HOLY FAMILY PARISH

A Catholic faith community called to serve God and others through Eucharist, prayer, education, and daily living of the Gospel values.

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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 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

Bless the Children Ceremony

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 a 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 little gifts, that they are remembered in your prayers as they prepare to receive these Sacraments.

How do you become a Prayer Partner? Be sure to pick up one of the Prayer Magnets individualized for each child - available after the 9:00 & 10:30 AM Masses today.

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

Show your appreciation for the retired religious who made a positive difference

in so many lives. Please give generously using the special envelope included in the December pack.

Breakfast With Santa! Children's Christmas Party and Pancake Breakfast Next Sunday, December 16th **RSVP TOMORROW!** Details inside!!



And Then God Gave Me A Time-out **Inspirational Advent Talk** Donna A. Heckler Tuesday, December 18th 1 PM Be Radiant! Read more on page 3!

Coffee and Donuts Please join us for coffee, juice and

donuts in the St. John Undercroft

following the 10:30 AM Mass today!

COMING EVENTS Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass Tue Dec 11 Pancake Breakfast & Children's Christmas Party Sun Dec 16 Donna A. Heckler Inspirational Talk Tue Dec 18 Communal Advent Penance Services Thur Dec 20 SVDP 5th Sunday Collection Sun Dec 30

SHALOM Ministry @ Holy Family Parish Meals & Shelter Jan 6 - Jan 20

HOLY FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday and Sunday - December 8 and 9

4:30 PM Mass SJ Ceil Cramer - Birthday Remembrance
9:00 AM Mass HT Cindy Abney Tiedemann - Anniv. Rem.
10:30 AM Mass SJ Dennis Ryan - Birthday Remembrance

Monday, December 10

12:10 PM Communion Service HT

Tuesday, December 11

8:15 AM Mass SJ23 Special Intention

7:00 PM Mass HT Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Wednesday, December 12

12:10 PM Mass HT Helen Grosardt

Thursday, December 13

12:10 PM Mass HT Ann Hurst

Friday, December 14

8:00 AM Mass HT Jim Kramer - Birthday Remember

12:10 PM Communion Service HT

Saturday, December 15

- 8:00 AM Mass HT Malvery Jackson Birthday Rem.
- 4:30 PM Mass SJ Vincent DiNardo Birthday Rem.

Sunday, December 16 Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM Mass HT Don Goodman - Birthday Remembrance

10:30 AM Mass SJ Maria C. Saraceno - Anniversary Rem.

Weekly Collections Stewardship

Sunday, December 2nd \$18,093

Thank you for your generous stewardship!

MINISTERS NEXT WEEK

Dec 15/16	4:30 PM SAT	9:00 AM SUN	10:30 AM SUN
Eucharistic	Paul Presta 1B	Mary Anne Kelley 1B	Janet Zappia 1B
Ministers	Joy Rodenburgh 2B	Ginger Bruggeman 2B	Rosetta DiCristoforo 2B
	Jonathan McDowell 3B	Barb VonderHaar 3B	Christine Whittington 3B
	Paula Lindsay 1C	John Lyons 1C	Dee Golembiewski 1C
	Pat Montgomery 2C	Alice Brown 2C	Melissa Bauer 2C
	Linda Day 3C	Mike Schmidt 3C	Linda Jester 3C
	Carolyn Kraft 4C	Mary Ann Long 4C	Cari Hellmann 4C
Lectors	Dan Mabry	Laura Hafer	Henrietta Nye
	Beverly Mabry	Eric Hafer	Rick Gregosky
Servers	John Soppanish	Kate Hafer	Cohen Nicholas
	Dick Montgomery	Bryce Pennell	Gabrielle Volle
Greeters	Ray Barger D1	Mari Lynn Thurber D1	Emily Lawson D1
	Chloe Hill D1	Al Heckler D2	Aaron Lawson D1

Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: Is 35:1-10 / Lk 5:17-26 Tues: Is 40:1-11 / Mt 18:12-14 Wed: Zec 2:14-17 / Lk 1:26-38 Thurs: Is 41:13-20 / Mt 11:11-15 Fri: Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-19 Sat: Sir 48:1-4,9-11 / Mt 17:9a, 10-13 Sun: Zep 3:14-18a / Phil 4:4-7 / Lk 3:10-18

Our Prayers and Sympathy are Extended

to the friends and family of Lowell Esselman who died November 28th.

In Your Prayers Remember Gerry Heckler, Linda Lyons and John Frey at Atrium this week.

We Welcome Back Fr. Bob Obermeyer

Fr. Obermeyer will be the presider at the Saturday 4:30 PM Mass this weekend. Welcome back!



Health Ministry: What to Give?

The expensive holiday is here and 30% of us are still paying off last year's debt.



Tradition dictates that it's a *time of gift giving* yet, many of us already have too much stuff. Instead of adding to the glut of material items, consider giving **experiences** instead. Wrap your printed *experience gift offer* to:

A child — a field trip to the zoo, sports game, science center, train ride, live stage production, even a hike in the woods or a family night at the movies. Less costly, a DVD movie night at home with popcorn or an ice cream social.

Shut-ins, elderly, those overwhelmed by life events — home cooked or purchased meal or meals. Parents — a few nights of babysitting. Spouse — a few weekends to do whatever they want (with or without you) or do a specific job they do not like for a certain period of time. Friends — time together sharing life's ups and downs. Gifts of experiences are consumed instead of turning into clutter, breaking or gathering dust...the memories created from doing something can far outlast the pleasure of getting something.

PARENTING/ATTAINABLE/THE SIMPLE DOLLAR

Breakfast With Santa! Children's Christmas Party and Pancake Breakfast Next Sunday, December 16th



St. John Undercroft - Hosted by the K of C BREAKFAST SERVED 9:30 A.M. - NOON SANTA & CRAFTS 10:00 A.M. - NOON

You don't want to miss this great Christmas party and Pancake Breakfast! In addition to a visit with Santa, the kids will be entertained with various holiday crafts and activities. Breakfast includes all you can eat pancakes, sausage, and eggs - \$6 per adult and \$4 per child with a \$25 max per family! Proceeds will benefit SHALOM and the homeless people of Middletown. <u>Everyone is</u> <u>invited to the Pancake Breakfast but to join in the</u> <u>Children's Christmas Party, you must RSVP</u> <u>by TOMORROW! Monday, December 10th!!</u>

Msgr. McNary 4th Degree Assembly Meeting

The K of C 4th Degree Assembly meeting is set for this Tuesday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Hall.



Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe Mass in Spanish Tuesday, December 11th 7 PM - Holy Trinity Church



Fr. José Romero MCCJ will preside at this

special celebration full of love and blessings with Our Mother of Heaven, Patroness of the Americas. A reception follows Mass in the Holy Trinity Center.

And Then God Gave Me A Time-out

Donna A. Heckler Inspirational Speaker Acclaimed Author Former Parishioner



Tuesday, December 18th 1 PM Holy Trinity Church Donna wrote the acclaimed book, *Living Like A Lady When You Have Cancer* in hopes that others could live radiantly, despite their cancer journey. In her truly inspirational speech And Then God Gave Me A Time-out Donna shares her stories, all the while encouraging others to Be Radiant despite the challenges in their life. God now takes the front seat in her life as she shares her journey, her beliefs, her tips and tricks. Don't miss this compelling and inspirational talk that is sure to touch the lives and hearts of everyone in attendance. No RSVP necessary - light refreshments will be served!

Introductions to Readings

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



First Reading - Baruch 5:1-9

The setting for today's reading is the time when the Jews were captives in Babylon. The author writes of a bright future when they will return with joy to their homeland. In this passage, Jerusalem is pictured as a joyful mother, watching her children come home.

Second Reading - Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Of all the communities Paul founded, the one at Philippi was especially dear to him. Wherever he was, they sent him moral and financial support to help carry on his work. Now confined to a prison cell, Paul writes to them like a proud parent.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Thanks to everyone for your continued support and contributions, with which the



SVDP volunteers were able to assist needy neighbors again this past month. Here is the November data:

SVDP Pantry Food Donations

85 Households totaling 230 people

43 senior citizens 129 adults 58 children

SVDP Help Line Utility Bill Assistance

9 households - Duke 33 households - Water

SVDP Furniture Ministry

- 22 home visits to assess needs
- 24 deliveries of furniture moved to new homes
- 21 donations of furniture picked up for new homes

SVDP Prison Ministry

10 Butler County and 20 Middletown City Jail inmates participated in Ministry Sessions.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY & CONTINUED SUPPORT! 5TH SUNDAY SVDP COLLECTIONS OCCUR FOUR TIMES A YEAR. OUR NEXT ONE IS LATER THIS MONTH - DECEMBER 30TH!

For your convenience, we've included a special "SVDP 5th Sunday" envelope in the December pack. You can give your donation

December pack. You can give your donation directly to the SVDP member or place it in the collection basket.

SVDP Outreach Need for December

POTS PANS COOKING UTENSILS Please drop off new or gently used

pots, pans and cooking utensils at the parish office and we'll distribute them to our needy neighbors. Thank you!





RCIA Rites of Welcome & Acceptance



PREP NEWS PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Service to others is promoted as a great way to put our faith into action! The 8th graders visited the Hope House and the Center of Hope for Women & Children, helping to prepare and serve dinner, and play



Last Call for Giving Tree Angel & Star Gifts!

You picked a tag, you bought a gift, you even wrapped it - but it's sitting in your car or by the kitchen door and you keep forgetting to bring it to church or drop it off at the office. IT'S NOT TOO LATE!! We're here in the office 9 AM - 5 PM Monday through Friday. Drop off your gift and really make someone's Christmas! Call ahead if you're stopping near lunchtime!!

Help Wanted Decorating the Churches

We welcome anyone who's willing to help with decorating St. John and Holy Trinity Churches for Christmas. Thank you! Saturday, December 22nd 9:00 AM



Starting at St. John Church then Holy Trinity Church May be rescheduled if a funeral makes it necessary.

Communal Advent Penance Services

Thursday, December 20th Following the 12:10 PM Mass and again at 7 PM - Holy Trinity Church



Why not join in a Communal Advent Penance Service as part of your preparation for Christmas?

Christmas Home Visits



Fr. Civille 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 16st! 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.



by Dawn Pickerill / Principal

TRADITIONAL VALUES. EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION.

St. John XXIII represents 150 years of Catholic Education dedicated to encouraging and developing well-rounded, self confident and compassionate children and young adults who lead successful, mindful, service-driven lives. Our school community is the foundation on which our core principles of faith and hard work bind us together as a family.

If you are interested in a Catholic education that provides a challenging, structured and thoughtful learning environment led by highly qualified and experienced teachers, contact Principal Dawn Pickerill at 424-1196 for a meeting and a tour of the school.

#GIVINGTUESDAY UPDATE

Donations continue to come in for our Giving Tuesday/ Annual Fund campaign. To date we have received Thank you to everyone who has \$58,376.02. supported our efforts and our school. We are overwhelmed by your generosity and so very grateful!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our students in grades five through eight are allowed the opportunity to choose between taking band or music. Those students who choose to take band get to decide which instrument they would like to learn, with the choices being something in the brass, woodwind, or percussion families.

Additionally, we have an after school choir that students may audition for and that meets two times each week.

Our **annual band and choir concert** will be taking place on Thursday, December 13th starting at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to attend and show their support of our budding musicians.

Each year we also put on a **Christmas play** with the students in grades kindergarten through three. This year's production is "On With The Snow" and will take place on Monday, December 17th at 7:00 PM. Again, all are welcome to attend!

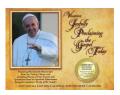
SVDP Outreach Ministry - A Personal Story

When I met Anna at her home visit, I had a strong sense of hopelessness. The phone call to our Help Line had come from her daughter, Erica, who lives out of town. She was concerned that her

72-year-old mother did not have a bed and was sleeping on a broken-down couch. It didn't take long to realize that I was wrong – Anna was full of hope! She had a queen size frame, still in the box, and hoped we could provide the mattress and box springs. Her broken couch was a huge presence in the tiny living room, but she had hope that Erica and her husband would be able to dispose of it before we brought her another. And she hoped we would be able to provide a bed for her younger brother, who was mentally handicapped and had lived with her for many years. Our conversation turned to Anna's health and she disclosed that the doctor thought she had cancer, but she was pretty sure she didn't. They had done some surgery but she was still feeling badly. My sense of hopelessness returned. Update: Anna is now comfy in a new queen bed with a lovely couch and a recliner in her living room. We were unable to afford a bed for her brother but I'm certain Anna is still hopeful it will happen. **Thanks for helping make the holidays a little brighter for all of our clients!**

2019 Calendars Available

2019 calendars featuring illuminated manuscripts from the Vatican library and including photos of Pope Francis and quotations from his Apostolic



Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel) are available at the doors of both churches. If you did not receive one from your neighborhood representative, please be sure to pick up your free copy. *And if you'd like to serve as your neighborhood rep and hand out calendars next year, we'd love to hear from you! Call the office 422-0602 and we'll get you signed up!*

8th Grade Day at Bishop Fenwick High School Friday, January 11th 8:45 AM - 1 PM Register by Tuesday, January 8th

Experience what it feels like to be a Fenwick Falcon! Eighth Graders will arrive in the morning and spend the first half of the day learning about the academic and spiritual side of being a freshman at Fenwick. After an early lunch, students are provided the opportunity to learn about all of the extracurricular activities they can

get involved in here at Fenwick. Call the Admissions Office 513-428-0525 or go to <u>www.fenwickfalcons.org</u> -**Be a Falcon For a Day!** The Middletown Civic Chorus Presents

Handel's "The Messiah" TODAY! 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.

PAA - Performing Arts Academy Presents "Elf Jr. - The Musical" LAST SHOWS! Saturday, Dec 8th 7 PM and Sunday, Dec 9th 3 PM

Performing Arts Academy Theatre - 4400 Lewis Street Tickets: \$15 Adults, \$12 Sr. Adults 65+ and Children 10-Buy tickets at <u>www.theperformingartsacademy.com</u> Holy Family Parishioners / St. John XXIII Students / BFHS Students in the cast: CATIE TRENT DREW JACKSON SANDER GERZEMA DAVID FINLEY

Know Someone Who Would Love a Very Special Visit?

If anyone knows of a shut in who would like a visit from a nice small dog – or yes, even a pony – particularly around this time of year, please call me at the clinic 513-422-4181. DR. STEPH BURK / WESTERN HILLS VETERINARY CLINIC



Set Builder Wanted! Call the office 422-0602 if you're interested in \$15/hr part-time at PAA!



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!



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Baptism Preparation Class - These classes are held guarterly: 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@holyfamilymiddletown.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. St. John XXIII Catholic School - Parish school for Preschool - 8th Grade - www.stjohn23school.org.





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