

# Our Lady of Grace Church

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**Sunday Masses**  
Saturday: 4:00 pm  
Sunday: 8:00 & 11:00 am  
**Weekday Masses**  
Please see bulletin  
**Holy Day Masses**  
8:00 am & 7:00 pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 pm or anytime by appointment.

**Sacrament of Baptism**  
First & third Sundays at 12 pm  
Baptism classes required for first child.

**Sacrament of Marriage**  
Six months preparation. Call parish priest to set a date.  
**In Emergencies Contact St. Albert the Great**  
440-237-6760

## *Mission Statement*

*We, the Roman Catholic faith community of Our Lady of Grace, rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and dedicated to our Blessed Mother, value our mission to make God's presence visible in today's world. In service to God's will, and with the Holy Spirit's guidance, we manifest God's peace, love and saving presence as we pray, worship, work and live together in His Name.*

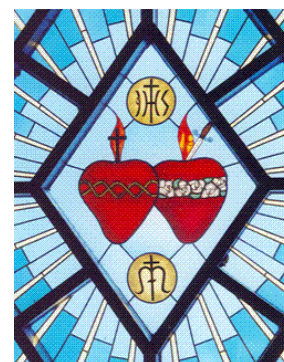
December 31, 2017

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



## *Home of Triumph of the Two Hearts Shrine*

- \* *Open 24 hours a day all year long*
- \* *Unique statue of Jesus with the Blessed Mother*
- \* *Outdoor Stations of the Cross*
- \* *Beautiful country scenery*
- \* *One of Ohio's newest Shrines*



**OLOG MINISTRIES**

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Dear OLOG Family,

A blessed new year to all as we celebrate the great feasts of the Holy Family of Nazareth and Mary, the Mother of God. January 1st is always a Holy Day, however, on this year we have been dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass. We will celebrate on New Year's Day at 8:00am Mass. Mass will be celebrated twice on January 1st at St. Albert church 9:00am and 11:00am.

This Christmas season is a beautiful time for us to acknowledge the gift of God and to give thanks to God for all of our blessings. I am very grateful to the priests, Deacon Bruce, parish staff and many volunteers who made our Christmas celebrations last weekend so holy and beautiful. I also want to thank all of you generous parishioners for your faith and your extraordinary offertory contributions for the Christmas feast. May God reward all of His faithful for the good they do here at Our Lady of Grace.

I will be taking some vacation time over the next few weeks so our Monday morning Mass will be cancelled. Please know that all of you are in my prayers as I thank God for your kindness to me over these past months.

Happy New Year!

*Peace,  
Fr. Estok*



May you all have a holy and safe New Year. Please note that the church office will be closed on Monday, January 1st. The office will open Tuesday-Friday from 9 am to 2:30 pm

December 17...\$3,712.00  
 Envelopes used...133  
 Thank you for your generosity!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE		
January 6 & 7, 2018		
4:00 pm	Reader: EOMOHC:  Servers:	R. Manley B. Faciana, T. Hannan, Deacon B. Dobbins S. Lekan, J. Chesnick, J. Pesarchick, Deacon
8:00 am	Reader: EOMOHC: Servers:	C. Valasik T. Minch, T. Betz, D. Holztrager Cerrito Family, C. Horwitz
11:00 am	Reader: EOMOHC:  Servers:	Youth Readers T. Smith, A. Thomas, A. Chesnick E. Medwid, C. Flannery, K. Kalfas

**ATTENTION: WOMEN OF THE PARISH**

Ladies, please join the Women of Hope as they begin their new study *Unleashing The Power of Scripture* by Mark Hart, on Tuesday, January 9th at noon–3 pm or Thursday, January 11th at 7-9 pm. This book will help you dive into the greatest love story every told, that of God for His people—and for you, personally. It will communicate the transformative power of salvation history to begin a fruitful life of devotion and study of the bible. Please call the office to register or contact Carolyn Zaverl, 216-310-1875, for more information.

**NO MASS**

Please note there will be **no** Mass on Monday, January 8th and January 15th. Mass will resume on Monday, January 22nd.

*If you wish to convert anyone to the fullness of the knowledge of Our Lord and of His Mystical Body, then teach him the rosary. One of two things will happen. Either he will stop saying the rosary—or he will get the gift of faith.*

*Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen*



**PSR NEWS**

PSR is stilling selling Olympia nuts and candies through the church office or through PSR. You can also email, ologpsr@gmail.com, to place an order.

Just a reminder that classes resume on January 7th.

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVES**

In today’s Gospel, the infant Jesus is the center of attention. Unfortunately, many children are less valued today. They often take second place to convenience, career budget, activities and adult needs. The Gospel reminds us that every child deserves the opportunity to “grow and become strong” and to realize that “the favor of God is upon them.” As we enter a new year ask: “What opportunities do I have to bless a child?” Now act on those.

**BLANKET SUNDAY**

Our parish recently received a note from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul thanking us for our kindness in blanketing a neighbor in need with warmth and compassion. We generously donated \$658 to the annual Blanket Sunday collection. Thank you for being a visible sign of God’s love to those in need!

**MARCH FOR LIFE EVENT**

Walsh University, 2020 East Maple Street, North Canton, is hosting a March for Life Event on January 17 at 6:30 pm in the David Center. Kick off the March for Life with this free event featuring local speakers, who will speak on life issues. After the talks, there will be a blessing send-off for all those going to the March for Life. All are invited—refreshments will be served. For more information of reservations, call Molly at 330-490-7581 or email mromano@walsh.edu.

**OPEN HOUSE**

St. Francis Xavier, Medina, is hosting their prospective family Open House on January 23rd from 6:30-8 pm for all grades, preschool through grade 8. Meet the faculty and students. For more information contact 330-725-3345 or www.sfxmedina.org.

**2018 CALENDARS**

Carlson Funeral Homes has been kind enough to provide our parish with 2018 calendars. Be sure to pick up a calendar for your family; they can be found in the church vestibule.

**UPCOMING RETREATS**

Jesuit Retreat House, 5629 State Rd., Parma, is offering the upcoming retreats. To register or for more information contact 440-884-9300 or visit www.jrh-cleveland.org.

*Spiritual Growth in the Gospel of Loving Kindness*—This women’s retreat is January 22-25. You will explore the Gospels for their richness in the virtue of ‘Loving Kindness’, discuss how to pray and grow deep in it as you apply it in your life. Cost is \$210.

*Pre-Baptism Class for Parents*—January 29, 7-8 pm. This class is for parents seeking to have their infants baptized into the Catholic faith. This class meets Sacramental preparation requirements of the Diocese of Cleveland. The evening includes reflection on the meaning of Baptism, hallmarks of the Sacrament, and the role of parents and godparents in raising children with faith.

*Rosary Hall AA Men’s Retreat*—February 2-4. We are Flawed, Gifted and Called: The Spirituality of Imperfection and The 12 Steps. This recovery retreat is a time to nurture your spirituality, find serenity and experience a re-awakening through the 12 steps. Cost is \$155.

**TOUCH A LIFE**

Touch a life...become a Hospice Volunteer. They care for their patients wherever they call home. As a part of their team, volunteers come from all walks of life, and have a variety of skills, talents and abilities. Opportunities to serve are diverse: visit patients and families to provide companionship, socialization, and comfort, transportation, light housework, meal preparation, run errands, help with clerical work, etc. Volunteers with specialized professional qualifications and training are also needed. For more information call 216-255-9090.

**PRAYERS WORK WONDERS**

Please remember the sick and suffering of parish family especially: Blanche Bieda, Barb Blake, Claudia Bulkowski, Colleen Darabant, Arthur DePiero, Elaine Frygier, Chris & Kitsa Fuciu, John Hanna, Cheryl Henderson, Linda Joseph, Megan Keefe, Debbie Klein, Kathleen Klosinski, Betty Kmiecik, Richard Konnerth, Jeanne Krywicki, Carl Lemke, Carmello Leo, Nick Piro, Norma Reynes, Lois Rhodes, Dennis Rogozinski, Susan Shah, Braidyn Schneid, Jim Steed, Michelle Trisk, Derek Vitas.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Jan. 1	(Office closed)	
Jan. 3	Youth/Adult Choirs	6 & 7pm
Jan. 4	Moms’ Prayer Group	10:30 am
	Rosary for Peace	7:00 pm
	MMP Cenacle	7:30 pm

### THE HOLY FAMILY

We want...to become aware once again of that heritage of truth about the family which from the beginning has been a treasure for the Church. It is a treasure which grows out of the rich tradition of the Old Covenant, is completed in the New and finds its fullest symbolic expression in the mystery of the Holy Family in which the divine Bridegroom brings about the redemption of all families. From there Jesus proclaims the gospel of the family. All generations of Christ's disciples have drawn upon this treasure of truth, beginning with the Apostles....

How vast and rich is the treasure of Christian truth about the faith. Written testimonies alone, however, will not suffice. Much more important are living testimonies. As Pope Paul VI observed, "contemporary man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he listens to teachers it is because they are witnesses: to those fathers and mothers, sons and daughters who through the family have discovered the path of their human and Christian vocation, the dimension of the "inner man" (Eph 3:16) of which the Apostle speaks, and thus have attained holiness. The Holy Family is the beginning of countless other holy families. The Council recalled that holiness is the vocation of all the baptized. In our age, as in the past there is no lack of witnesses to the gospel of the family, even if they are not well known or have not been proclaimed saints by the Church...

The history of mankind, the history of salvation, passes by way of the family... The family is placed at the center of the great struggle between good and evil, between life and death, between love and all that is opposed to love. To the family is entrusted the task of striving, first and foremost, to unleash the forces of good, the source of which is found in Christ the Redeemer of man. Every family unit needs to make these forces their own so that, to use a phrase spoken on the occasion of Millennium of Christianity in Poland, the family will be strong with the strength of God.

—From Pope Saint John Paul II

### BEARERS OF THE WORD

The Church has placed a number of notable feast days immediately after Christmas. The feasts of Stephen, John the Evangelist, and the Holy Innocents form a summary of the life lived in Christ, the Word made flesh. What do these have to do with the feast of the Holy Family, which crowns the Octave of Christmas? These feasts remind us that suffering will occur in fulfilling the mission of Christ, and that we are all called to be bearers of this Word whose birth we celebrate.

We also see this manifested in the lives of Joseph and Mary, both of whom took social and religious risks in obedience to the will of God, and both of whom were open to the word of God sent to them from on high. In these ways they prefigured the life of Jesus himself.

Most likely, few of us found ourselves at Mass this past Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, but the essence of these feasts and the essence of the holiness of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus remain central, a holiness we celebrate today.

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**MASS INTENTIONS****SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30**

4 pm Those Memorialized at Our Two Hearts Shrine

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31**      *The Holy Family*

8 am Sam Oldfield / Patricia

11 am Karl & Luise Herschbach / Family

**MONDAY, JANUARY 1**      *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

8 am William & Olga Herschbach / Family

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 2 TO FRIDAY, JANUARY 5**

8 am (No Mass)

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 6**

4 pm Bob Betz Tom & Kathy Higgins

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7**      *The Epiphany of the Lord*

8 am Living & Deceased of our Parish Family

11 am Mary & Jerry Bukac / Marilyn Latko

**OUR FRIENDS THE SAINTS**

*Blessed Marie Ann Blondin*—She was born Esther Blondin on April 18, 1809, to a pious French-Canadian family in Quebec, Canada. Her family was a simple but pious Christian family. Like the members of her family and most of her acquaintance, Esther was illiterate into adulthood. She was a domestic servant for a village merchant, and then in the convent of the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame, where she learned to read and write. She entered as a novice but had to leave due to ill health.

In 1833 Esther became a teacher in a parochial school, eventually named directress of the school, which was renamed the *Blondin Academy*. She learned that the widespread illiteracy, in the area, was because only girls could be taught by women and boys only by men. Parishes could not afford two schools so they simply had none. In 1848 Esther sought permission to form a congregation that would teach boy and girls in the same school. With government support, the bishop authorized a test site and the Congregation of Sisters of Saint Anne was founded in Vaudreuil. Esther was the first superior taking the name in religion of Marie-Anne.

The community grew and the motherhouse was transferred to Saint Jacques de l'Achign. Fr. Marechal, the chaplain, abused his position by meddling in the financial and spiritual life of the Congregation. He succeeded in having Mother Marie –Anne removed. He accused her of mismanagement and she was recalled to the Motherhouse in 1858. She was prohibited from her administrative position and assigned to work in the laundry, ironing room, and at other menial positions for the rest of her life.

Sr. Marie-Anne died peacefully on January 2, 1890 trusting in “the good God.”