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4:00 p.m.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13
8:30 a.m.  M. O’Brien, M. & O. Ogden
10:00 a.m. K. Mercurio, E. O’Brien, A Raphael
11:30 a.m. E. J. & S. Douglass
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12
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T. Simmons, R. Wehner, M. Wood
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8:30 a.m.  P. Pinckney, A. & G. France, K. Miller,
H Ortlieb, M. Thomas
10:00 a.m. A. & A. Bott, P. Huck, S. Magee,
M. Royer, W. Webster
11:30 a.m. A. Bowsher, T. & V. Garrity,
S. Manahan, M. & R. O’Brien
LECTORS
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4:00 p.m.  R. Giesken, J. Hrach
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13
8:30 a.m.  N. George, E. Pinckney
10:00 a.m. D. Fast, K. Leite
11:30 a.m. M. Miller, G. Moebius
READINGS DECEMBER 13, 2015
First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a
Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7
OFFERTORY TOTALS for November 29, 2015
Regular
Envelopes and Holy Days..................$ 4,998.25
Total ...........................................$ 4,998.25
Diocesan Tax.................................$ 299.90
Net.............................................$ 4,698.36
Please include your envelope number on your check.

Christmas Flowers – We are now accepting contributions for decorating our altar at Christmas. Please complete the envelope, which was included in your offering packet of special envelopes, to remember a deceased loved one or “special intention,” along with a $10.00 contribution for each intention. If you do not have this envelope, please complete the dedication and giver information clearly on a sheet of paper, place that in an envelope along with the $10.00 contribution per intention and mark the envelope “Christmas Flowers.” You may return either envelope in the collection basket or by mail to the Church Office. The deadline is Monday, December 14th, to be included in the Christmas bulletin.

Bake Sale, sponsored by the OLP Funeral Ministry, will be held December 19-20, after all the Masses in the Old Rectory. If you would like to bake and donate your item(s), please bring them to the old rectory between 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. December 20th. Please use the north door, by the garage, to deliver your goodies. Please call Ellen Voltolini at 262-2459 if you have any questions.

Music Fund Raiser for J.O.I.N. OLP parishioners Christine George and Gino Dettorre have recorded a second benefit CD entitled Notes of Joy, which includes many of the communion songs that they’ve performed at Christmas Eve Masses throughout the past few years along with some favorites from the hymnal. All money raised through the sales of the CD will be donated to the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs (J.O.I.N.), which provides essential support to low-income families in Columbus, Ohio. Thanks to the generosity of many, the first CD raised a total of $1,785.00 for J.O.I.N., and they are optimistic that the funds raised from this CD may exceed $2,000.00. To order a copy, please send a request to jdettor@columbus.rr.com or ctgeorge@columbus.rr.com. The CD will also be sold during the parish bake sale during the weekend of December 19 and 20.

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet Tuesday, December 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Old Rectory. Bring your knitting needles, crochet hooks and yarn and join us!

Prayer Line – If you have a petition you would like the Prayer Line to join in praying for, please call Bunni Cosimati at 614-847-1826. Prayers are kept confidential.

Holiday Bulletin Deadlines – Please submit any items that you would like to have included in the Christmas/ December 27th bulletin by Monday, December 14th. Any item that you would like to have included in the January 3rd edition should be submitted by December 18th. Thank you for your cooperation.
WHAT’S COMING UP AT OLP SCHOOL

Sunday, December 6
Scrip Store open – 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, December 8
All-School Mass – 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, December 9
Santa Giftland

Friday, December 11
Scrip order date – by 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 13
Scrip Store open – 9:30-11:30 a.m.

The Giving Tree – Please consider donating a new unwrapped toy to help the St. Francis Outreach Center in McArthur, Ohio. The center establishes a store for needy families and allows invited guests to select donated gifts for their families. Select a tag from the tree and bring the toy etc. If you have not participated in this program before, you might consider doing so this year.

The Giving Tree keeps on Giving
The Family Mentor Foundation is a nonprofit charity established to connect community resources and children who need them most. Each Friday during the school year, Family Mentor Foundation’s goal is to get a disposable “Buddy Bag,” bursting with nutritious food, into the hands of local children who qualify for their school’s free, or reduced lunch. This bag is filled with kid-friendly, nutritious, nonperishable, and individual sized foods. Easy-to-prepare meals and snacks that will help sustain the children when schools aren’t able to help over a weekend. The program has been so successful that it is growing rapidly throughout Columbus, and we are asking for your help to keep moving forward.

This year, the Giving Tree at OLP will be kept up after the normal Christmas gift gathering to allow Family Mentor Foundation to provide information tags instructing how to donate to the Buddy Bag program. 100% of donations go directly to food, which goes directly in to the hands of kids in our neighborhoods who need it. Any donation you can give is welcome and appreciated. If you’d like to donate now or during the Giving Tree, you can donate at www.familymentorfoundation.org (click the green DONATE button). Thank you!

Get your Christmas shopping done and support OLP at the same time! Purchase gift cards to use at all of your favorite stores when you shop or give gift cards to all those hard to buy for people on your list. You’ll support OLP and get your shopping done in a flash!

Bethesda Healing Ministry – For 22 years, Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry has and continues to minister to countless men and women who have come to know God’s mercy, which is not withdrawn and is everlasting. Please contact us on BHM confidential phone lines 614-309-0157 and 614-309-2651 for more information about our ministry of support and of love, or contact us at www.bethesdahealing.org.
A Note from Fr. John

Among the Church’s many treasures is the sacrament of the sick. We celebrate this sacrament to bring the power of God’s Spirit to bear on sickness. Sometimes the recipient experiences physical healing. Always the Spirit gives the sick person strength to bear the burden of his/her illness. When I visit the sick in the hospital or take Communion to parish shut-ins, I frequently celebrate the sacrament of the sick with them; but here at Our Lady of Peace we also have the tradition of celebrating the sacrament communally at a Sunday Mass. This Advent, on Sunday, December 13th, at the 11:30 a.m. Mass, the parish will be celebrating the sacrament of the sick. The sacrament is available to anyone who is seriously ill and also to anyone who, though not seriously ill, is at risk of serious illness because of physical weakness or advanced age or something similar. If you wish to receive the sacrament of the sick, please plan to participate in this celebration. For parishioners with mobility problems we will be reserving a special area where the choir normally sits – the priest will anoint people there in their places so that they do not have to come forward. During Advent we await the arrival of the Messiah who comes to set us free – free, among other things, from sickness. Advent is therefore a most appropriate time for this special celebration. I hope we have lots of participants.

Fr. John

ADVENT MORNING OF REFLECTION – “Waiting in Darkness” is the theme facilitated by Sr. Louis Mary Passeri on December 12 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at St. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, 2734 Seminary Road, Newark. Come and pray, listen and reflect. Cost of $20.00 includes breakfast. Visit stspeterpaulretreatcenter.com or call 740-928-4246 to register today.

Rutherford Funeral homes is collecting items to wrap and give to seniors in assisted living facilities during the holiday season. Many seniors do not receive gifts this time of year. NEW items that are being collected include small lap blankets, hand lotions, walker bags, socks, and consumables such as chocolates, packaged holiday cookies and sugar free goodies. Please drop off unwrapped donations by December 11 at Rutherford Funeral Home locations in Worthington (515 High Street), or University (2383 N. High Street) during normal business hours.

The Knights of Columbus have “Keep Christ in Christmas” magnets available in the gathering space this month while supplies last.

Bishop Watterson News

Sunday with Santa/A Christmas Carol
Bishop Watterson’s Theater and Business Departments are offering a fun afternoon of Christmas activities for younger children on Sunday, December 6. Business Club will host Sunday with Santa from 12:30-2:00 p.m. (photos with Santa, crafts, bake sale) and the Theater Department will hold a matinee performance of A Christmas Carol: A Ghost Story of Christmas at 2:30 p.m. The cost to attend one of the events is $5.00. The cost to attend both is $7.00. Business Club proceeds will be donated to Nationwide Children’s Hospital’s Christine Wilson (’01) Burn Unit.

Winter Cheer Clinic – Bishop Watterson High School will hold a Winter Cheer Clinic on Sunday, January 17 with a follow-up performance at halftime of the varsity boys basketball game on January 22. More information/registration can be found at bishopwatterson.com.

Wrestling Club – Bishop Watterson’s Wrestling Club is a youth wrestling program open to students in grades 2-8 from all BWHS feeder schools and parishes. Practice sessions begin November 17 and continue through early March 2016. More information/registration can be found at bishopwatterson.com.

Holiday Volleyball Clinic – Bishop Watterson will host a volleyball clinic for boys and girls in grades 3-8 on Monday, December 28 and Tuesday, December 29 from 10:00 a.m.-Noon. Cost is $25.00 per player per session or $45.00 for both sessions. For more information and registration form, go to www.bishopwatterson.com.

Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be held on Monday December 7th at 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday, December 8th at 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
“Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it too small to God, if we have given what we could.” – St. Gregory

Will you help St. Vincent De Paul (SVDP)?.....how you can help!

Help us financially next weekend, December 12-13. Dig deep and fill the baskets of the volunteers at the doors. The baskets gladly accept checks, cash and coins. Count your own blessings and help our community by helping to supply temporary help and assistance.

What does SVDP do?
* provides emergency services: food, rent, utilities, repairs, etc.
* share our talents with our neighboring parishes Immaculate Conception and St. Michael – we help each other to make things happen for the client.
* help direct training and certification to improve better job opportunities.
* coordinate getting major appliances in good working order as needed and available to help families be more independent
* we are always looking for Parishioners of every age to help facilitate our work.
* with your help over 10,000 sandwiches are sent to St. Lawrence Haven from OLP annually. Also donations are made to the Food Pantry, the Open Shelter, and Mid-Ohio Food Bank; additionally, bus passes are purchased to help the homeless get to a place of food and shelter.

That is what SVDP does to help the needy—we take each call and try to do what is best to get the client on their feet or refer them to help. We treat each client with respect and dignity. We will be waiting for you after Mass at the church doors next week-end. We will appreciate your donations.

Please join The Catholic Foundation’s Young Professionals Group on December 8th for their 3rd Cocktails and Conversation Series. Our guest speaker will be Kevin Lowry, Chief Financial Officer at RevLocal (www.rev-local.com). In addition to helping lead one of the fastest growing companies in the area, Kevin is also a prominent figure in the Catholic community. He is the author of Faith at Work: Finding Purpose Beyond the Paycheck (which will be available at the event for purchase) along with contributions to dozens of chapters and articles of books, magazines, and websites. He is also a frequent speaker and media guest. Kevin feels privileged to sit on the boards of Our Sunday Visitor and Friends of Little Portion Hermitage. He is also past President of the local chapter of Legatus. As we have done at previous events, Kevin will give us his take on finding the balance between faith and work. For details and to RSVP, please visit http://www.meetup.com/Catholic-Young-Professionals-Columbus-Meetup/.

Catholic CD of the Week: This week’s featured CD is Beloved by Dr. Tim Gray. With humor and clarity, Dr. Gray presents Biblical principles that are foundational to finding happiness in marriage. He discusses the blessings and struggles of married life, and how, despite our fallen nature, spouses can heal and build their marriages and become each other’s greatest blessing. Discover how to find or renew happiness in your marriage with Beloved.

“Please Save the Date(s)”

Nobody likes thinking about Lent, much less Easter, in the middle of Advent; but most lives are so busy that we need lots of advance warning about impending events.

Father Kavanagh has agreed to return to Our Lady of Peace to preach a parish mission this coming Lent. These mission sessions will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 29th, Tuesday, March 1st, and Tuesday, March 2nd. The parish will do its best to cancel other parish happenings at these times so that everybody can participate. So please mark these dates in your calendar. “You’ll be glad you did!”

On Thursday, April 7th, the parish will begin the Alpha process. From my brother priests I hear that Alpha is a magnificent way of re-invigorating one’s relationship with Jesus as well as developing closer ties with fellow believers. Alpha involves ten on-site sessions (dinner, a movie, and discussion) and one off-site day of recollection (ours will take place at Our Lady of Victory Parish). Because our meeting room is fairly small, there will be a limited number of spaces for the first session of Alpha; but the team is in need of volunteers to serve as hosts and as table leaders. Please watch the bulletin and the website for additional information. The parish plans to run another series of Alpha in the summer, another series next fall, and another series next spring.
The Catholic Foundation’s Young Professionals Group is once again organizing a Night Out with the Blue Jackets! The Columbus Blue Jackets have partnered with The Catholic Foundation’s Young Professional Group to host young Catholic professionals on Saturday, January 16th as the Blue Jackets take on the Colorado Avalanche! There will be a Networking Session prior to the game in the Labatt Blue Zone to mix and mingle with other young professionals. Take advantage of a preferred rate exclusively for The Catholic Foundation’s Young Professional Group! For details and to RSVP please visit http://www.meetup.com/Catholic-Young-Professionals-Columbus-Meetup/.

ATTENTION, ALL MALE SINGERS! The Catholic Men’s Conference is looking for a few good men to sing in the Men’s Conference Choir at the annual Catholic Men’s Conference on February 27, 2016 at the Voinovich Building on the Ohio State Fairgrounds. We will hold one or two rehearsals prior to the event at a date, time, and location to be determined. Please consider attending the Men’s Conference and singing with us at this exciting event! Contact Christopher Walsh at cwalsh5358@gmail.com or at 614-464-2392 to sign up or for more information.

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Up Next: Middle School

Lock-in!

December 19-20 7pm - 7am

PARENTS!!!!! We need chaperones to make this possible.

The Diocese says we need a 1:6 ration for our over night. If you love to have fun and spend quality time with your son/daughter and their friends, this is your chance!

High School: March For Life

January 21-24 Cost: $90

Depart Thursday, 21st 6pm from ODU.

Arrive Sunday 24th at 4:30pm. Includes Youth Rally, the March, visit the National Basilica, and half day retreat on the Year of Mercy, and all your meals and lodging!

Total Cost is due by January 3rd.

Sign up via email ASAP!

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