson
	11:00 AM	M. Sharpe, E. Logan, T. Hunt

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 10:

Sun.	Is 40:1-5,9-11; Ps 104:1-4,24-30; Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16,21-22
Mon.	1 Sam 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20
Tue.	1 Sam 1:9-20; 1 Sam 2:1,4-7; Mk 1:21-28
Wed.	(St. Hilary)1 Sam 3:1-10,19-20; Ps 40:2,5,7-10; Mk 1:29-39
Thu.	1 Sam 4:1-11; Ps 44; Mk 1:40-45
Fri.	1 Sam 8:4-7,10-22; Ps 89: 16-19; Mk 2:1-12
Sat.	1 Sam 9:1-4,17-19; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
Sun.	Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3,7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11



The New Icons or Images

Included in our Christmas presentation this year are four icons from St. Ladislaus Church in the diocese of Cleveland. A brief explanation of one of them follows with more later.

Icons and images are expected to aid in devotion, to be instructive by complementing the written or spoken Word, and to adorn the church. This veneration is allowed because the honor shown is not directed to the physical image but to the person represented. Thus the reverence given is truly a worship of Christ and a veneration of the Saints, who are displayed by the images. Ways of venerating would include incensation of and kissing the images, placing lights or candles before them and praying to the Lord through them as intercessors.“ Taken from Dictionary of the Liturgy by Rev. J. P. Lang OFM. Pg.260.

On the left, the first one is:

Saint Francis of Assisi 1182-1226. He was born in Assisi to wealthy parents, and spent his youth in a carefree life. He went to war, and was taken prisoner in 1202. After his release he became ill, and shortly thereafter he had a vision of Christ that radically changed his life. He devoted himself to poverty and the care of the sick, resolving “to reflect the image of Christ through a life of poverty and humility. He soon attracted a group of disciples, whom he called the “lesser brothers”—hence Friars Minor, as they became known. They lived together in a primitive cottage, and Francis devised a rule of life for them based on the evangelical counsel of perfection—they were to own nothing personally and nothing in common. They traveled about Italy attracting large numbers of penitents and also many recruits.

Francis’ mind turned to missionary work outside Europe. His first attempts to preach in the Holy Land and Morocco were defeated by shipwreck and illness. He realized that the “Christian” Crusaders were as much in need of conversion as the Muslims. The missionary activity of the friars did spread, and the Order had its first martyrs as early as 1227, when a group was executed in Morocco. In 1220 Francis opened up the practice of his ideals to lay people through the Third Order of Penitents, better known as tertiaries. He later approved the foundation of a Franciscan theological school in Bologna, appointing St. Anthony of Padua its first lecturer. He resigned as minister general in 1220 and three years later he moved to a hermitage at Greccio where he built the Christmas crib that was to make that devotion universally popular. Two years before he died Francis received the stigmata on the feast of the Finding of the True Cross, September 14, 1224, while at prayer. He died on October 3rd, 1226, and was canonized two years later. (Parts taken from Butler’s Lives of the Saints, New Concise Edition, Paul Burns editor, pp. 463-465.