Entrance

Arise! Stand on the Height

Psalm

My soul rejoices in my God

Universal Prayer

In stillness, with patience, we lift our prayer to you.

Offertory

Come to Us, Emmanuel

Communion

Jesus, Hope of the World

Text and music © 2007 Deanna Light & Paul Tate. Published by GIA Publications. All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net A-702572.

Closing

#33—O Come, Divine Messiah

Congratulations and God’s blessings to Lynsey & Glenn Anderson on the baptism of their daughter, Harper Marie; to Ashley & David Brown on the baptism of their daughter, Anna Katherine; to Melissa & Joseph Kish on the baptism of their son, Beau Dennis.

LIFE IS CHANGED, NOT ENDED

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

John Sweeney
Joseph Koenig
Cecelia Sambor
Joseph Kortan
Joseph Vidmar
Today we light the third candle on the Advent wreath. The color is “rose” and the Latin name for this day is “Gaudete (Rejoice!) Sunday.” Our Advent journey is more than halfway completed.

There is a second collection at Mass today for the “Sisters’ Retirement Fund.” Please remember those dedicated women who so unselfishly served the Church in a variety of ministries. The average age for a nun in the United States today is seventy-five. “The good Sisters” did so much and expected little in return. Now they come to us and ask for our help in caring for their aged and ill. Please do your best in today’s second collection for the “Sisters’ Retirement Fund.”

Don’t forget our Pancake Breakfast this Sunday, December 14, after the 7:30, 9:00, and 10:30am Masses, in the Lower Parish Hall. Our Youth Group sponsors the event and the proceeds will help send our teens to the 2016 World Youth Day in Poland. See you at the Breakfast!

Bishop Lennon has asked me to inform you that the audited financial statements for the Diocese of Cleveland are available for your review. Here’s the site address for you to check out the diocesan facts and figures: www.dioceseofcleveland.org/finance. In the Bishop’s words: “My pledge to you is to be transparent in how we utilize the resources that you have entrusted to us so that you can see how your contributions have advanced the good works of our Diocese.”

Confessions will be heard after all Advent weekend Masses (including today) except for the Sunday 5:30pm Mass.

Our 2014 Advent Giving Tree will conclude this Sunday at 1:00pm. All gifts will be collected, sorted, and delivered at that time. So if you plan to participate this year, select the organization you would like to help, choose your gift from the Wish Lists on the bulletin boards, purchase your gift, and then place your gift before the Blessed Mother or Holy Family Shrines in church.

This year we have chosen to help these four organizations. Each one promotes life values from natural conception until death:

- **Maggie’s Place—Zechariah House:** the Parma community home for expectant mothers who are alone.
- **Providence House:** crisis nursery for newborns to children five years of age.
- **West Side Catholic Center:** provides food, clothing, shelter, and advocacy for the needy.
- **Malachi House:** caring for the terminally ill homeless and for those dying with no other place to go.

We are getting down to the wire with our Advent preparations for Christmas. Please remember to use our Gift Certificate Program for your shopping and to give as gifts. This is a simple thing that everyone can do and it is of great benefit to our educational program. Stop at the Parish Office after Mass, or on your way to shop. Just start with groceries and gas—things we all need weekly. Thanks!
Sunday, December 14…
6:40pm Advent Party in the Parish Office ending at 8:30pm. Please bring either a snack or beverage to share. And being Gaudete Sunday, everyone must wear pink. Please note: This is the last LIFE Teen for the year until we get together again in the New Year on January 18th.

Any questions, contact:
Fr. Ryan (440)884-3030 / frryanmann@gmail.com
Sr. Denise Marie (440)884-3030 / sdmosu1@aol.com
Lena (216)544-6164 / lenamarie6@gmail.com

LISTEN UP
& Keep Your Advent Holy!

Make your Advent and preparation for Christmas a little more special this year. Please remember to stop in and check out the variety of Catholic CD’s and books on the kiosk in the lobby of the Parish Office. Topics include teachings on the Catholic faith, current social issues, Catholic spirituality, prayer, and so much more! CD’s are only $3 each... but New Advent CD’s are featured in a special 4 pack for only $10. Choose from:

Bundle #1: The Mystery of Christmas by Fr. Larry Richards, Answering Atheism, Set All Afire, & What’s So Great About Being Catholic

Bundle #2: Prepare the Way of the King by Dr. Scott Hahn, Confessions by Fr. Larry Richards, Jesus is... & Why I am Catholic

THE LITTLE BLUE BOOK
Once again this year we have available copies of an Advent/Christmas seasonal prayer reflection booklet entitled, “The Little Blue Book.” Anyone interested in a copy of “The Little Blue Book” (Advent/Christmas 2014 edition) is asked to stop at the Parish Office. The offering is $1.00.

SUNDAY COLLECTION
December 7, 2014

Offertory Collection $25,487.45
ACH / Online / Credit Card 7,458.50
Total $32,945.95
HAPPY NEW YEAR!
For the new Church Year

How about sharing a weekly cup of coffee with the Lord? If you would like to receive this weekly spiritual "pick-me-up," please e-mail Brian Pelcin at bpeclin@stcharlesonline.org All e-mails will be kept confidential. Please contact Brian in the parish office if you have any questions.

BULLETIN DEADLINE
Just a reminder....because of the upcoming Christmas/New Year's holiday, deadline for the Sunday, December 28th bulletin will be Friday, December 19th. The deadline for the Sunday, January 4th, 2014 bulletin will be Friday, December 26th. Both deadlines are 9:00am.

PTU ADULT CRAFT NIGHT
Attention all parishioners! You are invited to join us in making your own Christmas Fresh Flower Holiday Centerpiece. With the instruction of Novak's Florist you can create a great gift or addition to your own holiday decor. The event is Tuesday, December 16th at 7:00pm in the Lower Parish Hall. Cost is $16. Light refreshments and snacks will be served compliments of the PTU. Interested parties can pick up a form in the parish office or contact Colleen Bennett (216)402-8362 to reserve your spot.

OPLATKI (Christmas Wafers) are available at the Parish Office. Limited supply available.

HONEYBAKED HAM FUNDRAISER
Sponsored by: St. Charles High School Youth Group. Order your HoneyBaked Ham for Christmas and pick it up here at St. Charles Church on Sunday, December 21st, from 8:30am –1:00pm in the Corrigan Gym Kitchen. We also have available a wide assortment of different foods that the Honey-Baked Ham Company offers, such as turkey, cakes, side dishes, etc. Order forms are available in the Parish Office and are due Tuesday, December 16th with payment. Call Gail (216)741-6599 with any questions. Thank you for your support!

HOW TO HAVE "THE TALK" WITH YOUR KIDS
Save the Date...
Tuesday, January 13th
7:00 – 9:00pm
St. Charles Borromeo School Gym

All are welcome to hear this dynamic talk proposing to you a vision and method on how best to form your child to live out God's beautiful plan for sexuality. This presentation will help you bring together your parental desire to give your child what is best and the Church's 2,000 years of experience of the human heart.

Fr. Ryan Mann, as a teacher of Theology of the Body, shares an active interest with the speaker, Jen Richard, a wife and mother. She has received an MA in Theology and has been certified by the Theology of the Body institute. She has been teaching and presenting on the topics of the Catholic Church and sexuality for nearly a decade and has a special interest in God's plan for masculinity and femininity.

LADIES GUILD LOTTERY
Tickets for the February 2015 lottery are available in the Parish Office from now until January 31, 2015. The tickets are $5.00 each and if your number appears on the 7:30pm Ohio Lottery drawing straight, you win $100! We thank you for all your help. Any questions, call Pamela Bennett (440)888-1469

MALLEY'S CHRISTMAS CANDY SALE
If you would still like to order Malley's chocolates for Christmas, you can continue to order on-line until 11:59pm, Sunday, December 14th. Our High School Youth Group will still benefit from your purchase. Go to: www.malleys.com/st-charles-borromeo-youth-group.malleys.com. Thank you for helping out our great teens! For information contact Linda Michalakes (440)886-3525.
ST. CHARLES GIFT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

We purchase certificates in quantity at a discount and sell them to you at face value. All proceeds benefit our religious education programs. We have certificates for groceries, retail stores, restaurants, food chains, entertainment, gasoline and much more. Use our Gift Certificate Program for Christmas shopping AND give our certificates as Christmas gifts. Stop in the Parish or School Offices to purchase your gift cards or for a complete list of available gift cards.

CHRISTMAS SPECIALS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Store</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Cinemark Cinemas</td>
<td>$9.50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Regal Cinemas</td>
<td>$9.50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Get Go</td>
<td>$10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Shell</td>
<td>$10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Speedway</td>
<td>$10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Famous Footwear</td>
<td>$25</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE (216-749-2323)
Mobile Food Pantry is in need of plastic shopping bags for monthly distributions. If you have accumulated a pile of plastic shopping bags, feel free to drop them off at MQP’s Parish Office.

ST. LEO THE GREAT (216-661-1006)
Bus trip to the Rocksino in Northfield, Ohio, January 7th — trying to stay in the area in case of bad weather — cost is $24/person with $15 free play and $5 in food. Call Joanne (440)526-3505.

ST. THOMAS MORE (216-749-0414)
Bingo every Wednesday in the gym with a $4,000 payout. Doors open at 5:00pm and early birds start at 6:30pm. We will play bingo on New Year’s Eve!

ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED!!

Advent Christmas Mass & Social

Tuesday, December 16th
7:00pm Mass / 7:45—8:30pm Social
2nd Floor, Parish Activity Center

Join Alums and other women of the Parish to enjoy a weekday Mass followed by a salad/pizza social hosted by MOMS. Attend either Mass or the Social or both! (Front pews reserved for all women and their families.)

Call Joan Kuczek (440)884-0338 or e-mail joank-massagetherapies@gmail.com with any questions.

Visit us on-line at...
www.stcharlesonline.org

SENIOR CITIZENS

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 17th in the Lower Parish Hall. Doors open at 9:00am with lunch being served at 11:00am. Dues are $5.00 per year. New members are welcome. Call Jean Kozak, President, (440)845-2107.

NORTHEAST OHIO MEN’S FELLOWSHIP CONFERENCE

March 21st, 2015

As men, life can be stressful and exhausting, numerous eyes look to us to be “strong” and “wise” and the pressure of them and the responsibilities of life can often feel like too much. Therefore, I’d like to invite you and challenge you to give Christ and the Church one full day of your life. Saturday March 21st, 2015 is the Northeast Ohio Men’s Fellowship Conference. This conference is meant to provide the context where Christ can bring the true Father’s love and life into your heart and provide that divine energy to love those whom you are close to. Please do not shirk the responsibility to be a man that builds a culture of life and love instead of one of ego and isolation. For more information visit the website www.cmfneo.com.