

### MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Dec 11 SWAGG	8:30 am -10:15 am
Young Adult Group	12:30pm SM
Youth Group	12:30 pm SA
Dec 12 Bible Study	7:00pm SM
Youth RCIA	6:30pm SA
Basketball	5:30pm SH
Dec 13 Hot Meal	5:30 pm SH
Basketball	5:30pm FC
Youth/Young Adult Choir	6:00pm CH
Adult Choir	7:00pm CH
RCIA	7:00pm SA
Dec 14 NA	7:00pm SH
Dec 15 Basketball	5:30pm SH
Education Commission	7:00pm I
Knights of St. Peter Claver	7:00pm SAg
Dec 16 Offices Closed	
Dec 17 Giving Tree Pick-up	11am-5pm MA
Dec 18 Basketball at St. Leo the Great	2:00pm
Giving Tree Pick-up	1pm-6pm MA

### YOUR SACRIFICE THIS WEEK

Thank you for your sacrificial gift for the support of our church. Our renewed weekly goal to meet our budget is \$5,000.00. Please be faithful through the summer months. We need everyone's help!  
**SUNDAY OFFERING: 12/04/16**      \$6,320.92  
**SECOND OFFERING: Charity of the Parish** \$316.08  
 Second Offering Today: Religious Retirement  
 Second Offering Next Week: Building Fund

### ACT OF KINDNESS FOR DECEMBER

With holiday demands, tight budgets, and increased stress, tempers and patience can be in short supply. Take time to focus on PEOPLE and RELATIONSHIPS that are important and don't let other expectations overwhelm your Christmas Spirit...BE KIND!

### THANK YOU

For your support of the Snack Pack Social last weekend. Over \$800.00 was raised. More details in next week's bulletin.

### CONFIRMATION 2017

Bishop Roger Gries will be with us on Sunday, March 5, 2017, and will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and are considering this Sacrament in the spring, please see Mrs. Mack, Ms. Smith, or Br. Bob as soon as possible. Preparation begins right after Christmas

holiday with a parent and candidate meeting on December 28 at 6:30 pm.

### TIME TO GET YOUR SWAGG ON

A new and exciting season of sharing and growing in our faith is fully underway for our elementary age and high school age youth. Breakfast is served at 8:30am and sessions run 9am-10:15am. Students and adults contact Mrs. Mack at the parish office for more information.

### +++ LITURGICAL MINISTRIES +++

#### Today, Sunday December 11, 2016

##### 8:30 Mass

Commentator: Veronica Safo  
 Lector: Rhonda Mangham  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Evelyne Jones Mike Conroy  
 Usher: Karen Larry Jacquelyn Hite-Jackson  
 Greeter: Dianne Phillips Anita Branan  
 Server: Di'Anaya Abrams Dar'ion Martin

##### 10:30 Mass

Commentator: Kyllan Hughes  
 Lector: Terrence Marsh Jame Hoyle  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Nahtia Stribling Gyta Martin  
                                   \* Bianca Campbell LaQuisha Andrew  
 Usher: Jeremiah Robinson Antoinette Smith  
                                   Dewayne Thomas Jr. Billy Cardwell  
                                   Elinor Williamson Crystal Simmons  
 Greeter: Tara Young Toni Griffin-France  
                                   Patience Mangum Kaitlynn Mangum  
 Server: Truston Morris Jordon Ivery

#### Next Sunday December 18, 2016

##### 8:30 Mass

Commentator: Vanessa Campbell  
 Lector: TBA  
 Eucharistic Minister: Anita Branan Elizabeth Pendleton  
 Usher: Dianne Phillips Lonnie Smith  
 Greeter: Daejah Gales Theresa Hughley  
 Server: Sharla Durand

##### 10:30 Mass

Commentator: Betty Smith  
 Lector: Erika Jones-Smith Gardenia Witherspoon  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Bailey Dr. Grace Brown  
                                   \* Delores Malby Davena Woodson  
 Usher: Michelle Jones Billy Cardwell  
                                   Yvette Andre Yvonne Griffin  
                                   Sheila Griffin- McCoy Toni Griffin-France  
 Greeter: Erik Smith Patience Mangum  
                                   Debbie James Karen Bradley  
 Server: Nadia Marsh Jeremiah Robinson

SEE MINISTRY SCHEDULES AT [www.saolf.org](http://www.saolf.org)

### RECONCILIATION SERVICE FOR ADVENT

Will be celebrated on Monday, December 19 at 7pm. Come and receive the mercy and forgiveness of God! Service at Holy Spirit December 13 at 7pm.

# St. Agnes+Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church



## MISSION STATEMENT

*Saint Agnes + Our Lady of Fatima Church  
is a visionary Catholic Christian Community.*

*As a diverse parish, we embrace  
Africentric worship,  
Christ centered hospitality,  
and missionary service.*

*Sustained by the wisdom of our elders  
and energized by the spirit of our youth,  
we come together in faith  
as a church family  
to give witness to the liberating message  
of the Gospel*

### Fatima Family Center

Mrs. LaJean Ray-McNair  
Director  
6600 Lexington Avenue  
(216) 391-0505

### Schubert Hall Rental

Capacity is 244 and air conditioned. Call the parish office for details and rates.

6800 Lexington Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44103

*A Ministry of the Capuchin Franciscan Friars*  
Visit the Capuchins at [www.capuchin.com](http://www.capuchin.com)

### PARISH INFORMATION

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 Friary: 216-431-8854  
 Website: [www.saolf.org](http://www.saolf.org)

### Mass Schedule:

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
 Weekday: 8:00 a.m.  
 Holyday: 7:00 p.m.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Anytime by appointment.

### Sacrament of Baptism for Infants:

Arrangements made in advance with Carolyn Mack. Godparents must be practicing Catholics.

### Sacrament of Marriage:

Preparations begin with priest or deacon BEFORE setting a date and six months prior to intended date. Contact Brother Bob or Deacon Martin before setting a wedding date.

### Sacrament of the Sick and Home Visits:

Please contact the parish office.

**Parish Registration:** Welcome to our parish. To register, please contact the parish office.

### PARISH STAFF:

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Mr. Danny McElroy, Director of Music Ministry

**DECEMBER 11, 2016**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**+ SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK +**

John the Baptist is a radical figure with a radical message: Repent and change your lives! And yet for all his boldness, John finds himself filled with doubt and uncertainty in the midst of his imprisonment. Was it all worth it? Was Jesus really the one? Jesus in turn sends word to John that indeed the great things of the Reign of God are unfolding in their midst. Jesus gives John encouragement and hope that all is not lost. On this REJOICE Sunday, we too are encouraged by the Word of God not to lose hope, but to remain steadfast. While we may not always see it, God is at work in our midst, and stands ready to save us. May our hope today allow us to see the Lord when he comes to us again.

**CELEBRATING FAITH: BUILDING CHURCH**

Please continue to honor your pledges to our new church, and if you did not pledge, it is not too late to contribute to this effort. Thank you for your faithfulness!

**MINISTRY FAIR THANK YOU**

To all who participated in the Ministry Fair a word of thanks and congratulations! Commissioners and leaders will be following up on those sign-up sheets in the coming weeks so that all may engage in the life and work of our church. May our efforts bear fruit as we continue to grow in faith and service together!

**2017 MISSALLETES ARE HERE!**

If you wish to purchase your own booklet of Sunday Scripture readings, they are available through the parish office or staff for \$5.00 each. Please leave the copies in pews for use at Sunday Worship. Thank you!

**SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS**

To Shirley Tucker and Family on the sudden passing of Michael Tucker, husband, father, grandfather and friend. May Mike rest in peace and consolation be given to his family and friends.

**MINISTERS NEEDED**

For Mass on Christmas Day Morning (One Mass on Sunday, Christmas Day). Please sign up in the Narthex of the church. Training for new ministers

will be scheduled in January. New Schedules will also be prepared soon. If you have dates that you are unavailable, please let Carla Grant-Smith or Antoinette Smith know as soon as possible. Thanks to all!

**MASS INTENTIONS AND  
SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK**

- Dec 11 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
7: Is 35:1-6a Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11  
8:30 a.m. Harry Branan, deceased  
10:30 a.m. For the Parish
- Dec 12 Our Lady Of Guadalupe**  
Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab  
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47 or 707-712
- Dec 13 St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr**  
188:Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 Mt 21:28-32  
2 Cor 10:17—11:2 Mt 25:1-13
- Dec 14 Weekday**  
189: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25 Lk 7:18b-23  
1 Cor 2:1-10a Lk 14:25-33  
8:00 a.m. Susan Rae, deceased
- Dec 15 Weekday**  
190: Is 54:1-10 Lk 7:24-30
- Dec 16 Weekday**  
191: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8 Jn 5:33-36
- Dec 17 Weekday**  
193:Gn 49:2, 8-10 Mt 1:1-17
- Dec 18 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
10: Is 7:10-14 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24

**GOT SOME GOOD NEWS TO SHARE?**

Every member of our church family is invited to enter into a process of sharing, learning, praying, and serving that will begin this fall. It is called GOOD NEWS PEOPLE and is a new and dynamic way to put our faith into practice. This is a process for gathering to pray with the Scriptures, to learn our faith, and put it into practice with our fellow church family. Lots of opportunities will be available to fit YOUR busy schedule to grow more deeply in your faith. Please pray now for the working of the Holy Spirit in our midst as we begin this new and exciting time in the life of our church. **See Myrita Wilhite or any of the parish staff today!**

**LITURGICAL DANCE MINISTRY**

Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex and Gallery Hallway for all who are interested in Praise Dance Ministry. For workshop details and for more information see Toni Smith.

**+PRAY FOR THE SICK+**

Ogechi Achunine Mary Avery Kalima Assami Stanley Albright Fr. Dan Begin Joyce Baker David Baker Bessie Bolles Joyce Blanton-Smith Darryl Blanton Warb Boykin, Jr. Anna Broadhead Christine Byrd William Byrd Marcella Caffie Kathy Clayton Mattie Coughlin Terrell Cole Irwing Dominic Edna Evans Margaret Ferguson Catherine Ford James Forte Sr. Della Gholson Jeanette Goggins Adriene Hall JoAnn Hinson Dorothea Hite George Hooper Patricia Heard Valada Hutchinson Brianna Jones Reaber Jones Tom Kramer Margaret Mazza Bill Miller Chantel McConnell Georgia McDuffie Terri Mohr Verendez Moore Marjorie Murphy Theda Nichols Lounette Payne Barry Phillips Erma Pollard Ernestine Poole Rita Rae Kenneth Roe Timothy Settles Regina Shanklin Jerry Shelton Kevin Sipp Mary St. Clair Joyce Sparks John Strozier Frances Stokes Barbara Sudberry Dorothy Vactor Dora Rae Vactor Hubert Watson Sherrod Waller Desire Webb Aris White Catherine Young James Keifer Kathy Heard Eboni Edwards LaVerne Henderson Emily Ellington Fredrick Ross II Bernadette Washington Monique Johnson Margie Jones Barbara Marshall Brown Fay Grady Velma Grady Beverly Wilson Rachael Glaster Odessa Marshall Jame Hoyle Brenda Rolling Dean Couch Monica Starks Judy Guzy Dean Hodges Sr. Latina Thomas Stella Hunter Raymond Moody Myrna Washington Walter Young

**PLANNING FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S**

This year, Christmas Day falls on Sunday. As most of our members attend Christmas Eve Mass, **there will only be one Mass on Sunday December 25 at 10:00 am.** Christmas Eve Mass begins with caroling at 7:30 pm December 24. As New year's Day also falls on a Sunday this year (Holy day of Mary the Mother of God), **there will be NO Watch Night Service this year.** Masses on Sunday January 1 will be our regular schedule of 8:30am and 10:30 am.

**STANDING ON THE PROMISES**

Today we remember those who first brought us here to St. Agnes+Our Lady of Fatima in the ornaments placed on the tree in the Narthex. Next Sunday, we celebrate the youngest members of our faith family—those most recently baptized into our Catholic Faith. Use the discs provided to share our stories of faith and the Promises of God!

**GIVING TREE GIFTS NEEDED TODAY**

Please return your wrapped gifts to the Church by December 11, TODAY! Gifts will be distributed on the weekend of December 17 and 18. Our efforts this year will again be directed toward children who have

parents incarcerated this Christmas holiday. Thank you for your generosity and care for our youth!

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

It is time to prepare our church for Christmas once again. Envelopes for Christmas Flower Memorials are available in the Narthex and the Gallery Hallway. Requested donations are again \$15.00 and are due in the parish office by December 18. Thank you for your generosity.

**TITHES AND OFFERTORY**

Please renew your commitment to our church's financial well-being by faithfulness to your weekly tithe. Tithing is the biblical injunction to return 10% of our blessings and resources to God through giving of ourselves to church and community. The recent decline in offertory gifts is a trend that cannot continue. Make your church home a priority in your Christmas giving and in the New Year. Thank you for your generosity last Sunday! Offertory envelopes for 2017 will be ready this week. Thank you!

**THE WORD AMONG US**

Copies of this Advent reflection guide are provided for your Spiritual growth this season. Please take a copy home and use it for your daily Scripture meditation and devotion.

**CHURCH DECORATING**

We will gather to decorate the church for Christmas on Wednesday, December 21 beginning at 6:30 pm. Come and fellowship as we prepare our sanctuary for the great Feast of Christmas!

**MARRIAGE MINISTRY "I DO"**

Will meet next Sunday, December 18 at 12:30 pm at the parish house. Bring an appetizer to share! For more information see Carla Grant-Smith or Erika Jones-Smith. See you there!

**BENEFIT FOR LITTLE BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

This Community under the direction of Fr. Jim O'Donnell and Sr. Maggie Walsh has been a presence of hope in the Central Neighborhood for over 40 years. Fundraising Event will be held at St. Clarence Hall, 30106 Lorain Rd. on Jan 20, 2017 from 8pm-midnight. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at 216-251-4075 or 440-331-3744.

**Rejoice! Again, I say rejoice!**