

FROM THE SUGGESTION BOX:

Please use the Suggestion box for all comments, suggestions, and ideas for all church groups, activities, or concerns that you may have. Thank you for your ideas and input.

Where are we in the process of Schubert Hall? Is something happening or not?

There is much work happening, although it is not easily seen. Work is being done to have the lots surveyed as well as to secure the small piece of land on E. 70th St. Further exploration is being done to make our lighting in the building energy efficient with LED retrofitting in the offices and meeting rooms. All of this requires a lot of behind the scenes work so that once an architect and contractor are chosen, work may move forward more efficiently and economically.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

The sexual or physical abuse of anyone is criminal and sinful. The abuse of a child is reprehensible and against everything that the Gospel of Jesus Christ stands for. If you suspect or know of abuse of a minor, report it to the authorities immediately at 911 or 216-696-KIDS. If the abuse allegation involves clergy, religious, church personnel or church volunteers, report it to the Diocese of Cleveland at 216-334-2999. May we be vigilant in our care for all God's children, especially the most vulnerable.

LAST CALL FOR TETELESTAI

The word Tetelestai is a Greek word meaning "It is finished" and is the title of the musical production of the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus that has been carried out for the last 41 years. The Cleveland Performing Arts Ministries will be holding auditions for this year's program on December 1 and 2, and December 8 and 9, Saturday from 8-4pm, and Sunday from 10-4 pm. Rehearsals are at Gilmore Academy in Gates Mills. The commitment requires rehearsals on Saturdays beginning January 5 through February 23 from 8:30am to 5pm. Performances begin March 1 and run through April 19 on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. **Tetelestai will be performed at our church the weekend of April 5-7, 2019.** If you wish to audition and can commit to the rehearsals and performance times, efforts will be made to provide transportation. Please see Br. Bob if you are interested or consult the poster on the bulletin board.

END OF YEAR REMINDERS

A reminder that all gifts and donations to our parish must be received by December 31 in order to be credited for the 2018 tax year. A statement of giving

will be prepared and available for those who need it for their tax filings. Thank you for your generosity! **ALSO, if you pledged at the Faith in Action portion of the Gala celebration, please remit those gifts as soon as possible. Thank you so much!**

+++ LITURGICAL MINISTRIES +++

Today, Sunday, December 9, 2018

5:00 Mass Ministers to be determined

8:30 Mass
Commentator: Pamela Pendleton
Lector: Doreatha Stover
Eucharistic Ministers: Shimeaker Hampton Dianne Phillips
Usher: Lonnie Smith Thomas Stover
Greeter: Veronica Safo Michelle Johnson
Server: Dante Hampton

10:30 Mass

Commentator: Jeanette Austin
Lector: Carolyn Mack Lori Washington
Eucharistic Ministers: * Dolores Malby Davena Woodson
Barbara Bailey Janice Kushner
Usher: Jeremiah Robinson Yvette Andre
Yvonne Griffin Sheila Griffin-McCoy
Toni Griffin-France Billy Cardwell
Greeter: Betty Washington Divine Onuorah
Kaitlynn Mangum Tara Young
Server: Nicole Onuorah Truston Morris

Next Sunday Dec 16, 2018

5:00 Mass Ministers to be determined

8:30am Mass
Commentator: Sabina Conroy
Lector: Uzoamaku Oranugo
Eucharistic Ministers: Elizabeth Pendleton
Byron Washington
Usher: Shirley Tucker Lazarus Oranugo
Greeter: Karen Larry Karen McWilliams
Server: Sharla Durand

10:30 Mass

Commentator: Josie Kramer
Lector: Erika Jones-Smith Tara Young
Eucharistic Ministers: * Bianca Campbell Marcia Smith
Jeanette Smith Annette Cardwell
Usher: Jeremiah Robinson Antoinette Smith
Myla Montgomery George Chambers
Linda Weatherspoon Billy Cardwell
Greeter: Carol Grant Stephanie Montgomery
Daphney McCaleb Brianna Davis
Server: Donzell Andrew Jr. Syan Hughes

Ministers are respectfully reminded to be present at least 10 minutes before Mass begins!

SEE MINISTRY SCHEDULES AT www.saolf.org

Church envelopes are ready for pick up. Thank you!

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*

Schubert Hall Rental

Call the parish office
For available dates and
Rates

Fatima Family Center

6600 Lexington Ave.
LaJean Ray, Director
216-391-0505

6800 Lexington Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44103

A Ministry of the Capuchin Franciscan Friars
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PARISH INFORMATION

Office: 216-391-1655
FAX: 216-391-7919
Friary: 216-431-8854
Website: www.saolf.org

Mass Schedule:

Sunday: 5:00 (Vigil) 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Weekday: As Scheduled
Holyday: 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays 4:00 pm or 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

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesdays at 12 noon

For publication in the following Sunday's bulletin

DECEMBER 9, 2018
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

+ SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK +

The great figure of John the Baptist makes his appearance again on this Second Sunday of Advent challenging us to make ready for the coming of the Lord. The prophet Baruch invites us to take off our robes of mourning, and put on the garments of joy as we prepare to meet the Lord. Many suffer from sadness and loss at this time of year, but the Scriptures invite us to hope in the Lord who is the source and center of our joy. May we be ready to rejoice again at the coming of the Lord among us!

YOUR SACRIFICE THIS WEEK

Thank you for your sacrificial gift for our church. Our goal to meet our budget is \$5,000.00. Thank you for your generosity!

SUNDAY OFFERING: 12/2/18 \$5,338.00

SECOND OFFERING: Charity of Parish \$278.00

Second Offering Today: Retired Religious

Second Offering Next Week: Building Maintenance

LECTORS WORKBOOKS HAVE ARRIVED

And are available for \$12.00 each. Each contains the readings, pronunciations, and reflections to aid in proclaiming the Word of God. Please see Br. Bob.

MISSALETTES ARE AVAILABLE

The new missalettes are in the pews for use at Mass to better tend to the Word of God. Personal copies are available for purchase for \$5.00. Please see any of the staff if you are interested. *Please do not take the books out of the racks in Church!* Thank you for your cooperation.

SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY

For the Retirement Fund for Religious Sisters, Brothers, and Priests. Please use the special envelopes provided. Thank you for your generosity!

GET IN THE A.C.T. WITH HUG-A-TREE

The Active Catholics Together (ACT) Group will sponsor the Hug-A-Tree to provide hats, gloves, scarves and socks at the Tuesday Loaves and Fishes Meal. These items will be collected from November until February for adults and children. **Donations may be brought forth at the offertory of Mass each week.** See Corlette or Donna.

THANK YOU FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES

We received a letter of thanks from Bishop Perez on behalf of Catholic Charities for your generous support of this year's funding efforts. Our parish met its goal of \$15,708.00. Thank you for your sacrifice!

**MASS INTENTIONS AND
SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK**

Dec 9 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Bar 5:1-9 Ps 126:1-6 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11
Lk 3:1-6**

5:00 pm Intentions of Pryatel Family
8:30 am For the Parish
10:30 am Anthonypillai Nicolapillai, dec.

Dec 10 Advent Weekday

Is 35:1-10 Ps 85:9ab-14 Lk 5:17-26

Dec 11 Advent Weekday

Is 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-3, 10a-c, 11-13
Mt 18:12-14

Dec 12 Our Lady Of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab
(Ps) Jdt 13:18b-19 Lk 1:26-38 Lk 1:39-47

Dec 13 St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

Is 41:13-20 Ps 145: 1, 9-13ab Mt 11:11-15
2Cor 10:17-11:2 Mt 25:1-13

Dec 14 St. John of the Cross

Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Mt 11:16-19
1Cor 2:1-10a Lk 14:25-33

Dec 15 Advent Weekday

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Dec 16 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Zep 3:14-18a (Ps) Is 12:2-6 Phil 4:4-7
Lk 3:10-18**

SECOND COLLECTION CHANGES

It has been a long practice at SAOLF to have a second collection each Sunday at Mass. These collections are for specific purposes, and some are designated to be sent to the Diocese for distribution to the proper cause. The diocesan designated collections have envelopes provided in the envelope box each year, as well as our own Charity Fund and Building Maintenance Fund. Using these envelopes provides accountability for both you and the parish that your gift is properly credited. All of these envelopes may be placed in the main collection basket and will be sorted to the proper charity, organization, or regular tithes as marked. With the approval of the Finance Council, beginning in January there will be no second basket passed through the church for a second

offering. Please use the **printed and designated special collection envelopes in your boxes or take one from the table in the Narthex or Gallery.** This will streamline the offering process and simplify the closing rites of Mass on Sunday. More information will be provided over the next several weeks before implementation. Thank you for your assistance!

THE GIVING TREE IS HERE!

Thanks to the Women's Group, the Giving Tree is in place to help those in need this holiday season. Again, our partnership will be with Providence House. Take the tag, bring the gift back to church by December 16. Do not wrap the gifts. Please! Thank you for your support of Families this Christmastime.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Dec 9 SWAGG	8:30 am SH
Youth Group	12:30pm MA
Young Adult Group	12:30pm SH
Dec 10 Bible Study	7:00 pm MA
Dec 11 Hot Meal	5:30pm SH
Youth & Young Adult Choir	6:00pm CH
Adult Choir	7:00pm CH
Dec 12 NA	7:00pm SH
Dec 13 Pastoral Council Meeting	7:00pm MA
Dec 14 Office Closed	
Dec 15	
Dec 16 ACT Group	12:30 pm SAg
Men's Group	12:30pm MA

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

May be turned in by December 20 using the envelopes provided. Requested donation is \$15.00 for each plant which will grace our sanctuary through the Christmas Season. Thank you for your support and remembrance of those we love this Christmas!

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE AT SAOLF

As time draws near for the holiday season, please mark the following dates and times on your calendars:

- Dec. 20 Penance Service/Confessions at 7:00 pm
- Dec. 23 Church Decorating after 10:30 Mass
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Celebration (Mon.)
Carols begin at 7:00 pm
Mass begins at 7:30 pm
- Dec. 25 Christmas Day Mass at 10:00 am
- Dec. 30 Holy Family (Youth/Young Adult Choir sing
At 10:30 Mass
- Dec. 31 Watch Night Mass at 10:00pm followed by
Breakfast celebration in Schubert Hall
- Jan. 27 Youth Christmas Program at 12:30pm

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

In line with the Offices of the Diocese of Cleveland, the parish offices will be closed from December 24 through January 2. No meetings or activities are scheduled during that time. Enjoy the holidays with family and friends!

+PRAY FOR THE SICK+

Ogechi Achunine Mary Avery Georgia Atkinson Kalima Assami Joyce Baker David Baker Bessie Bolles Joyce Blanton-Smith Darryl Blanton Donna Blythewood Warb Boykin, Jr. Anna Broadhead Christine Byrd William Byrd Marcella Caffie Kathy Clayton Terrell Cole Robin Davis Edna Evans Margaret Ferguson Catherine Ford James Nakima James Forte Della Gholson Myron Gholson Adriene Hall JoAnn Hinson Althea Hite Ursula Hite Patricia Heard Esteille Hodges Kyllan Hughes Valada Hutchinson Maxine Jackson Andrea Johnson Joseph Jones Brianna Jones Evelyne Jones Reaber Jones Craig Kelly Lynne Kelly Francesca Lehu Dolores Malby Elizabeth Malby LaVerta Marshall Joseph Mangham Bill Miller David McClain Chantel McConnell Chaquita McClinton Sharon McDuffie Robert McDuffie Sr. Terri Mohr Verendez Moore Marjorie Murphy Theda Nichols Lounette Payne Erma Pollard Ernestine Poole Roosevelt Thurman Sue Scott Regina Shanklin Jerry Shelton Kevin Sipp Mary St. Clair Joyce Sparks John Strozier Barbara Sudberry Janice Thompson Hubert Watson Desiree Webb Aris White Catherine Young James Keifer Kathy Heard Eboni Edwards LaVerne Henderson Fredrick Ross II Monique Johnson Margie Jones Barbara Marshall Brown Fay Grady Rachael Glaster Odessa Marshall Jame Hoyle Monica Starks Judy Guzy Dean Hodges Sr. Latina Thomas Constance Durrah Mary Roberts Donald Leftwich James Jackson Marcia St. John Leola Wilson Sabrina Wilson Betty Moore Albert Yourse II Ophelia Swain Soloman Fidela Lozada Moonson-Eddie Alonzo Givens

ADVENT READING

Daily Scripture reflections from The Word Among Us are available to all for the Season of Advent. Please make use of these guides to grow closer to the Lord and to prepare once again for his coming among us!

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

The season of Advent is about expectation and joyful hope. As we prepare for the coming of the Lord once again, we are asked to share our faith and joy with those in our community. Please see the flyer from the Spiritual Life and Worship Commission as we seek to share the Joy of the Gospel with those who are in need this Christmas Season! **Ornaments are due by December 16!**