



### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Happy Fourth Sunday of Advent (and almost Merry Christmas)!

As we prepare to enter into the Christmas Season, we prepare to enter a season that revolves around Jesus Christ and the celebration of His life on earth. It is also a season in which we try to live more intentionally the charity that so marks His posture towards all people.

Sometimes as a visible symbol of the Church (the clerical collar is unmistakable) I find myself receiving criticism directed towards the Church or towards God, but more often I find myself being sought for some direction in a person's life or told of the good things that God is doing in someone's life. It is a privileged place of encounter that a priest often holds with complete strangers. Last Sunday something like this occurred to my whole priests' group – a group of six priests that I regularly get together with for prayer and fellowship.

We were at a restaurant in Columbus when a waitress, not our own, came over and said "are you *Catholic* priests?" We responded "yes." She said "I just want to thank you – your Church helped me with the deposit on my apartment – my baby and me wouldn't have a place to stay right now if it hadn't been for your Church. The people were so kind to me, they really *wanted* to help and did. I'm not even Catholic but they helped me out and took care of me" – she continued, beginning to cry, "you don't know what this means to someone when they don't have anything and anywhere to go – and now it's like God sent a whole group of you priests into this restaurant like it's him saying 'I got you.'" By this point, we were almost crying too as she said good-bye.

About 20 minutes later the manager came out and thanked us for having helped the waitress. He said she's been back in the backroom crying, with joy. He went on to tell us that he is not Catholic but is married to a Catholic. He said –"I told her and some of my other staff a few weeks ago that if they are ever in a pinch, go to the Catholic Church. They've been helping people for centuries – look at all of the missionaries they've sent out who have built schools and hospitals, orphanages and always worked to help the people who were down."

Wow, sometimes we need somebody from the outside to remind us of what shines out to the world. Maybe the elite of this world can't see the light from the Church because they can't see their need for a savior or for even material assistance. They see it only as an obstacle to "progress," but often those in need see it all much more clearly – they are the ones who experience the presence of Christ through compassionate Christians.

I share this with you because I see every day the light shine forth from this parish. We hardly had the gift-giving trees up a week before all tags were taken, the bins for the homeless keep filling up, as do the bins for the food pantry. The children at BFS spent a day making scarves for the homeless. Every week I see the St. Vincent DePaul area of the parish center as a busy beehive of activity – not simply handing out food or material assistance, but with smiles and conversation recognizing the great dignity of every person who comes through those doors. I saw it a few weeks ago when some of the Secular Franciscans and other parishioners got together on their own to throw a surprise house-warming party for a parishioner who had no money to buy any of the basic things needed for her apartment. Again and again, you take the gift that God gives to you at the Holy Mass, and allow His light to shine out to the greater community. May God bless you as we enter into the season of Christmas – when we remember that no other life has ever changed the world, or could ever change the world, as did the life of Jesus Christ, Our Lord, the King of Kings, and the Lord of Lords.

(Almost ☺) Merry Christmas,  
Fr. Hahn

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE** – Sunday, December 24 – 5:00 p.m. Children's Mass (All Children are reminded to bring bells).

**Monday, December 25** – Midnight and 10:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, December 26** – Mass at 5:30 p.m.

NOT the normal 8:30 a.m.

The Parish Office will be closed from noon on Friday, December 22 through Tuesday December 26. It will reopen at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 27. If there would be a sacramental emergency, please call the office at (740) 774-1407 and press 9. Next week, it will close at noon on Friday, December 29 and reopen on Wednesday, January 3 at 9:00 a.m.

**Carpenter Wanted:** We are in need of a carpenter for our Infant of Prague Perpetual Adoration Chapel. We are looking to construct a statue shelf for the Infant of Prague. If you will be interested in this project, please contact Fr. Dooley at (740) 774-1407, ext. 5 or [sdooley@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:sdooley@columbuscatholic.org). Thank you!

**2018 Uganda Mission Trip...** There will be a meeting for anyone interested in going on the 2018 Mission Trip to Uganda on Sunday, December 31, from 9:15 to 10:30 a.m., in the Holy Family Library. Laura Corcoran will be available to answer questions you might have. Call Diane Corcoran at (740) 703-2196 for more information.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, December 23

5:00 p.m. Phillipp Fisher – Dan & Mary Jane Rogers

#### Sunday, December 24

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

8:00 a.m. Nancy Kight – Kight Family

10:00 a.m. For the People

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

#### Monday, December 25

Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

12:00 a.m. (incense) KP & Rosamma Yohannan –  
Sr. Amelia Mary

10:30 a.m. (incense) For the People

#### Tuesday, December 26

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

5:30 p.m. Emily Weisenberger –  
Bob & Jenny French Family

#### Wednesday, December 27

1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

8:30 a.m. Paul William Sheblessy –  
Rick & Carol Rooney

#### Thursday, December 28

1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18

5:30 p.m. Gail Charney – Lisa Charney

#### Friday, December 29

1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

8:30 p.m. Carolyn Krick – Colleen Sulzer

#### Saturday, December 30

1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

5:00 p.m. Glen O'Dell – Beth & Dwight Fowler

#### Sunday, December 31

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Col 3:12-21  
or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40  
or 2:22, 39-40

8:00 a.m. For the People

11:30 a.m. (incense) Marjorie Watts – Fisher Family

7:00 p.m. Bill & Ruth Neal – Rusk Family

**The Catholic Women's Bible Study**, that meets on Wednesday evenings, will not meet during the holiday season. It will begin after the first of the year in January 2018.

**The Sunday Morning Bible Study** is finishing up David. On Sunday, January 7, the Bible Study Wisdom will begin for 8 weeks. If you are interested in joining this study, contact Thecla Hauser at (740) 775-1835. Books are \$20, with scholarships available.

**March For Life 2018!** If you haven't already registered to travel to Washington DC for the 45th March for Life, January 18-20th, please contact the parish office! If you can't attend but can financially sponsor a traveler, fill out the enclosed flyer and return to Jenny or Judy at the parish office. **We thank you for your generosity!**

### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

#### Saturday, December 23

3:00-5:00 p.m. Confessions – Church

#### Sunday, December 24 – Parish Office Closed

#### Monday, December 25 – Parish Office Closed

#### Tuesday, December 26 – Parish Office Closed

#### Wednesday, December 27

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

#### Thursday, December 28

Midnight -5:00 p.m. Adoration – Adoration Chapel

5:00 p.m. Confessions- Church

6:00-9:00 p.m. Adoration – Church

#### Friday, December 29

8:30 a.m. Mass – Church

#### Saturday, December 30 –

#### St. Vincent de Paul Collection

4:00-4:30 p.m. Confessions – Church

#### Sunday, December 31 –

#### St. Vincent De Paul Collection

9:00-11:00 a.m. Parish Office Closed

**5TH SUNDAY COLLECTION:** Members of St. Vincent de Paul Society, will be at the church doors after Masses Saturday and Sunday, December 30 and December 31, 2017. Your generous contributions will continue to support their ongoing works of charity for the poor and disadvantaged.



**WAYS TO HELP THOSE IN NEED THAT ARE SERVICED BY THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** Items can be dropped off at the parish office during regular business hours or placed in the baskets in the vestibule of church.

#### FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

**Volunteers ask that if at all possible, please do not send items in glass containers.**

Cereal; Soup; Tuna; Ramen Noodles; Spaghetti Sauce; Pasta; Mac & Cheese; Peanut Butter; Canned fruit; Boxed potatoes; Rice Pouches

#### Personal care items:

Toilet Paper; Shampoo; Dish Liquid; Feminine Hygiene products

**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.



**Attention, Young Adults (aged 18-30)** – A murder mystery/masquerade dinner is being planned for Saturday, January 13, 6:00 p.m., in the Holy Family Library. Put on your old tux and prom dress and join other young adults for an evening of fun. Prize for the best mask! To RSVP by January 6 or for additional information, contact Nick French at (740) 701-5380. You won't want to miss this who-done-it kind of a night! Please bring canned/ non-perishable food items to be donated to the Food Pantry.

**Save the Date** – Trivia Night is scheduled for January 27, 2018 Also, calling all Mac 'n Cheese chefs to enter into the contest, contact Robin Flannagan for information.



**Adorers needed for Perpetual Adoration:**

We are in need of Adorers for the following days and times:

- 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon on Tuesday – need one Adorer (help is especially needed during the tax season coming up.)
- 8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. on Wednesdays – need one Adorer.

If you are interested in becoming an adorer, please contact Fr. Dooley at (740) 774-1407, ext. 5 or by email at [sdooley@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:sdooley@columbuscatholic.org).



**Adoration Chapel Intention for the week of December 24, 2017: In Memory of Barbara Manegold As donated by Chris Manegold**

**Infant of Prague Adoration Chapel Schedule for Christmas and New Year's:**

Week of December 24th: There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday December 26th. We will resume Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday December 27th at 6:00 a.m.

Week of December 31st: There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday January 2nd. We will resume Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday January 3rd at 6:00 a.m.

Our Eucharistic Adoration Schedule will resume at its normal time on Tuesday January 9th at 6:00 a.m..

Thank you for your attention to this matter. – Fr. Dooley

**Adoration Chapel Candles** sponsorship has dates available for 2018. Contact Jenny at the parish office to sponsor the candles in honor of loved one, in thanksgiving for blessings received, or any intention.

**New in January 2018!** The Local Ross County Right to Life is holding a first ever March for Life in Chillicothe, on January 22, 2018 at noon. The Marchers will begin at the Water St. main entrance of the city park and will march down Paint St. to the Ross County Court House. There will be speakers, music, food and friendship. Please contact Judy Harness (740) 774-1407 or Joe Herlihy at [rossco.righttolife@gmail.com](mailto:rossco.righttolife@gmail.com) for more information or please join us at our next meeting, December 18th at 6:15 p.m. in the Holy Family Library, St. Peter Parish Center.



**Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima Schedule**  
December 17-30 – Althouse Family  
December 31-January 6 – Cynthia Strausbaugh

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**PICK OF THE WEEK, December 24, 2017**

The story of the birth of Jesus is often misunderstood. But this fast-paced, thought-provoking look at the true story of the Nativity clears away widespread misunderstandings of Jesus' origin. Join top scholars, inspirational speakers, and popular authors, as they explain the story behind the story of the birth of Jesus. *The Story of the Nativity* also includes stunning works of art depicting the biblical story, from Fra Angelico to Rembrandt, and footage from the Holy Land showing the places where the Christmas story actually took place. Explore the true story of Mary and Joseph, Jesus' miraculous conception, the birth of John the Baptist, the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, the Star of Bethlehem, and the birth of Jesus. This is an invaluable tool for believer and unbeliever alike to learn more about Jesus of Nazareth and about the truth of Christmas. Find this and more in the movie section on the formed website. ([www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)) Access Code VZ4F2W or download the free app for your phone!



**PRAYER LIST**

*If there is someone in need of being on this prayer list, please call Jenny at the parish office – (740) 774-1407. Please pray for the following members of God's family:*

Amy & Rich Adams, Peggy Bechie, Dinese Carmen, Rosemarie Cox, Roy Crawford, Angie Currier, Don Davis, Kathy Dye, Amy Carroll Fields, Lib Fisher, Beth Flynn, Albert Geimer, Veronica Geimer, Dan & Jane Harness, Brookie & Larry Heightsman, Brian Moore, Dave Neal, Dan Rogers, Paula Romans, Joe Schumann, John Slagle, Richard Stadtfeld, Helen Stanton, Colleen Sulzer, Cindy Strausbaugh, Mary Wachter, Roger Wilburn, Debbie Winneger

# Teen Space

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH EVENTS – open to teens and their friends in grades 9-12....**

Join us each or any Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the St. John Bosco Room, in the basement of the parish center (unless otherwise announced). Come when you can or to the sessions that are of interest to you.

**December 28** – No Meeting

**January 4** – Social

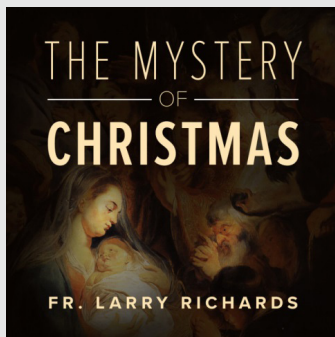
**January 11** – Worship & Adoration

**January 18-20** – March for Life Pigmage

**January 25** – Dead Theologians Society

**If you have not signed up to go on the March, please contact Jenny French or Judy Harness ASAP.**

**TEEN PICK OF THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 24, 2017**



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THE CATHOLIC FAITH.  
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In this inspiring talk, renowned preacher and retreat master Fr. Larry Richards illuminates how the true joy of Christmas is found in the greatest gift ever given—the gift of Jesus Christ to the whole world. With humor, compassion, and clarity, Fr. Larry gets to the heart of the true meaning of Christmas and helps us to better appreciate the immensity of God's love for us as His children.

Find this and more in the audio section on the formed website ([www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)) . Access Code VZ4F2W or download the free app for your phone!





*We wish to thank all who donated to the Christmas Memorial/Honor Fund 2017. Your support helps to cover the expense of all the poinsettias, flowers and other decorations that may be needed to make our church as beautiful as possible, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*(Name will be printed over a couple week period due to early press times and donation deadlines)*



**Anonymous Donors**

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*In the first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary's "Yes" – "I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say." – that the promise finds fulfillment.*  
See Luke 1:38

<b>Budgeted Expenses – December 17, 2017</b>	\$8,815.60	\$211,574.70
<b>Actual Offertory – Offertory numbers for December 17-January 7 are unavailable due to early press times. These will be reported in the January 14 bulletin.</b>		\$201,051.21
<b>Difference</b>		(\$ 10,523.49)
<b>Improvement Fund</b>		\$ 2,467.00

**Consider Making a Year-End Gift to St. Peter's.** As the end of the year approaches, we begin to reflect upon the many blessings bestowed upon us. The end of the year also provides a great opportunity to thank God for these blessings by gifting to St. Peter's. The benefits of income tax deductions, capital gains savings and other financial benefits are significant advantages that provide an incentive to make a gift at the year-end. There are many different ways of contributing a gift. However, two of the easiest and most direct methods to gift are donations of cash and appreciated stock or other investments. You can also make other financially advantageous gifts such as real estate, life insurance, charitable remainder trusts, gift annuities, will/trust bequests and IRA/retirement accounts. **You may also consider becoming a Sister Guardian as we are still in need of these. For more information, visit the parish website at [www.stpeterchillicothe.com](http://www.stpeterchillicothe.com) or discuss with Fr. Hahn.** Any donations to be included on the 2017 offertory statements need to be into the parish office by Friday, December 29, 2017.

### LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

	<b>December 30, 5:00 p.m. The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b>	<b>December 31, 8:00 a.m., The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b>	<b>December 31, 11:30 a.m., The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b>
<b>Eucharist</b>	Jim Anzelmo – EM1 (1) Sr. Zephрина Mary – EM2 – J Deacon Hauser – EM3 – M	Cathy Seifert – EM1 (1) Mike Neal – EM2 – J Lloyd Turner – EM3 – M	Sr. Leonard Mary – EM1 (1) Tess Hatmacher – EM2 – J Michael Althouse – EM3 – M
<b>Lector</b>	Pauline Spriggs – 1 Tom Castor – 2	Chris Noel – 1 Aaron Brown – 2	Frank Nunziato – 1 Robin Flannagan – 2
<b>Server</b>	Sophie Mickey Joey Mihelich	Ben Corcoran Luke Corcoran Macy Corcoran	Luke Davis Dominic Nunziato Gabriel McNichols
<b>Greeter</b>	Dick Black Pat Black	John Schumacher Tracy Schumacher	Carolyn Phillips Marilyn Taylor
<b>Offertory</b>	Emelinda Hollis James Hollis	Lloyd Turner Family	Julie Rusnak Ben Rusnak
<b>Usher</b>	Mary Anne Brown Lisa Diehl Sandra Haas Thomas Zuber	James Burgess Doug Corcoran Maralee Scheeler Tim Scheeler	John Crowe Ken Miller Frank Nunziato Bret Reisinger

<b>Church Cleaning</b>	<b>Team #2: Vicky Weisenberger</b>	<b>Linens for the Month of January: Chantalle Noel</b>
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