



St. Patrick Church, Providence

14010 S. RIVER RD, GRAND RAPIDS, OH

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,

MARY & JOSEPH

JANUARY 1, 2018

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY

MOTHER OF GOD

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The Holy Family of Nazareth is for us as a role model of Obedience and Humility to imitate. This is what St Bernard of Clairvaux said in this regard, *'God, to whom angels submit themselves and who principalities and powers obey, was subject to Mary; and not only to Mary but Joseph also for Mary's sake [....]. God obeyed a human creature; this is humility without precedent. A human creature commands God; it is sublime beyond measure.'*

Looking at the Holy Family, we see the love, the protection and the diligent care that they gave to the Redeemer. We cannot fail to feel uneasiness, perhaps a shameful thought, for the times in which we have not rendered the appropriate care and attention to the Blessed Eucharist.

Let us imitate the Holy Family in our Christian families, and our family will be a cell and a prefiguration of the heavenly family. Say a prayer dedicating your family to the Holy Family. Also pray for all families and for our country to uphold the sanctity of the marriage bond which is under attack. (Ref. <https://www.catholicculture.org>)

Fr. Walter Tuscano, SAC
Pastor

Snow Emergencies: If any of our counties (Lucas, Henry, Fulton, or Wood) declare either a Level 2 or 3 we will cancel. We will attempt to put the cancellation on Channel 11 WTOL and Channel 13 WTVG. However, on the weekends television stations have short staffs and so the cancellations may not go up on time for our classes. This is different than the Diocese policy that mass can be cancelled only for Level 3. This is due to our parishioners/teachers coming from a wide area, and road conditions can be different in different counties. We will not wait until a Level 3 to cancel! Any questions call the parish office at 419-832-5215.

January 01 - Solemnity of Mary Mother of God:

The Church puts the feast of this solemnity on the first day of the New Year to emphasize the importance of Mary's role in the life of Christ and of the Church. We commemorate the various saints on different days of the year, but Mary is the most prominent of them all. She has a special role and mission given to her by God. As Mother of our Redeemer and of the redeemed, she reigns as Queen at the side of Christ the King. She is a powerful intercessor for all of our needs here on earth. In celebrating her special feast day, we acknowledge this great gift for the Church and world; we call on her to be actively involved in our daily life; we imitate her virtuous life as a great inspiration; and we cooperate with all the graces we get through her.

New Year Resolution: The purpose of the New Year resolution is to resolve to make our life better by changing some of our habits. As you make New Year resolutions, I want to invite you to consider growing in relationship with our Lord through the Eucharistic Adoration.

Starting on First Friday of every month we have 40 hours of Eucharistic Adoration in our parish. It begins at 4:00 am on the First Friday and closes at 10:00 pm Saturday. I invite you to stop by the church anytime during this time and spend as much time with our Lord as you can. For more information please contact the office.

QUIET PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: is available 40 hours each month beginning with the first Friday of the month (4:00 a.m. Friday – 10:00 p.m. Saturday). This is an excellent opportunity to pray for 1hr in front of the Blessed Sacrament and to listen quietly to God. If you would like to try this ministry please contact Phil Hertzfeld at (419-878-6811, 419-466-2896). **We would like to ask for special prayer in regards to Vocations for Priesthood. Our January Adoration is on the 5th & 6th.**



Please pray for the following housebound and sick:

- **Bonnie Piasecki **Joe Periat
- **Ed Bump **Rich Piasecki
- **Lillian Mertes **Dick Mertes
- **Don Westhoven **Alma Westhoven

** is a member of St. Patrick - On the first Sunday of every month the prayer list will be reset with names that have contacted the office that prior month. You can call our Parish Office @ 419-832-5215 for more details! Thank You!

Heartbeat of Toledo Baby Bottle Campaign: Help Heartbeat of Toledo makes a difference in the lives of Toledo-area moms and babies by participating in their baby bottle campaign. Just pick up a baby bottle as you leave church during the weekend of January 6 & 7. Take it home, fill it with your spare change and return it to the box near the church entrance the weekend of January 27 & 28. For more information on Heartbeat call 419-241-9131 or visit www.heartbeatoftoledo.org.

“Entering Canaan” Day of Prayer & Healing Retreat for Women (Jan. 27) and Men (Feb. 10): Suffering from a past abortion? You’re not alone. Begin your healing journey and experience God’s mercy. The day is hosted by Project Rachel, a ministry of Catholic Charities of Toledo. For more information and confidential reservations, please email projectrachel@toledodiocese.org or call 1-888-456-HOPE or 419-260-5811. For more information on Project Rachel visit hopeafterabortion.com.

Visit toledodiocese.org for Current News and Events: Stay current with news, information and events of the Diocese of Toledo by visiting www.toledodiocese.org. In addition, you can follow the Diocese of Toledo on Facebook (www.facebook.com/DioceseToledo), Twitter (www.twitter.com/DioceseToledo) or Instagram (www.instagram.com/DioceseToledo).

Helping Hands of St. Louis (Soup Kitchen): There were 180 people served at the December 20th dinner. Everyone there was bustling around to get ready for Christmas. The deserts from St. Patrick’s were greatly appreciated and helped finish off a wonderful meal. If you wish to donate cupcakes, cookies, cakes, brownies, etc please drop off at St. Patrick’s Providence kitchen. The month of January desserts must be here by the weekend of Jan. 13th or 14th and the latest would be Tuesday the 16th by Noon. There are mixes, pans, and frosting available on our kitchen counter for your use. Thank You!

St. Louis School, Custar: is currently accepting applications for a part-time secretary. Hours are 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Computer skills are needed- especially knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel. If interested, please call the school office at 419-669-1875 and ask for Ellie Panning.

The Parish Office will be Closed on Jan. 1st & Jan. 2nd. Have a Blessed & Happy New Year!

From the Otsego Christmas Baskets Committee: “Thank you to each and everyone who donated to the Otsego Christmas Baskets whether food, toys, warm items or monetary, we were able to help 120 families this year. Thanks to **everyone** who helped buy food, sort food and those who helped on the day of the distribution. Many hands make light work and that was very true with all of our volunteers. The need is great and you were very generous. May God bless you.”



Family Perspective: Today’s gospel says Joseph “made his home in Nazareth.” A “home” is built on the foundation of love, commitment and a shared history and is decorated with forgiveness, acceptance, rituals, discipline and mutual support. The Holy Family challenges us today: Don’t live ‘anyplace’, live at Home! **(Epiphany)** Today’s gospel tells us “all Jerusalem” was upset because “King Herod was deeply troubled.” A similar ripple effect happens in families; one person’s negative attitude can affect the whole family. If you want a peaceful and joyful home, it must start with you. Be peaceful and joyful!

We give what we have been given: Sunday Offertory (12/24/17)	
Offertory Adult Envelopes (97)	\$ 5,853.18
Loose	\$ 220.00
Total	\$ 6,073.18
Votive Candles	\$ 18.00
Coffee & Rolls	\$ 69.00
Magazines	\$ 11.00
Stole Fees	\$ 20.00
Christmas (79)	\$ 4,470.50
Christmas Loose	\$ 850.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 30.00
Religious Retire	\$ 25.00
Offertory Received to Date (26 wk.)	\$ 106,630.80
Average	\$ 4,101.18

Grand Rapids Blood Drive Thursday Feb. 1st: It will be held at Hosanna Lutheran Church from 1:00 pm – 7 pm. Contact Gloria at 419-215-5416 or online at RedCrossBlood.org.

A Bench for Caps Program: St. Louis students are collecting all sorts of plastic caps that will be recycled and made into benches for the playground! Some examples are caps from bottled water, pop, milk, medicine bottles, detergent bottles, etc. Flip caps are acceptable, however, no trigger-spray caps. There is a basket available in the back of church to place the caps. We ask that they are rinsed clean. The students will then sort and weigh the caps until we have reached the amount needed. Thank you for helping us!

Listen to Mass on Annunciation Radio: “Listen to the Sunday Mass from EWTN on Annunciation Radio each Sunday at 8 a.m. Tune in to one of our five stations: WNOG 89.7 FM in the Toledo area; WHRQ 88.1 FM in the Sandusky area; WRRO 89.9 FM in the Bryan area; WSHB 89.5 FM in Willard, or WFOT 89.5 FM in the Mansfield area. You can listen live online at www.AnnunciationRadio.com. Annunciation Radio, a listener-supported station, has “Faith with Frequency!”

Cathy’s Joke’s for the Week! –“This happened years ago, and it was retold at my mother’s memorial service:” “Mother was expecting her girlfriend to come to our house. When a knock came on the door, she yelled, teasingly, ‘If you’re good looking, come in! If you’re not, stay out!’” Was she ever surprised when her pastor walked in with the new associate pastor.”

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



“Yesterday is the past, tomorrow is the future, but today is a gift. That’s why it’s called the present.”

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Holy Family: Joseph’s obedience to god was not a one-time thing. His attention to the angel’s warning kept Jesus from being murdered by Herod and led to the fulfillment of the prophecy that the Messiah would be a Nazorean. Fidelity to God’s will assures the best use of my talents, too!

New Year’s Day: Today’s second reading reminds us that through Christ we have been delivered from the old law and have become sons and daughters of God. New Year’s Day provides a perfect opportunity to ask ourselves the question: Does my life reflect my gratitude for all that my loving Father has given me?

LITURGY APPOINTMENTS: Jan. 6th & 7th

Weekend Liturgies	4:30 p.m.	R. Potter, B. Krukowski, S. Sochacki
	7:30 a.m.	J. Prchlik, RM Scherzer, J. Krueger
	11:30 a.m.	T. Kleis, D. Miller, B. Wilson
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Ministers of Communion:	4:30 p.m.	B. Hertzfeld, C. Lillevik, B. Heier, C. Nelms, C. Balusik
	7:30 a.m.	J. Hahn, S. Hannewald, M. & K. Hertzfeld, C. Tippenhauer
	11:30 a.m.	A. & J. Coburn, B. Kleis, Ch. & C. Stoepfel
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Servers:	4:30 p.m.	N. Potter, RJ Agosti, R. Kessler
	7:30 a.m.	N. Corpus, K. Maas, G. Dolgoff
	11:30 a.m.	D. Warner, H. Atkinson, M. Baily

LITURGY READINGS FOR JAN. 1-7

Mon.–Num. 6:22-27; Gal. 4:4-7; Lk. 2:16-21
 Tues.–1 Jn.2:22-28; Jn. 1:19-28
 Wed.–1 Jn. 2:29-3:6; Jn. 1:29-34
 Thurs.–1 Jn. 3:7-10; Jn. 1:35-42
 Fri.–1 Jn. 3:11-21; Jn. 1:43-51
 Sat.–1 Jn. 5:5-13; Mrk. 1:7-11
 Sun.–Isa. 60:1-6; Eph. 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matt. 2:1-12

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Jan. 2nd & 4th -No Weekday Liturgies-

WEEKEND LITURGIES

Weekend Liturgies: Jan. 6th & 7th

Sat. St. Patrick 4:30 p.m. For our Parish

Sun. St. Patrick 7:30 a.m.

St. Louis 9:30 a.m.

St. Patrick 11:30 a.m.

Holy Day Liturgies are at 7:00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance is on Saturdays from 3:30-4:00 p.m. or call Fr. Walter for an appt. 832-2414

OUR VISION

We are a people of God, nourished by sacred Scripture and Sacrament. We believe in and are experiencing the mystery of God's unconditional love for us. Through Jesus Christ — and with the help of the Holy Spirit — we work to build God's Kingdom on earth. Our efforts within our parish will focus on: our fuller union with God, our strengthened relationships with each other and our caring service to others.

DIRECTORY

Pastor-Fr. Walter Tuscano, SAC

Parish Office-Catherine Agosti

Coordinator, Religious Ed.-Stacie Maas

Parish Pastoral Council-Sue Sochacki (Secretary)

Worship-Sue Sochacki

Liturgical Scheduling-Colleen Lillevik

Youth Coordinator-Kevin Hertzfeld

St. Vincent DePaul Society-Contact Parish Office

R.C.I.A.-Marie Wolfram, Tony & Barbara Kleis, Ron & Rachael Borders, Ruth Herndon & Bev Wilson

Bell Choir-Karol Westhoven

Cemetery Board-Mike Metzger

**Contact Parish Office on any Directory Questions!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Pray for Priests	Pope Francis 1	Bishop Daniel E. Thomas 2	Your Parish Priest 3	Parents of Priests 4	Rev. Thomas Westhoven 5	Increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life 6
Rev. David M. Whalen 7	Rev. Jonathan C. Wight 8	Rev. Robert J. Wilhelm 9	Rev. Scott S. Woods 10	Seminarian Mr. Jacob Szymanowski 11	Rev. Elmer P. Wurth 12	Rev. Richard T. Wurzel 13
Rev. Paschal Mary Yohe 14	Deacons and Order Priests 15	Rev. Michael J. Zacharias 16	Rev. Daniel J. Zak 17	Rev. Alan D. Zabler 18	Rev. Biju (Raphael) Alex 19	Rev. Austin A. Ammanniti 20
Rev. James E. Auth 21	Religious Brothers and Sisters 22	Rev. James J. Bacik 23	Rev. Lehr Barkenquest 24	Very Rev. Christopher G. Bazar 25	Seminarian Mr Christopher Turner 26	Rev. Nelson G. Beaver 27
Very Rev. Msgr Michael R. Billian 28	Rev. John R. Blaser 29	Deceased Priests of our Diocese 30	Rev. Stephen J. Blum 31	+++ DIOCESE OF TOLEDO +++		