

December 17, 2017
Third of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS

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	<i>Dorothy Keane</i>
10:00 am – Erik Race	<i>Mark & Sandy Race</i>
12:00 noon – Fr. Pat Ferraro	<i>Catherine & Joseph Parisi</i>
5:30 pm – Enzo Perfetto	<i>St. Mary Pre-K Children & Teachers</i>

Monday, December 18, 2017

7:30 am – David M. Faehnle *Jim & Joyce Vieland*

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

7:30 am – Dwyn Kawalec *Jim & Jan Metzger*

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

7:30 am – Rose Samuto *The Samuto Family*

Thursday, December 21, 2017

7:30 am – James Goss *Pam Waitinas*

Friday, December 22, 2017

7:30 am – The Intentions of all St. Mary Parishioners

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23, 2017

4:30 pm – Alex Marcotte *Jeff & Mary - East Liverpool, Ohio*

Sunday, December 24, 2017

8:00 am – Lee Eiermann	<i>Lillian Eiermann</i>
10:00 am – Nelda & John Kawalec	
12:00 noon – Antonio Simiele	<i>Angela Simiele</i>

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24, 2017

4:30 pm church – Bill Waitinas *Pam Waitinas*
4:30 pm Banquet Room – dec'd members of the Lombardo & Meyers Families *Dan & Kathy Lombardo*

6:30 pm – Colin Boland *John & Kelly Boland*

9:15 pm – Sacred Concert

10:00 pm – dec'd members of the Dawson, Jurek & Haugh Families *The Dawson Family*

Weekly Collection

RSC December 10, 2017	\$17,390.81 (429 donors)
Weekly Budget	\$19,000.00
Weekly Contributions	\$1,147.00 (32 donors)
SVDP	\$135.00
Children's Envelopes	\$7.00
Adopt-A-Student	\$20.00
Retirement for Religious	\$3,996.40



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
Jim Carlson
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
Dave Peterson
Antoinette Primozic
Thomas Quinn
Richard Rakovan
Brady Reynolds
Fran Reynolds
Rosalie Robichaud
Dahlia Sak
Bob Schneider
Cathy Schonauer
Albert Serafini
Mary Seuffer
Lillian Shieff
Mark Shoag
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.

Eileen Wagner
Robin L. Ulmer, sister of Richard Bavis
Helen Humpal, wife of Steve
Shirley Gawlikowski, mother of Sharon Holy
Nicholas Iannetta, Jr., brother of Maryann Marra
Fr. Paul Sciarrotta, a kind and generous priest who faithfully served our parish for years.
Tony DeAngelis, brother of Mary Montgomery
Albert Aponte, nephew of Mary Montgomery



St. Mary's Knights of Columbus will host a Rosary, Tuesday, December 19 in the chapel at 7:00 p.m. Please join our Knights in prayer to our Holy Mother.

Planning Ahead: Bulletin announcements for the month of December & January.
December 31—due Monday, December 18th-9 AM
January 7—due Tuesday, December 26th-9 AM

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

I would like to thank all those who made the Women's Retreat Day on Saturday, December 2nd such a tremendous success. The Women of the Well retreat team worked very hard to offer the women of the parish a prayerful and inspiring day of prayer and faith-sharing in the midst of Advent. I am very thankful to them and very pleased that so many participated in the day's events. I would also like to thank the husbands who worked behind the scenes in helping to make this day possible.

This Sunday the Church celebrates "Gaudete" Sunday. Its name is taken from the entrance antiphon of the Mass, which is, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice." To be sure, the Lord is near. This is a quotation from Philippians 4: 4-5 and, in Latin, the first word of the antiphon is Gaudete ("rejoice"). The priest has the option of wearing rose-colored vestments and the third candle of the Advent wreath is lit. Its color is pink/rose-colored. We are beyond the half-way point of Advent and we are reminded to rejoice while still in this penitential season. Our faith in God should always prompt us to praise God with joy in our hearts. Joy is far more than just a set of good feelings and/or happy thoughts. It is a state of being that exists in both the good times and the hard times. The joy that Christ places in our hearts is meant to endure and so the Church calls us to "rejoice in the Lord always."

One of the very best ways that we can experience the joy of the Gospel and the joy of discipleship is to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. There is no better way to prepare for Christmas than to experience the gift of God's mercy. Our Lord wants to extend his mercy to us. In turn, we must repent and confess our sins. Christ Jesus gave us this sacrament because he wanted His Church to carry on His ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Confessions are heard after the 8, 10 and Noon Masses all throughout Advent as well as each Saturday at 3:00 p.m. In addition, other times are scheduled during the week leading up to Christmas. Please consider allowing the grace of God to touch your heart so that, together, we might be truly prepared to celebrate the birth of Christ.

God bless you.

Fr. Dan Redmond

Meetings this Week

Mon. 12/18	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
	Parish Council Mtg.	6:30 p.m.	FR
	Men's Bible Study	6:30 p.m.	CR
Tues. 12/19	Weight Watchers	5:00 p.m.	ABC
	12 step Mtg.	6:00 p.m.	CR
	Linedance	6:00 p.m.	Caf.
	LifeTeen	7:00 p.m.	SL
	Soulcore	7:00 p.m.	HR
	Knights of Columbus	7:00 p.m.	Ch,ABC
Wed. 12/20	Bible Study	9:00 a.m.	CR
	Alzheimer Grp.	6:30 p.m.	CR
	Mission Partnership	7:00 p.m.	HR
Thurs. 12/21	Art & Environment Decorating	9:00 a.m.	Ch
Fri. 12/22	Soulcore	6:30 p.m.	HR
	Video Group	7:00 p.m.	CR

Welcome New Parishioner for October & November

James & Sue Ball, Gina Beradinelli, Lois Eberwein,
Tony & Mary Glauser, George & Deborah Haggerty, Jr.,
Terri Hoffman, Robert & Linda Mullet, Steve & Kelli Pastor,
Kevin & Kelly Roesch, Mary Sue Shea, Herm & Bev Gellings

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.

Legacy Giving

Christ is born, the angels sing and the world rejoices! Celebrate the joyous occasion of Christ's birth with a legacy gift to benefit St. Mary's Parish.



A Letter from the Principal

Each year Geauga County Auditor, Frank Gliha, awards the first dog tag of the New Year to a local 4th or 5th grader who completes the best essay on their pet. St. Mary fourth grader, Lilianna Dillworth was surprised with a visit from the auditor, her family and her dog Hank at school to make the announcement of her win. Lily submitted an essay on her dog, Hank that highlighted why he should be the number 1 dog this year. Lilliana said of her 11- year- old Jack Russell Terrier, "My dog is number one because he helps me eat my dinner. When I'm eating my dinner at the table sometimes I secretly put what I do not like under the table and he comes to eat it".

Auditor Frank Gliha said, "some of the children's essays were funny, some brought a tear to our eye but all were a joy to read and we had fun reading and talking about them. As we reflect on the day of the #1 dog judging it is important to recognize that the children's loyalty and love for their dogs goes both ways. Children know that when they come home from a day at school their companion is waiting patiently for them to return to give and receive love and affection."

Lily said Hank is a very special dog and has been around pretty much her whole life. "My dog is the best because he snuggles on the couch with me to show he loves me. He also barks to let us know someone is at our house. He will even stand in front of me to guard me from strangers he has never seen before". May we all be blessed with a buddy like Hank and celebrate our pets each day.

Congratulations to Lily and the entire Dillworth Family on this achievement! Lily's classmates were so excited to have Auditor Gliha visit their classroom for the presentation. They were even more excited to meet Hank. Hank even demonstrated some of his tricks for the students! He was quite the celebrity! We are all very proud of Lilly!

St. Mary School will be on Christmas break beginning on December 21 and ending January 3, 2018. Classes resume on January 4, 2018.

Peace and Joy,

Mary Petelin

Principal



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. 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.

The next **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet this **Sunday, Dec 17th in the Community Room** directly after the noon mass. Give the gift of a prayer shawl during the holiday season.



COME JOIN OUR BIBLE MEN – We have moved the **Men on a Journey! – Bible Study Edition to Monday evenings.** Join us **Monday December 18th at 6:30 pm in the Community Room at St. Mary Chardon.**

Same great fellowship, same great learnings, same great everything – just a new day and time.



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.**



Merry Christmas! As we are getting ready to end the Life Teen® semester, 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, 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. 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 or 313-4040 for more details if you can help.



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.



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.

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

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. Call Beth

Ryan at 286-9080 for reservations for breakfast.

We need breakfast items such as casseroles, juice, fruit, donuts, muffins, etc...

At this meeting we will be discussing events for 2018. Dues can be paid at this time. \$25.00 per couple, \$10. per person.

Attention! Our monthly **Avila Holy Hour** will be this **Wednesday, December 20th, following the Divine Mercy Litany at 7:00 p.m.**

Please join us in praying for our priest's and religious during this Advent season.

Any questions call Mike Kawalec at 226-9187.



Children's Christmas Eve Mass

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



PRO LIFE: One of the tragedies of the abortion culture is that life in the womb has been so heartbreakingly devalued. To embrace the arguments of the “pro-choice” crowd one must conclude that the child in the womb doesn’t exist, isn’t there, has no being. But nothing could be further from the truth. That child is known by God and, as such, has being.



HAVE A JOYFUL THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT!

“Therefore my heart has been glad and my tongue has exulted; my flesh, too, will dwell in hope... Acts 2:26

In His joy,
The Women of the Well Ministry (WOW)

**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 for the link and any questions or additional information. Or call 440-897-3732. Member registration will run through December 22nd at midnight.

Community News

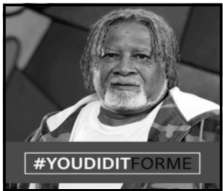


Holiday Helps for the Divorced and Separated

Divorced or Separated and struggling with the Holidays? It's not too late to join us for our remaining three sessions! This special program is intended to offer practical advice, support, and the skills to move forward. We will meet Thursday evenings from 7:00-9:00 pm, until January 4th and 11th, 2018, at St. Noel Church, 35200 Chardon Rd., Willoughby Hills. To register or for more info: call Karen @ 440-352-8282 or email: kjubeck@st-gabriel.org

Retrouvaille Weekend – January 19-21, 2018 - A Lifeline for Troubled Marriages

Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring – your relationship cold, distant – thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but both of you want to try again? Then the Retrouvaille program may help. RETROUVAILLE (rediscovery), which is supported by the Catholic diocese of Cleveland, but open to couples of all faiths, consists of a weekend experience for couples and six follow up sessions. A registration fee of \$150 is required to confirm your reservation. For more information concerning the program, or to register, please call Marce or Liz Gliha at 440.357.6580 or 1.800.470.2230, or go online to www.helpourmarriage.org.



2017 Catholic Charities Update: To date, 49,536 donors have pledged \$13,005,066 to the 2017 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal with 157 parishes meeting their goal. Thank you!

Through your support at St. Mary - Chardon, 543 parishioners have pledged \$151,124 which is 122.62% of your goal! Great job reaching your goal!

Jesuit Retreat House—Parma

New Year's Eve Retreat. December 31 – January 1. New Year's Eve is a threshold moment - an ideal time to stop and reflect and pray in gratitude for the blessings of the past year, and to look with renewed hope upon the life and possibilities of a new year. The evening will begin with dinner at 6:00 pm and will conclude at 11:00 am the next morning. Includes Mass and time for reflection and discussion. Cost: \$95. To register contact 440-884-9300 or visit www.jrh-cleveland.org.

January Individually Directed Retreat (IDR). January 7 – 14. Spiritual Directors: Sr. Peggy Duffy, OSU and Fr. Matt Roche, SJ. A sacred silence is a gift to the soul. You will experience silence on 57 acres of woods and meadows, complete with outdoor shrines and stations of the cross. The retreat house provides a home away from home with three chapels, a library, and home-cooked meals. As a companion on your journey, your spiritual director will offer guidance based on Ignatian Spirituality. Cost: \$575. To register contact 440-884-9300 or visit www.jrh-cleveland.org.