

December 8, 2019
Second Sunday of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS

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 & Suhy 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

Monday, December 9, 2019

7:30 am – Wilmer Lynn

Francine Lynn

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

7:30 am – Marilyn Christel

Judy Louden

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

7:30 am – Mary Jo Pritt

Debbie Linn

Thursday, December 12, 2019

7:30 am – Tillie Young

Ken & Helen Seufer

Friday, December 13, 2019

7:30 am – dec'd members of the **Kaveliski & Bryk Families**

Delores Kaveliski

9:20 pm – James Styles, Jr.

Kathy & Ray Occhionero

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 14, 2019

4:30 pm – The intentions of all St. Mary Parishioners

Sunday, December 15, 2019

8:00 am – Edward Peters

Patricia Peters

10:00 am – Deacon Ed McCarthy

Debbie Linn

12:00 noon – Joseph Gillespie

John & Doris Hoffman & Family

Meetings this Week

Mon. 12/9	Learning Circle	9:30 a.m.	CR
	50+ Board Mtg.	10:00 a.m.	HR
	PSR Gr. 1-5	6:15 p.m.	Clrm, SL, Caf., ABC
	RCIA	6:30 p.m.	HR
Tues. 12/10	Weight Watchers	5:00 p.m.	ABC
	Linedance	6:00 p.m.	Caf.
	12 step mtg.	6:30 p.m.	CR
Wed. 12/11	Bible Study	9:00 a.m.	CR
	PERI Christmas	11:00 a.m.	BR
	SVDP	7:00 p.m.	CR
	Heroin Annon	7:30 p.m.	HR
Thurs. 12/12	Be My Witness	1:00 p.m.	CR
	Worship Committee	7:00 p.m.	CR
	Boy Scouts	7:30 p.m.	ABC
Fri. 12/13	WOW set-up	7:00 p.m.	HR
	Video Group	7:00 p.m.	CR
Sat. 12/14	WOW Christmas Party	8 a.m.	HR
Sun. 12/15	Sharing Tree Gifts	3:00 p.m.	HR
	Life Teen	6:00 p.m.	ABC, Caf
	PSR Gr. 6-8	6:30 p.m.	Clrms, SL
	Confirmation Class	6:30 p.m.	BR

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

Sr. Mary Cora

Grace DiDomenico

Stephanie Divoky

Jenny Fitzgerald

Rudy Gerlica

Mary Sue Germinaro

Matthew Gleeson

Tony Gross

Dejah Hissom

Roy Hopkins

Karen Kazel

Mike Kobetitsch

Gary Kolesar

William Lang

Betsy LeBlanc

Gary LeBlanc

Nicholas LeBlanc

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

Joseph Zingale

Additions or Deletions

**Please contact the
Parish Office at
285-7051.**

Weekly Collection

RSC Sunday, December 1, 2019	\$16,091.05 (369 donors)
Weekly Budget	\$19,000.00
Weekly Contributions	\$1,352.00 (41 donors)
Monthly Contributions	\$7,559.00 (57 donors)
SVDP	\$343.00
Children's Envelopes	-0-
Adopt-A-Student	\$30.00

November 2019

RSC YTD	\$382,351.28
RSC YTD—budgeted	\$399,000.00
# of donors based on envelope usage	720
RSC YTD— avg. weekly through Nov.	\$18,207.20
RSC YTD -avg. weekly through Nov.	\$19,000.00
Adopt-A-Student	\$1,214.00



Pray for those who died.

**Walter Apanasewicz of
father Michael Apanasewicz
Barbara Cech, wife of Gerald Cech**



Schedule for December & January bulletins. All bulletins are due Monday at 9:00 a.m.

December 15th due December 9th
December 22nd due December 16th
December 29th due December 17th
January 5th due December 23rd

Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

The central figure in the Gospel reading for the Second Sunday of Advent (Matthew 3: 1-12) is St. John the Baptist. He tells those listening to him in the desert of Judea to “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” It was of John the Baptist that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said:

*A voice of one crying out in the desert,
Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.*

To repent requires that we recognize our need for God’s forgiveness. John warns those who are convinced of their own righteousness that they cannot simply say, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ We must have a humble, contrite heart so as to experience the awesome, healing power of God’s Divine Mercy.

In this season of Advent, I would encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities offered here at the parish to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. There is no better Christmas gift that you can give to yourself.

I pray that you and your loved ones will enjoy a prayerful Advent season.

God bless you,
Fr. Dan Redmond



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.

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.



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.



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.



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!



PSR - Attention Confirmation Candidates

Reminder - the monthly confirmation session is on December 15 at 6:30 in the banquet room. This session is for students only. Session topic is Gifts of the Spirit. In addition, saint reports are also due this night.



Legacy Giving

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

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.



Hat, Scarf, Gloves & Mittens Tree

We will again have a special Christmas Giving Tree in the church gathering space where you can place donations of new or nearly-new hats, scarves, mittens and gloves. These items will be donated to those who will be grateful for your warm winter gifts. Thank you!



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.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

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!



Children's Christmas Eve

Mass: As we prepare for Christmas, we keep the true meaning of Christmas important for our children. We would like

the children in Grades K-2 to participate in a special way at the 4:00p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. These children are invited to dress as angels and shepherds. We will have a Mary and Joseph and other members of that 1st Christmas. They will be part of the Gospel reading. If you will be attending that Mass in either the Banquet Room or the church and would like to participate, please email Mrs. Passow by Monday, December 16 at kpassow@stmaryschoolchardon.org.



December 9th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In this feast, we celebrate Mary's conception free from the stain of Original Sin, and we recognize that Mary's life began at the moment she was conceived in the womb of St. Anne. So, too, does every human life begin at the moment of conception, lovingly knit together by God the Father. Mary, pray for us and for all tempted to abort, that they may say yes to 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.



Pray Line Ministry: Are you prayer warrior? St. Mary's is currently in need of faithful parishioners who will pray for the needs of others.

Please call Grace at 286-1230 to see how you might help.



The Empty Nester Annual Breakfast Meeting

will be held Sunday, Jan. 12, 2020 after the 8:00 Mass. It will be held in the Cafeteria.

Plans for the 2020 year will be made. Dues, \$10.00 per person or \$15.00 per couple can be paid at this time.

We will need egg casseroles, sausage, juices, breads, muffins, etc.

Please call Beth at 286-9080 to let her know you are coming and what you are bringing.

Principal's Corner December 2019

November and December are quite busy months at our school as we reflect on the many things to be thankful for and prepare for Christmas.

Thank you for your generous support of St. Mary's Toys for Appalachia drive! Our school 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. It was great to see how many new and nearly new toys, as well as monetary donations have been made.

In preparation for Christmas, our students participate in the annual Christmas concert during the last week of school. It is always a delight to see them and our parents enjoying this special event. Thanks to Mr. Gorski who is organizing this special event.

This fall Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin renovated all of its classrooms with contemporary, flexible, and comfortable desks and chairs for students and teachers. As part of the purchasing negotiations for their new furniture, our friends at NDCL worked out an amazing deal to provide new students desks for St. Mary's Junior High school classrooms at absolutely no cost to us. We have received 75 new desks- valued at \$335 each- to modernize our classrooms. The total value of NDCL's gift to us is \$25,125!

NDCL Principal Joseph A. Waler explains "NDCL's mission calls us to be leaders who transform the world. So, it made sense for us to go beyond transforming our own classrooms. We're happy to share God's blessings by providing modern classroom furniture for the students and teachers of St. Mary's School."

I am amazed that NDCL's leaders thought to include our school in their own classroom renovation project. All of us at St. Mary's School are grateful to NDCL for helping to strengthen our shared ministry of Catholic education with this totally unexpected and much appreciated gift.

We are expecting the new desks to be delivered shortly before Christmas break and they will be set up in the Junior High classrooms during winter break.



Additionally, we consulted with the intervention team of Julie Billiart School to move forward with a sensory path in the lower hallway and partially convert our resource room into a sensory room. The grant from the Ohio Catholic Credit Union will be used for this project. Our goal is to have this accomplished before Catholic Schools week at the end of January 2020.



Special thanks also to our parents and parish community for all your support and help to our school. We are blessed by your generosity and commitment to make St. Mary's a special place for our students.

May Christ's peace and hope be with your family.

Merry Christmas! Frohe Weihnachten!

Mrs. Friederike Wintersteller - Principal

Community News



Holiday Helps for the Divorced and Separated

Divorced or Separated and struggling with the Holidays? It's not too late to join us for our remaining three sessions! This special program is intended to offer practical advice, support, and the skills to help you get through the holiday season and move forward in the New Year. We will meet Tuesday evenings from 7:00-9:00 pm, on December 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

**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>.

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.