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## WEEKEND MASSES

**ST. JOHN CHURCH**  
1405 FIRST AVENUE  
SATURDAY 4:30 PM  
SUNDAY 10:30 AM

**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**  
201 CLARK STREET  
SUNDAY 9:00 AM

**ADORATION HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**  
MONDAY- FRIDAY 12:30 - 4:30 PM

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
ST. JOHN CHURCH SATURDAY 3:30 PM

*November 19, 2017*

*33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## Catholic Campaign for Human Development Special Collection This Weekend

In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please use the special envelope included in the November packet. To find out more visit [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection). Thank you for your generosity.



**Sons of Italy Annual  
Memorial Mass  
TODAY! 10:30 AM**




## Thanksgiving Day Mass 9 AM St. John Church

Why not begin your Thanksgiving celebrations with the 9:00 AM Mass at St. John Church? Bring along your Giving Tree Gift and join in the *Special Offertory Gift Procession* where everyone carries their Giving Tree Gift or donation for our St. Vincent de Paul Society to the altar. Experience a true sense of community and gratitude this Thanksgiving.



## Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule Changes

- St. John XXIII Tuesday 8:15 AM Mass is canceled as school is closed for conferences / Thanksgiving Break. 
- Thanksgiving Mass - 9 AM St. John Church
- 12:10 PM Thursday Mass is canceled.
- 12:10 PM Friday Comm Svc is canceled.
- Adoration is canceled and the parish office is closed Thanksgiving and Friday.
- The deadline for the Nov 26<sup>th</sup> bulletin is noon tomorrow, Monday, Nov 20<sup>th</sup>.

## COMING EVENTS



- First Sunday of Advent ..... Sun Dec 3
- RCIA Rite of Welcome ..... Sun Dec 3
- Bless the Children Ceremony ..... Sun Dec 10
- Donut Sunday @ SJ ..... Sun Dec 10
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass ..... Sun Dec 10
- Pancake Breakfast ..... Sun Dec 17
- Children's Christmas Party ..... Sun Dec 17
- Communal Advent Penance Services ..... Thur Dec 21

## HOLY FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday and Sunday - November 18 and 19

4:30 PM Mass SJ Louis Knezich  
 9:00 AM Mass HT Judy Elieff - Wedding Anniversary Rem.  
 10:30 AM Mass SJ Sons of Italy Memorial Mass

### Monday, November 20

12:10 PM Communion Service HT

### Tuesday, November 21

No 8:15 AM Mass J23 - no school - Thanksgiving Break

### Wednesday, November 22

12:10 PM Mass HT Jim Fiessinger - Birthday Remembrance

### Thursday, November 23 Thanksgiving Day

9:00 AM Mass SJ Florence Sweeney

No 12:10 PM Mass HT

### Friday, November 24

8:00 AM Mass HT Andrea Accurso

No 12:10 PM Communion Service HT

### Saturday, November 25

8:00 AM Mass HT Philomena Donisi - Birthday Rem.

4:30 PM Mass SJ Calvin & Martha Moon

### Sunday, November 26 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Mass HT Sharon Reider - Birthday Remembrance

10:30 AM Mass SJ Patricia Lolli - Birthday Remembrance

### Weekly Collections Stewardship

Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> \$16,236

*Thank you for your generous stewardship!*

## MINISTERS NEXT WEEK

Nov 25/26	4:30 PM SAT	9:00 AM SUN	10:30 AM SUN
Eucharistic Ministers	Frank Pressler 1B	Lorraine Sivy 1B	Laura Eiken 1B
	Cecilie Ricke 2B	Mary Anne Kelley 2B	Cort Eiken 2B
	Ellen Krause 3B	Kathy Kraft 3B	Rosetta DiCristoforo 3B
	Linda Weaver 1C	John Lyons 1C	Ken Beiser 1C
	Pat Montgomery 2C	Janet Chase 2C	Sandra Pearce 2C
	Larry Nichols 3C	Mike Klapheke 3C	Suzanne Stickelman 3C
	Jennifer James 4C	Linda Day 4C	Bridget Clark 4C
Lectors	Bob Weaver Frances Sack	Valerie Cross Ed Combs	Laura Eiken Chris McCarthy
	Servers	Zachary Paulus Dick Montgomery	Bryce Pennell Nick Stratton
Greeters	David Schul D1 Franka Cope D1	Tim Blashock D1 Jim Martz D2	Carolyn Dorn D1 Jennifer Robinson D1

## Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: 1 Mc 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63  
 Lk 18:35-43

Tues: 2 Mc 6:18-31 / Lk 19:1-10

Wed: 2 Mc 7:1,20-31 / Lk 19:11-28

Thurs: 1 Mc 2:15-29 / Lk 19:41-44

Fri: 1 Mc 4:36-37,52-59 / Lk 19:45-48

Sat: 1 Mc 6:1-13 / Lk 20:27-40

Sun: Ez 34:11-12,15-17 / 1 Cor 15:20-26,28  
 Mt 25:31-46



## Our Prayers and Sympathy are Extended

to the family and friends of Dick Capozzi, who died November 8<sup>th</sup>, Derry Derivan, who died November 10<sup>th</sup>, Dorothy Lawson, who died November 13<sup>th</sup>, and Juanita Hume, who died November 14<sup>th</sup>.

## In Your Prayers Remember Carolyn

Harrison at Atrium Medical Center and Nancy Woodward in Kindred Hospital/Dayton this week.

## Health Ministry:

### The Two Sides of Thanksgiving

It's a day to give thanks, yet it can be a day to include laughter and fun.

*Thankful side:* "This is the only life you have before you enter eternity. If you want to find joy you must first find thankfulness. Indeed the one who is thankful for even a little, enjoys much. But the unappreciative soul is always miserable, always complains."

*Fun side:* Funny quotes.

- \* It's not the minutes spent at the table that puts on weight, it's the seconds.
- \* Older people shouldn't eat healthy foods. They need all the preservatives they can get.
- \* An optimist is a person who starts a new diet on Thanksgiving Day.
- \* Instead of turkey this year, we're having a swan. You get more stuffing.
- \* Most turkeys taste better the day after, but my mother's tasted better the day before.
- \* It took me three weeks to stuff the turkey. I stuffed it through the beak.

This Thanksgiving Day let us "Give thanks for unknown blessings already on their way."

NATIVE INDIAN SAYING



## The Books of Remembrance

Everyone is invited to add the names of their deceased loved ones in the *Books of Remembrance*, which will be in both churches for the entire month of November.



### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

November 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

November 19<sup>th</sup> - Liturgical Year

11:30 PM St. John Rectory

*Class forming during this Period of Inquiry!*

If you're interested in becoming Catholic please contact the parish office 422-0602.

## The Men's Fellowship Group

Men of the parish are invited to join for prayer and study every second and fourth Saturday of the month. The next meeting is this Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m. - St. John Rectory.



## Annual Fall Fest a Huge Success - Another Great VBS Fundraiser!

Thanks to all who supported us in this year's Fall Bazaar. **We raised \$1,263 for our Vacation Bible School!**

*Thanks!*

This total includes a \$500 Grant that we received from Kohl's Associates in Action - a community service program where, in addition to Grant money, Kohl's associates volunteer service hours for the event. *Special thanks go to Gloria Scheibert and her co-workers for being Kohl's Associates in Action!* Thanks also to those who donated baked goods and to our truly wonderful vendors and customers. We are blessed to have such great volunteers and a supportive parish! Thank you!

## Instead of a Featured SVDP Outreach Ministry Need for this Month -

We ask you to take a tag from the Giving Tree and purchase a gift for a family in need, or for the child of an inmate in prison, or make a gift of yourself by visiting a homebound parishioner.



## Introductions to Sunday Readings

by Bishop Ken Untener, in collaboration with Catherine Haven and Fr. Bill Taylor



### First Reading - Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

The book of Proverbs is a collection of wise sayings, compiled over a number of centuries. Today's passage is part of a lengthy poem which praises the virtues of a good wife and mother.

### Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Paul and the early Christians expected the immediate Second Coming of Christ. Today, as he concludes his first letter to the Thessalonians, Paul reminds them to be prepared for this. His message is encouraging, not frightening.

## Save the Date! Tuesday, January 30, 2018



### Fr. John Civile Tribute Celebration 9:45 AM Mass - Bishop Fenwick High School

Plan to attend this all-school Mass and celebration during Catholic Schools Week. The Mass and plaque dedication are in recognition of Fr. Civile's lifetime ministry in Catholic faith and education and all who have benefitted from his service.

Members of Holy Family Parish, St. John XXIII Catholic School, and Bishop Fenwick High School, are invited to attend this celebration.



**OUR DOORS ARE OPEN:** No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your age, race, background, personal history, etc., no matter what your own self-image — you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here at Holy Family Parish. Our doors are open!



# PREP - PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

## Service to Others is a Great Way to Put Faith into Action!

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade kids visited Middletown's Choice Pantry where they learned how the pantry works from Family Services' Executive Director, Maurice Maxwell.



7<sup>th</sup> Grade kids toured our SVDP Pantry.

PREP families take turns serving as parking lot attendants every Monday when PREP's in session. Marcia Lyons and her son Aiden are pictured. Aiden also serves on his school's safety patrol.



## Operation Christmas Child Program

PREP families participated in the Operation Christmas Child Program again this year. This is a program sponsored by the international relief agency, *Samaritan's Purse*, which brings joy and hope to the needy children around the world. Participants create gifts for the children by filling a shoebox with age and gender appropriate presents, including a personal message and prayer for the child. The shoeboxes were collected and a celebration including a procession of the gifts was held last Monday night. *Thanks to Rob McCulley for 80+ great photos of this annual PREP event. Check them all out in color on our parish website [www.holyfamilymiddletown.com](http://www.holyfamilymiddletown.com). Click photos!*





## Congratulations James Howells!!

James placed at a Special Olympics Swim Meet at M.E. Lyons YMCA, Cinti! He received a Bronze in 25 yard freestyle and a Gold in 25 yard backstroke!



James with brother Timothy and Dad



## Please Bring Giving Tree Gifts to the Office or to the 9 AM Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thank you for participating in the Giving Tree Ministry this Christmas Season! We ask that you wrap your gift - attaching the STAR, ANGEL, or TREE tag - then deliver it to the parish office or bring it to the 9 AM Thanksgiving Day Mass. **Our friends at Messiah Lutheran will deliver the ANGEL tag gifts at a Christmas party they have in early December and our SVDP will be passing out the STAR tag gifts on Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.** If you chose a Star or Angel tag, you'll want to be sure to get your gift delivered in time!



## Registration for 2018 Track

Track is open to boys and girls in grades K-8 who attend St. John XXIII or are members of Holy Family Parish. The teams compete in the Cincinnati Track CYO and the fee to participate is \$60. Register with Blue Sombrero using the link on the athletic page of the St. John XXIII website or Holy Family Parish website. *There is a \$25 late fee for registrations received after Jan 31<sup>st</sup>.* If you have any questions please email Evan Dobrozsi, Athletic Director, [athletics@stjohn23school.org](mailto:athletics@stjohn23school.org).

## Registration for 2018 Girls Spring Volleyball

Girls Spring Volleyball is open to girls in grades 4-8 who attend St. John XXIII or are members of Holy Family Parish. The teams compete in the Dayton CYO and the fee to participate is \$75. Register with Blue Sombrero using the link on the athletic page of the St. John XXIII website or Holy Family Parish website. *There is a \$25 late fee for registrations received after January 18<sup>th</sup>.* If you have any questions please email Evan Dobrozsi Athletic Director, [athletics@stjohn23school.org](mailto:athletics@stjohn23school.org).

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by Dawn Pickerill / Principal

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

This year, St. John XXIII Catholic School will once again join over 45,000 organizations in 71 countries to celebrate #GivingTuesday. #GivingTuesday, our kick off to this year's Annual Fund Drive, is only 9 days away. Please consider helping us reach our goal of \$80,000 by donating on or before that day. There are three ways to support us on #GivingTuesday:

- 1) Drop off a check dated November 28, 2017 to St. John XXIII Catholic School on or before November 28, 2017.
- 2) Mail a check to St. John XXIII Catholic School 3806 Manchester Rd Middletown, OH 45042. In order for it to qualify for matching funds, it must be delivered and dated by Tuesday, November 28, 2017.
- 3) Drop a check in the collection basket at church on or before November 28, 2017.

We thank you for your continued support of our wonderful school.

### SCRIP DATES

Scrip cards not only make wonderful Christmas gifts, but are also wonderful for the purchase of your Christmas gifts. Cards are available for a variety of shops such as Meijer, Amazon, Best Buy, JC Penney, Kohl's, Macy's, Target, Toys-R-U's, Walmart, and many more.

ORDER Tues Nov 14 <sup>th</sup>	DELIVERY Fri Nov 17 <sup>th</sup>
ORDER Tues Nov 28 <sup>th</sup>	DELIVERY Fri Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>
ORDER Tues Dec 5 <sup>th</sup>	DELIVERY Fri Dec 8 <sup>th</sup>
ORDER Tues Dec 12 <sup>th</sup>	DELIVERY Fri Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>

### THANKSGIVING

On this wonderful holiday, we are reminded of your generosity and support. We feel truly blessed to have such a wonderful parish family! We wish you all a very blessed Thanksgiving.

Save the date



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## Merry Middletown 2017 Events!

### Light Up Middletown

November 23 - December 31

6 -10 PM Smith Park



### Annual Santa Parade

Saturday, November 25

4 - 5 PM Downtown Middletown



### Merry Middletown

Friday, December 1

5 - 10 PM Downtown Middletown

Moonlight Madness sale up to 40% off



## 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Ball - "Midnight Masquerade" Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

6 PM Registration / Social Hour / Music 7:15 PM Dinner Miami University Midd

Holy Family's own Andy and Lori Guyler are Chairs and Jerry and Jacky Banks will be recognized as this year's Honorary Chairs. Rick Pearce will serve as this year's Master of Ceremonies. Dinner will be catered by Kirsten Spicer - Two Women in a Kitchen, and music will be provided by Dick Watson and Jim McBride. Cost is \$60/person, \$120/couple or Grand Patron/\$175 which includes a listing in the program in addition to two admissions. College-age students may attend at the Junior Patron admission of \$25/person. Mail checks to Michael Clarey, Treasurer, 97<sup>th</sup> Charity Ball, 4722 Longford Drive Middletown, 45042. Your check will serve as your reservation. For more information please call Fran 513-594-3115.

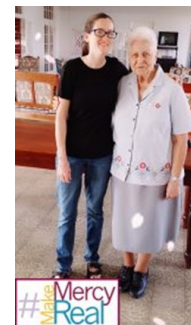


## My Students #MakeMercyReal to Me by Meg Eckart - daughter of Mark & Rose Ann Eckart

Meg is a Mercy candidate — one of the steps to become a Sister of Mercy — living in Guyana.

Throughout my journey as a candidate in the past year, I have been touched and humbled by Mercy in many ways. The primary way has been through my students. I teach science at a public secondary school which takes in many of the lowest performing students in the area. A majority of these students come from broken homes, and most already feel defeated in their ability to succeed in life before they step into the school compound. Their lack of confidence and insecurity with academics contributes to some very interesting behaviors in the classroom. I entered this ministry coming from an experience of teaching at a private, Catholic high school which served students from a middle-to-upper economical background.

My experiences and expectations of teaching in a secondary school were deeply challenged by this new ministry, which called me to step into the shoes of my students. Sometimes, I didn't even know where to begin this process of stepping into their shoes; it was so different from my realities! However, as I began to ask my students about their interests, their families, their homes and their dreams, I got a better glimpse of their lives. The common theme among most students was a lack of stability in their homes and a lack of people to serve as positive role models in their lives. Many had failed in school so many times that by this point in their education, they did not feel competent at anything, and, in a way, believed they never could be. As I listened to one girl in particular talk about the instability of her home and her fears of the consequences from disappointing her parents, I was moved with compassion. This was a student who came by everyday, whether she had science or not, to offer a "good day" greeting or ask how I was that particular day. In the classroom, she had a hard time understanding content but really tried to do her best. The frustration showed when she could not grasp all the work. Putting the joy and energy that she shared with me into the context of the story of her life touched me deeply. It was a moment of realizing that she and all of my students are vessels of Mercy each time I encounter them. Despite the feelings of instability, insecurity, and defeatedness that this girl left home with each morning, she was there to greet me with a smile, every day revealing the joy within the face of Mercy. The grace of this moment deepened my understanding of Mercy, which requires no great act, but rather small gestures or words given out of joy and out of genuine love. Although I will never fully understand the reality of my students' lives, I am grateful to learn from them every day. I am especially grateful for the gift of Mercy through them, despite my many stumblings in learning to work in a new school culture! [www.sistersofmercy.org](http://www.sistersofmercy.org)



Meg with her students in Guyana



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**Baptism Preparation Class** - These classes are held quarterly: March, June, September and December.

The actual date, time and location will be announced in the weekly bulletin. Please call the parish office to register.

**Baptisms** - Please call the parish office to schedule a baptism.

**Becoming Catholic** - Please call the parish office to find out more about the RCIA process.

**Bulletin Deadline** - Submit announcements in hard copy or to [monica@holymiddletown.com](mailto:monica@holymiddletown.com) by noon Tuesday.

**Hospitalization or Death in the Family** - Please notify the pastor as soon as possible by calling the parish office.

**Marriages** - Couples wishing to be married must set the date with the pastor at least six months in advance.

**Nursery** - The Nursery is available in the St. John Center during the Sunday 10:30 AM Mass.

**Parish Religious Education Program** - Preschool: Sundays 10:15 - 11:30 AM and K - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Mondays 6:30 - 7:30 PM.

**St. John XXIII Catholic School** - Parish school for Preschool - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade - [www.stjohn23school.org](http://www.stjohn23school.org).

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