

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Welcome! I want to offer a warm welcome to all of our visitors this Christmas. We are blessed by your presence and hope that your time with us is a great blessing for you. To all of our guests who are visiting from out of town or who don't have a church home at this time, please know we are honored to have you join us to celebrate the birth of Christ! I want to extend a special greeting to all of our parishioners who do not join us on a regular basis. We are so happy you are here at Christmas and we hope that you will consider joining us every Sunday! We miss you and your regular presence would be a great encouragement for us. Please contact me if I can be of any assistance in your continued journey of faith and discipleship. The programs we are running in the parish are meant to help all of us grow in our relationship with Christ.

Merry Christmas! "The most wonderful time of the year" for many is the most stressful and difficult. Somehow at Christmas we are confronted with everything that is not the way we want it to be. Perhaps it is as simple as accepting another year of no Christmas cards (sorry!) and no time for decorations. Or, for some it is the painful reminder of the loss of a loved one or a broken relationship. The truth is, the recognition of our need, of something lacking, of things not being the way we want them to be opens the door to discovering the gift of Christmas in a new way. For, at Christmas, we celebrate the truth that God sent His only Son to be born for us, and He sent His Son into a broken world, into a world in need of redemption, into our world. In His birth into poverty and assuming our nature, He made Himself perfectly accessible. We don't need to impress Him or earn His love. We just need to be willing to allow Him into our hearts and into all that is not as it should be. So, things aren't great this year? Then celebrate the awesome love of God who has entered into our broken world and welcome Him into yours. Merry and Blessed Christmas! O come, let us adore Him!

75th Anniversary: This Christmas, we are celebrating the 75th anniversary of the first Mass in our church. Our restoration project began with the hope of having our church restored by this very special anniversary. I want to thank the many generous parishioners who have contributed to our capital campaign and who are continuing to make payments on pledges! For all who have not contributed, it is not too late. We have outside projects and the rectory renovation still in need of completion. Feel free to contact the parish office to make a pledge to our campaign!

"To Restore All Things in Christ": This motto of Pope St. Pius X has been the motto of our capital campaign and continues to be our motto as we seek the continued spiritual renewal of our parish. As we celebrate the Birth of Christ, we are invited to welcome Jesus as our Lord more and more into our lives, our families, and our parish. I encourage you to make your spiritual growth and renewal the priority of 2017. We have a number of opportunities coming up that I encourage you to take advantage of. These include Alpha (our next course begins on Thursday, February 2nd), Walking with Purpose (Women's Bible Study), Catholic Women's Conference on February 18th, Catholic Men's Conference on February 25th, and our annual Parish Mission preached by nationally known speaker Fr. David Pivonka on March 6th-8th. Our weekly schedule of Eucharistic Adoration (Mondays, 12:00 noon-8:00 p.m.; Tuesdays, 12:00 noon-6:00 p.m.; Wednesdays, 9:00

a.m.-midnight) offers plenty of opportunities to spend time in prayer and worship before the Lord. Our regular Confession times of Tuesdays, from 5:30-6:00 p.m.; Saturdays, from 4:00-4:30 p.m., and First Saturdays, after the 8:15 a.m. Mass offer a great opportunity to experience the love and mercy of Christ. Our monthly First Friday Family Night from 6:00-8:00 p.m. is a great opportunity for families to spend an evening together and with the Lord. These are just some of the ways that our parish seeks to help you "Restore All Things in Christ" in this New Year! Check out our website and follow us on Facebook. Sign up for Flocknote through the front page of our website and stay up-to-date on the latest opportunities for worship, community, and outreach.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Wilson



Mass Intentions for the Week of December 25th

- Tuesday: St. John, Apostle, Evangelist 6:15 P.M.
Jose Villa by Christine Archer
Wednesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs 8:15 A.M.
John & Helen Dorsey by Estate
Thursday: The Fifth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket, Bishop 8:15 A.M.
Gerri Hall by Mike, Kathy & Adam Hall
Friday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph 8:30 A.M.
Mary Agnes Kreim by Bill, Paula & Will Slocum
Sunday Vigil: The Seventh Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I, Pope 5:00 P.M.
Esther Ghiloni by Art & Family
Sunday: Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God 8:00 A.M.
Betty Schmeltzer by Ed Schmeltzer Family 10:30 A.M.
For the People of the Parish



Liturgical Ministers Schedule Week of December 25th

- Daily Mass Schedule
6:15 p.m., Tuesday, December 27th - Judy Healy (L), Assigned (Servers)
8:15 a.m., Wednesday, December 28th - Kathy Wilson (L), Ilana O'Neil, Joseph Stanley, (Servers)
8:15 a.m., Thursday, December 29th, Don Montell (L), Caden Canning, Courtney Hans (Servers)
8:30 a.m., Friday, December 30th, Yvonne King (L), Maria Geiger, Nicholas Richards, Moni King, Colin Crumrine (Servers)
Sunday Vigil Mass, December 31st 5:00 P.M.
Rudy Snider Mary Snider J.J. Snider
Michael Snider Sarah Snider
Sunday, January 1st 8:00 A.M.
Nicholas Richards Jacob Koch Emily Tennyson
Caden Wells Peyton Riley
10:30 A.M.
Tyler Clark Nick Jewett Ed Jewett
Paul Jewett Mark Jewett



**Sunday Lector &
Eucharistic Minister's Schedule**

Sunday Vigil Mass, Saturday, December 31st 5:00 P.M.

Christina Priest, Jodi Snider (L), Deacon Patrick,
Bev Donaldson, Tina Frischen,
Bill & Rita Revercomb (EM)

Sunday, January 1st 8:00 A.M.

Kathy Wilson, Diane Layton (L), Deacon Patrick,
Peggy Komada, Nancy Ogilbee,
Patrick Wesley, Barb Harris (EM)

10:30 A.M.

Thomas Koch, Yvonne King (L), Deacon Patrick,
Jay Goletz, Michelle Cleland,
Mike Clark, Maria Bigler (EM)



Christmas Mass Intentions

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| Irma DeVault | Theresa Cost |
| Steve Johnson | Peggy Johnson |
| Jim Ritchey | Howard Weakley |
| Mary Tiburzio | Charles Molnar |
| Nance Family | Richard Snoor |
| Ed Tussey | Helper Family |
| Scott Laughery | Harl Sharrer |
| Joseph Brown | Jim Pauly |
| Yanka Family | Molina Family |
| Paxton/Chapman Family | Kay Saling |
| Ogilbee/Whyde Family | Kayla Layton |
| Keith Glassmeier | Tom & Jane Rubeck |
| Irma DeVault | Kayla Layton |
| Harold Davis | Hal Davis |
| Grandma Norton | Grandpa Klass |
| Jose Villa | Mary Tiburzio |
| Richard Snoor | Gabor & Agnes Molnar |
| Charlie Molnar | Olive Dorsey |
| Dr. Joseph Backiewicz | Bev Backiewicz |
| Floyd & Irene Cox | Raymond Slavokovsky |
| John Siegel | Mary Siegel |
| Dominic & Emma Calasso | Carl Siegel |
| Kayla Layton | Dr. James Carhart |
| Phyllis Stavrides | Browning Family |
| Bob Hamilton | Lionel Boucher |
| Dick Chesterson | Inez Ashbrook |
| Carl Bormann | Joseph Komada |
| Don & Bobbie McKee | Elmer & Ann Layton |
| Laskay & Luzio Families | Carol Costan |
| Dick & Diane Warthen | Ridenbaugh Family |
| Scott & Cindy Warthen | Hugh McKenzie Family |
| Alma Thompson | Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Harris |
| Leo Ghiloni | Dick Klockner |
| Jim & Sylvia Serey | Helen Dechense |
| Albert & Ruth Amore | Gary Keller |
| Mr. & Mrs. Glen Griebel, Sr. | |
| Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Swank | |
| Deceased Members of Davino Family | |
| Living & Deceased members of Johnson Family | |
| Deceased Members of Bowman/Williams Families | |
| All Deceased relatives of Jim & Cathy Pintz | |
| Living & Deceased members of Clouss/Hermandorfer Family | |

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Remember in your prayers all parishioners who are ill or injured, especially for *Midge McKenzie, Stan Coffman, Florence Medley, Ryder Holland, Margaret Offenburger, Dave Byrd, Lilly Ghiloni, Nancy Cirolì, Paul Shannon, Richard Spellman, Pat Molnar, Michelle Darkes, Eileen Gray, Debbie Ridenour, Mingo O'Rourke, Karen Addy*, and for those who are homebound or in healthcare facilities.

**Next week's Scripture
January 1st, 2017**

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

1st Reading: Numbers 6:22-27
"May God bless us in his mercy."
 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
 2nd Reading: Galatians 4:4-7
 Gospel: Luke 2:16-21
*This week, we pray Liturgy of the Hours
 Seasonal Proper II*

**Our Stewardship Collection
December 18th**

Budgeted per Week	\$	11,618.46
Offertory (118 envelopes)	\$	7,139.75
Average Auto Withdrawal (116 households)	\$	3,719.81
Loose Cash	\$	335.75
Total	\$	11,195.31
Deficit	(\$	423.15)
Year to Date Offertory Budget	\$	290,461.50
Year to Date Actual Offerings	\$	277,923.53
Year to Date Deficit	(\$	12,537.97)
YTD Centennial Building Fund Collection	\$	22,019.26
Centennial Building Loan Balance	\$	1,800,350.82
TD Church Restoration Funds Collected	\$	761,021.37
St. Vincent de Paul Collection	\$	2,701.50

For unto us is born this day a Savior! In response to so great a love, only the gift of my whole self will do.
 You have given us Yourself, dear Lord; in love and thanksgiving, I commit myself afresh to you.

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Blessed Sacrament School students and staff wish all of you a very Merry and Blessed Christmas

**Christmas Flower Offering
In Memory/Honor of...**

John & Emma Alexander
 Bill & Dorothy Palmer
 Elizabeth & Carl Bormann
 Ed Tussey
 Barbara Dolan
 Terry Dolan
 Ralph Harris
 Floyd & Irene Cox
 Mr. & Mrs. Frank Keigher
 Mr. & Mrs. Edmond Smith
 Manuel Velardi
 Jean Eagle
 James Wagner
 Joseph Komada
 Margaret Williams
 Kayla Layton
 Bill Klass
 Harold Davis
 Loie & Frank Norton
 William Klass
 Danny Van Horne
 Howard Weakley
 Harl Sharrer
 Mr. & Mrs. Herman Spring
 Mr. & Mr. Raymond Franks
 Jose E. Villa
 Edith & Ed Smith
 James Brown
 Matthew Selby
 Elizabeth Antritt
 Edward Tussey
 Jennifer Pintz
 Philip & Mary Costello
 James & Margaret Cogan
 Pauline Wirick
 Lila Hatem
 Amy & Carole Richmer
 Judy Tomcisin
 Dominic Calasso
 Anne & Pete Murphy
 Daniel Plott
 Karl Hall
 Frederick & Helen Swank
 Glen & Ann Linda Griebel
 William Swank
 Mr. Frank Sterling
 Mr. & Mrs. Jacob W. Hunt
 Msgr. Ed Dokupil
 Esther & Dominic Ghiloni
 Campolo Family
 Gregg & Annie Wilson Family
 Henry & Caroline Starr Family
 Deceased Members of the Bowman Family
 Deceased Members of the Willman Family
 Deceased Members of the Davino Family
 Deceased Members of the Rubbeck/Wachaya Families
 Living and Deceased Members of the Clouse/Hermandorfer Family

Ray J. Tiburzio
 Gertrude Johnson
 Michael Annarino
 Charles Dolan
 Patrick Dolan
 Theresa Dolan
 Joan Harris
 Inez Ashbrook
 Mr. & Mrs. Giorgio Vigo
 Mr. & Mrs. John Smith
 Kayla Layton
 Ralph Eagle
 Mary Wagner
 Kayla Layton
 Loie Norton
 Grandpa Klass
 Grandma Norton
 Elsie & Bernard Klass
 Kayla Norton
 Brian Van Horne
 Jim Ritchey
 Gerald Sommer
 Frank J. Campolo Family
 Jack & Naomi Stickle
 Erin Kennedy
 Joseph E. Brown
 George Fox
 Joseph & Betty Brown
 Michele Agriesti
 Opal Manson
 Jim & Margaret Bickel
 George & Betty Pintz
 Paul & Goldie Pintz, Sr.
 Richard E. Snoor
 Judy Elk
 Charles Wirick, Jr.
 Richard Chesterson
 Scott Allen Blosser
 Emma Calasso
 Ruth A. Hall
 Marcie Lorentz
 Scottie Carter
 Carl Swank, Sr.
 Carl Swank, Jr.
 Betsy Swank
 Mr. & Mrs. Roy Nye
 Mrs. Martha McClintock
 Sarah Ridenour
 August Selby
 Roby Family

Our Parish & School Events



Parish Prayerline

The entire parish is requested to pray:

The Vatican Intentions for the month of December

- **Universal: End to Child-Soldiers** That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.
- **Evangelization: Europe.** That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.
- **Father Wilson's Intention:** That all non-practicing Catholics in the parish would return to the practice of the faith.



*O, Sacrament Most Holy! O, Sacrament Divine!
 All Praise And All Thanksgiving Be Every Moment Thine!*

Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of Love

"In the sacred Host, He is present, the true treasure, always waiting for us. Only by adoring this Presence do we learn how to receive Him properly." Prayerfully consider signing up for an hour to sit with our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration. Time slots available: **Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00 p.m.; Wednesdays, 12:00-1:00 p.m., 2:00-3:00 p.m., 3:00-4:00 p.m., and 10:00-11:00 p.m.** Call Caroline Starr at 740-366-3591 or call the parish office at 740-345-4290.



Just a reminder: When Blessed Sacrament School is canceled due to the weather, Eucharistic Adoration is also canceled. Watch the local news, listen to the radio, check the local newspaper online to find out if school is canceled or call the parish office at 740-345-4290 if you are unsure.

We will not have Eucharistic Adoration on Monday, December 26th. We will have Eucharistic Adoration the following Monday, January 2nd, as scheduled.



Courageous Faith, Contagious Joy

Register today for the 10th Annual Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, February 18th, from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Ohio Expo Center. Featured speakers are: Jeff Cavins, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, Kerri Caviezel, Rev. Fr. Mathias Thelen, music by Taylor Tripodi and our Emcee is Brooke Taylor. Learn more at www.ColumbusCatholicWomen.com. *Leave the driving to us* – charter bus information will be in an upcoming parish bulletin. Watch for more information or call the parish office at 740-345-4290.



Year End Giving

If you would like to give to Blessed Sacrament Church or School before the end of the year, per IRS regulations, in order for a contribution to be eligible as a 2016 charitable contribution, it must be received by, or postmarked by, December 31, 2016. This includes both cash and non-cash contributions.





This Week

Sunday, December 25

12:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass
10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass

Monday, December 26

No Eucharistic Adoration Today
Parish Office Closed Today

Tuesday, December 27

12:00 p.m. Adoration until 6:00 p.m. *in the church*
5:30 p.m. Reconciliation until 6:00 p.m. *in the church*
6:15 p.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Wednesday, December 28

8:15 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Adoration until 12:00 a.m. *in the church*

Thursday, December 29

8:15 a.m. Mass

Friday, December 30

8:30 a.m. Mass

Saturday, December 31

5:00 p.m. Mass

Happy New Year!
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Centennial Building Collection

Sunday, January 1

8:00 a.m. Mass
10:30 a.m. Mass

The Legacy of Blessed Sacrament

Support the legacy of Blessed Sacrament by making a year-end gift to any, or all, of our parish endowment funds with the Catholic Foundation:

Church of the Blessed Sacrament Endowment Fund: General support to the church and/or for particular projects.

Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Educational Endowment Fund: Provides assistance towards Catholic education to students in the parish.

Blessed Sacrament Alumni Association Endowment Fund: Provides tuition assistance and/or support for special projects at BSS.

Norbert Rubeck Blessed Sacrament Endowment Fund: Provides for the operating needs of BSS.

Frank, Patricia & Mark Rubeck Fund/Church & School Endowment: General needs of the parish and school.

Nathan Fitzsimmons Vogelmeier Endowment: Provides tuition assistance to child(ren) of BSS.

For contributions to any of the Endowments simply use the **new** monthly envelope in the Our Sunday Visitor packet or make checks payable to Blessed Sacrament Endowments and drop it in the collection basket. **Please make certain to write your endowment choice on the memo line.** Your tax deductible gift will benefit our parish for years to come.

The Catholic Foundation Grants

We have been blessed to receive an Education Capital grant in the 2017 Responsive Grants Cycle distributed by The Catholic Foundation this year. Our project; security – replace exterior glass doors and add more security cameras for Blessed Sacrament School was awarded \$7,361.00. We are proud that the value of our parish and school is being acknowledged and supported.

We are grateful to the donors who contribute to The Catholic Foundation that make these grants possible. Everyone can contribute at any time to the funds for our parish or those used for granting. The Catholic Foundation is a non-profit autonomous organization that receives and manages assets to provide funding for the parishes, schools and ministries within our Catholic community.

If you would like more information on contributing to existing funds that support our ministries, or would like to work on a planned gift of your own, please contact James Anzelmo (janzelmo@catholic-foundation.org) at The Catholic Foundation, 614-443-8893.



March for Life 2017 Washington D.C. Trip

If you are a parent of a High School Age Student, and have not yet registered your teen for the March for Life 2017 Washington, D.C. Trip, contact the Parish office or Kate Maher at 740-973-9237.

Thanks to those who have already helped support students so they can attend the March for Life. Anyone interested in supporting a student or making a contribution to the March for Life are asked to contact the parish office at 740-345-4290.



St. Vincent de Paul Conference News

“It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you” – St. Teresa of Calcutta. Through your love and generosity, our St. Vincent de Paul helped forty-two people in the month of November. Aid was given to help six homeless families. Twenty-seven families were helped with utility bills and nine families with travel and miscellaneous needs. Also, special work for the Haven was undertaken during the month. Thank you for your support and giving spirit.



Employment Opportunity

St. Vincent de Paul Housing Facilities is seeking an Executive Director for the Haven Men’s shelter and the new Transitional Living Program at The Gardens on 6th Street, Newark. Strong interpersonal skills, grant writing and fund raising skills required. Additional information may be requested by emailing SVH@svdpHaven.org.



Nominations for the 2017 Catholic Man of the Year

The Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club is accepting nominations for the 2017 Diocese of Columbus Catholic Man of the Year, presented by Bishop Frederick Campbell on Friday, February 3, 2017 at the luncheon. **Nominations are accepted through December 29th.** For nomination instructions go to <http://www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc>. Completed nominations and supporting letters should be emailed to catholicmanoftheyear@gmail.com. Submit a nomination and let everyone know that your husband, father, son, uncle, brother or friend is the Catholic Man of the Year!

