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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

December 3, 2017

1st Sunday of Advent

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults 10:30 AM Mass Today

The Rite of Welcome / Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens



The RCIA candidates express, and the Church accepts, their intention to respond to God's call to follow the way of Christ. **These new catechumens and their sponsors will be our guests at a reception held in the St. John Undercroft immediately following the Mass. Everyone is invited to stop by and welcome our new catechumens!**

Who is responsible for the RCIA catechumens and candidates, those who are seeking to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church?

WE ALL ARE!

Our faith is a gift, not for us alone, but for all. It is for us to share. We are asked to pray for them, to give them support and good example. Bringing new members into the Church is part of what we are commissioned to do by Christ through our baptism. **Join the reception in the Undercroft and welcome our new catechumens!**

RCIA Prayer

*Lord, we pray for those who journey to you.
Strengthen their faith.
Open their hearts to the fullness of your love.
Deepen their understanding.
Set their hearts afire for the kingdom.
We ask this through Jesus, who is the way,
the Truth, and the Life for all. Amen.*

Special Collection December 8th Feast of the Immaculate Conception

A special collection supporting the work of completing the mosaic of the Trinity Dome at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C. is set for December 8th. If you would like to make a donation, please use the special envelope included in the December packet for the Feast of the Immaculate and mark it DOME. **You can find the Mass schedule for this holy day of obligation on the next page.**



COMING EVENTS



- 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**
- 4th Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve Sun Dec 24**

HOLY FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday and Sunday - December 2 and 3

4:30 PM Mass SJ Jim Warmoth
 9:00 AM Mass HT Judy Walters - Birthday Remembrance
 10:30 AM Mass SJ Mildred Crone / John Ifcic - Birthday Rem.

Monday, December 4

12:10 PM Communion Service HT

Tuesday, December 5

8:15 AM Mass J23 moved to Friday

Wednesday, December 6

12:10 PM Mass HT Mildred Burk

Thursday, December 7

12:10 PM Mass HT Jim Beatty
 7:00 PM Mass HT Mildred & Paul Crone **Vigil**

Friday, December 8 Immaculate Conception

8:15 AM Mass J23 John Jester
 12:10 PM Mass HT Mary Imfeld - Anniversary Remembrance

Saturday, December 9

8:00 AM Mass HT Mary Ann Conradt
 4:30 PM Mass SJ Ryan Byrge

Sunday, December 10 2nd Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM Mass HT Pat & Whitey Kropf
 10:30 AM Mass SJ Sabina Hall - Anniversary Remembrance

Weekly Collections Stewardship

Sunday, November 26th \$24,578

Thank you for your generous stewardship!

MINISTERS NEXT WEEK

Dec 9/10	4:30 PM SAT	9:00 AM SUN	10:30 AM SUN
Eucharistic Ministers	Dan Sack 1B Frances Sack 2B Carolyn Kraft 3B Dawn Pickerill 1C Linda Weaver 2C Frank Pressler 3C Linda Day 4C	Jim Martz 1B Lee Ann Glick 2B Susan Combs 3B Kathleen Wourms 1C Barb VonderHaar 2C Alice Brown 3C Don Accurso 4C	Christine Whittington 1B Dominic Sberna 2B Sandy Ongkiko 3B Barb Luksic 1C Karen Gregosky 2C Rick Gregosky 3C Rhonda Koenig 4C
Lectors	Monica Cummins Bob Cummins	Janet Chase John Herr	Dee Golembiewski Joe Zappia
Servers	Dick Montgomery Zachary Paulus	Nick Stratton Luke Bray	Matt Volle Bryce Pennell
Greeters	Dan Sack D1 Frances Sack D1	Lee Ann Glick D1 Mari Lynn Thurber D2	Marcia Egelston D1 Brad Egelston D1

Daily Scripture Readings



Mon: Is 2:1-5 / Mt 8:5-11
 Tues: Is 11:1-10 / Lk 10:21-24
 Wed: Is 25:6-10a / Mt 15:29-37
 Thurs: Is 26:1-6 / Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Fri: Gn 3:9-15, 20 / Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 / Lk 1:26-38
 Sat: Is 30:19-21, 23-26 / Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
 Sun: Is 40:1-5, 9-11 / 2 Pt 3:8-14 / Mk 1:1-8

Our Prayers and Sympathy are Extended

to the family and friends of Helen Schramm, who died November 15th and Jim Driscoll who died November 25th, and to the Moberly family in the death of Mike Moberly.

In Your Prayers Remember

Robert Graft and Anthony Huber in Atrium Medical Center and Nancy Woodward in Kindred Hospital in Dayton this week.

Health Ministry:

Holidays & Grandkids Coming? Make It Safe!



Supervision is the best way to keep grandkids safe, BUT it's also wise to childproof your home. How? ● Keep Emergency numbers handy: Poison control 1-800-222-1222, Police/EMT 911 Parent's cell phone ● Keep meds out of reach - 38% of poisoning involve grandparents meds. ● Make furniture tip proof - flat screen TVs, bookcases, modern furniture are prone to tipping if little ones try to pull themselves up. ● Overlooked choking hazards: mini batteries, jewelry, refrig magnets, pen caps, peanuts, popcorn, whole grapes and cherries, crayons, balloons, loose change ● Strangulation hazards: curtain cords, clothes with drawstrings, pacifiers tied around neck, old accordion style safety gate which can trap a child's head ● Used baby gear and toys you saved may no longer be safe by current standards. ● Pets should be out of child's reach. 77,000 children under 10 are treated each year in the ER from dog bites. ● Watch walkers / wheelchairs - let grandchild know that it's not a toy. Unintentional injury is one of the top killers of children in the U.S. Prevention can eliminate almost all of the injuries. *Kids Health/HealthyChildren.org/WebMD*

St. John XXIII Celebrates 9 AM Mass

Students, families, teachers and staff members of St. John XXIII Catholic School - our parish school - celebrate the 9 AM Mass with us today.



Introductions to Sunday Readings

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



First Reading - Isaiah 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7

The Israelites had just returned from exile and were suffering economic hardship and persecution. The prophet expresses their expectation that God will intervene in human history in a dramatic way to help them. At the end of this reading, we will hear a familiar image.

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

In the letter-writing style popular in Paul's day, writers would begin by extending greetings and then thank the gods for the blessings *they themselves* had received. But Paul begins his first letter to the Corinthians by thanking God for the blessings his *converts in Corinth* have received. (It may help to know that the phrase "day of the Lord" refers to Jesus coming again in glory.)

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

The monthly SVDP meeting is set for this Monday, December 4th at 7:00 p.m. - Holy Trinity Center.



Gathering of Widows

Join other widows of the parish for support and community every first Tuesday morning of the month - this December 5th - at 11:00 a.m. in the Holy Trinity Center. Please call Carol Bishop (937) 746-9090 for more information.



Knights of Columbus Council 1610 Meeting

The K of C Council 1610 monthly meeting is set for this Wednesday, December 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Knights Council Hall.



K of C Ladies Auxiliary Meeting

The K of C Ladies Auxiliary monthly meeting is set for this Wednesday, December 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Holy Trinity Center.



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, December 9th at 7:00 a.m. - St. John Rectory.



Wake Up to Santa Raffle!

Win a visit with Santa in your home on Christmas morning!

(within 50 miles of Lebanon Ohio)

\$5 per ticket or \$10 for three.

Buy your tickets at the parish office all this week or contact Paul Gassmann 513-804-8121 or pgassmann@hotmail.com. **The winning ticket will be drawn on Saturday, December 9th** at a K of C Members Christmas Party. Winner need not be present. *Proceeds benefit charities supported by Knights of Columbus - Monsignor McNary Assembly #2299.*



Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

Next Weekend - Give Thanks for Religious

Show your appreciation for the retired religious who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection, using the special envelope included in the December packet.



Breakfast With Santa! Children's Christmas Party and Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, December 17th

St. John Undercroft - Hosted by the K of C

BREAKFAST SERVED 9:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

SANTA AND CHRISTMAS CRAFTS FOR THE KIDS

10:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

You don't want to miss this great Christmas party and Pancake Breakfast! In addition to a visit with Santa, the kids will be entertained with various holiday crafts and activities. Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, and eggs - \$6 per adult and \$4 per child with a \$25 max per family!

Proceeds will benefit SHALOM and the homeless people of Middletown. **To join in the Children's Christmas Party, you must RSVP by Monday, December 11th at council1610.org/christmas.**



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!

Boy Scout Troop 20 Winter Clothing & More Drive Next Weekend!



Boy Scout Troop 20 – Chartered by the Knights of Columbus Council 1610 - is collecting **used winter clothing, new personal hygiene items and new socks and underwear (adult and child sizes)** for less fortunate community members. Please bring your donation to Mass next weekend. Boxes will be placed in both church doorways to collect these items. Troop 20 will distribute them as part of an annual Christmas Lunch that the Troop prepares and serves for our needy neighbors. Extra donations will be passed along to the SHALOM

Happy 99th Birthday Bill!

Bill Muthert celebrates his 99th birthday on Wednesday, Dec 6th.



Happy Last-Double-Digit-Birthday Bill!

How Much Do YOU Know About the Catholic Faith?



SPECIAL ADVENT EDITION!



Find the answers on the last page.

1. The church's calendar year begins on
 - (a) payday
 - (b) New Year's Day
 - (c) Easter Sunday
 - (d) the First Sunday of Advent
2. The O _____ are sung during the last week of Advent.
 - (a) Antiphons
 - (b) to Joy
 - (c) Novenas
 - (d) Bible Readings
3. The Advent _____ is a common tradition that helps families prepare for Christ's coming by focusing on the Advent / Christmas symbols.
 - (a) fast
 - (b) calendar
 - (c) manger
 - (d) colored eggs
4. Advent is a season of
 - (a) contrition
 - (b) reconciliation
 - (c) preparation
 - (d) shopping
5. In the season of Advent, Catholics refrain from saying "Alleluia."
True False
6. When Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph decorated a Christmas tree.
True False
7. Advent wreaths have candles on them to symbolize that Jesus is the _____ of the World.
 - (a) Savior
 - (b) Light
 - (c) Ruler
 - (d) Judge

Bless the Children Ceremony Next Sunday, December 10th



10:30 AM Mass St. John Church

Our parish 2nd Graders are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Joined by their parents, they will take part in this very special Bless the Children Ceremony.

You can take part in welcoming these children as participating members of our Parish Family by becoming a PRAYER PARTNER!

Let your 2nd Grader Prayer Partner know, through personal cards or simple little gifts, that they are remembered in your prayers as they prepare to receive these Sacraments.

How do you become a Prayer Partner?

Pick up one of the Prayer Magnets - individualized for each child - that will be available after the 10:30 AM Mass next week.

Who should take a Prayer Magnet and become a Prayer Partner?

- Any parishioner who is *not* already a family member of a 2nd Grader.
- Any parishioner who wants to share their faith with a young person in our parish.
- Any parishioner who wants to take an active role in building community in our parish.

We hope you'll plan to join us in the St. John Undercroft for coffee, juice and donuts immediately following the 10:30 AM Mass next week!



Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe Mass in Spanish

Next Sunday, December 10th

1 PM - Holy Trinity Church

Come and celebrate together with us this special day, full of love and blessings with Our Mother of Heaven, Patroness of the Americas. A reception follows Mass in the Holy Trinity Center.



New Church Photo Directory Update!

The final proof corrections were made on Thursday, November 16th and earlier this week we were told the directories were in production. Fingers crossed that we receive them by Christmas. *Thank you for your patience....*



2017 Advent / Christmas Brochure

This annual brochure is handed out along with calendars by neighborhood reps. Find it online at our parish website.



Help Wanted Decorating the Churches

We welcome anyone who's willing to help with decorating St. John and Holy Trinity for Christmas. Thank you!



Thursday, Dec 21st 9:30 AM St. John Church

Friday, Dec 22nd 9:30 AM Holy Trinity Church

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OCTOBER SERVICE PROJECT - ADOPT A NURSING HOME RESIDENT

Last year Ronnie Januszki, St. John XXIII graduate and then Fenwick freshman, started Adopt a Nursing Home Resident, a charity that focuses on the members of our community who reside in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living. Ronnie's endeavor was an enormous success, and it brought the happiness and the joy of the holidays to many of the elderly and infirmed in Southwestern Ohio. This year, Ronnie has expanded his charity, and the students, faculty, family, and friends of Fenwick High School and St. John XXIII School have stepped up in many ways to offer their time, talent, and treasure to this worthy cause.

At St. John XXIII, Adopt a Nursing Home Resident was our October service project, and the third and eighth grade organized a school-wide drive. We collected items for the gift bags that Ronnie and his volunteers give to the nursing home residents. In total, our children brought in 40 stuffed animals, 45 tubes of toothpaste, 59 toothbrushes, 37 containers of tooth floss, 20 boxes of Band-Aids, 30 bottles of mouthwash, 238 tubes of chapstick, 10 packages of Kleenex, 2 pairs of no-slip socks, 45 bottles of hand sanitizer, 43 notebooks, 4 boxes of playing cards or game books, 8 pens, 148 brushes or combs, and \$43 in cash donations. Additionally, all St. John XXIII students made a holiday card for a nursing home resident.



Annual 365 Lotto

**** The FINAL turn in date is January 31, 2018.**

No tickets will be accepted after that date! **

St. John XXIII Catholic Elementary School is selling tickets for the Annual 365 Lotto. It's called *365 Lotto* because a winning ticket is drawn every day of the year. It's possible to win more than once in a year

because winning tickets are returned to the hopper and only 5000 tickets are sold. Prize money will be mailed to the winners. To participate in the lotto, complete the form below and send it along with \$20 per ticket to: **St. John XXIII Catholic School 3806 Manchester Road, Middletown, OH 45042**

ATTN: Peg Fairbanks Ticket orders may also be dropped in the collection basket in an envelope marked "365 Lotto." The official ticket will be filled out and the stub will be mailed back to you. Any questions regarding the 365 Lotto can be directed to Peg Fairbanks 424-1196. **MAKES A GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT!**

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Answers to the Special Advent Faith Quiz

1. (d) Unlike the civil calendar year, the Church begins her liturgical calendar at the beginning of Advent.
2. (a) Sung since the 8th century, the "O Antiphons" proclaim Christ as the fulfillment of people's desire for a Savior. These antiphons form the basis for the Advent hymn, "O Come, O come, Emmanuel."
3. (b) Advent calendars use images of symbols, stories, and traditions of the season to teach about God sending his Son Jesus as our Savior and Redeemer.
4. (c) Each year during Advent, we reflect on the meaning of God choosing to become a human being and dwell with us. The Church teaches that "only when Christ is formed in us will the mystery of Christmas be fulfilled in us" (CCC, n. 526; see also n. 524).
5. (False) Advent is a season of joyful preparation for celebrating the coming of the Savior of the world. Advent is characterized by expectations and hope.
6. (False) The German people in the fifteenth century were the first to bring evergreen trees into their houses as a symbol of the everlasting life Jesus brought to all humankind.
7. (b) Light was a powerful symbol in a world without electricity, especially during winter when there were few daylight hours. Early Christians used light to represent Jesus overcoming the darkness of sin (see John 1:5;8-12). The four candles represent the four weeks of the Advent Season.

Save the date

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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 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 - 8th Grade: Mondays 6:30 - 7:30 PM.

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