

Pastor's Corner...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy New Year of Grace! This Sunday we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. And, with this Advent Season, we enter into a new liturgical year. We all see "holiday" advertisements and decorations earlier and earlier each year. Sadly, for many, Christ has been taken out of Christmas and Christmas has been reduced to a family holiday that requires shopping, buying, giving, and receiving gifts. As Disciples of Christ, we have a unique opportunity to prepare for the coming of the Lord and to celebrate His Birth. I encourage you to observe Advent in your homes. Spend these precious days preparing your hearts to celebrate in a new way the Birth of our Savior. Take the risk and use the word "Christmas." Resolve to never say "Happy Holiday" or any other secularized version of Christmas. Don't spend money you don't have on gifts your children and family don't need. Find ways to share the love of Christ through acts of charity and service. Jesus was born in a stable in a family that was poor. May our preparation for and observance of the Lord's Birth reflect that we understand who and what we are celebrating. And, may our preparation find us ready for His Second Coming, His Advent, whose day and hour we do not know.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception: Looking ahead, we observe the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, December 8th. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Mass schedule is as follows: Monday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 8th at 8:30 a.m., noon, and 6:15 p.m. Adoration will end at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 7th. There will be no adoration on Tuesday, December 8th.

Year of Mercy: On December 8th we will enter into an Extraordinary Jubilee called for by Pope Francis. This special year will be a "Year of Mercy." In a particular way, the Holy Father is inviting us to rediscover the great gift of the Sacrament of Mercy known as Confession. Also, he is calling us to practice the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. We who have received the great mercy of God are called to share His mercy with others. This special year will conclude with the Feast of Christ the King in 2016.

Bishops Adopt Statement on Pornography: At their November meeting, the Catholic Bishops of the United States approved a statement on pornography entitled "Create in Me A Clean Heart: A Pastoral Response to Pornography." Here is a summary of the statement: "The formal statement provides a basic catechesis on human sexuality and chastity, an explanation of why the production and use of pornography is a sin, an overview of its effects in our society, a closer look at its effects on men, women, children, young people, marriages and families, and a word of hope and encouragement to those who have been harmed by pornography use or in its production. The statement's main audiences are Catholic leaders and parents, but it is also intended to be helpful for those who struggle with pornography use and all people of goodwill who want to work together for a culture of purity and respect for all women and men." The full text of "Create in Me a Clean Heart" will be available online at www.usccb.org/cleanheart, along with other USCCB resources on pornography.

I would like to add that parents have a serious moral obligation to protect the innocence of their children. Any parent who gives their child access to the Internet through smartphones, Internet access in the house, etc., and does not make the necessary steps to protect their children from pornography, assumes a great moral responsibility if their child were to access pornography. Given the natural curiosity of children, particularly in adolescence, adults have a tremendous burden to protect children from this grave moral evil. I strongly urge parents to install filters on all computers, tablets, and smartphones that your children have access to. Parents, you might consider Covenant Eyes as one filtering option found at www.covenanteyes.com.

In Christ,
Fr. Wilson



Mass Intentions for the Week of November 29th

Tuesday: Advent Weekday	6:15 P.M.
Richard Dillard by Jean & Robbie Perlick	
Wednesday: Advent Weekday	8:15 A.M.
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Thursday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest	8:15 A.M.
Jim Nealon by Marie Inscho	
Friday: St. John Damascene, Priest, Doctor	8:30 A.M.
Bill & Mary Howell by Christine Wirick & Family	
Saturday: Advent Weekday	
Latin Mass	8:15 A.M.
Msgr. Robert Schneider by Pactum Marianum	
	5:00 P.M.
Don & Casey Betz by Family	
Second Sunday of Advent	8:00 A.M.
Richard Layton (Anniversary) by Family	
	10:30 A.M.
For the People of the Parish	



Liturgical Ministers Schedule Week of November 29th

Daily Mass Schedule

6:15 p.m. Tuesday, December 1st –	Judy Healy (L), Rita Shonebarger, Mike Stickle (EM), Assigned (Servers)	
8:15 a.m. Wednesday, December 2nd –	Don Montell (L), Emma Genuske, Lacey Holman, Zachary Hampton (Servers)	
8:15 a.m. Thursday, December 3rd –	Yvonne King (L), Violet Caton, Charlotte Campbell, Ed Jewett (Servers)	
8:30 a.m. Friday, December 4th –	Assigned (L) Maria Geiger, Alexandra Courson, Kenna Hauser, Harlei Antritt (Servers)	
Sunday Vigil Mass, Saturday, December 5th	5:00 P.M.	
Kate Erhard	Theresa Geiger	Maria Geiger
Jazmyn Adkins	Jonah Cunningham	
Sunday, December 6th	8:00 A.M.	
Jacob Koch	Sam Anderson	Braydon Vanvelzor
		10:30 A.M.

Holy Name Society (x4)



Sunday Lector & Eucharistic Ministers

Schedule

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

Ken & Christine Billig (L), Bev Donaldson, Pam Rauch,
Tina Frischen, Bill & Rita Revercomb (EM)

Sunday, December 6th 8:00 A.M.

Judy Healy, Craig Bruch (L), Glenna Bowman, Bernard
Kreim, Peggy Komada, Nancy Ogilbee, Patrick Wesley (EM)

10:30 A.M.

Holy Name Society (x2) (L), Holy Name Society (x5) (EM)

Remember in your prayers all parishioners who are ill or injured, especially for *Clayton Mitchell, Joe Finkle, Helen Fracker, Florence Medley, Jeff Smith, Ron Westerheide, Christi Weiner, Alan Hall, Tom Snider, Erin Kennedy, Mary Stevens, Philly Dolen, Pat Molnar, Shawn Miller, Fran Williams, Joseph Williams, Irma DeVault, Eileen Gray, Debbie Ridenour, Barb Sullivan, Marsha Linden, Tony Montagnese, Mary Ann Walters, Jeff Erhard, Lisa Fleming, Karen Addy, Lou Ann Fleming, Erin Selfe*, and for those who are homebound or in healthcare facilities.

Next weekend's Scripture

December 6th

Second Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

"The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

2nd Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

This week, we pray Liturgy of the Hours

Seasonal Proper I

Our Stewardship Collection

November 22nd report will be in the next bulletin

"Be on guard," Jesus warns in today's Gospel, "lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence." Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God, overflowing with love for one another.

See Luke 21:34

Our Parish & School Events

Parish Prayerline

The entire parish is requested to pray:

The Vatican Intentions for the month of December

- **Universal:** That all may experience the mercy of God who never tires of forgiving.
- **Evangelization:** That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.
- **Father Wilson's Intention:** For an increase in priestly and religious vocations from our Parish.

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.

Blessed Sacrament School Crusader News

Blessed Sacrament School hopes that you had a blessed Thanksgiving. We need to take time to thank God for the many blessings and family that we have.

Some of our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students helped serve Thanksgiving dinner at Flintridge Nursing Care Center. It was a very enjoyable experience for us to meet the residents and their families. Thank you to our students who helped out! You were wonderful!

We sang at the Courthouse Lighting on Friday. What a great way to begin the holiday season. Thanks to all who performed. Thank you to Mrs. Pultz-Miller for helping us to do our best.

Our virtue for December is modesty. We will be striving to learn and practice this virtue. The 7th grade will give a presentation about modesty next week.

Crusaders are awesome! Join us for our Open House and Registration for 2016-2017 on Sunday, January 24, 2016 from 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the school. Take a tour, meet our families and staff!

Cold & Flu Season

As the weather changes it is a reminder that we are approaching the cold and flu season. Hand sanitizer is available at the entrances of the Church and if you have cold or flu symptoms or are contagious with any "bug" *please stay at home*. Legitimate doubt about whether or not you are well enough to attend Mass is a sufficient reason to be dispensed from your Sunday obligation.



Church Snow Removal Help Needed

We are in need of volunteers to help with clearing the sidewalks around the Church, School, and Annex this winter. We need help after school hours for special events and also before weekend Masses, and activities. No experience is necessary and on the job training will be available. Call Bert Scott at 740-349-0210 if you are available and can help.



March for Life Wreath Making Fund Raiser

All are welcome to join us at Blessed Sacrament Shepherd Hall (394 E. Main Street, Newark) on Saturday, December 5th, from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. for this Advent festivity. For a donation of \$25.00 you can make a beautiful Natural Pine Wreath. Come and enjoy fellowship, warm beverages, Christmas treats and the best part ... all proceeds will help support the annual high school trip to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. So that we have enough supplies and to reserve your chair for this event call Margie Schmelzer at 740-745-5856. Send checks, payable to Blessed Sacrament, to our parish office (394 E. Main Street, Newark) by December 1st and it will guarantee your reservation.

Are you planning to add any articles to the bulletin in December or even the first part of January? Submit articles early! Because of the holidays, we have to submit bulletins to Dee Printing early so they are printed and delivered on time. You can send your articles to blsac.net or for more information, call the Parish Office at 740-345-4290.

This Week



Coffee & Donuts after all Masses by HNS

- Sun., Nov. 29** 7:30 a.m. Rosary
8:00 a.m. Mass
10:30 a.m. Mass
- Mon., Nov. 30** 12:00 p.m. Adoration until 8:00 p.m. – Church
6:30 p.m. Girls Group – Cafe
7:00 p.m. Holy Name Meeting – Library
- Tues., Dec. 1** 12:00 p.m. Adoration until 6:00 p.m. – Church
5:30 p.m. Reconciliation until 6:00 p.m.
6:15 p.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
- Wed., Dec. 2** 8:15 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Adoration until midnight – Church
- Thurs., Dec. 3** 8:15 a.m. Mass
1:55 p.m. BSS Virtue of the Month & Crusaders
6:30 p.m. ALPHA Team – Cafe
- Fri., Dec. 4** 8:30 a.m. Mass
- Sat., Dec. 5** 6:30 a.m. “That Man is You” Meeting – Shepherd Hall
8:15 a.m. 1st Saturday Latin Mass
9:00 a.m. Reconciliation
10:00 a.m. March for Life Fund Raiser
Evergreen Wreath Making – Cafe
4:00 p.m. Reconciliation
5:00 p.m. Mass

Centennial Building Collection

- Sun., Dec. 6** 7:30 a.m. Rosary
8:00 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. CCD Reconciliation – Church
9:00 a.m. RCIA – Library
9:15 a.m. CCD Classes
10:30 a.m. Mass w/ HNS
11:45 a.m. First Communion Parent & Student Meeting – Cafe

Advent Sale

A small Advent sale will be in the vestibule. All Advent candles, tapers or votive, are \$5.00/set. Prepare your Advent with new candles to show the symbolizing of the various sizes. Purple and pink candles reduce in size as Christmas draws near. Limited amounts of children’s felt Advent wreaths, premade Advent wreaths and candle frames to make your own Advent wreath are for sale for the early shoppers. Advent helps spiritually prepare our hearts for Christmas.

Date for Catholic Men’s Conference 2016

Attention, all men of the Parish! Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 27, 2016, and plan on attending the annual Catholic Men’s Conference in Columbus. It is Fr. Wilson’s prayer that all men attend this day of retreat to encounter Christ and to grow more with Him. We will have a chartered bus which will transport you to the event and back. Watch for more information in future bulletins.

Spiritual Adoption

Month 3 “I can suck my thumb now!”



The baby can now squint, swallow and move his tongue. He sleeps and awakens. Fingernails and toenails form and he now has his own unique set of fingerprints. Sensitive to touch, he will tightly grasp an

object placed in the palm of his hand. He breathes amniotic fluid to help develop and strengthen the respiratory system, but he gets the oxygen he needs through the umbilical cord. At the beginning of this month, just nine weeks after conception, he can suck his thumb.

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 mother’s 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.

Adorers

As a reminder, Eucharistic Adoration ends an hour early on days when we have an evening Mass.

Local Events of Interest

Council 721 Knights of Columbus is making white pine and spruce grave pillows for decorating graves of loved ones for the Christmas season. They will be available for a \$20.00 donation. Orders from now until early December and grave pillows will be delivered during the first two weeks of December. To place an order, send an email to Mike Burger at hamburg26@hotmail.com or call 740-344-9095 and leave your name, address, phone number and the quantity desired.

Catholic Social Services in Licking County is sponsoring the “Baskets of Love” project for Licking County senior citizens during the holiday season.

This project targets homebound seniors by providing them with a gift of a “basket” of nonperishable items. For many of our seniors, family may no longer live close by and their ability to get out of the home is limited.

A list with recommended items is available at our church entrances or in the vestibule. Donations are asked to be dropped off at Catholic Social Services, 1031 Brice Street, Newark (next to Food Pantry Network), Monday-Friday between the hours of 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. by December 9th. If more convenient, contact Tania Gresham at 740-345-2565, ext. 4 to schedule a specific time to drop off your donation.

