

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

7820 White Ash Court, Canal Winchester, OH 43110

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 21

8:00 a.m. Louis Lutton by Nancy Congelio

Tuesday, December 22

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Service
7:00 p.m. Emmett Frecker by Monsignor Frecker

Wednesday, December 23

8:00 a.m. Robert Sagan by Jim Wollenberg

Thursday, December 24

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
Jessica Grace Vojacek by Family
5:15 p.m. Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
Living and Deceased Members of the
Serraglio, Pry and Miller Families
10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass
Living and Deceased Members of the Frecker
and Freick's Families

Friday, December 25

10:00 a.m. Christmas Morning Mass
Molly Wheeler by Bernie and Ann Collins

Saturday, December 26

5:00 p.m. Rachel Saftred by the Van Paepegem Family

Sunday, December 27

8:30 a.m. Jim Shackelford by Peig O'Connor Shackelford
10:15 a.m. The People of Pope John XXIII Parish
by Monsignor Frecker
12:00 noon Charles Sicherer by Florence & Family

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

December 26/27, 2009

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Paul Erwin, Gloria Kujawa, Annie Fawley,
Kathy Klise
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Jim Wollenberg, Karen Augenstein,
Wendy Babcock, Pat Brobst
Sunday 10:15 a.m. Amy Kruse, Julie Prater, Chris Prater,
Willie Pierce
Sunday 12:00 noon Loren Dobbins, Eleanor Wagner

LECTORS:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Tim Kujawa, Kathy Buckland
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Teri Warnimont, Bill Staber
Sunday 10:15 a.m. Mary Lou Kunkler, Cindy Reed
Sunday 12:00 noon Elaine Hartman, Lissie Scherer

SERVERS:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Morgan Adams, Jacob Beeler,
Brenna Kilbarger
Sunday 8:30 a.m. John Augenstein, Paul Augenstein,
Dominic Detwiler
Sunday 10:15 a.m. Mason Prater, Kristen Pierce,
Trevor Rawn
Sunday 12:00 noon Elizabeth Hartman, Catherine Hartman,
Robert Hartman

GREETERS/USHERS:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Larry Felts, Lissie Scherer,
Eileen Buskirk, John Kelly
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Dick Saunders, John Garver, Jeff Dinan,
Kent Riggs
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 26/27, 2009, Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 and Col 3:12-21. 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 IV 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 WINNERS

Congratulations to our raffle winners. They are as follows: First prize, Gretchen Lopez; Second prize, Elaine Redmond; Third prize, Mychal Fry. Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

NEW CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

It is hard to believe that this is the Fourth Sunday of Advent, which means Christmas is this week. 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	9:30 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's Christmas Novena began Thursday, December 17, at 7:00 p.m., and continues through Wednesday, December 23, 2009. The Saturday and Tuesday Novenas will be joined with the 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. Masses. This Novena includes Evening Prayer with the 0 Antiphons. Please join us in this time of prayer in preparation for Christmas

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH INFO

January 3, 2010 Movie night. Please bring a movie to choose from and a snack to share. We will meet from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
January 17, 2010 Combined Junior/Senior High event. We will be going to Rule 3 in Pickerington to go Bowling; cost and time info will follow in the next 2 weeks. This requires a permission slip.
January 23, 2010 Bosco Bash at St. Matthews in Gahanna. We will leave here at 3:00 p.m. Info will be mailed out the week following Christmas. This requires a permission slip.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH INFO

January 10, 2010 Movie night. Please bring a movie and a snack to share. We will meet from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
January 17, 2010 Combined Junior/Senior High event. We will be going to Rule 3 in Pickerington to go Bowling; cost and time info will follow in the next 2 weeks. This requires a permission slip.
January 23, 2010 High school youth volunteers are needed for Bosco Bash. Please contact Crystal Adams for any additional info or questions at 614-834-1148.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY REPORT

Needed to cover expenses \$7,788.45
Actual for December 12/13, 2009 \$7,849.18

Attendance 831

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.

MID-WINTER PARTY "CANAL CRUISE"

Set sail on a mid-winter cruise without leaving town. Join our "Canal Cruise" Saturday, February 6, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. Come dressed for the Captain's Dinner at 6:30 p.m. in your finest formal wear or in your comfortable casual wear. We will supply the appetizers, main dish and drinks. You bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share. There will be games of chance, Karaoke, prizes and entertainment. Shop at our ship's Boutique, showcasing your fellow parishioners' crafts, products and services. Enjoy all of our shipboard activities. Come mix, mingle, eat and ENJOY!!

MID-WINTER PARTY VENDORS NEEDED

WANTED: Anyone who has a service, product, craft or company. You are invited to have a table at our Mid-Winter Party. It will be held on Saturday February 6, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. Please contact Larry Felts at 614-837-6395 for details. This is a wonderful opportunity to sell your products, meet your fellow parishioners and have fun too!

BETHLEHEM ON BROAD STREET

If you are providing a cooked turkey, pie, or cake for this Christmas dinner, please remember to bring all donated items in the disposable pans provided, as we cannot return other pans, on Wednesday, December 23, from 6:00-7:30 p.m., or December 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. We need volunteers on December 24 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 11:30 a.m. We 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.

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.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Last practice for the Christmas Choir is on Monday, December 21, 2009, from 7:00-7:45 p.m.

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 this 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.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

In collaboration with the diocesan effort to prevent child sexual abuse, our parish will be hosting a "Protecting God's Children" awareness session on Saturday, February 13, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon; continental breakfast begins at 8:15 a.m. The session will be held in the Social Hall. Protecting God's Children is a **mandatory** program for all who work or volunteer with children in our diocese. Parents and other interested parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend as well. For any questions regarding the program or registration, please stop in the Parish Office and see Regina for an instruction sheet or call her at 614-920-1563. You may also visit the web site www.virtus.org for additional information. Also a requirement of the diocese is that all individuals working with children must have a background check. Those needing this done, please contact Regina in the Parish Office (614-920-1563) to make the arrangements.

YOUNG ADULT SOCIAL GROUP FORMING

A young adult social group is forming for all East Side Deanery parishes. They will meet the first Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m., at Panera's, 256 and Taylor Road, Reynoldsburg. The next meeting is January 6, 2010. We welcome college students and all young adults over the age of 18. Contact Carol and Tom Wagner (740-927-6662 or e-mail sixwags78@gmail.com) for more information.

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 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 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.

PARISH MEETINGS/EVENTS

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
9:40-11:00 a.m. PSR 1st session
11:25-12:45 p.m. PSR 2nd session
RCIA
Hospitality/Nametag Sunday
7:00 p.m. Christmas Novena

Monday, December 21, 2009

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

Tuesday, December 22, 2009

7:00 p.m. Mass and Christmas Novena
7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Wednesday, December 23, 2009

7:00 p.m. Christmas Novena

Thursday, December 24, 2009

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass – Upper Level
5:15 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass – Lower Level
9:30 p.m. Music Prelude
10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass

Friday, December 25, 2009

10:00 a.m. Christmas Mass

Saturday, December 26, 2009

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, December 27, 2009

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

WORDS OF OUR PATRON BLESSED POPE JOHN XXIII Peace, The Greatest Good

With the "Glory to God" in high heaven, the mystery of the birth of Christ and its recurring memory come to us, who are pilgrims here below, as a good augury of peace for the whole world. "Peace among men with whom He is pleased!" The word "heaven" frequently occurs in both Testaments, but far more frequently is found the word "earth." Now, the most precious possession on earth, and the one most worthy of our attention, is peace. "Peace on earth," we sing with the angels of Bethlehem, peace on earth to all men of good will. Among all the good things of our lives and of our history, enjoyed by individuals, families and peoples, peace is truly the most important and the most precious. The presence of peace, and the endeavour to achieve it, are the guarantee of tranquility in this world. But peace is conditioned by the good will of one and all, peace to men of good will, because wherever this good will is lacking it is useless to hope for joy and blessings. So we must seek peace at all times: we must try to create it in our own circle, so that it may spread throughout the world, and we must defend it from all dangers and in all trials, making sure never to offend or compromise it. Oh, what a great task this is for every Pope, now and always! During these four years of our humble service – service as we understand it and shall continue to understand it – our constant endeavour is to be a true Servant of the Servants of the Lord, who is truly the "Lord and Prince of Peace."

Taken from the book, *Prayers and Devotions From Pope John XXIII, His personal thoughts for every day of the year.*