A traditional painting of the Virgin Mary of Guadalupe, depicted with a blue mantle adorned with gold stars, a white tunic, and a gold sash. She is shown in a prayerful pose with her hands clasped. The background features a golden sunburst pattern. The text is overlaid on the image in a dark blue, serif font.

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# Our Lady of Guadalupe

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August 2017

Dear Parishioner,

Our Lady of Guadalupe is, first and foremost, a community of people who worship together in the Roman Catholic tradition. Our mission is to follow and to put into action the teachings of Jesus Christ. As a parish, we do this by making the best possible use of the gifts and talents the Holy Spirit has given to each of us individually and as a faith community. We are called to be faithful stewards of all that God has given His beloved; we are a people challenged to use our gifts wisely in the service of God and our neighbors.

The people of Our Lady of Guadalupe believe that a true parish community can exist only when each of its members participates in its worship and does good works to the fullest extent possible. Participation will take different forms for all of us at different stages of our lives.

For some, prayer and attendance at obligatory services may be the only participation possible. Others may find the time to serve on some of the parish committees or participate in our social activities or outreach services. Any and all contributions are valuable to the parish community, and are valued by the parishioners who are its members.

As pastor, I work in concert with the pastoral staff to meet the sacramental, spiritual, social, and other needs of the parish. Parishioners, too, must play increasingly responsible roles in the spiritual life of the parish if Our Lady of Guadalupe is to remain a vital Christian community. All who participate in the life of the parish provide the support and services needed to help fellow parishioners live a blessed Christian life.

Consistent with these beliefs, I offer the following description of what it means to be a member of the Parish of Our Lady of Guadalupe:

- All members of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish are asked to pray for the parish community and its members. This active prayer life is the core activity in which all are asked to participate, and by doing so each of us is reminded of why we exist as a faith community.
- A parishioner regularly joins in the communal celebration of the Eucharist—the meal at which our parish family gathers to rejoice, to forgive, and to support one another. The Eucharist is the center of our faith, and the center of our life as a community.

- Parishioners are known as such to other members of the parish community, allowing support to be given and received. In our parish we accomplish this by registering with the parish office initially, but as in any family, we learn more about each other as we continue to share and do things together.
- As often as one is able, a member contributes his or her time and talent to parish events and to parish committees and their activities, for the benefit of all other members of the community.
- A parishioner contributes to the well-being of the parish community by financial support consistent with his or her means, and guided by the Christian teaching on the value of tithing, accomplished through the use of the parish envelope system.

This, then, is the vision of the Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe. It reflects both what we are and what we hope to become as a community of faith. Not all participate to the same degree. Nevertheless, each of us strives to grow in faith, and to find ways of contributing to our community.

I ask the Blessed Mother, under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, to guide us in our faith and on our journey. I thank her for the time we're able to spend together as we come to know her Son, the Father whom He reveals, and the Spirit They have sent.

Sincerely,

Rev. Kevin C. Shemuga  
Pastor

# Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish

## Parish Staff

Pastor.....	Fr. Kevin C. Shemuga
Deacon.....	Deacon David Govern
Weekend Celebrant.....	Msgr. Victor Bonnell & Fr. Anthony Marshall, SSS
Pastoral Associate.....	Mrs. Nancy Freibott
Director of Religious Education & Youth Ministry.....	Mrs. Katie Drager
Director of Music Ministry.....	Mr. Donald Grabowy
Parish Secretary.....	Ms. Jackie Cackowski
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## Parish Office Hours

Monday and Tuesday.....	8:30 AM-8:00 PM
Wednesday.....	8:30 AM-6:00 PM
Thursday & Friday.....	8:30 AM-4:00 PM
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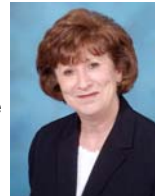
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## Our Parish at Prayer

### Mass

Saturday .....	4:30 PM
Sunday .....	8:30 AM & 10:30 AM
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Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday.....	8:30 AM
Please consult the bulletin for any changes to the weekday schedule	
Mass & Confession.....	Call 330.468.2194 ext. 3

**Reconciliation/Confession** ..... Monday: 5:30-6:15 PM  
..... Saturday: 5:30 PM

If these times are not convenient, call Fr. Shemuga for an appointment.

**Rosary**..... Wednesday: 6:00 PM

**Eucharistic Adoration**..... Monday 9:00 AM - Saturday 8:00 AM

## Caring

### Funeral Planning

At Baptism we were brought into a community of believers and are an integral part of the faith community. When one of our members dies, the death affects us all; when someone is in mourning, their sorrow affects us all.

Funeral planning is a means by which the parish reaches out to a family who has been touched by death. Planning booklets can be obtained from the funeral home director, at the parish office or by downloading it from the parish website, [Preplanning.org.cc](http://Preplanning.org.cc), in order to choose songs, readings and petitions. Members of the family will be invited to meet with Fr. Shemuga to help coordinate the funeral arrangements. Ordinarily a member of the parish staff will lead the family in prayer prior to the wake service at the funeral home.

### Ministry of Consolation (aka: Bereavement)

*Blessed are they who mourn for they shall be comforted. Mt. 5:4*

If we are to be Jesus for others then we need to be there for those who have lost a loved one. While we try to comfort at the funeral home and the days immediately following a death, as time passes by it grows increasingly difficult. Very soon those who mourn find that others no longer mention the loved one as though you are no longer in need of comfort. But grief does not suddenly go away. We do not move on immediately. We find there is no timetable for grief, but that we still need comfort for some time to come.

The Ministry of Consolation offers this program several times a year to help you in your mourning. Please consider joining us to share conversation about your loved ones and learn more about what we encounter as we mourn. Feel free to call us and talk.

Karen Zeleznik - 330.467.0941

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### **Funeral Hospitality**

Gathering as family to mourn the loss of a loved one is an important part of the grieving process. After having celebrated the promises of our God at the funeral Mass, and after having laid a loved one to rest, it is important to gather to celebrate the life and love shared with us by the one who has recently died. The Funeral Hospitality group works to insure that a grieving family need not worry about details of such a gathering.

Providing that the space is not otherwise committed, the Castilian Rose Room is available to participating OLG parishioners who wish to gather following the funeral of their loved one. The only expense to the family is the cost of the luncheon trays, and other items they may request. A contact person speaks directly with the family and determines the menu the family wishes. From that point on, the Funeral Hospitality group takes over and provides: setup, ordering, and bakery; serving the meal and its cleanup is also handled by the group.

This labor of love is possible because of the extreme generosity of so many. Assistance with setup, serving, cleanup and baking are all appreciated. Those wishing to be a part of this ministry, but who cannot be present because of work schedules, are invited to provide bakery for the luncheon. At present, bakers are called upon two-to-three times a year to provide some type of dessert.

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### **Evening Prayer Service on All Souls' Day**

Each year, on All Souls' Day, the parish remembers the lives of all who have gone before us in faith. Traditionally, parishioners who have been buried during the last two years are identified by name and a candle is lit in their memory; afterward, all in attendance are invited to come forward to light a candle for departed family and friends.

This year's Evening Prayer Service will be on Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 6:30 PM.

### **LIFE Matters (formerly Respect Life Ministry)**

Our name has changed but our desire to promote a greater respect for all human life remains the same. "LIFE Matters" includes the following meanings: 1) Life is important-it matters! 2) Many issues make up the Pro Life cause. These include: end-of-life issues, upholding the dignity of life at all ages and stages, abortion, euthanasia and the disabled. Addressing all these "matters" is part of our ministry. Current activities include members presenting PSR programs to preschool through Confirmation classes emphasizing God's gift of life and Catholic view of life. A flower sale is held on Mother's Day weekend with proceeds benefiting Right to Life of NE Ohio. An annual Baby Shower benefits area crisis pregnancy centers. October is Respect Life month and activities include a prayer service and card campaign for local nursing homes/parish shut-ins. Meetings are held quarterly and all are welcome and encouraged to attend and pray with us and support this rewarding ministry.

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## **Ministry for Those in Need**

Our Lady of Guadalupe's Ministry For Those in Need is an organization of Catholic lay people dedicated to living out Christ's Gospel message of love by assisting the needy in our parish and community through personal service by extending comfort, friendship, and financial assistance.

In addition to meeting the pressing needs of the poor in our community the group sponsors: Blanket Sunday, the Advent Giving Tree, food and clothing drives, a school supplies drive as well as other events throughout the year. The group also regularly volunteers at the Ozanam Center (a local food, clothing and furniture bank).

The confidentiality of those who receive assistance from the Ministry For Those in Need is strictly protected. If you are in need of assistance please contact our Ministry at the number below and leave a message.

New Members are always welcome!

Ministry Contact Line - 330.468.2194 ext. 4

# **Celebrating**

## **Altar Servers**

An important liturgical ministry is that of the Altar Server. This ministry is open to men, women, boys and girls (fifth grade and older). Servers not only assist at the liturgy, but also model true worship by their demeanor and participation at Mass. Training sessions are regularly scheduled for those wishing to enter this ministry.

Deacon Dave Govern - 330.468.2194 ext. 103

## **Art and Environment**

The Art and Environment Committee functions under the guidance of the Pastor and the Liturgy Commission (described below).

Through the use of flowers, fabric, candles, artwork, etc., this committee of volunteers strives to create an environment that conveys the tenor of the liturgical season being celebrated.

Therese Chapman - 440.786.1811

Terry Lubrano - 330.467.8439

## **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) share the Body and Blood of Christ with their fellow worshippers in a dignified and reverent manner. They also bring Eucharist to the homebound and to those whose illness keeps them from Mass.

To be a Minister of the Lord's Body and Blood calls for a deep love for Christ in the Eucharist and a genuine love for brothers and sisters of Christ. One wishing to enter this ministry must be confirmed and living a life in conformity with the norms of the church.

Fr. Kevin Shemuga - 330.468.2194 ext. 124

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## **Lectors**

Lectors proclaim God's Word to the Body of Christ that is assembled. Their effective proclamation reveals the God of history to those who have gathered to worship. The Lector also vocalizes the needs of the community in the *Prayers of the Faithful*.

Those considering this ministry should have good diction, a basic comfort of standing before sizable crowds, and a strong prayer life. Before one can effectively proclaim God's Word, one must embody the same Word. The life of one wishing to enter this ministry must be lived in conformity with the norms of the Church.

Fr. Kevin Shemuga - 330.468.2194 ext. 124

## **Music Ministry**

Donald Grabowy - ext. 129

### **Magnificat Choir**

The Magnificat Choir is open to anyone - **NO AUDITION** required. Interested persons who like to praise God through song are welcome and encouraged to join this ministry. The choir sings at the 10:30 AM Mass each Sunday (September through May) as well as other important Liturgies throughout the year. Rehearsals are held on Thursday evening at 7:00 PM.

### **Regina Caeli Choir (aka The Funeral Choir)**

This choral ministry leads the singing at all Funeral Masses with a focus on comfort and bereavement for those who are experiencing the loss of a loved one. Rehearsals are held prior to the beginning of the Funeral Mass. Consider joining on a full or part-time basis. **NO AUDITION** required.

### **Guadalupe Ringers (aka The Handbell Choir)**

The Guadalupe Ringers play at various Liturgies throughout the year (September through May). Knowledge of music is not necessary but helpful in this ministry. Rehearsals are held on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM.

### **Cantors**

The ministry of Cantor is to lead and encourage the assembly's participation at Mass. The Cantor is not a soloist or an entertainer. This important ministry is for those who possess or have had vocal training and experience. Cantors are scheduled throughout the year according to availability.

### **Instrumentalists**

Do you play a musical instrument and would like to share that gift with our parish? If so, contact our Music Director - some type of experience is preferred and scheduling can be very flexible

### **Youth Choir**

The Youth Choir sings at the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass and at other various times throughout the year. Information is dispersed via the bulletin and the PSR classes.

### **Ushers/Greeters**

These Ministers of Hospitality assist in welcoming everyone to our time of worship. Ushers assist the handicapped, oversee environmental aspects (HVAC), help to gather the treasures of the community, and see to the distribution of the weekly bulletin. This ministry is open to anyone wishing to greet others in the name of Christ.

Tim Govern - 330.425.2925

### **Sacristans**

The Sacristan is responsible for the mending, stain & wax removal, washing and ironing of all linens used during Liturgical events and celebrations. The linens include the Priests' albs, servers' robes, altar cloths and towels. The sacred vessels and candleholders are cleaned and polished on a regular basis. Candles are replaced as needed. The Holy Water containers are washed and fresh water is put in weekly. New altar cloths, table coverings, etc. have been sewn by the Sacristan. The counters, cupboards and drawers in the Sacristy are cleaned on a regular basis. They also assist with Liturgy setup when the pastor is away.

Fr. Kevin Shemuga - 330.468.2194 ext. 124

### **The 50th. Anniversary Committee**

October 8, 2016 through October 7, 2017 will mark the 50th Anniversary of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish. This Golden Anniversary Year has many events and gatherings planned to bring our entire parish community together in celebration.

The Anniversary Committee will be heading up the overall plans with smaller committees overseeing the individual events. Representatives from many parish committees will be working with the main committee to allow for spiritual and social growth to further develop as each event is announced and introduced.

The Anniversary Committee members to contact who can provide information and answer questions include Fr. Kevin Shemuga (frkevin@olg.cc or 330.468.2194, ext. 124), Elaine Govern (eg62060@gmail.com), Tim and Sue Govern (Governrds@aol.com), John Leben, K of C Rep (johnleben@aol.com), Katie Drager, PSR Rep (katie@olg.cc), and Jackie Cackowski, Parish Secretary (jackie@olg.cc or 330.468.2194, ext. 121).

## **Evangelization**

### **RCIA**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process by which adults, wishing to become Catholic, are introduced to the community, the traditions, the liturgical rites, and the beliefs of our faith. The RCIA journey begins in September and culminates on Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil.

Nancy Freibott - 330.468.2194 ext. 123

## Participation

### **Donuts and Coffee**

The Knights of Columbus will host Donuts and Coffee on the fourth Sunday of the Summer months (and otherwise as the schedule permits). Parishioners and guests are invited to gather after the 8:30AM and 10:30 AM Masses to socialize and grow in Christian community. Please join us for fun, fellowship and “healthy food.”

### **Knights of Columbus**

Knights of Columbus Council #11831 was formed on July 1, 1996 and serves the parishes of Ss. Cosmas & Damian and Our Lady of Guadalupe. Regular business meeting is held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at Our Lady of Guadalupe church on Shepard Road in Macedonia at 7:30 PM. Monthly socials are usually held on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

Prospective members, please contact Joseph Cannavino at 330.467.3336.

### **Lenten Fish Fry**

During Lent (with the exception of Good Friday), OLG sponsors a Lenten Fish Fry. Dine in meals are served between 5:30 PM and 7:30 PM. Carryout orders are taken, beginning at 5:15 PM to 7:00 PM, but may not be picked up before 5:30 PM.

People of every talent are needed to assist with this event: from those who are good on the phone, to serving, to cooking, to dishwashing, to bussing tables.

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### **Parish Pastoral Council**

*The Parish Pastoral Council is a leadership community rooted in prayer, open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, committed to patient listening and study, and working to recommend the plans and directions that will enable the parish to respond most fully to what Jesus asks of us in these times. (Most Reverend Anthony M. Pilla, Nov. 25, 1990)*

The Parish Pastoral Council meets in a spirit of prayer and discernment to offer the Pastor guidance in the policies, directions and spirit of the parish. This is a consultative body that makes recommendations to the pastor. The council aims at spiritual growth of the parish community and plans ways to carry out the mission of the parish and the church. Its membership seeks to represent the interest and pastoral needs of the whole parish community.

Please consult the OLG bulletin for names of current Parish Pastoral Council members and council chairperson.

### **Parish Picnic Committee**

The annual parish picnic is typically held the last Sunday of August; this year it will be held on Sunday, August 27, 2017. The festivities take place on the grounds of OLG and have proven to be great fun for young and old alike-even in inclement weather. It is a time for OLG to celebrate its ethnic diversity.

The “price of admission” is a covered dish (serving 10-12) for the endless buffet table. The parish provides hamburgers, hotdogs, pop and coffee. You may opt to bring your own lawn chairs for assured comfort.

A DJ provides appropriate music on a designated portion of our lawn. In addition to numerous youth activities and contests, the Macedonia Fire Department and Twinsburg Police Department often provide hands-on demonstrations.

Whether you wish to assist with, or simply enjoy the Parish Picnic...you'll meet new friends and have a wonderful time.

The Parish Pastoral Council sponsors the Parish Picnic. Anyone wishing to assist with the picnic may contact anyone on the Parish Pastoral Council.

### **Volunteer Church Cleaners**

Did you ever wonder how the Cheerios disappear, the song books are restored to order, and the Church looks good for weekend Masses? It's not by accident. Each week, a team of Church Cleaners spends time dusting, vacuuming, and cleaning the church. There are several cleaning teams of two-or-more people each. Each team coordinates their schedule and cleans the church sometime between Tuesday and Saturday of their week.

Jackie Cackowski - 330.468.2194 ext. 121

### **Young-at-Heart**

This group promotes friendship, spirituality, entertainment and creativity. Membership is extended to anyone who is 55+ or whose spouse is 55+. Numerous spiritual and social activities are planned through the year with a focus on keeping the cost to a minimum. This group meets the first Wednesday of each month. Please watch the bulletin for meeting dates and times.

Sue Zeman - 330.468.9897

## **Spiritual**

### **Baptism**

Baptisms may take place every Sunday providing Fr. Shemuga or Deacon Govern are available. Baptisms can be held at Mass or after Mass. You may choose the pouring of water or immersion. There is a limit of two baptisms at each Mass or up to four baptisms after Mass. There will be no baptisms scheduled at Mass during Advent or Lent. Prior to scheduling a Baptism, parents should have attended the Pre-Baptismal Evening of Reflection (see page 15).

When selecting Godparents for Baptism, it is important to realize that you're selecting individuals who are promising to instill the faith in your child. As such, they must be people of faith who are able to share the fullness of Catholic beliefs, teachings and traditions with your child. Because of the responsibilities they are assuming, the Church requires Baptismal Godparents (and Confirmation Sponsors) to meet the following norms:

1. Two Godparents must be selected-one of each gender.
2. Both Godparents should be Roman Catholic, though one may be of another Christian tradition:

**Roman Catholic Godparents:**

- Must be registered in their home parish.
- Must attend Mass weekly.
- If married, must have been married in the Catholic Church.
- Must have been confirmed.
- Obtain a Sponsor Certificate from their parish indicating their ability to serve as Godparent.

**Eastern Catholic/Orthodox Godparents:**

- In addition to a Roman Catholic Godparent, the other Godparent may be of an Eastern Catholic or Orthodox Rite church.
- Must be registered in their home parish.
- Must attend Divine Liturgy weekly.
- If married, must have been married in the Eastern Catholic or Orthodox church.
- Obtain a Sponsor Certificate from their parish.

**Mainline Protestant Traditions: (e.g., Lutheran, Methodist, etc.)**

- In addition to a Roman Catholic Godparent, a baptized member of a mainline Protestant tradition may serve as Christian Witness.
- S/He may not be a fallen away or inactive Catholic.
- Must attend services weekly.
- An unconfirmed or former Catholic may not serve as a Christian Witness.

**Other Religions: (e.g., Jewish, Buddhist, Islamic, Seventh Day Adventists, Mormon, Jehovah's Witness, Unitarian Universalist, etc.)**

- Although individuals of these traditions may lead outstanding and upright lives, they do not believe in the Trinity...a foundation of our Catholic faith.
- Although welcome to attend your child's Baptism, they may not serve as Godparent or Christian Witness.

To schedule a Baptism, the family must be practicing members of OLG and at least one parent must be of the Roman Rite. Please contact the parish office at least two weeks before the anticipated Baptism.



### **Eucharistic Adoration**

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the Holy Family Room beginning at 9:00 AM Monday to 8:00 AM Saturday every week of the year except during the Easter Triduum. If you cannot commit to spending a regular hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament each week, consider stopping in as your schedule permits-whether for a few minutes or for a whole hour. (For the safety and security of our nighttime adorers, those wishing to stop by between 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM are asked to make prior arrangements through the parish office at 330.468.2194 ext. 121).

Our parish is truly blessed to have Eucharistic Adoration. All are invited to prayerfully consider being an adorer. Adorers are needed on a regular and substitute basis. Morning, day, evening and night hours are available. Please contact Deacon Dave Govern or any division leader.

Deacon Dave Govern - 330.468.2194 ext. 103  
(these calls forward to Deacon Dave's Cell 24/7)  
Beverly Burke - 330.468.0156

### **Life in the Eucharist Program**

The Life in the Eucharist (LITE) program is a parish based Faith Formation Program that is a ministry in collaboration and under the guidance of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament Priests, Brothers, Sisters engaged in the ministry of Eucharistic Evangelization. The program, led by lay parishioners who are specially trained, is very powerful and easy to identify with. Our mission is to make known the love of God manifested in the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ, celebrated and contemplated in the Eucharist and lived in communion with others. The OLG Life in the Eucharist team has been active in the Cleveland Diocese for over ten years, and has presented the program numerous times at Our Lady of Guadalupe and other surrounding parishes.

The Life in the Eucharist program consists of presentations based on theological themes rooted in the teachings of the Catholic Church. It comprises an integral approach to the Eucharist rooted in the celebration of the liturgy and our lives with a deeper, more involved appreciation in the abiding presence of God through prayer. This leads our hearts to be liberated for living the Eucharist in communal service with our neighbors, those in need and the world in general. The program is a series of stories, teachings, small and large group discussions, witnesses, skits, songs, prayers, laughter and humor presented on each of the five themes covered. These themes are: God's love as Nourishment, Reconciliation, Transformation, Abiding Presence and Communion with the Suffering.

For more information, please contact one of the members of the OLG team: Mary Leben 330.467.9305, Don Burke 330.468.0156, or Joe Kost 330.468.7832. Additional information can be found on the website of the Blessed Sacrament Congregation at [www.blessedsacrament.com](http://www.blessedsacrament.com).

## **Marriage Preparation**

Couples wishing to enter into the Sacrament of Marriage are asked to contact the parish office before even considering a date. Contact with the parish office must be made at least six months before the wedding, although twelve or more months is recommended.

To be married at OLG, one of you must be of the Roman Catholic tradition. Ordinarily, one of you should be a member of OLG. If either party has been previously married, no plans can be made until an annulment has been obtained.

Wedding ceremonies may be scheduled on Friday evening, or on Saturday at Noon or 2:00 PM.

Fr. Kevin Shemuga - 330.468.2194 - ext. 124

## **Baptismal Evenings of Reflection**

### **Pre-Baptism**

Parents, who are expecting their first child are to participate in a Pre-Baptism program prior to scheduling the baptism of their child. The Evening of Reflection is designed to help parents reflect on the many ways they are called to instill and nurture the faith in their child.

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## **Morning Prayer**

Morning Prayer is held before weekday Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:15 AM, with the exception of Monday when Evening Prayer is held at 6:15 PM. The Liturgy of the Hours (LOTH), of which Morning Prayer is just one part, is one of the two official prayers of the Church. Morning Prayer is structured as follows: Praying 2 Psalms and an Old Testament passage, Scripture Reading, Responsory, Gospel Canticle, Prayers of Petition, Our Father, Final Blessing. Prayer books are provided in the Holy Family room.

## **Opus Dei**

A monthly evening of reflection for men, a formation activity sponsored by Opus Dei, will be offered at OLG each third Wednesday from 7:00-9:00 PM. The recollection comprises two meditations given by a priest of Opus Dei, and a talk by a layman, followed by exposition and benediction with the Blessed Sacrament. The priest will also be available for confession.

Opus Dei is a Personal Prelature of the Catholic Church, a service of the universal church to the particular churches. It was founded by Saint Josemaría Escrivá in 1928. Its mission is to help people turn their work and daily activities into occasions to grow closer to God, to serve others, and to improve society.

Opus Dei also has recollections for women in the Cleveland-Akron area: on the first Wednesday from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at St. Sebastian Parish in Akron and the first Thursday from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Communion of Saints Parish in Cleveland.

Mark Smith - 440.359.0000 ext. 222

### **Rosary Devotions**

Every Wednesday evening at 6:00 PM, this group gathers to pray the rosary, read from scripture, and praise God in song.

Karen Scolaro - 330.468.2194 ext. 127

### **Scripture Study**

Nearly every Wednesday morning during the academic year, the Wednesday morning Scripture Study group meets at 9:30 AM. Participants are exposed to traditional and contemporary studies of the Hebrew (Old Testament), and the Christian Scriptures (New Testament). Through this group study of scripture, participants grow in their understanding of God's Word as it applies to daily life. Many topics are presented with helpful handouts and videotapes.

Additionally, the group explores the Catholic celebration of rituals and it examines the human elements of Eucharist, Liturgy and the lives of the saints. (Coffee and bakery are available.)

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### **Spiritual Life Commission**

The Spiritual Life Commission, guided by the Holy Spirit, seeks to promote and nurture the growth of all members of the parish, both individually and collectively, through prayerful reflection. We affirm and promote the many spiritual growth opportunities existing in the parish and seek to develop new ways to enrich and deepen the faith of all parishioners.

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### **Sponsor Couple Program**

The Sponsor Couple Program serves as an alternate to Pre-Cana. In this couple-to-couple program, a married couple meets with an engaged couple several times. Topics covered include sharing feelings on the upcoming marriage, communication, family history, spirituality, and real-life aspects of marriage. These meetings often span over a period of six months.

Joe & Linda Biber - 330.468.0027

Ray & Nancy Fantozzi - 440.467.0896

Peter & Kimberly McEachen - 330.467.2536

### **Stations of the Cross**

This Lenten devotion is prayed each Friday of Lent at 7:30 PM. A variety of devotionals are used, including Everyone's Way of the Cross.

# Teaching

## **Parish School of Religion**

The religious education classes for youth, Kindergarten, First grade, Second Grade, 9th High School and High School Confirmation [10th grade and above] are held on Sundays at 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM.

The religious education classes for youth in Third grade through Eight grade are held on Monday evenings from 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM. This schedule allows us to utilize the parish building for our PSR Program. The program uses Loyola Press, “*Christ Our Life*” textbooks. *Christ Our Life* ensures knowledge of our faith, a firm sense of Catholic identity lived out in daily life, and an enthusiastic response by children and adults to the church’s call for a New Evangelization.

The catechists, as well as parents and students have access to the entire Loyola Press website, [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com) which includes Sunday readings, games, activities for enrichment and reinforcement, as well as seasonal prayers and activities, saint stories, and daily three minute retreats.

Grades 9 and 10 are Confirmation preparation and will utilize the Chosen series by Ascension Press.

Registration is held April-June with classes beginning September 17th & 18th, 2017 - May 7, 2018.

There is also a new homeschooling option for families with students in grades 3-8. Students will work at home weekly with their family using the text and completing the material covered in the classroom. Together the parent and child will meet six times during the PSR year on set Sundays from 1:00-2:00 PM for group prayer and discussion. There will be online testing for each grade level as each chapter is completed.

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## **Youth Ministry**

Our Lady of Guadalupe has a youth ministry that will help young people in grades 6-12 live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today, encourage them to be leaders in the parish, Church and larger community, and help them grow into the holy men and women God created them to be!

We will meet on Sunday evenings for prayer, social activities and discussion. We generally meet on the second and fourth Sunday of the month from 6:30-8:00 PM. See bulletin or website for dates.

We will also offer a prayer/scripture/faith sharing opportunity for those in grade 6-12 on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 PM-7:30 PM twice a month.

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## **Confirmation**

The Sacrament of Confirmation increases the grace of Baptism uniting you even more firmly to Christ. It completes your initiation into the Church, and helps you to grow in faith through your involvement in the parish community.

Preparing for a sacrament takes time and a willingness to grow in faith. Over these two years you will be given the opportunity to become more familiar with the teachings of Jesus, deepen your prayer life, find your place in the Church, and put your faith into action by being a witness to others.

Preparing for Confirmation is a journey. You have been on this journey since your Baptism, and you will continue for the remainder of your life. To help you on your journey, you will have many guides. Your parents have been your guides and hopefully your god-parents as well. During your preparation for Confirmation, you will choose a Sponsor and you will have adults and teen ministers who will provide you with information about your Catholic faith and will provide opportunities for formation through prayer and reflection.

To prepare for Confirmation one must:

- Attend the PARENT/CANDIDATE MEETING SUNDAY, September 24, 2017 (10th grade only)
- Have been enrolled and faithfully participated in a formal Religious Education program the year prior to application (PSR at OLG or another parish, Catholic High School)
- Attend Mass weekly
- Have a desire to be Confirmed and a willingness to enroll in the program
- Complete an application form and meet with the Director or Pastor
- Be at least in 10th grade
- Be a Roman Rite Catholic
- Be a registered parishioner of OLG
- Fully participate in all Confirmation class sessions as well as the November 18, 2017 retreat and the March 3, 2018 retreat.

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## **Adult Confirmation**

Adults, who have not been Confirmed, are encouraged to participate in an RCIA style preparation process that begins in January. Those preparing to share in this sacrament will meet bi-weekly to discuss various aspects of Catholic faith, traditions and beliefs.

While one need not be Confirmed to enter the Sacrament of Marriage, one is ineligible to serve as Godmother/Godfather/Christian Witness unless they have been Confirmed.

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### **First Reconciliation**

To prepare for First Reconciliation, youth must have successfully completed the first grade of the Parish School of Religion at OLG, or another parish, or attend a parochial school or be home schooled, and be enrolled in PSR or a parochial school for second grade. Parents are the primary educators of their children in matters of faith, they are required to attend an informational meeting on Sunday, October 22 at 9:30 AM to hear how the parish will assist them in their role of preparing their child.

Each child as well as at least one parent, will attend the Reconciliation Morning Retreat on Saturday, January 13th from 9:00-10:45 AM, immediately followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the 2nd graders, their parents and siblings.

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### **First Eucharist**

To prepare for First Eucharist, youth must have completed first grade in the Parish School of Religion at OLG, or another parish, or attend parochial school or be home schooled and be enrolled in PSR or a parochial school for second grade.

They must be seven years old by the time of First Eucharist.

They must attend Mass regularly with their family, and have already shared in the Sacrament of First Reconciliation.

Since parents are the primary educators of their children in matters of faith, they are required to attend an informational meeting on Sunday, February 11, 2018 at 9:35 AM to hear how the parish will assist them in their role of preparing their child.

Each child as well as at least one parent, will attend the Jesus Day Retreat on Saturday April 7, 2018 from 9:00-12:30 PM.

First Eucharist is shared with the youth of our parish as a group on Sunday, May 6, 2018 or on a pre-selected individual date and time during the Easter season.

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### **Family Dance**

We will be having a family dance on Saturday, January 14, 2018 from 6:30 -8:30 PM at Our Lady of Guadalupe. All families are encouraged to get dressed up and join us for music, food and fun! Registration will occur at the beginning of January. The cost will be \$10 per family.

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### **Vacation Bible School**

A one-week Catholic Summer Bible program for youth ages Preschool through 4th grade. Bible stories, crafts, games, music and snacks all combine to provide a fun environment to help them grow in their faith. Adults and older students [5th +] are asked to serve as guides as we share our faith.

VBS is held Monday, June 25-Friday, June 29, 2018. Registration will begin at the end of April.

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### **Bunny Breakfast**

We will hold the Bunny breakfast on Sunday, March 25, 2018 from 9:30 AM-12:00 PM. This is an intergenerational family event with a pancake breakfast, face painting, an Easter Egg Hunt, games and crafts. Children of all ages and their families are welcome! Bring grandma and grandpa too!

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## **Other**

### **Tables and Chairs**

The parish has a number of wooden tables (30" x 8") and aluminum folding chairs that are **available for use by active parishioners at OLG**, but it does require pre-arrangement on your part. They're kept in the parish garage and are available on first-reserved, first-available basis. While there is no set "rental fee," it is appropriate to make a donation for their use; perhaps a percentage of what you would have had to pay if you chose to get chairs and tables from a rental facility.

Should you wish to borrow some of these tables and/or chairs, please contact the office to make arrangements. They'll need to be picked up and/or returned during parish office hours (Monday through Friday 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM).

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### **Use of Parish Facilities**

The parish facilities are available to any parish sponsored organization or group that is operating in the name of the parish. Organizational requests to use parish facilities should be initiated by completing a SCOPE (Scheduling of Parish Events) downloadable from [scope.olg.cc](http://scope.olg.cc) or by filling one out directly at the parish office.

We regret that insurance considerations, legal constraints, and the ever growing demands for space made upon our church, meeting rooms and facilities in general preclude us from making the space available for general use and/or rental.

### **Mass Intentions**

For those wishing to schedule Masses, they will be intentioned on a first-come first-scheduled basis. While there is no limit to the number of weekday Masses you may request, please limit yourself to a maximum of three (3) weekend Masses. When making requests, please know that Easter, All Saints, and Christmas Masses are not available for request. Masses celebrated on these days are intentioned for the *people of Our Lady of Guadalupe parish*. The stipend for a Mass intention is \$10.

### **Anniversary Masses**

If you will be celebrating a major anniversary (25, 40, 50, etc.), a year in advance is not too soon to contact the parish office to schedule a Mass intention on a particular day.

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### **Diocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration**

The Department of Marriage and Family Ministry, the Office for Worship, and the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist offers an annual 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration. Registration forms are made available by the parish office for any Jubilarian couple wishing to attend. The forms are also available online at [www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/mfm](http://www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/mfm).