

Mass Intentions



Sunday, December 20 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Grace & Ed Deardurff (Family)
 10:00 a.m. Kathleen Reed (Rose Mary Walther)
 12:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Monday, December 21 – Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor

7:00 a.m. No Mass

Tuesday, December 22 – Late Advent Weekday

9:00 a.m. Angelo & Angela Annarino
 (Angelo & Nancy Annarino)

Wednesday, December 23 – John of Kanty, Priest

5:30 p.m. Rose Rath (Steve & Helen Carpenter & Family)

Thursday, December 24 – Late Advent Weekday

9:00 a.m. Ray & Irene Womeldorph
 (Angelo & Nancy Annarino)
 5:00 p.m. Michael & Marie Clark (Tim & Ann Rehbeck)
 8:00 p.m. Jack O'Neill (Family)
 11:30 p.m. Terry Antritt (Sharlene & Family)

Friday, December 25 – Nativity of the Lord – Christmas

10:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Saturday, December 26 – Stephen, First Martyr

5:30 p.m. Georgia Ann Swanagan (The Renaud Family)

Sunday, December 27 –

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

8:00 a.m. Fr. Bill Johnson (People of the Parish)
 10:00 a.m. Callahan & Walther Families
 (Rose Mary Walther)
 12:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Dear Friends

As you know, we have been in need of replacing the carpet in church for some time. The pews have also shown increasing wear and tear, as have the kneelers. With this in mind, we have been planning to work on these projects this spring. At a meeting with Maintenance Committee members and key vendors last week, it became clear that, for us to be back in church for Easter, the pews would need to be taken out on January 4th, 2010. This is earlier than we expected, but the company carrying out the work needs as much time as possible to strip the wood, make repairs and complete the task. One of the benefits of the pew renovation is that we will have new kneelers that are lighter and easier to put up and down!

At the same time, we will begin some other church projects. The carpet and parquet flooring will be taken up, a leak in the font will be repaired, electric work needed on the church light fixtures will be carried out and a new hardwood floor will be laid in the nave. The church sanctuary will have new carpet, as will the Tabernacle chapel and the day chapel. The back vestibule in front of the green doors will have marble tile laid. When the pews return, there will be a new configuration on the sides and more pews at the back of church where the chairs are now. This will increase our seating capacity. All this work is needed and, when it is done, we will have taken another major step forward in *honoring our past and embracing the future*.

We will need patience during this period while the work is being carried out. There will be some changes to where we worship but not when we worship:

- Holy Mass at the weekend will move to the gym for about three months. Important points for us to note are that:
- We are working with the junior high basketball teams to work out a practice schedule that will let them use the gym on Saturdays, but also help us to set up for Sunday worship when their practices are finished.
- We may need help laying the tarps and setting up the chairs.
- Daily Mass will be in Conference Room A.
- Adoration will be in the Dominican Library. A chain will be put on the inside of the door to provide added security for adorers.
- **Mass times and adoration times will remain the same.**

Funerals

I am arranging for us to be able to have Funeral Masses in neighboring parishes with myself presiding. A funeral liturgy or Mass could also take place at the funeral home.

Weddings

We are anticipating being back in church before the April weddings take place.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know. Good communication is the key to making this run smoothly.

On another subject..... This week, we placed envelopes in the pews to solicit donations to help our high school teens attend the March for Life in Washington, DC, next month. If we can reduce the cost of the trip for our young people, it will make it much easier for them to attend this wonderful and important event. One of the things that always inspires me is the huge number of young people who are at the March. It may be January, it may be cold, but there is a great joy in seeing the Verizon Center FULL of teens there for the March. It builds up my faith and I know it does the same for our teens, too. Any size contribution is welcome and appreciated. Please also note that the bus trip is leaving from St. Francis this year and we will be staying in hotel accommodation; so the trip is open to parishioners as well!

God love and bless you!

Fr. Bob

Parish News & Events

Feast of the Holy Family December 27 – *Father, help us to live as the Holy Family, united in respect and love. Teach us the sanctity of human love, show us the value of family life, and help us to live in peace. We are united with Jesus, Mary and Joseph because in Your great love for us, You sent Your son to live in this world and to share our human experience. Help us to love each other as You love us, and to be more aware of those families in the world who struggle with poverty, war, and disease. Bring us all to the joy and peace of Your eternal home. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



Please pray for those in the military on active duty overseas: (If you would like to submit names for this list, please e-mail dywagner@stfrancisparish.net or call Diane at 345-9874, ext. 200.)

Captain Fr. Carl Subler
 Captain Jonathan Barbour
 Lt. Jonathon A. Kelly



Bethesda Healing Ministry

After having an abortion, or even being associated with someone who has had an abortion, many people suffer emotional trauma. Bethesda Healing Ministry is there to help. Bethesda Healing Ministry can be reached at the following numbers: 614-718-0277 or 614-309-2651. Their web site is www.bethesdahealing.org. Locally, in the Newark-Licking County area, **Heartbeats** is a wonderful organization offering a wide range of help for those dealing with the trauma of abortion and many resources for anyone dealing with an unwanted pregnancy. Please call 740-349-7558.



St. Vincent de Paul is in need of the following items: pasta, canned soups, laundry detergent and personal care items. Thank you for your generosity.



Do you have a pet name for your spouse (baby, honey, a nickname that only you use)? It's not essential, but often it can remind both of you of your special relationship. It's like calling God, "Abba." Please see this web site for more information, foryourmarriage.org.

Fireproof Your Marriage:

SAVE the DATE: While you are busy decorating and shopping for unique gifts, don't forget about gifting yourself. **Saturday, January 9th**, will be a Special Night Out for married and engaged couples. There will be snacks, a movie, and some time to talk. Baby-sitting will be available. So grab your new calendar and mark the date now. There will be SNO on January 9, 2010. More to come.

"Children, and those who are dependent on us due to disability or age, offer us the opportunity to grow in patience, kindness, and love. They teach us that life is a shared gift, not an encumbrance.

At the end of life, we will be judged on love alone."

~ Cardinal Justin Rigali, Statement for Respect Life Sunday, September 29, 2009

Sacristan Schedule

Saturday, December 26, 2009

Bonnie Guanciale, Mary Prophet, David & Vickie Allen

Next Funeral Comfort Team #6

Marcella Hammond



Please pray for all of our sick and shut-ins

Pat Douglas, Catherine Bond, Joan Stanford, Dick Humphries, Nancy Gifford, Jeanne Giles, Ann Scott, James Collins.

Liturgical Ministers for Next Week – December 26/27, 2009

	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS	CLOW
5:30 p.m. Saturday, December 26	Kathy Feightner, Linda Baldeschwiler	P. McNabb, A. King, N. Hoar, C. Reagan, J. Reagan, C. Humphreys, D. Rehbeck, J. Baker	Pearlie Treblesock, Sam Bell, Shane Jewell, Caleb Burd	No CLOW
8:00 a.m. Sunday, December 27	Maxine R. Behr, Barbara Smith	D. Scarsella, E. Sullivan, C. Sullivan, T. Fiero, K. Moran, B. Sinsabaough, P. Scarsella, D. Stasel	Lisa Brownlee, Anthony Schmelzer, Elizabeth Joyce, Quinn Nutter	No CLOW
10:00 a.m. Sunday, December 27	Robert Hoover, Tonya Camp	C. Keck, D. Roddy, S. Roddy, C. Roddy, J. Blake, D. Blake, H. Haag, T. Hansel, M.B. Jurden, P. Russell	Byrant Haren, Amelia Hitchens, Mark Kimberlin, Janet McCleery	No CLOW
12:00 p.m. Sunday, December 27	Teen Lector, Roger Scherer	M. Blasczyk, M. Conley, H. Sage, W. Snider, P. Gassman, T. Gassman, R. Gassman, P. Gassman	Pushkar Baum, Kelly Albert, Michael Sindelar, Brandon Peters	No CLOW



During Advent, we remember and celebrate the coming birth of Jesus. He came to us as a tiny child with no place to sleep but a manger in a stable. We can encourage our children to prepare a warm, soft place for Baby Jesus to sleep. Put out a small basket or box and have handy small pieces of yarn (yellow yarn will remind us of the straw in the manger, but any color will do). Encourage children (and adults) to show their love for Jesus by offering up a piece of candy, or the evening dessert, then they can add a piece of yarn to the basket. Encourage them to do extra, nice things for Baby Jesus, such as setting the table without being asked, or sharing a toy with brother or sister. Our Lord will be pleased with all of these sacrifices. At the end of Advent, everyone can be pleased at the amount of straw that has accumulated to put in the crib/manger for Jesus.

The Accounting and Cemetery Office will be closed beginning December 21st and will reopen on Monday, January 4th. Any contributions received in 2009 will be acknowledged in the 2009 calendar year so that they can be recorded for individual tax purposes.

Thank you, Amber McCracken, ext. 235

The Parish Office is closed December 25th and January 1st.

Eucharistic Adoration Closings: Weekly adorers, please make note of the following changes in our Eucharistic Adoration schedule for the upcoming holidays.

Christmas: Closes: Wednesday, December 23, at 10:00 p.m.

Resumes: Sunday, December 27, at 7:00 p.m.

New Year's Day: Closes: Wednesday, December 30, at 10:00 p.m.

Resumes: Sunday, January 3, at 7:00 p.m.

Thank you for your commitment to spend time with Jesus in the Eucharist. O Come Let Us Adore Him...Christ the Lord!

Loop Schedule:

There will be no Loop classes on December 27th and January 3rd due to the Christmas holidays. Classes will resume at their normal times on January 10th.

Christmas Mass Times:

Thursday, December 24th –

9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m., 11:30 p.m.

Friday, December 25th – 10:00 a.m.



The LOOP (formerly PSR) students Pre-K through 8th grade will present their Christmas performance in the church immediately after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 20th. Family members and parishioners are invited to attend and share the joy of the holiday season with us.

Christmas Flower Donation – Offerings may be placed in the envelope provided in your envelope packet. Please mark the name(s) of those you wish to remember and drop in the collection basket or Parish Office.

Gifts for the Homebound

Attention, Eucharistic Ministers! Please note, the Christmas favors are now available for you to take to your homebound and nursing home residents. They can be found in the back room of the Sacristy, off the Day Chapel. For any questions, please contact Carol Svatora at 366-3060.

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

In order to ensure we have the necessary ministers at each of the Holy Day Masses, a schedule has been posted in the back of church to serve at the upcoming Holy Day Christmas Masses.

**Register Now
for 2010**

st. francis de sales school

- **PK-8th Grades**
- **PE, Library, Art & Music**
- **Smart Boards in every classroom & an IVDL lab**
- **Strings, Drama & Choir**
- **Spanish & Algebra (8th grade)**
- **After school sports programs**

Register by Jan. 31st 2010 and we'll waive your registration fee! (New students only)



Prospective Parent Visit Days:

Friday, December 4th, 2009 - 9-2pm
Thursday, January 14th, 2010 - 9-2pm
Sunday, January 24th, 2010 - 11-1pm
Thursday, March 18th, 2010 - 9-2pm

**38 Granville St.,
Newark, OH 43055
740-345-4049**

Check us out on the web! www.cdeducation.org/schools/dse

Readings for the Week

Monday Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45
Tuesday 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
Wednesday Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
Thursday 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79
Friday **Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25;
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or
1:1-5, 9-14
Saturday Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
Sunday Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28;
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2,
21-24; Lk 2:41-52



**Stewardship of Treasure:
Weekend of December 13, 2009**

Adult	\$13,206.50
Loose	\$ 710.45
Total	\$13,916.95

Upcoming Special Collection

December 25, 2009 Diocesan Charities



Weekly Schedule

Sunday, December 20

Reconciliation – Church – 7:30-8:00 a.m.
CLOW – Day Chapel – 8:00-8:30 a.m.
Social Hour – Johnson Hall A – 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
The Loop Classes – Classrooms, Multipurpose Room
– 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Reconciliation – Church – 9:30-10:00 a.m.
The Loop Christmas Performance – Church – After
Mass – 10:00 a.m.
CLOW – Day Chapel – 10:00-10:30 a.m.
Reconciliation – Church – 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
RCIA – St. Francis Room – 12:00-2:30 p.m.
Baptism Instruction – Staff Lounge – 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Latin Choir – Church – 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Adoration – Day Chapel – 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Monday, December 21

St. Francis School Christmas Vacation – No School
Adoration – Day Chapel – 5:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
Hispanic Ministry (Los Guadalupanos) –
Johnson Hall B – 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 22

St. Francis School Christmas Vacation – No School
Adoration – Day Chapel – 5:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
Good Measure Choir Practice – Music Room –
7:00-8:30 p.m.
Fruit of the Vine – Multipurpose Room – 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 23

St. Francis School Christmas Vacation – No School
Adoration – Day Chapel – 5:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 24

St. Francis School Christmas Vacation – No School
Quartet Rehearsal – Church – 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Friday, December 25

St. Francis School Christmas Vacation – No School
Curry Christmas Dinner – 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 26

Respect Life Rosary for the Unborn – Outside Church –
9:00-9:30 a.m.
Reconciliation – Church – 4:30-5:00 p.m.

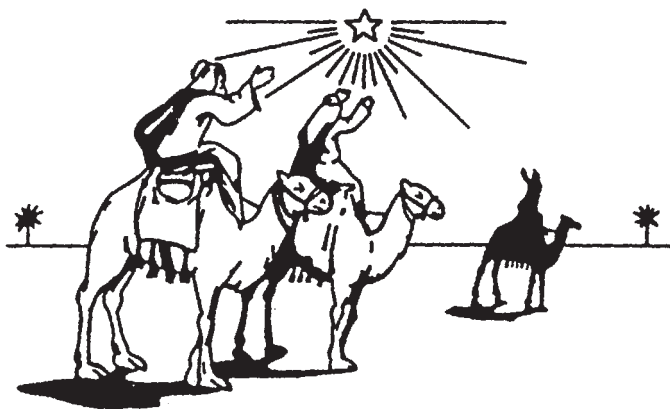
Sunday, December 27

Reconciliation – Church – 7:30-8:00 a.m.
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Reconciliation – Church – 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Baptism – Church – 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Adoration – Day Chapel – 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Mark Your Calendars



In Our Neighborhood



The Magi brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the Christ child. This Christmas season, we also can give gifts to the Christ seen in the faces of the poor and homeless. Please consider collecting gasoline cards, gift cards from major retailers, and/or personal care and toiletry items and donating them to your local homeless shelter, food pantries, or St. Vincent de Paul conference. For more information, please contact the diocesan Office for Social Concerns at 614-241-2540, socmailbox@colsdio.org, or www.socialconcerns.coldsio.org.

2009 Warm Our Neighbors Drive. Continuing The Tradition of Giving in Licking County: Blankets, hats, scarves, socks, gloves and misc. Items can be new or used. For pick-up, call 740-928-4565. Utility assistance checks payable to: Licking County Coalition of Housing, 23 S. Park Street, Newark. Thank you for your generosity.



Blue Christmas Mass: The St. Thomas More Newman Center will offer its 5th annual Blue Christmas Mass at 8:00 p.m. on December 24. This Christmas Eve Mass is intended especially for people who may not feel joyful during the holiday season or who may be experiencing life challenges. The differences between Blue Christmas and other Christmas Eve liturgies are small, but poignant. A clear statement of welcome is offered at the beginning of the Mass and the homily is geared towards

the specific audience; the music and entire tone of Blue Christmas is quiet and reflective. If you know of anyone who may benefit from attending, please invite them to join us. While this is a Roman Catholic Mass, we welcome all who are seeking a place of comfort and healing. For more information, call (614) 291-4674, ext. 101, or e-mail rschott@buckeyecatholic.com. The Newman Center is located at 64 W. Lane Avenue, Columbus, OH 43201.

Divorce Workshop: The next eight-week workshop will be held Thursday evenings, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., for the following dates: January 28, February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18 2010, at the Catholic Center, 197 E. Gay Street, Columbus. The fee is \$40.00 and scholarships are available. For additional information, call the Marriage and Family Life Office at 614-241-2560 or go to www.familylife.coldsio.org and click on the *Hurting Families* link, to print a brochure and registration form.



Do You Want to Read the Bible, But Don't Know How to Begin? If you have ever wanted to read the Bible, but did not know where or how to begin, then *A Quick Journey through the Bible* Parish Study is for you. *A Quick Journey through the Bible* makes reading the Bible not only easy, but exciting. In this eight-week study, you will learn the major people, places, events and themes of the Bible – getting the “big picture” of salvation history. Perhaps for the first time in your life, you will understand the overview of the Bible story. This then makes your Bible reading and even the Sunday Mass readings come alive like never before. *A Quick Journey through the Bible* will be offered at the Newman Center starting January 27, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. To learn more or to register, call Karen Broering at (614) 291-4674, ext. 108, or e-mail at kbroering@buckeyecatholic.com.



February 13th, 6:00 p.m., St. Leonard's Parish in Heath, Ohio, is having its **Annual Catholic Education Auction**. Tickets are \$50.00 a couple and \$30.00 for a single. All proceeds supplement tuition for 35 students in Catholic Schools throughout the country. We are selling raffle tickets to win a 42" LSD flat screen TV and the winner will be announced at the February 13th auction. Tickets are \$5.00 a piece. Please contact Bruce Piper at 740-973-5932 or Anne Marie Wirth at 788-8223 for ticket purchase and information.