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WEEKEND MASSES

ST. JOHN CHURCH

1405 FIRST AVENUE

SATURDAY 4:30 PM

SUNDAY 10:30 AM

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

201 CLARK STREET

SUNDAY 9:00 AM

ADORATION HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

MONDAY-FRIDAY 12:30 - 4:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

ST. JOHN CHURCH SATURDAY 3:30 PM

December 2, 2018

First Sunday of Advent

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults 10:30 AM Mass Today

The Rite of Welcome / Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens



The RCIA candidates express, and the Church accepts, their intention to respond to God's call to follow the way of Christ. **These new catechumens and their sponsors will be our guests at a reception held in the St. John Undercroft immediately following the Mass. Everyone is invited to stop by and welcome our new catechumens!**

Who is responsible for the RCIA catechumens and candidates, those who are seeking to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church?

WE ALL ARE!

Our faith is a gift, not for us alone, but for all. It is for us to share. We are asked to pray for them, to give them support and good example. Bringing new members into the Church is part of what we are commissioned to do by Christ through our baptism. **Please join the reception after Mass and welcome our new catechumens!**

RCIA Prayer

Lord, we pray for those who journey to You.
Strengthen their faith.

Open their hearts to the fullness of Your love.
Deepen their understanding.

Set their hearts afire for the kingdom.
We ask this through Jesus, who is the way,
the Truth, and the Life for all. Amen.

Saturday, December 8th

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

8 AM and 12:10 PM Masses - Holy Trinity

As this is a holy day of obligation this year, there will be two Masses 8 AM and 12:10 PM in Holy Trinity Church. If you'd like to make an offering at one of these Masses celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, there is a special envelop included in the December packet. Thank you.



COMING EVENTS



Baptism Preparation Class Wed Dec 5
Bless the Children Ceremony Sun Dec 9
Donut Sunday @ SJ Sun Dec 9
Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass Tue Dec 11
Pancake Breakfast &
Children's Christmas Party Sun Dec 16
Communal Advent Penance Services Thur Dec 20

HOLY FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday and Sunday - December 1 and 2

4:30 PM Mass SJ Ryan Byrge
 9:00 AM Mass HT Judy Walters - Birthday Remembrance
 10:30 AM Mass SJ Mildred Crone & John Ifcic - Birthday Rem.

Monday, December 3

12:10 PM Communion Service HT

Tuesday, December 4

8:15 AM Mass SJ23 Kitty Dillon-Day

Wednesday, December 5

12:10 PM Mass HT Don Schwab - Wedding Anniversary Rem.

Thursday, December 6

12:10 PM Mass HT Patrick Mulligan - Birthday Rem.

Friday, December 7

8:00 AM Mass HT Deceased Members of Kelly/Nori Families
 12:10 PM Communion Service HT

Saturday, December 8 Feast - Immaculate Conception

8:00 AM Mass HT Chris Hutchinson
 12:10 PM Mass HT John & Millie Sheller
 4:30 PM Mass SJ Ceil Cramer - Birthday Remembrance

Sunday, December 9 Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM Mass HT Cindy Abney Tiedemann - Anniv. Rem.
 10:30 AM Mass SJ Dennis Ryan - Birthday Remembrance

Weekly Collections Stewardship

Sunday, November 25th \$12,536

Thank you for your generous stewardship!

MINISTERS NEXT WEEK

Dec 8/9	4:30 PM SAT	9:00 AM SUN	10:30 AM SUN
Eucharistic Ministers	Dawn Pickerill 1B Frank Pressler 2B Ellen Krause 3B John Lyons 1C Franka Cope 2C Vicki Hall 3C Linda Weaver 4C	Jim Martz 1B Don Accurso 2B Mike Klapheke 3B John Lyons 1C Lee Ann Glick 2C Susan Combs 3C Kathleen Wourms 4C	Karen Gregosky 1B Rick Gregosky 2B Suzanne Stickelman 3B John Lyons 1C Jane Romer 2C Roger Romer 3C Ken Allen 4C
Lectors	Jeff Wadl Linda Gillaspay	Janet Chase Michael Paddock	Dee Golembiewski Joe Zappia
Servers	Zachary Paulus Mary Barlage	Bruce Bray Luke Bray	Sarah Volle Daniel Egelston
Greeters	Ann Fishbaugh D1 David Schul D1	Lee Ann Glick D1 Kathy Farler D2	Jane Romer D1 Roger Romer D1

Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: Is 2:1-5 / Mt 8:5-11
 Tues: Is 11:1-10 / Lk 10:21-24
 Wed: Is 25:6-10a / Mt 15:29-37
 Thurs: Is 26:1-6 / Mt 7:21,24-27
 Fri: Is 29:17-24 / Mt 9:27-31
 Sat: Gn 3:9-15 / Eph 1:3-6,11-12/ Lk 1:26-38
 Sun: Bar 5:1-9 / Phil 1:4-6,8-11 / Lk 3:1-6



Our Prayers and Sympathy are Extended

to the friends and family of Cyrena Wagers who died November 23rd and Clement Michalek who died November 27th.

In Your Prayers Remember Edie Mulhall, Debbie Cartwright, Gerry Heckler, Patricia Thomas, Roger Romer and John Frey at Atrium Medical Center this week.

Health Ministry: Need Sleep?

Food NOT to Eat Before Bedtime



A bad night's sleep can lead us to crave unhealthy snack/junk food the next day. A small snack before bed is OK but some food is likely to rob you of good sleep. **Coffee**, **Chocolate** (especially the dark) and **Sodas** (Coke, Pepsi, Mt. Dew, Red Bull) all contain caffeine, a stimulant, which stays in your system *long* after consumed. **Spicy Foods** containing cayenne, curry or peppers tend to increase blood flow which raises body temperature. For good sleep the body temperature should lower. **High Fat Foods** (burgers, pizza, bacon, cheese, anything fried) - more high fat = more acid production = greater chance of heart burn. Also add to this list of high fat content food: butter, ice cream, yogurt, nuts, and avocados. **Pizza** not only contains the high fat cheese, but is paired with acidic tomato sauce. **Celery & Water** - celery is a natural diuretic which quickly pushes water through your system leading you to the bathroom and not to bed; water - to stay hydrated drink sufficient amounts during the day or you may be visiting the bathroom throughout the night. **Hungry near bedtime?** Try a banana, kiwi, most berries or an apple, for all are healthy carbohydrates.

Health 24/AmJournal of Nutrition/Readers Digest

Happy 100th Birthday Bill!

Bill Muthert celebrates his 100th birthday on Thursday, December 6th. **Hope you have a wonderful 100th Birthday Bill!**



St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

The monthly SVDP meeting is scheduled for this Monday, December 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Holy Trinity Center.



Widows & Widowers Social Club

Join other widows and widowers for support, fellowship and community on the first Tuesday of the month - this December 4th - at 11:00 a.m. in the Holy Trinity Center. Please call Charlotte Begley 424-6835 for more information.



Knights of Columbus Council 1610 Meeting

The K of C Council 1610 monthly meeting is set for this Wednesday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the Knights Council Hall.



K of C Ladies Auxiliary Meeting

The K of C Ladies Auxiliary monthly meeting is set for this Wednesday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the Holy Trinity Center.



Baptismal Preparation Class

Wednesday, December 5th

7 PM St. John Rectory

If you are expecting your first baby or want your first child baptized we ask that you attend a baptismal preparation class, held quarterly throughout the year. The next baptismal preparation class is set for Wednesday, December 5th at 7:00 PM in the St. John Rectory. Call the office 422-0602 to register.



The Men's Fellowship Group

Men of the parish are invited to join for prayer and study every second and fourth Saturday of the month. The next meeting is this Saturday, December 8th at 7:00 a.m. - St. John Rectory.



Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

Next Weekend - Give Thanks for Religious

Show your appreciation for the retired religious who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection, using the special envelope included in the December packet.



Introductions to Readings

by Bishop Ken Untener, in collaboration with Catherine Haven and Fr. Bill Taylor



First Reading - Jeremiah 33:14-16

The prophet Jeremiah lived at a difficult time in Jewish history. Jerusalem, their beloved capitol, had been destroyed, and most of the people taken captive to far-off Babylon, which is in present-day Iraq. Despite this gloomy setting, Jeremiah expresses the conviction that the Lord will raise up a new leader from the line of David to restore and rebuild their native land.

Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2

The date was some 30 years after Christ's death and resurrection. The place was a city in northeast Greece called Thessalonica, where Christians were being persecuted. Paul, who had brought the Gospel there, heard about their perseverance and sent a letter of encouragement.

Bless the Children Ceremony

Next Sunday, December 9th

10:30 AM Mass St. John Church

Our parish 2nd Graders are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Joined by their parents, they will take part in this very special Bless the Children Ceremony.



You can take part in welcoming these children as participating members of our Parish Family by becoming a PRAYER PARTNER!

Let your 2nd Grade Prayer Partner know, through personal cards or simple little gifts, that they are remembered in your prayers as they prepare to receive these Sacraments.

How do you become a Prayer Partner?

Pick up one of the Prayer Magnets - individualized for each child - that will be available after the 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM Masses next week.

Who should become a Prayer Partner?

Any parishioner - who is *not* already a family member of a 2nd Grader - who wants to share their faith with a young person in our parish - who wants to take an active role in building community in our parish!

We hope you'll plan to join us in the St. John Undercroft for coffee, juice and donuts immediately following the 10:30 AM Mass next week!



Bring Giving Tree Gifts to the Office ASAP!



Our friends at Messiah Lutheran will deliver the ANGEL tag gifts at a Christmas party they have the **first week of December** and the SVDP will organize the STAR tag gifts with the help of the PREP kids tomorrow - **Monday, December 3rd**! It does take time to organize and move gifts from the churches and office to the kids who look forward to receiving them. You'll want to be sure to get your gift delivered in time! **Thank you!!**

Christmas Home Visits



Fr. Civile will be visiting homebound parishioners during the Christmas Season. If you or someone you know would like to receive a visit and Communion or Reconciliation, please call the parish office 422-0602 or email Kathi kathi@holyfamilymiddletown.com.

Christmas Flower Fund



If you would like to remember your deceased loved ones by donating to the Christmas Flower Fund, please use the envelope in the December packet and drop it in the collection basket. The list of names will be posted at the front and back of the churches for Christmas. **Want to be sure your loved one's name is correctly spelled and included in the list this year? Please print the name and make your donation by Sunday, December 16th**! Thank you!

SHALOM Volunteers Needed!



Holy Family Parish will participate again this year in the SHALOM Ministry.

We will provide meals and shelter for two weeks - January 6th - 20th. Any parishioner or group of parishioners who wish to help with meal service or with our greatest need - **overnight hosting** - please call HFP SHALOM Coordinator Carole Schul 422-9686.

The Colors of Advent



Advent has a two-fold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered, and as a season when that remembrance directs our minds and hearts to await Christ's second coming at the end of time. Advent is a period of devout and joyful expectation. This is very different from the penitential nature of Lent. Some parishes, Holy Family's included, use blue violet during Advent to preserve the traditional use of purple, while providing a visual distinction between the purple or red violet of Lent.

Bishop Fenwick High Class of 2018 Hall of Achievement Inductees & Champions of Fenwick



Induction Ceremony Today! Dec 2nd

This year's honorees include parishioners **Don Accurso '60** - Hall of Achievement Inductee and **Frank Long** - Champion of Fenwick.

Congratulations Don and Frank!

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First Friday Noontime Concert at FUMC!

Friday, December 7th Noon - 1 PM



"Harps of Grace" harp ensemble returns to get our Christmas season off to a perfect start. Experience the joy of multiple harps creating a moment of peaceful reflection in preparation for this busy time of year. First Friday Concerts are held at First United Methodist Church, 120 S. Broad Street, Middletown and are **FREE!** Brown bag your lunch and enjoy our complimentary soft drinks, coffee, and homemade cookies! For more information please call 423-4629 or visit www.myfumc.net.

The Middletown Civic Chorus Presents

Handel's "The Messiah"

Sunday, December 9th 3 PM

First Christian Church

4520 Rosedale Rd 45042



The Middletown Civic Chorus -

with Holy Family members Lana Ernst, Dee Dee Mosko, Judy Rogers and Deborah Silcox - will present selections from Handel's "The Messiah" conducted by Dr. Jeremy Jones. The Civic Chorus has sung "The Messiah" every December since 1942, making it the oldest continuous musical performing group in Middletown. There is no admission fee but a free-will offering will be collected.

How Much Do YOU Know About the Catholic Faith? SPECIAL ADVENT EDITION!



Find the answers on the last page.

1. The church's calendar year begins on
 - (a) payday
 - (b) New Year's Day
 - (c) Easter Sunday
 - (d) the First Sunday of Advent
2. The O _____ are sung during the last week of Advent.
 - (a) Antiphons
 - (b) to Joy
 - (c) Novenas
 - (d) Bible Readings
3. The Advent _____ is a common tradition that helps families prepare for Christ's coming by focusing on the Advent / Christmas symbols.
 - (a) fast
 - (b) calendar
 - (c) manger
 - (d) colored eggs
4. Advent is a season of
 - (a) contrition
 - (b) reconciliation
 - (c) preparation
 - (d) shopping
5. In the season of Advent, Catholics refrain from saying "Alleluia."
True False
6. When Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph decorated a Christmas tree.
True False
7. Advent wreaths have candles on them to symbolize that Jesus is the _____ of the World.
 - (a) Savior
 - (b) Light
 - (c) Ruler
 - (d) Judge

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by Dawn Pickerill / Principal

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#GIVINGTUESDAY UPDATE

As of this moment, we have raised \$55,526.02 towards our goal of \$100,000. We will add in any donations that are received this week that were postmarked on or before Nov 27th to come up with a final total for Giving Tuesday. I will convey this amount in next week's bulletin. THANK YOU TO ALL! Our Annual Fund continues, so if you missed Giving Tuesday, your donations will still be greatly appreciated!

TUITION ASSISTANCE

Through the generosity of the One Faith, One Hope, One Love campaign, the Archdiocese is able to offer up to \$1,000 tuition assistance to qualifying families. To apply, please visit the Archdiocese of Cincinnati website and click on "Education." Scroll down to "For Prospective Parents" and click on "Learn More." On the next page you will see "Tuition Aid" in the bar at the top. Click on these words and then on "K-8 Tuition Assistance." In the bottom left hand corner, you will see "To Apply, Click Here."

You may also apply for tuition assistance through the school using this same application. You may receive tuition assistance through school without receiving it through the campaign, however, you **must** apply to the campaign to be eligible for school assistance.



OUR DOORS ARE OPEN: No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your age, race, background, personal history, etc., no matter what your own self-image — you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here at Holy Family Parish. Our doors are open!

The Blessing of the Hounds

He doesn't just bless pets! Every November, people who enjoy the sport of foxhunting assemble for a ceremony known as the Blessing of the Hounds. This celebration, in honor of St. Hubert, asks for safety and good sport for all humans and animals involved and gives thanks to our Creator for the wonderful bond we all share. This year – for the third year in a row – our own Deacon John Lyons served as celebrant for the ceremony held by the Miami Valley Hunt. Once again we were very happy to have him!

DR. STEPHANIE BURK



Answers to the Special Advent Faith Quiz

1. (d) Unlike the civil calendar year, the Church begins her liturgical calendar at the beginning of Advent.
2. (a) Sung since the 8th century, the "O Antiphons" proclaim Christ as the fulfillment of people's desire for a Savior. These antiphons form the basis for the Advent hymn, "O Come, O come, Emmanuel."
3. (b) Advent calendars use images of symbols, stories, and traditions of the season to teach about God sending his Son Jesus as our Savior and Redeemer.
4. (c) Each year during Advent, we reflect on the meaning of God choosing to become a human being and dwell with us. The Church teaches that "only when Christ is formed in us will the mystery of Christmas be fulfilled in us" (CCC, n. 526; see also n. 524).
5. (False) Advent is a season of joyful preparation for celebrating the coming of the Savior of the world. Advent is characterized by expectations and hope.
6. (False) The German people in the fifteenth century were the first to bring evergreen trees into their houses as a symbol of the everlasting life Jesus brought to all humankind.
7. (b) Light was a powerful symbol in a world without electricity, especially during winter when there were few daylight hours. Early Christians used light to represent Jesus overcoming the darkness of sin (see John 1:5;8-12). The four candles represent the four weeks of the Advent Season.

Busted Halo Advent Calendar!

Check out this digital twist on the traditional Advent calendar that brings a sense of surprise by showing you the whole calendar, but not letting you 'open' each day until that day comes along. Each day the link will lead to a special Advent Daily Jolt and MicroChallenge! www.bustedhalo.com.



Part Time Job Available!

Coin Laundry, Middletown, is searching for friendly, motivated workers to be customer service representatives for all shifts. If you're interested, please call Paula 513-594-5931.



2019 Calendars Available

If you did not receive a calendar from a neighborhood representative, please be sure to pick up your free copy. You'll find them at the doors of both churches next weekend.



Dropping Your Land Line?

Please call the parish office 422-0602 so we can update our records. Thanks!



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Baptism Preparation Class - These classes are held quarterly: March, June, September and December.

The actual date, time and location will be announced in the weekly bulletin. Please call the parish office to register.

Baptisms - Please call the parish office to schedule a baptism.

Becoming Catholic - Please call the parish office to find out more about the RCIA process.

Bulletin Deadline - Submit announcements in hard copy or to monica@holymiddletown.com by noon Tuesday.

Hospitalization or Death in the Family - Please notify the pastor as soon as possible by calling the parish office.

Marriages - Couples wishing to be married must set the date with the pastor at least six months in advance.

Nursery - The Nursery is available in the St. John Center during the Sunday 10:30 AM Mass.

Parish Religious Education Program - Preschool: Sundays 10:15 - 11:30 AM and K - 8th Grade: Mondays 6:30 - 7:30 PM.

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