

December 1, 2019
First Sunday of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS

First Sunday of Advent
Saturday, November 30, 2019
4:30 pm – Norma & Karl Kangas

Lillian Romano

Sunday, December 1, 2019

8:00 am – Harry Whalen
10:00 am – Matthew Fenske

The Knights of Columbus
Debbie Powall

12:00 noon – dec'd members of the Dawson, Jurek & Haugh Families

The Dawson Family

Monday, December 2, 2019

7:30 am – Virginia Long

The Long Family

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

7:30 am – George Svajger

Marge Svajger

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

7:30 am – Nancy Sanker

Shelli Zeleznik

Thursday, December 5, 2019

7:30 am – Helen Hanis

Betty Jo Novac

Friday, December 6, 2019

7:30 am – The intentions of all St. Mary Parishioners
9:20 am – Joseph Karl Ciz-Madia

The faculty & staff of St. Mary School

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 7, 2019

4:30 pm – Jean Smrekar

Janet & Michael O'Hara

Sunday, December 8, 2019

8:00 am – dec'd members of the Meeks & Suhay Families

Otis & Joanne Meeks

10:00 am – Erik Race

Mark & Sandy Race

12:00 noon – dec'd members of the Dawson, Jurek & Haugh Families

The Dawson Family

Meetings this Week			
Mon. 12/2	Learning Circle	9:30 a.m.	CR
	PSR Gr. 1-5	6:15 p.m.	Clrm, SL, Caf., ABC
	RCIA	6:30 p.m.	HR
	Men's Bible Study	7:00 p.m.	CR
	WOW Advent planning Mtg.	7:15 p.m.	FR
Tues. 12/3	Weight Watchers	5:00 p.m.	ABC
	Linedance	6:00 p.m.	Caf.
	CHS Football banquet	6:30 p.m.	BR
	12 step mtg.	6:30 p.m.	CR
Wed. 12/4	Bible Study	9:00 a.m.	CR
	Heroin Annon	7:30 p.m.	HR
Thurs. 12/5	Be My Witness	1:00 p.m.	CR
	Boy Scouts	7:30 p.m.	ABC
Fri. 12/6	WOW Set-up	6:00 p.m.	BR, Caf., Ch, ABC
	Video Group	7:00 p.m.	CR
Sat. 12/7	WOW Advent Day of Prayer	8:30 a.m.	BR, Caf., Ch, ABC
Sun. 12/8	Prayer Shawl	1:00 p.m.	CR
	Life Teen	6:00 p.m.	ABC, Caf
	PSR Gr. 6-8	6:30 p.m.	Clrms, SL

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Michael Anderson
Janet Aughinbaugh
Dottie Bauman
Paul Bauman
Laurie Bertke-Manahan
John Bowyer
Katy Brent
Doug Campbell
Jim Carlson
Nathan Cole
Grace DiDomenico
Jenny Fitzgerald
Rudy Gerlica
Mary Sue Germinaro
Matthew Gleeson
Dejah Hissom
Roy Hopkins
Karen Kazel
Mike Kobetitsch
Carl Kucia
William Lang
Marianne LoCastro
Liberty Mosher
Pat O'Connor
John Pfeifer
Dale Roby
Joann Shaw

Mark Shoag
Helen Skoch
Bob Steiber
Joey Tromba
Kenneth Udovic
Chantel Vargo
Crystal Vecchio
Ned VonLindern
Karen Washington
Lauren Watts
Jace White
Charlette Whiting
John Carter Wolf
Colbie Wolf
Billy Yanesh
Edilio Zamora

Additions or Deletions
Please contact the
Parish Office at
285-7051.

MEN -- join us Monday evening December 2nd for our next Men on a Journey! - Bible Study Edition! As we begin the season of Advent, accept the challenge of learning more about our Faith. We meet at 7:00 at St. Mary, Chardon. Looking forward to seeing you!

WOW Prayer Group for December

Dear ladies, since we are having our retreat on Dec. 7, the WOW Prayer Group will not be meeting on Dec. 14. We are looking forward to seeing all of you who have signed up for the Dec. 7th WOW Advent Day of Prayer, and are keeping you in prayer.



Friendship Breakfast will be held this Sunday, December 1st following the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses. Please join us for coffee, juice, donuts and fellowship.



Legacy Giving

Please contact St. Mary Parish, Fr. Dan Redmond at 440-285-7051 for further information.

Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

Today, we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. As we begin our journey toward the joyful celebration of Christmas, it's important not to lose sight of the beauty of this season. Advent is a relatively short liturgical season, but it highlights the importance of being prepared and being hopeful. We are called to prepare the way of the Lord so as to be ready when he comes again in glory. We are called to prepare the way of the Lord so as to more readily receive his grace and his word in our lives.

This time of year is a beautiful time of year as we see houses and neighborhoods illuminated by lights of varying colors. Let's allow the Light of the World to help us to remember the real reason for the season.

God bless you,
Fr. Dan Redmond



*For unto us a Child is
Born.
Unto us a Son is Given*

Our Lady of Fatima
CHRISTMAS HOLY HOUR!

Led by Pastor
Father Dan Redmond
Tuesday, December 3, 2019
7:00-8:00 P.M.

Benediction, Eucharistic Adoration
Recitation of the Holy Rosary &
The Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Christmas Refreshments will follow in the
Hospitality Room.



The Knights of Columbus will be doing
a Pancake Breakfast with Santa on
December 8—8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.
Please note the new time.

(After 12 o'clock sharp we will be shutting
down. We have found not many come for breakfast once
the noon Mass starts.)

PSR Home School Update - Second semester home
school packets will be ready for pick up December 1. You
may pick your new packets up in the community room.
First semester materials are due December 1 for grade 8.
First semester materials are due January 6, 2020 for
grades 1-7. Please contact the PSR office with any
concerns, 286-6531.



Correction - Wreath Pickup This Weekend November 30—December 1

Just a reminder – please stop by the
Community Room NEXT weekend after Mass
to pick up your wreath and evergreen product
orders. The wrong weekend was listed in last week's
bulletin. St. Mary's Boys scouts thank you for your
continued support. If you did not place an order, there will
be a few additional items for sale.



Christmas Forms Available in the Parish Office

Will you be having a difficult time this Christmas
Holiday Season? Be aware that your SVDP
Counsel is here to help you with your Christmas
food needs. Simply complete a request form from the
Parish Office and return it to them prior to December
18th. You will receive directions for food pick up at that
time.



2019 Knights of Columbus Sharing Tree

The St. Mary Knights of Columbus will host this
years Sharing Tree Again. You will be able to
pull ornaments off the Christmas Tree in the
Gathering space the two weekends after Thanksgiving. All
gifts need to be returned to the rear of the church no later
than Friday December 13th.



50+ Club is sponsoring a Christmas luncheon
for MEMBERS ONLY. It will be held on Tuesday,
December 17 at 12:00 noon in the Banquet
Room. Reservations must be in on or before
December 11.

Contact: Dolores Hissom at 286-9836 for information.

MAKE A DONATION

The Great Feast

Thanksgiving is fast approaching and we, your SVDP Counsel, are seeking donations of turkeys, hams, other main course meats and gift cards for our local less fortunate individuals. Any monetary donations will be combined to purchase gift cards and or purchases of any needed main course. Our PSR classes have graciously volunteered to donate food items! Thank you PSR!

Art & Environment -- You are Invited!

We are planning the decorating of the Church for the upcoming seasons of Advent and Christmas. Would you like to help? Please consider joining the Art & Environment committee for one or both days --

Monday December 23 from 9:00am until about 1:00pm

Please contact Judi Parker for more details -- 286-6531 or jparker@stmarychardon.org. Teen helpers are welcome and please RSVP in advance.



Early Childhood Expo will be held on Wednesday December 4th 6-7:30 pm.

This event is geared towards children ages 1-7, is FREE, and open to the community! If

you, or someone you know is interested in knowing more about our Preschool or Kindergarten, this is the event for you! We will have tours of the classrooms, hands on activities, teachers on hand to answer all of your questions, and prizes! Hope to see you there!



Breakfast with Santa will be held on Saturday December 14th at 10:00 a.m.

For tickets and more information visit our website www.stmaryschoolchardon.org or our Facebook page!



Life Teen is held on Sundays, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Life Teen is for those in 9th through 12th grade, so please plan on coming

to Life Teen to see what it is all about. We meet every Sunday in the cafeteria, and dinner is provided starting at 6 p.m.

Lastly, if anyone has any questions about donating food gift cards, donating a meal or becoming a Core member, please contact Chris and Sherry Loxterman at lifeteen@stmarychardon.org.

Thank you for supporting Life! Sincerely, Sherry and Chris Loxterman and the entire Core Team.



Confirmation Candidates - Are you looking for information for your saint report due December 15? The Parish Library has a wide selection of books, CDs, and DVDs available for check out. Stop in today and browse our collection. Please note: Most saint-related items

are located under the call number 235.2 or in the 920s. If you are looking for a specific saint and can't find it, please leave a note at the parish library desk or parish library mailbox in the office and check in after PSR. We can pull items from the shelf to hold for you.



Pro-Life: The word "Advent" means "coming," and the season focuses on the coming of Christ at the end of time, and then on His first coming at Christmas. The joy of Advent is joined by a strong warning that we must be prepared for His coming. Promoting justice and human rights is a key element of our preparation. A society that aborts its children is not prepared for the coming of Christ. May we welcome all human life.



PSR OPPORTUNITY - Support Our School. Please consider volunteering as a teacher for this vital parish program. There is a current need for the Monday evening elementary

session. You do not need to be a religious expert. All teaching materials are provided. Class meets Monday evenings 6:15-7:30. Small gifts of time and talent can truly impact our students' religious education. Can't make a weekly commitment? PSR is also in need of substitute teachers for both Sunday and Monday evenings. Please contact Heather Gady at 286-6531 x 108 or hgady@stmarychardon.org for further information. Thank you for your consideration.



Empty Nesters Holiday Get Together

When: Friday, December 6, 7:00 pm
Where: Heritage House on the Square

Contact with questions and to RSVP call Judy or Gary 286-3848.

Enjoy Christmas cheer & fun with a white elephant gift exchange ... we're sure you have something at home that you'd rather give to someone else; if not, keep it inexpensive. Bring an appetizer or dessert; pop, water and basic snacks will be provided as well.



Save the Date!

Giving Tuesday is December 3rd. This year all money raised will go towards improving our playground! For more information or to make an early donation please contact Lynn Woolard at lwoolard@stmaryschoolchardon.org



The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be meeting on **Sunday, December 8th in the Community Room** directly after the noon mass. As we

draw near the holidays, what a great present a prayer shawl or lap blanket would be for your family and friends. It is the perfect gift a child can give to a loved one.

Please help yourself to a shawl of your choice (there are no costs). Remember to sign the registry if you would like us to pray for the recipient of the shawl. The Prayer Shawl Ministry is wishing all a Happy and Blessed Holiday Season!



St. Mary's Toys for Appalachia Drive is Back!

St. Mary Chardon has a long-standing tradition of providing toys to families in Grahn, KY, who would otherwise have no presents for Christmas. The Grahn Community Center operates with volunteers only and helps to serve over 100 families each season in this Appalachian region.

St. Mary will be collecting new and nearly new toys- clean with no missing parts for donation. No stuffed animals please. There is always a special need for items geared toward middle school aged children. We will also be collecting monetary donations to defray the cost of delivery and are in need of large empty boxes for packing.

Items can be dropped off in the school lobby beginning Friday, November 22 through Wednesday, December 4.

Toys will be loaded and delivered by St. Mary elves that weekend. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please come to the school office during regular business hours, or contact one of the chair people.

Please consider being a part of brightening the lives of children and families in need this holiday season!

Kara Passow: kpassow@stmaryschoolchardon.org

Lynn Woolard: lwoolard@stmaryschoolchardon.org

School Office: 440-286-3590

Community News



Holiday Helps for the Divorced and Separated Divorced or Separated and struggling with the holidays?

Join us for a special 4-week mini support group for those having difficulty facing

the holidays as a result of separation and divorce. This special program is intended to offer practical advice on building new holiday traditions, identifying and managing the emotions of divorce, opening opportunities for growth & new beginnings, and turning a corner and facing a new year. Attend one session, all four, or anything in between. We will meet Tuesday evenings from 7:00-9:00 pm, on **December 3, 10, 17, 2019 and January 7, 2020, at St. Noel Church, 35200 Chardon Rd., Willoughby Hills.**

To register or for more info: call Karen @ 440-352-8282 or email: kjubeck@st-gabriel.org



Lunch with Santa is being sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 3304 at the St. Helen's Cafeteria, Saturday December 7th, from 12 noon to 2 PM. Lunch is just \$3 per person.

Children 3 and under are free. A 5 by 7 photo with Santa is available for \$5. Cookie decorating, crafts, and other fun activities will also take place. No reservations are needed.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION – NEW MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS – DECEMBER 15TH

The next Grief Support Group meets on Sunday, December 15th 3:00pm - 4:00 pm at St. Joseph Cemetery, Avon; Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron; Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park; and new grief support locations Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland; All Saints Cemetery, Northfield; **All Souls Cemetery, Chardon.** All groups meet in the main cemetery offices. The topic for December is: Emmanuel/God With Us: You are Not Alone.

We have compassionate and skilled grief support leaders in all of these locations. Our Grief Support Groups are available to everyone in our diocese and the grieving in our communities at large. Many people courageously walk this daily grief journey alone and this holiday season can be particularly difficult. Our desire is that no one grieves alone. We invite you to join us as we accompany you on your journey toward understanding, clarity, and peace this Advent/Christmas season.

If you are interested in participating in our Grief Support Groups, please contact Rhonda or call 216-930-4866. A reservation is not required, but is appreciated.

WE'RE HIRING!

St. Joan of Arc Parish in Chagrin Falls, OH is looking for an experienced Pastoral Minister who will perform a variety of duties related to serving and spiritually enhancing

the parish community. It is the expectation that the Pastoral Minister share in our Catholic faith, be a Catholic in good standing, and reflect the teachings, belief, and vision of the universal Catholic Church in their life and in this ministry. Pastoral Ministry Certification in the Diocese of Cleveland is a plus.

This is currently a part-time position (approximately 20 hours per week) with consideration given to flexible working hours related to the various ministerial involvements. For more detailed information, and to apply for the position, please visit the Diocese of Cleveland Employment web page: <https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/offices/human-resources/employment-opportunities>.