

# Peace Advent

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*"You shall love the Lord, your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." Matthew 22:37 & 28:19*

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[www.facebook.com/ourladyofvictorychurchtallmadge](https://www.facebook.com/ourladyofvictorychurchtallmadge)

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 9:00-9:30 AM or by appointment.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples should call the Parish Office upon their engagement to arrange a date for their wedding. The bride or groom must be a registered parishioner of Our Lady of Victory.

## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM  
Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 AM  
Daily (Mon-Thur) 8:30 AM  
Holydays & Other As announced within

## OFFICE HOURS

PARISH: Mon-Fri 8:30-4:00 PM  
RELIGIOUS EDUC.: 8:30-4:00 PM  
LUNCH (offices closed): 12:00-1:00 PM  
*(Offices closed holidays & major holydays)*

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms can usually be scheduled for any weekend Mass. Attendance of a preparation workshop for first-time parents is required. Parents can call the Parish Office to arrange a date for Baptism, and to check dates for the Baptismal Workshop. Sponsors can call the Parish Office for details about acquiring a Certificate.

## SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Available at any time to those who are ill, facing surgery, or in danger of death. Sacramental care is provided by chaplains at all area hospitals. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

## R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

This is a process for those interested in the faith of the Catholic Church. For more information, contact Linda Herold at 633-3637 or email her at [lherold@ourladyofvictory.net](mailto:lherold@ourladyofvictory.net).

## PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Parents can call the Parish Office for information.

## PRAYER FOR EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

(to be prayed before the Blessed Sacrament)

Lord Jesus, as we gather at your altar, you give yourself to us in the Most Holy Eucharist, so that we might become what we receive.

May we be transformed forever by your love that stretches forth to us from this altar.

May your sharing in our humanity humble us to share in your divinity.

Heal our brokenness with your real presence and help us to draw strength from you in the Eucharist. Unite us to you in this Sacrament that brings healing and redemption.

As we glorify you by our lives, give us grace and courage to share your love with a world sorely in need of your mercy. May your true presence bring hope to those on the peripheries, dry the tears of the poor and the wounded, and end our divisions.

May your Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity be a constant source of revival for us. Let us become one with you as we seek the peace of your kingdom where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

[www.dioceseofcleveland.org/eucharist](http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/eucharist)



**MASSES & SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK**

**(ALL PRAYER/MASSES ARE LIVE-STREAMED. WEEKEND MASSES ARE ALSO BROADCAST OVER FM 93.7)**

Live stream **Facebook** at:

<https://www.facebook.com/ourladyofvictorychurchtallmadge/>

Uploaded to **VIMEO** at: <https://www.vimeo.com>

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Monday, Dec 11	(8:30 am-C) Bernie Thompson (7:00 pm-PC) Exposition/Evening Prayer Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday, Dec 12	(8:30 am-C) Angela Wahl (7:00 pm-PC) Adoration/Night Prayer Our Lady of Guadalupe Zec 2:14-17; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:39-47
Wednesday, Dec 13	(8:30 am-C) Theresa Pavlock (7:00 pm-C) Exposition/Evening Prayer St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr Is 40:25-31; Ps 103: 1-4, 8,10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday, Dec 14	(8:30 am-C) Lou Ann Flick (7:00 pm-PC) Adoration/Night Prayer St John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday, Dec 15	(No Mass) (7:00 pm-PC) Adoration/Night Prayer Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday, Dec 16	<b>NO Confessions</b> (5:00 pm-C) Mary Kranshan Kostelnik, Jane E Kranshan, Timonthy M Kranshan, John W Kranshan Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday, Dec 17	(8:30 am-C) Tom Headrick (11:00 am-C) Charles Trochowski (2:00 pm) <b>Communal Reconciliation-Holy Family</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent/Gaudete Sunday</b> <b>"O Wisdom/O Sapientia"</b> Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**In Our Parish – What/Where/When**

**MONDAY, DEC 11, 2023**

Bloodmobile/FH/12:30-6:30 pm

**TUESDAY, DEC 12, 2023**

**WEDNESDAY, DEC 13, 2023**

AA Meeting/FH/10:00 am

Prayer Shawl Ministry/Library/1:15 pm

Youth Choir Practice/Church/3:30 pm

**THURSDAY, DEC 14, 2023**

Bible Study/PCR 100/2:00 pm

Women's Book Study/PCR 100/7:00 pm

**FRIDAY, DEC 15, 2023**

**SATURDAY, DEC 16, 2023**

NO Confessions

**SUNDAY, DEC 17, 2023 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent/Gaudete Sunday**

Child Liturgy of the Word/Church/8:30 am

PSR Preschool/PCR 102/9:45 am

PSR K-6 Grade/THS/10:00 am

Life Teen Edge 7-8 Gr/PCR 101/10:00 am

**\*\*Communal Reconciliation/Holy Family/2:00 pm**

Life Teen Session 9-12 Gr/PCR 101/5:00 pm

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**YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS**

**COLLECTION BOXES** - All donations received in the collection boxes  
through **Sunday evening Mass, Dec 31** will go toward your **2023**  
**Contributions**. Donations received in the collection box **beginning**  
**Monday, Jan 1, 2024, must go toward your 2024 Contributions no matter**  
**the date on the check**, per the Internal Revenue Service.

**MAILED-IN CONTRIBUTIONS** - If the **postmark** on the outside of  
the envelope is dated for 2023, it will be recorded as a **2023** contribution.  
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again, no matter the date on the check. **The date of the postmark is the**  
**most important**, not the date on the check, again, per the IRS.

**FOR FAITH DIRECT USERS**, they will be accepting one-time  
Checking/Savings account gifts and live one-time credit card gifts until  
**midnight on December 31** if you'd like to do an end-of-year contribution.

**So . . . you are strongly encouraged to get your end-of-year**  
**donations in EARLY, and THANK YOU in advance, for your**  
**continued generosity to our parish. Blessings to you in 2024!!**

**Celebrating Notes**



**THERE WILL BE NO CONFESSIONS Saturday, Dec 16 or Dec 30.**

**ADVENT 2023:**

✱ **CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING:** Please bring/send in your  
financial gift labeled **"Christmas Gift Giving"** for the  
charities listed in your Advent flyer. **Make checks**  
**payable to Our Lady of Victory**. Or you may give  
online through Faith Direct at  
<https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/OH669/53879>.  
Remember to label your envelope/check/or memo in Faith Direct  
**"Christmas Gift Giving"**. Thank you for your generosity!

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- ★ **ADVENT COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION NEXT SUNDAY:** This year our 5-parish service of communal confessions will be at Holy Family, Stow, at **2:00 pm Sunday, Dec 17.** (Note earlier time)
- ★ **ADVENT RESOURCES:** Breaking Bread (cost \$8.00), Little Blue Books for Advent/Christmas (free-will offering), and a few youth materials, while supplies last.

**Standing in the Gap Prayer Times:**

**Monday thru Friday - any hours between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm in church.**

**After hours, South side of the office parking lot in front of the Tabernacle in the window.**

**Coming Events/News in our Parish**

**THE RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE** is scheduled for **Monday, Dec 11, from 12:30-6:30 pm in Finnerty Hall (note earlier time).** Donors may schedule in advance at [www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass](http://www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass), or call 1-800-733-2767. **If you've received a vaccine, you must know/provide the manufacturer's name.** Face masks are not required - social distancing will continue wherever possible. Appointments are required, as walk-ins will not be accepted (call 1-800-733-2767). No youth are allowed to attend. Any refreshments must be pre-packaged only. Thank you!

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Join us **Wednesday, Dec 13 at 1:15 pm in the Parish Center Library.** If you are aware of anyone who would benefit from receiving a blessed shawl, please call or stop by the Parish Office, or if you need more information about this ministry, call Beth at 330-607-4182 or Rosemary at 330-808-0299.



**Question of the Week**

**Reading:** Mark 1:1-8

**Adults:** Today John the Baptist proclaims repentance. To repent is to re-think, to see things differently and then live differently. Which area of your life will you examine and re-think this week, and then how will you change to live differently?

**Children:** How can I "Prepare the way of the Lord" as I go about my day?

**News & Notes in our Neighborhood**

A **"CARING AND SHARING" SESSION** for those struggling with divorce, separation or widowhood will be held on **Monday, Dec 11 from 7:00-8:30 pm** at Immaculate Heart of Mary's Convent Building, 1945 Portage Trail, Cuy Falls. Marlene Maruna, a retired Social Worker, will facilitate this session. This event is open at no charge to people of all faiths. For information call Marlene 330-607-6284.

**THE CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION** offers free, safe, and compassionate monthly Grief Support meetings and Memorial events throughout the year. The next Grief Support meeting is **Sunday, Dec 17 at 3:00 pm for in-person** support (at 6 locations), and **5:00 pm for virtual** support and the topic is **"The Gift of God's Presence: You Never Walk Alone"**. For more information or questions, call Rhonda at 216-930-4866, or visit <https://www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx>.

**"LESSONS & CAROLS" CHRISTMAS CONCERT** - Come and enjoy the beauty of the Christmas Season at Queen of Heaven Parish for "Lessons & Carols" Christmas Concert by PJ Chavez & Friends, on **Friday, Dec 22, at 6:30 pm** in the church (1800 Steese Road, Uniontown, OH). This free concert is sponsored by Queen of Heaven's Holy Name Society who will provide refreshments after the concert.

**A UNIQUE PROGRAM TO STRENGTHEN AND HEAL YOUR MARRIAGE – Beginning January 26, 2024** - The Retrouvaille program is designed to help married couples develop improved ways of communicating and relating to each other in order to overcome challenges which have left them feeling frustrated, hurt, distant, or even hopeless. Retrouvaille, which means rediscovery, is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, and is open to couples of all faiths. This program consists of a weekend experience and 6 follow-up sessions. For more information, or to register, visit [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org), or call Shelly or Rob at 216-509-0301 or 440-836-4810.

**ACME CASHBACK REWARDS!** The holidays are a great time to save your Acme store receipts, **dated Aug 1 - Feb 15.** Place them in the containers near the doors of the Church by Jan 11, 2024. Remember - do not cut off the date. **5% of your purchases are CASH BACK** to the OLV Youth Ministry! Thank you!

**Caring Commission**

**Pray for the Sick:** Kelly Castle, John Charterina, Bob Christian, Agnes Clark, Mary Dumke, Danny Firth, Floss Firth, Doug Fox, Daysha Furtney, Robert Giet, Gerry Hollenack, Julianne Jenkins, Dan Lane, Mary Lombardo, Tom Lorkowski, Beth Mariola, Lin Mattingly, Kate Naglak, Carol Scalley, George Serba Jr, Paula Simmons, Kay Lynn Tafini, Giovanni Testa, Mary Testa, Tina Testa, and all who suffer from the coronavirus.



We pray with the Church that Deacon Victor Colon and Daniel Ray Sr may share in the peace and joy of the Risen Lord.

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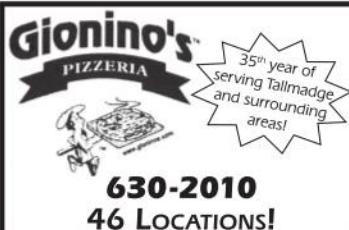
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