

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Faith - Tradition - Family

Good News!

By: FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Coming home can take place in many varied ways. Sometimes it's at the end of a long day when we come home to where we can be ourselves without any pretensions. Sometimes it's going back to the neighborhood we grew up in, to the old haunts that remind us of the dreams we had and how they now seem tucked in every niche. Sometimes coming home is what happens after many wanderings, after we've sown our oats and harvested little and now have nowhere else to go. That too is a coming home, back to where it all began, back to where we dare to hope that life might begin again.

All of this is how the Hebrew people found themselves coming home to Jerusalem after eighty years of exile, coming back to start anew with the hope that their God would once again be proud of them, back to where they could be as God intended them to be. All of that is what we do when we decide we will try to be the sort of person we'd always hoped to become. It's when we attempt a second effort at making a marriage work, or a job productive, or maybe simply putting the pieces of our lives back in some sort of order. It's all about coming back home to God's dream for us, a kind of second Advent, when God comes into our lives and is born once again.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 8, 2024



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	12/07	4:00	P.M.	Living and Deceased Hibernia Members (Hibernian Society)
	SJB	12/07	6:00	P.M.	+Rosemary Heiss (Bill and Alberta Wesel)
Sunday	SJB	12/08	7:30	A.M.	+Rose Mary Wagner (Richard and Brenda Arnold)
	OLM	12/08	9:30	A.M.	+John and +MaryLou Huck (Greg and Marlene Greene)
	SJB	12/08	11:00	A.M.	+Peggy Schaad (Mike and Marilyn Schaad Family)
Monday	SJB	12/09	8:20	A.M.	+Gladys Schilling (Birthday 12/11) (Family) School Mass
	SJB	12/09	5:00	P.M.	+Jay Pottmeyer (Jeff and Courtney Wesel)
	OLM	12/09	8:00	P.M.	+Martha Huck (John and Sharon Pottmeyer)
Tuesday	SJB	12/10	8:00	A.M.	No Mass Today
	OLM	12/10	5:00	P.M.	+Donnie Heiss (Mark and Paulie)
Wednesday	SJB	12/11	8:20	A.M.	+Paul Schwendeman (Birthday) (Family)
Thursday	SJB	12/12	8:00	A.M.	No Mass Today
	OLM	12/12	5:00	P.M.	+Leora Arnold (James Long Family)
Friday	SJB	12/13	8:00	A.M.	+Susan Brooker (Birthday) (Howard Brooker)
Saturday	OLM	12/14	4:00	P.M.	+Chester and +Shirley Anthony (The Anthony Family)
	SJB	12/14	6:00	P.M.	Living and Deceased of +Leo and +Lucy Huck (Family)
Sunday	SJB	12/15	7:30	A.M.	+Debbie Zoller (Bob and Peggy Byers)
	OLM	12/15	9:30	A.M.	+James Huck (Martin and Pauline Knoch)
	SJB	12/15	11:00	A.M.	+Tony Tornes (Donna Tornes and Family)

The Immaculate
Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday 6:00 p.m.	Orion and Raegan Flinn	Eugene Huck	Virginia Dyar
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Connor McCartney, Keegan Pottmeyer	Kelly Miller	Veronica Bosner
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Brenlee and Maycee Lang	Jerry Smith	Amanda Walters

COLLECTION

Total Collection last weekend \$5,152
 Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750
 Thank you for your generosity!

D.P.S.C.

2024 Collected to date \$76,850
 2024 Goal \$43,047
 Thank you for your generosity!

BINGO

November 24 Group 8 \$895

ST. JOHN BINGO WORK SCHEDULE

Dec 8 Group 2 with Jessica Henke
 Dec 15 Group 3 with Ryan Lauchard
 Dec 22 Group 4 with Derrick Pottmeyer
 Dec 29 Group 5 with Robin Eichmiller

C.W.C. BINGO CAKES

December
 Group D - Elaine Wells

Please pray for all of the men and women who are serving our country in the military. May God watch over them and keep them safe.

*what's happening
this week...*

	Monday	December 9	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
		December 9	K of C Spread the Light, 6:30 p.m. at the K of C Hall
	Thursday	December 12	St. John School Christmas Program 6:30 p.m.
		December 12	CWC Christmas Dinner
	Sunday	December 15	Parish School of Religion Classes
		December 15	Senior Center-Dyar

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is being observed on Monday, December 9. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be held at 8:20 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. St. Johns and 8:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy.

EUCHRE

Euchre on Wednesdays will not be held until further notice.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for all the generous food donations. This helps supply our local food pantries and provide nourishment to those in need. St. Vincent DePaul

CONDOLENCES

Please keep in your prayers Alecia (Strahler) Fouss, who recently passed away. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Alecia's family and friends. May she rest in peace.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to donate in memory of a loved one, please place your donation of \$10 in an envelope along with the name(s) of who you would like to remember and drop it in the collection basket. Please try to write the names so they are easily read and have your list in to the Rectory by December 15.

COLLECTION ENVELOPES

2025 Collection envelopes will be available the first weekend of December. In order to keep costs down, if you used an envelope this past year there will be a box with your name on it. If you do not have a box and would like one, please pick up a non-addressed box. We ask that everyone please write your name down on the first envelope used and note any address changes.

LITURGICAL MINISTER SIGN UP SHEET

A sign up sheet is located in the vestibule if you would like to volunteer to be an Altar Server, Lector or Eucharistic Minister for the Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Years Day mass. Please try to sign up by this weekend,

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The 6:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas eve will be a candlelit service featuring the children's choir as well as our young parishioners taking part in the mass. If you are interested in participating in the choir, please contact Crystal Lang at (740)516-4202. Practice will be held after the 11:00 am mass on December 8th and the 22nd from 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

SCRIP CARD ORDERS

Scrip card orders will be placed every Sunday through December 15. Scrip cards are a great way to purchase gifts and earn tuition money at the same time.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

If you would like to send a Christmas card to Fr. Walter Heinz or Fr. Dale Tornes, their addresses are as follows: Fr. Walter Heinz, 5700 Bayshore Road, Lot 244, Palmetto, FL 34221; Fr. Dale Tornes, 279 Muskingum Drive, Apt. 302, Marietta, OH 45750.

CALENDARS AVAILABLE

Once again, Cawley Peoples Funeral Home has provided our parishioners with a yearly calendar. The calendars are located in the vestibule so make sure you stop by and pick one up. Thank you Cawley Peoples Funeral Home!

COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND

If you or someone you know cannot attend mass due to being confined to home and would like to receive communion, please contact the Rectory 740-896-3566.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed December 19 through January 6. There will be a two week bulletin for the weekends of December 28 -29 and January 4-5. Please have all bulletin information in to the Rectory by December 20.

SNOW REMINDER

We are entering that time of year again when road conditions may not always be safe for travel. Please remember that if a Level 2 or 3 road emergency is issued by the Sheriff's Department, Masses will be cancelled for that day. When St. John School is closed due to weather, Mass and Adoration that day is cancelled. Our Parish office will also be closed. This policy is for both St. John the Baptist and Our Lady of Mercy. Masses scheduled for that day will be rescheduled. Also, please keep in mind, if there is a funeral scheduled at St. John's, the Mass for that day is cancelled and will be rescheduled.

KOFC 4617 MEMBERS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Knights of Columbus 4617 will host our Annual Members Christmas Party, Saturday, December 14. Members and a guest are invited to enjoy an adult-only evening out to get in the Christmas spirit! Cocktail Hour: 6:00 - 7:00 PM; Heavy Hors d'oeuvres: 7:00 - 8:00 PM. Music by Sam Clark & Friends: 8:00 - 11:00 PM. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend this FREE event! Call/text Taylor Pottmeyer @ 412-215-6470 with any questions.

KOFC CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Sunday, December 15 at Noon, KofC 4617 members are invited to bring their families and children for a festive afternoon. Santa Claus will make a stop at the KofC Hall to visit individually with each child and distribute gifts! There will also be inflatables! Pizza and drinks will be provided. Parents/Grandparents/Guardians, please discreetly bring a wrapped gift to the kitchen area upon arrival (you will be reimbursed \$5.00/kid). Call/text Taylor Pottmeyer @ 412-215-6470 with any questions.

OUR SEMINARIANS

Please Pray for Seminarians studying at: Sacred Heart Major Seminary, 2701 Chicago Blvd., Detroit, MI 48206, Peter Stetson; St. Vincent Seminary 300 Fraser Purchase Rd., Latrobe Pa, 15650, Christopher McGurn and Samuel Ivkovich; Pontifical College Josephinum 7625 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43235-1499: Jonathan Rusco, Riley Morris, Aaron Pabin, and Caleb Baker, and Maximilian Kolbe Gan; On a pastoral year at Christ the Light Parish, 704 Gomber Ave, Cambridge, Ohio 43728, Ryan Budd, John Paul Gan.

PENANCE SERVICES

All Penance Services will be held at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

December 15	7:00 p.m.	St. Ambrose Church
December 16	2:00 p.m.	St. John School (In Church)
	7:00 p.m.	St. John the Baptist Church
December 17	7:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Mercy Church
December 18	7:00 p.m.	Basilica of St. Marys
December 19	7:00 p.m.	St. Bernard Church





New Parishioners

Welcome!

You can register by calling our Parish Office.

Prayer Network: Call

Mary Brooker 740-896-2002

Elaine Wells 740-896-3112

to place a prayer request on the prayer line or to join in the prayers for those in need.

Becoming Catholic (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

For those interested in becoming Catholic, contact the parish office.

Care for the Sick or Homebound:

Call the Parish Office or Marilyn Kern to set up Communion visits or to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

Pastoral Musicians

Valerie Strahler, Crystal Lang

Scrip Coordinator

Betina Lang

PSR Coordinator

Andrea Ralston

Pastoral Council

Chairperson Maria Huffman

Parish Finance Council

Chairperson Russ Lang,
Casey Lang, Rachel Schott,
Jeff Canterbury, Pam Brooker

Cemetery Association

Andy Miller, Kevin Brooker,
Dean Hart, Howard Brooker

Club of Catholic Women

President Marilyn Zollar

St. John Central School

(740) 896-2697

Mrs. Becky Hilverding
Principal

Knights of Columbus

Council 4617

Grand Knight Taylor Pottmeyer

St. John School Foundation

Gary Arnold, President

Diocesan Catholic Charities & Information Referral Line:

1-800-339-7890

Ancient Order of Hibernians

James Farly, President

CEMETERY MEETING NOTES FROM 11/19/24

Checking account balance \$30,533.63; Investment account balance \$154,272.

There was discussion on whether we wanted to be more aggressive on the investment account and the decision was to stay on the conservative side where we are. Looking into moving some of the money from the checking account to a CD knowing we will need to be paying for mowing, grave digging, and possible columbarium in the near future.

Mowing

We paid for 2 mowing in late summer and fall. Some discussion on how often we need to mow and who decides when the cemetery needs to be mowed. This will be discussed more later date

Opening and closing of graves

No bids on this yet. Tony Lang and Howard Brooker are helping out with this until we can find someone to take this on.

Columbarium

More research is needed on this as this is new to all of us. Some discussion on front plate engraving, how many urns per 12x12 niche

THE TRADITION OF ADVENT CANDLES

The word ADVENT comes from the Latin word ADVENTUS meaning arrival. It is the four week period leading up to Christmas. The four candles remind us that we are preparing for the coming of the CHRIST CHILD, who is the light of the world. Each candle reminds us of the virtues Jesus desires for the entire world.

HOPE The first candle symbolizes the hope that Christ's birth brings us. We pray for an outpouring of hope in our homes, families, and hearts. Lord, help us prepare our hearts by being open to the light of Christ in others.

LOVE The second candle symbolizes the love that comes from intimacy with Jesus. Lord Jesus, help us prepare our hearts for your coming by loving others as you love us. Let us be astounded by your closeness to us and allow love to expand within our homes.

JOY The third candle symbolizes the joy that comes with Christ in our lives. Lord, we thank you for the joy you bring us. Allow our lives to truly be joyful and simple. Help us to be receptive to the freedom you desire for us.

PEACE The fourth candle symbolizes the peace of a heart close to Christ. Loving God, we thank you for the gift of peace you give us. Help us prepare our homes for the birth of baby Jesus, by allowing Christ's peace to fill our hearts.

