

SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS DECEMBER 29, 2024

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PASTORAL STAFF

Reverend Luigi C. Miola, Pastor Deacon Raymond L. Daull 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
 6:30 p.m.

- 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. |
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| | 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 nonbaptized, 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 Principal216-662-938013623 Rockside Rd., Garfield Hts., Ohio216-475-4300Saint 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:** Family life is rooted in the unconditional love of God as witnessed by the Holy Family. Option: Hannah and Elkanah offer their son, Samuel, to God in the Lord's temple. Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the temple. He returns to Nazareth, obedient to them.

Mass Intentions 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) MONDAY: DECEMBER 30 SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD 7:30 am Fanny Soukup (McFeely Family) 6:30 pm Joseph Blaha (Family) **TUESDAY: DECEMBER 31 SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE** OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD 7:30 am Alma J. Hearty (John C. McElhone) 6:30 pm Rev. Thomas O'Donnell (St. Martin Parishioners) WEDNESDAY: JANUARY 1 THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD, SOLEMNITY OF MARY, **MOTHER OF GOD** 7:30 am John Mayer (Family) NOON Sandra Williams (Family) 6:30 pm Jim Zimmer (Family) THURSDAY: JANUARY 2 SAINTS BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS AND DOCTORS **OF THE CHURCH** 7:30 am Mamie McElhone (John C. McElhone) FRIDAY: JANUARY 3 CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY 7:30 am Fanny Soukup (Mary McFeely) SATURDAY: JANUARY 4 SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS 7:30 am Deceased Priests & Religious ~ St. Martin of Tours & Saint Benedict 4:30 pm John J. Bartko (Jean Fihe) SUNDAY: JANUARY 5 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 9:00 am For The People 11:00 am Timothy Greenfelder (Family)

Parish Collection December 22, 2024

Due to the early Bulletin deadline this week we are unable to share this week amounts ~ will catch up in our next bulletin.

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 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 BIELA ~ BEN ALI

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

New Years Eve and New Years Day Mass Schedule:

December 31, 2024 7:30am and 6:30pm Vigil January 1, 2025 7:30am ~ Noon ~ 6:00pm Rosary for Healing ~ 6:30pm A Happy ~ Healthy ~ Blessed New Year to All

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 28 | 7:30 am Mass |
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| | 8:00 am Rosary |
| | 3:00 pm Confessions |
| | 4:30 pm Mass |
| Sun: December 29 | 9:00 am Mass |
| | 11:00 am Mass |
| Mon: December 30 | 7:30 am Mass |
| | 8:00 am Rosary |
| | NO PSR |
| | 6:30 pm Mass |
| Tues: December 31 | 7:30 am Mass |
| | 8:00 am Rosary |
| | 6:15 pm Evening Prayer |
| | 6:30 pm Mass |
| Wed: January 1 | 7:30 am Mass |
| | 8:00 am Rosary |
| | NOON Mass |
| | 6:00 Rosary for Healing, Followed |
| | by Evening Prayer |
| | 6:30 pm Mass |
| Thurs: January 2 | 7:30 am Mass |
| | 8:00 am Rosary |
| Fri: January 3 | 7:30 am Mass |
| • | 8:00 am Rosary |
| Sat: January 4 | 7:30 am Mass |
| • | 8:00 am Rosary |
| | 3:00 pm Confessions |
| | 4:30 pm Mass ~ Healing Mass |
| Sun: January 5 | 9:00 am Mass |
| - | 11:00 am Mass |

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

Please join us for Divine Mercy Holy Hour at: **St. Monica** on **January 12, 2025** and at **St. Therese** on **January 26, 2025** Prayers at both Churches begin at 2:30pm <u>ALL ARE WELCOME</u>

"MY DAILY PRAYERS"

"Daily Prayers" is a <u>FREE</u> 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

Genesis 3:9-15 ~ 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 ~Mark 3:20-35

"For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven" (2 Cor. 5:1). We live in a fragile, clay vessel. It has been chipped and scarred with time. It bears the marks of every collapse and fall. But because Christ bore all our sins in his body on the cross, we have no reason to hide from the Father's loving gaze. Knowing our nakedness and shame, he has chosen to clothe us in the garment of righteousness.

The Lord God called to the man and asked him, "Where are you?" (Gen 3:9) God, who formed us from the clay of the earth, became flesh and dwelt in our midst. He made us and we belong to Him. The prophet Jeremiah tells us that God searches every heart and examines our secret motives. (CF. Jer. 17:10). Because God knows the creatures he made, the moments when we are trapped in sin and shame are not moments for us to run and hide. These are moments for us to stand in God's presence and ask for mercy. God offers us time to repent. We do not have to stay stuck. We have only to listen to his voice and come out of hiding. Then we will be free to walk as children of the Light.

God knows what He made us to be. Through the victory of His Only-begotten Son He has given us all we need to be fully alive. Whenever we are tempted to run and hide, we need to recall these words of the Master. "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened (with guilt), and I will give you rest" (Mat. 11:28). "Take my yoke upon you" (Mat. 11:29) and I will carry your burden with you. With Christ at our side, we will never walk alone. Recall Jesus's conversation with Nicodemus. "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (Jn. 3:16).

Whenever the guilt of our sins weighs us down, we need only recall Saint Paul's words to Timothy. "Christ came into the world to save sinners" (1 Tim. 1:15). Christ is the Divine Physician God has sent us. He remains with us all the days of our lives, as he promised. Pope Francis said, "God can caress each sinner with his mercy. The Shepherd, and he alone, knows and loves his sheep one by one, especially the weakest and most wounded." God became one of us so that he could walk with us and show us the path of Life. God became Man to tell us that we have no reason to hide from Him. Seeing the mess that we are in, God desires to bind up our wounds and make us whole again. No longer bound by the tyranny of guilt and shame, we can throw ourselves to the embrace of God, and let ourselves be brought to the fullness of life in Christ.

Because Christ has taken our guilt upon himself, we can clothe ourselves in garments of righteousness and learn to love again. Our true identity is to be vessels of clay made to contain the Fire of Divine Love, a flame that can cleanse us of all our sins. Having been consumed by the Fire of Love, we can become lights of hope to all we meet. Such light is not meant to be hidden, but to be shared and mingled with the light carried by others as we journey along the path of life. Let us walk together with Christ, through Christ, and in Christ, as we journey toward our Father's house. Once we have reached our heavenly homeland we shall all partake of the Banquet of the Lamb. Having been bound together with the chords of love, let us live in communion with God and with all our sisters and brothers in the human family. When the question is asked, "Where are you?" may we answer, "Close to the Heart of God."

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The announcements in Luke's Gospel that occur in the telling of the birth of the Baptist and then the visitation of the angel Gabriel to our blessed mother are about two contrasting



responses. Both Zechariah and Blessed Mary received a communication through the angel and became engaged in conversation. Interesting how the root word also gives us the adjective "conversant" ("to live with and keep company with" as I have read and

asks me for a response as to how mindful am I in the day to day of the company that I keep (the same one born to Our Lady) and brought to deeper conversion in spirit and purpose and direction and away from sin (that would be another use of the root word). Zechariah's response is one of doubt. And note, the response of the husband of Elizabeth HOW SHALL I KNOW THIS? and he may felt conditioned by age (for I am an old man) and may have wanted more detail (so to speak). Mary's response was a bit more receptive asking how WILL this be? (as I have read that is a guestion asking for instruction or seeking to be informed as to the process of the birth). Interesting how the trust of Our Lady was receptive to the birth and the person formed in her was Jesus Himself. The citing of conditions that might question the birth of the Baptist seemingly did not evidence trust in the direction of God. The overshadowing the of the Holy Spirit with the words THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL COME UPON YOU not only occurs here in Luke. There are a number of allusions to the same 'coming upon you' and most notably in the Acts of the Apostles and the Pentecost event. In the Gospel of John we read 'he will teach you everything and remind you of all I told you in reference to the Father sending the Holy Spirit. And perhaps, what is most notable in John in relationship to the one who gave birth to Christ was at Cana where she told the stewards DO WHAT EVER HE TELLS YOU. As we celebrate His first coming may it be with the disposition of being taught and further educated in the manner of witnessing to the WORD MADE FLESH. May we be alert to excuses that inhibit us from daily seeking to make progress in the life of the Gospel as well. And may we keep in mind as well that it is about progress and not perfection as we patiently await His second coming.

Readings for the Week of December 29, 2024

| Sunday | Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128:1-5 Col 3:12-21 <i>or</i> 3:12-17 Lk 2:41-52 <i>or</i> 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 |
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| Monday: | 1 Jn 2:12-17 Ps 96:7-10 Lk 2:36-40 |
| Tuesday: | 1 Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96:1-2, 11-13 Jn 1:1-18 |
| Wednesday | Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Gal 4:4-7 |
| 2 | Lk 2:16-21 |
| Thursday: | 1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 1:19-28 |
| | <i>or</i> Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Mt 23:8-12 |
| Friday: | 1 Jn 2:29—3:6 Ps 98:1, 3cd-6 Jn 1:29-34 |
| Saturday: | 1 Jn 3:7-10 Ps 98:1, 7-9 Jn 1:35-42 |
| | Lk 10:37-42 |
| Sunday: | ls 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 |
| | Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12 |

READINGS FOR THE DAY

TO FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE DAILY READINGS VISIT <<u>HTTP://USCCB.org</u> CLICK TODAY'S DATE ON THE CALENDAR.

<u>HELPFUL GUIDE FOR TELEVISION VIEWING:</u> 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. <u>https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org</u> OBLATES OF THE VIRGIN MARY COMMUNITY FOR ONLINE DAILY AND SUNDAY VIRTUAL MASSES. <u>https://www.omvusa.org/st-clement-shrine/schedule/daily-mass-</u> 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: 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.

"JUST ONE HOUR"

The Adoration Chapel has <u>"MANY"</u> openings for personal time with Our Lord in Prayer. Please call the Rectory Office at 475-4300, if you can share <u>"ONE HOUR"</u> with Our Lord.

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 <u>tjbattaglia6@gmail.com</u>

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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

It's not too late to complete your gift to the 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal before the year ends! Donate by 11:59 PM on December 31. Your gift can bring hope and healing to neighbors facing homelessness, hunger, addiction, and more—and it may also qualify for 2024 tax benefits. Visit us online at www.catholiccommunity.org/catholiccharities

or call us at (216) 696-6525 x1910 to make your gift today! Questions? Contact Us. Please contact Sarah or Katie with questions about the Appeal:

via email (sgozur@catholiccommunity.org or kgalicic@catholiccommunity.org)

or phone (216-696-6525 at ext. 1910 or ext. 1049)

From Bobbi Bugaj

My Dad's birthday is January 1 so the weekend after Christmas we always went home to his parents in Wheeling West Virginia to celebrate his birth with them. My grandparents lived in the family home they built with my Aunt Renatha and Uncle Bob and their four children. So. when we visited there we had a total of ten children to keep track of with attentive love. We all had to be fed, go to Mass and there would also be a time to exchange gifts for Christmas and celebrate Dad's birthday. There might even have been finding a few missing children from time to time. But most important it was a time to feel and appreciate God's presence with us. I remember mostly the attending of Mass because we all attended together. There were a total of sixteen of us walking to Mass in the cold. (Corpus Christi Church was only a few blocks from where my grandparents lived.) Over the years as with all of life, only My Aunt Renatha lives but the blessings our parents and grandparents provided lives on and endures in memory and heart. Through their practice of the sacraments, Mass, prayer and community we hold in our hearts the love of Christ. I know that I can get lost in this world among people but there is the foundation that says, we walk but stop and pray. It is in the walking in this world, the distractions that I can get lost. It is in the attention of others sometimes that I keep on this path. I imagine that in that short walk keeping track of ten children all in the same age range was difficult especially when we hit about 10 years and running more than walking. I can also imagine that someone got lost in this short walk. But we all would be found at the church. We would all be listening and praying together. In this life while the path might be unknown, and I can get distracted, side tracked and even lost in life, I can find myself in a safe and wonderful environment of the Mass. Being contrite for my sins (the Penitential right) listening to the Word of God (Liturgy of the Word) and finding solace and healing in the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Finding food for the journey (Eucharist) and encountering a way and that keeps me coming back. I am comforted in knowing that God takes care of me and I can be with a family of believers that make sure that I am never lost on this journey. I have found over the years that this family walk includes not just my family, but friends, casual acquaintances, the community of St. Martin of Tours, just everyone who walks with me, keeping me from being lost and distracted. Searching for me when I can not be found and knowing that I can always find my way to my Father.

Mark your calendars:

AM 1260, The Rock, is having a Mass said for <u>YOU</u>, 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:

News From AM 1260 The Rock!

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 <u>am1260therock.com</u> 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 <u>am1260therock.com</u>

The Catholic Cemeteries Association

Offers free, safe, and compassionate monthly Grief Support meetings and memorial events throughout the year. Upcoming support/ gatherings: Sunday Grief Support meetings (3pm In-person; 5pm Virtual) For details, visit: https://www.clecem.org/Events/Events.aspx

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

<u>"A Closer Walk With Thee"</u> 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 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.



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.



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

Prayer To The Holy Family



Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendor of true love; to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches. Holy Family

of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing. Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Graciously hear our prayer. Amen