

Pastor's Column

Happy Fourth Sunday of Advent and, very shortly, Merry Christmas!

This Christmas, we will be giving you a Christmas gift from the parish. This is a book by popular Catholic author, Matthew Kelly. We have given some of his books out in the past and his books have always been well received. The name of this one, published this year, is *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity*. The byline is, "How modern culture is robbing billions of people of happiness." As readers of his books will know, he is very gifted at using real-life examples and has a passion to demonstrate to us that the happiness that every person longs for can only be found in Jesus Christ. He has a gift of helping people take a new look at Jesus and at the Church, a gift that can do great good in this time of confusion and pain. I invite you to take up the book and give it at least three chapters before deciding whether to continue reading or not.

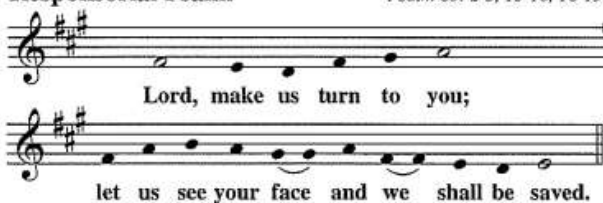
Next weekend, we will be celebrating the Feast of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. As this is the Year of the Family in our Deanery, it would be a good time to put a little more emphasis in celebrating this feast at home. One question to ask ourselves is, how can we more model our own family life on that of the Holy Family.

To assist fathers of families (and myself) in this question, I will be leading a six-week men's morning study. We will be using the workbook, *Spiritual Fathers: A Workbook for Priests and Dads*, by Deacon James Keating. This offering is in some way an outgrowth from our Exodus 90 meetings this past fall. The men involved talked about how encouraging and helpful it was simply to get together for a little bit of time and share the joys and the struggles of fatherhood. As Scripture says "as iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." (Proverbs 27:17) There is no substitute for getting together and allowing the wisdom and experiences of each man to have an effect on the whole group. I look forward to growing in my own understanding of my spiritual fatherhood through the eyes and ideas of the fathers who will be joining us. We will meet every Saturday morning from January 5 through February 16. The first meeting will be January 5, 7:00 a.m. in the Holy Family Library. We will be finished by 8:15 a.m., so that those who would like to attend the First Saturday Mass can do so at 8:30 a.m. Meetings will be no longer than one hour, fifteen minutes. Please consider joining us. Please let me or Jenny at the office know if you will be joining us so that she can order the workbooks. Workbook price is \$10.00.

In Christ,
Fr. Hahn

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19



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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.

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.



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.



**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.

According to the Adore website, time slots especially needed are:

8:00-9:00 a.m. on Tuesday & 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 p.m.-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 – two Adorers 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

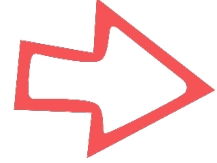
2:00-3:00 a.m. on Thursday – one Adorer needed

3:00-4:00 a.m. on Thursday – one Adorer needed

If you are already committed to one of these and it is not on the program, please let us know.



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.*



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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 22

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

5:00 p.m. Living & 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

Monday, December 24

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

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

Tuesday, December 25

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

Midnight (incense) For the People
10:30 a.m. (incense) Ernest & Mary Damico –
Dan & Jane Harness

Wednesday, December 26

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

5:30 p.m. Ronald McCloskey –
Jim & Homerine Burgess

Thursday, December 27

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

5:30 p.m. Georgie Obrigeurtsch –
Bob & Kathy Dye

Friday, December 28

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

8:30 a.m. David Neal –
Dave, Sue, & Jessica Ott

Saturday, December 29

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

5:00 p.m. For the People

Sunday, December 30

*Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Col 3:12-21
or Col 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52*

8:00 a.m. John Herlihy, Jr. –
Jim & Mollie Maimone Family

11:30 a.m. Helen Geglain –
Michael & Cecilia Althouse

Calendar for the Week

Saturday, December 22

3:00-4:30 p.m. Confessions – Church

Sunday, December 23

**NO PSR, RCIA –
Parish Office Closed**

Monday, December 24 – Parish Office Closed

5:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Eve
Mass – Church

Tuesday, December 25 – Parish Office Closed

Adoration Chapel Closed
Midnight Mass – Church
10:30 a.m. Mass – Church

Wednesday, December 26 – Parish Office Closed

Adoration Chapel Closed –
Access by Code only
5:30 p.m. Mass – Church

Thursday, December 27

6:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Adoration – Adoration chapel
5:00 p.m. Confessions – Church

Friday, December 28

8:30 a.m. Mass – Church

Saturday, December 29

3:00-4:30 p.m. Confessions – Church

Sunday, December 30

**NO PSR, RCIA –
Parish Office Closed**



Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima Schedule:

**December 16 – 22 – Kyrill Ramsey
December 23-January 5 – Cecilia Althouse**



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 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.

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 Landeata, 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

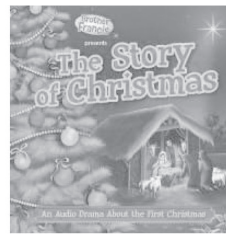


**Adoration Chapel Intention for the week of
December 23, 2018:
In Honor of
Francis & Catherine Weisenberger
As Donated by
Ed & Donna Weisenberger**

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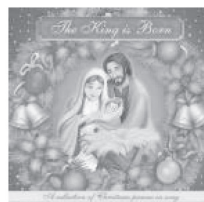
PICK OF THE WEEK, December 23, 2018



FOR CHILDREN:

Children will enjoy this heartwarming dramatization that recounts the story of the very first Christmas, as told by Brother Francis. With music, songs, and engaging storytelling, you will

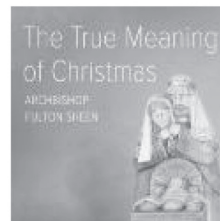
experience the wonderful events that led up to the birth of God's Son and the story of redemption.



FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY:

Bask in the warmth and joy of Christmas with a mixture of traditional and new songs that fill the heart with worship and praise.

A wonderful way of remembering Who we celebrate during the holiday season.



FOR ADULTS:

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen's books, tapes, homilies, retreats, and television series have inspired countless souls all over the world. This digitally-mastered presentation combines classic

recordings of his timeless reflections on the meaning of the Incarnation of Jesus, mixed with Gregorian chant and seasonal music. It is sure to become a family favorite!

Find these and more on the Formed website. Access Code VZ4F2W or download the free app for your phone!

“For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy.”

– Luke 1:44

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading each Sunday, do you “leap for joy?” If not, don’t blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. Do you prepare for Mass each week or do you just show up and expect to be entertained? We are called to be active participants, not passive by-standers.

Learn how you can be active in your Catholic faith by supporting your parish and contact The Catholic Foundation. Visit www.catholic-foundation.org/development for more information.

DUE TO EARLY PRESS DEADLINES FOR THE HOLIDAYS, OFFERTORY FIGURES WILL BE PUBLISHED IN JANUARY 2019



**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.**

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 29 2018 5:00 P.M.	Sunday, December 30, 2018 8:00 A.M.	Sunday, December 30 2018 11:30 A.M.
Eucharist	Martha Greer – EM1 (1) Mary Brown – EM2 – J Sr. Leonard Mary – EM3 – M	Elmer Palisbo – EM1 (1) Vicky Palisbo – EM2 – J Mike Neal – EM3 – M	Tess Hatmacher – EM1 (1) Michael Althouse – EM2 – J Donna Weisenberger – EM3 – M
Lector	Robin Flannagan – 1 Joe Zupi – 2	Chris Noel – 1 Greg Corcoran – 2	Ben Rusnak – 1 David Glass – 2
Server	Joey Mihelich James Beatty	Gabe Maimone Vinz Palisbo Simon Maimone	Luke Davis Danny Bentley Symphony Kight
Greeter	Mickey Family Bill Seidensticker	Anne Maimone Isaac Maimone Mollie Maimone	Susie Farmer Tom Stanton
Offertory	Rinehart Family	Maimone Family	Nathan Davis Family
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 # 6 Terrina Fahnestock Martha Dodds	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 31: St. Sylvester I, Pope and confessor



St. Sylvester, a native of Rome, was pope during the reign of Constantine in the early part of the 4th century. The Basilica of St. John Lateran and the Church of St. Peter in the Vatican were built during his reign as pontiff. He also convoked the first Ecumenical Council of Nicaea to combat the Arian heresy and Donatist schism which were causing much discord in the Christian communities at the time. St. Sylvester was known as the first “peace” Pope after centuries of bloody persecution. He died on December 31, 335. Read more about this saint and celebrating his day at <https://catholicexchange.com/great-bridge-feast-st-sylvester>. December 31st is also the seventh day of the Octave of Christmas and the vigil of the solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. The Church does not celebrate New Year’s Day (our “new year” started on the first Sunday of Advent!); it celebrates the glorious, all-holy, ever-Virgin Mary, the Mother of God!! What a great time to go to Mass and thank God for all His favors (and especially for His Mother) of the past year and to implore His blessings (through Mary’s intercession) for the new one!

Celebrate this day with some lovely punch!

Perfect Punch (from catholicculture.org)

1 cup sugar	1/8 tsp ginger
1 cup boiling water	juice of 6 lemons
2 cups cranberry juice	1 quart apple cider
1 large bottle club soda	

Combine sugar and ginger in a small pot. Add boiling water, bring to boil and stir until the sugar dissolves. Cool. Add lemon juice. In punch bowl combine sugar-lemon mixture, cranberry juice, and cider. Just before serving, add ice and club soda. Makes 25 punch cup servings.

READING:

(family) **St. Silvester (from *The Golden Legend*)** – Translated by William Caxton. Read free online at <https://catholicsaints.info/the-golden-legend-the-life-of-saint-silvester/>.

Mary, the Mother of Jesus- by Tomie dePaola,

Our Blessed Mother – Christina Virginia Orfeo (high school)

Hail Holy Queen, The Mother of God in the Word of God – by Scott Hahn

Prayer to Saint Sylvester

Come, O Lord, to the help of Your people sustained by the intercession of Pope Saint Sylvester so that, running the course of this present life under Your guidance we may happily attain life without end. 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.



Also this week:

Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen: January 2: Read about these amazing saints at <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/activities/view.cfm?id=993>

The Most Holy Name of Jesus: January 3: Read about this feast and some fun ways to celebrate at <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2014-01-03> .