

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Jubilee of Mercy: The extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy has begun! In his homily prior to opening the Holy Door, Pope Francis stated: "This Extraordinary Year is itself a gift of grace. To pass through the Holy Door means to rediscover the infinite mercy of the Father who welcomes everyone and goes out personally to encounter each of them. It is he who seeks us! It is he who comes to encounter us! This will be a year in which we *grow ever more convinced of God's mercy*. How much wrong we do to God and his grace when we speak of sins being punished by his judgment before we speak of their being forgiven by his mercy (cf. Saint Augustine, *De Praedestinatione Sanctorum*, 12, 24)! But that is the truth. We have to put mercy before judgment, and in any event God's judgment will always be in the light of his mercy. In passing through the Holy Door, then, may we feel that *we ourselves are part of this mystery of love, of tenderness*. Let us set aside all fear and dread, for these do not befit men and women who are loved. Instead, let us experience *the joy of encountering that grace which transforms all things*." May during this year all of us become ever more convinced of God's mercy and may we share that mercy with others!

Restoration Update: We continue to make progress. Our restored church will have two side shrines where currently the Sacred Heart statue is and the baptismal font. The current Sacred Heart Shrine will become a Shrine to the Holy Family with a central statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary holding the Christ Child and a statue of St. Ann (Mary's mother) and St. Joseph on either side of Mary. There will be a kneeler in front and the opportunity to light devotional candles. On the baptismal font side of the church (east side), a matching shrine will be made in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It will have a central statue of the Sacred Heart. When our church was built, this side altar was in honor of the Sacred Heart. The original baptismal font will be restored and placed where our current font is. ALBL of Oberammergau, Germany, will be making the statues. They are part of a statue making tradition that goes back to 1556. The side shrines will be designed to complement the architectural style of our church. At this point ALBL is preparing sketches of the proposed statues. We also hope to commission two statues of adoring angels that will be placed on either side of the tabernacle in the center of the church. We have commissioned the custom woodwork for our main altar, ambo (where the readings are proclaimed and homily given), and tabernacle. The work for the restoration of our church has begun! Thanks to all who have pledged and who are currently making payments on your pledges! If all goes well, we will leave our church on April 11th and returning sometime before Christmas 2016. During that time Mass will be held in the Annex. And, please remember, if you are financially in a position to pay off your pledge early please consider doing so. Early payment will help us to more quickly reach our needed 50% of cash on hand for the project.

Advent Confessions: In addition to our regular confession times of Tuesdays from 5:30-6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 4:00-4:30 p.m., I will be hearing confessions this Thursday, December 17th, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. and will remain in the confessional until all have been heard. Check out the bulletin for local penance services. I have placed the excellent Examination of Conscience pamphlet by the Fathers of Mercy at the entrances to the church. This is a great guide to prepare a complete confession. I can think of no greater way to "prepare the way of the Lord" in our lives during Advent than to make a good, complete confession.

Delicious Breakfast for Life: This Sunday, December 13th, our high school youth are sponsoring their second delicious breakfast as a fund raiser for the March for Life. Come over between 8:00 a.m.-Noon for a delicious breakfast and help build up a culture of life!

Church decorating: Many hands make light work; Come next Sunday (December 20th) and help us decorate for Christmas after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. If you can stay for 30-60 minutes, that would be a great help. The experts can stay and do the finishing touches.

God bless,
Fr. Wilson



Mass Intentions for the Week of December 13th

- Tuesday: Advent Weekday** 6:15 P.M.
Betty Allison by Calasso Family
- Wednesday: Advent Weekday** 8:15 A.M.
Michael Gunnison by Robby & Jean Perlick
- Thursday: Advent Weekday** 8:15 A.M.
Joe Deering by St. Francis Class of '55
- Friday: Advent Weekday** 8:30 A.M.
Joe Finkle by St. Francis Class of '46
- Saturday: Advent Weekday** 5:00 P.M.
Esther Ghiloni by Art & Family
- Fourth Sunday of Advent** 8:00 A.M.
Rose Marie Wrhen by John & Karen Vescio
- 10:30 A.M.
For the People of the Parish



Liturgical Ministers Schedule
Week of December 13th

Daily Mass Schedule

- 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, December 15th –**
Yvonne King (L), Judy Healy, Rita Shonebarger (EM),
School Servers
- 8:15 a.m. Wednesday, December 16th –** Don Montell (L),
Emma Genuske, Lacey Holman, Zachary Hampton (Servers)
- 8:15 a.m. Thursday, December 17th –** Judy Healy (L),
Violet Caton, Charlotte Campbell, Ed Jewett (Servers)
- 8:30 a.m. Friday, December 18th –** Assigned (L), Maria Geiger,
Alexandra Courson, Kenna Hauser, Harlei Antritt (Servers)

- Sunday Vigil Mass, Saturday, December 19th** 5:00 P.M.
Reagan Sheehan Brenden Sheehan Emily Grabo
Jonah Cunningham
- Sunday, December 20th** 8:00 A.M.
Katy Selfe Jacob Koch Caden Wells
Sam Anderson
- 10:30 A.M.
Maria Hayes Violet Caton Taya Bigler
Bailee Fleming



Sunday Lector & Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

- Sunday Vigil Mass, Saturday December 19th** 5:00 P.M.
Jodi Snider, Christina Priest (L), Deacon Patrick, Mollie Phillips,
Mike Stickle, Bev Donaldson, Pam Rauch (EM)
- Sunday, December 20th** 8:00 A.M.
Diane Layton, Judy Healy (L), Deacon Patrick, Marge Burger,
Bernard Kreim, Peggy Komada, Nancy Ogilbee (EM)
- 10:30 A.M.
Matthew Walsh, Kevin Pugh (L), Deacon Patrick, Sue West,
Maria Bigler, Jay Goletz, Karen Gross (EM)



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

Our love, prayers and sympathy for the family and friends of Jim Oberfield. May he rest in the arms of Our Risen Savior.

**Next Week's Scripture
December 20th**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Micah 5:1-4a

"Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved."

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10: 5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

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

**Our Stewardship Collection
December 6th**

Offertory (250 envelopes)	\$	10,173.75
Loose Cash	\$	404.28
Average Auto Withdrawal	\$	2,513.41
(111 households – average weekly giving)		
Total	\$	13,091.44
Year to Date Offertory Budget	\$	270,721.20
Year to Date Actual Offerings	\$	256,603.38
Year to Date Deficit	(\$	14,117.82)
YTD Centennial Building Fund Collection	\$	18,298.93
Centennial Building Loan Balance	\$	1,905,812.63
Total Church Restoration Funds Collected	\$	390,095.18

Today's Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship: "Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same." See Luke 3:11

Our Parish & School Events

Blessed Sacrament School Crusader News

Blessed Sacrament School is a Catholic, Christ-centered community whose mission it is to educate the whole child – body, mind, and soul – in order to form lifelong disciples of Christ who love the Truth, practice the Faith, and live virtuous lives. *Mark your calendars for our Open House on January 24th from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.* Come see what we have to offer for your child. Meet our staff and tour our classrooms with our current families and students. Look for more information as we come closer to January 24th.

To be a part of our special school family call 740-345-4125 to schedule a time to tour our school. As always, enrollment at Blessed Sacrament School is open year round. You can also find us on the web at blsacschool.net.

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards will be ready for pick-up after all Masses *this* weekend, December 12th/13th. If you have any questions, call Phil Ghiloni at 740-403-1731.

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.

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.



This Week



Pancake Breakfast after all Masses by March for Life

Retirement for Religious Collection

Sun., Dec. 13	8:00 a.m.	Mass
	9:00 a.m.	RCIA – Library
	9:15 a.m.	CCD Classes
Mon., Dec. 14	10:30 a.m.	Mass w/CCD in attendance
	12:00 p.m.	Adoration until 8:00 p.m. – Church
	6:15 p.m.	Cub Scouts – Annex
Tues., Dec. 15	6:30 p.m.	Girls Group – Cafe
	9:45 a.m.	BSS Confessions – Church
	12:00 p.m.	Adoration until 6:00 p.m. – Church
Wed., Dec. 16	5:30 p.m.	Reconciliation until 6:00 p.m.
	6:15 p.m.	Mass
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thurs., Dec. 17	8:15 a.m.	BSS Christmas Program – OSU-Newark Reese Center
	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	7:00 p.m.	Adoration until midnight – Church
Fri., Dec. 18	8:15 a.m.	Mass
	8:30 a.m.	Mass
	4:00 p.m.	Reconciliation
Sat., Dec. 19	5:00 p.m.	Mass
	SVdP Collection	
	Sun., Dec. 20	7:30 a.m.
	8:00 a.m.	Mass
	9:00 a.m.	RCIA – Library
	9:15 a.m.	CCD Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Mass
	12:00 p.m.	Decorate Church for Christmas

The Church of the Blessed Sacrament Endowment Stewardship

“Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.” (Matthew 5:16) This gospel passage call us to charity. We have an opportunity to live this gospel message by supporting the future of our parish community.

The future of our parish is supported through over \$1 million in endowment funds managed by The Catholic Foundation. Each year, these funds and grants from The Catholic Foundation provide as much as \$75,000 in support of our parish and school. We have 7 endowment funds:

- ❖ Blessed Sacrament Education Endowment Fund for tuition assistance
- ❖ Blessed Sacrament Endowment Fund for the general needs of the parish
- ❖ Blessed Sacrament Alumni Association Endowment Fund for tuition assistance and school projects
- ❖ Anonymous Endowment Fund for religious education
- ❖ Nathan Fitzsimmons Vogelmeier Endowment Fund for tuition assistance
- ❖ Norbert Rubeck/Blessed Sacrament Endowment Fund for the parish school operations
- ❖ Frank, Patricia, & Mark Rubeck Endowment Fund for the general needs of the parish and school

We work with The Catholic Foundation as our trusted partner because they assure peace of mind that our endowments are invested in alignment with our Catholic teachings and values. You can help us grow our endowments by identifying an end-of-life planned gift in your Will or Trust, or by contributing at any time and in any amount.

Also, The Catholic Foundation is available to help you grow our endowments through:

- Bequests through your Will and Trust
- Gifts of Appreciated Assets (stocks, properties, etc.)
- Charitable Gift Annuities (fixed income for life)
- Insurance Beneficiary Gifts
- Charitable Remainder Trusts & Charitable Lead Trusts
- Donor Advised Funds
- Endowments
- Scholarships

For more information please visit The Catholic Foundation at www.catholic-foundation.org, or you may contact Connie Johnston at our parish by calling (740) 345-4390.

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 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.

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 2015 charitable contribution, it must be received by, or postmarked by, December 31, 2015. This includes both cash and non-cash contributions.

2016 Pilgrimage to Italy

One More Trip! Because of several requests we are taking another pilgrimage to Italy. We will be in Rome toward the closing of the Year of Mercy in November and have an audience with our Holy Father Pope Francis. Our trip includes Rome, Orvieto, Assisi, Siena, Florence, Loppia and Venice; an 11-day trip. Brochures are available. Call Deacon Bob Ghiloni at 740-345-1122 or 740-258-4912 for information and your reservation. Limited seating available.

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.

Advent Sale

A small Advent sale is in the church 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 also for sale. Advent helps spiritually prepare our hearts for Christmas.

All ages are invited and encouraged to come and help decorate our church for Christmas on Sunday, December 20th following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. If you can help for a short while - you are invited! If you can come later in the afternoon and help - you are invited! If you can stay long enough to help carry boxes from the church and school basement - you are invited! We need help from many people in many ways. If you have questions about this project, call Deacon Patrick at 740-405-5308.

Local Events of Interest

Advent Communal Penance Services

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Buckeye Lake

Sunday, December 13th, 4:00 p.m.

St. Francis deSales, Newark

Monday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul, Mt. Vernon

Tuesday, December 15th, 7:00 p.m.

Colder weather means our homes should be a source of warmth. Go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and find out how to build a cozier home in just 20 minutes a day. The next two weekends are on February 19th-21st and April 22nd-24th, both in central Ohio. For more information or to register, contact Paul & Marilou Clouse at 614-834-6880 or visit www.wwmecolumbus.org.



Newark Catholic High School Foundation

provides financial support to Newark Catholic High School students and programs. The Foundation also preserves and documents the history and traditions of Newark Catholic. To learn more or to make a contribution, please contact us at One Green Wave Drive, Newark, Ohio 43055, or by phone at 740-345-5671.

The Edwardians of Church of St. Edward The Confessor Church, Granville, is offering a trip to Boston, Salem, Cape Ann, Massachusetts, and New Haven, CT, from June 8th to June 14th, 2016. All Parishioners and friends of St. Edward Church are invited to join the journey. Call group leader Linda Woolard at 740-323-3105 or e-mail lindawoolard@windstream.net. She will meet with you anytime to go over the trip and sign you up!

Around the Diocese

Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry



Sometimes memories can keep us from experiencing the fullness of new life even following the reception and graced forgiveness from the Sacrament of Penance. If you have experienced abortion in your life and the memory continues to haunt you, perhaps inviting Jesus often into that memory will open your spirit to the peace only he can give. Begin by praying "Jesus, I don't want to be chained any longer to the memories of my abortion. Please come and heal me." To share the graces of this journey with those who have been there, contact Bethesda Healing Ministry confidential lines at 614-309-0157 or 614-309-2651 or visit bethesdahealing.org.

Come and join the St. Dominic Traditional Choir for their annual holiday concert on Sunday, December 13, at 4:00 p.m. at St. Dominic Church located at 453 N. 20th Street, Columbus, Ohio. There will be a featured performance from Joyful Inspiration Dance Ministry. The event is free and open to all.

