



SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS

JANUARY 12, 2025

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PASTORAL STAFF

Reverend Luigi C. Miola, Pastor

Deacon Raymond L. Daul

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: Jesus is the beloved Son of the Father. He is the light of the nations and Lord of all creation. To Him be all glory and praise!

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY: JANUARY 11 CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

7:30 am Deceased Members of the
Granfors Family ~

Ellen~Hugo~Ernst~Joyce & Mark (Lisa Granfors)

4:30 pm Mary Jo Kranz (Family)

SUNDAY: JANUARY 12 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9:00 am Jeff Lansky (Brother)

11:00 am For The People

MONDAY: JANUARY 13 WEEKDAY

(FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME)

7:30 am Deceased Members of the
Skuhrovec Family (Mary McFeely)

6:30 pm Hank Smitley (Family)

TUESDAY: JANUARY 14 WEEKDAY

7:30 am Edwina Stefanski (Martineers)

6:30 pm Carole C. Mays (Marge Papay)

WEDNESDAY: JANUARY 15 WEEKDAY

7:30 am Danny Malloy (Family)

6:30 pm Marie Theresa Ali (Ben Ali & Family)

THURSDAY: JANUARY 16 WEEKDAY

7:30 am Joseph Blaha (Family)

FRIDAY: JANUARY 17 Saint Anthony, Abbot

7:30 am Robert F. Royer (Family)

SATURDAY: JANUARY 18 WEEKDAY

7:30 am Vincent Veverka (Family)

4:30 pm For the People

**SUNDAY: JANUARY 19 SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

9:00 am Joseph Blaha (Family)

11:00 am Ronald Boehnlein (Family)

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 you Confirmation, please call the Rectory 216-475-4300.

CYO ~ Saint Benedict Athletics' Mass

On Sunday, January 19, 2025 at 9:00am Mass

**We will be Welcoming the CYO Athletics from
Saint Benedict School**

Parish Collection December 29, 2024

Sunday Envelopes	\$3218.33
Repair and Maintenance	\$15.00
Utilities	\$122.00
Donations	\$808.25
Candles	\$57.00
Christmas	\$656.00
New Year's	\$202.00
Cloak	\$535.00

Parish Collection January 5, 2025

Sunday Envelopes	\$6185.01
Repair and Maintenance	\$758.00
Utilities	\$737.00
Donations	\$332.00
Candles	\$94.00
Christmas	\$540.00
New Year's	\$1769.00
Cloak	\$335.00
HVAC	\$96.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$125.00
Oplatky	\$20.00
Latin American	\$45.00
Catholic University	\$50.00
Immaculate Conception	\$10.00
Religious Retirement	\$5.00

**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, 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 Mummary, 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:

**ANITA EBERT ~ ROBERT F. ROYER
VINCENT L. VEVERKA**

**Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord and
Let perpetual light shine upon them.**

PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

Sat: January 1	7:30 am Mass 8:00 am Rosary 3:00 pm Confessions 4:30 pm Mass
Sun: January 12	9:00 am Mass 11:00 am Mass
Mon: January 13	7:30 am Mass 8:00 am Rosary PSR K through 8th Grade 6:30 pm Mass w/K & Gr 1 & 8
Tues: January 14	7:30 am Mass 8:00 am Rosary 6:15 pm Evening Prayer 6:30 pm Mass
Wed: January 15	7:30 am Mass 8:00 am Rosary 6:15 pm Evening Prayer 6:30 pm Mass
Thurs: January 16	7:30 am Mass 8:00 am Rosary
Fri: January 17	7:30 am Mass 8:00 am Rosary
Sat: January 18	7:30 am Mass 8:00 am Rosary 3:00 pm Confessions 4:30 pm Mass
Sun: January 19	9:00 am Mass Coffee & Donuts after Mass 11:00 am Mass

"MY 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



Guest Article :

Rev. Jerome Machar OCSO

Ezekiel 17:22-24 ~ 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 ~ Mark 4:26-34

"I, too, will take from the crest of the cedar, from its topmost branches tear off a tender shoot, and plant it on a high and lofty mountain" (Ezek. 17:22-). The prophet promises God will take a cedar shoot, something small and insignificant, and plant it on a mountaintop. I get great joy out of starting a plant from a cutting. Against all odds, what began small and weak will "put forth branches and bear fruit." It will become "a majestic cedar," with life-giving fruit, where all will find refuge. Each of us is a tender shoot, plucked by God's hand, planted at the foot of the Cross, and nourished at the fountain of Salvation. Having been grafted to Christ, we have been fed with Christ's life-giving blood and become channels of life for the human race.

God is the giver and sustainer of life. All of creation is the object of his provident care. A shoot has sprouted from the root of Jesse and in Christ all things have been made new. God is ever faithful and ever true to His word, it is we who are unfaithful. The tragedy of salvation history is that although God desires all people to be saved, not all people desire to be saved. This was confirmed by Jesus's comment to St. Teresa of Avila: "Teresa, I was willing, but men were not." Each person who is willing to surrender to the love and will of the Father will find the fullness of life in Christ. God, the eternal tender of the garden, is willing to take a choice shoot from a dying tree and allow it to take root, flourish, and bear fruit. What began scrawny and weak can "put forth healthy branches and bear fruit."

He who tends the garden of the world knows his trade. If we allow him to work with us, we can and will find newness of life in him. Everyone willing to enter into an honest and open dialogue with the gardener will come to know the freedom of the children of God. What a privilege and blessing it is to come to know ourselves as beloved sons and daughters in the Son. Saint Benedict testified to the abundant love that flows from the heart of God when he wrote: "Never despair of God's mercy" (RB 4.73. What is small and seemingly insignificant can bring a fruitful outcome. When God, in his mercy, stretches out His hand to us, we are restored to value and dignity.

Our God Is Here [Verse 1] Here in this time, here in this place Here we are standing face to face Here in our hearts, here in our lives Our God is here (Chris Muglia)

TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK...

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

One of the interpretations (exegetes differ) or explanations of the Visitation of the Magi had one exegete offering that the gifts given over to the child Jesus were their former tools of trade. In offering what they formerly used in the way of practice and spirituality they accepted the guidance of the star and acknowledged and worshiped



the Lord. It was also interesting that the dream they experienced soon after had them going in a different route to preserve the life of the child Herod was seeking to destroy. It was a thought of mine about the number of people that approach the crèche. The manger scene has

some symbolism that may be attached to different cultures. The figure of Jesus in the manger for one. The word meaning "to eat" and in the adult Jesus we hear "this is my body given for you" with the words "take this and eat" in establishing the covenant relationship. Another thought had to do with the stable, I remember reading an acquaintance David who quoted Carl Jung who said 'we are not God but we are the only stable in which He can be born.' Both manger and stable have implications that we may need to more and more to embrace and connect with in relationship to our Baptismal identity. We house the presence of the Word made flesh. We digest, as well, the bread of life and drink of the cup. A caution against a routine and perhaps mechanical performance (no judgment here) that involves us in what David speaks of as participant transformation. So that we seek a more deeper association with heart of Jesus. Thinking back to the magi who (again) may have given over former practices and then preserved the life of Jesus by going another way. Is it possible that we too (as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord and anticipate His mission) may be free of past practices that are out of keeping with His way and life. May we, as well, be mindful of the 'way' we take in our daily living and be open to new directions and daily transformation in the grace of the One born to us.

Readings for the Week of January 12, 2025

- Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7
Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b 9b-10
Acts 10:34-38 Lk 3: 15-16, 21-22 **or**
Is 40:1-5, 9-11
Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30
Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
- Monday:** Heb 1:1-6 Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9
Mk 1:1-14-20
- Tuesday:** Heb 2:5-12 Ps 8:2a, 5-9 Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday:** Heb 2:14-18 Ps 105:1-4, 6-9
Mk 10:1-21-28
- Thursday:** Heb 3:7-14 Ps 95:6-11 Mk 1:40-45
- Friday:** Heb 4:1-5, 11 Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8
Mk 2:1-12
or Eph 6:10-13, 18 Mt 19:16-26
- Saturday:** Heb 4:12-16 Ps 19:8-10, 15 Mk 2:13-17
- Sunday:** Is 62:1-5 Ps 96:1-3, 7-10 1 Cor 12:4-11
Jn 2:1-11

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** 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: **February 2, 2025 at 9:00am 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

February 5, 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.

Monthly Bible Study Group

Bible study is a wonderful way to increase your knowledge and strengthen your faith. Bible Study will continue Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 7:00pm Social 7:15~8:00 Bible Study. If you have any questions or would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact : Terry Battaglia at tjbattaglia6@gmail.com

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.

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

Please join us for Divine Mercy Holy Hour at:

St. Therese on **January 26, 2025** and at

St. Monica on **February 9, 2025**

Prayers at both Churches begin at 2:30pm

ALL ARE WELCOME

Coffee, Donuts and Soup

Please join us for Coffee and Donuts on Sunday, January 19th, after 9:00am Mass.

Then join us on Sunday, January 26th, after 11:00Mass,

When we will enjoy Soup~er Sunday.

"JUST ONE HOUR"

The Adoration Chapel has **"MANY"** openings for personal time with Our Lord in Prayer. Please call the Rectory Office at 216-475-4300, if you can share

"ONE HOUR" with Our Lord.

From Bobbi Bugaj

At evening prayer on Tuesday, a word appeared and caught my attention. It was the word favor. My mind went to a simple question that I use a lot. "Would you do me a favor?" A favor, some simple request that would make my life easier through the kindness and assistance of others. The line in the translation for evening prayer was translated as "By this favor we were saved." How was the incarnation a favor? I pulled out my handy dandy cell phone and looked up the definition for favor. What came up from the "dictionary" (no company name) was "approval, support, liking for someone or something" or "an act of kindness beyond what is due." It brought me to my knees because my concept of a "favor" is so far below what I consider the incarnation and the life, death and resurrection of Jesus to be in my life. So, I pondered how this could be. Thursday morning while trying to put my mind around how much more I think of all of this, I went to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and looked at their translation, and I smiled. In parenthesis was "by grace you have been saved." Grace, everything is grace. I stopped for a moment and thought of all the "favors" asked that would make my life easier, how many times I have been grateful for the "sure, no problem" when I have known that it was a problem but in their graciousness still helped me. Some of those times I have been so grateful I have cried. I have thought of all the simple things those favors have helped me to accomplish. Now to "favors" by God to me. His divine kindness. The blessings that I have received, his true compassion and mercy on me who tries my best but still sometimes I fail. How my prayers, to me, sometimes come across as needy and ask the question, am I deserving? My answer is no I am not but God loves me. Gave me the Holy Spirit to nudge me when needed and makes sure that I feel his presence not just in my heart but in all that surrounds me. I have come to realize the statement "it's all grace" includes not just the big things but the small things. I have come to realize that "favors" and grace are the same thing while the definitions might have seemed different to me until now. As an adult choosing to walk in the footsteps of Jesus I felt I have known grace in the large parts of my life, but now have a glimpse of the "small favors" that are also grace. I got a reminder that God is everywhere. He does not just come for the big things, it is in the little things He has not left me either. I never knew that I made this distinction but I do now and it is going to change. Not sure how, but it will definitely change because what I knew in my head, I am moving to my heart. This year I will explore the grace of God and be thankful of it. I will acknowledge that He is with me always. God's favor and grace have the same definition and it gladdens my heart that this is so. How it happened, not sure, I am acknowledging it and changing it. It is going to be a Graced New Year.

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. Ignatius of Antioch, Cleveland
Tuesday, February, 11, 2025 at 9:00am**

News From AM 1260 The Rock!

Please join AM 1260 The Rock as we broadcast the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland's **Annual Mass for Life**, live from the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist on **Friday, January 17th at 10:00 AM**. Listen via radio, through our website (am1260therock.com), or on our mobile app. Your prayers for LIFE are needed now more than ever for the most vulnerable in our society, the unborn! God Bless You! **New Program!** AM 1260 The Rock will begin airing "Burning Hearts" on Monday, January 20th, during the 3 PM hour. Replacing Food for the Journey with Sr. Ann Shield, Rachel Herbeck will host this new program, using Scripture to draw us into deeply intimate conversation with the Lord. She asks us to consider two questions: What is God saying to us? And, what are we doing about it? Journey with Rachel to discover how to make your own roadmap through the Word of God and allow Him to set your heart on fire with zeal for His Word! For a complete schedule of programs, visit www.am1260therock.com.

"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, sign up for at:

<https://bit.ly/ccabereavementbulletin>

or contact Rhonda at

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 with any questions.

The 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.

January's Topic is:

"Facing the New Year with Hope and Love".

Meetings are open-discussion, surrounding the 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.

For details, visit:

<https://www.clecem.org/Events/Events.aspx>

For more information or questions, call Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

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

THE EL SALVADOR ~
LATIN AMERICAN COLLECTION

Weekend of January 25-26, 2025 we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America.

For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers, all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formations, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ.

To learn more about how your gifts make a difference visit:

www.usccb.org/latin-america

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
WEDNESDAY DINNER NIGHT

SPECIAL DATE—January 22, Beef Tips Dinner
Cost: \$13 Reservations Due: Friday, January 17 @ 8pm

Phone 216-662-2277 PRESS 2

Prepared by Lori's Custom Catering.

Dinner will consist of ~ **Beef Tips with Mushrooms over Noodles, Broccoli, Rolls & Butter**

Everything is Packaged ~ Pre-order only –
Takeout only

Curbside Pickup ~ Ready to Heat.

Serving Time 4 ~ 6pm

Pick-up at 10806 Granger Rd. ~ Club 4130.

Please leave your complete name, phone number and numbers of dinners you will be picking up.

Please no changes day of dinner.

If someone else is picking up ~

leave their name also.

Thank you for your continued patronage!