

**December 15, 2019**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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**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*

**Monday, December 16, 2019**

**7:30 am – Jim Goss**

*Beverly Gatte & Barbara Hart*

**Tuesday, December 17, 2019**

**7:30 am – Jean Smrekar**

*Janet & Michael O'Hara*

**Wednesday, December 18, 2019**

**7:30 am – Jim Goss**

*Beverly Gatte & Barbara Hart*

**Thursday, December 19, 2019**

**7:30 am – Kevin Cunningham**

*Connie Wills*

**Friday, December 20, 2019**

**7:30 am – The intentions of all St. Mary Parishioners**

**9:20 am - William Marn**

*The Marn Family*

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Saturday, December 21, 2019**

**4:30 pm – Bill & John Waitinas**

*Pam Waitinas*

**Sunday, December 22, 2019**

**8:00 am – Lee Eiermann**

*Lillian Eiermann*

**10:00 am – Edward Liggett**

*Debbie Linn*

**12:00 noon – John & Nelda Kawalec** *The Taddie Family*

**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

Ron Gady

Rudy Gerlica

Mary Sue Germinaro

Matthew Gleeson

Tony Gross

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

Robert Van Curran

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.**

**Meetings this Week**

Mon. 12/16	Learning Circle	9:30 a.m.	CR
	Chardon Football Banquet	6:00 p.m.	BR
	PSR Gr. 1-5	6:15 p.m.	Clrm, SL,Caf.,ABC
	RCIA	6:30 p.m.	HR
	Parish Council	7:00 p.m.	FR
	Men's Bible Study	7:00 p.m.	CR
Tues. 12/17	Weight Watchers	5:00 p.m.	ABC
	12 step mtg.	6:30 p.m.	CR
	Knights of Columbus	7:00 p.m.	Ch,ABC
Wed. 12/18	Bible Study	9:00 a.m.	CR
	Alzheimers Support	6:30 p.m.	CR
	Heroin Annon	7:30 p.m.	HR
Thurs. 12/19	Be My Witness	1:00 p.m.	CR
	Art Environment	1:00 p.m.	Ch,GS,HR
Fri. 12/20	Video Group	7:00 p.m.	CR

**Weekly Collection**

<b>RSC Sunday, December 8, 2019</b>	\$15,022.05 (371 donors)
Weekly Budget	\$19,000.00
Weekly Contributions	\$1,352.00 (41 donors)
SVDP	\$205.00
Children's Envelopes	-0-
Adopt-A-Student	-0-
Retirement for Religious	\$2,854.00
Immaculate Conception	\$2,656.00



**Pray for those who died.**

**Anna Zorich,  
mother of Deborah Continenza**

**ATTENTION:** Our monthly Avila Holy Hour will be this Wednesday, December 18th, following the closing of Eucharistic Adoration and the 7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet and Litany. Please join us in praying for our priests, deacons, sisters and religious. Any questions call Mike Kawalec at 440-226-9187.



**Schedule for December & January bulletins.**

**All bulletins are due Monday at 9:00 a.m.**

December 22nd due December 16th

December 29th due December 17th

January 5th due December 23rd

[hseufer@stmarychardon.org](mailto:hseufer@stmarychardon.org)



**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 the Church celebrates the Third Sunday of Advent. The third Sunday of Advent is called "Gaudete" Sunday. This comes from the first word of the Latin Entrance Antiphon for this day, meaning "Rejoice" and the liturgical color may be rose instead of purple. This is the Church's way of further heightening our expectation as we draw ever nearer to the Solemnity of Christmas.

Isaiah (35: 1-6a, 10) the prophet speaks of a day when "Those whom the Lord has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee." The Gospel of Matthew (11: 2-11) proclaims the wondrous deeds of the Lord Jesus. "The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them."

As we enter into the final week and a half of the Advent season, we can find ourselves busier than usual. Our calendars can fill up quickly with social engagements and preparations for Christmas and the New Year. These late, Advent weekdays offer us an opportunity to focus more intently on welcoming Christ more readily into our hearts and homes.

I pray that God will bless you and your loved ones with the peace of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

God bless you.

*Fr. Dan Redmond*



**St. Mary's Knights of Columbus will host a Rosary, Tuesday, December 17 in the chapel at 7:00 p.m. Please join our Knights in prayer to our Holy Mother.**



### **PSR - Attention Confirmation Candidates**

Reminder - the monthly confirmation session is on December 15 at 6:30 p.m. 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.



**The St. Mary Knights of Columbus** will enjoy their annual Christmas Party with family in the ABC room on Tuesday December 17th at 7:30 PM. Any who are interested in learning more about the Knights are welcome to attend and

family is encouraged to attend as well.  
Merry Christmas!



**Christ Child Society:** Christmas is coming and you may need a gift for the person who has everything!!!! The Christ Child Society of Geauga County has the perfect gift! You can purchase a complete newborn layette for a baby in need in the name of a loved one.

The Layette includes undershirts, diapers, sleepers, receiving blankets, bibs, a book, and some baby toiletries all wrapped up in a baby quilt. These much-welcomed gifts are given to a newborn that might otherwise have nothing. For just a \$40 donation, you can give one to a little one in need, in your name or the name of a special person. A card will be sent to that person letting them know you have donated this item in their name. Please contact the Christ Child Society, Judy Benda at 440-286-4261 for more information.



### **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.

## 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](mailto: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. The Deadline for this collection is December 22nd. 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](mailto:lifeteen@stmarychardon.org).



### 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](mailto:kpassow@stmaryschoolchardon.org).

### PSR Calendar Update

First semester classes wrap up this week -- Sunday, December 15 and Monday, December 16.

There is no PSR December 22/23 and December 29/30. Classes resume as follows:

Grades 6-8: Sunday, January 5 (6:30-8)

Grades 1-5: Monday, January 6 (6:15-7:30)

Any concerns, please leave a voicemail or send an email to Heather Gady at 286-6531 x 108 or [hgady@stmarychardon.org](mailto:hgady@stmarychardon.org).

We wish all families a very enjoyable Christmas break!



**PRO LIFE:** Our Lady of Guadalupe is the patroness of the unborn. Her image shows her as pregnant, carrying God Himself. That image converted millions of Aztecs. Today, this image is taken to abortion clinics, where human sacrifice is practiced, and turns the despair of those mothers and fathers into the hope that brings new life. Jesus, may we spread Your hope everywhere.



**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](mailto:hgady@stmarychardon.org) for further information. Thank you for your consideration.

### Prayer Line Ministry: Are you a 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, January 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.

**MEN** - It is the 3rd week of Advent already! How are you doing on your Advent journey?

Why not join us Monday evening December 16th as we explore the Gospel of Mark and use that as a stepping stone along your journey?

We meet at St. Mary, Chardon at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there and a blessed Advent!



**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.

Contact: Dolores Hissom at 286-9836 for information.

## WOW – Thank you and SAVE THE DATE

Thank you to all attendees, volunteers, and donors of the St. Mary WOW Women's Advent Day of Prayer! Please continue to pray for one another and the Holy Souls while we are waiting in Advent. SAVE THE DATE – Sat. Jan. 11 is the next WOW mtg. at 9:15 a.m. in the Hospitality Room. Afterwards, around 10:15, we will begin a book discussion on days 1-15 of "30 Days with Teresa of Avila" by Daniel Burke and Anthony Lilles. We will discuss days 16-30 on Thurs., Jan. 30, from 7:15 - 8:15 PM. The book may be purchased from Amazon.com, sophiainstitute.com, Ebay, or check other booksellers. We hope that you will join us.



## Community News



### Holiday Helps for the Divorced and Separated

Divorced or Separated? Wondering what the New Year will bring? Join us for this special program intended to focus on opening opportunities for growth and new beginnings. We will meet Tuesday evenings from 7:00-9:00 pm, on

December 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](mailto:kjubeck@st-gabriel.org)

Looking ahead to 2020, we will be offering Divorce Recovery for Catholics, an 8 Week Support Group, designed to meet the needs of those who are divorced or separated. It will begin Thursday, January 16th through March 5, 2020, at St. John Vianney Parish, 7575 Bellflower Rd., Mentor from 7- 9 pm. Sessions are designed to offer direction, support, and the tools for coping with this life-changing experience. For more information or to register, please call Catholic Charities at 352-6191 or 1-800-242-9755, or email [kjubeck@st-gabriel.org](mailto:kjubeck@st-gabriel.org) There is no charge for this program, all materials are provided, and it is open to people of all faiths.



### Feed Neighbors in Need by Purchasing Discounted CAVS tickets to the December 20, 2019 Game.

The Cleveland Cavaliers have teamed up with the St. Vincent de Paul Society's Hunger Centers to help feed the hungry this Christmas season. The CAVS are offering discounted tickets to the Friday, December 20th home game at 7:00 p.m. against the Memphis Grizzlies. In addition to your ticket purchase benefitting our hunger centers, all attendees will receive a Whammer Bobblehead. The fun-filled evening includes a free throw on the court after the game— a great photo opp for all. Order tickets at [svdpcle.org](http://svdpcle.org) or <https://go.rallyup.com/svdp-cavs> Tickets sales end 12/19/19 at 5:00 p.m.

### 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.

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.