

# 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

*January 5, 2020*

*Epiphany of the Lord*

## Venite, Adoremus

Wise men came bearing gifts to confirm their star talk, for the infant Jesus is revealed as the mystery saving everyone — believers and pagans. All people are encompassed in the good news, the promise of the Gospel. All share the same inheritance. All share Christ's body, the new Jerusalem that is the church mothering us to salvation. God's brightness draws us close as a family. Daughters and sons share in God's life. Come, let us adore him!

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## Keep an Eye on the Forecast and if Need Be, Bundle Up!

Work has begun on replacing the St. John Church boiler but we're without heat until the new one is up and running - hopefully by the middle of the month. So check the forecast and bundle up if you're heading to Mass at St. John Church!



## Special Wedding Anniversaries in 2020

Couples who will be celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, 65<sup>th</sup> or 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary in 2020 are asked to call the parish office, as there will be a special parish celebration in February for all the anniversary couples. **Please call the office 422-0602 as soon as possible!** Couples who will be celebrating a 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary will also be invited to the Annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass held at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral in Cincinnati, the date to be announced in future bulletins.



## Inclement Weather Cancellations

In case of winter weather cancellations, we'll use the One Call Now robocall system to send out alerts. **Please be sure we have your current phone number on file!** Also, if you wish to be included in the group that receives calls regarding weekday and Saturday morning Masses and Communion Services, call the office 422-0602 and we'll add you to the list.



## COMING EVENTS



### SHALOM Ministry @ Holy Family Parish

Meals & Shelter .....	Jan 5 - Jan 19
Rite of Enrollment Ceremony .....	Sun Jan 12
Donut Sunday @ Holy Trinity .....	Sun Jan 19
VBS 2020 Planning Meeting .....	Mon Jan 20
Annual Catholic Schools Week .....	Jan 26 - Feb 1
Scout Sunday .....	Sun Feb 9

## HOLY FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday and Sunday - January 4 and 5

4:30 PM Mass SJ Donald Steere - Anniversary Rem.  
 9:00 AM Mass HT Cliff & Betty McGuire  
 10:30 AM Mass SJ Joe Stugmyer

### Monday, January 6

12:10 PM Communion Service HT

### Tuesday, January 7

8:15 PM Mass SJ23 Josephine Marconi - Anniversary Rem.

### Wednesday, January 8

12:10 PM Communion Service HT

### Thursday, January 9

12:10 PM Communion Service HT

### Friday, January 10

8:00 AM Communion Service HT  
 12:10 PM Communion Service HT

### Saturday, January 11

8:00 AM Communion Service HT  
 4:30 PM Mass SJ Downey - Schroder Family

### Sunday, January 12 Baptism of the Lord

9:00 AM Mass HT Jim Trimble - Birthday Remembrance  
 10:30 AM Mass SJ Pat Conti - Birthday Remembrance

### Weekly Collections Stewardship

Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> \$14,204.37

*Thank you for your generous stewardship!*

### ATTENTION

Weekday Mass Schedules of surrounding parishes can be found on our website.

## MINISTERS NEXT WEEK

Jan 11/12	4:30 PM SAT	9:00 AM SUN	10:30 AM SUN
Eucharistic Ministers	Paula Lindsay 1B	Don Accurso 1B	Lois Allen 1B
	Cecilie Ricke 2B	Bernie Driscoll 2B	Christine Whittington 2B
	Marilyn Kowalczyk 3B	Mike Clarey 3B	Marcia Egelston 3B
	Carolyn Kraft 1C	Mary Anne Kelley 1C	John Lyons 1C
	Joy Rodenburgh 2C	Marlene Ruwe 2C	Rosetta DiCristoforo 2C
	Kathi Mangus 3C	Janet Chase 3C	Melissa Bauer 3C
	Pat Montgomery 4C	Mary Ann Long 4C	Linda Jester 4C
Lectors	Todd Moore	Amy Bray	Laura Hafer
	Cathie Mulligan	Michael Paddock	Eric Hafer
Servers	Will Grant	Grayden Dwenger	Sarah Volle
	Mary Barlage	Nathan Dwenger	Cohen Nicholas
Greeters	Ray Barger D1	Donna Kramer D1	Christina Troidl D1
	Ann Fishbaugh D1	Marilyn Abbott D2	Eric Troidl D1

## Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6 / Mt 4:12-17,23-25  
 Tues: 1 Jn 4:7-10 / Mk 6:34-44  
 Wed: 1 Jn 4:11-18 / Mk 6:45-52  
 Thurs: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4 / Lk 4:14-22a  
 Fri: 1 Jn 5:5-13 / Lk 5:12-16  
 Sat: 1 Jn 5:14-21 / Jn 3:22-30  
 Sun: Is 42:1-4,6-7 / Acts 10:34-38 / Mt 3:13-17



## Our Prayers and Sympathy are Extended

to the family and friends of Michael Cochran and Melinda Dickerson, who both died December 25<sup>th</sup>, and Dwight Pearce, who died December 30<sup>th</sup>.

## Going into the hospital or hospice?

## Homebound or know a parishioner

who is? Please call us 422-0602 and let us know! **We need your help** in ministering to parishioners who are ill or in need!



## Health Ministry:

## Are You Ready for

## R, R, R & R

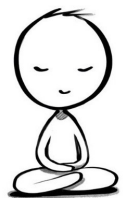
## Rest and Relax... what's that?

Unfortunately many people choose holiday times to accelerate and endure, rather than unwind. The festivities are past, so take the time now to rest and relax your body and mind in order to consider the other 2 "R"s...

## Reflect and Resolve.

**Reflect:** to think seriously about ones feelings and thoughts... successes and short-comings... and blessings. How to reflect? Spend time alone in silence, talk to yourself (*think out loud*), pour out your emotions (*cry if you need to*); increase your awareness of events around you to understand what others in the world face and then count your blessings.

**Resolve:** to reach a decision about that which you intend to change. Don't dwell on what went wrong; instead spend your energies on moving forward finding answers. Each new morning is God's way of giving us another chance to get it right. **"God *does* allow U-turns!"**  
*wikiHow/Authentic-Self.com*



## RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

January 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>

January 5<sup>th</sup> - Epiphany

11:30 PM St. John Rectory

If you're interested in becoming Catholic,  
please contact the parish office 422-0602.

## Thank You For Your Generosity!

Our parishioners donated \$10,505!!  
in this month's Fifth Sunday Collection!

These funds will be used here in Middletown to help the needy with food, utility bills, and basic household and furniture items. Thank you for your generosity and support! *Deacon John Lyons* - TREASURER



## SVDP January Meeting Canceled

With SHALOM in session and the Outreach on break until February, it was decided to cancel the January meeting. The next meeting is set for Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Holy Trinity Center.



## Widows & Widowers Social Club

The Widows & Widowers Social Club meets the first Tuesday of each month - usually at a different restaurant - at 11:30 a.m. Join us this January 7<sup>th</sup>! Just call Charlotte Begley 424-6835 to find out where we're meeting this month. We'd love to include you in our outing! You'll have fun!



## 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, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m. - St. John Rectory.



## Rite of Enrollment Ceremony

Next Sunday 10:30 AM Mass

Parish 8<sup>th</sup> graders will voice their intention to prepare themselves for Confirmation as part of a special ceremony during the 10:30 AM Mass next Sunday. Afterwards, these candidates and their families will be treated to a luncheon in the St. John Undercroft. Please keep these young people and their sponsors in your prayers. Confirmation is set for April 19, 2020.



## Introductions to Sunday Readings

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



**First Reading - Isaiah 60:1-6**

The last part of the book of Isaiah contains the words of a prophet who lived after the Jews returned from exile in Babylon, (which is modern day Iraq). They found their temple destroyed and the city leveled. But with great faith the prophet envisions a wonderful future for Jerusalem.

**Second Reading - Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6**

The Ephesians were a community in which Jewish and Gentile converts to Christianity lived side-by-side. The author of this letter confirms that God's saving grace is available to everyone, whatever their ethnic or religious background.

## Trip for Two to Ireland Raffle!

Tickets on Sale Next Weekend  
after the 9 AM & 10:30 AM Masses

Raffle by the Ancient Order of Hibernians who make our Irish Mass in October so wonderful. Let's support them!

**1 for \$10 or 3 for \$20 - Drawing March 17<sup>th</sup>!**

This Raffle benefits the AOH in covering operating expenses and for its ongoing Charitable Giving Projects such as gifts to Catholics Come Home, Right to Life, Wounded Warrior Project, and St. Rita's School for the Deaf to name a few. Let's support the Ancient Order of Hibernians who join us every year to celebrate our annual Irish Mass and you could win a trip to Ireland!



## Families of Children Overcoming Obstacles

**Support Group - Meets First Mondays**

**THIS Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup> 6:30 - 8 PM**

**Trinity Reformed Episcopal Church**

**5920 Butler Warren Rd, Mason**



We are a support group for ALL family members of all ages with a special needs child(ren). Join us in this great opportunity for special needs people to socialize and for their siblings to find peer support! *RSVPs are appreciated but not required.* For details or to RSVP, call parishioner Laura at (937) 829-0923.

## Nursery Available During 10:30 AM Mass

Parish big kids play with the little kids and everyone has lots of fun! Check out the Nursery in the St. John Center.





## NATION &amp; WORLD

## RELIGION

## Pope denounces 'rigidity,' warns of Christian decline

By Nicole Winfield  
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY Pope Francis warned Saturday that "rigidity" in living out the Christian faith is creating a "minefield" of hatred and misunderstanding in a world where Christianity is increasing irrelevant.

Francis called for Vatican bureaucrats to instead embrace change during his annual Christmas greetings to the cardinals, bishops and priests who work in the Holy See.

Francis' message appeared aimed at conservative and traditionalist Catholics, including within the Vatican Curia, who have voiced increasing opposition to his progressive-minded papacy. Their criticisms have accelerated over the past year, amid Vatican financial and sex abuse scandals that may have predated Francis' papacy but are nevertheless coming to light now.

Francis issued a stark reality check to the men in the Sala Clementina of the Apostolic Palace, acknowledging that Christianity no longer holds the commanding presence and influence in society that it once did.

He cited the late Cardinal Carlo Maria Martini, a leader of the progressive wing of the Catholic Church, who in his final interview before dying in 2012 lamented that the church found itself "200 years behind" because of its inbred fear of change.

"Today we are no longer the only ones that produce culture, no longer the first nor the most listened to," Francis told the prelates. "The faith in Europe and in much of the West is no longer an obvious presumption but is often denied, derided, marginalized and ridiculed."

As a result, he urged



Pope Francis exchanges greetings with Cardinal Angelo Sodano, left, in the Clementine Hall at the Vatican, Saturday. ANDREW MEDICIN/ASSOCIATED PRESS

the Catholic hierarchy to embrace the necessary pastoral reforms and outlook that will make the church attractive so that it can fulfill its mission to spread the faith.

"Here we have to beware of the temptation of assuming a rigid outlook," Francis said. "Rigidity that is born from fear of change and ends up disseminating stakes and obstacles in the ground of the common good, turning it into a minefield of misunderstanding and hatred."

He recalled, as he has in the past, that people who take rigid positions are usually using them to mask their own problems, scandals or "imbalances."

"Rigidity and imbalance fuel one another in a vicious circle," he said. "And these days, the temptation to rigidity has become so apparent."

Traditionalist Catholics have denounced Francis' emphasis on mercy and openness to doctrinal wiggle room on issues such as sacraments for divorced and civilly remarried Catholics. They also sharply criticized his recent synod on the Amazon, which called for the ordination of married men as priests, and what they considered pagan worship

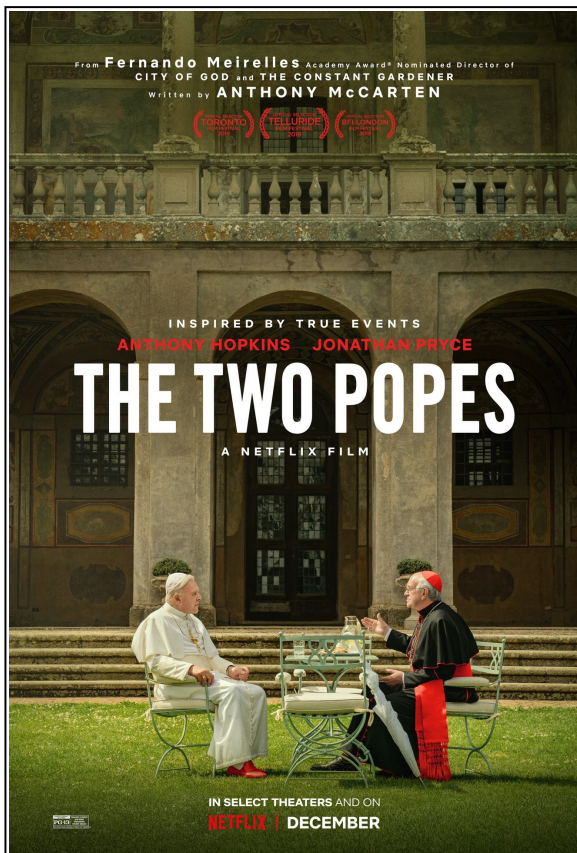
of an Amazonian statue of a pregnant woman that was featured during the meeting.

Francis has defended his outlook and priorities as a reflection of the Gospel, and the axiom that the true tradition of the church is one of a continuous, discerned path of change.

"Tradition is not static, it's dynamic," he said Saturday.

In a tangible sign of change, Francis issued a new decree Saturday limiting the term of the dean of the College of Cardinals, an influential job that had previously been held for life. Francis accepted the resignation of the current dean, Cardinal Angelo Sodano, and decreed that going forward, the future top cardinal would only have a five-year renewable term.

Sodano had been the powerful secretary of state under St. John Paul II, and was blamed in part for the Vatican's refusal to crack down on pedophile priests, including the notorious Rev. Marcial Maciel. Sodano, 92, continued to wield behind-the-scenes influence in the two papacies that followed, acting most recently as some thing of a beacon for conservative opposition to Francis.



A number of parishioners have seen *The Two Popes* on Netflix and all have enjoyed it and found it thought-provoking. Reviews say the dialogue is accurate from their speeches but that they're rearranged for artistic effect. We hope to do a study afternoon on this film as part of our Lenten talks. FR. JOHN CIVILLE

## Bishop Fenwick High School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Day

Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>

Student Event Time 8:45 AM - 1 PM

Parent Session 8:45 AM - 9:30 AM

Register by Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>

Bishop Fenwick High School invites all 8th Graders to our Falcon for a Day. This is an opportunity for 8th graders to further explore all the offerings at Bishop Fenwick. Dress is casual and Fenwick Spirit wear is encouraged. Register and find more info at [www.fenwickfalcons.org](http://www.fenwickfalcons.org) or you can call the Admissions Office 513-428-0525.

Pray the Rosary - St. John Center

Wednesday Nights at 7:00 PM



## EPIPHANY TRIVIA!

*Find the answers on the last page!*



1. How many Wise Men (Magi) visited Joseph, Jesus and Mary in Bethlehem?
  - (a) four
  - (b) two
  - (c) nobody knows
  - (d) three
2. Which King of Israel wanted to kill the baby who would grow to become the Messiah?
  - (a) Herod
  - (b) Quirinius
  - (c) Caesar Augustus
  - (d) Flavius Josephus
3. Who wrote the text of the Epiphany carol *We Three Kings of Orient Are*?
  - (a) Phillips Brooks
  - (b) Fr. Josef Mohr
  - (c) Charles Wesley
  - (d) John Henry Hopkins Jr.
4. The story of the visit of the Magi appears in the gospel according to whom?
  - (a) Matthew
  - (b) Luke
  - (c) Mark
  - (d) John
5. What is the origin and meaning of the word *epiphany*?
  - (a) Greek, meaning *before Lent*
  - (b) German, meaning *after Christmas*
  - (c) Latin, meaning *astrologers or magicians*
  - (d) Greek, meaning *to show forth*
6. What are/were the three traditional names assigned to the Wise Men?
  - (a) Huey, Dewey and Louie
  - (b) Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego
  - (c) Peter, Paul and James
  - (d) Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar
7. What is myrrh?
  - (a) a mercurial compound used to treat wounds
  - (b) the Arabic word for silver
  - (c) the dried sap of an African tree used anciently in embalming ointments
  - (d) nutmeg

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by Dawn Pickerill / Principal

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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.

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

In the words of Pope Francis: ***“God is peace; let us ask him to help us to be peacemakers each day, in our life, in our families, in our cities and nations, in the whole world. Let us allow ourselves to be moved by God’s goodness.”*** As we enter 2020, we at St. John XXIII Catholic School, will strive to keep these words in our hearts and minds.

### OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY, JANUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>

St. John XXIII Catholic School will be hosting a new family Open House from noon until 3:00 on Sunday, January 26, 2020. I invite you to help us spread this news to the surrounding communities.

### Some things you may not know about our school:

- Our school day begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 2:45 p.m. Students may be dropped off as early as 7:30 a.m. at no additional fee.
- We offer before and after-school care from 6:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.
- We offer many enrichment opportunities for our students including, but not limited to, Art Club, Choir, Builders Club (a community service club that is run in conjunction with Kiwanis), a writing team, Student Council, and a K-8 spring musical production (this year we will be performing *The Wizard of Oz*.)

More information to pass on about our school will be available in upcoming bulletins.



## 10 Practical New Year's Resolutions for Family Caregivers

As you may well know, family caregivers are constantly making sacrifices because to caregive is to love... and to love is to make sacrifices for one's loved one. That's why the following 10 New Year's resolutions may help you be a better caregiver without making your life harder.



1. Don't beat yourself up because you aren't "perfect" at caregiving.
2. Remember that even if you cannot take a big break, little breaks help, too.
3. Tell other family members that you're not mad at them. It's just that, "I've used up all my nice."  
Tell them what you want: alone time, a hug, chocolate....
4. Don't hesitate to ask for - or even demand - help.
5. Forgive yourself for the times you have lost your temper.
6. Enjoy and relish the joyful moments with your care receiver!
7. Admit that what you are doing is difficult. It is!
8. Remember that your older loved one's condition may become worse, that he or she may die, but it is *not* your fault.
9. Pray. Yelling at... speaking loudly at God can be a prayer that comes straight from the heart.
10. Know that you are not alone, even though at times you feel lonely. God has asked you to do this and you have accepted His invitation. He is with you always. Right here. Right now.

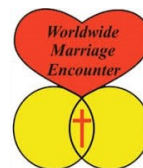
*Caregivers not only include those individuals who care for older adults, but also those who care for young children.*

Caregiver Assistance Network / Catholic Charities SouthWestern Ohio / Balance Newsletter

## A Weekend of Discovery...A Lifetime of Love!!

**What are you doing Valentine's Day? Why not make your good marriage great?**

The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is **February 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>** at the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood. For details or to make a reservation call Andy and Jeanne Folfas (937) 866-5196 or send an email [jeanemarie42@hotmail.com](mailto:jeanemarie42@hotmail.com) or [esharing.org](http://esharing.org). **MAKE YOUR GOOD MARRIAGE GREAT!**



### EPIPHANY QUIZ ANSWERS

1. (c) The tradition that there were three arises from the three gifts that were given to the Holy Family.
2. (a) Quirinius was the Roman governor of Syria. Caesar Augustus was the chief of the Roman state. Flavius Joseph was the Jewish historian who chronicled Herod's reign.
3. (d) The Rev. John H. Hopkins, an Episcopal priest, wrote the text of this hymn in 1857 for a Christmas pageant at the General Theological Seminary in New York City. Phillips Brooks, also an Episcopal priest, wrote the text to "O Little Town of Bethlehem" in 1865. Father Josef Mohr wrote the text to "Stille Nacht" ("Silent Night") in 1816. Charles Wesley, the brother of John Wesley, wrote the text to "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" in (about) 1739.
4. (d) The Greek components are *epi-* meaning "on" or "to" and *-phainein* meaning "to show."
5. (a) Luke jumps from the Nativity to when Jesus was twelve years old. Mark begins his Gospel with John the Baptist and the baptism of Jesus. John begins before the creation of the earth and then recounts Jesus' adult ministry.
6. (d) Huey, Dewey and Louie are Donald Duck's nephews. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were the three young Hebrew men cast into the fiery furnace by King Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 3:1-29). Peter, Paul and James are all apostles.
7. (c) Myrrh comes from the trees Commiphora myrrha and/or Balsamodendron kua. Merbromin or Mercurochrome was an antiseptic in the United States until it was banned in 1998 because of the fear of mercury poisoning. Fiddah is the Arabic word for silver. Nutmeg is of the species Myristica fragrans.

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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 a Member of Holy Family Parish** - Fill out a Census Form at the parish office or download the form at [www.holymiddletown.com/forms](http://www.holymiddletown.com/forms) and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office.

**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](mailto: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 - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Mondays 6:30 - 7:30 PM.

**St. John XXIII Catholic School** - Parish school for Preschool - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade - [www.stjohn23school.org](http://www.stjohn23school.org).

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