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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 10, 2017

2nd Sunday of Advent

*Bless the Children
Ceremony*

*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 a 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 Grade Prayer Partner know, through personal cards or little gifts, that they are remembered in your prayers as they prepare to receive these Sacraments.

How do you become a Prayer Partner? Be sure to pick up one of the Prayer Magnets - individualized for each child - that will be available after the 10:30 AM Mass today.

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.

Coffee and Donuts

Please join us for coffee, juice and donuts in the St. John Undercroft following the 10:30 AM Mass today.



Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

Give Thanks for Religious

Show your appreciation for the retired religious who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously using the special envelope included in the December packet.



COMING EVENTS



- 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
- SVDP 5th Sunday Collection Sun Dec 31
- SHALOM Ministry @ Holy Family Parish**
- Meals & Shelter Jan 7 - Jan 21

HOLY FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday and Sunday - December 9 and 10

4:30 PM Mass SJ Ryan Byrge
 9:00 AM Mass HT Pat & Whitey Kropf
 10:30 AM Mass SJ Sabina Hall - Anniversary Remembrance

Monday, December 11

12:10 PM Communion Service HT

Tuesday, December 12

8:15 AM Mass J23 Mary Ann Conradt

Wednesday, December 13

12:10 PM Mass HT Florence Sweeney

Thursday, December 14

12:10 PM Mass HT Vincent DiNardo - Birthday Remembrance

Friday, December 15

8:00 AM Mass HT Craig Hon
 12:10 PM Communion Service HT

Saturday, December 16

8:00 AM Mass HT Zona Courey
 4:30 PM Mass SJ Bertha Murphy

Sunday, December 17 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM Mass HT Jean Guyler
 10:30 AM Mass SJ Maria C. Saraceno - Anniversary Rem.

Weekly Collections Stewardship

Sunday, December 3rd \$29,053

Thank you for your generous stewardship!

MINISTERS NEXT WEEK

Dec 16/17	4:30 PM SAT	9:00 AM SUN	10:30 AM SUN
Eucharistic Ministers	Cecilie Ricke 1B	Kathy Kraft 1B	Claire Puthoff 1B
	Ellen Krause 2B	Marlene Ruwe 2B	Dale Gerber 2B
	Jennifer James 3B	Mary Anne Kelley 3B	Jane Romer 3B
	Pat Montgomery 1C	John Lyons 1C	Roger Romer 1C
	Kathi Mangus 2C	Larry Nichols 2C	Ken Beiser 2C
	Don Brooks 3C	Lorraine Sivy 3C	Laura Eiken 3C
	Michelle Brooks 4C	Janet Chase 4C	Cort Eiken 4C
Lectors	Paul Presta	Dawn Pickerill	Henrietta Nye
	Stephanie Burk	Paul Mosko	Michael Paddock
Servers	John Soppanish	Hannah Dwenger	Anthony Lococo
	Nicholas Hill	Nathan Dwenger	Maia McCurley
Greeters	Chloe Hill D1	Don Accurso D1	Jane Romer D1
	Ann Fishbaugh D1	Kathy Farler D2	Roger Romer D1

Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: Is 35:1-10 / Lk 5:17-26
 Tues: Zec 2:14-17 / Lk 1:26-38
 Wed: Is 40:25-31 / Mt 11:28-30
 Thurs: Is 41:13-20 / Mt 11:11-15
 Fri: Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-19
 Sat: Sir 48:1-4,9-11 / Mt 17:9a,10-13
 Sun: Is 61:1-2a,10-11 / 1 Thes 5:16-24
 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



Our Prayers and Sympathy are Extended

to the family and friends of Mary Victoria "Vicki" Martin, who died December 4th.

In Your Prayers Remember

Nancy Woodward in Atrium and Ben Johnson in Kettering Medical Center this week.

Health Ministry:

A Christmas Mix -

the Frantic and the Funny

During this time of year, because of the stress and anxiety, people often resort to bad habits - cave into sugar cravings, go for the booze and overdose on caffeine. We have so much to do with so little sleep: shopping, spending (often increasing debt), cooking, cleaning, decorating, planning and attending parties, dealing with family and crowds...and then there are those who are lonely and depressed due to the loss of a loved one or their distance from family and friends.



Sometimes humor is needed to survive this *most wonderful time of the year*.

- * Christmas - the season when you buy this year's gifts with next year's money.
- * Why does Santa have three gardens? So he can ho-ho-ho.
- * Why do reindeer stop for coffee on their Christmas run? Because they're Santa's star bucks.
- * How does Santa know if we've been bad or good? It's called Facebook.
- * I left Santa gluten-free cookies and organic soy milk and he put a solar panel in my sock.

"MY IDEA OF CHRISTMAS IS VERY SIMPLE: LOVING OTHERS. COME TO THINK OF IT, WHY DO WE HAVE TO WAIT FOR CHRISTMAS TO DO THAT?"
Psychology Today/KEEPINSPIRING.ME/Quotes

Boy Scout Troop 20 Winter Clothing & More Drive This 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 / child sizes)** this weekend. They will be distributed at an annual luncheon the Scouts host for our needy neighbors next week.

Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe Mass in Spanish TODAY!



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 the Mass in the Holy Trinity Center.

The Middletown Civic Chorus Presents the 78th Performance of

Handel's "The Messiah"

TODAY! 3:00 PM

First United Methodist Church

120 Broad Street *Free - everyone is welcome!*

The Middletown Civic Chorus - **including Holy Family Parish members Lana Ernst, Dee Dee Mosko, and Deborah Silcox** - will present selections from Handel's "The Messiah" conducted by Dr. Jeremy Jones of Miami University. The Civic Chorus has sung "The Messiah" every December since 1942, making it the oldest continuous musical performing group in Middletown.



Holy Family Parish 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 THE 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 all you can eat pancakes, sausage, and eggs - \$6 per adult and \$4 per child with a \$25 max per family. Proceeds will benefit the SHALOM and the homeless people of Middletown. **To join in the Children's Christmas Party, RSVP by TOMORROW! Monday, December 11th at council1610.org/christmas.**



Introductions to Sunday Readings

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



First Reading - Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

This passage from the book of Isaiah begins with God calling upon the prophet to encourage the Jewish people who are exiled in Babylon. The prophet is to tell them that they will be returning home soon, and the road of the return will pass through the desert. We will also hear God call the *people* to proclaim from a mountaintop the goodness of God.

Second Reading - 2 Peter 3:8-14

The second letter of Peter was written nearly 100 years after Jesus' death and resurrection. At an earlier time, Christians had expected the Lord to return in glory quickly. But by this time, they had lost confidence that the Lord would return at all. The author doesn't want people to abandon their hope, and gives a positive interpretation to this delay.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

December 10th & 17th

December 10th What is Advent?

11:30 PM St. John Rectory

Msgr. McNary 4th Degree Assembly Meeting

The K of C 4th Degree Assembly meeting is set for this Tuesday, December 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Hall.



4th Sunday of Advent Mass Schedule

4:30 PM SATURDAY, DEC. 23RD

10:30 AM SUNDAY, DEC. 24TH

BOTH AT ST. JOHN CHURCH



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - Sunday, Dec 24th

3 PM AND 5 PM --- St. John Church

4:30 PM AND Midnight --- Holy Trinity Church

Christmas Day - Monday, Dec 25th

10 AM --- St. John Church



St. Vincent de Paul Society

Thanks to everyone for your continued support and contributions, with which the SVDP volunteers were able to assist our needy friends again this past month. Here is the November data:



SVDP Pantry Food Donations

76 Households totaling 196 people
41 senior citizens 104 adults 51 children

SVDP Help Line Utility Bill Assistance

10 households - Duke 27 households - Water

SVDP Furniture Ministry

12 home visits to assess needs
13 deliveries of furniture moved to new homes
24 donations of furniture picked up for new homes

SVDP Prison Ministry

20 Butler County / 40 Middletown City Jail inmates participated in Ministry Sessions.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY & CONTINUED SUPPORT!
5TH SUNDAY SVDP COLLECTIONS OCCUR FOUR TIMES A YEAR.
OUR NEXT ONE IS LATER THIS MONTH - DECEMBER 31ST!

For your convenience, we've included a special "SVDP 5th Sunday" envelope in the December pack. You can give your donation directly to the SVDP member or place it in the collection basket.



Outreach Ministry Featured Need for December **FULL / TWIN SHEETS & FULL MATTRESS PADS**

If you can provide these items – new or used – please drop them at the parish office and we'll pick them up for distribution to the needy. *Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this request.*



A Christmas Wish from our **St. Vincent de Paul Volunteers**

As this blessed Christmas season approaches, let us all have a thankful heart for the many gifts that God has given us. Family, friends, co-workers, church acquaintances – they are all placed in our lives for a reason. Just as the angels in Bethlehem announced the arrival of God's Chosen One, the people in our lives also show us that Jesus is alive.

Spend time this holiday season listening for His Voice, looking for His Face and recognizing His Presence in others. God's Christmas present to us is His Son. May we pray that our lives are a gift to others.



Stay In Touch With Your Catholic Faith!

Sacred Heart Radio – 910 AM / 89.5 FM



Last Call for Giving Tree Gifts!

Thanks for participating in the Giving Tree Ministry this year! As you can see, lots of gifts have already been delivered to the parish office. **If you still have a gift, please drop it off one day this week - ASAP!!**



Christmas Home Visits

Fr. Civile will be visiting homebound parishioners during the Christmas Season. If you or someone you know would like to receive a visit and Communion or Reconciliation, please call the parish office 422-0602 or email Kathi kathi@holyfamilymiddletown.com.



Christmas Flower Fund

If you would like to remember your deceased loved ones by donating to the Christmas Flower Fund, please use the envelope in the December packet and drop it in the collection basket. The list of names will be posted at the front and back of the churches for Christmas. **Want to be sure your loved one's name is correctly spelled and included in the list this year? Please print the name and make your donation by next Sunday, December 17th!** Thank you!



Help Wanted Decorating the Churches

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

Thursday, Dec 21st 9:30 AM St. John Church
Friday, Dec 22nd 9:30 AM Holy Trinity Church
May be rescheduled if a funeral makes it necessary.



Communal Advent Penance Services

Thursday, December 21st
Following the 12:10 PM Mass
and again at 7 PM - Holy Trinity Church

Why not join in a Communal Advent Penance Service as part of your preparation for Christmas?



It's Patch Patch Patch!

Brian Stevenson is capping the chimney which has been a home for pigeons. He also has plugged up the hole where the squirrels got into the attic.

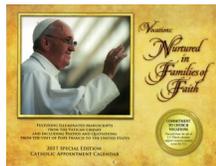
You can see he is replacing the sandstone steps



of Holy Trinity Church with limestone and refurbishing the doors of the church. The biggest problem is the entrance way at the top of the ramp. It keeps pulling away from the church, allowing water to come in. But we're getting there!

2018 Calendars Available

2018 calendars featuring illuminated manuscripts from the Vatican library and including photos of Pope Francis and quotations from his encyclical *Laudato Si'* (On Care for our Common Home) are available at the doors of both churches. If you did not receive one from your neighborhood representative, please be sure to pick up your free copy. *And if you'd like to serve as your neighborhood rep and distribute calendars next year, we'd love to hear from you! Call the office 422-0602 and we'll get you signed up!*



8th Grade Day at Bishop Fenwick High School

Friday, January 12th 8:45 AM - 1 PM

Register by Tuesday, January 9th



Experience what it feels like to be a Fenwick Falcon! Eighth Graders will arrive in the morning and spend the first half of the day learning about the academic and spiritual side of being a freshman at Fenwick. After an early lunch, students are provided the opportunity to learn about all of the extracurricular activities they can get involved in here at Fenwick. Call the Admissions Office 513-428-0525 or go to www.fenwickfalcons.org - Admissions then the Visit Experiences link to register by Tuesday, January 9th. Be a Falcon For a Day!

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If you are interested in a Catholic education that provides a challenging, structured and thoughtful learning environment led by highly qualified and experienced teachers, contact Principal Dawn Pickerill at 424-1196 for a meeting and a tour of the school.

#GIVING TUESDAY UPDATE

Prior to our matching donors, we were able to raise \$45,000 in our GivingTuesday campaign!! We are very excited about all that we will be able to put this money towards! One of the major projects we are looking at is painting the interior of the school – something that has not been done this century. You can imagine the wear and tear that comes from having so many students in the building! We are hopeful that with the money raised on GivingTuesday and the money we hope to raise from the Annual Fund, we will be able to get this project, as well as many others, accomplished.

TUITION ASSISTANCE

Through the generosity of the One Faith, One Hope, One Love campaign, the Archdiocese is able to offer up to \$1,000 tuition assistance to qualifying families. To apply, please visit the Archdiocese of Cincinnati website and click on "Education." Scroll down to "For Prospective Parents" and click on "Learn More." On the next page you will see "Tuition Aid" in the bar at the top. Click on these words and then on "K-8 Tuition Assistance." In the bottom left-hand corner, you will see "To Apply, Click Here."

You may also apply for tuition assistance through the school using this same application. You may receive tuition assistance through school without receiving it through the campaign, however, you **must** apply to the campaign to be eligible for school assistance.

The Perfect Christmas Gift - A Ticket to The Cincinnati Men's Conference

Presented by CMG Booking (the Catholic Speakers Organization) and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati

Moms, grandmothers, wives and girlfriends! The never-ending quest of trying to improve the men in your life (*monumental task we know*) just got easier! Allow us to help kill two birds with one stone by helping improve the men in your life (*St. Jude - patron saint of hopeless causes - please help us*), and at the same time, solve the challenge of what to get them for Christmas! **A TICKET to The Cincinnati Men's Conference held Saturday, April 28th, 2018 at the Taft Theatre makes this year's perfect Christmas gift.** The Men's Conference is a faith-filled day where men from all over will enjoy Catholic inspiration and spiritual growth. **Featured Speakers:**

- 1) Fr. Mitch Pacwa of EWTN
- 2) Fr. Larry Richards, Founder of Reason For Hope Foundation
- 3) Coach Gerry Faust, Former Notre Dame / Moeller Football Coach
- 4) Most Reverend Archbishop Dennis Schnurr as the main celebrant
- 5) A surprise speaker to be announced.

Get complete information on the conference and purchase tickets at www.CincinnatiMensConference.com.



List of Recent 365 Lotto Winners

\$1,000 - Lori Harrison **\$500** - Kimberly Plott **\$100** - Ted Finan, Vincent Fesenmeier, Darlene Freeman, Nathan Brunner, Bethany Kuhl **\$40** - Frank Aufderheide, Sue Gibson, Chris Kraemer, Terri Slusher, Michael Wieser, Matt Conrad, Mike Verdin, Adam Gabbard, Rachel Naegele-Lucas, Mary McCann, Stacey Denson, Kimberly Fennell, Teresa DiCristoforo, Todd & Kelly Dornheggen, Tami Wolf, Laura Hall, Randy Hunt, Trokhan, Gracie Fachtel, John & Peggy Jenkins, Greg Money, Linda Buhl, Kelli Kurtz, Jenny Cooper, Sarah Sackenheim, Jennifer Jones, Evelyn Dreyer, Dianne Keith

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365 Daily Prizes Will Be Awarded	
3	\$1,000.00 prizes on Easter, 4th of July & Christmas
12	\$ 500.00 prizes on all first Mondays
52	\$ 100.00 prizes on all Sundays
299	\$ 40.00 prizes on remaining days of the year

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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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!

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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.

St. John XXIII Catholic School - Parish school for Preschool - 8th Grade - www.stjohn23school.org.

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