



Parish Schedule & Mass Intentions



From the Pastor's Desk

December 21	Saturday Advent Weekday St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church 5:00pm Mass (Celeste Klein Prussak)
December 22	Fourth Sunday of Advent 8:30am Mass (Sharon Bianco) 11:00am Mass (People of the Parish) 1:30pm Preparing the Church for Christmas
December 23	Monday Adv. Wkdy. St. John of Kanty, Priest 8:30am Mass (Lucietta Terzano, birthday, b. 1916) 6:30pm Communal Penance Service 7:30pm Scripture Study/Year of Faith (Church Hall)
December 24	Tuesday Christmas Eve 4:00pm Mass (People of the Parish) 6:00pm Mass (Special Intention)
December 25	Wednesday The Nativity of the Lord Christmas Day 12:00am Mass (Margaret M. Bauza) 8:30am Mass (The O'Leary Family) 11:00am Mass (Catherine J. Baker) 8:00pm AA Meeting (Church Hall)
December 26	Thursday St. Stephen, The First Martyr 8:30am Mass (Merla Cassell)
December 27	Friday St. John, Apostle and Evangelist 8:30am Mass (Margie Klebar)
December 28	Saturday The Holy Innocents, Martyrs 4:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:00pm Mass (People of the Parish)
December 29	The Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph 8:30am Mass (Josephine Fiorilli) 11:00am Mass (Dave Howson)



Scriptures for Week of December 22, 2013

Sunday	Is 7:10-14 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24
Monday	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Lk 1:67-79
	Christmas Eve
	<i>Is 62:1-5 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Mt 1:1-25</i>
Wednesday	Christmas Day
	<i>(Night) Is 9:1-6 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14</i>
	<i>(Dawn) Is 62:11-12 Ti 3:4-7 Lk 2:15-20</i>
	<i>(Day) Is 52:7-10 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18</i>
Thursday	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Mt 10:17-22
Friday	1 Jn 1:1-4 Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Saturday	1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Mt 2:13-18
Sunday	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Col 3:12-21 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Last weekend our Parish School of Religion students presented the annual Christmas PSR Pageant prepared years ago by Father Donohoe (he served as our pastor over thirty years ago). His intention was that the children would know the meaning of Christmas. A word of special thanks to Mr. Brian Quiser, all the catechists, the parents, and of course our young people for carrying on this tradition. In addition to the pageant to help prepare our minds and hearts to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord, Christmas, may I encourage your to participation in the celebration of the **Sacrament of Reconciliation Service on Monday, December 23rd at 6:30pm here at Mother of Sorrows Parish.** There will be four confessors. Be not afraid or concerned about what to do to participate in the sacrament. **It is Jesus our Savior** who knows us better than we know ourselves. He is standing at the door of heart waiting for us to welcome His healing, forgiving, loving embrace. **Will we neglect such a gift? The peace of Christ be with you. Christmas blessings to all!**

*Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,
your grace into our hearts,
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son
was made known by the message of an Angel,
may by his Passion and Cross
be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.*

Collect, Fourth Sunday of Advent,
Roman Missal, 3rd Edition

In Your Charity

Please remember in your prayers, The Reverend Albert J. Tesek, Senior Priest-Retired, and Charles Geraci, Father John's classmate. May Father Albert and Charles live forever in the joy of the Resurrection and may their families and friends be granted consolation. Amen.

In Your Prayers, Please Remember

Emma Aguilar, Richard Bennett, Celia Bican, Anna Bischof, Heidi Burmeister, Johannah Conner, Millie Fritz, Tom Gardner, Chris Gibbs, James Ging, Marilyn Griffith, Tayha Hostetler, Bob and Kathy James, Ellen Jansen, Kathleen Jones, Maureen Joyce, Marca Kaplar, Carol Leach, Delna Luce, Marcene, Margaret, John McDermott, Megan, Mark Munnings, Ashley Munoz, George Novak, Anika Patrick, Bridget Perez, Michael Phillips, Rita Lucy, Dorothy Rogus, Bruno Ruppel, Rosanne Sanford, Theresa "Tess" Slenn, David Shepherd, Bruce Styles, Marla Sliwinski, Phyllis Todd, Laura Tories, Marianne, Stephen, Sylvia Trecaso, Karen Vincent and all in need of God's healing grace...



Read and pray the Scriptures daily!



**Mother of the Savior,
Intercede for us!**



December 22, 2013
Fourth Sunday of Advent

When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

Matthew 1:24

Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is vigilant in its efforts to raise awareness and protect children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers, or personnel associated in any way with the Church, please contact local civil authorities and the Diocesan Response Services office at 216-334-2999 or via email at response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org.

Can You Help

The Fr. Hilkert Center at Visitation of Mary is in need of some strong people to help pick up furniture donations for the center. We give away furniture to people who are in need, but in order to do that, we need people to help pick up donations. We try not to overwork the volunteers we have and would like to have some to use occasionally, about twice a month or so. If you have a truck and could help, please contact Cathie or Jim Perusek at 330-467-5762.

It Is Still Cold Outside!

Blessings to all who have donated winter clothing to the SDVP Ozanam Center in Akron! Again, there is always a great need for coats, hats, scarves, and gloves. You may bring them to church when coming to Mass on the weekend and leave them in the hall or Church vestibule. May God bless you for your help in keeping those in need warm this winter!

DONATE THAT OLD CAR

Donate your used car, van or pickup truck to the SVDP Car Donation Program, and avoid the hassles and headaches of trading it in or selling it yourself. Your vehicle will be sold and the proceeds used by the St. Vincent de Paul Society in the Diocese of Cleveland in their charitable programs that assist the needy and suffering. You may also be eligible for an income tax deduction. To donate your vehicle and have it picked up within 24 hours, please call 1-800-322-8284 or visit www.svdpusacars.com.

2013 Donation Summaries

Requests for donation summaries may be placed in the collection basket with your name, address, phone number, email, and envelope number. May God reward your generosity many times over!



Advent Prayer

Father, in the wilderness of the Jordan
You sent a messenger to prepare people's hearts
for the coming of Your Son.
Help me to hear His words and repent of my sins,
so that I may clearly see the way to walk,
the truth to speak, and the life to live for Him,
our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Today's Missal, OCP 2013

The Solemnity of St. John the Evangelist

You are invited to honor St. John as the Patron Saint of our Diocese, our Cathedral Parish, and the Cathedral Church itself on Friday, December 27, 2013. Bishop Lennon will celebrate the 12:00pm Mass with the addition of special music. At 7:00pm, Bishop Lennon will preside at Solemn Sung Vespers. All our welcome, especially the young and those preparing for initiation. Free secure parking is available. Come and celebrate this Feast of our Patron Saint in the beauty of the Christmas Season at St. John Cathedral.

Overwhelming Generosity



Once again Mother of Sorrows Parishioners, you have demonstrated your kindness and charity. Through your participation in the Giving Tree program many in our community will find gifts under their Christmas Tree because you shared your time and treasure. They will know that others care because of your generosity. Both you and they have been given the gift of Christmas! Yes, all have been blessed!

Christmas 2013 Poinsettias



With this weekend's bulletin you will find a special insert listing the names of individuals remembered or honored by donations for the poinsettias used to decorate the church during this year's Christmas – Epiphany Season. Thank you!

Weekend of December 15, 2013

Sunday Offering	3,154.75
Immaculate Conception (additional)	10.00
Church Maintenance	750.00
Retirement Fund for Religious (additional)	510.00
Poinsettia Christmas Fund (additional)	315.00
Oplatki	41.00
Christmas 2013 (additional)	10.00

Thank you for your generosity!