



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Advent Confessions: Going to Confession is a great way to prepare for the coming of the Lord and to celebrate His Birth at Christmas! Our regular Confession schedule is Tuesday, from 5:30-6:00 p.m. and Saturday, from 4:00-4:30 p.m. In addition, on the Wednesdays of Advent we will have Confessions from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

and until all are heard. Fr. Bob Kitsmiller will be joining us on December 21st and I will be trying to get an additional priest for December 14th. I encourage you to go to confession somewhere and sometime before Christmas!

Christmas Schedule and Offering: Christmas falls on a Sunday this year. Our Christmas Mass will be Christmas Eve at 5:00 and 7:30 p.m. and Midnight Mass at 12:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass (Sunday, December 25) will be at 10:00 a.m. Because Christmas falls on a Sunday, please consider giving both your regular Sunday offering and Christmas Offering. We depend each year on our Christmas Offering as a great help in allowing us to meet our financial obligations. Thanks!

New Year's Mass Schedule: New Year's also falls on a Sunday. We will be maintaining our usual Sunday schedule for New Year's with 5:00 p.m. Mass on December 31st and 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Mass on January 1st.

Confessional: I plan on making use of both our old confessional and new confessionals. The old confessional allows for face-to-face confession, sitting, and is handicapped accessible. Our new confessional will be exclusively behind the screen and will not have an option for sitting. However, all penitents are welcome to stand instead of kneeling if kneeling is too difficult. I haven't yet determined the pattern of when the confessionals will be used. For the remainder of Advent, we will use the old confessional at all scheduled times and when we have additional confessors we will make use of our new confessionals.

Church updates: As I mentioned last weekend, the finishing touches are still being placed on our church. We hope to have the Stations of the Cross hung by Christmas. The final work on the rerados (which contains the Tabernacle) will be done hopefully as well before Christmas. There will be some additional decorative gold paint that was not able to be completed before the Dedication Mass. The pipe organ will be installed throughout the month of February. And, for those who were wondering, the Saint next to the Blessed Virgin Mary and opposite St. Joseph is St. Ann, the mother of Mary. Thanks to all who have and who continue to make payments to our capital campaign! Also, the campaign remains open for those who have not yet made a pledge. All additional pledges will be used to help complete the exterior restoration that will begin in the spring and the renovation of the rectory.

In Christ,
Fr. Wilson



Mass Intentions for the Week of December 11th

- Tuesday: Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr 6:15 P.M.
Jose Villa by Jim & Cathy Otto
Wednesday: Saint John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor 8:15 A.M.
Sarah Molnar by David & Family
Thursday: Advent Weekday 8:15 A.M.
Bobby Roberta Villacres by the Burger Family
Friday: Advent Weekday 8:30 A.M.
Tory Peterson by BSS St. Bruno School Family
Sunday Vigil: Advent Weekday 5:00 P.M.
Kayla Layton by Family
Fourth Sunday of Advent 8:00 A.M.
Irma DeVault by Husband, Donald
10:30 A.M.
For the People of the Parish

Liturgical Ministers Schedule Week of December 18th

- Daily Mass Schedule
6:15 p.m., Tuesday, December 13th -Judy Healy (L), Assigned (Servers)
8:15a.m., Wednesday, December 14th - Yvonne King (L), Ilana O'Neil, Joseph Stanley (Servers)
8:15 a.m., Thursday, December 15th - Don Montell (L), Caden Canning, Courtney Hans (Servers)
8:30 a.m., Friday, December 16th - Assigned (L), Maria Geiger, Nicholas Richards, Moni King, Colin Crumrine (Servers)
Sunday Vigil Mass, December 17th 5:00 P.M.
Kate Erhard Theresa Geiger Maria Geiger
Emily Grabo
Sunday, December 18th 8:00 A.M.
Sam Anderson Braydon Vanvelzor Colin Crumrine
10:30 A.M.
Caden Canning Joseph Stanley Amelia O'Neil
Ilana O'Neil

Sunday Lector & Eucharistic Minister's Schedule

- Sunday Vigil Mass, Saturday, December 17th 5:00 P.M.
Don Lang, Amy Erhard (L), Deacon Patrick
Caroline Starr, Millie Phillips, Mike Stickle, Pam Rauch (EM)
Sunday, December 18th 8:00 A.M.
Mike Shonebarger, Patricia Laughman (L), Deacon Patrick
Rita Shonebarger, Glenna Bowman, Kathy VanWy, Tricia Robinson (EM)
10:30 A.M.
Monica Stanley, Sarah Ewing (L), Deacon Patrick, Evey Fuller-Moore, Karen Gross, Sue & Phil West (EM)

Remember in your prayers all parishioners who are ill or injured, especially for *Barbara Evans, Stan Coffman, Florence Medley, Ryder Holland, Margaret Offenburger, Dave Byrd, Lilly Ghiloni, Nancy Cirola, 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.

Our love, prayers, and sympathy for the family and friends of Betty Healy, and Dinty Joseph Moore. May they rest in the arms of Our Risen Savior.

Eternal Rest

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Next week's Scripture

December 18th

Fourth Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

"Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory."

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

2nd Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: Mathew 1:18-24

This week, we pray Liturgy of the Hours

Seasonal Proper III.

Our Stewardship Collection

December 27th

Budgeted per Week	\$	11,618.46
Offertory (232 envelopes)	\$	9,982.25
Average Auto Withdrawal (117 households)	\$	3,719.81
Loose Cash	\$	631.25
Total	\$	14,333.31
Year to Date Offertory Budget	\$	267,224.58
Year to Date Actual Offerings	\$	255,631.40
Year to Date Deficit	(\$	11,593.18)
YTD Centennial Building Fund Collection	\$	20,841.46
Centennial Building Loan Balance	\$	1,811,104.82
TD Church Restoration Funds Collected	\$	756,120.30

We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care, lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today, cautioning us, "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

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.
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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 that 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.

Adorers Needed!

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., and 3:00-4:00 p.m.** We are thankful for all who sit in Adoration. If you have not signed up for an hour consider stopping by this week and sit with our Lord. Your week will not be the same. For more information or to volunteer for an hour, 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.

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 through 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 Blessed Sacrament School.

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

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

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

To make a contribution, use the **new** monthly envelope provided in the OSV packet, or simply write a check made out to Blessed Sacrament Endowments and drop it in the collection basket. **Please make certain to write your endowment choice on the memo line.** Please know that your tax deductible gift will benefit our parish for years to come. For more information call the parish office at 740-345-4290.

Bulletin Announcements

Plan ahead...Submit your bulletin articles weeks early due to the Holiday Season. All requests are due by Monday at 12:00 noon.



This Week

HS Youth March for Life Hot Breakfast after all Masses

Sunday, December 11

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. CCD classes
- 9:00 a.m. RCIA – Library
- 10:30 a.m. Mass w/CCD Students

Monday, December 12

- 12:00 p.m. Adoration until 8:00 p.m. *in the church*
- 7:00 p.m. BSS Christmas Program Reese Center OSU-N

Tuesday, December 13

- 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. SVdP Meeting – Library
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Wednesday, December 14

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

Thursday, December 15

- 8:15 a.m. Mass

Friday, December 16

- 8:30 a.m. Mass

Saturday, December 17

- 4:00 p.m. Reconciliation
- 5:00 p.m. Mass

SVdP Collection

Sunday, December 18

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. CCD classes
- 9:00 a.m. RCIA – Library
- 10:30 a.m. Mass

Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24th, *Christmas Vigil Mass:*

5:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m., and 12 midnight.

Sunday, December 25th, *Christmas Day Mass:* **10:00 a.m.**

Christmas Season Grave Pillows

Knights of Columbus Council 721 is making white pine/fir grave pillows for decorating graves of loved ones in the Christmas season. The cost is \$20.00 if picked up or \$25.00/ delivered. Place orders from now until mid-December. The grave pillows will be available the first half of December. To place an order call 740-973-5744 or email to Ben Hunsinger at Ben@PlaneoLtd.com and furnish your name, address, and phone number and the quantity desired. Make checks payable to KofC Council #721 and mailed to Mike Burger, 569 Manor Drive, Newark, 43055.

December Spiritual Adoption

Our parish is participating in a Spiritual Adoption Program until June. We will have a baby shower in May in celebration of Life that will support the local pregnancy resource center, Heartbeats.

“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.

Please Pray:

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.

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 (614-443-8893 or janzelmo@catholic-foundation.org) at The Catholic Foundation.

Catholic Men’s Ministry

All men are asked to mark your calendar and plan on attending an Evening of Prayer in this Advent Season. Join us on Thursday, December 15th at 6:30 p.m. in Shepherd Hall for fellowship and light snacks. We will then proceed to the church at 7:00 p.m. for a Holy Hour of Eucharist Adoration, Evening Prayer, and a reflection by Deacon Patrick. For more information, call Mike Stickle at 740-258-3138.



**March for Life 2017
Washington D.C. Trip**

If you are a parent of a High School Age Student, and have not yet registered for the March for Life 2017 Washington, D.C. Trip, and need to register,

This Message is for YOU!

For more information and registration forms, contact the Parish office or Kate Maher at 740-973-9237. A \$50.00 nonrefundable deposit and signed registration form will hold your spot on the bus. *The first bus is full so hold your spot on the second bus now!*

If you are interested in sponsoring a high school youth student to travel to Stand For Life at the March for Life in Washington, D.C., or wish to make a donation for students who may not be able to afford the pilgrimage to attend the March for Life, please contact the office to make your donation.

Goodie Bags for the March for Life Trip

Calling all families to help support the High School trip to the March for Life! In an effort to support our teens heading to the March for Life, the Blessed Sacrament Respect Life Committee is putting together Goodie Bags for the trip. We are asking parishioners to contribute pre-packaged snacks, goodies, or anything small that will help make the trip to D.C. a little nicer. We want to support the students in a positive way, as they step out in faith and love supporting the unborn and life from conception to natural death! A collection box will be in the church vestibule. For more information, contact Melissa Stack at melissaraestack@yahoo.com.

Local Events of Interest



**Advent Communal Penance Services
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel – Buckeye Lake**

Sunday, December 11th, 4:00 p.m.

St. Francis deSales – Newark

Monday, December 12th at 7:00 p.m.

St. Edward the Confessor – Granville

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

**St. Francis de Sales Service of Advent
Lessons and Carols**

Join us on Sunday, December 11th at 5:00 p.m. as the Parish Choir of St. Francis de Sales (40 Granville Street) will once again present a special service of Advent Lessons and Carols. This service is a very moving combination of the Scriptural prophecies of Christ's coming and the beautiful carols of Advent, sung by choir and congregation. The service is sung by choirs of many denominations and finds its home in the English collegiate and cathedral tradition. If you did not attend last year, consider making this service part of your preparation for Christmas. It can be a welcome moment of prayerful rest in the busy weeks of Advent. A reception will follow.

Around the Diocese

Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center

Take some time to reflect, pray and share during the season of Advent with Advent Morning of Reflections hosted by the Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center. Saturday, December 10, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, Facilitated by Sr. Louis Mary Passeri "HERE I AM." The day will consist of prayer, presentation, silence and opportunity to share our reflections. Cost is \$20.00 per person and includes continental breakfast. For reservations email info@stspeterandpaulretreatcenter.org or call (740) 928-4246.

Bethesda Post Abortion Healing Ministry



The pain and sorrow of the abortion experience need not endure a lifetime. Call Bethesda Healing Ministry for support and assistance from those who know and have been there. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. Confidential

lines are 614-309-2651 or 614-309-0157 or visit bethesdahealing.org.

Knox/Licking Vocations Club

Knox/Licking Vocations Club will be meeting on Tuesday, December 13th at noon. We will be celebrating the holidays by going to lunch at Red Lobster in Heath. Come join us for a social gathering and a nice lunch. RSVP by Sunday, December 11th. Call Debby at (740) 366-6924.

The Martin de Porres Center (2330 Airport Drive, Columbus) presents an extraordinary Christmas concert, "The Signs of Christmas Presents: Christmas Carols in American Sign Language" on Sunday, December 11 at 2:00 p.m. Selections include a blend of traditional carols, religious songs, fun melodies, and solo performances sure to get you in the spirit. Call (614) 416-1910 for information.

Nominations for the 2017 Catholic Man of the Year



The Catholic Men's Luncheon Club is accepting nominations for the Diocese of Columbus 2017 Catholic Man of the Year. This annual award, presented by Bishop Frederick Campbell, on Friday, February 3, 2017, at the Men's Luncheon – recognizes one lay man who, through his daily actions, words, and prayers, exemplifies the "good and faithful servant."

The recipient will have the opportunity to share his personal testimony during the ceremony. Nominations will be accepted through December 29th. For details and 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!