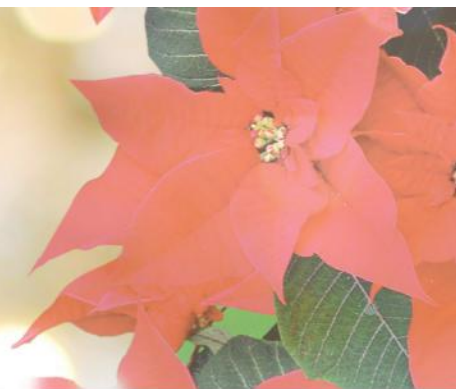




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## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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.

*The child  
grew and  
became strong,  
filled with  
wisdom; and  
the favor  
of God  
was upon him.*

*Luke 2:40*

## 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.

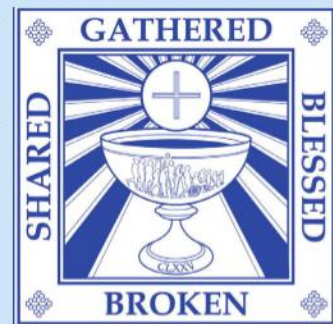
May your sharing in our humanity humble us to share in your divinity.

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.

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### MASSES & SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

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

Live stream Facebook at:

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

or YouTube at: <https://www.YouTube.com>

Monday, Jan 1	(10:00 am-C) For the Parishioners Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Tuesday, Jan 2	(No Mass) (7:00 pm-PC) Adoration/Night Prayer Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28
Wednesday, Jan 3	(8:30 am-C) Daniel Canale (7:00 pm-PC) Exposition/Evening Prayer Most Holy Name of Jesus 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Thursday, Jan 4	(8:30 am-C) Diann Vogliano (7:00 pm-PC) Adoration/Night Prayer St Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Friday, Jan 5	(No Mass) (7:00 pm-PC) Adoration/Night Prayer St John Neumann, Bishop 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100; 1b-5; Jn 1:43-51
Saturday, Jan 6	(9:00 am-C) Confessions (5:00 pm-C) For the Parishioners St André Bessette, Religious 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 3:23-38
Sunday, Jan 7	(8:30 am-C) Bob Cevasco (11:00 am-C) Dora Quattrocchi The Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

### In Our Parish – What/Where/When

MONDAY, JAN 1, 2024

**\*\*Offices closed**

TUESDAY, JAN 2

**\*\*Offices closed – No Morning Mass**

WEDNESDAY, JAN 3

AA Meeting/FH/10:00 am

THURSDAY, JAN 4

Bible Study/PCR 100/2:00 pm

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

FRIDAY, JAN 5

**\*\*Life Line Screening/FH/8:00 am-5:00 pm**

SATURDAY, JAN 6

Confessions/Church/9:00 am

Youth Conference/Away/10:00 am-9:00 pm

SUNDAY, JAN 7

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

Confirmation Session/Library/9:45 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

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



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### From the Pastor's Desk

To the faith community of Our Lady of Victory Parish and on behalf of the Pastoral and Support Staff, I extend to each and every one of you, and all you hold near and dear, the choicest of Christmas and New Year's Blessings. As we begin another year of grace and favor, may each and every one of us, and those we love, encounter God in many varied and surprising ways, even if it is in the messiness of life; the challenging and painful times of life. As the Gospel from the Evangelist Matthew assures us that God's choice to take on human flesh . . . to join heaven and earth together in the person of Jesus Christ . . . to choose to enter the messiness of our humanity, remains a pure and unconditional act of love on the part of God. May God be gracious to you and all you hold near and dear at this Christmas Time and in the days ahead in this New Year!

*Christmas Blessings*

Fr. Mike and the OLV Staff

### Celebrating Notes

**PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS:** The offices will be *closed Friday, Dec 29*, and *reopen Wednesday, Jan 3 at 10:00 am*. If you have an emergency during those times, please call the office, dial extension 18 (Fr Mike), and follow the instructions. The happiest of Feast Days to you and your loved ones!!



**THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD** (New Year's Eve/Day) will be celebrated **Sunday evening, Dec 31, at 5:00 pm, and Monday at 10:00 am.** **PLEASE NOTE:** There is no Mass on Tuesday morning, Jan 2. We will resume our regular schedule Wednesday.



### Question of the Week

**Reading:** Luke 2:22-40

**Adults:** Simeon and Anna, like the Jewish people, were faithfully waiting for God to send the Messiah. They remained hopeful and were able to recognize Jesus when they saw Him. Have you waited for an answer to a prayer? How did you feel when you were able to recognize God's response?

**Children:** There were ways Jesus showed that He had the 'favor of God' upon Him. What were some of the ways He showed this?

## Coming Events/News in our Parish

**LIFE LINE SCREENING COMING TO OUR LADY OF VICTORY!** Take a step toward staying healthy and active. Be smart – do more for your cardiovascular health! Mark your calendar for **Friday, Jan 5, 2024.** To register, call 800-640-6307 or visit [LLSA.SOCIAL/HC](http://LLSA.SOCIAL/HC).

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Join us **Wednesday, Jan 10 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.



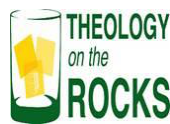
## News & Notes in our Neighborhood

**BELIEVELAND YOUNG ADULT RETREAT APRIL 5-7, 2024** - Jesuit Retreat House. For Young Adults 20s & 30s; **\$40 Early Bird pricing; \$65 after Jan 6<sup>th</sup>.** (Confidential financial assistance available) Come to the quiet. Find peace in the Lord. Contact Mike Hayes, Young Adult Ministry [mhayes@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:mhayes@dioceseofcleveland.org) for more information or to register, or use the QR Code above.



**THEOLOGY OF THE BODY 1-DAY INTRODUCTORY COURSE** – “This is My Body, Given up for You” – **Saturday, Jan 27, 9am – 3:30 pm, St Mary Hudson.** Cost is \$45/person. Register by Jan 19. Four hours of engaging lectures by TOB Experts (.5 CEUs). Q & A and Discussion; Study Materials; Breakfast & Lunch. Register at [www.tobcle.org](http://www.tobcle.org).

**THE FIRST FRIDAY CLUB OF AKRON** speaker for **Jan 5 at Noon**, at Our Lady of Cedars, 507 S Cleveland Massillon Rd, Fairlawn, will be a panel of Seminarians: Michael Garvin, a transitional deacon, who will be ordained a priest in May, **our very own Alex Krukemeyer**, and John Scantling. You may pay the \$25 fee at the door, or mail your check to the First Friday Club, PO Box 13291, Fairlawn, OH 44334. Reservations due Jan 7. Doors open at 11:00 am.



**JOIN US Monday, Jan 22 at 7:00 pm**, as we welcome our Guest speaker Fr. John Valencheck, Pastor, St. Sebastian Parish, Akron at Our Lady of the Cedars, 507 S. Cleveland-Massillon Road in Fairlawn. He will be speaking on the topic: “*Sorting Through the Chaos of Confusing Times*”. Doors open at 7:00 pm; program begins at 7:30 pm; \$15 admission fee. Light appetizers included. Cash bar available. To ensure an accurate count for our venue, RSVP to Keith Johnson by January 15 at [johnsonk@stsebastian.org](mailto:johnsonk@stsebastian.org) or 330-836-2233 ext. 134.

**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.

**BEST SHRINES OF FRANCE** – with Fr Norm Douglas & Fr Dominic Gideon – **September 23 – October 4, 2024!** Cost is \$5,793/person from Cleveland. Group Leader will be Deacon Robin Adair. Trip includes Lourdes, Rocamadour, Paray Le Monial, Nevers, Lisieux, and Paris. Register for the Pilgrimage at [www.206tours.com/deaconadair](http://www.206tours.com/deaconadair). For questions, email [danielle@206tours.com](mailto:danielle@206tours.com).

## Caring Commission

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