



# SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS

DECEMBER 22, 2024

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## PASTORAL STAFF

**Reverend Luigi C. Miola**, Pastor

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**Mrs. Julia Brown**, Parish Musician

**Mrs. Roberta Bugaj**, Sacramental Coordinator

**Ms. Debra Zack**, Parish Secretary

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday 7:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Holy Days 7:30 a.m., Noon & 6:30 p.m.

Mon. - Sat. 7:30 a.m.

Mon. - Tue. - Wed. 6:30 p.m.

Holidays Consult Bulletin

## ROSARY

Monday at 6:00 pm.

Monday through Saturday 8:00 a.m.

## VESPERS

Tuesday and Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.

## DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART-First Friday 8:00 a.m.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: Before First Friday between the Masses.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We ask that parents attend a Baptism Preparation Program before a child's baptism. Arrangements may be made through the Parish Office.

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements should be made through the Parish Office at least six months before the wedding date.

## HOME VISITATION AND ANOINTING

Arrangements for Holy Communion and the Anointing of the Sick to the homebound can be made through the Parish Office. Please let us know when a family member is hospitalized or enters a nursing home.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

The RCIA welcomes all adults or teens who are non-baptized, baptized non-Catholics, or Catholics not yet fully initiated who desire to enter the Catholic Church. Please contact the Parish Office.

## NEW PARISHIONERS AND REGISTRATION

Please call the Parish Office when moving into the parish.

## PERPETUAL ADORATION

24 Hours a Day. Please call the Parish Office for scheduling details.

## PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

Mondays from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

(September through May)

Mrs. Roberta Bugaj, Sacramental Coordinator

PSR Principal (216) 475-4300

## ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Our school provides Catholic education for students Gr. 1-8.

Mrs. Lisa Oriti, School Principal 216-662-9380

13623 Rockside Rd., Garfield Hts., Ohio 216-475-4300

Saint Benedict Catholic School- <https://st.benedictohio.org>

## ST. BENEDICT EARLY CENTER

Our school provides Catholic education for preschool and kindergarten.

14600 Turney Rd., Maple Hts., Ohio 216-475-3633

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:** From Bethlehem shall come one who will rule Israel. Born of Mary, the servant of the Lord, he will protect and save us, offering himself once and for all in doing the Father's will.

**Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY: DECEMBER 21 LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY**

7:30 am Raymond W. Zack (Debra Zack)

4:30 pm Tony Stiles (Mom & Dad)

**SUNDAY: DECEMBER 22 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

9:00 am Hank Smitley (Family)

11:00 am For The People

**MONDAY: DECEMBER 23 LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY**

7:30 am Joseph Blaha (Family)

6:30 pm Anthony Cosentino (Connie Butala)

**TUESDAY: DECEMBER 24 LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY**

7:30 am Patricia Russell (Associates)

4:30 pm Kralik Intention

**WEDNESDAY: DECEMBER 25 THE NATIVITY**

**OF THE LORD**

Midnight Dolores & John Machen Jr. (Denise & Bob)

9:00 am Dolores & Joseph Hrovat (Family)

11:00 am Deceased Members of the Hustosky  
& Fiore Families (Bessanne & Dustin)

**THURSDAY: DECEMBER 26 SAINT STEPHEN,**

**THE FIRST MARTYR**

7:30 am Virginia D'Agostino (Ali Family)

**FRIDAY: DECEMBER 27 SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE**

**AND EVANGELIST**

7:30 am Kralik Intention

**SATURDAY: DECEMBER 28 THE HOLY INNOCENTS,**

**MARTYRS**

7:30 am Louie Pestello Jr. (Pestello Family)

4:30 pm For The People

**SUNDAY: DECEMBER 29 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,**

**MARY AND JOSEPH**

9:00 am Donna Rossel (Carol Rushlin)

11:00 am John W. Petrus (Family)

**PARISH ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE**

Sunday ~ December 22, 2024 at 3:00pm

there will be Parish Advent Penance Services.

There will be Multiple Confessors.

**Masses for Christmas**

St. Martin of Tours Christmas Mass Schedule is:

**December 24th at 4:30pm December 25th MIDNIGHT**

**December 25th Christmas Morning 9:00am & 11:00am**

**Parish Collection December 15, 2024**

Sunday Envelopes	\$4456.00
Repair and Maintenance	\$887.00
Utilities	\$348.00
Donations	\$46.00
Candles	\$79.00
Retirement	\$140.00
Parish Life	\$116.01
Cloak	\$2609.00
Immaculate Conception	\$190.00
Christmas	\$1435.00

**From Parish Finance: Andrea Morris, Finance Chairperson:**  
**Thank you for your continued support during this time.**

**Please Pray**

**Please keep in your prayers the sick and the homebound of our parish:** Marissa, Ben Ali, Mary Ann Anselmo, Joyce Armstrong, Kathi Bayun, Gaylene Bielawski, Lisa Bielawski, Margaret Blaha, Helen Blasko, Mary Ann Blatnik, Sue Boyne, Judith Carr, Robert Carr, Kathy Carrabine, Alexis Cerio, Christie Cerio, Drew Chernisky, Robb Chernisky, Paul Cramer, Kevin Deka, Roger DiPenti, Judi Filisko, Jeff Fossa, Bob Frey, Bob Gerber, Frank Gerber, Loretta Gerber, Mark Gerber, Danny Goins, Lorenzo Gramuglia, Grant family, Alice Grzep, Ed Hall, Virginia Harley, Alicia Hernandez, Carla Hernandez, Gilbert Hernandez, Robert Hernandez, Christine Hexter, Bob Hrovat, Father Stanley Holland, Jackie Holland, Danny Houlahan, Dick Hovan, Anthony Hrich, Helen Husky, Virginia Jannazo, John Klamar, Emily Kondash, Cynthia Konopa, Jeffrey Ksiazka, Nina Kucinic, Nicole Kukoleck, Sean Kukoleck, Ronald Lewayne, Fred Lisy, Patty Lisy, Diana Markosky, John McDonald, Alexis McElhone, Denise Mummery, Judith Nagorski, James Neitzel, Cameron North, Jim Obley, Sr., Denis Osowski, Marilyn Palko, Margit Papay, Jim Piskura, Jessica Provateare, Angela Rawlings, Dan Remar, Irene Remar, Betty Rembowski, Cortney Ruggeri, Jonathan Sedor, Daniel Sholz, Janet S., Petar Tokic, Jean Toth, Gerald Towalski, Jeffrey Virzi, John Virzi, Frances Yartz.

**Please Pray for Our Most Recently Deceased:**

**James B. Biela ~Edwina Stefanski ~**

**Janice G. Kotlarek**

**Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord and**

**Let perpetual light shine upon them.**

**HOME VISITATION AND ANOINTING**

Arrangements for Holy Communion and the Anointing of the Sick to the homebound can be made through the Rectory.

Please let us know when a family member enters a health care facility.

PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

Sat: December 21	7:30 am Mass 8:00 am Rosary 3:00 pm Confessions 4:30 pm Mass
Sun: December 22	9:00 am Mass 11:00 am Mass Soup-er Sunday after 11:00am Mass
Mon: December 23	7:30 am Mass 8:00 am Rosary NO PSR 6:30 pm Mass
Tues: December 24	7:30 am Mass 8:00 am Rosary 4:30 pm Mass
Wed: December 25	Midnight Mass 9:00 am Mass 11:00 am Mass
Thurs: December 26	7:30 am Mass 8:00 am Rosary
Fri: December 27	7:30 am Mass 8:00 am Rosary
Sat: December 28	7:30 am Mass 8:00 am Rosary 3:00 pm Confessions 4:30 pm Mass
Sun: December 29	9:00 am Mass 11:00 am Mass

CONFIRMATION 2025

Confirmation is May 25, 2025 at 1:00pm  
With The Most Reverend Michael G. Woost  
If you are in the 8th grade or older and have  
NOT received your Confirmation  
Please call the Rectory 475-4300

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

Please join us for Divine Mercy Holy Hour at:  
**St. Therese** on **December 22 2024** and at  
**St. Monica** on **January 12, 2025**  
Prayers at both Churches begin at 2:30pm

ALL ARE WELCOMEMY DAILY PRAYERS

“Daily Prayers” is a **FREE** daily recording of prayers led by the Bishops and Priests of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, delivered each day directly to your email.

“My Daily Prayers” invites you to spend about 10 minutes in prayer and reflection each day and offers encouragement to enter into a deeper relationship with our Lord.

Sign up at: [dioceseofcleveland.org/MyDailyPrayers](http://dioceseofcleveland.org/MyDailyPrayers)

*Guest Article :***Rev. Jerome Machar OCSO**

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception  
Genesis 3: 9-15, 20 ~ Ephesians 1: 3-6, 11-12 ~ Luke 1: 26-38

“The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin” (Ineffabilis Deus). Ben Sirach wrote, “Sin entered the world through a woman, and because of her we all die” (Sir. 25:24). The savior of mankind entered the world through Mary and because of her, we have become heirs to eternal life. Eve was taken from Adam’s side as he slumbered. Mary, the new Eve, was brought forth from Christ’s pierced side as he hung on the cross in the slumber of death. As death was the fruit of the tree in Paradise, eternal life was the fruit of the tree of the Cross.

The Eternal Word, the Beloved Son of the Father, “who is the same yesterday and today and forever” (Heb. 13:8), prepared a fitting dwelling place where he would pitch his tent among men. Because he is eternally changeless, he could, and did, apply to Mary the merits of his suffering and death. From the first moment of her conception, Mary became the first fruit of the new creation. Looking down from his heavenly throne, the Beloved Son saw the new life implanted in Anna’s womb and said, “Behold, I am making all things new” (Rev. 21:5). The obedient daughter supplanted the disobedient mother. The daughter of Eve, who had been driven out of the garden (CF. Gen 2:23), became the enclosed garden (CF. Song 4:12) where the Incarnate Word delighted to dwell. The chosen virgin of Nazareth would give birth to the one who held her in his hand.

The promised enmity between Satan’s offspring and the woman’s offspring is proof that God had a plan for our salvation in mind even before the creation of the world. While Satan used a serpent to seduce Eve, God would use Eve’s offspring to crush the serpent. The heel that crushed the serpent’s head belonged to the foot of God’s only begotten Son. His hands molded his mother’s body in Anna’s womb. He was the Potter and she the clay, the work of his hands (CF. Is. 64:8). He modeled her after the design of his sanctuary in heaven and took great delight in her (CF. Gen. 1:31). As he looked upon the work of his hands he said, “This is my resting place, here will I dwell, for this is the home I have chosen” (Ps. 132:14).

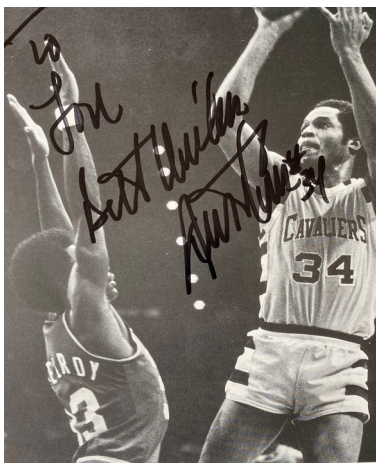
Throughout her life and for ages unending, Mary’s Immaculate Heart has echoed the new song of God’s redeeming love. “Worthy is the Lamb to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing” (Rev. 5:12). She sings this new song acknowledging the wonders he has done, celebrating her lord and son’s praise, and declaring God’s ever-faithful love.

Hail, O you, through whom Joy will shine forth!  
Hail, O you who have become a Kingly Throne!  
Hail, O you through whom creation is renewed!  
Hail, Celestial Ladder, by whom God came down!  
Hail, O Bridge leading earthly ones to heaven!  
Hail, O Mother of the Star Without Setting!  
Hail, O Pillar of Fire who guided those in darkness!  
Hail, O Lamplight of Knowledge to many!  
Hail, O Tabernacle of God the Word!  
Hail Mary full of grace!  
(Akathist Hymn)



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I offered Mass with the St. Benedict school community on Tuesday. The reading from Genesis as well as Matthew were about genealogies or better the tracing of the lines of descent. The first reading was incomplete in that names of those who were out of compliance with the expectations placed upon those who (in a sense) misrepresented the direction of holiness. Perhaps a question of formation and development that did not redound to performance that was faithful to God. It was also the final days of preparation for the first



coming. Which had me thinking about the same words of how we are formed and develop and how we perform in like manner and being in accord with the Way of Jesus born to us. I recollected a story from many years back about a basketball coach who called a time out while his team was not playing well. A time out to reorganize and stay with the game plan against a very good CYO team. After the brief meeting play resumed and, as I recall

in my hearing, the referee called another time out. It seemed that one of the players was shadowing the referee up and down the court. The referee asked the young player what he was doing. The player responded that his coach told them to stay close to the one on the court who was giving them a hard time. He indicated that the coach may have been critical of some of the referee's calls. That said, play resumed soon after. My thoughts then turned to personal responsibility and playing the game well. The appreciation of being formed in likeness to the One born to us. That development might be the most important relationship that many of us might not acknowledge as we might as well the expectation of carrying out and further developing the Life within us. When I asked who was the first pick or beginning of the genealogy (so to speak) the local Cleveland team and one player drafted, it took a while to get to Mr. Cavalier who attended Holy Redeemer School in Washington D. C. and later Mackin Catholic High school and on to Notre Dame. That would be Austin Carr. Tracing the lines of descent after Mr. Carr I was given names that they would be more familiar with and I suppose the emphasis I wanted to encourage was how and where we participate in our ability to be the kind of presence through instruction and seek to develop in relationship to others as a people of God. A community, if not a team in need of direction and instruction and inasmuch as the word coach is one who carries us amid the contests of life. "Contestari" in Latin gives us the word "witness." It is a matter of giving testimony and truth be told, we are called to be living witnesses as part of the community of faith. Thinking back to the Genesis reading perhaps they might be appreciated a 'not team' players that sought their own manner of life contrary to the direction of God. Perhaps as well the beginning of Matthew needs be thought of as an opportunity of furthering the one born to us in our own daily living as individuals and the community or truly the Body of Christ.

## Readings for the Week of December 22, 2024

<b>Sunday</b>	Mi 5:1-4a Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45
<b>Monday:</b>	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4-5b, 8-10, 14 Lk 1:57-66
<b>Tuesday:</b>	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 Lk 1:67-79 <b>Vigil:</b> Is 62:1-5 Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Mt 1:1-25 <b>or</b> 1:18-25
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>Midnight:</b> Is 9:1-6 Ps 96:1-3, 11-13 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14 <b>Day:</b> Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18 <b>or</b> 1:1-5, 9-14
<b>Thursday:</b>	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3c-4, 6, 8a, 16b-17 Mt 10:17-22
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20:1a, 2-8
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Jn 1:5—2:2 Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8 Mt 2:13-18
<b>Sunday:</b>	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128:1-5 Col 3:12-21 <b>or</b> 3:12-17 Lk 2:41-52 <b>or</b> 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 Lk 2:41-52

### READINGS FOR THE DAY

TO FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE DAILY READINGS VISIT  
< [HTTP://USCCB.ORG](http://USCCB.org) > CLICK TODAY'S DATE ON THE CALENDAR.

### HELPFUL GUIDE FOR TELEVISION VIEWING:

Sunday at 10 am WUAB Channel 43, the CW.  
Cox Communications Cable subscribers may select  
Channel 45. Mass airs each week on Sunday at 11:30am.

### HELPFUL GUIDE FOR RADIO AND AUDIO LISTENING:

WINT-1330 AM airs Mass each Sunday at 9:00 am  
The Rock 1260 AM Sunday at 10:30 am

### ONLINE MASS GUIDE

DIocese OF CLEVELAND DAILY MASSES ON THE INTERNET SITE  
AT NOON (12 PM) DAILY.

<https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org>

OBLATES OF THE VIRGIN MARY COMMUNITY FOR ONLINE DAILY AND  
SUNDAY VIRTUAL MASSES.

<https://www.omvusa.org/st-clement-shrine/schedule/daily-mass-videos/>

### Protecting God's 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, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999 or email: [response\\_services@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org) You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about any inappropriate behavior.

### Anointing of the Sick & Healing Prayer

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated on: January 4, 2025 at the 4:30pm Mass. Following mass, members of the healing prayer team will be available to pray with you for your intentions.

### Rosary for Healing and Protection of Sexual Abuse Victims

January 1, 2025 starting at 6 pm, we will pray the Holy Hour for the Healing and Protection of Sexual Abuse Victims. We will start with the Rosary and end with Mass. If you cannot come but want to pray with us, pick up a copy of the Rosary in the vestibule or call the Rectory to get one.

### SOUP~ER SUNDAY

Today is SOUP~ER SUNDAY after 11:00am Mass

Please stop by and pick up your Favorite Soup

This Sunday choices are:

**STUFFED PEPPER or CHICKEN w/WILD RICE**

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POST #4130

Knights of Columbus Post #4130 is having their "COATS FOR KIDS" Campaign again. Just like last year, "CASH" donations will be collected. Checks can be made out to "Knights of Columbus Post #4130" Envelopes are available in the Vestibule. Many Thanks always for your support every year.

### Monthly Bible Study Group

Bible study is a wonderful way to increase your knowledge and strengthen your faith. I hope you'll be able to join us, January 7, 2025 7:00pm Social ~ 7:15~8:00 Bible Study. We will discuss the Gospel of Luke. Bible Study will continue every first Tuesday of the month. If you have any questions or would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact Terry Battaglia at [tjbattaglia6@gmail.com](mailto:tjbattaglia6@gmail.com)

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WEDNESDAY DINNER NIGHT

Next meal will be on January 8, 2025.

We look forward to serving you next year.

Have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## From Bobbi Bugaj

This past Tuesday's evening prayer began with the words "do not stifle the Spirit." What a great thought for going into the last week of advent. A direction of thought for what this advent is all about. Brushing away the cobwebs and dust of this world. It brought to mind a concert I went to in college. It was a large concert in Wheeling Park. There were people everywhere and we were bumbling and stumbling into each other and being on the shorter side a few people did not see me and we crashed into one another. The concert was very loud or so I thought at the time and when I got into my car afterwards the silence and escape left me breathless. To just sit in the silence and let the others go about their way. To revel in the silence. To be protected and secure that while I am part of this hustle and bustle of the world there is peace and healing in the silence and the Holy Spirit saying "take a deep breath and know that God will take away the rough edges." It is in the silence of prayer, it is in the acknowledging the presence of the Spirit in my heart that makes the everyday noise bearable. It is also that peace that gives me the ability to laugh at 100 people looking over me and running into me. To a certain extent that is what I do with the Holy Spirit sometimes, over look the presence until I run into Him in the silence and prayer. The fourth week of Advent candle is love. What greater love the Father shown than to send his Son but I can get caught up, pushing to get done and following the crowd and it only in getting away to my car and sitting in the silence that I can even hear the Spirit over the noise of life. That is love, that is the Spirit guiding me to take the breath and say, "lets step away from the crowd and for a few moments together to remember." God knows that there are times that I have to be in the crowd, that is a part of life, but also that I must step out of the crowd. It is in the stepping out and the silence that I can fully feel and stay on the journey to walk to walk in his footsteps. It is in the side step out of the crowd that I can feel and listen to the Spirit. There are a few different translations to this line. One of them being quench but I am liking stifle because that is the word that caught my eye and made me stop and think. Thessalonians went on to say that God wants to make me holy to be with Him and in just a short few days we will remember what that love looks like. Jesus, the son of God as human. He came and will come again. There is so much love in that and every reason to listen to the Spirit in my heart and stop stifling it. Loving Advent.



Mark your calendars:

**AM 1260, The Rock, is having a Mass said for YOU,  
Our Listeners, Donors and Their Intentions.**

Do you have a prayer request?

Visit <https://am1260therock.com/request-prayers-2/>  
or call 216-227-1260.

**All are Welcome to Celebrate Mass at:  
St. Adalbert, Berea  
Saturday, January 11, 2025 at 4:30pm**

**News From AM 1260 The Rock!**  
**Happy Advent!**

Pope Benedict XVI said, "It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope". AM 1260 The Rock prays that you and your family experienced a beautiful Advent season and are filled with hope and peace during the Christmas season and beyond.

Now in our 10th year, AM 1260 The Rock has truly been blessed with listeners and donors such as yourself. Because of this, on the 11th of each month there is a Mass said for all our listeners, donors, benefactors, and their intentions, at various parishes throughout the Diocese of Cleveland. Why on the 11th you ask? Our first broadcast was on May 11th, 2015! Please celebrate Mass with us on Saturday, January 11, 2025, at St. Adalbert, in Berea, at 4:30 PM, as prayers are offered for you and other AM 1260 The Rock supporters. For a complete schedule of the **2025 Mass of the Month**, please visit [am1260therock.com](http://am1260therock.com) or follow us on your favorite social media site.

Speaking of 10 years, be sure to **Save The Date for our 10th Anniversary Gala on Friday, May 9**. Watch as details are coming soon on [am1260therock.com](http://am1260therock.com).

**Catholic Cemeteries Association**

The Catholic Cemeteries Association provides free monthly grief support groups in two formats: In-Office (3pm) at six Cemetery offices and Virtual (5pm) via Zoom. We meet the 3rd Sunday of the month. Meetings are open-discussion, surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is in your heart. We offer a comfortable, private, and explore your grief. Come and be in the presence of those who understand.

**"A Closer Walk With Thee"**

**CCA Monthly Grief Support E-Newsletter**

Our monthly grief support e-newsletter, "A Closer Walk With Thee" provides much of the same helpful grief support information that is presented at the monthly meetings but can be enjoyed from the comfort of your home and from any device where you can access your email. This e-newsletter is emailed the first Tuesday of each month to any family/individual who has expressed an interest in our bereavement programs. To subscribe to this valued grief support resource, signup for at: <https://bit.ly/ccabereavementbulletin> or contact Rhonda at [rabrams@clecem.org](mailto:rabrams@clecem.org) or phone 216-930-4866.

**St. Benedict Early Learning Center**

St. Benedict Early Learning Center (located on the campus of St. Martin of Tours Church in Maple Hts.) is looking for a part-time assistant teacher in our daycare. Student ages range from 6-weeks to 3 years of age. Background checks and VIRTUS training will be required prior to start date. Interested candidates please submit a resume and contact information for three references. Please contact Mrs. Malone at: [cmalone@stbenedictohio.com](mailto:cmalone@stbenedictohio.com) with any questions.

**A note from parishioner, Raine Austen**

In my attempt to get back in your good graces,

I will be hosting a Patriotic Concert & Event this summer.

I'm thinking the second weekend of July (11, 12 or 13) of 2025.

So mark your calendar! I'll keep you posted.

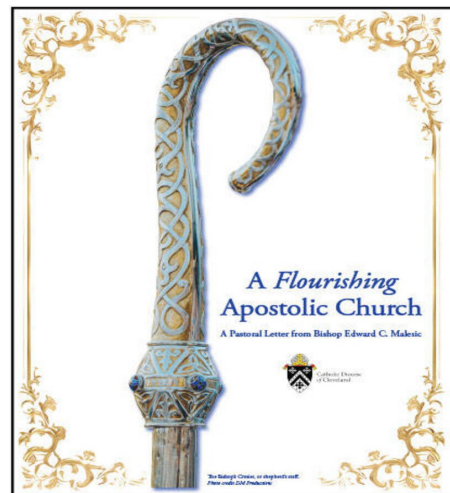
If you'd like to have some concert music this season, you can still view the video I put together a couple of years ago:

<https://youtu.be/fr3BUD3lxlI?feature=shared>

**Merry Christmas everyone. God bless you,  
and thank you for everything!!!**

**A Message From  
Bishop Edward C.  
Malesic, JCL**

My Dearest Brothers and Sisters of the Diocese of Cleveland, Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! I am writing you today my first pastoral letter, and I thank you for taking the time to read it. It has been over four



years since I was appointed by Pope Francis to be the Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland, and the time is right for me to share with you where I think the Holy Spirit is calling us as a diocese, a local Church. The goal of this letter is to provide you with a resource for reflection, that you might be drawn more deeply into prayer and a more intimate relationship with Jesus. This letter is composed of four sections, and they build on each other, like St. Paul's letters. The first three sections remind us of who we are and whose we are, and the final section articulates specific strategies to boldly follow the call of the Holy Spirit as sons and daughters of the Father.

**Bishop Malesic also recorded a video message regarding the letter that you might wish to link to website [dioceseofcleveland.org/pastoral-letter](http://dioceseofcleveland.org/pastoral-letter).**



LORD,  
MAKE US TURN  
TO YOU; LET US  
SEE YOUR  
FACE AND  
WE SHALL  
BE SAVED.



All-powerful  
God, your  
eternal Word  
took flesh on  
our earth  
when the  
Virgin Mary  
placed her life  
at the service  
of your plan.  
Lift our minds  
in watchful  
hope to hear  
the voice  
which an-  
nounces his  
glory and open  
our minds to  
receive the  
Spirit who  
prepares us  
for his  
coming.

## THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST

For Adults 40 & Over  
Westside Irish American Club

8559 Jennings Rd. Olmsted Twp.

**Monday, January 13**

**Our First Ever – Night of Reflection**

**Nunc Coepi & Ho'oponopono**

**(the Hawaiian Blessing) Retreat**

*A look at the New Year. A time to start over, a time to begin. Tom Pussel, Dir. of Evangelization/St. Raphael's Parish & Ginny Pippin, Cert.Lay Ecclesial Minister & Spiritual Dir. will provide talks, time for reflection & group discussion to draw us closer to God & God's plan for us.*

Cost is \$15.00 per person. Includes all materials, light appetizers & refreshments. Cash Bar is also available. **Advance tickets highly recommended** for catering purposes. **Register in advance:** [www.theologyontherockswest.com](http://www.theologyontherockswest.com)

**Doors open at 6:30pm. Program begins at 7pm.**