

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Happy New Year!: We celebrate New Year's on a Sunday this year. On New Year's we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. It is a special time for us to begin the New Year in prayer. Let us pray in a special way, through the intercession of our Blessed Mother, for peace in our hearts, in our families, in our parish, in our community, in our state, in our nation, and in the world.

Alpha: Mark your calendars for our next Alpha Course which begins on Thursday, February 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in Shepherd Hall. It is a 10 week course that leads all the participants to discover (or rediscover in a new way) the basic foundation of our faith. The Alpha Course has been a great instrument in helping our parishioners grow in their relationship with Christ and to better understand our Christian Faith. It is also a great opportunity to reach out to non-practicing Catholics and offer them an opportunity for spiritual enrichment that is nonthreatening. And, for that matter, it is a great opportunity for those who have no faith background at all. I like to say it is the front door of our church for those for whom walking into our church would be something foreign and strange. Please consider attending. I am hoping all of our parishioners will. And, please consider who in your life you can invite!

In Christ,
Fr. Wilson



Mass Intentions for the Week of January 1st

- Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus 6:15 P.M.
Wednesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious, 8:15 A.M.
Thursday: St. John Neumann, Bishop 8:15 A.M.
Friday: St. Andre Bessette, Religious 8:30 A.M.
Sunday Vigil: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest 5:00 P.M.
Sunday: The Epiphany of The Lord 8:00 A.M.
10:30 A.M.
For the People of the Parish

Liturgical Ministers Schedule Week of January 1st

- Daily Mass Schedule
6:15 p.m., Tuesday, January 3rd - Judy Healy (L), Assigned (Servers)
8:15 a.m., Wednesday, January 4th - Don Montell (L), Ashton Humphries, Mary Snider, Sarah Snider, Braydon Vanvelzor (Servers)
8:15 a.m., Thursday, January 5th, Yvonne King (L), Mark Jewett, Assigned (x1) (Servers)
8:30 a.m., Friday, January 6th, Assigned (L), Peyton Riley, Lacey Holman, Harlei Antritt, Caden Wells (Servers)
Sunday Vigil Mass, January 7th 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, January 8th 8:00 A.M.
10:30 A.M.



Sunday Lector & Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

- Sunday Vigil Mass, Saturday, January 7th 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, January 8th 8:00 A.M.
10:30 A.M.



**Remember in your prayers** all parishioners who are ill or injured, especially for *Cillian Ewing, 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.

**Pope Quote**

Forgiveness is the most visible sign of the Father's love, which Jesus sought to reveal by his entire life.  
~ Pope Francis, December 16, 2016



**Next Week's Scripture  
January 8th, 2017**

**The Epiphany of The Lord**

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

*"Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."*

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

*This week, we pray Liturgy of the Hours  
Seasonal Proper II*



**Our Stewardship Collection**

*December 25th and January 1st will  
be reported in the next bulletin.*

Today's second reading reminds us that through Christ we have been delivered from the old law and have become sons and daughters of God. New Year's Day provides a perfect opportunity to ask ourselves the question: Does my life reflect my gratitude for all that my loving Father has given me?

***Blessed Sacrament School students and staff wish all of you a very Blessed and Happy New Year!***

**Our Parish & School Events**



**Parish Prayerline**

*The entire parish is requested to pray:*

***The Vatican Intentions for the month of December***

- **Universal: Christian Unity:** That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.
- **Father Wilson's Intention:** That all baptized children of the parish would practice their faith, including attending Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation.



**"Father send me the Holy Spirit to know Jesus."**

"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.



# This Week

## Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Centennial Building Collection

### Sunday, January 1

8:00 a.m. Solemnity of Mary,  
The Holy Mother

10:30 a.m. Solemnity of Mary,  
The Holy Mother

### Monday, January 2

12:00 p.m. Adoration till 8:00 p.m.  
*in the church*

### Tuesday, January 3

12:00 p.m. Adoration till 6:00 p.m.  
*in the church*

5:30 p.m. Reconciliation till 6:00 p.m.  
*in the church*

6:15 p.m. Mass

7:00 p.m. Band of Brothers – Cafe

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

### Wednesday, January 4

8:15 a.m. Mass

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

6:30 p.m. H & S Meeting – Cafe

7:15 p.m. School Advisory – Library

### Thursday, January 5

8:15 a.m. Mass

### Friday, January 6

8:30 a.m. Mass

6:00 p.m. 1st Friday Family Night – Cafe

### Saturday, January 7

8:15 a.m. 1st Saturday Latin Mass

5:00 p.m. Mass

**HNS Coffee and Donuts  
after Masses – *in the cafe***

### Sunday, January 8

8:00 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. RCIA

9:00 a.m. CCD

10:30 a.m. Mass



## **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](http://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.



## **Catholic Men's Conference – February 25, 2017**

Early Registration is OPEN! This year's event will be held at the new Cardinal building at the Ohio Expo Center in Columbus, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The featured speakers are: Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Steve Bollman, Fr. Jonathan Morris, and the 2017 Master of Ceremonies: Doug Lessells. If you register before January 23, tickets are \$35.00 each or 2 for \$60.00. For more information or to register, visit [www.catholicmensministry.com](http://www.catholicmensministry.com).

Watch for information regarding charter buses and more in the upcoming parish bulletins.



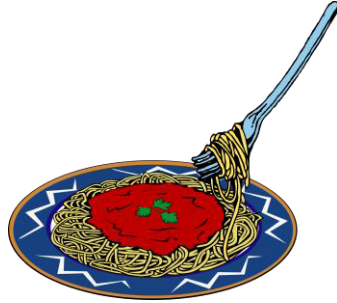
## **Walking With Purpose**

The next WWP meeting is Monday, January 9th at 7:00 p.m. in Shepherd Hall for **Lesson 6: Who is the Holy Spirit?** We encourage all who participate to enjoy the time until we meet again with their friends and families celebrating the Advent season. Also continue to keep your table sisters lifted in prayer. For more information about Walking with Purpose Bible Study, call the parish office at 740-345-4290.





# ***2017 March for Life*** **SPAGHETTI DINNER**



**Blessed Sacrament High School Youth**

are sponsoring a ***Delicious*** Spaghetti Dinner

**WHEN:** Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:pm – 8pm.

**WHERE:** Shepherd Hall.



**COST: Donations!**



**Menu:** salad, garlic bread, spaghetti, desert and drinks.

***To go orders available***

**All funds raised will go towards sending our youth to the Washington, D.C. 2017 March for Life. Thank you for your support!**



# Alpha is coming to Blessed Sacrament!



## ALPHA - WHAT IS IT?

Alpha is a unique program designed to encourage the pondering on the purpose of life and the existence of God. It will nurture personal faith growth and development of a new and/or stronger relationship with Jesus as it provides information and reflection on Christianity.

## ALPHA - WHO IS IT FOR?

- for those seeking direction/purpose in life
- for those seeking a deeper faith life
- for those seeking a stronger relationship with Jesus
- for those seeking a way to encourage others on their faith walk
- for those seeking . . .

Alpha is for everyone!

## ALPHA - WHEN IS IT?

Alpha Sessions begin on Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 and will be offered for 10 weeks. Each session will be on **Thursday evenings from 6:30 pm 8:30 pm in Shepherd Hall (cafeteria).**

**On Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> after the 5:00 pm Mass and Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 am Mass there will be a *Come and See* video in Shepherd Hall.** Learn more about Alpha and get your questions answered!

**Sign up as a guest.** Guests will gather in a relaxed setting for dinner, view a video presentation, and meet in informal, small groups in a comfortable, non-threatening setting to discuss a video. Guests are expected to attend all 10 weekly sessions and the retreat.

**Sign up as a Host or Helper.** A Host leads a small group, but does not teach, quote Bible, or call on anyone. Host facilitates a conversation as the group discusses a video.

A Helper welcome guests, makes sure they are comfortable and supports the group. If you have a servant's heart, this role is for you.

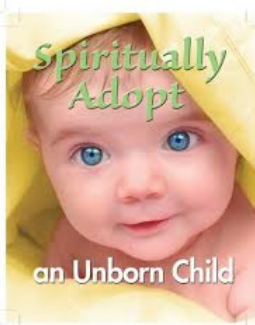
## Join the hundreds of parishioners who experienced Alpha. Guests reported:

"I feel more in touch with being a Christian and I see my faith more clearly now. I read the bible more and I pray more."

"Grew closer to the Lord with the support of Alpha and my small group."

"More aware of the meaning of Scripture, more at peace, more tolerant of others and more prayerful."

"Created new friends and enriched my spirituality."



**Spiritual Adoption  
Month 4 – “I had a dream!”**

The baby’s brain has begun maturing – a process that will continue until she is about 14 years old. Her eyelids are now sealed shut and will re-open at 7 months. Her taste buds are now working. Nutrients consumed by her mother are passed on to her in an hour or two. Three hundred quarts of fluid a day are sent to the baby via the umbilical cord. Fine hair begins to grow on head, eyebrows and eyelashes. Facial expressions similar to the baby’s parents can be seen at this time. This month REMs (rapid eye movements) have been recorded – a sign of dreaming.

*Lord Jesus Christ, You took our human nature upon Yourself. You shared our life and death, our childhood and adulthood.*

*You also shared our time in the womb. While still God, while worshiped and adored by the angels, while Almighty and filling every part of the universe, You dwelt for nine months in the womb of Mary. You were our Redeemer in the womb, our God who was a preborn child.*

*Lord Jesus, we ask You to bless and protect the children who today are in their mothers’ womb. Save them from the danger of abortion. Give their mothers the grace to sacrifice themselves, in body and soul, for their children. Help all people to recognize in the preborn child a brother, a sister, saved by You, our Redeemer in the womb.*

**Local Events of Interest**



**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 fundraising skills required. Additional information may be requested by emailing [SVH@svdpHaven.org](mailto:SVH@svdpHaven.org).

**Around the Diocese**

**Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes**

Father Stash Daily, Pastor of Holy Family Parish in Columbus, invites you to join him on a Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes, June 19 to June 30, 2017, celebrating the **100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE APPARITIONS OF FATIMA.**

The program will also include visits to Lisbon, Santarem and Nazare in Portugal and Gavarnie and St. Jean de Luz in France. For details, contact [lourdespilgrimageoffice@comcast.net](mailto:lourdespilgrimageoffice@comcast.net), Website: [www.lourdes-pilgrimage.com](http://www.lourdes-pilgrimage.com). Reservation deadline is March 15, 2017.

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**Respect Life Mass**

**January 23 – Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

The Annual Respect Life Mass will be held on Monday, January 23, 2017, 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrant. Since January 22nd, the anniversary of the United States Supreme Court decision *Roe v. Wade*, falls on a Sunday, our diocese will join all of the dioceses of the United States in observing a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children on Monday, January 23rd. All are encouraged to attend. For information, visit the U.S. Bishops’ website [www.usccb.org/prolife](http://www.usccb.org/prolife) or contact the diocesan Office for Social Concerns at 614-241-2540.

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**9 Days for Life**

Join thousands of Catholics across the country coming together in prayer during the bishops’ pro-life novena, 9 Days for Life, from Saturday, January 21-Sunday, January 29. Participate through email, text message, Facebook, or a free iOS or Android app! [www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events/nine-days-of-prayer-penance-and-pilgrimage.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events/nine-days-of-prayer-penance-and-pilgrimage.cfm).

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**January is Poverty Awareness Month**

USCCB’s Poverty Awareness Month materials include an online and print calendar with daily ways to learn about poverty, get inspired by how communities are responding, and take action with others. You can also sign up for daily reflections. For these and other resources, go to [www.povertyusa.org](http://www.povertyusa.org) or contact the Diocesan Office for Social Concerns at 614-241-2540.

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