

MASS INTENTIONS



<u>Sat., Dec. 23</u> 5:00p	St. John of Kanty People of the Parish
<u>Sun., Dec. 24</u> 8:30a 11:00a Christmas Vigil 4:00p 7:00p 10:00p	Fourth Sunday of Advent +Patrick Roman (Rob & Krista Joseph) +Tony Southall (Kristie Koliha) +Minnie, John & Johnnie Bolognone (Family) +Donald Bowers (Theresa Bowers) +Louis & Mary Ruscilli (Family)
<u>Mon. Dec. 25</u> 10:00a	The Nativity of the Lord +Erik Falasca (Mom & Dad)
<u>Tues. Dec. 26</u> 8:00a	St. Stephen, The First Martyr +Mary Anne Ryan (Family)
<u>Wed. Dec. 27</u> 8:00a	St. John, Apostle & Evangelist +Col. Joseph A. Grotenrath (Mary Jo Grotenrath)
<u>Thurs., Dec. 28</u> 8:00a	The Holy Innocents +Maria Scinto (Silvia Scinto)
<u>Fri., Dec. 29</u> 8:00a	St. Thomas Becket +Vince Hackney (Family)
<u>Sat., Dec. 30</u> 5:00p	Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord +Joyce & Policaro Family (Patty & Jim Policaro)
<u>Sun., Dec. 31</u> 8:30a 11:00a	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph +Joanie Terango (John Terango) People of the Parish

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, Dec. 24

- 8:30a Mass-Church
- 11:00a Mass-Church

Sunday, Dec. 24 Christmas Vigil

- 4:00p Mass-Church
- 7:00p Mass-Church
- 10:00p Mass-Church

Monday, Dec. 25

- 10:00a Mass-Church

Tuesday, Dec. 26

- 8:00a Mass-Church

Wednesday, Dec. 27

- 8:00a Mass-Church

Thursday, Dec. 28

- 8:00a Mass-Church

Friday, Dec. 29

- 8:00a Mass-Church

Saturday, Dec. 30

- 5:00p Mass-Church

Sunday, Dec. 31

- 8:30a Mass-Church
- 11:00a Mass-Church

**CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20 7:00-8:00PM**

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Vigil: Sunday, December 24

- 4:00pm (Rel. Ed Children Sing)
- 7:00pm (Brass Quartet)
- 10:00pm (Beginning @ 9:30pm 30 min. of choral, instrumental & organ music prior to Mass)

**Christmas Day:
Monday, December 25 - 10:00am**

**Saturday, December 30-5:00pm
Sunday, December 31-8:30am & 11:00am**

**New Year's Day:
Monday, January 1-10:00am**

Msgrs. Romano, and Missimi, Deacons Baumann and Joseph and the parish staff extend to all of you Best Wishes for a Merry and Blessed Christmas!

On this wondrous Feast Day, which sees worshippers gathered in our Churches as perhaps on no other celebration throughout the year, we should cast out all fear and anxiety, all worry and concern. As we open and cherish our gifts, and the love of others that they express, as we hear again and again the word *Glory* sung, or seen on our cards, and as we absorb the glow of Christmas lights and candles, let all of these remind us that God has sent His only Son, Jesus, to become flesh, one of us. *"God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in Him will have eternal life."*





We are a group of people bound by our belief in Jesus Christ. Through our baptism, we are called to share in His work. Therefore we pledge ourselves through the ideal of shared ministry to build a community where all are welcomed, loved, needed, and appreciated; to celebrate the gift of life together in word and sacrament; and to promote justice, peace and equality for all people.

WELCOME to **William Daniel Fallon, Charles Edward Thacker IV** and **Eli Matthew Troyer** who were recently baptized at OLV and through the Sacrament of Baptism became members of God's family.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY HAS THE PRIVILEGE TO SERVE DINNER TO THE HOMELESS FAMILIES at the YWCA Family Center on **Thursday, January 4**. Sign up sheets will be posted in the church vestibule. We would like to begin by thanking you for taking the time to bake your homemade desserts and serve these families. Please see the information below that may be of help to you.

FOR BAKERS: *Please have your cookies, brownies and cupcakes delivered to Victory Hall by noon on January 4.* The cookies do not need to be individually wrapped. Please package your desserts to protect them during transport, and label them with YWCA. Because of food allergies please do not bake with nuts or peanut butter.

FOR SERVERS: YWCA Family Center, 900 Harvey Court, Columbus, OH: Please arrive around 5:30pm. Drive to the rear of the building and enter in the Volunteer entrance. You'll need to ring the bell at the entrance for someone to let you in. Please register at the office as a volunteer, get a name tag and join us in the kitchen. For food safety reasons, the YWCA requires us to wear hair nets, so unless you think you look really cute in a hair net, you may want to bring your own hat to wear.



Thanks to all who contributed to the Pregnancy Decision Health Centers (PDHC) baby bottle campaign. With your help, a total of \$2,091.60 was collected.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES	
5:00p Saturday, December 30	
Extraordinary Ministers:	Theresa Draher, Lynn Early, Dorie Kirwin, Connie Leach, Patti Olson, Christine Pirik
Lectors:	Regina Quinn, Marci Ryan
Servers:	Elaina Schneider, Paige Schneider, Alex Sterneker
Ushers:	Phil & Betsy Higginbotham, Barb Schofield, Wayne Kottman
8:30a Sunday, December 31	
Extraordinary Ministers:	Rob & Crystal Dyckes, Paul & Jackie Milsom
Lectors:	Mike Drennen, Peter Galyardt
Servers:	Dylan Hudson, Ava Kessler, Aaron Lenhart,
Ushers:	Jeff Panuto, Dan Hutson, Randy Harlor
Eucharistic Ministers To the Homebound:	Judi Beight, Jeanne Bogen, Neil & Jennifer Clouser, Dave McCurdy, Christine Pirik
11:00a Sunday, December 31	
Extraordinary Ministers:	Brenda Young, Heather Roush, Mary Lou Melaragno, Ron Kibbe, John Frericks, Marcia Bohley
Lectors:	Chad Gibson, Edward McGinnis
Servers:	Ian Roedinger, Sean Roedinger, Natalie Yurkiw
Ushers:	Fred Lombardi, Tony Polletta, Mark McPherson
Collection Counters:	Rob Luikart, Pat O'Connor, Mike Leach

PRAYER REQUESTS: Elizabeth Rusnak, Irene Clay, Patricia Baumann, Reid Hudson, Jada Brady, Jake Koch, Casey Browning, Isabella Karst, Andrew Johnson, Frank Michael, Cynthia Carson, Mary Bass, Bob Thurman, Gina Harrobin, John Magnacca, Olivia O'Brien, Sue and Sylvia Bender, Elizabeth Rossel, Brenda Martin, Katie Custer, Annabelle Marshall, Rosemary Studer, Joy Russell, Effie Violanti, Sr. Dorothy Doyle, Jerri Nardone, Bill Guttlipe, Nick Harling, Denisi Family, Rose Sliemers, Aaron Rieck, Teresa Ciotola, Andre Bond, Samantha Baker, Lovre Dzolic, Dannie Terrel, Bridget Lowe, Gina Sansotta, Dani Crabtree, John Lenhart, Emilie Miller, John & Joan Hamar, Anna Reed, Brian Evans, John Lassel, Tayla Riddle, John & Rosemarie Mayhan, Marcia Bohley, Betsy May, Michael H. Quinn. Please remember in your prayers others who are not on this list. **(Please notify the parish office of any changes.)**

Religious Education
Color Your World with Prayer!



A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS

Wonderful the dignity
you bestowed, O God,
on human nature
when you created it;
more wonderful still its condition
when you recreated it.
Grant, we pray,
that as Jesus Christ, your Son,
stooped to share our human nature,
so we may share
the lot of his divine nature,
through that same Jesus Christ,
your Son, our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
has shared one life and kingly power,
one godhead, from all eternity.
Amen

-Sacramentary of Pope St. Leo the Great

May your family be a living sign of the presence of Christ in the world today!

Christmas blessings!
Deacon Rob and Krista Joseph

COMMUNITY NEWS

ARE YOU IN NEED OF A LATE-DAY CHRISTMAS MASS because of work or other circumstances? Saint Joseph Cathedral will be celebrating a 5:15 p.m. Mass on **Monday, December 25**. The Cathedral is located at 212 East Broad Street in downtown Columbus; secured parking is accessible off East Gay Street. For more information call the Cathedral at (614) 224-1295, or visit www.saintjosephcathedral.org.

RESPECT LIFE MASS DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN: The annual Respect Life Mass will be **Monday, January 22, 2018**, 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral. Bishop Campbell will be the celebrant. On this day of the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision, our diocese will join all dioceses in the United States in observing a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. All are invited. For more, visit www.usccb.org/prolife or contact Social Concerns at 614-241-2540.

ROE REMEMBRANCE AT OHIO STATEHOUSE: Greater Columbus Right to Life will sponsor this event on **Monday, January 22**, noon to 1 p.m., at the Ohio Statehouse following the 10:30 a.m. Respect Life Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral. The program will be held in the Statehouse Atrium. Please allow extra time for new Statehouse security measures. Stickers, signs, and weapons are not permitted inside. For additional information, visit www.gcrtl.org/roe.html.

BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE CONFERENCE: RESPECT LIFE, BIOETHICS, LEADERSHIP – January 26 -27. Join us for this two-day event featuring prominent pro-life speakers and resources to equip you to build a culture of life. The location will be St. Peter Church, Columbus. This is sponsored by the Diocesan office for Social Concerns and Marriage & Family Life Office as

well as Greater Columbus Right to Life and FEMM. One day and two-day passes are available. For a list of speakers and to register, visit www.gcrtl.org/lifeconference or call 614-241-2540.

NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2018 CATHOLIC MAN OF THE YEAR: The Catholic Men's Luncheon Club is accepting nominations for the Diocese of Columbus 2018 Catholic Man of the Year. This annual award – to be presented by Bishop Frederick Campbell on **Friday, February 2, 2018 at the Men's Luncheon** - recognizes one lay man who, through his daily actions, words, and prayers, exemplifies the "good and faithful servant". The recipient will have the opportunity to share his personal testimony during the ceremony. **Nominations will be accepted through December 29.** For details, nomination instructions and the required nomination form, go to <https://www.catholicmensministry.com/cmoy>. Email the completed nomination form and up to five supporting testimonials to catholicmanoftheyear@gmail.com. Submit a nomination and let us know why your husband, father, son, uncle, brother or friend is the Catholic Man of the Year!

BISHOP READY SCHOLARSHIP EXAM: Bishop Ready High School will administer scholarship exams for in-coming (fall 2018) freshmen on two Saturdays in January: **January 6 and 27**, from 9-11 a.m. at the high school. In-coming freshmen may choose the date they wish to take the test. Current Bishop Ready students will take the test on January 27. For more information, contact Bishop Ready at 614-276-5263.

The Catholic Foundation is available to help fulfill your specific philanthropic wishes.

Giving becomes convenient and personal with a Donor Advised Fund, which offers a hands-on approach to philanthropy. This fund invests your charitable gift to grow tax-free for future giving. A Donor Advised Fund allows you the opportunity to make contributions to multiple Catholic or public organizations from one account. The Catholic Foundation Donor Advised Funds can be set up with as little as \$5,000. Due to its convenience and flexibility, the Donor Advised Fund is one of our most popular funds.

Key Benefits:

- Immediate tax deduction with the option of deferred charitable distribution
- Consolidates your charitable giving, providing administrative convenience
- Flexibility to choose multiple grant recipients
- Ability to add to the fund at any time
- Make donations anonymously, if desired
- Wish to create a family legacy of faith – name your children, grandchildren or other loved ones as successor advisors to the fund

We know that generosity and acts of charity are family traits. We encourage you to engage all generations of your family in your giving. Thanksgiving and in preparation for end-of-the-year giving is a wonderful time for these discussions. For more information please contact Scott Hartman at The Catholic Foundation at 614-443-8893, shartman@catholic-foundation.org.

2018 COLUMBUS CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
ASK JESUS WHAT HE WANTS FROM YOU AND Be Brave
SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 17, 2018
8 AM - 4:30 PM | OHIO EXPO CENTER

Join Us!

Join us for the 11th annual Columbus Catholic Women's Conference at the Ohio Expo Center in the Cardinal Building where thousands of women gather together to pray, reflect, and are inspired.

Our mission is to provide opportunities for women to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ, to grow in their realization of their dignity as Catholic women, and to strengthen their commitment to be a disciple of Christ.

Pre-registration conference fees are \$40/adult, \$25/student, and complimentary for Religious Sisters.

We look forward to seeing you all at the 2018 Catholic Women's Conference!

Directions

The Cardinal Building at the Ohio Expo Center is located at 717 East 17th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43221. Once you arrive at the Expo Center, signs and parking attendants will direct guests to the proper parking areas.

From the North
Take I-71 South to 17th Avenue/Exit 111.

From the South
Take I-71 North to 17th Avenue/Exit 111.

From the West
Take I-70 East to I-71 North. Take I-71 North to 17th Avenue/Exit 111.

From the East
Take I-70 West to I-71 North. Take I-71 North to 17th Avenue/Exit 111.

Frequent Questions

Can I attend this event if I am not Catholic?
Yes! We welcome women of all faiths.

Where is my ticket?
With online registration, your ticket is immediately available. With mail-in registration, your ticket will be emailed to you. You can also collect your ticket at the registration desk on the day of the event.

Is my registration fee refundable?
Registration fees are not refundable; however, they are transferrable. You may change your ticket information at any time by clicking "manage ticket purchase" on your confirmation email.

What if I have dietary restrictions?
A catered box lunch is included in your registration. Vegetarian and gluten-free options are available. Be sure to indicate your choice when you register for an accurate count.

Can I buy a ticket at the door?
Yes. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$45/participant; \$30/student ticket.

Can I bring my baby?
We leave that to your discretion. A nursing room for moms will be provided.

Can I receive Catechist Certification Enrichment hours?
Yes. Complete the 11.9A form and provide the \$8.00 certification fee for three hours of enrichment for receipt by the Office of Religious Education & Catechesis.

Is there a minimum age to attend?
We welcome women of all ages. Parents should read the speakers' biographies and use their discretion.

If you have any further questions, please call our office at 614-398-2292 or go to www.ColumbusCatholicWomen.com.

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LISA HENDEY

Lisa M. Hendey is an award winning author, speaker and missionary disciple. She is the bestselling author of *The Grace of Yes*, *The Catholic Mom's Prayer Companion*, *The Handbook for Catholic Moms* and *A Book of Saints for Catholic Moms* and the founder of *CatholicMom.com*.



OBIANUJU EKEOCHA

Obianuju (Uju for short) Ekeocha is an Internationally acclaimed pro-life speaker and strategist. She is the founder and president of *Culture of Life Africa*, an initiative dedicated to the promotion and defense of the African values of the sanctity of life, beauty of marriage, blessings of motherhood and the dignity of family life.



MATT & KRISTIN LABODA

Matt and Kristin Laboda are known for the miraculous faith-filled journey they took after their daughter almost tragically drowned. Both Matt and Kristin have been speaking to groups and sharing with others their experience of hope. God can work through miracles to not only express His love but bring people back into relationship with Him.



FR. IGNATIUS MAZANOWSKI, F.H.S.

Fr. Ignatius Mazanowski, F.H.S is a Franciscan Friar and is a founding member of the newly established order Franciscan Friars of the Holy Spirit whose mission is to serve those on the margins, including indigenous populations. Fr. Ignatius speaks on healing the heart from woundedness and gives retreats on God's Mercy, Forgiveness, and Healing.



Music by HIS OWN

Kara Klein, Marta Spears, and Christine Simpson make up *His Own*. These three friends who wanted to combine their love for Jesus, passion for music and desire to proclaim the joy of the feminine heart.

Schedule: February 17, 2018

7:00 Registration & Exhibit Hall Open	11:30 Lunch/Confession/Exhibit Hall Open
7:15 His Own Praise & Worship Music	1:00 Afternoon Speakers
8:00 Mass	3:25 Adoration/Benediction
9:15 Breakfast Break	4:30 Closing Remarks
9:45 Morning Speakers	

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Online Registration is available at www.ColumbusCatholicWomen.com

Mail-in Registration

Early Bird & Group registrations before January 21 are available ONLINE ONLY.

Name: _____
 Parish: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Early Fee (before 1/21/18)	# Attending
\$40/Participant(s)	_____
\$25/Student(s)	_____
\$0/Religious Sister(s)	_____
Total Amount:	_____

Lunch (please choose one (1) per person)

<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Sub	<input type="checkbox"/> Salad w/ Chicken
<input type="checkbox"/> Veggie Sub	<input type="checkbox"/> Veggie Salad
<input type="checkbox"/> GF Veggie Salad	<input type="checkbox"/> GF Salad w/ Chicken
<small>*GF=Gluten Free</small>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check for low-gluten host(s) for Mass	

Please Note:
 Tickets will be emailed to you or can be picked up at the door on the day of the conference.
 Complete and mail this form to:
 Lisa McKeivier, 242 Clark Dr., Circleville, OH 43113

Make checks payable to:
 Columbus Catholic Women's Conference

"Ask Jesus what he wants from you and be brave." Pope Francis

A CATHOLIC CHRISTMAS

BY DONNA KENDALL



And the love was for all time and the light was for all men.

Over the centuries since the birth of Jesus Christ and the institution of the Catholic Church much has been said about its exclusiveness, its restrictive doctrines, and its limitations. Yet, the very term “catholic” literally means *universal*, bearing the qualities of being inclusive and comprehensive. From the onset of Christianity, when Christ, the anointed one, came into the world, an invitation was sent out in the form of good news to come to Jesus, our Savior. This critical message, this invitation, was heralded from the very beginning, for in Luke chapter 2 we read: *“The angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you **good news of great joy that will be for all the people.** For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord.”* Luke 2:10

The Catholic faith, by its very nature, is not exclusive - on the contrary - it challenges each of its members to go out and proclaim the good news that Jesus is our Messiah, our Savior, and our Lord. From the very beginning, Christianity had an evangelical mission, and the Catholic Church continues to urge us to invite all the people to this wonderful faith.

A Catholic Christmas is not only a celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, it is an opportunity to evangelize at a time when the world is paying attention. There are more lights than usual. There is more goodwill which is evident. There are cards with good wishes, gifts exchanged, and a widespread opportunity to spread joy. These special practices provide a means to open the door for evangelization. We have an opportunity to be the shepherds in the Christmas scene.

“When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.’ So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds.” Luke 2:15-18

A Catholic Christmas provides us with a chance to revisit Bethlehem each year, *to go and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.* We attend Christmas services at church, we participate in reenactments of the Nativity, we become more prayerful, we turn to God, we turn toward the manger, we recognize our need to be saved through penance. We embrace the good news that God loves us

And then, like the shepherds, we make known the message that has been told to us about this child. There are ample ways to extend this invitation and to carry this message out into the world, particularly through acts of charity, to show our love for all. We can follow the example of the shepherds when they went back to their lives -

“Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.” Luke 2:20

A Catholic Christmas is not an exclusive holiday. It is a tremendous chance to invite everyone to the faith, to celebrate with us, and to hear the good news. It is a chance for us to show the world how we *glorify and praise God for all we have heard and seen.*

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