

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

A reminder that we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception this week. This is a *holyday of obligation* throughout the Church in the United States. This is because our country is dedicated under the patronage of the Blessed Mother Mary, specifically under her title, The Immaculate Conception. There will be Feast Day Masses (Thursday, December 8) at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. here as well as 10:00 a.m. at Bishop Flaget. St. Colman-Washington Court House will have a vigil Mass at 7:00 p.m.

that Wednesday evening as will Waverly and Zaleski at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday. Any of these Masses would count for your holyday of obligation and help keep you in a state of grace.

Speaking of a state of grace, don't forget to plan for a confession before Christmas. We offer confession every Monday, Thursday, and Saturday evening and there are a number of Advent Penance Services scheduled that are listed elsewhere in this bulletin.

Next Sunday, December 11, Washington Court House – St. Colman will be having *Lessons and Carols* at 3:00 p.m. at the church (223 E. East Street, WCH) This is a great opportunity to celebrate Advent with a beautiful rhythm of Scripture readings (read by a number of seminarians from the Josephinum) and the singing of carols which reflect those readings. All are invited.

In Christ  
Fr. Hahn

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM FOR THE SUNDAY MASS:****SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Ps. 72: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

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Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of  
peace for-e- ver.

**The Church encourages us to sing the Ordinaries of the Mass**, or the responses that remain the same from week to week. These include the Kyrie (Lord Have Mercy), Gloria, Creed, Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy), and Agnus Dei (Lamb of God). During the four weeks of Advent, we will be singing the Nicene Creed at the 11:30 a.m. Mass. It can be found in the Saint Michael Hymnal #126. Cards have been placed in the pews with the words to the Kyrie (Lord Have Mercy), Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) and Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) in both English and Latin.



**Children's Christmas Choir!** Children whose families are going to celebrate Christmas at the 5:00 p.m. Children's Mass on Christmas Eve, please consider singing in the youth choir! Music will start at 4:30 p.m., followed by Mass at 5:00. Children who prefer

to sit with their family during Mass are welcome to sing the music before the Mass begins, then go down to meet their family. Please join us!! Practice will be Sunday, December 18th from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the choir loft. Questions? Call Diane Corcoran at [740-703-2196](tel:740-703-2196).

**Did you sponsor a child at Miryante Orphanage during the recent drive?** If you did and wish to send them a small gift for Christmas, now is the time to get it in the mail for it to arrive in time for Christmas. The shipping address is:

*Miryante Orphans Home  
(Name of child)  
P.O. Box 143  
Mubende, Uganda*

Shipping is very expensive – so anything lightweight is recommended. Laura Corcoran suggest hygiene items or small trinkets. They do not have anything of their own, so anything they receive is a treat!

Also, if you did not sponsor a child and would like to send a card or small gift to one of the children, use the same address and mark attention Laura Corcoran for her to distribute.

Speaking of the Miryante Orphanage... a huge thank you to all those who help support these children. During the recent visit of Fr. Erineo, each parish held a second collection. \$7,868.72 was collected from the four parishes to help support the orphanage! Since the sponsorship drive, 31 children have been sponsored!!! Thank you for your generous response to those in need in Uganda.

You may still sponsor an orphan. You may do so by going to <https://miryanteorphanage.org>. What a wonderful gift to give that child for Christmas!

**2017 OLON Mission Pilgrimage to Mexico** – Informational and Organizational Meeting will be held Monday, December 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The trip is planned for July 15-July 23, 2017. Estimated Cost per person is \$1,750.00 + food. Contact Bob Dye for additional information.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### **Saturday, December 3**

*Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8*

**5:00 p.m.** Tess & Homer Grever – Beth Fowler

#### **Sunday, December 4**

*Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12*

**8:00 a.m.** (living) Tyler & Sarah Maimone –  
Maimone Family

**11:30 a.m.** For the People

#### **Monday, December 5**

*Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26*

**5:30 p.m.** Ruth Neal – Colleen Sulzer

#### **Tuesday, December 6**

*Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14*

**8:30 a.m.** Carole Jenkins – Terry & Jan Childers

#### **Wednesday, December 7**

*Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30*

**8:30 a.m.** Bill Neal – Joe & Marta Sulzer

#### **Thursday, December 8**

*Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38*

**8:30 a.m.** Nancy Kight – Thomas B. Jenkins, Jr.

**7:00 p.m.** (*incense*) For the People

#### **Friday, December 9**

*Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19*

**8:30 a.m.** Thanksgiving for All God's Blessings –  
Bob & Kathy Dye

#### **Saturday, December 10**

*Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13*

**5:00 p.m.** Jennifer Diehl – Scott & Lisa Diehl

#### **Sunday, December 11**

*Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11*

**8:00 a.m.** Dr. David Wallenhurst – Matt & Jill Haller

**11:30 a.m.** (living) Michael & Meg Tedesco –  
Maimone Family



### **Reverse Advent Calendar Participation Encouraged!**

Our Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a 28 Days of Advent: a Reverse Advent Calendar project... As most Advent Calendars countdown to Christmas, this project is a count up to Christmas using nonperishable food items. All donations will be given to our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Those needing their donations picked up before or after Christmas, please contact Joe Zupi at (home) 740-773-4707, (work) 740-772-4759 or by email at [jzupi2002@yahoo.com](mailto:jzupi2002@yahoo.com) and he will make arrangements for a Knight to pick up and deliver to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. You may also contact Joe for any questions regarding the project.

### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

#### **Saturday, December 3 – Net Retreat for Grades 6-8**

4:00-4:30 p.m. – Confessions – Church

4:25 p.m. Rosary Recitation – Church

#### **Sunday, December 4**

8:45 a.m. Coffee & Donuts – Parish Hall

9:15 a.m. PSR – Second Floor

9:15 a.m. Bible Study – Holy Family Library

12:30 p.m. Coffee & Donuts – Parish Hall

12:30 p.m. Baptism – Church

1:00 p.m. Card Crafting Club – Parish Hall

#### **Monday, December 5**

5:00 p.m. Confessions – Church

6:00 p.m. Grief Support – Holy Family Library

6:00 p.m. OLON Mission Trip Meeting – Parish Hall

7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Society –  
Basement classroom

#### **Tuesday, December 6**

6:00 a.m.-Midnight – Adoration – Adoration Chapel

9:30-10:30 a.m. – St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry  
Open

3:15 p.m. Mass – Heartland Nursing Home,  
Chillicothe

7:00 p.m. RCIA – “Marriage & Holy Orders” –  
Holy Family Library

#### **Wednesday, December 7**

Midnight-Midnight – Adoration – Adoration Chapel

7:00 p.m. Divorce Support Program –  
St. Francis Room

7:00 p.m. MOMS Bible Study – Holy Family Library

7:00 p.m. Sisterhood of the Frogged Stitchers –  
Blessed Virgin Mary Room

7:00 p.m. Choir practice – Church

#### **Thursday, December 8 –**

#### **Feast of Immaculate Conception**

Midnight-6:45p.m. – Adoration – Adoration Chapel

8:30 a.m. Mass – Church

10:00 a.m. All School Mass –

Bishop Flaget Gymnasium

7:00 p.m. Mass (incense) – Church

#### **Friday, December 9**

8:30 a.m. Mass – Church

1:30-2:30 p.m. – St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Open

2:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Cenacle –  
Mezzanine Conference Room

#### **Saturday, December 10**

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. – Photo Sessions –  
John Paul II Room

4:00-4:30 p.m. – Confessions – Church

4:25 p.m. Rosary Recitation – Church

6:00 p.m. Marriage Enrichment –  
Holy Family Library

#### **Sunday, December 11**

9:15 a.m. PSR – Second Floor

9:15 a.m. Bible Study – Holy Family Library



**Saint Peter's annual Christmas gift giving project is upon us.**

Tags are on the trees that have names and ideas for Ross County teens and nursing home residents. If the tag you select has "snack box" on it, this means it will be for a nursing home resident and you can fill a shoe box size box with items such as candy, snacks, large print word search, slip resistant socks, small stuffed animal, or anything that would be suitable for someone in an extended care facility. REMINDER – If you took a gift tag from our giving trees, be sure to return your wrapped gift on or before December 10/11 weekend. All of the gifts will be carried over to a classroom on Sunday, December 11 after 11:30 a.m. Mass and the Christian Service group will immediately begin sorting and organizing for delivery. Delivery dates are being worked out with church and nursing home schedules and will be announced in the next bulletin. REMEMBER to please attach the tag you took to your wrapped/bagged gift for sorting purposes. If shopping is not an option for you but you would like to participate, any monetary donations can be made to the church office designated for Christian Service, as some items are purchased. Any questions can be directed to Jackie True at [740-774-1360](tel:740-774-1360). Thank you in advance for your continued support of this project.

**Calling all Couples!** Engaged, newly married or old married couples! All are invited to escape the holiday hustle and bustle and enjoy a night to unwind! At this gathering we will be looking to our past, examining our present and looking forward. We will have food and fellowship as well as some marriage enriching activities and discussion. Let's slow down together and enjoy an evening with friends! Saturday, December 10th following the 5:00 p.m. Mass in the Holy Family Library. Food provided, BYOB! Please RSVP to 774-1407 or text 740-649-5256 **if you plan to attend!**



**LAST CHANCE FOR YOUR PICTURE FOR THE PARISH DIRECTORY...**

Bobbi has scheduled one final day to get your photo for the directory, Saturday December 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Call Kymn Davis at 740-708-2860 to set your appointment. Please prayerfully consider having your picture included in the directory. There is no purchase necessary and the directory is a very useful tool for the priests and sisters for knowing who their parishioners are, especially with four parishes.



**Sponsorship forms can be found in this week's bulletin to help send our teens to the March for Life on January 27, 2017.**

If you are able to donate in part or whole to help send a teen to DC, it will be greatly appreciated. The cost per person is \$185.00. Most especially, please pray for our teens as they participate in this pilgrimage and for an end to abortion. If you would like to help provide snacks or water for the teens to use on the bus trip, please contact Jenny French or watch for a special container to be in the church starting in January. Your support of our teens and Life is greatly appreciated!

**When you are filling out your Christmas Cards this year,** take a card and send it to this address: A Recovering American Soldier, c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center, 6900 Georgia Avenue, Washington DC, 20307-5001.



**NEW THIS YEAR: Baby Bootie Campaign!**

Please plan to pay a visit to the Knights of Columbus December and January pancake breakfast and give a donation toward this year's March For Life! You will add your name to a cutout Baby Bootie which will travel with the missionaries to Washington DC. Prayers and monetary donations are needed, so please be generous with both! For more information, contact Judy Harness or Jenny French.

**St. Peter's Newest group –** The Handmade Card Club will meet this Sunday, December 4 at 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall. It is open to anyone interested in making greeting cards or learning how. The cards made by the group will be given to the sisters to take to the nursing homes, hospitals, homebound, VA, etc. Some will be given to the prison ministry for the inmates to send to the families, and so on. If interested in joining the group or making a donation of paper supplies or money to support their efforts, contact Jenny French at 740-774-4172 or Beth Roy at 740-701-3216.



**Fr. Hartge to participate in the Josephinum's Clergy Who Cook Fundraiser.**

Fr. Hahn has passed the soup ladle to Fr. Hartge to serve up a winning dish at the Josephinum's annual fundraiser, "Clergy Who Cook." The event will be held on Friday, February 3 at the Jessing Center on the college campus. Tickets and table reservations can only be purchased online this year. They will go on sale January 5th and they sell out quickly. If you are unable to attend but want to help sweeten the pot to ensure a victory for Fr. Hartge, financial donations can be given to him or to Jenny French at the parish office. All donations at this event help to support the seminarians who attend the seminary.



Mark your calendars for the Military Ministry's participation in the **Wreaths Across America ceremony.**

This year's ceremony will take place at noon on Saturday, December 17 at St. Margaret's Cemetery. All are invited to join us as we salute and pay our respects to those veterans who have gone before us.

**Wilderness Outreach** is holding its annual advent hike at Tar Hollow State Park. The Advent Hike will be held on Saturday, December 10th. There will be two hikes, morning and afternoon. The morning hike will start promptly at 8:00 a.m. from the Big Shelter House. The afternoon hike will start at 1:00 p.m. The celebration of the Mass with Fr. William Hahn will start at 5:00 p.m. The evening will conclude with fellowship until about 8:00 p.m. All men, fathers and sons are welcome to attend. A roaring fire, hot coffee, hot chocolate and food will be available. A freewill donation to help cover the shelter house rental and food will be appreciated. For further information, contact John Bradford ([614-679-6761](tel:614-679-6761), [wildernessoutreach2560@gmail.com](mailto:wildernessoutreach2560@gmail.com)).

The **Wilderness Outreach Firewood Fund Raiser** is a yearly event that helps support Wilderness Outreach in its work to help form virtuous Roman Catholic men. Firewood is sold as a reasonable freewill donation. The sale day is Saturday, December 17. 1 prep day prior to the date of the fundraiser will be held on Saturday, December 3. Fathers and sons are encouraged to participate. Location: 399 Carroll Eastern Road, NW, Baltimore, OH 43105-9747. For further information, contact John Bradford 614-679-6761 [willdernessoutreach2560@gmail.com](mailto:willdernessoutreach2560@gmail.com).

**“in prison and you visited me.” (Matthew 25:36)...**The Inmate Care Unit is looking for monetary donations to help fill Christmas packages for those incarcerated at CCI. Many of the inmates do not receive visits or letters from loved ones, making the holidays a very lonely time for them. If you would like to help or want additional information, contact Deacon Hauser at 740-775-1835.



**Christmas Flower Memorial Fund Envelopes** are located in the pews. Place envelopes in the collection basket or drop off at the church office. What more wonderful way to honor a loved one than to help us beautify the altar for Christmas. The List of names will be printed in the church bulletin over a couple of week's span due to the printing deadlines.



**Infant of Prague Perpetual Adoration Chapel:** The Chapel is up and “running.” If you signed up for a time slot, please make sure that it is covered if you are unable to be there. The Chapel is open 6:00 a.m. Tuesdays through 5:00 p.m. on Thursdays. Adoration will commence in Church after the 5:30 p.m.

Mass with Benediction occurring at 9:00 p.m.

**On Thursday, December 8, the Adoration Chapel will close at 6:45 p.m. with Benediction in the Chapel due to the 7:00 p.m. Mass in Church for the Holyday. There will not be adoration following the closing of Mass.**

The door to the chapel is open without code entry from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday through Thursdays. If you are not already a committed adorer and wish to be able to access the chapel at other times, please contact the office for the access code.

**We are looking for weekly sponsors** for the candles that will be burning during adoration. The candles will burn during the 60 hours of adoration in the chapel and will be in honor of the intention the sponsor indicates. The intention will be published in the bulletin so the other adorers can offer prayer as well. A donation of \$10.00 is requested to cover the cost of the candles. A specific week can also be requested. Contact Jenny French at the parish office for scheduling the intention.



**Don't Miss This!!** Do you watch EWTN's Journey Home program? Well, you won't want to miss the episode on Monday, December 12th which features our very own Chris Hiles! Please join us as we gather to watch Chris share his Journey Home to the Catholic Church in the Holy Family Library at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, December 12th. Refreshments will be provided.



**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

Cereal Canned Fruit Pasta Sauce

**Do you donate clothes to Goodwill?** At St. Vincent de Paul we sometimes have clients who need new clothes, and we are able to give them vouchers to buy them at Goodwill. If you or anyone you know donates a large bag of clothing to Goodwill, and fills out the donation form with our name on it (St. Peters St. Vincent de Paul), we will get a credit toward the vouchers that we give out. Your donation to Goodwill helps that organization, and in this way it will also help our own St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for considering this.

Society Members are reminded of the **monthly meeting scheduled for Monday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m.** in the basement classroom. All members are asked to try and make this meeting. Bobbi will be taking the group picture for use in the upcoming directory.



**PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA SCHEDULE**  
*(More dates have been added to the book – please sign up!)*

**November 27-December 3 – Ed & Donna Weisenberger**  
**December 4-10 – Jim & Julie Wetzel**  
**December 11-17 – Reisinger Family**  
**December 18-24 – Linda Hunt**

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAY WISHES:**

St. Peter Parish Family extends congratulations and many blessings to the following on their "special" birthdays:  
December 14, Dorothy Hagerty, 771 Buckeye Street  
December 19, Dona Schumacher, 405 Robin Road.

**PRAYER LIST**

*(Please check this prayer list for people who are no longer in need of prayer. We strive to keep this list current for those in their hour of need. If someone needs to be removed, please call the office. If someone is in need of prayer, please let us know that, too!)*

## Youth Group News

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (for teens in Grades 9-12)** The group meets every Thursday through the school year at 7:00 p.m. in the St. John Bosco Room in the basement of the parish center unless otherwise noted. If you haven't given Youth Group a try, now is the time to do it! For more information, you can contact Chris at 740-774-1407 or at [yec@stpeterchillicothe.com](mailto:yec@stpeterchillicothe.com).

- December 8 – No Session – attend 7:00 p.m.  
Mass for Holy Day
- December 15 – Watch and Pray
- December 22 – The Gift
- December 29 – Fun Night

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (GRADES 6-8)** will meet the *2nd Wednesday of each month at Bishop Flaget Gymnasium from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m.* Mark your calendars NOW for these dates and come join the fun. Next date is this Wednesday, December 14! Contact Chris Hiles if you wish additional information regarding the Middle School Youth Group – 740-774-1407 or [yec@stpeterchillicothe.com](mailto:yec@stpeterchillicothe.com).

Tom Thompson, Cynthia Towne, Alice Hall, Steven Hill, Linda Moore, Jonathan Cox, Jeffrey Matthews, Dave, Richard Tuttle, Darlene DiPatri, Ray Thomas, Debbie Winneger, Helen Stanton, Kaye Keefer, Jan Hannan, Howard Myers, Iona & Bill Cunningham, Shawna Smith, Bill Stratman, Melody Ault, Ralph Sorrell, Heidi Lovensheimer, Charlie McDonald, Andrea Hoffman, David Riley, Aileen Diaz, Don Davis, Richard Stadtfeld, Pat Manion, Joe Schumann, Veronica Geimer, Albert Geimer, Mary Margaret Rhoads, Kathy Dye, Rosemary Cox, Olivia Jones, Kim Dempsey, Brenda Estep, David Conley, Brookie Heightsman, John Lisle, Keith Lovensheimer, Evelyn Silva, Michael Dixon, Peggy Lisle, Donna Stevens, Jo Burchett, Nancy Leasure, Melissa Falhgren, Tracy Jalbuena, Rosemary McHarg, Kelly Chandler, Kathryn Hunt, Angie Currier, Herman Swisher, Deb Zimpher, Evelyn Weinman, Tim Ott, Dave Neal, Joshua Hicks, Rosalina Prog, Roger Wilburn, Mary Wachter, Paula Romans, Douglas Griffith, Lyn Smith, Eva & Melvin States, Julie Carey, Lucille Maimone, Norma Whitley, Lib Fisher, Joseph Lynch, Jody Morrison, Dan & Jane Harness.

We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care, lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today, cautioning us, "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." See *Matthew 3:10*

<b>Budgeted Expenses – November 20 &amp; 27, 2016</b>	\$17,358.18	\$191,029.89
<b>Actual Offertory – November 20 &amp; 27, 2016</b>	\$13,433.66	
<b>Weekend Offertory</b>	\$ 4,280.00	\$190,428.91
<b>Online Giving</b>		
<b>Difference</b>	\$ 355.48	(\$ 600.98)
<b>Improvement Fund</b>	\$ 120.00	\$ 1,829.50

*Special Collections – November 2016*

Campaign for Human Development – \$658.50  
Catholic Relief – \$60.00  
Habitat for Humanity – \$108.00  
Miriyante Orphanage – \$30.00  
Miriyante Orphanage Sponsorship – \$960.00  
Archdiocese of Military Services – \$2,349.70

Hope Clinic – \$138.00  
Bishop Flaget School – \$89.00  
St. Margaret's Cemetery – \$262.00  
St. Vincent de Paul – \$1,090.00  
BAA New Pledge – \$1,000.00

**Online giving – If you wish to commit to the 2016-2019 Sister Guardian Fund, be sure to find this name (2016-2019) in the list of giving.**

**OPPORTUNITIES TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION THIS ADVENT**

At St. Peter's: Mondays and Thursdays – 5:00-5:15 p.m.

Saturdays – 4:00-4:30 p.m.

St. Colman, Washington Court House Penance Service – 7:00 p.m. – Monday, December 12.

St. Peter / St. Mary Chillicothe Penance Service – 7:00 p.m. – Tuesday, December 13.

St. Mary, Waverly Penance Service – 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, December 14

St. Sylvester, Zaleski Penance Service – 5:30 p.m. – Wednesday, December 21

**LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS**

	<b>December 10, 5:00 p.m. Third Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>December 11, 8:00 a.m. Third Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>December 11, 11:30 a.m. Third Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>Eucharist</b>	Sr. Saima Mary – B Marlene Berling – C1 Deacon Hauser – C2	Vicky Palisbo – B Ellen Clark – C1 Bill Clark – C2	Donna Weisenberger – B Nicholas Damico – C1 Michael Althouse – C2
<b>Lector</b>	Robin Flannagan – 1 Eric Rinehart – 2	Aaron Brown – 1 Chris Noel – 2	Ben Rusnak – 1 Alicia Thompson – 2
<b>Server</b>	Gabe Roy Nate Roy	Simon Brown Christian Brown Luke Corcoran	Owen McGlone Christopher Beatty James Beatty
<b>Greeter</b>	Trish Rinehart Eric Rinehart	Caroline Corcoran Mike Corcoran	Carolyn Phillips Marilyn Taylor
<b>Offertory</b>	Rinehart Family	Maimone Family	Meg Tedesco
<b>Usher</b>	Mary Anne Brown Lisa Diehl Sandra Haas Thomas Zuber	James Burgess Doug Corcoran Maralee Scheeler Tim Scheeler	John Crowe Ken Miller Bret Reisinger

<b>Church Cleaning</b>	<b>Team #3: Tracy Warner &amp; Family</b>	<b>Linens for the Month of December: Laura Lewis</b>
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