

Pastor's Column

As we come into the second half of Advent, there are still a few last opportunities to prepare by making a good Confession. There will be a Penance Service at St. Colman, Washington Court House, Monday at 7:00 p.m. (please note there will be no Mass or Confessions here that evening). We also will have the normal Confession time on Thursday at 5:00 p.m. Finally, Saturday, we will offer Confession for an extended time from 3:00-4:30 p.m.

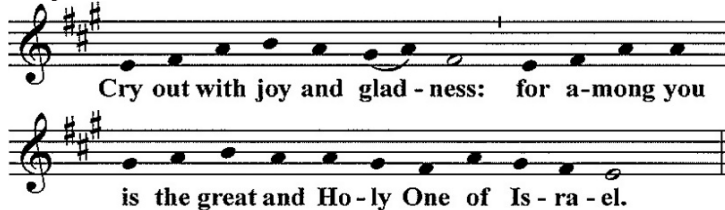
Also, congratulations to those who completed the Exodus 90 and Nineveh 90 programs of asceticism. Several groups formed to do this from the Birth of Mary (September 8) through the Immaculate Conception (December 8), as a form of reparation and for the purpose of seeking greater freedom and discipline in life. These two programs are ways of getting greater freedom and strength to live the life the Lord wants for us. The pillars are asceticism, community, and prayer. To learn more about them, go to www.Exodus90.com (this is a program for men) or www.nineveh90.com (this is for either men or women). Some are considering starting a new group that will do the 90 days beginning January 21 and end with the Easter Celebration on April 21. Watch bulletin for details to come.

Prepare the Way for the Lord!

Happy Advent,
Fr. Hahn

Responsorial Psalm

Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6



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The Parish Office will close on Friday, December 21, at 12:00 noon. It will not reopen until 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 27. If there is a sacramental emergency, please call 740-774-1407 and press 9. It will also close at noon on Friday, December 28, and reopen at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.



Knights of Columbus Pancake and Sausage Breakfast is this weekend after the Sunday Masses in the parish hall. Blood Pressure checks will also be available after the Sunday Masses in the Office Conference Room. Thanks to our Knights for providing breakfast and our Health Ministry for checking up on us!

Bishop Flaget will be selling Gift Cards at the Pancake Breakfast this weekend, December 16, following the Sunday Masses. Do some Christmas Shopping and help support the parish school at the same time!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 24 – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 25 – Midnight
Tuesday, December 25 – 10:30 a.m.

MARY MOTHER OF GOD MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 31 – 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, January 1 – 10:30 a.m.



Happy Feast Day, Sr. Zephрина Mary!

Sr. Zephрина celebrates her feast day on Thursday, December 20th. Her religious name comes from Bl. Zepherin Namuncura (1886-1905). Blessed Zepherin was a native of Argentina and his father was a chief of Araucano Indians of the Argentine

Pampas. He was known for his holiness and devotion to the Blessed Mother. He died at the young age of eighteen and he was studying for the priesthood in the Salesian Order. He was made a Venerable by St. Paul VI in 1972.

We give thanks for Sr. Zephрина's Franciscan vocation and her ministry in our area. May the Lord continue to bless her and her family. *Thank you and happy feast day, Sr. Zephрина!*

SAVE THE DATE AND GET YOUR TEAM TOGETHER!

Trivia Night 2019 is scheduled for Saturday, January 26, 2019, in the Parish Hall. Planning is beginning; contact Robin Flannagan if you would like to help with this fun event!



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.

Thank you to those who have reserved their spot for the Holy Land trip. There is still time to get your deposit and reservation form in for the 2019 Holy Land Pilgrimage. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jenny French at the Parish Office at 740-774-1407. **If you have already turned in your paperwork, watch for preparation meetings to begin during the Lenten/Easter Season.**



ADORATION CHAPEL ADORER SIGN-UP TAKING PLACE NOW!!!! See the table in the back of church for information or visit the **New Perpetual Adoration Software Program: stpeter.weadorehim.com**, use code ROCK. This software will communicate to Adorers by phone, email, or text (the choice is up to the individual Adorer). If you are a current Adorer and did not receive this information, please contact Greg Thompson or Fr. Dooley. If you are interested in becoming an Adorer and do not have computer access, contact Fr. Dooley at 740-774-1407. Didn't have a chance to hear Greg's witness talk last weekend or missed it? Visit the parish website at www.stpeterchillicothe.com, and read a copy of it. It is truly inspiring! Thank you, Greg, for sharing with us the gift you receive during Adoration.

Times slots especially needed are:

*8:00-9:00 a.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday –
One Adorer Needed.*

10:00-11:00 a.m. on Tuesday – One Adorer Needed.

2:00-3:00 p.m. on Tuesday – Two Adorers Needed.

5:00-6:00 p.m. on Tuesday – One Adorer Needed.

1:00-2:00 a.m. on Wednesday – One Adorer Needed.

2:00-3:00 a.m. on Wednesday – One Adorer Needed.

9:00-10:00 a.m. on Wednesday – One Adorer Needed.

1:00-2:00 p.m. on Wednesday – One Adorer Needed.

2:00-3:00 p.m. on Wednesday – One Adorer Needed.

4:00-5:00 p.m. on Wednesday – One Adorer Needed.

8:00-9:00 p.m. on Wednesday – One Adorer Needed.

*11:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. on Wednesday –
One Adorer Needed.*

1:00-2:00 a.m. on Thursday – One Adorer Needed.

2:00-3:00 a.m. on Thursday – One Adorer Needed.

3:00-4:00 a.m. on Thursday – One Adorer Needed.

You Were Made to Hear His Voice. HIGH SCHOOL TEENS... Do you wish to grow in deeper relationship with God? Do you want to hear His voice? Come and enter into conversation with the Father who longs to speak with you. Join us for a workshop on hearing the Father's voice in prayer! Wednesday, January 2nd, 7:00-8:00 p.m., in the Parish Hall, 285 W. Water Street. For more information, contact Michella Davis at 1michella@frontier.com.



Children's Christmas Eve Mass: If you and your family are going to celebrate Christmas at the Children's Mass at St. Peter on Christmas Eve, please consider singing in the Youth Choir! Music will start at 4:30 p.m., followed by Mass at 5:00 p.m. If you would prefer to sit with your family during Mass, you are welcome to sing the music before the Mass begins, then go down with your family. Please join us!! (Be in the Choir Loft at 4:15 p.m., as the music starts promptly at 4:30 p.m.) Children not in PSR will have a practice on Sunday, December 16th, from 9:30-10:30 a.m., in the Choir Loft. Questions? Call Diane Corcoran at 740-703-2196.

St. Vincent de Paul 5th Sunday Collection: Members of St. Vincent de Paul Society will be at the church doors after Masses Saturday and Sunday, December 29 and 30, 2018. Your generous contributions will continue to support their ongoing works of charity for the poor and disadvantaged.

**Christmas Dinner and Party for Our Veterans
at the VA Hospital, Chillicothe, OH**

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus
Councils 15793 and 5801

Saturday, December 22, 2018

Bear and Gift bag distribution at 10:00 a.m. (Building 210)

Christmas Dinner Feast at 12:00 noon (Building 9)

Bingo with prizes at 1:00/1:30 p.m. (Building 210)

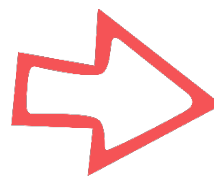
How can you help?

The Knights are accepting donations, both supply and monetary, to provide the veterans with gift bags of personal care items (shampoo, deodorant, body wash, denture creams, are most needed items).

Donations can be brought to the Parish Office or given to a Knight.

Contact Joe Zupi for additional information.

Attention: all high school youth and pilgrims to the March For Life in Washington, D.C.! We will be holding a new event this year called "Relay for Pro-Life" this Sunday, December 16th, from 12:30-10:30 p.m. All "walkers" will sign up for one hour of prayer/adoration during the 10-hour event to walk around inside the church while offering Rosaries, Stations of the Cross or other prayers for Pro-Life causes and for people who sponsor your walking time. We ask each walker to collect \$10.00 from 10 people (or more) who will ask for your prayer during your walking hour. Once your hour is done, the next walker will take over until we have completed the 10-hour relay. *If you would like to sponsor a pilgrim, there will be a box on the table in the back of church. Place your petition on the baby bottle and any donation in the box.*



MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SAVE THE DATE!

2nd Annual March for Life
Ross County – A Celebration of Life.
Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at the Ross
County Courthouse. March to begin at
11:45 a.m., at the head of Yoctangee

Park at Water and Paint Streets. Program on the steps of the Court House at noon. Watch for more information to come or contact Judy Harness for additional details.

HELP NEEDED: We currently have eight teams who rotate out cleaning/straightening up the church on either Friday evening or Saturday morning. However, due to retirement and work commitments, two of our teams are needing to resign. The teams can consist of as little as a single person to a family. If you would be interested in helping take over one of the teams to keep the rotation at every eight weeks, please contact Jenny French at 740-774-1407.

THE ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL CHOIR will be performing St. Joseph Catholic Church, 134 W. Mound Street, Circleville, Ohio 43113, this Sunday, December 16th, at 3:00 p.m. There will be a reception in the Hall afterwards with light refreshments.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 15

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

5:00 p.m. Stanley Skowronek –
Tony & Cynthia Skowronek

Sunday, December 16

Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

8:00 a.m. For the People
11:30 a.m. Tommy Roy – Zack Roy Family

Monday, December 17

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

8:30 a.m. Jaime Vale – Elmer & Vicky Palisbo

Tuesday, December 18

Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

8:30 a.m. Barb Manegold – Chris Manegold

Wednesday, December 19

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

8:30 a.m. Stanley Skowronek –
Tony & Cynthia Skowronek

Thursday, December 20

Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

5:30 p.m. Fr. Jim Cszasz – Fr. Sean Dooley

Friday, December 21

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

8:30 a.m. Marjorie McDuff –
Tony & Cynthia Skowronek

Saturday, December 22

1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

5:00 p.m. Living and Deceased Members
of the Tomastik Family – Tom Castor

Sunday, December 23

Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

8:00 a.m. Betty Janssen –
Jim & Homerine Burgess

11:30 a.m. For the People

St. Colman's will present their *Advent Lessons and Carols*. This is a beautiful service that alternates readings from Scripture and hymns and carols. It will take place at 3:00 p.m., this Sunday, December 16, at St. Colman in Washington Court House.

Advent Hike: Saturday, December 22, 2018, 7:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., at Clear Creek Metro Park, Clear Creek Road, Rockbridge, OH 43149. Contact John Bradford at wildernessoutreach2560@gmail.com.

Volunteers needed to help prepare taxes. Training is provided. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is looking to expand its team of volunteers for the upcoming tax season. Tax-Aide, now in its 50th year, offers free in-person preparation and assistance to anyone, especially those 50 and older, who can't afford a tax preparation service. Volunteers make a difference in their communities by assisting many older, lower-income taxpayers, and their families, who might otherwise miss out on the tax credits and deductions they've earned. To volunteer, please contact Connie Schaefer at 740-775-3550.

Calendar for the Week

Saturday, December 15

12:00 p.m. Wreaths Across America –
St. Margaret Cemetery
4:00-4:30 p.m. Confessions – Church

Sunday, December 16

9:00 a.m. K of C Breakfast – Parish Hall
9:00 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks –
Office Conference Room
9:15 a.m. RCIA – Holy Family Library
12:30 p.m. K of C Breakfast – Parish Hall
12:30 p.m. Blood Pressure Checks –
Office Conference Room
12:30-10:30 p.m. Relay for Pro-Life – Church
1:00 p.m. PSR Caroling and Party –
Parish Hall

Monday, December 17

8:30 a.m. Mass – Church
**(There will be no evening
Mass or Confessions.)**

6:15 p.m. Right to Life Committee –
Holy Family Library
7:00 p.m. Penance Service –
St. Colman Church, WCH

Tuesday, December 18

6:00 a.m.-Midnight Adoration – Adoration Chapel
9:30-10:30 a.m. Food Pantry –
St. Vincent de Paul Room

Wednesday, December 19

Midnight-Midnight Adoration – Adoration Chapel
3:00 p.m. Little Flowers – St. Francis Room
6:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Cenacle 2 –
Holy Family Library
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice – Church

Thursday, December 20

Midnight-5:00 p.m. Adoration – Adoration Chapel
5:00 p.m. Confessions – Church
6:00-9:00 p.m. Adoration – Church
6:30 p.m. Secular Franciscans –
St. Francis Room
8:00-8:30 p.m. Confessions – Church

Friday, December 21

8:30 a.m. Mass – Church
1:30-2:30 p.m. Food Pantry –
St. Vincent de Paul Room
3:00 p.m. Mass – Carriage Court, WCH

Saturday, December 22

3:00-4:30 p.m. Confessions – Church

Sunday, December 23

NO PSR, RCIA – Parish Office Closed



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, Waverly

Consider Making a Year-End Gift to St. Peter. 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. 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, or discuss with Fr. Hahn. Any donations to be included on the 2018 offertory statements need to be into the Parish Office by Friday, December 28, 2018. Please note that the Parish Office will NOT be open on December 30 or 31, 2018.



Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima Schedule:
December 9-15 – Lloyd & Jane Turner
December 16-22 – Kyrill Ramsey
December 23-January 5 – Cecilia Althouse



Adoration Chapel Intention for the Week of December 16, 2018:
In Memory of Bill & Helen Morgan and Russ & Mary Jo Dooley
As Donated by the Dooley Family



Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Divine Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Prayer List

Our prayer list is growing...please review the names listed. If you see someone who can be removed, please contact Jenny at the Parish Office.

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

Julienne Ackley, Amy & Rich Adams, Peggy Bechie, Don Berling, Wendy Brown, Dinese Carmen, Randy Carver, Ashley Coates, Rosemarie Cox, Roy Crawford, Angie Currier, Don Davis, Sam Dennis, Lisa Diehl, Darlene DiPrati, Kathy Dye, Amy Carroll Fields, Beth Flynn, Albert Geimer, Veronica Geimer, Janet Griffith, Shirley Hansel, Dan & Jane Harness, Maranda Hay, Brookie & Larry Heightsman, Susan Knight, Brenda Landaeta, Roy Lowery, Jean Malone, GeneAnn McLean, Brian Moore, Linda Moore, Catherine Nixon, Maureen Rice, Joe Schumann, Roberta Schumann, John Slagle, Gary Smith, Kevin Smith, Lila Smith, Andrew Speziale, Richard Stadtfeld, Helen Stanton, Elbieta Straathof, Colleen Sulzer, Cindy Strausbaugh, Rev. Rick Terry, Charlie Wentz, Roger Wilbur, Bill Wilson

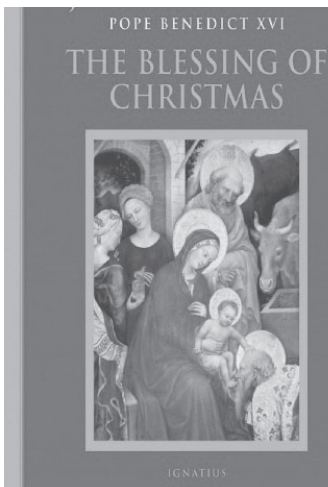
HELP FILL THE SHELVES OF THE FOOD PANTRY! Current needs of St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry include *canned fruit, corn, and peas, pasta meals in pull-top cans, pasta sauce, cereal, tuna, peanut butter, and SOUP.*



FORMED

THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

PICK OF THE WEEK, December 16, 2018:



This lovely little book is ideal for the Christmas and Advent season with its inspiring, profound, yet popular meditations on the blessings of the season by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. Taken from his sermons as well as his writings, these beautiful meditations by the acclaimed spiritual teacher, writer and Pontiff, give his usual fresh insights into the deeper meaning of this most wondrous event, and show the Pope to be a man who knows how to address both the mind and the heart. Find this and more on the Formed website. Access Code VZ4F2W or download the free app for your phone.

*"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God."
(Philippians 4:6)*

*St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts.
He promises to give us all that we need.*

When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

*Learn how to share your gifts and Catholic legacy
by supporting your parish and contact The Catholic Foundation.
Visit www.catholic-foundation.org/development for more information.*

Budgeted Expenses – December 9, 2018	\$8,971.02	\$206,333.46
Actual Offertory – December 9, 2018	\$7,385.45	\$193,794.24
Online Giving	\$1,645.00	
Difference	\$ 59.43	(\$ 12,539.22)

Liturgical Minister Schedule

If you are unable to keep your assignment, please find a substitute.

Servers should arrive 10-15 minutes prior to the start of Mass.

Parents, please make sure they arrive on time and find subs if unable to serve.

	Saturday, December 22, 2018 5:00 p.m.	Sunday, December 23, 2018 8:00 a.m.	Sunday, December 23, 2018 11:30 a.m.
Eucharist	Linda Hunt – EM1 (1) Sr. Leonard Mary – EM2 – J Sr. Zephрина Mary – EM3 – M	Lloyd Turner – EM1 (1) Cathy Seifert – EM2 – J John Seifert – EM3 – M	Mary McCord – EM1 (1) Tess Hatmacher – EM2 – J Sylvia Ramsey – EM3 – M
Lector	Derick Tormolen – 1 Tom Castor – 2	Aaron Brown – 1 Melissa Huggins – 2	Nicholas Damico – 1 Alicia Thompson – 2
Server	Sophie Mickey James Beatty	Thomas Kessler Simon Brown Timothy Kessler	Dominic Nunziato Luke Davis Damon Kight
Greeter	Sharon Ott Bill Seidensticker	Kathy Dalton Lloyd Turner Family	Kaleb Ramsey Tom Stanton
Offertory	Zupi Family	Burgess Family	Brooke Maranzana
Usher	Mary Anne Brown Lisa Diehl Sandra Haas Thomas Zuber	James Burgess Doug Corcoran Jim Maimone Tim Scheeler	John Crowe Frank Nunziato Bret Reisinger NOT FILLED
Church Cleaning	Team # 5: Jeff Hammond	Linens for the Month of December: Laura Lewis	

Year of the Family

Living the Liturgical Year

Celebrating Saints and Feasts to Enrich Hearts and Homes

December 21: St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church, Patron of Germany

Peter Canisius was born in Nijmegen, Holland in 1521 at the very time Luther had started to rebel against the Church. He joined the newly-founded Jesuit Order and was ordained a priest in 1546. He was sent to Germany and the first superior of the German province of Jesuits. From there, he began his remarkable work in the Counter-Reformation through his prodigious writings, powerful preaching and founding of dozens of colleges. It is primarily through his efforts that Central Europe was brought back to the True Faith. Read more about the life of this illustrious laborer in God's vineyard at <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2013-12-21>.



In honor of St. Peter's patronage of Germany, we decided to make this simple no-bake cookie that was a favorite of the famous Trapp Family (think *Sound of Music*) of German-occupied Austria.

<i>Rum Balls</i>	
1/2 pound vanilla wafers	1/2 cup light corn syrup
2 tsp cocoa powder	1/4 cup rum (or brandy)
1 cup pecans, finely chopped	Confectioner's sugar

Grind wafers very fine. Add nuts, cocoa, syrup and rum. Stir until well blended. Dust hands with confectioners' sugar and roll mixture into balls the size of a walnut.

Let stand for about an hour to dry partially. Then roll in confectioners' sugar.
(from: *Around the Year with the Trapp Family*).

READING:

(family) ***A Small Catechism for Catholics*** by St. Peter Canisius;
Watchdog on the Rhine – A Story of St. Peter Canisius –
by Br. Gernard Greene (find it at Marysbooks.com)

(high school) ***A Champion of the Church, The Life of St. Peter Canisius, S.J.***,
by William Reany, D.D.

Prayer for the Intercession of St. Peter Canisius

*Lord, You gave St. Peter Canisius wisdom and courage to defend the Catholic Faith.
By the help of his prayers may all who seek the truth rejoice in finding You,
and may all who believe in You be loyal in professing their faith
Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.*

