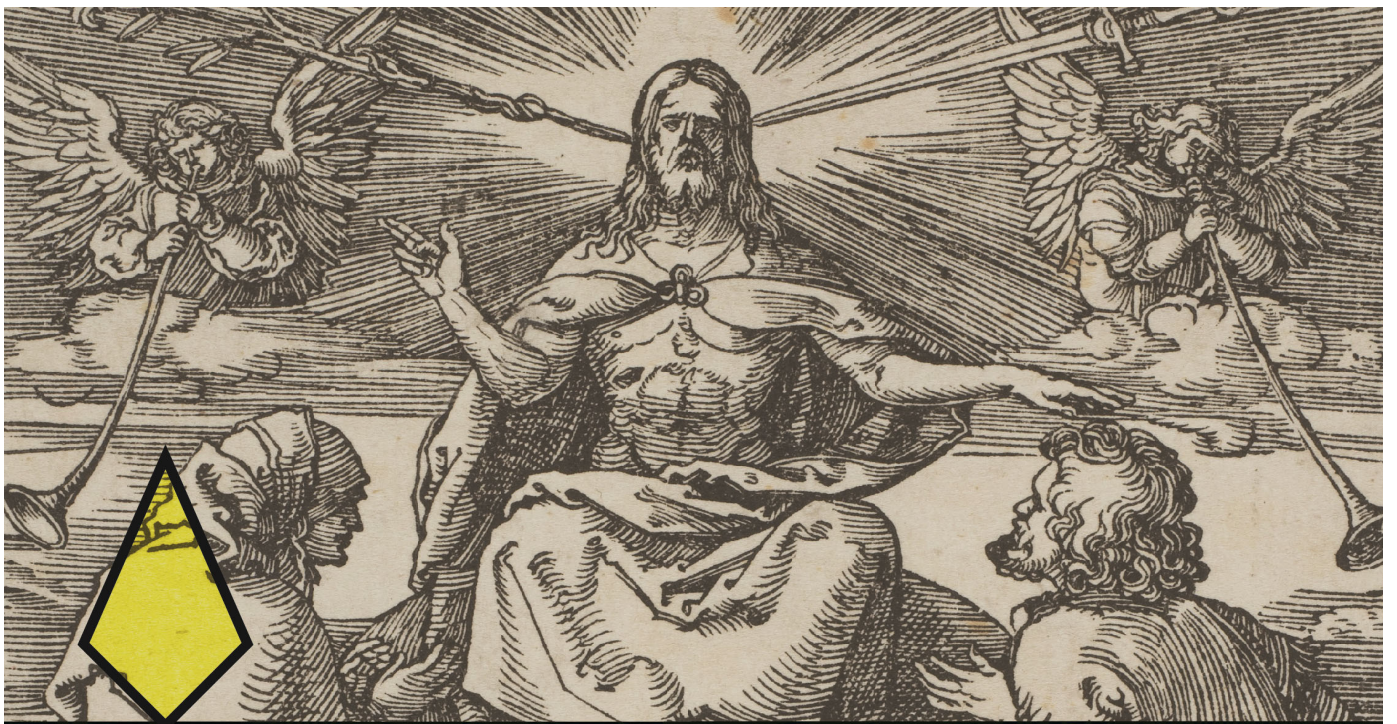


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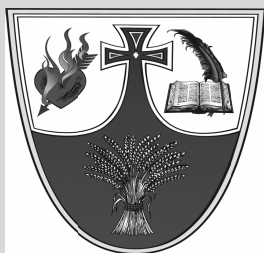
Be vigilant
at all times
and pray
that you have
the strength
to escape the
tribulations
that are
imminent
and to stand
before the
Son of Man.

Luke 21:36

*The Last Judgement,
from The Small Passion*
Albrecht Dürer
(German, 1471–1528)
c. 1510
Metropolitan Museum of Art
New York

First
Sunday of *Advent*

November 28, 2021



Established 1845

ST. TERESA OF AVILA CHURCH is handicap accessible.

STAFF

Reverend Edward J. Smith, Pastor

Office Hours: Wed & Fri 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Fr. Thomas Sanders, OSB,

Weekend Associate

Debbie Wehler, Sue DiVaccaro,

Secretaries

Lou Varos, Finance Council Chairperson

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

For those advanced in age, sick, or undergoing surgery. Administered upon request. Contact the Rectory.

PARISH INFORMATION

BAPTISMS: Baptisms are celebrated after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays. Arrangements should be made shortly before or after the birth of the child.

COMMUNION CALLS: Please call the Rectory to schedule.

MATRIMONY: At least one member must be a parishioner and be active for at least six months prior to calling. Couples need to make arrangements at least six months prior to the wedding date. No date may be reserved until discussed with the priest of the parish.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Call the Rectory to register.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION: Interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church? Call the Rectory for more information.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 28, 2021

I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. — Jeremiah 33:15

Saturday, November 27

4:30 p.m. +Gloria Urig by Dolacki family

Sunday, November 28 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 a.m. +Donald DiVaccaro by Bruce & Sue

11:00 a.m. +Dorothy Tomshe by Vince & Karen Rodriguez

Monday, November 29

NO MASS

Tuesday, November 30 St. Andrew, Apostle

NO MASS

Wednesday, December 1

8:30 a.m. +Amy White by Joe & Debbie

Thursday, December 2

NO MASS

Friday, December 3

St. Francis Xavier, Priest

8:30 a.m. +Roy L. Schneider by children

Saturday, December 4 St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church

4:30 p.m. deceased Ushers of St. Teresa Parish by Mike Gall

Sunday, December 5 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 a.m. +Fr. James Becherer by Jeff & Karen Warren & family

11:00 a.m. +Frederick Lima by Bill Greaney



Weekly Goal In Next Bulletin

\$4,000.00

Please keep St. Teresa Parish in mind when making out your will. We thank our parishioners for their continued, generous support of the Parish!

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

We always have to get the bulletin to the printer early around the holidays. Items to be included in the December 19 & 26 bulletins must be to the office by Monday, December 13.

Masses

Sunday Vigil - Saturday 4:30 PM and Sunday - 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Wed & Fri - 8:30 AM; Holy Day Vigil, Holy Day and Civic Holidays - Watch Bulletin

Confessions

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 3:30 - 4:00 PM or by appointment.

CONTACT US

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today, whether at evening, morning, or midday, in many communities of different churches around the world, the first candle lighted in each Advent wreath silently but beautifully announces the beginning of a new liturgical year. This new beginning presents a grace-filled opportunity for us to resolve to live not simply according to the secular calendar of our commercialized society, but according to the spirit of the liturgy. There's nothing wrong—indeed there can be something quite holy—about planning to celebrate God's surprising gift of the Son by surprising our loved ones with thoughtful gifts at Christmas. But how important, amid the rush of holiday preparations, to take the time and to make the effort to appreciate Advent's early twilights and later sunrises, awash in the purples, deep blues, and even the dusky rose colors we associate with Advent. Thus we let nature's own "Advent" prompt reflections on the "Advent" that Jeremiah saw coming.

IMAGES OF THE END-TIMES

How forcefully today's scriptures challenge us to attend to the ominous nature of the Kingdom's definitive in-breaking! The call echoes through Jeremiah's prophecy: "In those days, in that time" and in Paul's letter: "at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen." The theme intensifies toward a crescendo in Luke: "there will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth . . . dismay and perplexity." People will be scared to death—literally—"in anticipation of what is coming upon the world," as "seas and waves roar" and "the powers of heaven will be shaken." And all of this will be just a prelude to "the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." In the face of this "awful" (that is, filled-with-awe) ending, Jesus warns his disciples to guard against two equally debilitating extremes, both of which seem to be trademarks of our contemporary culture: deadening diversion on one hand, and frantic anxiety on the other.

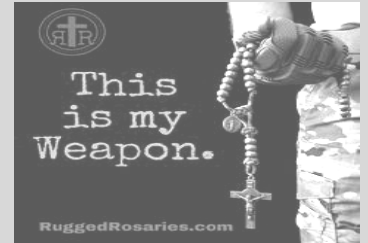
PREPARATION FOR THE END-TIMES

In light of these predictions of frightening end-times, Jesus advises us to embrace his three-fold "Preparation for the End Program": (1) "Beware!" that is, be aware of what really matters, life's true priorities. (2) "Be vigilant at all times," that is, watchful for Christ's coming not only at the end but in the meantime, in family and neighbor, friend and stranger. (3) Above all, "pray." Prayer, communion with God, will help us to remember that for faithful disciples, The End of this world—or our own lives, whichever comes first—will be The Beginning of a joy no one can take from us, fullness of life that will never end. How lovely if this Advent's renewal prepared us to look forward to the moment of Jesus' coming—in his glory or our death—not as a cataclysmic disaster, but as a reason for which to "stand erect and raise (our) heads (in joyful expectation) because (our) redemption is at hand."



TOGETHER - LET US PRAY ...

Eleanor Rieth, Fran Rottman
Loretta Forthofer, Elvira Quester
Marianne Rieth, Chris Ughrin
Jarmila Kos, JoAnne Wisnieski
Kathleen Brezinski, Anna Joseph
Patricia Welsh, Larry Sheets
Marty Lima, William Wisnieski
Vickie Aring, Michael Wisnieski
Patrick O'Toole, Catherine Monfort
Gina Ackerman



FAMILY AND FRIENDS

SERVING OUR COUNTRY:

Charles Godles, Christopher Barnhart,
Jason Bender, Thomas Daley, Major
Richard Robinson, Tom Fisher, Anthony
Burns, Michael Naughton, Allen Fish,
2nd Lt. Louis Rios, Justin Callison,
Quinn Rambo, Capt. Shelby Stratton,
Grant Bartlett, Sgt. Tyler Corwin, John
McGlynn, Cpl. Andrew Edwards,
1st Sgt. Derek Lisowski, Darrin Kirchner
SSgt. Leo Ostrolencki, Ken D.
Dustin Moorman
To add names call 934-4227.

HOSPITAL CALLS

Please request the services of the Catholic Chaplain at the hospital for a patient. Notify the parish office so that the sick will be remembered in our prayers and Masses.



ST. TERESA OF AVILA
Pray for Us!

"In the beginning it is difficult; but I know that such freedom, self-denial, and detachment from ourselves can, with God's help, be attained."
St. Teresa of Avila

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mass	Wed, Dec 1	8:30 a.m.	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, Dec 1	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Church
Bible Study	Thurs, Dec 2		
Mass	Fri, Dec 3	8:30 a.m.	Church
Confessions	Sat, Dec 4	3:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Church
Christmas Dinner	Sat, Dec 11	5:30 p.m.	Avila Hall



**Remember
CATHOLIC PROGRAMMING**



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



"It is up to us...to tell our people where our Risen Savior is. The Blessed Sacrament is Our Risen Savior with all of the power of His love and mercy flowing out to those who come into His presence! This is where we must run, like Peter and John. This is where we must bring everyone. For each Holy Hour will advance the day when the light of His love and mercy will shine out, and then like Him, His people will be resurrected." From the book Letters to a Brother Priest

What would you ask Bishop Malesic if he was sitting at your kitchen table? To be part of *Table Talk* with Bishop Edward Malesic, submit your questions to tabletalk@am1260therock.com. The December episode of *Table Talk* on AM 1260 The Rock will air **Thursday December 16th at 5pm** and will be re-broadcast **Friday December 17th at 8am** and **Sunday December 19th at noon**. For audio archive of previous episodes, visit <https://am1260therock.com/>.

PRO-LIFE MEDITATIONS ON THE ROSARY

The First Sorrowful Mystery – The Agony in the Garden Let us pray for mothers and fathers who are in agony because they are tempted to abort a child. May they be given the good news that there are alternatives, and may they make use of the help that is available. For pro-life novenas visit Priests for Life at PrayerCampaign.org



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Come pray from **9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesdays.**

"..seek first the kingdom of God" (Matthew 6:33).

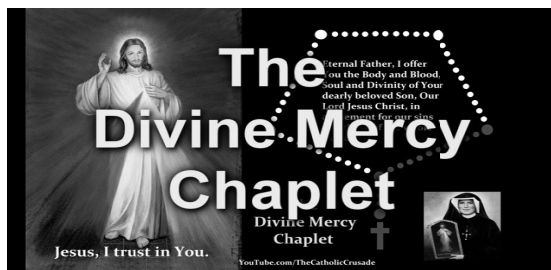
Call the church office if you are interested (440-934-4227).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
- Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR THE SICK

Call the church office if a family member is sick or hospitalized. Their name can be put in the bulletin for prayers. Not all hospitals in the area notify churches that a parishioner has been admitted.



JESUS' DIVINE MERCY

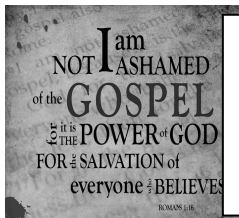
To St. Faustina: **"My daughter, I too came down from heaven out of love for you; I lived for you, I died for you, and I created the heavens for you."** (*Diary*, 853). **The words of Jesus appear in boldface*

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION - NOVEMBER

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

PARISH NEWS

Visit Our Website! www.stteresaparish.com
 Read the *Bulletin* and find current events in "Announcements" (top of home page) or scroll to the bottom.
 Parish Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.



BIBLE STUDY
 Everyone is welcome!
 Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.
 the St. John Room
December 2nd & 16th

ST. TERESA PARISH WILL NO LONGER OFFER A PSR PROGRAM
 PSR is available at St. Anthony and St. Thomas Parishes



THE ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS
Mass
 Sunday, December 12, 2021
 Rosary at 8:00 a.m.
 Mass at 8:30 a.m.

ST. TERESA OF AVILA CHRISTMAS DINNER
SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, December 11, 2021
 Sponsored by the Altar & Rosary Society

Everyone is invited to enjoy this event!
Buffet Dinner 50/50 Sideboard Door Prizes Basket Raffles

5:30 – 6:00 p.m. Appetizers
6:00 p.m. Buffet Dinner

Tickets will be sold after Mass the weekends of:
Nov. 27 & 28 and Dec. 4 & 5.
Tickets will be available in the office beginning November 29.
(Deadline for purchasing tickets is December 6)

See next week's bulletin for ticket price and menu.

The Altar & Rosary Society would be happy to pray the Rosary at the funeral home for the deceased of our Parish. The Family is invited to call the Parish Office at 440-934-4227 and ask for this gift of the heart!



"Helping Hands" for Parishioners
 This is a fund set up by the Social Concerns Committee that may provide help with groceries, medicine, and utility bills for those parishioners in need during this difficult time,
"Helping Hands Fund"
Please contact the parish office at 934-4227
Monday through Friday between 9a.m. – 3p.m.
All information is kept confidential.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NEWS

"BRING AMERICA BACK TO LIFE"

The Lorain County Right to Life is once again sponsoring the
"Bring America Back to Life"
 Ad Campaign to protect the unborn.
St. Teresa of Avila Parishioners can sign up now and thru December 18 & 19, 2021.

On the table in the back of the church forms are available. Please take a form with you, complete and either drop in the collection basket or mail, along with your \$5 donation. The form also tells you how to contribute on-line.

Your contributions help educate the public about the respect for life thru billboards which will appear in January throughout the County and through the Lorain County Right to Life website. Your names will be included on the web-site.

MASS ON TV, ONLINE AND RADIO

The weekly television Mass produced by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland is now on Sundays at 10 a.m. on **WUAB Channel 43, the CW43**. Viewers are invited to take part in the weekly celebration of the Mass at a more convenient time, and, is an over-the-air station, that is, accessible even to those without cable TV.

Also watch the Mass at www.dioceseofcleveland.org/offices/communications/mass OR at: <http://www.catholictv.org> OR <https://www.ewtn.com/tv>, and www.HeartoftheNation.org.

Listen to Mass on AM 1260 The Rock at 4 p.m. Saturday and 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

CATHOLIC FAITH RESOURCES AVAILABLE ON CD IN VESTIBULE

Want to learn more about your faith? Listen and learn as you drive!

CD's are available in the vestibule of the church for **FREE**.

Many topics available, such as "Attack on Religious Liberty – The Battle for the Faith in Mexico" by Patrick Madrid, "The New Eve" by Dr. Brant Pitre, "How to Apply Our Faith to Our Families" by Kimberly Hahn, "Count your Blessings" by Dr. Scott Hahn, and "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist" by Dr. Brant Pitre. *Plus many more.*

Check them all out and feel free to take what interests you!



ST. ANDREW CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born Of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen

It is piously believed that whoever recites the St. Andrew Christmas novena prayer **FIFTEEN** times each day from the **feast of St. Andrew (November 30th) until Christmas Eve** will obtain the favor requested.

PLEASE HELP US KEEP "UP TO DATE"

If you've recently had a child, and the baptism took place at another parish, please let us know so we can update our records.

If you are a young adult, supporting yourself, living on your own or with your parents, you should be independently registered in our parish.

If your son/daughter got married, at another parish but was baptized at St. Teresa, please let us know so we can make the notation in our records.

If you have changed your address, email or phone number, please let us know so we can update our records.

Contact us by calling 440-934-4227 or email at st.teresa.office@neohio.twcbc.com.

ADVENT BEGINS

Prepare for an amazing truth! At Christmas we celebrate the truth that God came and lived among us. What's even more amazing is that He will come again at our death or at the end of the world, whichever comes first. To help us prepare, the Church created the season of *Advent*, beginning this year on November 28. It is a *watchful time* during which we can....

Live intentionally

If you knew that Jesus would come for you tomorrow, how would you spend today? Chances are you would devote the day to asking and granting forgiveness, spending time with loved ones, and preparing your heart for your Savior. Try to live each day that way.

Pack light

Acquire graces rather than goods. The graces come along when Jesus calls for you, but the goods stay behind. *"But God said to him, "You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?"* (Luke 12:20)

Straighten up

If Jesus came for you tomorrow, you would need to be in a state of grace to go with Him. Prepare now by never missing Mass, going to Confession regularly, performing heartfelt penance, and avoiding sin so that you'll be ready to greet Jesus with joy anytime. The truth is, Jesus really could come tomorrow – or even today!



Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Eucharistic Ministers

Sat, Nov 27 4:30 p.m. Ann Glime John Katricak (choir)	Sun, Nov 28 8:30 a.m. Bill Bistak **	Sun, Nov 28 11:00 a.m. Fred Courtright
Sat Dec 4 4:30 p.m. Tom Pienoski ** Debbie Korce	Sun, Dec 5 8:30 a.m. Bill Bistak **	Sun, Dec 5 11:00 a.m. Fred Courtright

Lectors

Sat Nov 27 4:30 p.m. Larry Durica	Sun, Nov 28 8:30 a.m. Christi Smail	Sun, Nov 28 11:00 a.m. Tom Parkey
Sat, Dec 4 4:30 p.m. Andy Augustine	Sun, Dec 5 8:30 a.m. Bruce DiVaccaro	Sun, Dec 5 11:00 a.m. Gene Welsh

Servers

Sat, Nov 27 4:30 p.m. Fitzwater **	Sat, Dec 4 4:30 p.m. Brock
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The Year of St. Joseph ends December 8, 2021

During this Year of Saint Joseph, the Church has made a plenary indulgence available to all the faithful who satisfy the usual conditions (confession, Eucharist, prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father, a spirit of detachment from sin, and the intention to gain the indulgence for one's self or someone in purgatory), as well as perform one of the prescribed works, as follows:

- Meditate for at least 30 minutes on the Lord's Prayer, or take part in a spiritual retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph
- Following St. Joseph's example, perform a spiritual or corporal work of mercy
- Recite the Holy Rosary with your family or your fiancé
- Entrust your daily activity to the protection of St. Joseph
- Pray through the intercession of St. Joseph that those seeking work can find dignifying work
- Recite the Litany of St. Joseph for Christians who suffer all forms of persecution
- Recite any prayer or act of piety legitimately approved in honor of St. Joseph, in particular on March 19, May 1, on the 19th of any month, and every Wednesday

This gift of a plenary indulgence extends particularly to the elderly, the sick, the dying, and all those who, for legitimate reasons, are unable to leave their homes, if, detached from all sin and with the intention of fulfilling, as soon as possible, the usual conditions, recite an act of piety in honor of St. Joseph, comfort of the sick and patron of a good death, offering with confidence to God the pains and trials of their life.

Around the Town

INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC WAY OF LIFE? TRY RCIA

Follow your heart and join us at St. Vincent de Paul Church on the journey of Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. If you have never been baptized, were baptized in another Christian community, or were baptized Catholic and have not received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation, this journey is for you. The journey involves learning about the teachings and traditions of the Church. If interested, please call or email Jackie at 440-242-0195 or jackiesvdp@gamil.com.

COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS

Holy Family Hospice wants to help the healing process by offering support and tips on how to cope with the Holidays while grieving the loss of a loved one. *Zoom presentations only: Monday, December 6, 2021 at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.:* register by December 1. To register contact Erin Hout at 440-545-7032 or go to ehout@hollyfamilyhome.com. FREE event.

MATTHEW 25:36 "FOR...I WAS SICK AND YOU VISITED ME."

The Eucharistic Ministry team of University Hospital in Elyria is looking for volunteers. Consider helping 60-90 minutes, once-a-week or every-other-week, and bring Holy Communion and prayerful support to Catholic patients. You can choose to help either on a weekday or weekend morning. Volunteers must be commissioned as a Eucharistic Minister, be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 (although we do not visit any Covid patient rooms) and also have proof of this year's flu shot. Hospital orientation and training provided. Interested in learning more? Contact Mary Anne Cunningham at (440) 759-7459 or maryanne116@msn.com.

"THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FATHER RAGAN COUNCIL...."

...is sponsoring the 37th Annual Senior Citizens Dinner on Sunday, December 5, 1 to 3 PM, at Ragan Hall, 1783 Moore Road, Avon. This year it will be a drive through dinner to go, only. The dinners will consist of turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, corn and a roll. The meals are complimentary to all senior citizens in the community. For more information or to schedule a pickup time please contact Amanda Gargaro at ahackney0@gmail.com or 440-934-1778. Please bring a canned good to donate to the food bank."

AN INTER-PARISH MEN'S GROUP....

... will meet December 3rd for a First Friday luncheon at St. Clarence Church, 30106 Lorain Road, North Olmsted. Registration begins at 11:15 AM, followed by the luncheon, then an inspirational talk, and concludes with Mass. Cost is \$13. Please call George Perz at (440) 937-6606 by Tuesday, November 30th to make a reservation.

PRO-LIFE DOCTORS LIST

A list of local Pro-life doctors, who do not practice abortion nor support its use, is available. Call 440-322-0076 or visit www.loraincountyrighttolife.org under Resources and Issues tab.

Homeless & pregnant? Call Good Counsel Homes – 800-723-8331, or visit www.goodcounselhomes.org.

Hurting from an abortion? Visit www.AbortionForgiveness.com.