

December 29, 2019
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

MASS INTENTIONS

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
 Saturday, December 28, 2019

4:30 pm – Mario Nolfi *Ed & Leslie Linsky*

Sunday, December 29, 2019

8:00 am – Geraldine Zehe *The Family*
 10:00 am – Nick & Julia DeSanto *The Powell Family*
 12:00 noon – dec'd members of the Dawson, Jurek & Haugh Families *The Dawson Family*

Monday, December 30, 2019

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

Tuesday, December 31, 2019

7:30 am – Patricia Phillips *Jim & Jan Metzger*
 4:30 pm – Rosemary Lazzaro *Kathy Yates*

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

8:00 am – Robert Shively, Sr. *The Shively Family*
 10:00 am – Dorothy & John Czajka *The Praetzel Family*

Thursday, January 2, 2020

7:30 am – David Lowe *The Seven Thirty Mass Group*

Friday, January 3, 2020

7:30 am – Felix Diaz *Caroline Shively*

Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 4, 2020
 4:30 pm – Jose Luis Lopez Rodriguez *Dan & Kathy Lombardo*

Sunday, January 5, 2020

8:00 am – dec'd members of the Piecenski & Ahrens Families *Susan & Robert Piecenski*
 10:00 am – The Intentions of all St. Mary Parishioners
 12:00 noon – Norma & Karl Kangas *Lucia Braca*

Meetings this Week			
Mon. 12/30	Learning Circle	9:30 a.m.	CR
Tues. 12/31	Weight Watchers 12 step mtg.	5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	ABC CR
Wed. 1/1			
Thurs. 1/2	Be My Witness Boy Scouts	1:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	CR ABC
Fri. 1/3	Video Group	7:00 p.m.	SL
Sat. 1/4	Men on a Journey Blood Pressure Screening	7:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	CR HR
Sun. 1/5	Blood Pressure Screening Prayer Shawl Life Teen PSR	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	HR CR ABC,Caf. Clrms,SL



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

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Michael Anderson	Dale Roby
Janet Aughinbaugh	Joann Shaw
Dottie Bauman	Mark Shoag
Paul Bauman	Helen Skoch
Laurie Bertke-Manahan	Bob Steiber
John Bowyer	Joey Tromba
Katy Brent	Robert Van Curran
Doug Campbell	Chantel Vargo
Jim Carlson	Crystal Vecchio
Nathan Cole	Ned VonLindern
Sr. Mary Cora	Karen Washington
Grace DiDomenico	Lauren Watts
Stephanie Divoky	Jace White
Jenny Fitzgerald	Charlette Whiting
Ron Gady	Joseph Zingale

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

Weekly Collection - Next week

RSC Sunday, December 22, 2019 (donors)
 Weekly Budget \$19,000.00
 Weekly Contributions \$1,352.00 (41 donors)
 SVDP
 Children's Envelopes
 Adopt-A-Student



MEN -- So you can enjoy the end-of-the-year festivities with your friends and family -- we will NOT meet for our Bible Study on Monday December 30th. But don't worry -- we will gather again on

Monday January 13th at 7:00 pm at St. Mary, Chardon. A Holy Christmas and a Blessed New Year



The St. Mary Knights of Columbus will be collecting used Christmas Cards for the next several weeks. Please place your used cards in the box marked "Used Christmas Cards" which can be found in the Parish Office. Thank You!

Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

This Sunday the Church celebrates the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We have celebrated the birth of the Savior at Christmas and now we focus on the example given to us by the Holy Family of Nazareth.

It has been said that, “as goes the family, so goes society.” Sadly, we live at a time in history where the traditional understanding of the family is under attack like never before. Many wish to re-define marriage and promote “gender identity.” Divorce rates continue to remain high and many choose cohabitation over the marriage bond. Instability in family life leads to instability in the life of communities and society-at-large.

The Church teaches that God has a plan for marriage and family life. In 1981, Pope St. John Paul II wrote an Apostolic Exhortation entitled, “Familiaris Consortio” (On the Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World). He said, “*Christian marriage and the Christian family build up the Church: for in the family the human person is not only brought into being and progressively introduced by means of education into the human community, but by means of the rebirth of baptism and education in the faith the child is also introduced into God's family, which is the Church. (FC, #15).*” The Pope would often refer to the family as the “Domestic Church,” or the Church in miniature.

Let us pray, through St. John Paul’s intercession, that families will truly welcome God into their homes.

God bless you.

Fr. Dan Redmond

PSR Calendar Update

There is no PSR 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.

We wish all families a very enjoyable Christmas break!



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.



Legacy Giving

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



Prayer Shawl meetings are directly after the noon Mass in the Community Room on Sunday, January 5, 2020.

Please help yourself to the Blessed shawls located in the Community Room and complete an entry in our registry if you wish us to pray for the recipient of the shawl(s). Yarn donations and additional knitters/crocheters/quilters are welcomed.



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.



PRO LIFE: The Feast of the Holy Innocents leads Christians to reflect on the tragedy of abortion. Our hearts should be broken as the bodies of these babies are broken, and the souls of those who kill them are weighed down with the burden of guilt and despair. Lord, open our hearts to greet You in each new child.



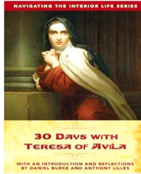
Life Teen is held on Sundays, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Life Teen is for those in 9th through 12th grade, so please plan on coming to Life Teen to see what it is all about. We meet every Sunday in the cafeteria, and dinner is provided starting at 6 p.m.

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.

WOW – SAVE THE DATE

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.



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.



2020 Census—Anyone interested in helping the community in which you live with the 2020 Census starting

March-April please come to the Community Room the weekend of January 11th & 12th after all the Masses and meet with a representative from the US Census Bureau. You must be 18 years of age, US Citizen, and have a email address. These positions are temporary and part time with flexible working hours. The pay for Geauga County is \$17/hr plus mileage allowance and 30 hours of paid training. If you are unable to attend you may apply at www.2020Census.gov/jobs

Community News

SUPPORTING EACH OTHER – A new support group for caregivers of those with dementia and alzheimer’s We meet in the gathering space on Saturday morning’s, immediately after 8:00 Mass at St. Helen’s Newbury. This group will meet once a month and is a “faith-based group.” Following dates are Jan. 11th, Feb. 8th and March 14th 2020. Please pass the word to anyone you know caring for a loved one.



Holiday Helps for the Divorced and Separated

Are you ready for a new year? Let us help you turn the corner!

Join us for this special program intended to offer practical advice on understanding you needs and rebuilding your life, and making long and short term goals. We will meet Tuesday evening from 7:00-9:00 pm, on January 7th 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

Looking ahead, 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 There is no charge for this program, all materials are provided, and it is open to people of all faiths.



The next Cleveland Retrouvaille Weekend is scheduled for January 24-26, 2020. This is a Lifeline for Troubled Marriages. Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring – your relationship cold, distant – thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but both of you want to try again? Then the Retrouvaille program may help.

RETRouvaille, which means rediscovery, is supported by the Catholic diocese of Cleveland, but it is open to couples of all faiths. This program consists of a weekend experience for couples and six follow up sessions. A registration fee of \$150 is required to confirm your reservation. For more information concerning the program, or to register, please call Marce or Liz Gliha at 440.357.6580 or 1.800.470.2230, or go online to www.helpourmarriage.org.



Food Pantry: Monday 4:00-6:00 p.m.– Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:30-11:30 a.m.– Friday 2:30-4:30 p.m. at the Pilgrim Christian Church, 202 S. Hamden St. Food for low-income Geauga County residents. ID required for all family members. Details at 440-285-8791.