

# Pope John XXIII Catholic Community

## PARISH INFORMATION

### PARISH OFFICE

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### PARISH STAFF

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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

7820 White Ash Court, Canal Winchester, OH 43110

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Monday, December 14

8:00 a.m. Jerry Padgett by Janet Padgett

### Tuesday, December 15

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Service  
7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer Service

### Wednesday, December 16

8:00 a.m. Deceased members of the  
Grote & Macklin Families

### Thursday, December 17

8:00 a.m. James Ritchey by Marianne Ritchey

### Friday, December 18

8:00 a.m. Francesca Iannaggi by Family

### Saturday, December 19

5:00 p.m. Katherine Cathers by Mary Cornett

### Sunday, December 20

8:30 a.m. Curtis McDonald & Nilene Postlewait  
by Elizabeth McDonald  
10:15 a.m. Clare & Clara Rubadue  
by Tom & Julie Rubadue  
12:00 noon The People of Pope John XXIII Parish  
by Monsignor Frecker

## LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

December 19/20, 2009

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

**Saturday 5:00 p.m.** Valerie Yonnotti, Pat Smith, Kelley Stoltz,  
Annette Macklin  
**Sunday 8:30 a.m.** Patrick Murphy, Jason Snider,  
Deb Thomas, Tom Tooill  
**Sunday 10:15 a.m.** Deb Arms, Alice Chapin, Mike Dowler,  
Michele Ballinger  
**Sunday 12:00 noon** Traci Breeckner, Heather Dobbins

### LECTORS:

**Saturday 5:00 p.m.** Susan McAndrews, Sean Cleary  
**Sunday 8:30 a.m.** Sheryl Gerkin, Jim Gerkin  
**Sunday 10:15 a.m.** Jackie Christensen, Bette Bowers  
**Sunday 12:00 noon** Regina McCollam, Andy Cecil

### SERVERS:

**Saturday 5:00 p.m.** Michale Adams, Madison Adams,  
Eric Felts  
**Sunday 8:30 a.m.** Will Miller, Drew Miller,  
Nicholas Sweeney  
**Sunday 10:15 a.m.** Ryan Reed, Katherine Ballinger,  
Rebecca DeLong  
**Sunday 12:00 noon** Jason Appel, Sophia Long

### GREETERS/USHERS:

**Saturday 5:00 p.m.** Christopher Kilbarger, Connor Kilbarger,  
Amy Adams, William Adams  
**Sunday 8:30 a.m.** Patty Drodofsky, Rita Armstrong,  
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 19/20, 2009, The Fourth Sunday of Advent: Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45. 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 III 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.

## RAFFLE TICKETS

The time has come!!! The raffle drawing will be this Sunday, December 13, 2009 after the 10:15 a.m. Mass. If you haven't purchased your tickets, please stop in the Parish Office before the drawing – you don't want to lose out on one of the prizes.

## CAROLING AT ALTERCARE

Come Caroling with us at Altercare located at 6725 Thrush Drive (corner of Thrush and Groveport Road) this Sunday, December 13, 2009 at 2:30 p.m.

## NEW CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

It is hard to believe that it is already the Third 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

**Recitation of the Rosary for the Year of the Priest** ... beginning Sunday, December 20th, the recitation of the Rosary for the Year of the Priest will be moved to Sunday mornings after the conclusion of the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the church. Please join us as we pray that God will strengthen our priests and bishops for their ministry and that they will be filled with the fire of the Holy Spirit.

## CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Our parish will celebrate the Christmas Novena beginning Thursday evening, December 17, at 7:00 p.m., and continuing through Wednesday, December 23, 2009. The Saturday and Tuesday Novenas will be joined with the 5:00 p.m. Mass. This Novena includes Evening Prayer with the "O Antiphons." Please join us in this time of prayer in preparation for Christmas.

## BETHLEHEM ON BROAD STREET

One of the largest ecumenical efforts in the Metropolitan Columbus area, Bethlehem on Broad Street, will take place on Christmas, December 25. We ask you to provide a cooked turkey, pie, or cake for this Christmas dinner. The Christian Service and Social Concern Commission members will be at all the Masses on December 12/13, to hand out disposable pans with a set of instructions for the return of the cooked turkey, dressing (separate from the turkey), cake, pie, or cookies to the church. Please bring all donated items in the disposable pans provided, as we cannot return other pans, on Tuesday, December 22, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. or December 23 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. We need volunteers on December 23 for a commitment of 2 or 3 hours to help deliver the turkeys, pies, cakes, and cookies as well as for carving the turkeys and cutting the cakes and pies; we will leave the church at 12:00 noon. We will have a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space if you are able to help or you may call Joe or Kim Clark-Detwiler at 614-833-4258 or Regina at the Parish Office (614-920-1563). Please bring a carving knife, cutting board and apron with you.

## WEEKLY OFFERTORY REPORT

Needed to cover expenses	\$7,788.45
Actual for December 5/6, 2009	\$8,204.27

Attendance 772

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.

## 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 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.

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

## COMMUNAL PENCE 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 this 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.

## THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE/ADOPT A FAMILY

Just a reminder, all gifts and/or gift cards for the Pope John XXIII giving tree should be returned no later than following the 12:00 noon Mass on Sunday, December 13, 2009. Thank you to all parishioners for your generosity and support of the needy families of our community!!

## 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.

## 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 to 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.

## BAPTISMAL PREPARATION MEETING

This 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).

## SANDWICH SATURDAY

This month we stretch ourselves a little more to give to those less fortunate, through secret gift giving, special food collections, etc., for Christmas. But we need to remember that every day people need to eat, and many go without food daily. All are welcome on Saturday, December 26, 2009 from 8:00-9:00 a.m. to make sandwiches for the homeless. Our parish family prepares and donates thousand of sandwiches each year for the less fortunate. The display in the Gathering Space has the needed supplies. If you are able to bring more, that is greatly appreciated. There is always a place for new assemblers, as well as donations of bologna, cheese singles, and fresh bread. These supplies are very much appreciated. You'll find it's a truly rewarding way to spend less than an hour on the fourth Saturday of each month. Hope to see you here.

## 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 blessed. 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

Data submitted to the National Religious Retirement Office reveals that the average annual cost of care for women and men religious age 70 and over has more than doubled since 1989. Current statistics put this figure at \$35,077.00 per person annually, with skilled care reaching nearly \$55,000.00. Your donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides critical support to religious institutes in meeting the escalating costs of elder care. Please pray for all religious and give generously to week's collection

## PARISH MEETINGS/EVENTS

### Sunday, December 13, 2009

8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 12:00 noon Masses  
Preschool dismissed at 8:30 a.m. 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.  
2:45-3:15 p.m. Christmas Caroling at Altercare

### Monday, December 14, 2009

8:00 a.m. Mass  
7:00-7:45 p.m. Christmas Choir Practice  
7:30 p.m. Guitar Practice

### Tuesday, December 15, 2009

7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer Service  
7:30 p.m. Baptismal Prep  
7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

### Wednesday, December 16, 2009

7:00 p.m. Communal Penance Service

### Saturday, December 19, 2009

5:00 p.m. Mass

### Sunday, December 20, 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  
9:35-9:55 a.m. Rosary for Year of the Priest (in church)  
PSR 1st Session, 9:40-11:00 a.m.  
PSR 2nd Session, 11:25 a.m.-12:45 p.m.  
Hospitality/Nametag Sunday

## WORDS OF OUR PATRON, BLESSED POPE JOHN XXIII THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM

With infinite tenderness our thoughts accompany the holy people who are traveling towards Bethlehem: Jesus, hidden in the immaculate womb of Mary, Our Lady, exposed to so many hardships while she is performing her duty to God and men, and Joseph, her humble and silent husband, strong and faithful. The shepherds and the Magi kings also follow the same road, which will lead them to worship in the cave. The procession is on the move ... We are all invited to join this happy band of souls who go to present their gifts to the Son of God, and to find strength, light and courage for their daily duties, because only in him, through him and with him, does our work become a means of glorifying the Lord, of benefiting our neighbor and of attaining indestructible peace in our own hearts. May the Word of the Father, whose "goodness and loving kindness" we shall contemplate a few days from now, and who appeared in this world to save mankind, grant to you all the fullness of his grace! "Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright" (psalm 32 (33) 1). In fact, the message of our Saviour Jesus was indeed a joyful announcement: it was the "good news." And it would be a great mistake to imagine, as many thinkers and poets of past times have done, that Christianity is something dismal and lugubrious. No, Christianity is joy, joy in order and peace, with God, with ourselves, and with our fellow men. Taken from *Prayers and Devotions, Pope John XXIII, His personal thoughts for every day of the year.*