



Remember in your prayers all parishioners who are ill or injured, especially for Fr. Ronnie Boccali, Mingo O'Rourke, Fran Williams, Joseph Williams, Clayton Mitchell, Helen Fracker, Florence Medley, Jeff Smith, Alan Hall, Tom Snider, Erin Kennedy, Mary Stevens, Philly Dolen, Pat Molnar, Shawn Miller, Irma DeVault, Debbie Ridenour, Jeff Erhard, Lisa Fleming, Karen Addy, Lou Ann Fleming, Erin Selfe, and for those who are homebound or in healthcare facilities.



**Next week's Scripture
January 3rd**

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 3:2-3a, 5-6
 Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12
*This week, we pray Liturgy of the Hours
 Seasonal Proper*



Our Stewardship Collection

December 20th & 27th will be reported in the next bulletin.

The first reading today provides a challenging blueprint for the good stewardship of our family relationships. How do I measure up?

Respectful Silence Before Mass: Our custom at Blessed Sacrament Church is to maintain strict silence before Mass so that parishioners can come and pray. We would like all parishioners to have the opportunity to come early and encounter a silent space with the Lord. Speaking before Mass should be whispered, brief, and absolutely necessary. Please show respect for the Lord and your fellow parishioners by maintaining Sacred Silence in church before Mass.

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 life-long 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.

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.

No Daily Mass on Thursday, December 31st or Friday, January 1st. Mary, Mother of God Mass Schedule: Vigil Masses are Thursday, December 31st at 4:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. The Holy Day Mass is Friday, January 1st at 10:00 a.m.

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 sanitizers are 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

Sunday, December 27

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

Monday, December 28

12:00 p.m. Adoration until 8:00 p.m.
in the Church

Tuesday, December 29

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

Wednesday, December 30

8:15 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Adoration until midnight
in the Church

Thursday, December 31

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Friday, January 1

10:00 a.m. Holy Day Mass

Saturday, January 2

8:15 a.m. 1st Saturday Latin Mass
9:00 a.m. Reconciliation
4:00 p.m. Reconciliation
5:00 p.m. Mass

The Epiphany of the Lord Centennial Building Collection

HNS Coffee & Donuts after Masses – Cafe

Sunday, January 3

7:30 a.m. Rosary
8:00 a.m. Mass
10:30 a.m. Mass

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Respect Life Meeting will be Wednesday, January 6th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Marian Room. We will be making snack bags for the March for Life bus riders at our meeting. Please join us while we compile goodies for those traveling to the March from our local parishes and schools. You can bring items to include in the baggies or you can just come and help. This is a great way to get involved in parish activities, meet others and support life! All are welcome and encouraged to come. Contact: Melissa Stack at 614-893-5499 or Melissaraestack@yahoo.com.
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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.



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.



Protecting God’s Children Seminar

Blessed Sacrament is hosting a **Protecting God’s Children Seminar** on **Saturday, January 16th at 9:00 a.m.** in the school cafeteria (394 E. Main St., Newark). In keeping with VIRTUS policy, no one will be admitted to this session after the first video has started. Go to www.virtus.org to register for this session. **Please remember that in order to work with or volunteer around children of our parish, school and Diocese, you must attend a session of Protecting God’s Children and have a background check on file with the School and/or Parish Office.** For more information, contact 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 2015 charitable contribution, it must be received by, or postmarked by, December 31, 2015. This includes both cash and non-cash contributions.

Local Events of Interest

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 and Marilou Clouse at 614-834-6880 or visit www.wwmecolumbus.org.

Free After-School Programs During the School Year for those with Autism on Mondays and Thursdays Beginning January 18, 2016

Afterschool Program: Participants should have (at least) 2nd grade reading skills and they will work one-on-one with mentors in small groups.

Mondays, from 4:00-7:00 p.m., children will work on non-competitive physical activities (including stations), music, dancing, yoga, crafts, games, cooking, interviewing, drama, etc. at Saint Edward Catholic Church, 785 Newark-Granville Road.

Thursdays, from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., children will do art projects at the SPARK facility on Elm Street in Granville and walk across the street to Elms Pizza where they will order and pay for their suppers.

These programs were created to improve social and communication skills, to allow for sensory issues and a child's need for routine, to develop executive skills, and to reduce anxiety with new situations and new activities and new people. These programs are sponsored by the Language Experience Center, a nonprofit organization.

Preschool Classes – The preschool classes at the Language Experience Center, St. Edward Church, are still accepting children under the age of 3 who have suspected/ diagnosed speech, language, and/or hearing challenges. These classes meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Based on enrollment, we will add a class from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.

Please note: One-on-One Mentors will be trained and paid. Prospective students and mentors should contact Barbara Lechner, Ph.D, CCC, at 740-587-7214 or talkdoc43023@msn.com.

All are invited to an enjoyable evening as Newark Catholic Drama Department presents "West Side Story" at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, January 29th and Saturday, January 30th, at the Midland Theatre, downtown Newark. Tickets are \$15.00/each at the door.



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 email 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

In the fullness of time, Christ came as our Infant King. He invites each of us to come to Him for healing and hope, even from an abortion of long ago. He is waiting! Bethesda Healing Ministry confidential lines: 614-309-0157 or 614-309-2651 or visit bethesdahealing.org.



Nominations now open for the 2016 Catholic Man of the Year. The Catholic Men's Luncheon Club is accepting nominations for the Diocese of Columbus 2016 Catholic Man of the Year. This annual award recognizes one lay man who, through his daily actions, words, and prayers, exemplifies the "good and faithful servant." Bishop Frederick Campbell will present the award on Friday, Feb. 5 at the Catholic Men's Luncheon. Nominations will be accepted through December 28th. For details and nomination instructions, go to www.pluginCatholicMen.com. 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!



Catholic Youth Summer Camp



A High Adventure Camp that fosters High Adventure Faith, Catholic Youth Summer Camp is Ohio's only week-long camp for students entering grades 6-12. Activities typically include: jet skis, water tubing, paintball, blobbing, go-carts, archery, zip lining, rock climbing, ropes course, mountain boarding and more! CYSC offers a truly Catholic and safe environment with daily catechesis that awakens faith and builds missionary disciples. A week at camp includes daily Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, small group conversations, worship, service and authentic community. See www.cysc.com to get more information and to register.

