



**Ss. Robert & William  
Catholic Parish**  
DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND

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**Parish Office Hours:**

Monday, 8:30 am – 6:45 pm,  
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 8:30 am – 6:00 pm,  
Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, Closed Saturday & Sunday

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Wednesday: 11:45 am to 12:45 pm  
Saturday: after 4:00 pm Mass  
Sunday: 9:45 am to 12:15 pm

**January 1, 2017  
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, January 2**

12:00 PM (JB) † Carolyn Markel by Jim Markel

**Tuesday, January 3**

8:00 AM (SG) Seventh Anniversary of Parish

**Wednesday, January 4**

12:00 PM (JB) † Deceased Members of Janezic Family by Daughter

**Thursday, January 5**

8:00 AM (JB) † Gregory Higgins by Joyce Family

**Friday, January 6**

12:00 PM (JB) † Jane Easler by Daughter, Donna

**Saturday, January 7**

8:30 AM (JB) † Dorothy Belavich by Family  
4:00 PM (SG) † Norman and Lucille Zahler by Family

**Sunday, January 8**

9:00 AM (JB) † Margaret Eileen Carmont by Mary Ellen Driscoll  
11:00 AM (SG) † Dorothy Belavich by Family  
6:00 PM (JB) † Noah Selby, Omanski-Jablonski and Videgar Families by Barbara Russell

**This Week At The Parish**

**Monday, January 2**

- Parish Office Closed
- No School

**Tuesday, January 3**

- 7th Anniversary of the Founding of the Parish
- No School

- 6:30 pm Bell Choir
- 7:00 pm Addicts' Parents United

**Wednesday, January 4**

- No School
- Parish & Finance Council and Endowment Bd.

Christmas Party

**Thursday, January 5**

- No School
- 6:30 pm Choir Practice
- 7:00 pm Areopagus
- 7:30 pm Walking with Purpose

**Friday, January 6**

- No School
- 6:30 pm Apologetics

**Saturday, January 7**

- 9:00 am Men's Group
- 2:30 pm Confessions
- 7:00 pm AA

**Sunday, January 8**

- 9:30 am PSR
- 10:00 am RCIA
- 11:00 am Sunday Preschool
- 12:30 pm Epiphany/ Anniversary Concert

**Rosary (Ursuline Chapel):**

Sunday at 8:30 am  
Monday, Wednesday, & Friday at 11:30 am  
Tuesday, Thursday at 8:30 am  
Saturday at 9:00 am



**Welcome** to our parish...we are a community founded in a spirit of unity to serve our God through loving HIM and one another, always!

## FJB's BLOG

Dear Parishioners,

**Happy New Year! May 2017 be a wonderful year for you, your family, and your friends. Today the Catholic Church celebrates a Solemnity of Mary. It celebrates the Holy Mother of God.** It is a feast day of the Blessed Virgin Mary under the aspect of her motherhood of Jesus Christ. The English title "Mother of God" is a translation of the Latin title *Dei Genetrix*, which means "She Who Generated God." This title was dogmatically adopted at the First Council of Ephesus (A.D. 431) as a way to assert that Jesus is God, and that his mother can therefore be called Mother of God. After Vatican Council II, Pope Paul VI decreed this feast. In his Apostolic Letter, *Marialis Cultus*, Pope Paul VI explained: "This celebration, placed on January 1, is meant to commemorate the part played by Mary in this mystery of salvation. It is meant also to exalt the singular dignity which this mystery brings to the "Holy Mother...through whom we were found worthy to receive the Author of Life." It is likewise a fitting occasion for renewing adoration of the newborn Prince of Peace, for listening once more to the glad tidings of the angels (cf. Lk. 2:14), and for imploring from God, through the Queen of Peace, the supreme gift of peace."



**As we begin this new year I think it very appropriate for us to call upon the Blessed Mother to help us as we try to heal from the past year that created so much divisiveness on so many levels politically, religiously, racially and so on.** Every mother I know seeks to have her children united and not divided. One of the last acts of Jesus before he died on the cross was to give Mary to the world. He gave her to all of us, not just one group of people. Sometimes we call her the *Queen of the Universe, the New Eve, the Mother of All*. Recognizing that we should seek to heal all divisions in our lives, we certainly hope for this on the global and national level, but I challenge you to reflect how you can do this in your own life. Perhaps there is some division in your family. How can you heal this? How can you take the initiative to reach out and bring healing to whatever divides you? Perhaps it is a neighbor? Or a co-worker? Recently I met with a man who I had wronged several years ago by taking the easy way out and not having a conversation with him that I should have had. For several years I justified not speaking to him because of his reaction to a situation. I somehow convinced myself that his reaction "justified" my "cutting him off" from my life. As I write this I think how absurd! But on September 25, at the first Ecumenical prayer service, as I sat and prayed with all sorts of people from all sorts of backgrounds, a profound sense of unity and clarity entered my mind. I realized that I was the one who had wronged the relationship and while he is very different from me in his approach to life, that did not matter. I had to reach out and heal the relationship. I had to make the first move because, as a Christian who proclaims to follow Jesus, I had no choice. I pictured the Blessed Mother giving me a stern mother's look and saw in her eyes what I had to do. I reached out to him and simply said I am so sorry. We did not rehash the past but agreed that we could both put it past us and move forward. I do not share this personal story to brag about myself, because this is the first of several people I need to contact to heal division. But instead I share the story to say that it takes a few steps to heal division:

1. Be strong and willing to make the first move and wave the white flag, whether it was your fault or not.
2. Be willing to put the past aside and not try to justify it but to learn from it and seek to move forward.
3. Look past yourself and realize there is a greater good in healing and moving forward.
4. Consistently call on Jesus and his mother for help!

I am not a psychologist but as a spiritual leader I am happy to help journey with you towards healing and forgiveness in your lives. I feel 10 pounds lighter having gone through this (though I put the 10 pounds back on with all the Christmas goodies:)) But I know it was the right thing to do and the Christian way of being.

I encourage all of us to seek opportunities this year to heal the divisions between us. Maybe if enough of us do this our world can begin to change toward unity that is at the heart of Jesus' message. Again, Happy New Year!

Peace, Fr. John

### 50 Days of Holiday Cash Winners

Dec. 20, Joan & George Casey, sold by Angela Casey, \$50

Dec. 21, David Manning, sold by Janet Bealko, \$50

Dec. 22, Karen Long, sold by Karen Long, \$50

Dec. 23, Christine Mullins, sold by Sabrina Wichert, \$50

Dec. 24, Killen Vogel, sold by Will Flaisman, \$50

**Dec. 25, Ann Pavis, sold by Ann Pavis, \$500**

Dec. 26, Christian Fatica, sold by Carter Muscenti, \$50

Dec. 27, Meg Cosgriff, sold by Meg Cosgriff, \$50

## Faith Formation



**Ss. Robert & William Catholic School Website: [www.srwshool.cc](http://www.srwshool.cc)**

This school year we are offering a series in which each staff member of the school reflects on his/her mission and purpose of Catholic Education. **Meet Mrs. Ellie McClusky. She has a Seventh Grade homeroom and teaches Science to students in the Upper School. Here is Mrs. McClusky's mission:**

My mission as a teacher is to motivate, encourage, inspire, and support students by providing a safe, secure and loving environment to educate them socially, emotionally, and cognitively so they can continue to build a foundation for life-long learning. I support the mission and vision of Ss. Robert and William Catholic School and the Ss. Robert and William Parish, and I am committed to teaching students from Euclid and the surrounding communities. I recognize Jesus Christ as the Master Teacher and do my best, with His guidance, to teach as He did.

I recognize parents as the primary educators of their children and believe that a good parent-teacher relationship is necessary for maximum school success. Proactive communication with families and students about individual progress is essential and helps me develop positive and professional relationships with the students and their families. I am committed to being an active listener for the students and their families.

As the Upper School Science Teacher, it is important that I set academic, time-management, and development goals for students to achieve in the classroom. Not only do the students need to understand the basic concepts of science, they need to develop and apply an objective inquiry-driven mindset.

I believe that all children are a unique and special gift from God. All are able to learn. However, I recognize that children learn differently. Opportunities will be provided for all students to grow and develop in my classroom.

**Thank you for your support of our school. Feel free to join us every Tuesday at 8:00 am for all school Mass.**

### Open House

Experience first-hand the awesome learning and growing occurring daily at Ss. Robert and William Catholic School! Stop by the school during Catholic Schools' Week Open House: Sunday, January 29, 2017 from 12:30 – 2:00 pm. Tour the school, visit classrooms, meet the teachers and staff, see awesome displays of our students' creations and learn about our unique program. All parishioners, families, friends, and neighbors are welcome. We love to show off the wonderful things happening at SRW!

## Spiritual

### Women's Fellowship

Happy New Year from *Women's Fellowship!* We have prepared a year's worth of exciting programs and dynamic speakers sure to set your heart on fire for the Lord. We begin **on January 14, 9:00-11:00 am in the Upper Hall** with our first 2017 program, *Angels - Messengers, Guardians, and Helpers*. Way before the Internet and Twitter, God employed his special envoys to get his message across in Biblical times and still does so in our lives today. Join us!! Chat with Pam 440.241.3917 or Marcia 216.570.7667 if you have questions.



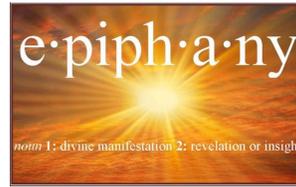
— **Look Here!** Alpha is a group of excited people trying to figure out what it means to be a good disciple of our Lord! "Come in haste" to see what this is all about! Join us in the Upper Hall for dinner and a presentation! RSVP on the parish website [srweuclid.cc/alpha](http://srweuclid.cc/alpha) or call 216.731.1515).

### Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

# SRW Music Ministry Presents: Epiphany & Parish 7th Anniversary Concert



For seven years now God has been made manifest to us as a parish community. Many people have come under our star and been led to Jesus Christ. Please join our Music Ministry in celebrating Ss. Robert & William Parish's 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a parish community with a concert featuring our Adult Choir, St. Cecilia Singers Children's Choir, Hand Bell Choir, and Contemporary Group.

**The concert will take place on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm in the Church. A reception will follow in the gathering area after the concert.**

We look forward to your joining us and singing God's praises with the gifts He has given us!



**CHECK THIS OUT:**  
This testimonial about vocations is from one of our former parishioners. He grew up in St. William Parish. Keep Brother Louis in your prayers!

## *Bro. Louis Carey, OSB, '88*

One of my friends who was moving out of town had some furniture to donate to St. Andrew Abbey, and he wanted me to take it over for him. I had not been back to BHS in over 15 years. At the abbey I met the late Fr. Lawrence who was elderly and experiencing some dementia. He invited me to supper and night prayers.

After prayer, he gave me a tour of the monastery. Near the end of the tour, he asked if I was married. I told him that I wasn't and then he asked me if I ever thought about being a monk. About a month later, I decided to contact the vocation director at St. Andrew's Abbey. I have been here ever since.



Michael Carey - 1988



Bro. Louis Carey, OSB

1988

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**We'd like to connect with you!** Get important updates from our church in a timely and convenient way. **Flocknote**, the new tool we're using, lets you choose what information you'd like to receive - via email or text message - from the various ministries and groups in our church. You can unsubscribe any time. **Visit our church at: [www.flocknote.com/SRW](http://www.flocknote.com/SRW) OR Text SRWEUCLID to 84576 from your phone to subscribe to updates.**

**Have you thought of leaving a legacy, especially for our faith, church, and school?** Remember Ss. Robert & William in your will or trust to continue our traditions and education. Contact Fr. John at the Parish Office for more information.

**PRAYERS NEEDED**

**Please pray for...**Alda Kovalsky, Jean Feiten, Ronald Kessler, Marianne Ellul, Geraldine Hoffert, Dennis Whitticar, Janet and Jim Cika, Pauline Dutcher, Elaine Jackson, Sharon Kazusky, Jim Vlach, Grayson Kazusky, Violet DeStefanis, Ann Grossman, Donald Pavlovich, Mary Nykiel, Chuck Hill, Alice Maroney, Elaine Yanko, Mary Ann Hudak, Faye Bukovec, Samuel Raguz, James Augustine, Ted Sabat, Karen Kessler, Jane Tamburrino, Mary Ellen Driscoll, Bernard Novotney, Jr, Christopher Henderson, and all those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit in our community.

**We thank and pray** for those who serve in the **military and safety forces**. May God bless them for their service to our country and community.

**We offer our deepest sympathy** to the families of those who have died. May they know the peace and comfort of God's love and find strength in the support of our parish community.

Sign up with eGiving through Faith Direct, the most convenient and secure way for you to make your weekly offering to SRW. To enroll, please visit Faith Direct's website [faithdirect.net](http://faithdirect.net) and use our parish code OH298. You can also fill out and mail a Faith Direct enrollment form available at the parish office.

**2016 Offertory Statements**

If you would like to request your 2016 Offertory statement, please complete this statement request and either drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office. Requests may also be made by calling the parish office at 216.731.1515 or emailing [cfink@srweuclid.cc](mailto:cfink@srweuclid.cc).

**Please Note:**

- Statements will only be issued upon request and will be available at the end of January.
- Vision 2020 statements will be mailed automatically.
- Faith Direct statements are generated and mailed out from Faith Direct.

**PLEASE SEND ME A 2016 OFFERTORY STATEMENT**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Envelope Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

The collection for December 25 and Christmas will be published in January.

**Loan Balance: \$1,396,642                      Monthly Loan Payment: \$10,580**

Please consider a donation to help lower our long term debt. Please call Fr. John or Ellen at the Parish Office at 216.731.1515 or email them at [fjb@srweuclid.cc](mailto:fjb@srweuclid.cc) or [eivory@srweuclid.cc](mailto:eivory@srweuclid.cc). Thank you very much for your continued generosity. — Fr. John

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