



Parish Schedule and Mass Intentions



From the Pastor's Desk

December 17	Saturday Advent Weekday 5:00pm Mass (<i>People of the Parish</i>)
December 18	Fourth Sunday of Advent 8:30am Mass (<i>Susan Allanson</i>) 10:00am PSR Christmas Pageant (Church) 11:00am Mass (<i>Thomas Meeker</i>)
December 19	Monday Advent Weekday 8:30am Mass (<i>John Lahoski</i>) 7:30pm Bible Study/Book of Job (Church Hall)
December 20	Tuesday Advent Weekday 8:30am Mass (<i>Ted Bizon, Sr.</i>)
December 21	Wednesday Advent Weekday; St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church 8:00pm AA Meeting (Church Hall)
December 22	Thursday Advent Weekday 8:30am Mass (<i>All Souls</i>) 12:00pm <i>Decorating the Church for Christmas</i> 7:00pm Penance Service at MOS
December 23	Fri. Advent Weekday; St. John of Kanty, Priest 8:30am Mass (<i>Lucietta Terzano, B. 12/23/1916</i>)
December 24	Saturday Christmas Eve 4:00pm Vigil Mass (<i>John Lemmo</i>) 6:00pm Vigil Mass (<i>The Joyce Family</i>)
December 25	Sunday The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day) 12:00am Midnight Mass (<i>Margaret M. Bauza</i>) 8:30am Mass (<i>People of the Parish</i>) 11:00am Mass (<i>Special Intention</i>)

Oplatki

The Christmas wafers known as "Oplatki" are available near the Advent Wreath. It is part of a wonderful custom where the wafer is shared as a sign of peace among those gathered for the Christmas meal. Jesus is the Bread of Life. Bethlehem means house of bread.

Scriptures for Week of December 18, 2016

Sunday	Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24
Monday	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
Tuesday	Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45
Thursday	1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
Friday	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
Saturday	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79

Christmas Eve

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25

Sunday, Christmas Day

Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18

Read and pray the Scriptures daily



Already it is the Fourth Sunday of Advent and the days of Christmas are quickly approaching. That the joy of Christ's birth truly fill our hearts, may loving concern for others enable us to encounter and bring the Savoir's presence to the waiting world of today. Let us pray...

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, 4th Sunday of Advent, Roman Missal, 3rd Edition

Thinking of Others

The Giving Tree at Mother of Sorrows has been a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate "loving concern for others" and wonderful outreach to members of the community. May Christ the Lord find a special place in the hearts of all who have shared and received because of the MOS Giving Tree!!!

In Your Charity

Please remember in your prayers **Ted Bizon, Sr.**, father of Deacon Ted J. Bizon, Jr. (Bernadette); Deacon Alfred J Koch, Deacon of Holy Martyrs Parish, Medina. May Ted, Deacon Koch and all our beloved deceased live forever in the joy of the Resurrection and may their families and friends be granted consolation. Amen.

Please Pray For...



Ann, Arthur, Monica Baird, Garth Bender, Violet Benich, Richard Bennett, Celia Bican, Bishop Prasad, Dennis Babb, Logan Boone, James Brigotti, Heidi Burmeister, Johannah Conner, Frank, Millie Fritz, Tom Gardner, Chris Gibbs, James Ging, Marilyn Griffith, Tayha Hostetler, Kathy James, Ellen Jansen, Jill, Kathleen Jones, Maureen Joyce, Marca Kaplar, Helen Kracker, Carol Leach, Paul Marcene, John McDermott, Megan, Annalisa Menke, Audrey Menke, Menke Family, Bill Misencik, Marjorie Morgan, Molly, Ashley Munoz, Natalie, Nate, Carroll O'Donnell, Richard Edward and Richard William Parker, Anika Patrick, Bridget Perez, Michael Phillips, Jacqueline Polcen, Rita, Bruno Ruppel, Rosanne Sanford, Bonita, Steve Sheets, Doris Shriver, Mallory Trecaso, Theresa "Tess" Slenn, Miriam Sommers, Stephen Sommer, Shirley Southard, Amy Stephen, Paul Stephen, Bruce Styles, Marla Sliwinski, Clara Szydlowski, Patty Tesmer, Laura Tories, Marianne, Stephen, Paul Trecaso, Sylvia Trecaso, Minnie Wagner, Patricia Wiatrowski, all in need of prayer, all who wished to be remembered and those who are forgotten...



*December 18, 2016
Fourth Sunday of Advent
“Joseph, son of David, do not be
afraid to take Mary your wife into
your home.” ~ Matthew 1:20*

General Intercessions

For fathers and stepfathers, that they will, like Joseph be open to God’s direction and then act with courage.
Let us pray to the Lord.

December Prayer Intention

Not all persons experience loving families and receive multiple gifts. Remember and pray for those who are bought and sold as commodities for greed and pleasure. (US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking, and Summit County Collaborative Against Human Trafficking)

Family Perspectives

Without the angel’s intervention, a confused and hurt Joseph was planning to quietly divorce Mary. Those people who come into our lives at times of confusion and help us find our way are truly angels to us, like Joseph, we need to listen to them, frequently those angels are in our own homes.

Ozanam Center News

The Ozanam Center will again be giving out winter coats to our clients. We are in desperate need of good used or new men’s and children’s coats. If you can help in this effort, we would appreciate it. The Center is open on Saturdays from 9:30am-12pm and someone would be happy to help unload them.

“Joy of the Gospel”

Need a New Years Resolution? Come join us at Bible Study on Mondays from 7:30-9pm for Joy of the Gospel by Pope Francis. The books are only \$5 and class begins January 2nd. If you would like to join us, please contact Chris Czerski at 330-666-0408 or cjc@gmail.com by December 20th so we know how many books to order.

Help the Needy of Northeast Ohio

The Cleveland Furniture Bank provides basic home furnishings to people in need who are trying to rebuild their lives. Each year, over 3000 needy people receive couches, chairs, kitchen tables, dressers and beds to help them in this process. If you are downsizing, remodeling, redecorating or just have good, usable furniture you no longer need, call 216-459-2265 x101 or visit www.clevelandfurniturebank.org/donate to schedule a pickup. If you have other items, such as clothing, household goods, pots and pans, dishes, etc. they will pick those up at the same time. A nominal \$20 fee will assist us defray a small portion of our costs to pick up items and provide them to those we serve. Thank you!

Prayer for Migrant Children

Loving Father,
in your infinite compassion,
we seek your divine protection for refugee children who are often alone and afraid.
Provide solace to those
who have been witnesses to violence and destruction,
who have lost parents, family, friends, home,
and all they cherish due to war or persecution.
Comfort them in their sorrow,
and bring help in their time of need.
Show mercy to unaccompanied
migrant children, too, Lord.
Reunite them with their families and loved ones.
Guide those children
who are strangers in a foreign land
to a place of peace and safety.
Comfort them in their sorrow,
and bring help in their time of need.
Show us how we might reach out
to these precious and vulnerable children.
Open our hearts
to migrant and refugee children in need,
so that we might see in them your own migrant Son.
Give us courage to stand up in their defense against
those who would do them harm.
For this we pray through our Lord Jesus Christ, who
lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.
Amen.

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Retirement Fund for Religious

God’s blessings on all who have supported the Retirement fund for Religious Sisters, Brothers, and Priests. A sister from Indiana writes, “Because of your kindness, our elderly sisters will have the comfort, security, and joy of living out their remaining years here in their home. You truly honor them and their many years of service by your generosity.” Religious across the United States offer sincere thanks for your generosity to last week’s special collection!

Weekend of December 11, 2016

<i>Sunday Offering</i>	<i>2,339.00</i>
<i>Church Maintenance</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>Retirement Fund for Religious</i>	<i>958.00</i>
<i>Immaculate Conception (additional)</i>	<i>55.00</i>
<i>Christmas 2016 (additional)</i>	<i>50.00</i>
<i>Poinsettia Fund (additional)</i>	<i>200.00</i>
<i>Giving Tree (additional)</i>	<i>10.00</i>

Thank you for your generosity!