

MASS INTENTIONS



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| <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 |
| <u>Mon. Jan. 1</u> 10:00a | Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God +Erik Falasca (Mom & Dad) |
| <u>Tues. Jan. 2</u> 8:00a | Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen +Jim Baumann (Father Missimi) |
| <u>Wed. Jan. 3</u> 8:00a | The Most Holy Name of Jesus +Mike Vargo (Carol Kimball) |
| <u>Thurs., Jan. 4</u> 8:00a | St. Elizabeth Ann Seton +Louis Ruscilli (Family) |
| <u>Fri., Jan. 5</u> 8:00a | St. John Neumann +Betty Young (Family) |
| <u>Sat., Jan. 6</u> 8:00a 5:00p | St. Andre Bassette In Honor of the Holy Family (DiSante Family) +Alice Donnelly (Noreen & Deryll Rohda) |
| <u>Sun., Jan. 7</u> 8:30a 11:00a | The Epiphany of the Lord +Joe Grotenrath (Mary Jo Grotenrath) +Bambina Lombardi (Husband) |

Msgrs. Romano and Missimi, Deacons Baumann and Joseph and the parish staff extend to all of you best wishes for a Happy and Blessed New Year!

Our sincere thanks for your many cards and expressions of good wishes at Christmas. We thank the choir, those who decorated the church so nicely, the servers, lectors, ushers, and Eucharistic ministers.

We thank the children and those who prepared them so well for the 4:00pm Children's Liturgy. We thank all those who contributed in any way towards the beautiful celebration of the Birth of the Lord..

We thank you for making Our Lady of Victory Parish your spiritual home and for participating in its support. May the New Year bring you God's continued blessings and His peace.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Saturday, December 30-5:00pm

Sunday, December 31-8:30am & 11:00am

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Monday, January 1-10:00am

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, Dec. 31

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

Monday, Jan. 1

- 7:00a First Monday Eucharistic Adoration-CH
- 10:00a Mass-Church

Tuesday, Jan. 2

- 8:00a Mass-Church

Wednesday, Jan. 3

- 8:00a Mass-Church

Thursday, Jan. 4

- 8:00a Mass-Church
- 5:30p OLV Serves Dinner to Homeless-YWCA

Friday, Jan. 5

- 8:00a Mass-Church
- 8:00p First Friday Eucharistic Adoration-CH

Saturday, Jan. 6

- 8:00a First Saturday Mass-Church
- 5:00p Mass-Church

Sunday, Jan. 7-COFFEE & DONUTS FOLLOWING MASSES

- 8:30a Mass-Church
- 9:30a Religious Ed - All Grades
- 11:00a Mass-Church
- 12:00N Expectant Mothers' Blessing-Church
- 2:00p Baptism Class-PLC

| <i>Gifts for God</i> | | |
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| Dec. 16-17 | 115 Envelopes Rec'd; 811 issued | \$4,601.00 |
| | 33 Loose Checks | 3,451.00 |
| | Loose Cash | 677.00 |
| | 38 Automated Giving 12/10/17 | <u>4,210.00</u> |
| | Total | \$12,939.00 |
| <i>Thank you to all who support the work of God</i> | | |

There will be a blessing for all Expectant Mothers next Sunday, January 7 following the 11:00am Mass.

Donations for the 2017 Tax Year must be given to the church no later than 12/31/2017 or mailed to the church in an envelope postmarked no later than 12/31/2017.



The St Vincent de Paul Society wishes to thank **everyone** who participated in the ornament tree program this year. We were able to provide Christmas gifts and dinners to 13 families. The receiving families also want to extend their sincere thanks to all of you. It is very gratifying to know that all of us have made a big difference in the lives of these families by sharing God's love.

FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH EUCHARISTIC ADORATION will be held *Monday, January 1* at 7:00a in the Church. Arrive at 7:00a and stay through Mass or come for any portion.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: *Friday, January 5* is the First Friday of the month. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 8:00pm with the recitation of the rosary. Adoration will continue throughout the night and will close with Mass on Saturday at 8:00am.

THE MONTHLY BAPTISM CLASS is scheduled for *Sunday, January 7*. This is a mandatory class for all first time parents wishing to have their baby baptized at Our Lady of Victory.

COFFEE & DONUTS hosted by the Ushers will follow the 8:30 & 11:00am masses next *Sunday, January 7* in the Parish Life Center. All are welcome to attend!

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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

5:00p Saturday, January 6

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| Extraordinary Ministers: | Theresa Draher, Dorie Kirwin, Connie Leach, Christine Pirik, Harry Ritz |
| Lectors: | Beth Davin, Karin DeLaurentis |
| Servers: | Mario Bondy, Gracie Helfrich, Angelina Tose |
| Ushers: | Mark Krantz, Julia Krantz, Mike Ciccone, Joe Tose |

8:30a Sunday, January 7

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| Extraordinary Ministers: | Marsha Dieker, Pat Hadler, Dick Miller, Theresa Roman |
| Lectors: | James Herlihy, Karen Hutson |
| Servers: | Jack Mason, Jane Mason, Sarah Mason |
| Ushers: | John Frary, Anthony DiSante, Jim McCarthy, Leonard Barnes |
| Eucharistic Ministers To the Homebound: | Marsha Dieker, Pat Feamster, JoAnn Finke, Patty & Brent Jackson, Missy O'Malia |

11:00a Sunday, January 7

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| Extraordinary Ministers: | Marcia Bohley, John Frericks, Krista Joseph, Ron Kibbe, Kathy McKinney, Brenda Young |
| Lectors: | Ann Gabriel, Chad Gibson |
| Servers: | Audrey Ardoin, Ty Ardoin, Audrey Finrock |
| Ushers: | Nick Melaragno, Roy LeMaser, Joe Miller, USHER NEEDED |
| Collection Counters: | Wayne Kottman, Sean Stewart |

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, Geri Radivich. 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!

**No Religious Education classes today,
December 31st for all grades!**

Classes resume next Sunday, January 7th for all grades!

We will start off our year with lots of fun and excitement!

**Grades Pre-K through 5th grade will have
Epiphany parties in their classrooms**

**We will have the Blessing of the Chalk with Deacon Joseph
All children will come home with Blessed Chalk
and a prayer to bless your homes in the New Year!**

**Be sure to bring in your holy water bottles
to fill up for your home blessing!!**

**~At the 11:00 am mass,
"Three Kings" will be present so be sure to attend that mass~**

CHOSEN Program

6-8th grades will resume class on Sunday, January 7 at 9:40am

**8th grade will begin interviews
with Father Romano for Confirmation preparation!**

See you next Sunday!

**Mrs. Krista Joseph, DRE
Mrs. Pat Fulcher, Assistant**

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

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... become fishers of men
2018

FEBRUARY 24, 2018
Cardinal Hall • Ohio Expo Center
8:00am - 3:00pm

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CatholicMensMinistry.com

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- 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.

**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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- POPE FRANCIS



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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

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| 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 |
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| \$40/Participant(s) | _____ |
| \$25/Student(s) | _____ |
| \$0/Religious Sister(s) | _____ |
| Total Amount: | _____ |

Lunch (please choose one (1) per person)

Turkey Sub Salad w/ Chicken
 Veggie Sub Veggie Salad
 GF Veggie Salad GF Salad w/ Chicken
*GF=Gluten Free
 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



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

On December 31 we usher in the New Year with late night champagne, half-baked resolutions and epic movies. But in the midst of this activity the Church asks us to celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God; a feast day of epic proportions and fulfilled covenants, a dogma that sheds as much light on the nature of Christ as it does on the nature of His mother.

The Church has defined four dogmas pertaining to Mary. They include Mary, the mother of God, her perpetual virginity, Immaculate Conception, and her assumption into heaven. It is because of the first Marian dogma that she has been privileged with the other three. Therefore, it is essential to understand the meaning and implications of this doctrine before attempting to explain the more complicated and controversial Marian dogmas.

The doctrine of Mary as the mother of God finds its roots in the New Testament when the archangel Gabriel says to Mary, *“The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God”* (Lk 1:35). The Gospel of Matthew also affirms the doctrine in 1:23, *“Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel (which means, God with us)”*. This dogma was formally defined at the council of Ephesus in 431 when the Church gave Mary the official title *Theotokos* which literally means Christ-bearer.

An insufficient understanding of the Theotokos has caused some people think that if Mary is the mother of God, she must have somehow preceded God and given birth to Divine triplets. This vaguely resembles some pagan beliefs but it certainly is not the Christian understanding of Mary. In fact, this deduction shows a backwards approach the relationship between God and his mother. It is not Mary who entered eternity with the Incarnation; it is God who entered time. We can't elevate Mary to the level of creator because it was God who lowered Himself to be one of the creatures.

We have to ask ourselves, “If not the mother of God, then the mother of whom?” It is essential that we define what we mean by “nature” and “person” when we speak of Jesus being one person with two natures. Nature is the permanent structure of a being and the source of all activities of that being whereas Person defines the self-consciousness, rational being that answers the question “Who am I?” Put simply, nature is the source of actions, but person is responsible for them. In Jesus then there are two sources for His actions, one human and one divine, but it is His one person that manifests them. His relationship with His mother is like that of any mother/child relationship in that it is not nature-to-nature, person-to-nature, or nature-to-person. It is a person-to-person relationship. Just as we would never say, “My mother is the mother of my body,” so Jesus would never say it because Mary was not merely an incubator for a god-creature. John Paul II said, “Mary is the Mother of God’s Son, whom she virginally begot according to His human nature and raised with her motherly love, thus contributing to the human growth of the divine person who came to transform the destiny of mankind.”

When we honor Mary we are following the example of Jesus who honored His mother. Scott Hahn said that Jesus fulfilled every letter of the Law. The first of the Ten Commandments that pertain to one's neighbor is to honor one's mother and father. In Hebrew “to honor” means “to give glory”. It was not the Church that initiated the honor given to Mary; it was Jesus who bestowed great glory on her first.

Just as the New Year marks a time for new beginnings, so the feast of the Mother of God marks a new beginning for the world. History was split, the Old Covenant was fulfilled and we all became sons and daughters of God.

-This article used information from the books [Introduction to Mary, Theotokos: Woman, Mother, Disciple](#), and [Refuting the Attack on Mary](#).

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