

*December 10, 2017  
Second of Advent*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Saturday, December 9, 2017**

4:30 pm – Irene Mikolaj *The Shaw & Mikolaj Families*

**Sunday, December 10, 2017**

8:00 am – Maggie, Jane & Sam Ritondaro *John Ritondaro*

10:00 am – MaryJane Heising *Christopher & Mary Beth Kiah*

12:00 noon – Ephraim Worthington  
*Dr. & Mrs. Michael Rodriguez*

5:30 pm – Rose & Andrew Samuto *David A. Schillage*

**Monday, December 11, 2017**

7:30 am – Robert Kozsey *Terry Speelberg*

**Tuesday, December 12, 2017**

7:30 am – Matilda Young *Ken & Helen Seufer*

**Wednesday, December 13, 2017**

7:30 am – Dwyn Kawalec *The Ryan Family*

**Thursday, December 14, 2017**

7:30 am – Vikram Chokshi *Alberta Chokshi*

**Friday, December 15, 2017**

7:30 am – dec'd members of the George Svajger family  
*Margaret Svajger*

9:20 am – Dwyn Kawalec *Deacon Larry & Michaela Boehnlein*

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**Saturday, December 16, 2017**

4:30 pm – The intentions of all St. Mary Parishioners

**Sunday, December 17, 2017**

8:00 am – Michael Keane *Dorothy Keane*

10:00 am – Erik Race *Mark & Sandy Race*

12:00 noon – Fr. Pat Ferraro *Catherine & Joseph Parisi*

5:30 pm – Enzo Perfetto *St. Mary Pre-K Children & Teachers*

**Weekly Collection**

**RSC Sunday, November 26, 2017**     **\$13,827.50** (387 donors)

Weekly Budget	\$19,000.00
Weekly Contributions	\$1,147.00 (32 donors)
SVDP	\$921.00
Children's Envelopes	\$3.00
Adopt-A-Student	\$20.00

**RSC December 3, 2017**     **\$16,380.16** (448 donors)

Weekly Contributions	\$1,147.00 (32 donors)
Monthly Contributions	\$5,909.00 (45 donors)
SVDP	\$125.00
Children's Envelopes	\$3.00
Adopt-A-Student	\$73.00

**November 2017**

RSC YTD	\$409,741.61
RSC YTD Budget	\$418,00.00
# of donors by envelope usage	778
RSC YTD avg. weekly through Nov.	\$18,624.62
RSC YTD avg. weekly through Nov.	\$19,000.00
Adopt-A-Student	\$1,777.00



Walter Anderson  
Karen Baptie  
Helen Barto  
Jules Berry  
Gia Biondo  
Agnes Blackley  
Kevin Bonko  
Louise Borawski  
John Bowyer  
Karen Brent  
Jeff Brock  
Carol Browne  
David Browne, Sr.  
Jacob Brunton  
Barbara Cahill  
Christine Calabro  
Doug Campbell  
Rose Casillo  
Linda Clapacs  
Nathan Cole  
Ann Marie Costa  
Mindy DeMent  
Ann Marie DiBlasi  
Edward Divincenzo  
Ed Ferrall  
John Ferrara  
Jeff Foster  
Mike Foster  
Denise Friend  
Eleanor Gale  
Norman Galloway  
Ralph Geraci  
Rudy Gerlica

Christopher Gilbey  
Lisa Goodall  
Nancy Grantham  
Nancy Hart  
Bill Henry  
Phil Hlabse  
Justin Hostutler  
Lillian Hruska  
Linda Ippolito  
Lynne Johnson  
Carl Kangas  
Norma Kangas  
Donna Kinney  
Thomas Kirchner  
Joanne Kniskern  
Donald Kocies  
Fred Koizumazi  
Gary Kolesar  
Jeanne Kubrin  
Tom Lampman  
George Lanstrum  
Rita Lavrich  
Nicholas LeBlanc  
Betsy LeBlanc  
Carol Machi  
Barbara Malise  
Mary Malloy  
Pete Mancuso  
Sr. Joesetta Marie  
Mary Ellen Martin  
James Martonchik  
Nancy McCauley  
Jack McMeecham  
Thomas McNulty  
Joe Meyers  
Eugene Milliron  
Annette Moore  
Rose Napalo  
Ruthann Olp  
Diane Oriani

Frank Penavic  
Antoinette Primozic  
Thomas Quinn  
Richard Rakovan  
Brady Reynolds  
Fran Reynolds  
Rosalie Robichaud  
Dahlia Sak  
Cathy Schonauer  
Albert Serafini  
Mary Seuffer  
Lillian Shieff  
Tom Smith  
Mark Spluvak  
Anthony Staraitis  
Walter Staraitis  
Tom Starr  
Nathaniel Stolle  
Merrill Stukbauer  
Raymond Sulak  
Dennis Susman  
Rick Swenders  
Mark Taddie  
Anita Triozzi  
Kenneth Udovic  
Chantel Vargo  
Cristol Vecchio  
Ned VonLindern  
Lauren Watts  
John Carter Wolf  
Edilio Zamora  
Barbara Zingale

**Additions or Deletions please contact the Parish Office at 285-7051.**



**Pray for those who have died.**

Ronald Buckley, husband of Verene



**Breakfast With Santa**

Pancakes and More!!!! **St. Mary Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast will be this Sunday, December 10** after all Masses in the cafeteria.

Adults \$7—Kids under 5 \* free—Kids 6-12 \* \$3. As always, we will offer real Maple Syrup, all you can eat Buttermilk, Blueberry and Chocolate Chip Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, and Bacon. Of course, juice and coffee are included as well.  
**Santa will make his appearance between the hours of 9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.**

## *A Letter from the Pastor*

*Dear Parish Family,*

**“Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God.”** The opening words of the First Reading for the Second Sunday of Advent come to us from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (40: 1-5, 9-11). The prophet, speaking God’s word, proclaims a message of hope, tenderness, restoration and freedom for God’s people. **“Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.”**

This time of year can be a truly wonderful and exciting time. Preparations for Christmas and gatherings with family and friends can be a source of joy for all ages. At the same time, for many, this is not the most wonderful time of the year. Uncertainties about one’s employment, financial struggles and family illness (among other challenges) can all weigh heavily on one’s mind and heart. In addition, the recent (and not so recent) loss of a loved one can serve to dim the joy of the season.

It is our faith in the Good Shepherd that sustains us in good times and in hard times. He is the Reason for the Season. He has come into the world and He will come again. He is with us now. He is Emmanuel – God with us.

Let’s not allow the busyness of the season detract from the true meaning of the season. Our Lord is King and, as the reading from the Second Letter of Saint Peter tells us, **“...with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day.”**

In all the seasons of our lives our God will never abandon us and He is always faithful to His flock. May God bless you and your loved ones with a prayerful and spiritually fruitful Advent season.

God bless you.

*Fr. Dan Redmond*

**Dear Parish Family,**

On Monday, December 4th, The Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez, Bishop of Cleveland, appointed me Pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Thompson. In addition, he renewed my appointment as Pastor of St. Mary Parish in Chardon, effective December 4th. These appointments will be for six-year terms of office, which may be renewed more than once.

My installation Mass at St. Patrick will be celebrated by Bishop Perez at a future date. I am very blessed to serve two, wonderful parish communities and I truly love both parishes. I ask that you please keep me in your prayers and know that you are always in my prayers.

God bless you.

Fr. Dan Redmond



### **ATTENTION SERVERS**

**Sign-up sheets** for, 4th Sunday of Advent [Dec. 24th], Christmas Eve [Dec. 24th], Christmas Day [Dec. 25th], and Mary, Mother of God [Jan. 1st] are now available in the Community Room. Please sign-up for these special Masses.



**Food for Christmas:** Christmas is just a few weeks away and if you need help with food for your holiday dinner, please stop in St. Mary’s parish office and fill out a form so that our SVDP council may assist you. **All forms need to be turned in by Dec.18.**

# St. Mary's School

## Principal's Corner



Congratulations to our November Students of the Month! They exemplified the virtue of Christian kindness. All were inspiring role models for us this past month!

Emma Zulandt K

Emelynn Crosby Gr. 1

Emily Bennardo Gr. 2

Jack Weaver Gr. 3

Francis Alic Gr. 4

Csilla Schafer Gr. 5

Daniel Yaniglos Gr. 6

Sophia Morano Gr. 7

Kyle Yates Gr. 8

Morgan Marcotte - Principals Choice

Grace Wayne - Library

Tyler Malloy - Computer

Lainey Mardula - P.E.

We invite all of our school and parish families to attend our Christmas concerts this year! Our Band Concert will take place on December 11th both at 2 and 7 pm in the Banquet Room. Our Chorale Christmas Concert will take place on Dec. 12th at 2 and 7 pm in church. All are most welcome!

Peace and Joy,

Mary Petelin

Principal

## Little Scholar Academy of St. Mary School

Delaney Dillworth Prekindergarten

Henry Algor Preschool



### Dear Science Fair Judges,

On **Saturday, January 27, 2018, Saint Mary's School in Chardon, Ohio**, will be hosting our Science Fair for grades seven and eight. If you are interested in judging, please email me as soon as possible. The fair will be held from 9:00 –11:30 a.m.

Lunch will be provided for all judges.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please email at [sallin@stmaryschoolchardon.org](mailto:sallin@stmaryschoolchardon.org).

Also, if you know anyone that would be interested in helping, please feel free to forward my email. Thank you and have a wonderful day and I am looking forward to hearing from all of you.



### The American Heritage Girls, Troop

**0433**, is having a **shoe drive**. They are collecting new and gently used shoes to benefit micro-enterprises around the world. Their goal is to collect 2,500 pairs of shoes

and they need your help. Please look through your closets to find any shoes you do not need. The troop will accept shoes for any season and any type of shoe as long as they are wearable. There is a drop off box located in the gathering space.

You may contact Mitzi Madej@ madej44060@gmail.com.



Prayer  
Shawl  
Ministry

The next **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will be **meeting on Sunday, Dec 17th in the Community Room** directly after

the noon mass. Give the gift of a prayer shawl during the holiday season. Thank you to all who have donated to our ministry, making 2017 a great year for the number of shawls and hats created. We wish you all a blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

### Planning Ahead: Bulletin announcements for the month of December & January.

**December 24—due Monday, December 11th-9 AM**

**December 31—due Monday, December 18th-9 AM**

**January 7—due Tuesday, December 26th-9 AM**

## Parish Ministries



Good day! As we are getting ready to end the Life Teen semester and to reiterate Fr. Dan's comments in his section, the last 5:30 pm Mass

will be on Sunday December 17th. However, we will continue with Sunday Life Nights, for the teens, going into the next semester. Our first Life Night after the Christmas break will resume, on Sunday January 7th, and we are possibly deciding on a start time of 6:00 pm, and a possible end time of 8:15 pm. However, we will be confirming that time frame within the next couple of weeks, so please watch the bulletin for that information. Also, the structure of the Life Nights will still stay the same as we continue to provide dinner for the teens before we start the Life Night. Also, if anyone has any questions about Life Teen, donating food gift cards or donating a meal to assist with food every week, please contact us at [lifeteen@stmarychardon.org](mailto:lifeteen@stmarychardon.org). Thank you for supporting Life Teen and we wish all of you a joyful and hopeful Advent season! Sincerely, Sherry and Chris Loxterman and the entire Core Team.



**Art & Environment**—We need more volunteers so that we can transform the Church for Christmas.

The decorating days and the times are:

\* Thursday December 21 -- 9:00am - 12:00 noon

\* Tuesday January 9 -- 9:00am - 12noon

Please contact Judi Parker

at [jparker@stmarychardon.org](mailto:jparker@stmarychardon.org) or 313-4040 for more details if you can help.

**Mark your 2018 calendar!**  
**Vacation Bible School**  
**June 25-29**  
**"Shipwrecked**  
**Rescued by Jesus"**



**St. Mary 50+ Club Christmas Luncheon is being held on Tuesday December 12th in the Banquet Room. Doors open at 11:15 a.m. Luncheon served at 12 noon. Show Biz Kids will entertain. Luncheon is for Members only who**

**made reservations.**



**The St. Mary's Sunday 12:00 Choir** would like to invite you to **the December 24th Christmas Eve Sacred Choir and Brass Quintet concert prior to the Christmas Eve 6:30 p.m. Mass.** The concert will begin at

approximately 5:45 p.m., or as soon as possible after the conclusion of the 4:30 p.m. Mass. Please join us for this special time of reflection and sacred Christmas music to celebrate the birth of Our Lord and Savior.



**Christmas is coming and you may need a gift for the person who has everything!!!!**

**The Christ Child Society of Geauga**

County has the perfect gift! You can purchase a complete newborn layette for a baby in need in the name of a loved one. The layette includes undershirts, diapers, sleepers, receiving blankets, bibs, a book, a bottle, and some baby toiletries all wrapped up in a baby quilt. These much-welcomed gifts are given to a newborn that might otherwise have nothing.

For just a \$40 donation, you can give one to a little one in need in your name or the name of a special person. Please contact the Christ Child Society, Judy Benda at 440-286-4261 for more information.



**Empty Nesters Pot Luck Breakfast**  
**Sunday, January 7, 2018**  
**9:15 a.m.—ABC Room**

The Annual Empty Nesters Meeting will be held in the ABC Room. We will plan the agenda for 2018 and your input is important. Please plan on attending this meeting. We are looking forward to a variety of "breakfast specials."

**Meetings this Week**

<b>Mon. 12/11</b>	Prayer Group	9:30 a.m.	CR
	PSR gr. 1-5	6:15 p.m.	Clrms,SL,Caf.,ABC
	RCIA	6:30 p.m.	HR
<b>Tues. 12/12</b>	50+ Club Board Mtg.	10:00 a.m.	CR
	50+ Christmas Party	11:30 a.m.	BR
	Girl Scouts	3:30 p.m.	Clsm
	Weight Watchers	5:00 p.m.	ABC
	12 step Mtg.	6:00 p.m.	CR
	Linedance	6:00 p.m.	Caf.
	Men's Bible Study	7:00 p.m.	BR
<b>Wed. 12/13</b>	Soulcore	7:00 p.m.	HR
	Knights of Columbus	7:30 p.m.	ABC
<b>Wed. 12/13</b>	Bible Study	9:00 a.m.	CR
	K of C Pkg Sharing Tree Gifts SVDP	6:00 p.m.	BR
<b>Thurs. 12/14</b>	K of C Sharing Tree	2:00 p.m.	BR
	Boy Scouts	7:30 p.m.	ABC
<b>Fri. 12/15</b>	Soulcore	6:30 p.m.	HR
	Video Group	7:00 p.m.	CR
<b>Sat. 12/16</b>	Beacon	5:30 p.m.	Caf.
<b>Sun. 12/17</b>	Prayer Shawl Mtg.	1:00 p.m.	CR
	Youth Life Nights	4:00 p.m.	Caf.,ABC
	PSR Confirmation class	6:30 p.m.	BR
	PSR Gr. 6-8	6:30 p.m.	Clrms,SL,Caf.

## Parish Ministries

**PRO LIFE:** The womb has been referred to as the "first home of the whole human race." It is the place where life begins, where our stories start. In the womb Divinity met humanity, and God the Son was born into the world. As one of the Fathers of the early church, St. Leo the Great, declared, "Within her spotless womb Wisdom built itself a house and the Word became flesh. During his visitation with the Virgin Mary, the angel prophesied to Mary about the life of her child.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, you have made the womb of each woman a very special place. Help us to hold fast to the sanctity of this first home of humanity, remembering the wonderful mystery, that God inhabited the womb of a young woman and came forth as the savior and deliverer of the world. We ask this in the Name of the one who came forth, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



The **SVDP Society** would like to thank everyone who donated to help with the Thanksgiving food distribution. The donations of turkeys, hams, gift cards and grocery items were helpful in helping 23 families this past holiday. A special Thank

You to the PSR students and also to our St. Mary's Day School students who collected over 600 items with the guidance of the Student Council.



As we prepare for Christmas, we keep the true meaning of Christmas important for our children. We would like the children in Grades K-2 to participate in a special way at the 4:30 Christmas Eve Mass. These children are invited to dress as Angels and shepherds. We will have Mary and Joseph and other

members of that 1st Christmas. They will be part of the Gospel reading. If you will be attending that Mass in either the Banquet Room or the church and would like to participate, please email Mrs. Passow by Monday, December 18 at [kpassow@stmaryschoolchardon.org](mailto:kpassow@stmaryschoolchardon.org).

### **THINK SNOW!!! St. Mary Ski Club Ages 8-18**

***It is that time of year again. Time to get out the gear and hope for the great white wonder called snow.***

***This year we will be skiing Saturday evenings from 5:00p.m.-9:00p.m. Our Club Program will start on Saturday January 6, 2018. All registration is being done online through Alpine Valley's website. E-mail Brian Passow at [bpasow1@gmail.com](mailto:bpasow1@gmail.com) for the link and any questions or additional information. Or call 440-897-3732. Member registration will run through December 22nd at midnight.***

**PART TIME HELP WANTED**

**PART-TIME JOB OPENING:** St. Mary Parish is in need of a part-time evening cleaning person. The hours for this job would be from 5:30 – 9:00 pm, Monday – Friday. The job would entail cleaning the school and church areas, closing the building at 9:00 and the occasional set up of a room. Please call Michaela Boehnlein, Parish facilities manager, at 440-286-8879 for more details and to set up a time for an interview.



### **HAVE A BLESSED SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT!**

And again Isaiah says: "The root of Jesse shall come, raised up to rule the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles hope." Romans 15:1

In His joy,  
The Women of the Well  
Ministry

### **St. Mary Beacon of Light is offering free babysitting while you shop and wrap up Christmas!**

Saturday, December 16

5:30-9:30 in the Banquet Room

\$3.00 per child for a pizza dinner



Children age 2-10 are welcome

There will be food, movie, game time, and activities.

Donations of juice boxes, granola bars, and individually wrapped snacks for an inner-city youth center providing children with food over the holidays when the center is closed will be gratefully accepted.

QUESTIONS OR TO MAKE RESERVATIONS WITH YOUR NAME AND THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN ATTENDING, PLEASE CONTACT

Jenny Rodriguez at [jenny6.rodriguez@gmail.com](mailto:jenny6.rodriguez@gmail.com)  
by December 13