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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday, 3:15-3:45 p.m.  
and by Private Appointment
Contact Msgr. Johnson to schedule.

Masses
Saturday – 4:00 p.m.;  
Sunday – 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m.  
Holy Days:  
Holy Day Eve – 5:30 p.m.;  
Holy Day – 8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.  
Weekdays:  
Tuesday – 5:30 p.m.;  
Wednesday-Friday – 8:30 a.m.
**MASS SERVERS**

SATURDAY, December 3
4:00 p.m.  G. Carter, S. Hawkins, M. Nussbaum

SUNDAY, December 4
8:30 a.m.  C. Gulla, A. Hagman, C. Kuypers
10:00 a.m. J. Flory, S. Mikula, A. Renshaw
11:30 a.m. C. Brickley, L. & O. Iceman

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

SATURDAY, December 3
4:00 p.m.  B. Fischer, M. Heininger, E. McCollam, C. Shay, T. Vargo, M. Wood

SUNDAY, December 4
8:30 a.m.  R. Fortkamp, H. Ortlieb, T. Simmons, P. & T. Strange, M. Thomas
10:00 a.m. T. Dusseau, H. & P. McCloskey, K. & M. Mercurio, B. Thomas

**LECTORS**

SATURDAY, December 3
4:00 p.m.  J. Hrach, J. Umpleby

SUNDAY, December 4
8:30 a.m.  N. George, M. Warren
10:00 a.m. T. Farmer, E. Mikula
11:30 a.m. C. Chaney, D. Davisson

**READINGS December 4, 2016**

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10
Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9
Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

**OFFERTORY TOTALS for November 20, 2016**

Collection totals for November 20 will be included in the next week’s bulletin due to an early holiday deadline.

We will have Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday December 1, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. Benediction starts at 6:45 p.m. Please come and spend some time in quiet prayer and reflection with the Lord.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

From now until December 12th, you may submit your Christmas Flower Envelope, including your offering and the intention. Flower envelopes were included in your Offertory Envelope Packet. Additional Christmas Flower envelopes can be found in the Gathering Space. Your envelope, with clearly written intentions, may be placed in the Offertory Collection Basket or mailed into the Parish Office. The suggested gift is $10.00 per intention. All intentions received prior to the December 12th deadline will be printed in the Christmas bulletin.

Funeral Ministry Bake Sale

There will be Funeral Ministry Bake Sale on December 17th and 18th after all Masses. We are asking parishioners to bake and drop off their baked goods on Saturday, December 17th, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please come through the double garage doors on the “bank side” of the building. You will find us in the kitchen. Any questions, please call Ellen Voltolini at 614-262-2459. Thank you for all your help.

Have you been attending Mass at Our Lady of Peace for a while but not officially? Please contact our office to register at 614-263-8824.
OLP will be hosting a Giving Tree for the St. Francis Outreach Center in McArthur Ohio between the week of November 26 and December 11. This gift drive supports St. Francis with their mission in the community which serves Vinton County and surrounding communities. In 2015 our efforts helped to support their campaign which provided gifts to more than 600 children and young adults. As a community we are blessed to have such caring parishioners who have made this an annual part of OLP tradition. Please select an ornament from the trees in the gathering space, which provide “suggested” gift ideas for a particular age group. During my interview with St. Francis, they identified a particular need in fulfilling gifts for the young adult age group 14-18, so this year we will have more ornaments for that group. Please bring your new and unwrapped present to the giving trees by 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 11th. Santa’s sleigh will be leaving Our Lady of Peace by the start of the 11:30 a.m. Mass, so it is imperative that all presents be at the parish no later than 11:00 a.m. on that Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Gulla at 614-582-7468.

RCIA
Why are the RCIA participants dismissed in the middle of the Mass?
On Sundays beginning in Advent, our adult RCIA candidates – those who have already been Baptized as a Christian in another denomination – are dismissed at the end of the Liturgy of the Word. This will continue each Sunday until Easter when, at the Easter Vigil, they will join us at the Table of the Eucharist for the first time. The parish is not sending them out because they are somehow “unworthy” to stay for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Though they cannot yet come to the table of the Eucharist, Mother Church still has an obligation to feed those who have entered into a relationship with her through the Rites of Acceptance and Welcome, which happen on the first Sunday of Advent.

God’s Word is their primary food during this period. Instead of remaining for the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the participants depart from the Mass with one or more RCIA team members to discuss the Mass readings for that Sunday and to experience more fully the impact of the Scriptures in their lives. This time is known as “Breaking Open the Word.” Through the dismissal to Break Open the Word, the parish community is invited to pray for our candidates, and in return the candidates experience a sense of belonging to a community that cares for them. Please feel free to introduce yourself to our candidates and offer your assistance in their faith journey.

What is the Rite of Welcoming?
When a person interested in joining the Catholic Church and the Church community believes that the person is starting to show some signs of a Christian faith and is ready to commit to becoming Catholic, the person is invited to celebrate a ritual called a “Rite of Welcome.” This Rite will be celebrated at Our Lady of Peace on Sunday, November 27 – the First Sunday of Advent – during the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

By celebrating this rite, the person is officially and publicly declaring his or her intention to enter into a formal relationship with the Church, learning its ways and participating in its lifestyle. The Church, in turn, accepts their commitment and pledges its support throughout the person’s journey of faith. Please welcome these individuals and keep them in your prayers as they continue their faith journey towards full initiation in the Church.

ALPHA is coming!
Because of the success here at OLP, our parish again will be offering Alpha this Spring. This time we will have it on Sunday afternoons after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Typically run over eleven weeks, each session looks at a different question that people can have about faith and is designed to create conversation. It’s just an open, informal and honest space to explore and discuss life’s big questions together.
Advent Schedule
2016

December 7, 2016
Wednesday
Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary
5:30 p.m., Vigil Mass

December 8, 2016
Thursday
Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary
8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

December 12, 2016
Monday
Parish Penance Service
7:00 p.m.

December 20, 2016
Tuesday
Festival of Nine Lessons and
Carols Choir Concert
at 7:00 p.m.

December 24, 2016
Saturday
Christmas Eve Mass Schedule
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

December 25, 2016
Sunday
Christmas Day
10:00 a.m. ONLY

December 31, 2016
Saturday
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
4:00 p.m.

January 1, 2017
Sunday
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

The parish office will be closed December 23 and 26 and again on December 30 and January 2.

NO ADORATION IN JANUARY.
A MESSAGE FROM THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

The Catholic Foundation is available to help fulfill your specific philanthropic wishes.

One convenient way of giving is through a Donor Advised Fund, which offers a hands-on approach to philanthropy. This fund invests your charitable gift to grow tax-free for future giving and can allow for a tax deduction this year. A Donor Advised Fund allows you to make contributions to multiple Catholic or public organizations and a Catholic Foundation Donor Advised Funds can be set up with as little as $5,000.00.

Key Benefits:
* Immediate tax deduction with the option of deferred charitable distribution.
* Consolidates your charitable giving, providing administrative convenience.
* Flexibility to choose multiple grant recipients
* Ability to add to the fund at any time.
* Make donations anonymously, if desired.
* Wish to create a family legacy of faith – name your children, grandchildren or other loved ones as successor advisors to the fund.

During Thanksgiving and in preparation for end-of-the-year giving, are both wonderful times to establish a Legacy Gift through a Donor Advised Fund or Estate Planning.

For more information, please contact Tiffiney Hatem at The Catholic Foundation at 614-443-8893 or thatem@catholic-foundation.org.

Friends of the Josephinum Jewelry Sale

The final jewelry sale sponsored by the Friends of the Josephinum will be Friday, December 2, from 11:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Jessing Center. Items offered below wholesale prices include certified diamonds and elegant fine and costume jewelry. A diamond expert will be available to advise buyers. Refreshments provided; admission is free. All proceeds benefit Josephinum seminarians.

Rutherford Funeral Homes is collecting items to wrap and give to residents in assisted living facilities during the holiday season. Many seniors do not receive gifts this time of year. NEW items including lap blankets, warm socks, unscented lotion, softer treats (fig newtons, soft batch cookies, etc.), notepads/decorative stationary, coffee table books with large pictures, scarves or shawls are all needed. Please drop all UNWRAPPED donations by December 9th to Rutherford Funeral Home locations in Powell (450 W. Powell Road), Worthington (515 High Street), or University (2383 N. High).

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