

Pope John XXIII Catholic Community

PARISH INFORMATION

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RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 4:00-4:30 p.m. or by appointment.

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, ANOINTING OF THE SICK & FUNERALS

Contact Msgr. Frecker

MSGR. FRECKER RESIDENCE

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, November 30

8:00 a.m. Emmett Frecker by Monsignor Frecker

Tuesday, December 1

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Service
7:00 p.m. Charles & Lillian Fitzgerald by Francine Clifford

Wednesday, December 2

8:00 a.m. Rita Alberica by Jim Wollenberg

Thursday, December 3

8:00 am Pray for all the Priests of the Diocese

Friday, December 4

8:00 a.m. Madaline Dunlevy by Pat Dunlevy

10:30 a.m. Winchester Place Nursing Home Ecumenical Prayer Service – Deacon Roger Pry

Saturday, December 5

5:00 p.m. Bob & Ruth Kirwin by the Cleary Family

Sunday, December 6

8:30 a.m. Cain & Julia O'Connor
by Peig O'Connor Shackelford
10:15 a.m. Theodore Lyda by the Francis Family
12:00 noon The People of Pope John XXIII Parish
by Monsignor Frecker

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

December 5/6, 2009

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Michael Yonnotti, Jerry Smidebush,
Pat Smith, Kelley Stoltz
Sunday 8:30 am. Anita Hippler, Jim Hippler, Jennifer Ilich,
Frank Iannaggi
Sunday 10:15 a.m. Chris Prater, Julie Prater, John Stanley,
Don Sherman
Sunday 12:00 noon Ted Walsh, Mary Walsh

LECTORS:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sean Cleary, Kathy Buckland
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Teresa Iannaggi, Pam Riggs
Sunday 10:15 a.m. Steve Lukezych, Price Kruse
Sunday 12:00 noon Elaine Hartman, Maureen Cobb

SERVERS:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sarah Buckingham, Paige Bormann,
Taylor Bormann
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Zachary Warnimont, Krystin Warnimont,
Gabriel Vaughan
Sunday 10:15 a.m. Ben Hawk, Kristen Pierce, Trevor Rawn
Sunday 12:00 noon Elizabeth Hartman, Catherine Hartman,
Robert Hartman

GREETERS/USHERS:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Amy Adams, William Adams,
Eileen Buskirk, John Kelly
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Patty Drodofsky, Dick Saunders,
Renee Bergman, Scott Bergman
Sunday 10:15 a.m. Skip Reed, Mary Francis, Chuck Dehner,
Sharon Lang
Sunday 12:00 noon Bob Bottarini, Dorothy Butsko, Emily Simon

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

The readings for next week December 5/6, 2009, The Second Sunday of Advent: Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6. To prepare yourself to hear the Word of God next week, please read over the passages ahead of time and spend a short time reflecting on how they relate to your life. We have Bibles available for purchase in the Parish Office or you can go online to our web site for the weekly readings. We pray Week I Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of Hours.

PRAYER LINE PETITIONS

If you have a prayer request or would like to join the Prayer Line, please contact Anne Brunney at 614-837-3445. Please include in your daily prayers all those who are on our Prayer Line and those in most need of prayer in our parish.

CONDOLENCES

We offer our sincere sympathy to Nancy, Chad, Lianna, Cara Capretta, Candace and David Heichel, and 9 grandchildren on the death of Bud Capretta, husband, father and grandfather. Please pray for Bud's repose and for his family in their time of sorrow.

HOLYDAY MASS SCHEDULE

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Our National Patron
Feast Day Tuesday, December 8 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

NEW CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

It is hard to believe that this Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent, which means Christmas will soon follow. We are making a change to our Christmas Mass schedule this year to try to accommodate the needs of our parishioners. Due to the extreme overcrowding of the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve, we will be having two Masses overlapping at that time. The 5:00 p.m. Mass will be in the upper level Worship Space as usual, and we will have a 5:15 p.m. Mass in the lower level Social Hall. The Liturgy Committee has put together a beautiful plan for arranging the art and environment and decorations for the Lower Level Mass as well as the normal decorations in the Worship Space. The 5:00 p.m. Upper Level Mass will be on a FIRST COME basis, and when the worship space is full, all others will be directed to the lower level 5:15 Mass. THIS MEANS THAT NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED TO SAVE SEATS IN THE UPPER LEVEL FOR FRIENDS OR FAMILY MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT PRESENT. This will be **strictly enforced**, since it is the only fair way to handle the situation.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

December 24 5:00 p.m. – Upper Level Mass
December 24 5:15 p.m. – Lower Level Mass
December 24 9:45 p.m. – Musical program
10:00 p.m. – Mass
December 25 10:00 a.m. – Mass

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

December 26 and 27 Regular weekend schedule

FEAST OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD (Holyday of obligation)

January 1 10:00 a.m. Mass

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

January 2 and 3 Regular weekend schedule

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 9 and 10 Regular weekend schedule

OUR APOLOGY

Please accept our apology for the misinformation in last week's article titled "Thanksgiving Day Mass" concerning the raffle drawing. The drawing is scheduled for December 13, 2009, after the 10:15 a.m. Mass.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Opportunity awaits! This year's raffle is scheduled so that the prizes will be awarded in time for last minute expenses associated with the holiday season. I'm sure we could all find ways to use a little extra cash at this time of year and we have an opportunity to win \$1,000.00 as the first prize in our pre-Holiday Raffle. The second and third prizes aren't bad either – \$500.00 for second and \$250.00 for third! All this for \$5.00 a ticket and you can even buy a book of six tickets for \$25.00. All returns must be made by 5:00 p.m. Friday, December 11, 2009. The winning tickets will be drawn after the 10:15 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 13. Just stop in the Parish Office to drop off your sold books and/or to pick up additional ones to sell.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY REPORT

Needed to cover expenses \$7,788.45
Actual for November 21/22, 2009 \$7,005.43
Attendance 852

Thank you for your continued support of our parish offertory and building fund. During these difficult economic times, we want you to know how much we appreciate the sacrifices you are making to maintain your commitment to your parish.

FLU SHOTS

Rescheduled for December 6, 2009, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

NEW OR USED COATS

Canal Winchester Human Services is requesting donations of new or gently used (clean) coats of any size to be offered to needy families. Collection boxes will be in the Gathering Space December 12/13, 2009.

FIRST RECONCILIATION INTERVIEWS

Parents/guardians of children planning to make their First Reconciliation on Wednesday, December 16, 2009, it is time to schedule your child for an interview with Deacon Pry. The schedule is as follows: December 1-3, 8-10 and 15, 2009. Please call Regina at the Parish Office (614-920-1563) to schedule your child.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

The Season of Advent is a time to prepare for the coming of Christ. We prepare for the final coming at the end of time and the historical coming 2009 years ago, but most of all we prepare our hearts to receive Christ as He comes to us anew at this particular time and place. This preparation calls us to examine our conscience, identify our sinfulness, confess these failures, express our contrition, and to celebrate the forgiveness and love that God has for us. In our Catholic tradition, the great Sacrament of Reconciliation gives us a visible, tangible way to enter into this celebration. Our Parish will have an Advent Communal Penance Service on Wednesday December 16, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. Please plan now to join us at that time for a joyful celebration of God's love and mercy.

FIRST THURSDAY CELEBRATIONS DEDICATED TO THE "YEAR OF THE PRIEST"

Based on the Apostolic Penitentiary decreed by Pope Benedict XVI, Bishop Frederick F. Campbell has further set aside the First Thursdays of the month to remember priests and bishops in a special way. Join us for the 8:00 a.m. Mass on the First Thursday of each month through June 2010 and pray for our priests and bishops that they will be sanctified and formed in accordance with the heart of Jesus as they lead His people in their pastoral ministries.

THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE/ADOPT A FAMILY

The Christian Service and Social Concerns Commission is sponsoring Adopt a Family through the Canal Winchester Human Services to make this Christmas special for families in our area. A tree will also be in the Gathering Space November 28/29 and December 5/6. Each ornament will be on the tree with a name and suggested gift. Choose an ornament from the tree and register your name and gift assignment. Registration allows the Committee to make sure that all gifts are accounted for. Volunteers will be in the Gathering Space to provide assistance and obtain gift registration information. An instruction sheet will also be available to assist your family with the process of returning the purchased gift. Label your gift using the ornament and family number to ensure proper matching of recipient to gift. Please return all gifts to the Gathering Space and place in the box labeled for your assigned family # by December 13 following the noon Mass. Parishioners may also donate gift cards for needy adults and families serviced by Canal Winchester Human Services.

RESPECT LIFE'S SNP NEWSPAPER AD IN SUPPORT OF LIFE

Suburban News Publication newspaper ad In Support of Life will appear on January 20, 2010, in observance of the January 22, 1973, anniversary of *Roe v Wade*. Add your name to those who proclaim their commitment to the sanctity of all human life. Please send your check payable to Greater Columbus Right to Life, GCRTL, P.O. Box 6357, Columbus, Ohio, 43206 by December 10, 2009. Please note Pope John XXIII as your parish in order to have our names grouped together.

PLATINUM CLUB CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Platinum Club is planning a bus trip to Alum Creek State Park to see the Christmas lights on Sunday, December 13, 2009. We will leave the church parking lot at 6:30 p.m. and stop along the way for ice cream (on your own). We should return between 9:00-9:30 p.m. Cost is \$10.00. Send check to Church Office no later than December 1, 2009. The Platinum Club is open to all parishioners 55 and over.

CAROLING AT ALTERCARE

COME CAROLING with us at Altercare of Canal Winchester on December 13, 2009. We will gather at 6725 Thrush Drive (corner of Thrush and Groveport Road) in the lobby of Altercare at 2:30 p.m. Singing talent is not required as we will use a CD. Children especially are appreciated. We will sing along with the CD in the lounge, and distribute some Christmas items made by a few of the PSR classes. This will take less than 30 minutes and be a blessing to all. This is sponsored by the Respect Life subcommittee of our parish.

PRAYER FOR OUR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN

Lord, hold our servicemen and women in Your loving hands. Protect them, especially those who are in harm's way. Bless them and their families for these selfless acts they perform for our Country in our time of need. Be with all people who suffer from the ravages of war. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior. Amen. Our parish family has many family members serving in the Armed Forces as well as others supporting our troops around the world. Please keep them all in our prayers.

H1N1 VIRUS

In anticipation of flu season, we are taking some precautions during our celebration of the Liturgy. First of all, there will be hand sanitizer available on the table in the Gathering Space, and we encourage all of our parishioners to use it before Mass. Also, hand sanitizer will be on the credence table in the Sanctuary, and all Eucharistic Ministers will use it immediately before distribution of Communion. The Holy Water fonts will be cleaned and sanitized each week and fresh water will be added and blest. We will continue the Sign of Peace, but if you choose not to shake hands, simply fold your hands and say to the person next to you, "Peace be with you." All should understand the reason for this and not see it as rude or unfriendly. We will also continue the distribution of communion under both species, but you always have, as in the past, the option to receive under the form of bread only if you wish. However, it is **not** permissible to dip the host into the wine.

PARISH MEETINGS/EVENTS

Sunday, November 29, 2009

8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 12:00 noon Masses
No PSR Classes

Monday, November 30, 2009

8:00 a.m. Mass
7:30 p.m. Guitar Practice

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

7:00 p.m. Mass
7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

7:00 p.m. Confirmation Class

Saturday, December 5, 2009

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, December 6, 2009

8:30 a.m. 10:15 a.m. and 12:00 noon Masses
Preschool dismissed at 8:30 and 10:15 a.m. Masses
PSR 1st session, 9:40-11:00 a.m.
PSR 2nd session, 11:25 a.m.-12:45 p.m.



WORDS OF OUR PATRON BLESSED POPE JOHN XXIII An Ecumenical Spirit

Jesus, source of our unity and peace, we pray now for the grace of ecumenism. Give us the humility to see others' truths, the courage to embrace them openly, and the desire to be one, as you taught us by your life. Amen.
Taken from the book, *Praying with Pope John XXIII, Companions for the Journey* by Bill Huebsch