



## Parish Schedule and Mass Intentions

December 1 Saturday: *Weekday in Ordinary Time (34)*  
 4:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 5:00pm Mass (*Leonard and Bernice Stevens*)

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December 2 First Sunday in Advent  
 8:30am Mass (*People of the Parish*)  
 9:40am-10:40am Parish School of Religion (*Church Hall*)  
 11:00am Mass (*Paul Madonia*)  
 4:00pm *Festival of Lessons and Carols (Church)*

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December 3 Monday: Saint Francis Xavier, Priest  
 8:30am Mass (*Virginia Elaine Kunas, b. 12/3/1920*)

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December 4 Tuesday: Advent Weekday (1);  
 Saint John Damascene, Priest, Doctor of the Church  
 8:30am Mass (*Elizabeth L. Needs, b. 12/4/1977*)

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December 5 Wednesday: Advent Week (1)  
 7:00pm Mass (*Virginia Elaine Kunas, d. 12/5/2016*)  
 8:00pm AA Meeting (*Church Hall*)

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December 6 Thursday: Advent Weekday (1); Saint Nicholas, Bishop  
 8:30am Mass (*Reverend Sylvester W. Fridrich, d. 12/4/2010*)

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December 7 Friday: Saint Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church  
 8:30am Mass (*Kathleen M. Cooke*)  
*Vigil of Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of BVM*  
 4:15pm Mass (*People of the Parish*)  
 7:00pm Mass (*All Souls*)

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December 8: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of BVM  
 8:30am Mass (*Margaret Bauza*)  
 11:00am Mass (*Regina Stuhldreher*)  
 12:00noon Marian Prayer Service (*Hour of Grace*)  
 4:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 5:00pm Mass (*Annette Wojtkowski*)

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December 9 Second Sunday in Advent  
 8:30am Mass (*Dice Moledor*)  
 9:40am-10:40am PSR Pageant Rehearsal (*Church Hall*)  
 11:00am Mass (*People of the Parish*)

### Pope Francis's Intention For December

*In the Service of the Transmission of Faith*

That people, who are involved in the service of the transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

### General Intercession

*For single parents who struggle to raise their children alone, that they may receive the support and encouragement of others. Let us pray to the Lord.*

### Family Perspective

At this time of the year we become more conscious of our family as we make preparations for cards, gifts and visits. Today's gospel warns us not to get "weighted down" by activity. "Take heed to yourselves" during this Advent and devote yourself to appreciating the gift of those who are already such an important part of your life. The greatest gift this season might be the true appreciation of Christ in others.



Readings for Sunday and Daily Mass for the Week of December 2, 2018 can be found in the bulletin "Take Five for Faith" insert.



## From the Pastor's Desk

*This Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent, begins the Year of Grace 2019. As we enter the time of Advent, many are thinking of Christmas when Jesus first came into the world. Yet we are also called to be alert to the coming of the Lord when He comes again at the end of the ages. Let us pray...*

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worth to possess the heavenly Kingdom Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

*Collect, First Sunday in Advent,  
Roman Missal, 3rd Edition*

### Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary December 8, Holy Day of Obligation

*Masses for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary are Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, at 4:15pm and 7:00pm and on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> the Masses are 8:30am and 11:00am. After the 11:00am Mass there will be a special Marian Prayer Service (Hour of Grace)\*.*

*\*Please join together from 12:00pm to 1:00pm on December 8<sup>th</sup> for the Marian devotion, The Hour of Grace. On this day in 1947, our Blessed Mother appeared to Sister Pierina in a little church in Montichiari, Italy and stated: "It is my wish that every year, on December 8<sup>th</sup>, at noon, the HOUR OF GRACE FOR THE WORLD be celebrated. Many divine and bodily graces will be received through this devotion..." Our time together will begin with Psalm 51 followed by silent communication with God, meditating on the Passion of Jesus, saying the Rosary, and giving praise and thanks to the Lord.*

### Festival of Lessons and Carols

Come and immerse yourself in the joy of the Advent Season on December 2, the First Sunday of Advent at this *Festival of Lessons and Carols* at Mother of Sorrows Church, 6034 South Locust Street, Peninsula, Ohio at 4:00pm. The Festival of Lessons and Carols is an Advent Tradition dating back to the late Nineteenth Century. Blending together Scripture readings, prayers, Christmas carols, and other religious music may prove to be a special grace. Despite the Fall of Adam and Eve, God's loving plan of salvation brought hope and is realized in the birth of Jesus, his life death and Resurrection. It does not end there. Jesus commissions his disciple to go out and immerse the world in every time and place to the joy and life that He brings. Advent is after all about the coming of the Lord in the beginning and when He comes again to complete God's loving plan of salvation. To help signify the joy and light that has come and will come again, a candle is lit after each reading and then as the final candle is lit, using the light from that candle, those gathered light their candles symbolizing the Light come into world and enlightens our time. In turn we carry with us this Advent joy to Christmas 2018 and beyond to the New Year 2019. So do come. Know all are most welcome. Bring a friend or neighbor too!



**Please pray for...**

Ann, Richard Bennett, Terry Balinski, Celia Bican, Dennis Babb, Logan Boone, Susan Bormet, Johanna Conner, Allan Cook, Gary Crowe, Scott Ensign, Frank, Millie Fritz, Tom Gardner, Chris and Laura Gibbs, James Ging, Richard J. Grabowski, Marilyn Griffith, Angie Grimes, Jennifer Grimes, Jack Harley, Crystal Hatzimanolis, Eileen Herrman, Tayha Hostetler, Ralph Jerome, Jill, Kathleen Jones, Maureen Joyce, Marca Kaplar, Douglas Klubnik, Kenneth Klubnik, Helen Kracker, Carol Leach, Ramona Lucas, Paul Marcene, John McDermott, Megan, Annalisa Menke, Audrey Menke, Menke Family, Bill Misencik, Connie Morehouse, Tom Morgan, Ashley Munoz, Natalie, Nate, Collin Nemet, Noa, Carroll O'Donnell, Richard Edward Parker, Bridget Perez, , Michael Phillips, Jacqueline Polcen, Rita, Helen Rhuling, Lynn Riley, Bruno Ruppel, Steve Sheets, Stefanie, Stephen Sommer, Shirley Southard, Amy Stephen, Paul Stephen, Bruce Styles, Marla Sliwinski, Patty Tesmer, Laura Tories, Marianne, Stephen, Mallory Trecaso, Paul Trecaso, Elizabeth Wait, Patricia Wiatrowski, Darlene Zaco and all need of prayerful support. Amen. (Requests or changes call 330-657-2631 or email us at [mospenoh@windstream.net](mailto:mospenoh@windstream.net)

**Giving Tree Returns Next Sunday**

Please remember to return MOS Giving Tree tags with gift by next Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> ... there are still 63 tags for gift items. The gifts will bring joy to someone in our area. Christmas blessings for sharing!!!

**Hello Everyone!**

Theology on the Rocks is taking a little break during the month of December. We'll be back in January and look forward to a full schedule of speakers in 2019!

**DSWS**

A "Caring and Sharing" session for those struggling with divorce, separation or widowhood will be held on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7:30-9:00 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary's Convent Building, 1945 Portage Trail in Cuyahoga Falls. Marlene Maruna, retired social worker, will facilitate this session. This event is open at no charge to people of all faiths. For information call Marlene at 330-607-6284.

**Fairlawn Event**

Don't miss Scott Hahn and the St. Paul Center at St. Hilary Catholic Church on Saturday, December 8, 2018 for a powerful presentation on the riches of our Catholic faith. The event will run from 9:00am to 12:15pm. Register now at <https://stpaulcenter.com/fairlawn/>.

**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.*

**Preparing for Christmas**

A Christmas Concert with the Daughters of St. Paul Choir will be **Wednesday, 12 December 2018, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 1007 Superior Avenue, Cleveland. The concert is free and open to all. No tickets or reservations required. Free parking in the surface lot on Rockwell Avenue, or in the Cathedral Plaza Garage - Rockwell Ave. & E. 9th Street. For more information call: [216-696-6525 x5510](tel:216-696-6525) or email: [gheisman@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:gheisman@dioceseofcleveland.org).

Join Peter's Shadow Healing Prayer Ministry for a **Night of Healing Prayer** with Fr. Jacob Bearer on **Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>** starting at 6:30 p.m.. This evening will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 1905 Portage Trail, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44223. Come expecting miracles and signs! For more information call Peter's Shadow Prayer Ministry office at [234-206-0263](tel:234-206-0263).

**Planned Giving**

**Year-End Giving and Future Planning**

In this season of giving, consider making a year-end gift to our parish in gratitude for all the blessings you have received in life. Making a gift of appreciated stock may help you avoid capital gains tax and help our parish at the same time. If you are 70 ½ or older, you may be able to reduce your taxable income this year and help us in our ministry with a gift made directly from your IRA to our parish. Talk to your advisors and IRA administrator for more information and to be sure that a gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as our parish. Lastly, should this year-end find you creating or updating your estate plan, please consider helping us grow our parish ministry for future generations by including our parish as a beneficiary of your will, trust, retirement plan or life insurance policy. Questions? Contact Stan in our parish office at (330-657-2631 or via email at [mospenoh@windstream.net](mailto:mospenoh@windstream.net). You are also welcome to contact Mary Lou Ozimek of the Catholic Community Foundation at 216-696-6525 x4070 or via email at [mzimek@catholiccommunity.org](mailto:mzimek@catholiccommunity.org).

**THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**

**Collection on December 8 – 9, 2018**

*This is an annual collection that raises funds that are distributed to religious communities throughout the eight counties of the diocese and across the country. These funds help communities provide for the immediate needs of their elder members. Religious communities are exceedingly grateful for this assistance and are careful stewards of each dollar received. Share in the care and please give to those who have given a lifetime. On behalf of the Religious, thank you in advance for your generosity!*

**Weekend of November 25, 2018**

Sunday	1,717.00
Monthly	70.00
Giving Tree	300.00

**Thank you for your generous support!**