

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Dec. 22 5:00pm	Late Advent Weekday +Margaret & Thomas J. Murray (Joseph F. Murray)
Sunday, Dec. 23 8:30am 11:00am	Fourth Sunday of Advent +Felice & Silvia Ciotola (Family) People of the Parish
Monday, Dec. 24 4:00pm 7:00pm 10:00pm	Christmas Eve +Gina Ginnetti (Corrado Sconciafurno) +Josephine Bertino (Cindy Byington) +Louis & Mary Ruscilli (Family)
Tuesday, Dec. 25 10:00am	The Nativity of the Lord +Levio & Helen Casasanta (Dtr. & Son-in-Law)
Wednesday, Dec. 26 8:00am	St. Stephen Living & Deceased Members of Mike & Michele Leach Families (Linda Groom)
Thursday, Dec. 27 8:00am	St. John +Mary Anne Ryan (Family)
Friday, Dec. 28 8:00am	The Holy Innocents +Bruno DiSante (Rita & Vincent DiSante)
Saturday, Dec. 29 5:00pm	St. Thomas Becket +Vince Hackney (Family)
Sunday, Dec. 30 8:30am 11:00am	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph In Honor of Our Lord & Blessed Mother (Elva & Armando Falasca) +Guido Covelli (Family)

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

10:00am Mass-Church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

8:00am Mass-Church

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:00am Mass-Church

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

8:00am Mass-Church

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

5:00pm Mass-Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

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

**CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19 7:00-8:00PM**

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Vigil: Monday, 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:
Tuesday, December 25 - 10:00am**

Monday, December 31-5:00pm

**New Year's Day:
Tuesday, 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.

- *Our Lady of Victory Mission Statement*

COMMUNITY NEWS

CHRISTMAS CATHOLIC CHARITIES COLLECTION: This annual collection allows the Diocese to meet a variety of basic needs directly and through Diocesan agencies and organizations, including J.O.I.N. (Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs), St. Stephen’s Community House, Catholic Social Services, St. Francis Center, St. Lawrence Haven, St. Vincent Family Center, and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. You can help share in this important work by generously supporting the Catholic Charities collection this year.

NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK IS JANUARY 6-12, 2019. This year’s theme is “Building Communities of Welcome,” which emphasizes the importance of proactively engaging immigrant and refugee communities and creating a culture of welcome that will assist in the integration process in our parishes and communities. For a parish tool kit, visit USCCB’s website at <https://justiceformigrants.org/2016site/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Final-NMW-Toolkit-2019.pdf>.

THE RESPECT LIFE MASS IS TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019, 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 decision *Roe v. Wade*, our we observe a nationwide Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. All are invited. For more information, contact Social Concerns at socmail-box@columbuscatholic.org or 614-241-2540.

ROE REMEMBRANCE AT THE OHIO STATEHOUSE: Greater Columbus Right to Life will sponsor this event **Tuesday, January 22, 2019,** 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 Statehouse security measures. Stickers, signs, and weapons are not permitted inside. For additional information, visit www.gctrl.org/roe.html.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

5:00pm SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29	
Extraordinary Ministers:	Theresa Draher, Lynn Early, Patti Olson, Christine Pirik, Harry Ritz
Lectors:	Katie Foley, David Ryan
Servers:	Mario Bondy, Lizzie Murray, Angelina Tose
Ushers:	Mitch Tobias, Laura Gilbert, Lindsey Lee
8:30am SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30	
Extraordinary Ministers:	Marsha Dieker, Rob & Crystal Dyckes, Dick Miller
Lectors:	Jackie Milsom, Joel Oles
Servers:	Jack Clifford, Freddie Keil, Allison O’Brien
Ushers:	Randy Harlor, Jeff Panuto, Mike Roman
Eucharistic Ministers Homebound:	Ann Cahalan, Anthony DiSante, Pat Hadler, Donna Rosenthal, Pete Stoeckinger
11:00am SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30	
Extraordinary Ministers:	Pat Feamster, Ann Gabriel, Ron Kibbe, Steven Meier, Rosemary Myers, Joy Russell
Lectors:	Amy O’Brien, David Russell
Servers:	Ty Ardoin, Emerson McGinnis, Charlie O’Connor
Ushers:	Nick Melaragno, Fred Lombardi, Tony Polletta, Mark McPherson
Collection Counters:	Barb Schofield, Donna McGrath

Elizabeth Rusnak, Irene Clay, Patricia Baumann, Reid Hudson, Jada Brady, Jake Koch, Casey Browning, Isabella Karst, Andrew Johnson, Frank Michael, Cynthia Carson, Gina Harrobin, John Magnacca, Olivia O’Brien, Sue and Sylvia Bender, Elizabeth Rossel, Brenda Martin, Katie Custer, Annabelle Marshall, Rosemary Studer, Joy Russell, Bill Guttliel, Nick Haring, Denisi Family, Rose Sliemers, Aaron Rieck, Teresa Ciotola, Andre Bond, Lovre Dzolic, Dannie Terrel, Bridget Lowe, Gina Sansotta, Dani Crabtree, John Lenhart, John & Joan Hamar, Anna Reed, Tayla Riddle, John & Rosemarie Mayhan, Betsy May, Michael H. Quinn, Geri Radivich, Marjorie Hall, Evan Decarlo, Jeff Panuto, Sam Troiano, Anneliese Rea, Tom Murphy, Susan Summers, Mary Ellen McKain, Ted Waterfield, Pat Jeany, Sam Troiano, Jr. Please remember in your prayers others who are not on this list. **(Please notify the parish office of any changes.)**



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Love Always!

Have respect for each other.
 If God chose me, He chose you.
 If He loves me, He loves you.
 If He trusts me, He trusts you.
 Never use ugly words for each other.
 Don't try to see what is bad.
 Find out what is nice about each other.

St. Teresa of Calcutta



A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS

*O sweet Child of Bethlehem,
 grant that we may share with all our hearts
 in this profound mystery of Christmas.
 Put into the hearts of men
 and women this peace
 for which they sometimes seek so desperately
 and which you alone can give to them.
 Help them to know one another better,
 and to live as brothers and sisters,
 children of the same Father.
 Reveal to them also your beauty,
 holiness and purity.
 Awaken in their hearts
 love and gratitude for your infinite goodness.
 Join them all together in your love.
 And give us your heavenly peace. Amen.*

-Pope St. John XXIII

**Deacon Joseph and I wish you a very Merry Christmas!
 May the Spirit of Christmas stay in your hearts all year long!**

**Blessings,
 Deacon Rob & Krista Joseph**

Classes Resume on Sunday, January 6th at normal times



In the Arms of Mary – by Simon Dewey

Christmas Prayer

My precious Lord, Jesus, I adore You with profound love
and rejoice in the celebration of Your birth.

Your love for us is unfathomable, it is glorious,
transforming, awe-inspiring, and deeply personal.

You chose to come and dwell among us,
being born into poverty, rejection and humility.

Yet Your mother knew whom she bore, her heart was filled
with the tenderest love, as she adored her Child and her God.

Help me, dear Lord, to come to love You with the heart of Your mother.

Invite me to adore You with St. Joseph and the poor shepherds.

Reveal to me the glorious power of Your birth and change my life
on account of this perfect gift of Yourself.

I love You, dear Lord Jesus. Help me to love You with all my heart.

Newborn Savior of the World, I trust in You.

Mother Mary and St. Joseph, pray for me and for all. Amen.