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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

This Mass Live Streamed

ADORATION POSTPONED

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION ST. JOHN CHURCH SATURDAY 3:30 PM

Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2020

Time to Deliver Your Giving Tree Gifts!!



STAR tags ask for a **GIFT CARD** so the family can purchase gifts. Please drop off your GIFT CARD with the STAR tag attached in the collection baskets, through the parish office front door mail slot, or via the US mail **ASAP!**



ANGEL tags for children whose parent or guardian is in prison ask for gifts, as they're unable to shop themselves. Please wrap your GIFT with the ANGEL tag attached and leave it under a Giving Tree or call ahead to drop your gift at the parish office Monday - Friday, 9AM - 5PM by

TOMORROW! Monday, December **7**th. Thank you for your cooperation, especially this year!

This year Christmas will be different with Covid-19. The traditional ways of being at home with family and friends will be restricted. Even being 'at home' with the familiar Christmas Mass will be different: social distancing and wearing masks, no choirs or procession, and no Christmas gathering or greetings as in the past. We'll do the best we can. We're all in this together.

Find the 2020 Advent / Christmas Brochure

at www.holyfamilymiddletown.com. This brochure was included in the Calendar PLUS bag this year and details the special Covid updates to our Christmas Celebrations this year.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - Thursday, December 24th

3 PM AND 5 PM --- St. John Church 3 PM AND 5 PM --- Holy Trinity Church Midnight --- Holy Trinity Church



Christmas Day - Friday, December 25th

9 AM --- Holy Trinity Church 10 AM --- St. John Church

HOLY FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday and Sunday - December 5 and 6

4:30 PM Mass SJ Cecilia Elieff

9:00 AM Mass HT Patrick Mulligan - Birthday Rem.

9:00 AM Mass live streamed and available on the website anytime.

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

The Catholic faithful who reside in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati continue to be dispensed from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass / Holy Day Mass. - ARCHBISHOP DENNIS SCHNURR

Monday, December 7

6:00 PM Mass HT Judy Pressler - Birthday Remembrance

Tuesday, December 8 Immaculate Conception

8:15 AM Mass SJ23 Jack Alderton — *students / staff only!*

12:10 PM Mass HT John Heller

Wednesday, December 9

12:10 PM Mass HT Claire Esposito

Thursday, December 10

12:10 PM Mass HT Anthony DiNardo

Friday, December 11

8:00 AM Mass HT Fran Hamilton

Saturday, December 12

4:30 PM Mass SJ Daniel Wallace

Sunday, December 13 Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM Mass HT Carolyn Gustin - Wedding Anniv. Rem.

10:30 AM Mass SJ Vincent & Anna DiNardo

Weekly Collections Stewardship Sunday, November 29th \$20,939

Thank you for your generous stewardship!

Please Disregard Extra Envelope in December Pack!

No, we're not have another special boiler collection!
Our Sunday Visitor forgot to pull that special collection
envelope from last year, so please disregard! Thanks to your
generosity, the St. John boiler was paid in full last December!

Thank You For Your Continued Generosity! Parishioners donated \$5,111 in last weekend's St. Vincent de Paul Fifth Sunday Collection!

These funds will be used here in Middletown to help our neighbors with food, utility bills, basic household and basic furniture items and, during the pandemic, rent financing.

Thank you for your generosity! Deacon John Lyons - TREASURER

Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: Is 35:1-10 / Lk 5:17-26

Tues: Gn 3:9-15,20 / Eph 1:3-6,11-12

Lk 1:26-38

Wed: Is 40:25-31 / Mt 11:28-30

Thurs: Is 41:13-20 / Mt 11:11-15

Fri: Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-19 Sat: Zec 2:14-17 / Lk 1:39-47

Sun: Is 61:1-2a,10-11 / 1 Thes 5:16-24

Jn 1:6-8,19-28

Our Prayers and Sympathy are Extended

to the family and friends of Lois Cochran, who died November 25th.

In Your Prayers Please Remember

Ken Beiser with home Hospice and Tony Donisi, Jim Martz and Paula Mehl at Atrium this week.

Health Ministry

The 3 A Formula:

Simple Steps To Get Clear & Free

So what to do when you are facing new and challenging circumstances, feeling possibly hopeless or helpless?

Acceptance... Awareness... Action.

Acceptance is a way of saying: I have choices as to how I respond to the challenges in my life. What if we can go through life laughing or crying? What would you prefer? Acceptance does not mean resignation. It is a simple statement of observation, the reality of the moment. Awareness is a gift that comes from having managed to stand back with some objectivity. It lifts us above the pit of no hope, gives us visibility, vision, and potentially fresh choices. **Action** is where we effect a change. It uses up the energy that was stagnating and makes you feel better. Almost any action can make a difference; provide a change of view. You have so much in your life going for you. Yes, I know that life can deal us some cruel blows. But please know that deep down, who you are is so much greater than any slings and arrows of outrageous fortune. Maybe this year, you will discover more of the extraordinariness of your ordinary life.

I accept that...I am aware that....My action is to.... excerpted - Anne Naylor, Contributor www.huffpost.com

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults December 6th, 13th, and 20th December 6th - What is Advent? 11:30 PM St. John Undercroft

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection Next Weekend - Please give to those who have given a lifetime!



Nearly 30,000 elderly priests, sisters, and brothers in the United States educate the young, tend the sick, and minister to the needy. Yet many religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for aging members. Your donation provides medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously in next week's collection, using the special envelope included in the December pack. *Thank you!*

Introductions to Sunday Readings

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



First Reading - Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

This passage from the book of Isaiah begins with God calling upon the prophet to encourage the Jewish people who are exiled in Babylon. The prophet is to tell them that they will be returning home soon, and the road of the return will pass through the desert. We will also hear God call the *people* to proclaim from a mountaintop the goodness of God.

Second Reading - 2 Peter 3:8-14

The second letter of Peter was written nearly 100 years after Jesus' death and resurrection. At an earlier time, Christians had expected the Lord to return in glory quickly. But by this time, they had lost confidence that the Lord would return at all. The author doesn't want people to abandon their hope, and gives a positive interpretation to this delay.

Meg Eckart Update! Meg is the daughter of parishioners Mark & Rose Ann Chase Eckart and is an alumna of St. John XXIII and Bishop Fenwick High School. Sr. Meg will be making her first vows as a Sister of Mercy in Georgetown, Guyana on Saturday, December 12th! Sr. Meg teaches Physics at the local Catholic high school and teaches Pathophysiology and communications classes at the Mercy Hospital School of Nursing. She is also heavily engaged at St. John Bosco Orphanage, with the below description taken from their website www.boscoboysgy.com: "Although we use the word "orphanage", we do so loosely – since our attention, care and love are not limited to abandoned or parentless boys, but ANY boy (ages 4 to 16) who is in need of a safe place to live.





We are a FAMILY providing love and supporting each other. We meet each boy's individual need for significance, security and strength in a way that moves them forward into life with greater confidence and a better understanding of how much God loves them."

The young men in the photos are boys who were at St. John Bosco's with Sr. Meg. The photo on the left is of a young man who has just graduated from Firefighter School and the one on the right is from the capping ceremony for another entering nursing school.

We ask parishioners to remember Sr. Meg in their prayers as she takes this next step. Want to let Sr. Meg know you're thinking of her? Email mrgrt.r.eckart@gmail.com or send her a card - St. John Bosco Convent,

3 Victoria Road, Plaisance, ECD Guyana, Guyana South America. Congratulations & Best Wishes Sr. Meg Eckart!

Readings for Saturday and Sunday

First Reading - Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the Lord double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken. Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord God, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading - 2 Peter 3:8-14

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay," but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out. Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel - Mark 1:1-8

The Lord be with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

And with your spirit. Glory to you, O Lord.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mass Prayers and Responses

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away
the sins of the world.
Blessed are those
called to the supper of the lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow.

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Hymns for Saturday and Sunday

Entrance

On Jordan's Bank

- On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry Announces that the Lord is nigh; Awake and hearken, for he brings Glad tidings of the King of kings.
- 2. Then cleansed be ev'ry heart from sin; Make straight the way for God within, And let each heart prepare a home Where such a mighty guest may come.

Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; William H. Havergal, 1793-1870 / A702646

Closing

City of God

Awake from your slumber!
 Arise from your sleep!
 A new day is dawning
 For all those who weep.
 The people of darkness
 Have seen a great light.
 The Lord of our longing
 Has conquered the night.

Refrain

Let us build the city of God.
May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love,
Has turned the night into day!

Is 40:1-2,9; Jn 1:5,7; Eph 5:8-14 Daniel L. Schutte, Text and music © 1981, 1983 OCP Publications. A702646

Busted Halo 2020 Advent Calendar!

This digital twist on the traditional Advent calendar brings a sense of surprise by showing you the whole calendar, but not letting you "open" each day and find out what's behind the picture until that day comes along. Each day, the link will lead you to a special Advent-themed Daily Jolt. Click 2020 Advent Calendar at www.bustedhalo.com

Communion

Jesus in the Morning

- Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning, Jesus at the noontime, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus when the sun goes down.
- Love him, love him, love him in the morning, Love him at the noontime, Love him, love him, Love him when the sun goes down.
- Serve him, serve him, serve him in the morning, Serve him at the noontime, Serve him, serve him, Serve him when the sun goes down.
- Thank him, thank him, thank him in the morning, Thank him at the noontime, Thank him, thank him, Thank him when the sun goes down.
- Praise him, praise him, praise him in the morning, Praise him at the noontime, Praise him, praise him, Praise him when the sun goes down.

Traditional American

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, drop it through the parish office front door mail slot, or send it via USPS. 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 20th! Thank you!



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 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 it under FORMs at www.holyfamilymiddletown.com. Drop your completed form 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@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 - Due to the coronavirus, the 10:30 AM Mass Nursery is temporarily closed.

Parish Religious Education Program - Due to the coronavirus, Sunday Preschool is canceled and Monday K-8th Grade have an in home program. Contact Dee Golembiewski, DRE, with questions.

St. John XXIII Catholic School - Parish school for Preschool - 8th Grade - www.stjohn23school.org.



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