WEEKLY REFLECTION FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)
“What ought we do?” the crowds ask John, and he sends them to fulfill their calling. Doing the ordinary extraordinarily well is a step toward welcoming Jesus. (Luke 3:10-18)

WEEKLY READINGS (Year C)
Monday, December 17
Genesis 49:2, 8-10/Psalm 72:1-3, 7-8, 17/Matthew 1:1-17
Tuesday, December 18
Jeremiah 23:5-8/Psalm 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Matthew 1:18-25
Wednesday, December 19
Judges 13:2-7, 24-25/Psalm 71:3-6, 16-17/Luke 1:5-25
Thursday, December 20
Friday, December 21
Saturday, December 22
1 Samuel 1:24-28/1 Samuel 2:1, 4-8/ Luke 1:46-56
Sunday, December 23

LAY MINISTERS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 23RD
Eucharistic Ministers:
3 volunteers needed
Lectors: Please see the schedule
Altar Servers: Sarah ~ Eric ~ Abby
Rosary:
12/23 Donna Higgins, 12/25 Rosa Bamba
Collection Counters: Jerry & Karen Meier
Coffee Hour: Liz Hansen
Church Cleaning Week of December 17th & 24th:
Tom Haynes

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

Third Sunday of Advent
December 16, 2018
Father Hergé – Celebrant

Sunday, December 16
9:10 a.m. Rosary Meditation for the Return of Fallen Away Catholics
9:30 a.m. Mass for Mary Morgan by the Streitenberger Family
10:30-11:45 a.m. PSR classes in the Rectory
(Last class before Christmas Break)

Wednesday, December 19
4:45-5:15 p.m. Private Confessions
5:10 p.m. Rosary Meditation for the Return of Fallen Away Catholics
5:30 p.m. Mass for Charles Stocklin by the Streitenberger Family

Sunday, December 23
9:10 a.m. Rosary Meditation for the Return of Fallen Away Catholics
9:30 a.m. Mass for Clete Moorman by Jean Moorman
10:30-11:45 a.m. NO PSR classes – Enjoy your Christmas Break!

COFFEE AND DONUTS AFTER SUNDAY MASSES. Please join us in the parish hall!

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK
As we are come into the second half of Advent there are still a few last opportunities to prepare by making a good confession. Confession will be offered here on Wednesday from 4:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m. St. Peter Church will have confession Thursday before Mass (5:00-5:15 p.m.) [please note there will be no St. Peter evening Mass and confessions on Monday due to all of the priests being at St. Colman, WCH for a penance service]. St. Peter will also have an extended time of Confession on Saturday from 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Prepare the Way for the Lord!
Happy Advent,
Fr. Hahn

Confirmandi Christmas Service Ends Today! If you have NOT returned your angel and gifts please see Cathy Pyzik or Liz Hansen to let them know. We have to wrap and deliver the gifts this week. You may be able to arrange a time to drop off at the parish office. Thank you to all of you who have participated in making Christmas EXTRA special for the residents at Scioto Trails! ATTENTION YOUTH: We will be wrapping the gifts today in PSR and we need some helpers for delivery please see Cathy Pyzik or Liz Hansen for a time that works best for everyone. Remember THIS QUALIFIES as a community service hour project that is a requirement for Confirmation.

During the season of Advent (and also Lent), here at St. Mary Parish we sing the Latin version of parts of the Mass – The Kyrie [Greek], Sanctus & Agnus Dei. You can follow along on the white laminated sheet found in the pew backs. Since the Second Vatican Council, the vernacular has replaced Latin in the liturgies of many communities, but the Council may not have intended Latin to become such an unfamiliar language for Latin Rite Catholics around the world. In fact, the Council’s document on the liturgy suggests otherwise. Latin adds mystery, reminds us of the many timeless traditions in the Church, and also add to the solemnity of the season. Latin reminds that we are one universal, Catholic Church; Latin is a sign of unity just as the use of the vernacular around the world is a sign of diversity. (Some info used from www.ncregister.com/blog/stephaniemann/why-latin-at-sunday-mass-during-lent)
Pike County Outreach Donation Suggestion: soup beans & rice

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BLESSING TO:
December 19 – Dorothy Skowronek
December 20 – Thomas Mangan

Please pray for and remember our troops!
Matthew Pyzik, PSC 76 Box 4808, APO, AP 96319
Kyle Hansen, PSC 2 Box 2699, APO, AP 96264

Pray for the Sick: Hank Adler, Norm Anderson, Antonio Arriaga, Rose Bamba, Betty Beck, Susan Biogan, Jim Bonifield, Juanita Bryant, Angelique Rohn-Clark, Jon Click, Heather Davis, Tucker Davis, Rebecca Fouts, Lauren Frost, Dennis Gregory, Larry Gullion, Evelyn Hammond, Judy Hart, Lawrence Hoffman, Kim Howard, Larry Howard, Ronald Hurles, Cliff Jones, Jennifer King, Brenda Landaeta, Dolly Lee, Andrea Lutz, Paul Martoecia, Frank McDonald, Bobbie McEhee, Teresa Minter, Jeff Morris, Andy O’Pry, David O’Pry, Denise Orr, Greg Orr, Patricia Perez, MaryAnne Raphael, Maureen Corcoran Rice, John Schmidt, May Stanley, Kathy Stout, Kathy Tapp, and Jeannie Williams

Pray for the Homebound: June Close, Dennis Cunningham, William Haidet, Judy Helm, Mary McElhaney, Connie McQuay, Mike Murphy, Richard Renollet, Wanda Salvail, Leona Sarver, Katherine Skinner, Helen Slaughter, Dorothy Skowronek, Kim Summers, Art Veins, and Al Westrick

Keep up your activity level. Try to get 150-300 minutes of physical activity weekly, which you can do in 20-30 minute increments. At work, take the stairs or consider using a stand-up computer desk. At home, do a task, or walk up and down stairs during TV commercials. Learn more at www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/everyone/guidelines/adults.html.

ATTENTION ALL ALTAR SERVERS!!! IT IS TONIGHT!!! There will be an altar server appreciation party TONIGHT December 16 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. We have three lanes reserved for bowling at Shawnee Lanes in Chillicothe OH (1680 N. Bridge Street, Chillicothe). Please plan on joining in on the fun as we celebrate the end and beginning of liturgical years. We thank you for your answer to God’s call to help serve our parish by being an altar server. There will be food, drinks, and bowling provided for the evening – so please just come and have FUN! If you have any questions, please contact Darryl Hansen at (906) 280-9422.

Please remember our Religious Brothers and Sisters in Christ this Advent and Christmas season. A gift of your thanks and appreciation is a nice gesture by giving them a Christmas card!

Please remember:
Fr. William Hahn Sr. Leonard Mary
Fr. Sean Dooley Sr. Saima Mary
Fr. Thomas Herge Sr. Ruhitha Mary
Sr. Zephrina Mary Dcn. Reed Hauser

Happy Feast Day, Sr. Zephrina Mary!

Sr. Zephrina 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. Zephrina’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. Zephrina!

COFFEE HOUR SIGN UPS NEEDED: On the bulletin board in the vestibule is a sign up sheet for our coffee hour. We are in need of people to sign up. There are a good number of people that stay after Mass for coffee and goodies and it is a great ministry to be a part of. Please consider signing up for a few places throughout the coming months. A new sign up sheet for the new year is also on the bulletin board. It will be a new add-in for the bulletin under LAY MINISTRY to serve as a reminder for the upcoming week (see this example in today’s bulletin). Please see Angela Migyanko or Jim Streitenberger for questions. Thank you!