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OUR MISSION

At Saints Peter & Paul, we cultivate the Gospel message and offer the Sacraments & Worship, activities & community for God's people. "We are God's co-workers."
1 Corinthians 3:9



DECEMBER 8, 2019

• SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday & Friday: 8:30am

Vigil Saturday: 4:00pm • **Sunday:** 8:30am
Holy Days: Check bulletin prior to Holy Day

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SACRAMENTS

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 3:00pm & the 2nd Thursday of the month 5–6pm.

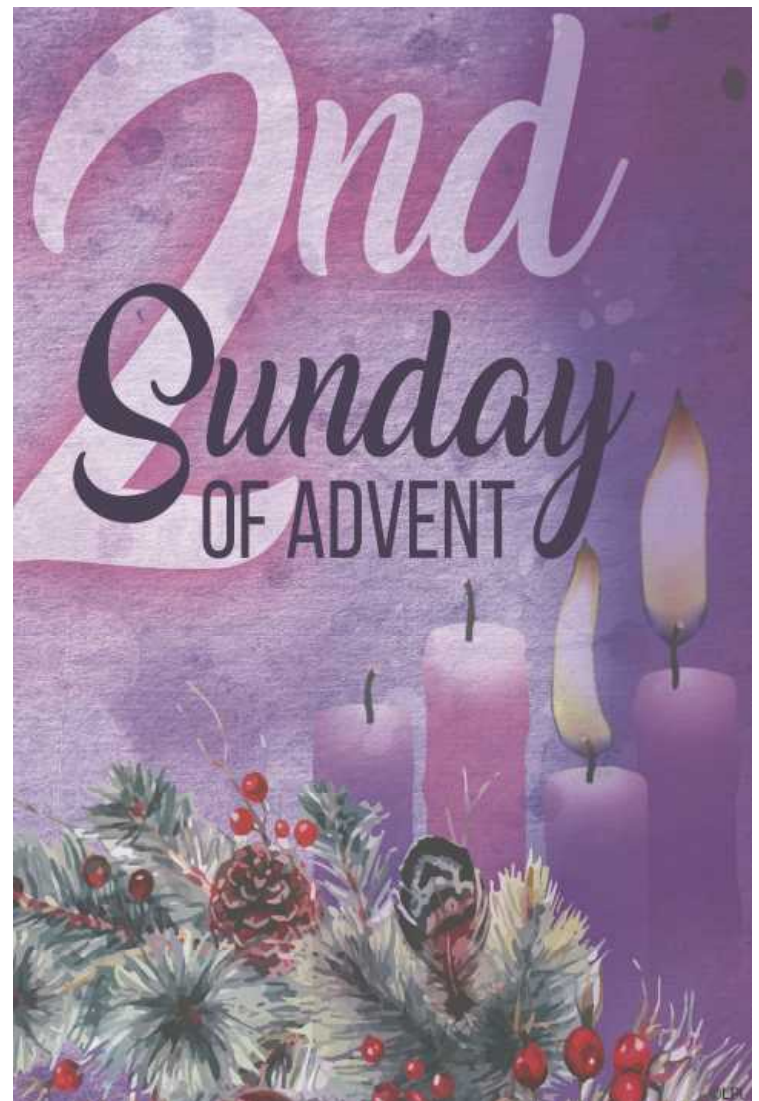
BAPTISM: Before any detailed arrangements are made, prospective expecting parents must attend a pre-baptism class. Arrangements are to be made at the Rectory Office in advance.

FUNERALS: Arrangements are to be made at the Rectory Office before publication in newspapers.

WEDDINGS: Arrangements are to be made in person at the Rectory Office at least six months in advance. All couples planning to be married must attend Diocesan Pre-Marriage Instructions.

SICK CALLS: Inform the Rectory Office of the ill and homebound.

RCIA: Interested in becoming Catholic? Learn about the Catholic Faith. Call the Rectory.



**Ss. Peter & Paul and St. Therese
LITURGY SCHEDULE
Second Week of Advent**

MONDAY, December 9, 2019*Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

St. T.—6:30 PM † John & Alice Wicinski

St. T.—7:00 PM Confessions

TUESDAY, December 10, 2019

No Mass

WEDNESDAY, December 11, 2019*Saint Damasus I, Pope*

Ss. P&P—8:30 AM † Martin Klaus

THURSDAY, December 12, 2019*Our Lady of Guadalupe*

St. T.—8:30 AM † John Roman

Ss. P&P—5:00 PM Confessions

FRIDAY, December, 13, 2019*Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr*

Ss. P&P—8:30 AM † Murphy Family

SATURDAY, December 14, 2019*Vigil, Third Sunday Of Advent*

Ss. P&P—4:00 PM For the People of the Parish

St. T.—5:30 PM † Frank Hokes

SUNDAY, December 15, 2019*Third Sunday Of Advent*

Ss. P&P—8:30 AM † Frank & Frances Kingzett

St. T.—10:30 AM † Leonard, Lillian, Robert, and
Thomas Bogucki

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Genesis 3:9-15,20;
Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday: Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14

Wednesday: Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday: Revelations 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Luke 1:19-47

Friday: Isaiah 8:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday: Sirach 8:1-4,9-11;
Matthew 17:9a,10-13

Sunday: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; James 5:7-10;
Matthew 11:2-11

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, December 10, 2019

Advent Gospel Study—PRS Bldg.—6:30pm

WEDNESDAY, December 11, 2019

PSR—PSR Bldg.—6:00pm

Choir Practice—St. Therese Church —6:45pm

SATURDAY, December 14, 2019

AA Meeting—Parish Hall—7:30pm

SUNDAY, December 15, 2019

Advent Prayer Workshop—St. Therese Hall—1:00pm

Communal Penance—St. Therese Church—3:00pm



**Start your preparations
by spending time with the Lord**

Confessions — Thursday, December 12 at 5:00pm
All Saturdays at 3:00pm

Communal Penance Service — Sunday December 15
At St. Therese Church—3:00pm

Immediately following the Advent Prayer Workshop for
those who wish to extend their retreat experience.

Opportunities for Reflection**Advent Prayer Workshop**

Sunday, December 15 at 1:00pm-2:45pm

Retreat—time for prayer, a delicious meal, and an Advent
reflection by Fr. John in the St. Therese Parish Hall. *There
is NO charge but reservations by December 9 are
necessary (to ensure plenty of food and supplies).*

Please call the parish office today!

Advent Gospel Study

Tuesday evenings now and through December 17.
6:30pm in the PSR School Building. Deacon Bob will
guide reflection and discussion of the
four Sunday Gospels of Advent.

Mitten Tree — Donations of new mittens, gloves,
scarves, hats thru December 22

Oplatki — Available in the Sacristy or Rectory

Saint Vincent de Paul — Monetary and non perishable
food items accepted to help the less fortunate.

Providence House — Donations for children will be
taken at the 4:00pm Family Mass on Christmas Eve.

Little Blue Books — Available at the doors of the
church. Free will offering accepted.

Angel Tree — Donations of Angel ornaments in
memory of a person you loved and cared for,
to be hung on a Christmas tree on the Altar.
Place in baskets at the cross aisle thru December 22



PASTOR'S NOTES

The Lord be with you!

We return to the *Baltimore Catechism* this week and finish its examination of Christ's Death, Resurrection, and Ascension. Following the words of the Nicene Creed, we affirm that after His Ascension Jesus now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. Even there Christ continues to act as Our Savior, now interceding on our behalf.

Question 418. Where is Christ in heaven?

Answer. In heaven Christ sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

Question 419. What do you mean by saying that Christ sits at the right hand of God?

Answer. When I say that Christ sits at the right hand of God I mean that Christ as God is equal to His Father in all things, and that as man He is in the highest place in heaven next to God.

My Commentary.

In kingdoms - especially ancient and eastern ones - the right hand of the king was a place coequal in power with the monarch. Generally speaking, the more powerful and extensive a kingdom, the more layers that a kingdom's court would have. At formal ceremonies these different levels of government would be both literal and metaphorical - with ministers occupying lower and more distant seats the further removed they were from the king. To be at the king's right hand was thus to be on the same level of the king *on account* of the king.

When we use this analogy about Jesus we are affirming exactly what Question 419 plainly states: Jesus is completely equal with the Father in His Godhood. Calling to mind that the Trinity has always existed, is currently existing, and will continue to exist, we need to note that there was no change in the majesty and greatness of God by Christ's Incarnation or His Ascension. God is always just God. What is fascinating by this analogy, however, is how it captures that Jesus does occupy a place by His Human nature, while at the same time affirming no distinction in power and majesty in between the different Divine Persons.

That last point brings us to the difficulties of understanding heaven properly. Heaven is not a geographic place but a different realm of existence that controls ours. Most ancient peoples used the same word for heaven and the sky in order to show that heaven was above them. Keenly aware of how storms influence the ground below them but not *visa versa*, ancient peoples had correctly apprehended part of what was going on.

Often we use heaven to refer also to God. Just as we name a government by its location (such as when we refer to the United States Federal Government as "Washington"), we sometimes to refer to what is properly God's action by using the word "heaven." Since God is the First Cause of all other beings, He directly sustains all of existence. In this analogous sense, heaven is the source of our being and is thus more real than we are.

Much as the earth could not exist without the sun, the entire cosmos could not exist without God. Yet, God is not in Heaven in the sense that we would be in a location: He is above it. All the angels and saints occupy a place dependent on God whereas God exists independently of any place and time. Grasping this can be very difficult since it confronts us with a truth about God that our language can barely phrase (you are getting closer the more your head hurts ;)

Bad puns aside, we should take great comfort in knowing that Jesus (and Mary) have brought our human nature into perfect accord with God in heaven. Glorified and resplendent in power and might, Our Lord rules all of creation to our benefit. Our prayers always reach God through the humanity of Christ. Jesus, King of the Universe, is also the eternal high priest forever interceding for us. May we sing His praises till the day of His Glorious Return.

In Christ, Fr. John

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Ask Father

Q—What is the status of the Ss. Peter and Paul school?

A—We are currently in the end stages of negotiations for the sale of Ss. Peter and Paul school with two local businessmen, Mark Melvin and Dino Trinetti. Mr. Melvin and Mr. Trinetti presently own Pompili Precast Concrete and a few other ventures. They would purchase the school and the area right around it from us and then lease part of the school to North Shore High School (a new charter school) and part of the building to Rising Stars Daycare and Child Enrichment (who has been in the school for several years). We hope to have the deal closed as early as January 2nd so that the charter school would have time to make improvements. Although the school will own part of the parking lot, we would be able to use their section whenever we needed just as they would use ours. Also, we would still be allowed to use the parish hall just as we always have for our meetings - in fact, we plan on having some storage in the building. Our pastoral and finance councils are in agreement that this would be a good deal for us. Some of the details of this - such as price - will not be disclosed till the deal is complete. Lastly, all proceeds from this sale would go to Ss. Peter and Paul. If you have further questions, please let me know.

Q—What is the status of the St. Therese school?

A—We are currently in formal negotiations for the sale of the St. Therese school with Charter School Capital. They would purchase the school and its lot outright from us and then lease the school to T-2 Honors Academy. T-2 Honors Academy would start running their charter school in the Fall of 2020 for grades 9-12. We would sell the building in early 2020 so that the school would have time to make improvements and get everything ready in the building for the next school year. Also, we would still be allowed to use the parking lot of the school on the weekends for our Mass parking. I am hopeful that we can conclude negotiations soon so that in February or March the property could transfer. Our pastoral and finance councils are in agreement that this would be a good deal for us. Some of the details of this - such as price - will not be disclosed till the deal is complete. Lastly, all proceeds from this sale would go to St. Therese only. If you have further questions, please let me know directly.



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Michael William Hydock
Thomas J. Sparenga
Fr. Ronald J. Rutkowski
George J. Awroski
Catherine Cigoj
Kathleen Ciurlik



OUR YOUNG CHURCH



PSR this week Wednesday, December 11, 2019. In case of inclement weather, stay tuned for REMIND messages.

Youth Group meets Wednesdays, December 18 at 6:00pm. Remind message with details soon!

ADVENT PRAYER WORKSHOP

Reservation Deadline is Monday! Please call the parish office before 3:00pm Monday December 9.

HAVE YOU BEEN CONFIRMED?

The Initiation Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation are typically received at certain ages, but for some people, a sacrament gets skipped. If you missed a sacrament along the way, or know someone who missed out, please call the parish office today! The grace of these sacraments is too important to miss, and we are here to help!

DECORATING THE CHURCH

Volunteers are needed on

Sunday, December 15 and 22

after the 8:30am Mass, approximately 10:00am to decorate the church for Christmas.

We will be setting up the trees, the nativity set, wreaths and other decorations.

Give the gift of your time and talent!



COATS FOR KIDS

Once again this year, the Garfield Hts. Knights of Columbus Council #4130 will be collecting new and like-new coats, hats, scarves and gloves for our Coats for Kids drive. The donation box will be in the main church vestibule from November 30 until December 15. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make the check out to Coats for Kids Foundation and mail it to Garfield Hts. K of C Council #4130 10806 Granger Road, Garfield Hts., OH 44125. Thank you in advance for your kind consideration.

ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOKS



We have a limited amount of Cook Books remaining from our 90th Anniversary Campaign.

They make great Holiday Gifts and will be for sale after all weekend Masses this week, December 7/8 and next week December 14/15 or at the Rectory during normal business hours.

They are \$10 each or a special value at 2 for \$15.

If you haven't already done so, now is the time to get them, ...one for you & one to share.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION 11-24-19

\$	2,400.00	Adult Envelopes
\$	258.00	Loose
\$	0.00	Children Envelopes
\$	802.00	Mail Envelopes
\$	100.00	Maintenance
\$	62.00	Energy Needs
\$	70.00	Christmas
\$	25.00	Music Ministry
\$	17.00	Immaculate Conception
\$	100.00	Altar & Flower
\$	3,834.00	Total for Ministry and Operating

OTHER COLLECTIONS:

\$	0.00	Guardian Angel
\$	5.00	SVDP
\$	65.00	Military Services

WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION 12-1-19

\$	2,921.00	Adult Envelopes
\$	222.01	Loose
\$	0.00	Children Envelopes
\$	813.00	Mail Envelopes
\$	835.00	Maintenance
\$	80.00	Energy Needs
\$	5.00	Music Ministry
\$	528.00	Altar & Flowers
\$	10.00	Immaculate Conception
\$	5,414.01	Total for Ministry and Operating

OTHER COLLECTIONS:

\$	55.00	Guardian Angel
\$	190.00	SVDP
\$	10.00	Military Services
\$	10.00	Religious Retirement
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