

# Feast of All Saints

November 1, 2009

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5: 1-12

## We Are Called to be God’s Holy Ones

We Christians belong to a very large family known as the communion of saints. Each year on this day we honor our ancestors in the faith, especially those whose heroic witness in faith and action have inspired us.

Today’s first reading from Revelation describes a dramatic heavenly scene gathering all the saints who persevered faithfully through life’s trials. While we rejoice over the wonderful heritage of known saints in the Church, we also celebrate the saintly witness of our own deceased relatives and friends whom we believe are with God. All of them are interceding for us.

Our basic Christian vocation in life is to be saintly people. Jesus in the gospel highlights the Beatitudes as our premier guide. Each Beatitude offers a unique window on how we are called to evangelize for the kingdom of God. “Blessed are the poor in spirit ... Blessed are the meek ... the merciful ... the peacemakers.” Pope John Paul II urged the 2002 World Youth Day participants in Toronto to become “people of the Beatitudes,” like Jesus. Do we hear his words echoing still within us?

Strengthened by today’s second reading from John, we are encouraged to remember that we are all beloved children of God whose destiny is an incredible future of living with and seeing God as God is. Indeed, what motivation we have to be saints!

## Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday: Wis 3: 1-9; Rom 5: 5-11; Jn 6: 37-40  
Tuesday: Rom 12: 5-16; Lk 14: 15-24  
Wednesday: Rom 13: 8-10; Lk 14: 25-33  
Thursday: Rom 14: 7-12; Lk 15: 1-10  
Friday: Rom 15: 14-21; Lk 16: 1-8  
Saturday: Rom 16: 3-9, 16, 22-27; Lk 16: 9-15  
Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Heb 9: 24-28  
Mk 12: 38-44

## Pray for the Deceased

Marie Thompson

## First Reconciliation Parent Meeting

Parents of children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation are invited to attend an informational meeting on Sunday, November 8th at 7:30 PM in the church hall. If you are unable to attend, please call Colleen at the rectory at 226-5116.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, November 2 - All Souls

5:15 PM

Tuesday, November 3 - St. Martin de Porres

8:00 AM

Wednesday, November 4 - St. Charles Borromeo

5:15 PM

Edgar VanHuffel

Thursday, November 5 - Weekday

8:00 AM

Friday, November 6 - Weekday

5:15 PM

Saturday, November 7 - Weekday

8:00 AM

Susan Hesland

5:15 PM

Ivanauskas & Roba Families

Unexpected changes in the schedule may cause Masses to be cancelled and Mass intentions to be moved to the first available date open. We apologize for any inconvenience.

## What’s Happening this Week in the Parish

Monday, November 2: Family PSR 7 PM - Hall

Tuesday, November 3:

Wednesday, November 4: RCIA - 7 PM - Hall

Thursday, November 5: Scripture Treats 10:45 AM

Bible Study 7 PM - Hall

Friday, November 6: AA Gratitude Group

7 PM - Hall

Saturday, November 7: Clark - Cicero Wedding

2 PM

## Coffee and Donuts

Join the parish family for coffee, donuts, and conversation after all Sunday Masses.



We welcome Fr. David Novak! May God Bless you and guide you as you begin your ministry with the community of St. Clement Church.

### **Thank you for your support!**

The handicapped parking circle has been temporarily repaired with concrete patch to take us through the winter season. When Spring arrives we will arrange to have the area asphalted ensuring a smooth area for our wheelchairs and walkers.

I would like to thank Shawn Kalyn for organizing and donating his time and supplies for the concrete work. Also, I thank those that volunteered their time and work: Sam Francazio, Bob Dempsey, Dorothy Abel, Ed Grauel, Tommy Grauel and the McMaster's - Chris, Janet, Jeanne, John and Mike.

Thank you - Fr. John

### **New Address!**

You may contact Fr. John at:  
8323 Greenlawn Avenue  
Parma, Oh 44129 440-885-1871  
j5723@netzero.com

### **Magnificat H.S. - Night in Blue**

Magnificat High School will be holding their 52nd Annual Night-in-Blue Bazaar and Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, November 7th from 5 - 11 PM, and on Sunday, November 8th from 4 - 9 PM. This year's event features a grand prize of a 2010 Honda car so buy your raffle tickets now. For tickets and further information call 440-331-1572, or log onto [www.magnificaths.org](http://www.magnificaths.org)

### **LCA Night at the Races**

Please join the Lakewood Catholic Academy Organization of Families and Teachers for a Night at the Races in the LCA gymnasium on Friday, November 20th. Doors open at 6:30 PM, the first races begin at 7:30 PM. Order forms for tickets, horses, super sideboards and advertising are located in the back of the church. Please return all order forms with payment to LCA school office at 14808 Lake Road. All proceeds will benefit the families and teachers of Lakewood Catholic Academy. For any questions regarding ticket or horse sales, please call Jenny Reali at 226-9001, or Leslie Andrews at 227-1729.

### **Senior Clementines & Friends**

All older adults are invited to join the Senior Clementines and Friends on Thursday, November 12th from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM in St. Clement Church hall. We are excited to have the **Cleveland TOPS (Tough Old PROS) Swing Band** as our entertainment this month. A 23 member band of retired musicians will perform a one hour concert of the big band era music. Their mission is to bring wonderful memories to seniors by seniors through big band music. A grant from the McGregor Foundation has made it possible for the Cleveland TOPS Swing Band to provide this concert to the Senior Clementines. It should be a memorable afternoon! There will also be a 50/50 raffle and refreshments. All are welcome. If this will be your first gathering, please call Jean Lombardo at (216) 226-5878.

### **Pot of Gold Winners**

(\$25) Matthew Suire, Mary Marunowski,  
Maria Gatica, Brittany Bir, Terri Williams  
(\$100) Beth Ann Curtis



### **St. Ladislav Singles Group**

Want to make new friends? Come join St. Ladislav Singles Group, a Northeast Ohio Catholic singles organization (ages 21-45), as we dine at Houlihan's at Southpark Mall in Strongsville on Wednesday, November 18th at 7 PM. Please RSVP to Gerri at 440-886-1765 no later than Tuesday, November 17th.

### **Finance Corner:**

Collection for weekend of October 25 - \$8,182.22

Envelopes used - 176

World Mission Sunday - \$127.00

Weekly budget to meet October 2009 expenses -

\$9,096.00

Thank you for your continued support and generosity for the parish.