

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, December 7

8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of Lois Coakley's Family

Tuesday, December 8

8:00 a.m. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Mary Bonner by Bernie & Ann Collins
7:00 p.m. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Jim Shackelford
by Peig O'Connor Shackelford

Wednesday, December 9

8:00 a.m. Viola & Jack Mylan by Family

Thursday, December 10

8:00 a.m. Mary Coletta by Dave and Marcie Kossler

Friday, December 11

8:00 a.m. Frank Catalfino by Tom & Julie Rubadue

Saturday, December 12

5:00 p.m. Molly Wheeler by Van Paeppegem Family

Sunday, December 13

8:30 a.m. Ann Wollenberg by Jim Wollenberg
10:15 a.m. Joseph & Elvira Jarvis & Rosemarie Mitchell
by Elizabeth McDonald
12:00 noon David Kaduk
by Carol Roberts & Kathy Sturges

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

December 12/13, 2009

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. James Moehrman, Lorrie Moehrman,
Joe McAndrews, Jack Priser
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Andrea Murphy, Jeanne Paulus,
Jim Wollenberg, Chris Roberts
Sunday 10:15 a.m. Tina Stammler, Gary Stammler,
Sarah Ziegler, Michelle Ballinger
Sunday 12:00 noon Eleanor Wagner, Jamie Muetzel

LECTORS:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Bob Zeman, Tim Kujawa
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Steve Clark, Mary Caye Clark
Sunday 10:15 a.m. Cindy Reed, M. J. Clark
Sunday 12:00 noon Joanne Myers, Nimu Mwangi

SERVERS:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Eamon Cleary, Emily Stoltz,
Eric Felts
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Madalyn Warnimont,
Joseph Warnimont, Allison Saulnier
Sunday 10:15 a.m. Ben Hawk, Emily Patton, Ilyssa Patton
Sunday 12:00 noon Kaitlin Muetzel, Zach Muetzel

GREETERS/USHERS:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Carolyn Bohnlein, Jim Bohnlein,
Michael Bohnlein, Eileen Buskirk
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Deb Saulnier, Jeff Dinan,
Jennifer Frear, Jim Fessler
Sunday 10:15 a.m. Steve Frecker, Linda Forsythe,
Mike Forsythe, Troy Kahrig
Sunday 12:00 noon Francine Clifford, Maria Olson,
Barbara Roman, Pat Roman

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

The readings for next week December 12/13, 2009, The Third Sunday of Advent: Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18. 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 II 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 on our Prayer Line and those in most need of prayer in our parish.

CONDOLENCES

We offer our sincere sympathy to Daniel, Susan, Joshua and Jared Reichley on the death of their mother and grandmother, Maryann Reichley. Please pray for Maryann's repose and for her 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. and 7:00 p.m.

NEW CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

It is hard to believe that it is already the Second 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 p.m. 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

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

We have changed the time for the recitation of the Rosary on the Third Sunday of each month during this Year for Priests. The community of Pope John XXIII prays the Rosary publicly here in church from **9:35-9:55 a.m.** Our next recitation of the Rosary is Sunday, December 20, 2009 at **9:35 a.m.** If you cannot join us, please pray the Rosary privately or together as a family as often as you can for the priests of our diocese and our world.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Time is running out! 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.

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 8, 9, 10 and 15, 2009. Please call Regina at the Parish Office to schedule your child (614-920-1563).

WEEKLY OFFERTORY REPORT

Needed to cover expenses	\$7,788.45
Actual for November 28/29, 2009	\$8,317.12
Attendance	745

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.

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.

SUPPORTING OUR SAFETY SERVICES

As is our tradition at Pope John XXII, we will once again provide Christmas dinner for our local police and fire departments on Christmas. Please sign up in the Gathering Space on December 5/6 and 12/13 for what you would like to bring, turkey, dressing, gravy, vegetable, salad, coleslaw, pies, cakes and rolls, and then plan to meet in the church parking lot on Christmas Eve December 24, between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon to deliver the food to the assigned location at either the Bloom Township or Madison Township Fire Stations. We are so very fortunate to have these wonderful men and women provide for our safety, this is one small way to show our gratitude and thanks.

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 December 5/6, 2009. 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.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Now is the time to sign up for the Parish Christmas Choir. Open to kids third grade and up, youth and adults sing at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. There will be two practices the first on Monday, December 14, 2009 and the second on Monday, December 21, 2009, from 7:00-7:45 p.m. Sign-up sheets will be in the Gathering Space.

ELIZABETH MINISTRY

Have you experienced the loss of a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant or young child loss? You are not alone. The meeting this month will be on Wednesday, December 9, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in Classroom C. This is a group of women who gather to share their feelings and pray about their losses. Whether your loss was recent or many years ago, you may still struggle with those feelings of loss.

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.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION MEETING

On Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at 7:30 p.m., we will have a meeting for all parents or expectant parents who will be preparing for the Baptism of their child. This meeting is necessary prior to the Baptism; please call Deacon Pry if you are able to attend (614-920-1563).

CARING STITCHES

Caring Stitches volunteers meet on the third Tuesday each month from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in Classroom D. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, December 15, 2009. Anyone with skills pertaining to sewing, knitting, or crocheting are welcome as well as anyone who is interested in learning about these skills. Our projects include items for the homeless, Children's Hospital, and other charitable organizations. Also, any donations of yarns, material, batting, or fiberfill are more than appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Maribeth Zappia at 614-920-0874 or zmaribeth@hotmail.com.

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 6, 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 SERVICE MEN 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 Saviour. 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.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION

The Religious Retirement Fund helps senior religious. "As expenses continue to increase and economic difficulties tighten our income, we appreciate more and more the help of the Retirement Fund," notes a woman religious. Your tax-deductible donation supports the care of elderly and frail religious and helps to provide such basic necessities as prescription drugs and medical services. Please give generously to next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious

PARISH MEETINGS/EVENTS

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.

Monday, December 7, 2009

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

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

8:00 a.m. Mass – Feast of the Immaculate Conception
7:00 p.m. Mass – Feast of the Immaculate Conception
7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Wednesday, December 9, 2009

7:00 p.m. Administrative Council & All Commissions Meeting
Christmas Dinner provided by Staff
Elizabeth Ministry Meeting Classroom C

Friday, December 11, 2009

6:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Christmas Dinner

Saturday, December 12, 2009

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, December 13, 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.
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WORDS OF OUR PATRON BLESSED POPE JOHN XXIII

December 6 is the Feast of St. Nicholas

"Do good, that is, be good, and you will always be surrounded with cheerful faces." These words shed their light over our whole life. Doing good means bearing a worthy witness to Jesus, the Son of God and Son of Mary, the universal Teacher and Saviour of the world.

From Prayers & Devotions from Pope John XXIII.