



Our Lady of Peace *Family of Parishes*

Holy Family - Holy Name of Jesus - Our Lady of Sorrows

DECEMBER 7, 2025 | SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Pastor: Rev. Paul Gebhardt, Sr. Parochial Vicar: Rev. John Civile, Parochial Vicar: Rev. Benjamin Mersch,
Deacons: John Lyons, Bill Schaefer, Larry Gronas, & Jack Schaefer

Our Lady of Peace

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Holy Family

201 Clark Street, Middletown, OH 45042

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Holy Trinity Church

201 Clark Street

Sunday 9:00 am (*Live streamed*)

St. John Church

1405 First Avenue

Saturday 4:30 pm & Sunday 10:30 am

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 pm

St. John XXIII Catholic School

3806 Manchester Road

Middletown, OH 45042

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Holy Name of Jesus

222 Hamilton Ave., Trenton, Ohio 45067

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Sunday - 8:30 am

Reconciliation (Confessions)

2nd & 4th Wednesdays 6:30-7:00 pm

Sundays 7:30-8:00 am

Our Lady of Sorrows

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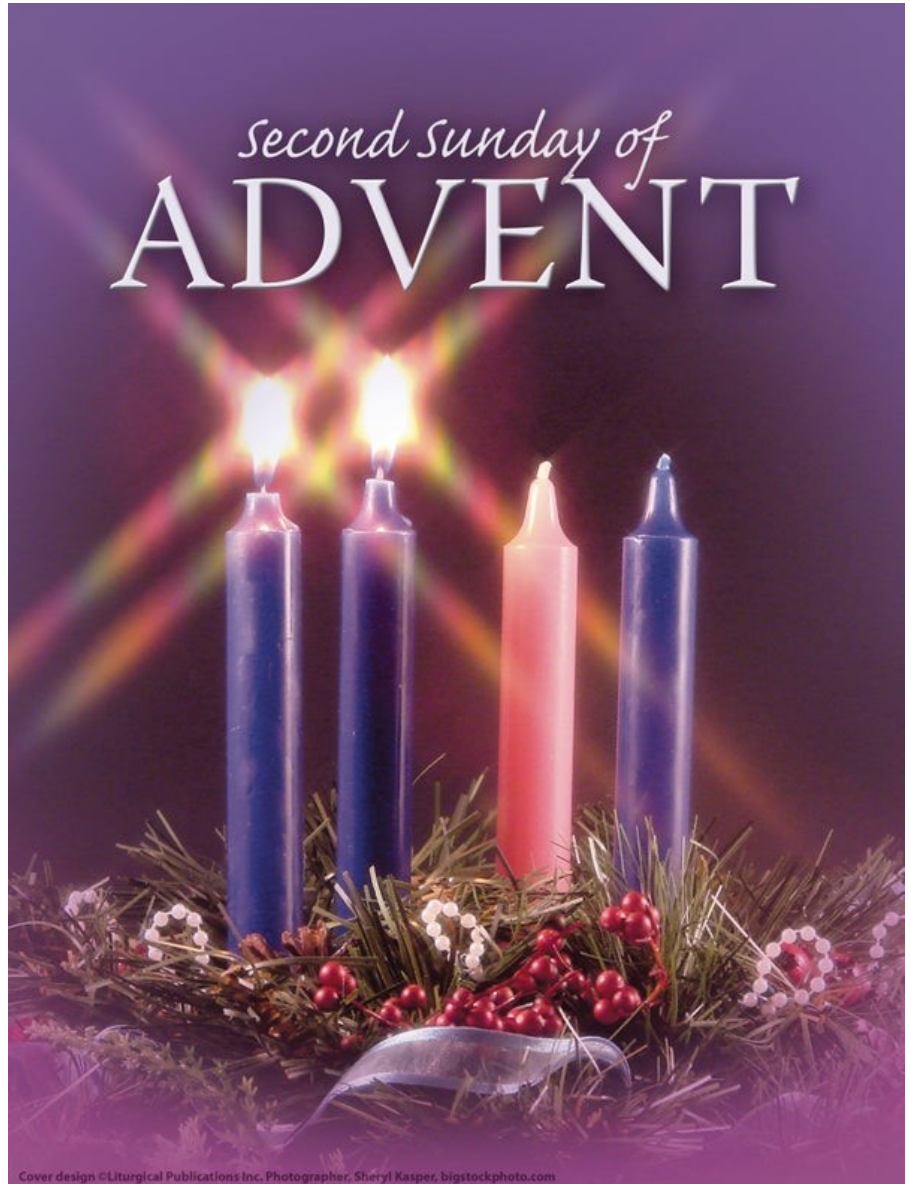
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Saturday - 4:00 pm, Sunday - 10:30 am

Reconciliation (Confessions)

1st & 3rd Wednesdays 6:30-7:00 pm

Saturdays 3:00-3:30 pm



Upcoming Events

Bless the Children St. John Church.....	Dec 7
Young at Heart Holy Name.....	Dec 7
Advent Breakfast Holy Name.....	Dec 7
Feast of the Immaculate Conception.....	Dec 8
Advent Penance Service Holy Name.....	Dec 10
Leisure Group Meeting OLOS.....	Dec 17

WELCOME



Readings for the week of December 7, 2025

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38
 or Lk 1:39-47
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Introductions to Sunday Readings: by Bishop Ken Untener, in collaboration with Catherine Haven & Fr. Bill Taylor



First Reading - Isaiah 11:1-10....The prophet Isaiah lived 750 years before Christ. Despite the political unrest of that period, he looked forward to a kingdom so wonderful that even nature is at peace. This perfect world would be ruled by a descendent of King David. (As you listen to this reading, it helps to know that “Jesse” is the name of David’s father.)

Second Reading - Romans 15:4-9....In the early days of the Church, some Jewish converts to Christianity continued to practice their Jewish traditions. Many of them were members of the Church in Rome, along with others who were Gentiles. They sometimes found it hard to get along. As Paul nears the end of his letter to them, he encourages them to live in harmony by drawing upon the Scriptures they had in common - what we have called the “Old Testament.”

Parish Staff

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 OLOS Pastoral Associate: Karen Redmond
 OLOS Maintenance: Joe Scarpa
 OLOS Music Ministry: Michelle Markert

Bulletin/Announcement Deadline:

Friday at noon - 1 week in advance via email to your parish office.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR OUR LADY OF PEACE WEEK OF DEC 8 - 14

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH	N/A	N/A	12:10 PM	12:10 PM	8:00 AM	N/A	9:00 AM 2:00 PM Spanish
ST JOHN CHURCH	*8:15 @ St. John XXIII School 6:30 PM	N/A	N/A	N/A	7:00 PM	4:30 PM	10:30 AM
HOLY NAME OF JESUS	7:00 PM	8:30 AM	8:30 AM	8:30 AM	N/A	N/A	8:30 AM
OUR LADY OF SORROWS	8:30 AM	N/A	N/A	6:00 PM	9:00 AM	4:00 PM	10:30 AM

Baptisms.....Contact your Parish Office. Baptismal preparation is required.
Marriages.....Contact your Parish Office at least 6 months before the desired date.
Vocations.....Contact a member of your pastoral staff or visit cincinnati vocations.org.
Pastoral Care of the Sick.....May be arranged through your Parish Office.
Becoming Catholic.....Contact your Parish Office.
St. John XXIII Catholic School.....Parish school for Preschool—8th Grade—www.stjohn23school.org.



OUR DOORS ARE OPEN: No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc., no matter what your own self-image, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here at Our Lady of Peace Family of Parishes.

COMMUNITY

Special Clothing Collection... Our parishes will conduct a special collection for the Middletown Interfaith Clothes Closet. **Anyone who wishes to participate is asked to donate a new or gently used coat for men and women.** *No children's sizes please - the Clothes Closet has mostly adult clients.* These necessary clothing items will fill the shelves of the Middletown Interfaith Clothes Closet where needy families can receive clothing at no charge.

- **Holy Family Parishioners** - Please place your donation in the blue bins at the church doors.
- **Holy Name Parishioners** - Please place your donation in the bins at the back of the church.
- **Our Lady of Sorrows** - Please place your donation in the basket in the gathering space.

Thank you!



Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration in Spanish

Friday, December 12th

7 PM - St. John Church

Join in this special celebration full of love and blessings with Our Mother of Heaven, Patroness of the Americas. **Everyone is invited to this celebration!**



SHALOM Volunteers Needed!

January 25th - February 1st

St. John Undercroft

Holy Family Parish will be hosting guests from SHALOM again this year from Sunday, January 25th - February 1st. If you are willing to host a dinner (5:30 PM) or a breakfast (8:00 AM) more details will follow on how you can help. Last year Our Lady of Sorrows Church and the PREP students helped with SHALOM. Gather some friends together to help others. Our guests also appreciate any snacks, cookies, or fruit during the week. If you can't provide food, we always welcome friends to come to the center from 7 -9:30 PM to share time with the guests. Holy Family will also need at least two members each evening to spend the night.



PRAYER FOR ADVENT

Bless God's Holy Name!

Prepare our hearts for Your coming, Lord. Awaken them from any places that have become sleepy or despondent. Inspire us with new visions. Be with us as we climb closer to You. Amen.

Next Sunday K of C Pancake Breakfast with Special Guest - SANTA!!

Next Sunday, Dec 14th

9:00 AM - Noon

St. John Undercroft

1405 First Ave. Middletown, OH 45042

Come and enjoy fresh, homemade pancakes (plain and chocolate chips) plus eggs, sausage, coffee, water, OJ and milk.

There will be arts and crafts for the kids to do as well.

Cost: Adults \$10 Children under 12 - \$5

All proceeds benefit St. John XXIII School!



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation
Monday, December 8th

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8:15 AM St. John XXIII Catholic School

8:30 AM Our Lady of Sorrows / Monroe

6:30 PM St. John Church / Middletown

7:00 PM Holy Name of Jesus/Trenton



Mass in Spanish...

2 PM at Holy Trinity Church...

Please join us for Mass every Sunday at 2 PM at Holy Trinity Church.

All are welcome.



COMMUNITY

The Colors of Advent... Advent has a two-fold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered, and as a season when that remembrance directs our minds and hearts to await Christ's second coming at the end of time. Advent is a period of devout and joyful expectation. This is very different from the penitential nature of Lent. Therefore, some parishes, Holy Family included, use blue violet during Advent to preserve the traditional use of purple, while providing a visual distinction between the purple or red violet of Lent.



Bible Study ... Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come



In January, we will be offering a new Bible Study: Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come **Beginning on Thursday January 8 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Our Lady of Sorrow's Parish Hall, we will be offering 11 Thursday evening sessions on Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come.** Perhaps no book of the Bible fascinates people more than Revelation. Yet relatively few people have studied it, especially from a Catholic perspective. Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come offers an intriguing look at one of the most talked-about books in Scripture. In this study, presenter Jeff Cavins pulls back the veil on the rich symbolism present in Revelation. Discover what the mysterious figures and images of Revelation mean and see how Revelation is more than an apocalyptic vision of the "end times." Although Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come is focused on Catholic doctrine and teaching, everyone - Catholic or non-Catholic - is welcome. In fact, we encourage you to invite friends to come with you.

To register, sign up on the poster in the Gathering Space at Our Lady of Sorrows or email Jack at olos@cinci.rr.com or call the OLOS office at 513-539-8061 and leave a message for Jack. For each participant workbook needed, bring \$25 cash or a check payable to Our Lady of Sorrows to the first meeting on Thursday, January 8 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. **All OLOP parishioners are welcome!**



Thank you Fr. Ben for leading us in our pilgrimage to the cathedral to appreciate the beauty of that worship space and learn a bit about the history of it.



Communal Advent Penance Services



- **Holy Name of Jesus Church**
THIS Wednesday, December 10th 7 PM
- **Holy Trinity Church**
Thursday, December 18th After the 12:10 PM Mass & again at 7 PM

HOLY FAMILY

LAST CALL!!

Please Bring Giving Tree Gifts to the Parish Office ASAP!!



Our friends at Messiah Lutheran will deliver the ANGEL tag gifts at a Christmas party they have **in early December** and the SVDP will organize the BELL, ORNAMENT & TREE tag gifts with the help of the PREP kids **tomorrow evening, Monday, December 8th**!

It does take time to move gifts from the churches and office and to organize them for the kids who look so forward to receiving them. You'll want to be sure to get your gift delivered in time! Thanks!

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

Next Weekend - Give Thanks for Religious



Show your appreciation for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift in next week's collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. Thank you for your generous donation and for using the special envelope included in the December packet.

Help Wanted Decorating the Churches

We welcome anyone who's willing to help with decorating St. John and Holy Trinity Churches for Christmas. Please join us!

DECEMBER 23RD 9:00 AM

ST JOHN & THEN HOLY TRINITY



Baptism Preparation Class

Wednesday, December 10th 7 PM

St. John Rectory

If you are expecting your first baby or want your first child baptized we ask that you attend a baptism preparation class, offered quarterly throughout the year. Call the parish office 513-422-0602 to register for the baptismal preparation class.



Bless the Children Ceremony TODAY!

10:30 AM Mass

St. John Church

Our parish 2nd Graders are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Joined by their parents at the 10:30 AM Mass at St. John Church, they will take part in the special Bless the Children Ceremony.

Please join us for coffee, juice, and donuts in the St. John Undercroft immediately following the Mass!



Christmas Flower Fund

If you would like to remember your deceased loved ones by donating to the Christmas Flower Fund, please use the envelope in the December packet and drop it in the collection basket. The list of names will be posted at the front and back of the churches for Christmas. **Want to be sure your loved one's name is correctly spelled and included in the list?** Please *print the name* and make your donation by Sunday, Dec 14th.



Christmas Home Visits

Fr. Civile will be visiting homebound parishioners during the Christmas Season. If you or someone you know would like a visit with Communion / Reconciliation, please call the parish office 513-422-0602 or email Kathi kathi@holyfamilymiddletown.com.



Immaculate Conception Masses The Mass times for our family of parishes can be found on page 3 of the bulletin.

Next Sunday K of C Pancake Breakfast with Special Guest - SANTA!! More information can be found in the community section on page 3.



HOLY FAMILY

HOLY FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday and Sunday - December 6 and December 7

4:30 PM Mass SJ Frank & Judy Pressler

9:00 AM Mass HT Barbara Sutton

This Mass live streamed and available on the website anytime.

10:30 AM Mass SJ Maria C. Saraceno - Anniversary Rem.

Monday, December 8

8:15 AM Mass SJ23 Ruth M. Meyer

6:30 PM Mass SJ Phyllis Nichols - Anniversary Rem.

Tuesday, December 9

No Mass SJ23

Wednesday, December 10

12:10 PM Mass HT Janice Madlinger

Thursday, December 11

12:10 PM Mass HT Daniel Fedders

Friday, December 12

8:00 AM Mass HT Jim & Jody Akers - 50th Wedd. Anniv.

Saturday, December 13

4:30 PM Mass SJ Vera Mangus - Anniversary Rem.

Sunday, December 14 Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM Mass HT People of the Parish

10:30 AM Mass SJ Don Cunningham - Birthday Rem.

Weekly Collections Stewardship

Sunday, November 23rd \$24,949.40

Thank you for your generous stewardship!

Due to the early bulletin submissions for the rest of this year the weekly stewardship amounts will be 2 weeks behind.

MINISTERS NEXT WEEK

Dec 13/14	4:30 PM SAT	9:00 AM SUN	10:30 AM SJ23 SUN
Eucharistic Ministers	Mike Klapheke 1B Jule Constable 2B Pat Montgomery 3B Kathy Kraft 1C Barbara Heinle 2C	Sandy Hughes 1B Mary Anne Kelley 2B Karen Dillon 3B Don Accurso 1C Maria Rodriguez 2C	Beth McGuire 1B Rick Gregosky 2B Ken Allen 3B Barb Luksic 1C Melissa Bauer 2C
Lectors	Dan Mabry Lynn Hawkins	Monica Cummins Greg Waddell	Lois Allen Michael Paddock
Servers	Dick Montgomery	Kara Jackson	Ava Wagner
Greeters	Bill Purcell D1	Monica Cummins D1 Donna Kramer D2	Linda Jester D1

Our Prayers & Sympathy are Extended

to the family and friends of Stephen Eutsler who died Friday, November 28th.



In Your Prayers Remember

Janet Chase at Traditions of Lebanon, Paula Mehl at Atrium, Lana Ernst at Miami Valley Hospital and Arlene Selby at Otterbein.

Children's Worship Bulletins

Bulletins are available in two age groups 3+ and 7+ — and they're free!



The Men's Fellowship Group

This Saturday, December 13th



Men of the parish are invited to join for prayer and study every second and fourth Saturday of the month. The next meeting is set for this Saturday, November 23rd 8:00 - 9:15 a.m. in the St. John Rectory.

The Little Ones

...it is not the will of your heavenly Father that one of these little ones be lost. Matthew 18:14

Of all the radical ideas Jesus brought into the world, we might easily overlook the value he placed on smallness.

In a time when the Roman Empire was building massive monuments and coliseums, Jesus turned that around. He upended traditional thinking. He considered the ordinary extraordinary and made it a habit to remind people of little things: a widow's mite, a mustard seed, a sparrow, counting every hair on your head. In this Gospel, he tells us God treasures every sheep, even if there is just one that goes astray and needs to be rescued. God loves "these little ones."

How many of us need to hear that! Jesus never tired of teaching that those who are considered little, weak, unimportant or insignificant have incomparable worth. They may be outcasts to the world-the poor, blind, broken or lost-but not to our heavenly Father.

No one is small in the eyes of God.

Taken from the Living Faith Dec. 9th

Dcn. Greg Kandara

HOLY FAMILY

St. John XXIII

Catholic School Pre-K to Grade 8

Traditional Values • Exceptional Education

Principal Mrs. Dawn Pickerill

513-424-1196



Annual Fund - THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who made a donation or pledge to St. John XXIII's Annual Fund on Giving Tuesday. Look in next week's bulletin for an update on the progress toward our goal. Did you forget to make a donation? It's not too late! Visit www.stjohn23school.org or scan the QR code to make a donation today!



SUPPORT St. John XXIII
Receive an Ohio Tax Credit!*

HOW DO I DONATE?



CatholicBestChoice.org/SGO
To make your gift online

OR



Catholic Education Foundation - SGO
100 E. Eighth St.
Cincinnati, OH 45202
To donate by mail

Donation form available at catholicbestchoice.org/SGO

Supporting students and their formation through Catholic education is a great way to share our blessings and faith with younger generations!

The state of Ohio allows you to "spend" some of the state income taxes that you must pay anyway, to provide tuition assistance for students seeking an education in our Catholic schools.

***Consult with your tax advisor to determine:**
(1) your eligibility for the state tax credit, (2) its value to you, and (3) the details of your gift.

PLEASE NOTE: According to a representative from the Ohio Department of Taxation, if you file a married joint return, each taxpayer would need to make their own \$750 contribution to claim the maximum of \$1,500. Separate acknowledgement letters will be provided for documentation of your gifts.

Inclement Weather Cancellations

In the event of severe winter weather cancellations, we'll use the One Call Now robocall system to send out alerts. **Please be sure we have you're current phone number on file.** You can always call the office 513-422-0602 to check that number!



What About Tuesday Morning School Mass?

If you regularly attend the St. John XXIII School Mass on Tuesday mornings at 8:15 and you're wondering if school is closed or delayed, here are two ways to check:

- 1) Tune into a local morning news program where you'll find a list of school closings or delays likely scrolling at the top or bottom of the screen.
- 2) Go to the parish website where you'll find a link to St. John XXIII School at the top. This link takes you to the school website which will include any delay or cancellation info. **The school Mass is canceled when school is closed or on delay.**

Annual 365 Lotto

**** The FINAL turn in date is January 31, 2026. ****

St. John XXIII School is selling tickets for the Annual 365 Lotto where a winning ticket is drawn every day of the year. It's possible to win more than once because winning tickets are returned to the hopper and only 5000 tickets are sold. Prize money will be mailed to the winners. To participate in the lotto, complete the form below and send it along with \$20/ a ticket to:
St. John XXIII Catholic School 3806 Manchester Rd, Middletown, OH 45042 ATTN: Monica Cummins
The official ticket will be filled out and the stub will be mailed back to you.

"365 LOTTO"	
365 Daily Prizes Will Be Awarded	
3	\$1,000.00 prizes on Easter, 4th of July & Christmas
12	\$ 500.00 prizes on all first Mondays
52	\$ 100.00 prizes on all Sundays
299	\$ 40.00 prizes on remaining days of the year

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

HOLY NAME OF JESUS



Prayer List.... *Pray for the Sick at Holy*

Name of Jesus: Orville Brown, Deacon Bill & Jean Schaefer, Sue Harris, Steve Drake, Becky Hedges-Kamps., Jose Gonzalez, Raymond Martin, Wendall Draman, Bebe Orth, Blair and Casey Mitchell, Teresa Adams, Nancy Carroll, Brenda Hicks, Diane Frain, Anna Hunsinger, Rob Burgher, Adam Willke, Doug Ritter, Betty Issacs, Agnes Kuzma, Paul Foley, Tina Smetek, Trevor Lacey & Dr. Thomas Willke. ***If you want to be on this list, or have recovered & would like to be removed from this list, please call the office.***

Traveling Chalice....



For Vocations to the Priesthood:

Deacon Larry & Diane Gronas will receive the chalice on December 7 after 8:30 am Mass and have it for two weeks. Mike & Connie Schenck will receive the chalice on December 21. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact the office. ***When to return the chalice?*** Anytime during the week before Sunday. ***Deacon Larry requests that you leave the chalice on the altar rail.***

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS.... *Please continue to pray for the priests in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati!*

A list of priests to pray for this week is available on the table in the back of the church.

Financial Stewardship Summary

21st Sunday of fiscal year as of 11/23/2025

	Last Week	Year to Date
Parish Needs:	\$ 4,235	\$ 88,935
Parish Receipts:	\$ 6,721	\$ 83,323

Total Envelopes Used: 37

Total Electronic Givers: 16

Note: Fiscal year budget for 7/1/2025 to 6/30/2026 is \$220,140

This week's receipts: Sunday & Holy Day Offerings - \$2,669, Interest - \$3,965, Purgatorial Society - \$25, & Candles - \$62

Designated Collection: Catholic Campaign for Human Development - \$212

Your generosity helps us do God's work. Thank you!



EMA... On November 23 the Edgewood Ministerial Association held a drive-through Thanksgiving meal give away at Mt. Olivet Presbyterian church in Trenton. A short prayer service was held in the parking lot before volunteers and family loaded a complete Thanksgiving meal into 51 vehicles. All the families came from the Edgewood School District. Churches, individuals, and businesses gave overwhelmingly to support this event. ***Thank you to those who gave so that others may have a blessed Thanksgiving dinner!***



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 14

SUNDAY 8:30 am Mass

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Ron Angst (1) Harry Hunsinger (2)
SERVERS	Alison Hasler Brianna Kyle
READER(S)	John Zehler (1)
USHERS	Cory Salyer Mike Schenck
COMMUNION HOMEBOUND	Larry Gronas
COLLECTION TEAM	Mary Draman Debbie Peter Connie & Mike Schenck

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Advent Breakfast...

The annual teacher's Advent Breakfast will be after the 8:30 am Mass on Sunday December 7th. **All are welcome to join us afterward!** Something different this year is that we will be decorating the Jesse Tree during class the Wednesday prior, so it will already be up for the breakfast. *Hope to see everyone there!*



Events in the Holy Name of Jesus Parish

Saturday, December 6

Sunday, December 7

7:30 - 8:00 am Confessions

8:30 am Mass - Second Sunday of Advent

Share the Joy for ENLC

**** Welcome Weekend-coffee & donuts after Mass ****

Advent Breakfast in the Parish Hall
6:00 pm-Young at Heart in Parish Hall

Monday, December 8

7:00 pm Mass-Immaculate Conception-Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday, December 9

8:30 am Mass

6:30 pm-OCIA in church basement

Wednesday, December 10

8:30 am Mass

6:30 - 7:45 pm PSR Classes

7:00 pm Advent Penance Service

Thursday, December 11

8:30 am Mass

9:00 - Noon Exposition & Adoration

Friday, December 12

Saturday, December 13

Sunday, December 14

7:30 - 8:00 am Confessions

8:30 am Mass - Third Sunday of Advent Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious

Young at Heart...Young at Heart for December - SUNDAY, DEC 7 @ 6:00 pm...

Parishioners 50 and older are invited to attend our monthly social in the Parish Hall. It will be **Advent Treat NIGHT**. Please **bring cookies for homebound parishioners**; a seasonal dish, finger food, or dessert to share; items for our local food pantry; and a game to play. Meetings are held on the last Sunday of each month, unless otherwise announced. Contact - Diane Gronas at 726-4436 or dianegronas@zoomtown.com.



ENLC Advent - Share the Joy

The Share the Joy program will run Nov. 29 through Dec. 21. There will be gift tags in a basket near Mary's altar, please take one or two to provide much needed items for the Elizabeth New Life center.. please be generous. A box will be on Mary's altar for cash donations, make check out to Elizabeth New Life Center. **Thank you for supporting Mothers and their babies.**



This year, Welcome Weekend and the Advent Breakfast are on the same day, *Sunday, December 7 after 8:30 pm Mass*. So come grab a donut at the Welcome Weekend table and then head over to the Parish Hall for breakfast provided by the PSR Teachers. **A double treat this year!**



Mass Intentions for the Week

Day	Date	Mass	For	Requested By
Sunday	12/7	8:30 am	People of the Parish	
Monday	12/8	7:00 pm	All Souls in Purgatory	Jodi Hamer
Tuesday	12/8	8:30 am	Purgatorial Society	
Wednesday	12/10	8:30 am	Bob Edwards	Doris Rassel
Thursday	12/11	8:30 am	Chris Hutchinson	Mike & Kay Hutchinson
Sunday	12/4	8:30 am	Robert & Doris Zehler	Zehler Family

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Stewardship Information will resume soon.



SCAN TO GIVE

Or visit: give.olosmonroe.com/give

Music Ministry News:

Adult Choir Schedule:



- Monday, Dec. 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception - 8:30 am mass at OLOS, 7:00 pm mass at Holy Name in Trenton.
- Thursday, Dec. 18: 6:30 – 8:30 pm
- Wednesday, Dec. 24th: Christmas Eve mass. Carols begin at 2:30. Mass begins at 3:00 pm.
- Thursday, Dec. 25th: Christmas Morning: meet at 9:45 to prepare for 10:30 am mass.
- Wednesday, Dec. 31: 3:00 mass. Meet at 2:15 pm in Church to prepare.
- Thursday, Jan. 1: 10:30 am mass. Meet at 9:45 am to prepare.
- Sunday, Jan. 4: 10:30 am mass. Meet at 9:45 am to prepare. 2:00 – 6:00 pm. Christmas party at my house!!!!

Children's Choir: Ages 7 - 13

- *Tuesday Night Rehearsals: 5:30 pm at OLOS Church.*
- Children will sing one song on Sunday, December 7th for the 10:30 am mass as well as 2-3 songs for the Christmas Eve Service.
- January 4th - 10:30 am mass for the Feast of the Epiphany.
- There will be a Christmas Party at my home January 4th from 2:00–6:00 pm

Calling All Instrumentalists

We need YOU to play Christmas Eve mass! Last year we had wonderful, home-grown high school talent – and we hope to have it again this year – contact Michelle Markert at: olosmusicministry@gmail.org



LITURGICAL MINISTERS December 13 – 14

MASS	Saturday 4:00 pm	Sunday 10:30 am
COORDINATOR	Connie Hagedorn	Ruth Beiting
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Beverly Gorman Mark Gorman Tom Schindler Sue Willis Rick Ziemba	Chris Baumgardner Dave Eck Ruth Frankey Tom Kettler Michelle Samocki Jim Staffan
SERVERS	Paul Hagedorn	Lesley Anjang Eva Temmesfeld
GREETER	Barbara Hyduchak	Deb Haas
READERS	Mark Redmond (1) J.J. Scott (2)	June Faller (1) Gabrielle Strand (2)
USHERS	Rick Props Mike Quigley	Shelley Nickloes (<i>Sub Req</i>) Teresa Pifher
HOSPITALITY	Aimee Matz Jon Matz	Jon Barnes Sarah Barnes
COLLECTION TEAM		Lisa Smith Mike Smith



Advent Tree Is Up....Our Advent "Giving Tree" is set up and decorated in the Gathering Space so you can take advantage of Black Friday sales! We will once again be assisting needy families registered with Middletown Choice Pantry. Just take an ornament off the tree for whatever you wish to purchase or donate. Anything listed on the ornaments are only suggestions; you may purchase the item, or choose something within your budget. **All gifts and food should be returned by Sunday, December 14th** so they can be delivered the following weekend. **Thank you!**

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

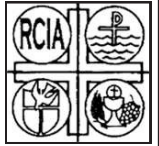
Keep Christ in Christmas

(KCIC)...The Knights of Columbus Council is offering car/fridge magnets (\$5 donation each), Christmas cards (\$10 per box) and ornaments (\$2 each, 3 for \$5). See the display in the vestibule of the church. Proceeds will go to Chair Force One and/or Operation Ramp It Up. Both non-profit organizations support individuals battling ALS and those mobility needs that go along with it. If you cannot afford the donation, but would like a magnet or ornament, please feel free to take one and spread the Good News of Christmas.



Religious Education Corner....

- **PSR** (Parish School of Religion) – Classes meet on Sunday morning. Parents and students are invited for opening prayer in the church at 9:00 am.
- **Baptism** – Are you expecting or recently had a baby - if so congratulations! Please contact Gene for prep, dates and details.
- **OCIA** (formerly RCIA) – **Sessions have begun.** If you are interested, or know someone who is interested in learning more about our Catholic faith, contact the church office for more details!
- **Blue Sheets** are a great way to prepare for next week's Gospel reading. Available in the Gathering Space.
- **Small Church Communities**—Takes a break until January.
- **Pray N Play** – Next Session - **December 14th from 9:00 - 9:45 am.**



December First Fruits Living Opportunity...

This year we will learn about First Fruits Living by highlighting ministries, community events, and ways to give of your time talent and treasure. The December Ministry focus is *Faith Formation*. **How can I get involved?** See the poster in the gathering space for specific opportunities.

Pray-N-Play Sessions



Parents of toddlers and preschoolers! Session time may include stories, crafts, music, and of course PLAY! These are intended for children ages 2 - 5 (not yet in kindergarten). At least one parent should be in attendance with their child. **The next session is Sunday, December 14th from 9:00 - 9:45 am.** Registration is not required. Questions, contact Gene in the parish office at 513-539-8061 or olos@olopeace.com.

Mass Intentions & Events at Our Lady of Sorrows

Saturday, December 6

3:00 - 3:30 pm

Confessions in the Reconciliation Chapel

4:00 pm Mass

† Eugene & Martha Haas

Sunday, December 7

9:00 - 10:15 am

Second Sunday of Advent

Parish School of Religion Grades K-8

10:30 am Mass

† Robert & Mary Philhower

Monday, December 8

8:30 am Mass

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

† Tim Wilkins

Tuesday, December 9

6:30 pm

Rosary in the Daily Mass Chapel

Wednesday, December 10

Thursday, December 11

6:00 pm Mass

† Souls in Purgatory

Friday, December 12

8:30 am

Morning Prayer (Lauds)

9:00 am Mass

† Marge Skrobola

Saturday, December 13

3:00 - 3:30 pm

Confessions in the Reconciliation Chapel

4:00 pm Mass

† Donnie Grau

Sunday, December 14

9:00 - 10:15 am

Third Sunday of Advent

Parish School of Religion Grades K-8

10:30 am Mass

† Sandi Spinosa

Indoor Rosary Has Begun...

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm!

Come join us in the Daily Mass Chapel!



Leisure Group Gathering...Wednesday December

17th at 6:00 pm in the parish hall. Please bring your favorite \$10 - \$15 consumable snack to exchange to add to the festivities! Questions, please call Vicki Grau at 513-708-1721. **Come join us!**

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