

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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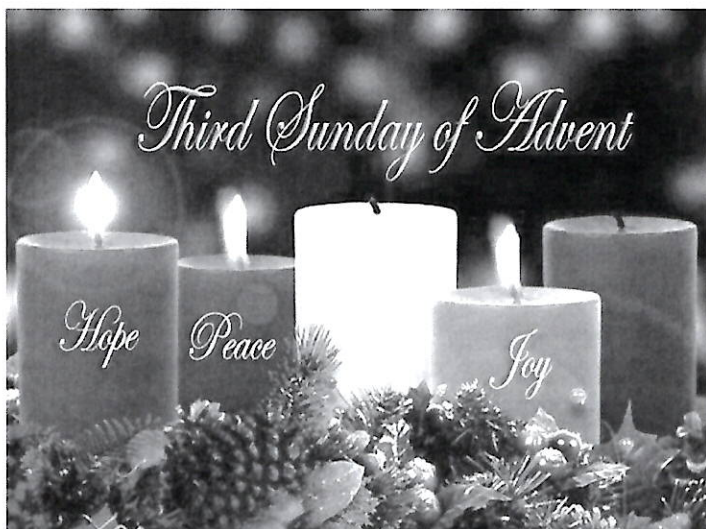
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Fr. Walter E Heinz, retired/in residence

Fr. Dale Tornes, retired

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 12, 2021



Faith - Tradition - Family

Good News!

This is the Sunday of joy, Gaudete Sunday. In the first reading, the people are told to “Shout for joy” because “the Lord is in your midst” (Zephaniah 3:14–15). The psalm response tells us to “cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and holy one of Israel” (see Isaiah 12). The second reading directs us to “rejoice in the Lord always” because “the Lord is near” (Philippians 4:4–5). In the Gospel, we see that “the people were filled with [messianic] expectation,” even wondering “whether John might be the Messiah” (Luke 3:15). All John could say was that “one mightier than I is coming” (3:16).

So today, what are we waiting for this Sunday and how is God present? We know that God is already present with us in many ways: in the Church and sacraments; in the lives of good people we know; in the depths of our hearts. And so, we rejoice. We also know that the story of salvation is unfinished. There are still so many evils from which we must be saved. When you think of them, what’s at the top of your list?

We are eager for God to come into our lives anew to comfort us and strengthen us. We know we cannot do it alone. Even as we wait for the day of salvation to dawn, we rejoice for we know that it came before and will come again. That’s why we sing “Joy to the World.”

SJB=St. John the Baptist
OLM=Our Lady of Mercy

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	12/11 4:00	P.M. +Harold Rauch (Sandy Huck)	
	SJB	12/11 6:00	P.M. +Paul Schwendeman (Birthday) (Family)	
Sunday	SJB	12/12 7:30	A.M. +Donna Jean Lang Sturm (Romona Barrett)	
	OLM	12/12 9:30	A.M. Conversion of Hearts (Jason & Jennifer Morris)	
	SJB	12/12 11:00	A.M. +Richard Pottmeyer (Family)	
Monday	SJB	12/13 8:00	A.M. +Susan Brooker (Birthday) (Howard Brooker)	
Tuesday	SJB	12/14 8:00	A.M. +Gladys Schilling (Jerry and Melinda Teadway)	
Tuesday	OLM	12/14 6:00	P.M. Penance Service	
Wednesday	SJB	12/15 8:20	A.M. +Alice Huck (Dave and Barbara Huck Family)	School Mass
Thursday	OLM	12/16 5:00	P.M. No Mass	
Friday	SJB	12/17 8:00	A.M. +Brian Crum (Beth and Tanner Crum, Taylor Smith)	
Saturday	OLM	12/18 4:00	P.M. +Bob Peters (Marilyn and Heather Peters)	
	SJB	12/18 6:00	P.M. +Irene Abele (Edith Brooker and Family)	
Sunday	SJB	12/19 7:30	A.M. +Eunice Walter (Birthday) (Charlotte Lang and Family)	
	OLM	12/19 9:30	A.M. Special Intentions Health of the Sick (John Walter)	
	SJB	12/19 11:00	A.M. +Susan Brooker (Anniv.) (Howard Brooker)	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCH. MINISTER</u>
SATURDAY 6:00 P.M.	Cody and Emma Schaad	Rachel Klinger	Virginia Dyar
SUNDAY 7:30 A.M.	Mason and Grace Francis	Kelly Miller	Veronica Bosner
SUNDAY 11:00 A.M.	Hudson and Isabella Lang	Jerry Smith	Marilyn Zoller

COLLECTION

Total Collection \$4,223
Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750

DPSC

Parish Goal \$27,651
2021 Collected \$58,066

BINGO

Nov. 28 - Group 4 \$1,187

If you are unable to attend,
please find a replacement.

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. JOHN BINGO WORK SCHEDULE

Dec. 12 Group 6 with Jeff Canterbury
Dec. 19 Group 7 with BJ Davis
Dec. 26 NO BINGO
Jan. 2 Group 8 with Russ Lang and Group 1 with Jeff Brooker

C.W.C. WORK GROUPS

December Group D-Elaine Wells
January Group E-Susan Arnold
February Group F-Lori Hart
Tonia Skinner
March Group A-Anna Schaad
April Group B-Dorothy Schaad
May Group E-Susan Arnold

SAINT OF THE WEEK

The more humble a man is, the better he knows himself and, therefore, the better he knows God. The more he knows God, the better he loves Him...thus by humility, he obtains more charity and by having more charity, he obtains more humility. - Blessed Anthony Grassi (1592-1671), Priest, Feast Day December 18

CHECK US OUT!

Web page: www.stjohnchurchtown.com
Facebook: St. John Catholic Church Churchtown

COVID UPDATE FOR CHURCH

Masks are available in the vestibule

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

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.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Micah 5:1-4A
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45

THANK YOU

Thank you to Bernard and Randy Schilling for making our new Paschal Candle Stand. It is absolutely beautiful. We appreciate your generosity.

RIGHT TO LIFE COORDINATOR

We are currently in need of an individual to be the Right to Life Coordinator for our parish. If you are interested, please call the Rectory 740-896-3566.

CWC CHRISTMAS PARTY CHANGE

The CWC Christmas Party has been changed due to no interest in the potluck party. Therefore, we will be meeting for dinner at a restaurant in Marietta (dutch treat) on December 13. There will not be a meal at the Senior Center and the mass for that day will be held at 8:00 a.m. instead of 6:00 p.m. Please call Marilyn Kern 740-749-3371 for more information. All members and spouses are invited to attend.

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 by December 17.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

If you would like to send a Christmas card to Fr. Tim Davison, Fr. Walter Heinz or Father Dale Tornes, their addresses are as follows: Fr. Tim Davison, 334 South Main Street, Woodsfield, OH 43793; Fr. Walter Heinz, 5700 Bayshore Road, Lot 244, Palmetto, FL 34221; Fr. Dale Tornes, 106 Alta Street, Apt. H3, Marietta, OH 45750.



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

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| December 14 | Our Lady of Mercy Church (6:00 P.M.)
St. Bernard's Church in Beverly |
| December 15 | St. Mary's Church in Marietta |
| December 16 | St. Ambrose Church in Little Hocking |
| December 17 | St. John School (12:30 p.m.) |

FR. VIRGIL REISCHMAN

It is with great sadness we announce the death of Fr. Virgil Reischman. Please keep Fr. Virgil and his family in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord.

BULLETIN

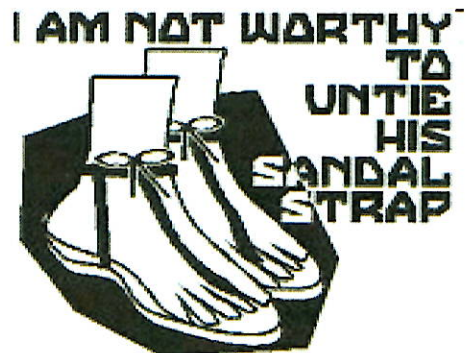
The bulletin for the weekend of December 25-26 and January 1-2 will be a two week bulletin. If you have something to put in the bulletin, please have it to the Rectory no later than December 20.

2022 COLLECTION ENVELOPES

Collection envelopes for 2022 are now available. Please remember to write your name on the first envelope used in 2022. If you do not have a box and would like one, please call the Rectory (896-3566). We would be happy to provide you with envelopes.

LIGHTING THE ROSE CANDLE

Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple, and one is rose, but white candles can also be used. The purple candles symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over, and they are close to Christmas. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.



Adult Examination of Conscience

I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange Gods before me. Have I treated people, events, or things as more important than God?

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain. Have my words, actively or passively, put down God, the Church, or people?

Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day. Do I go to Mass every Sunday (or Saturday Vigil) and on Holy Days of Obligation (Jan. 1; the Ascension; Aug. 15; Nov. 1; Dec. 8; Dec. 25)? Do I avoid, when possible, work that impedes worship to God, joy for the Lord's Day, and proper relaxation of mind and body? Do I look for ways to spend time with family or in service on Sunday?

Honor your father and your mother. Do I show my parents due respect? Do I seek to maintain good communication with my parents where possible? Do I criticize them for lacking skills I think they should have?

You shall not kill. Have I harmed another through physical, verbal, or emotional means, including gossip or manipulation of any kind?

You shall not commit adultery. Have I respected the physical and sexual dignity of others and of myself?

You shall not steal. Have I taken or wasted time or resources that belonged to another?

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. Have I gossiped, told lies, or embellished stories at the expense of another?

You shall not covet your neighbor's spouse. Have I honored my spouse with my full affection and exclusive love?

You shall not covet your neighbor's goods. Am I content with my own means and needs, or do I compare myself to others unnecessarily?

PENANCE SERVICES

December 14	Our Lady of Mercy Church in Lowell St. Bernard's Church in Beverly
December 15	St. Mary's Church in Marietta
December 16	St. Ambrose Church in Little Hocking
December 17	St. John School (12:30 p.m.)