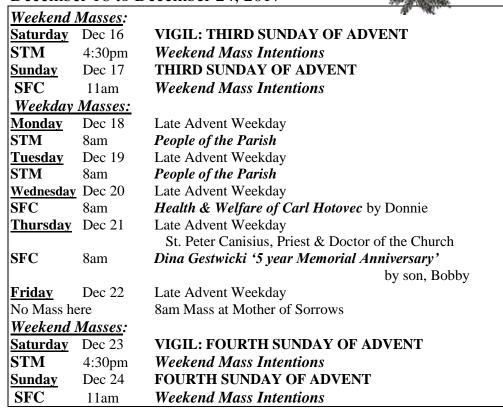
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Schedule of Masses, Services and Devotions December 16 to December 24, 2017



Mass Intentions for Dec 16/17: Anthony J. Arcaro by Wife & Children; Anne Gildone by Eleanor Pignotti; Norma J. Specht by Family; Teresa Colin 'Birthday Memorial' by son, E.G. & JoAnn Colin; Delores J. Best by Millie Clancy; Brian Munson by Gr. Uncle & Aunt John & Mary Lou Munson; Bill Ely by Jennie Zappitelli; Karen Deck Vendetti 'Birthday Memorial' by Jim & Kathy; Mary Jane Raisian by Barb Arcaro; Dorothy Brooks by Nick & Lisa Iarocci; Lucille Zoratti by Eleanor Pignotti; Jack Vignal by sister, Shirley; Jim Adams by Tom & Cathy Cebasek; Amy Coppola by Barbara Arcaro; Stephen Kanack by Larraine Britton; Jenny Belnap 'Memorial Anniversary' by DeNunzio Family; Chester Arcaro by Wife & Family.

Mass Intentions for Dec 23/24: Kathy Tylman 'Birthday Memorial' by husband, Ray & Family; Anne Gildone by Tony Landolfi; Lisa Iarocci by Family; Tony & Rita Pignotti by daughter, JoAnn & E.G. Colin; Delores J. Best by Richard & Sandy Tessmer; Stanley, Anna & Kenneth Balzer 'Christmas Memorial' by Jim & Nancy VanPutten; Augustine Turner by Bob & Renee DiAsio; Carmel Ferrio by Jim & Kathy Deck; Dec'd Carducci Family Members by son, Michael A. Carducci, Sr.; Mary Jane Raisian by McGovern Family; Dorothy Brooks by Nick & Lisa Iarocci; Lucille Zoratti by Ray & Wanda Cusano; Bob Lewis by Tom & Cathy Cebasek; Jack Vignal by Nick & Lisa Iarocci; Chester Arcaro by Wife & Family; Frank & Helen McManus by Jorge & Pat Ricaurte; David & Rosemary McNitt by Jorge & Pat Ricaurte; Jim 'Congo' Adams by JC Adams & Family.

Liturgical Ministers: Dec 16/17 & 23/24

STM 4:30pm: Readers: C Cebasek, J Gribus **Distributors**: N Iarocci**B**, P Guglielmo**C**, J Lauer**C**. **Altar Servers**: JD Lazorik, John Michael Arcaro.

SFC 11am: Readers: R Roach, N Perkoski Distributors: M BoronB, S GuestB, J BoronC, D RoseC Altar Servers: T Taylor, M Thompson, R Schor

Sanctuary Candles

St. Mary Church In Memory of:

Stephen & Jane Palagyi by David & Virginia Arp

James Knight

Birthday & Anniversary Memorials by wife, Carmella & Family

St. Frances Cabrini Church For the Health & Welfare of:

Carl Hotovec by Donnie

THIS WEEK

Sunday, Dec 17

9:15am 1st Penance Mtg. for Parents **9:15-10:45am** Faith Formation Parish Center

HALO Gifts due

Tuesday, Dec 19

4:30-6:30pm RCIA, Parish Office

Thursday, Dec 21

6:30pm Choir Practice, SFC Church

Saturday, Dec 23

11am Confessions, SFC Church3:30pm Confessions STM Church

Sunday, Dec 24

Mass for Fourth Sunday of Advent 11am, SFC

Christmas Eve Masses:
4:30pm, STM
10pm, SFC

Scripture Readings Dec 23/24, 2017

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38

Wed Evening Bible Study will break until Jan 10, 2018.

Liturgical Ministers: please call (599-8570) or email (stmsfc@hotmail.com) the Parish office if you would like to volunteer for any of the Christmas Masses which are Sun, Dec 24 - 4:30pm at St. Mary and 10pm at St. Frances and Mon, Dec 25 - 11am at St. Frances Cabrini. There is also a sign-up sheet in the sacristy, this weekend only, December 16/17. Thank you.

Stewardship Update

Last Weekend:

Sunday \$5,283.50

139 Envelopes

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Stewardship "Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18 This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations.

Presentation of the Gifts The General Introduction to the Roman Missal states: "it is desirable that the participation of the faithful be expressed by an offering of bread & wine for the celebration of the Eucharist...the bread & wine for the Eucharist are carried to the celebrant..." The ushers gather the people's offerings but then the people should carry the gifts to the altar. If you or a family member would like to participate in the Offertory Procession please tell the ushers when you arrive at church. The Liturgy Committee would like to have parishioners carrying the Offertory gifts to the altar and presenting them to the priest celebrant. Your conscious, active participation at Mass is appreciated.

Time for Prayer: St. Frances Cabrini Church is open from 7-8pm on Wednesday evenings for anyone wishing to spend time in prayer. There is time for private prayer 7-7:30pm followed by the *Rosary 7:30-8pm*. Hope to see you there!

2017-2018 Faith Formation Programs for all age groups.

Faith Formation for Gr. 1-8 is from 9:15-10:45am at the Parish Center.

Youth Ministry Coffee House for students Gr. 9-12 is at 9:30am in the Youth Room at the Parish Center. There are also many social and service events throughout the year.

RCIA for adults interested in becoming Catholic meet at the Parish Office.

Adult Faith Discussion opportunities:

Thirsting for Something More Wed evenings **6-7:30pm** will break for Dec. Evening Bible Study will resume Jan 10.

Coffee and Scripture Discussion Wed mornings 8:30-10am (following the 8am Mass at SFC) at the Parish Office

FMI on any of these programs call Nick Perkoski at the Parish Office, 599-8570.

The Raisian Family Funeral Home has donated beautiful Catholic calendars for 2018. You may pick up a calendar at the back of the church. Thank you to *Joe*, *Dana*, *Jeff* and the staff of the Raisian Family Funeral Home for your continued generosity.

H.A.L.O. gifts are due this weekend. Distribution to the families adopted by Corpus Christ Parish will be on Wed, Dec 20. If you are unable to return your gift this weekend, please call Pat at 593-3015 to make arrangements for pick-up. *Thank you to everyone who assisted with making a child's Christmas wishes come true this year.*

Our 'Featured Advertiser' this week is:

ST. THERESE, PRAY FOR US

Thank you for your support of our weekly bulletin!

St. John School: Applications for the Saint John Herald Hall of Fame to be held on April 28, are being accepted now. Nominations must be received by Jan 5, 2018. FMI email Christy.kovacs@neomin.org or call 997-5531 x 223.

Mass Times:

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sat, Dec 23, 4:30pm Vigil Mass at STM

Sun, Dec 24, 11am Mass at SFC

These Masses DO NOT fulfill your Christmas obligation.

Christmas

Sun, Dec 24, 4:30pm at STM and 10pm at SFC

Mon, Dec 25, 11am at SFC

These Masses do not fulfill your Sunday obligation for the Fourth Sunday in Advent.

The Feast of the Holy Family

Sat, Dec 30, 4:30pm at STM Sun, Dec 31, 11am at SFC.

Mary, the Holy Mother of God remains a holyday, and although there will be a Mass at 11am Mon, Jan 1, 2018 at SFC, the obligation to attend Mass that day is abrogated for 2018.

Defend the Unborn! Join the March for Life on Jan 19, 2018. Buses are being organized in various locations throughout the Diocese of Youngstown to take pilgrims to the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. To find a bus near you contact the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Life at dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org. or 330/744-8451, ext.272.

Two Masses for Life Scheduled this January Each year in Jan we recall the infamous Supreme Court decision Roe v. Wade that effectively legalized abortion on demand throughout the United States. Our diocese hosts two Masses for Life as a prayerful reminder that we "must protect and nurture human life at every stage of its existence." Bishop Murry will preside at the Masses for Life on:

- Sat, Jan 13, at 11am at St. Paul Parish, North Canton (241 S. Main St.), and
- Sun, Jan 21, at 4pm at St. Columba Cathedral, Youngstown (154 W. Wood St.).

Each Mass for Life will be followed by a reception. All are welcome – no reservations needed. FMI call 330/744-8451 ext.272 or contact dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org.

Reminder: If you sometimes attend Our Lady of Peace in Ashtabula, St. Joseph in Jefferson or St. Andrews in Sheffield, you can still use your regular Sunday envelope for Corpus Christi Parish. Just drop your envelope in the basket and it will be forwarded to us. In turn, we forward envelopes from parishioners of the other Parishes who occasionally attend Mass here.