



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, December 17	
4:00 p.m.	Leo Thurn † - Fr. Droll
4:00 p.m. at Saint Ladislav – Fr. Lutz	
5:30 p.m. at Corpus Christi – Fr. Lutz	
SUNDAY, December 18	
9:00 a.m.	Dick Schneider † – Fr. Droll
11:30 a.m.	Dave Engle † – Fr. Droll
9:00 a.m. at Corpus Christi – Fr. Lutz	
11:00 a.m. at St. Ladislav – Fr. Lutz	
MONDAY, December 19	
8:15 a.m.	No Mass
TUESDAY, December 20	
5:30 p.m.	John “Jack” Phillips † – Fr. Emmanuel
6:30 p.m. at Saint Ladislav – Fr. Lutz	
WEDNESDAY, December 21	
5:30 p.m.	Celebrant Intention – Latin – Fr. Lutz
8:30 a.m. at Corpus Christi – Fr. Droll	
THURSDAY, December 22	
5:30 p.m.	Terry Thomas † – Fr. Droll
8:30 a.m. at Corpus Christi – Fr. Lutz	
FRIDAY, December 23	
8:15 a.m.	No Mass
Noon at Saint Ladislav – Fr. Droll	
SATURDAY, December 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE	
4:00 p.m.	Helen and Pat Russell † - Fr. Lutz
7:30 p.m.	John and Hilda Kulzer † - Fr. Lutz
Midnight	Frank McQuaid † - Fr. Lutz
4:00 p.m. and Midnight at Saint Ladislav – Fr. Droll	
5:30 p.m. and Midnight at Corpus Christi – Fr. Hope	
SUNDAY, December 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY	
10:00 a.m.	Terry Thomas † – Fr. Lutz
9:00 a.m. at Corpus Christi – Fr. Droll	
11:00 a.m. at St. Ladislav – Fr. Droll	

Note: Confession is heard ½ hour prior to each weekend Mass. Coffee and doughnuts are served following the Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass in the school gym.

Eucharistic Adoration each Tuesday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:20 p.m.

“SERMON ON THE AMOUNT”
“SERMON ON THE AMOUNT” – December 10-11, 2016
 Envelopes: \$6009.00
 Non-envelope donation: \$6144.64.00
 ECO donations: \$280.00 (weekly)
 Total offering: \$12433.64

Refresh them Lord, with your healing grace.
Please remember in your prayers:

Hospital, Nursing/Assisted Living facility:
 Dick Zollner, Toni Neal, Willbert Neal, Ruth Neal, Albert Petrikas

At home: Charles Walker, Sharon Kirby, Mary Sailor, Heidi Wooley, Donna Whitaker, Ed Season, Barbara Sullivan, Carla Palkuti, Patricia Sauer, Dan Hogan, Gail Hirn, Rosemarie Ritzer, Bill Lenkey, Karen Schlueb, Karen Finn, Lovre Dzolic, Foday Kenneh

If you are admitted to a hospital St. Mary may not be notified. Please ask a family member to call the parish office.

MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 12th

9:00 a.m. choir practice: Tuesday @ 6:30 p.m. – Specht Center
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 Weekly Scripture study: Thursday @ 6:30 p.m. – 2nd floor Burkley

DECEMBER BAPTISMS

Olmsted family, daughter, Caeli, December 17th

RCIA – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS
 Classes will be suspended for the Christmas and New Year break beginning this week. Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 4, 2017

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR SCHEDULE FOR ALL CATHOLIC CEMETERIES OF COLUMBUS

Sat., Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve - Regular Saturday hours – 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Sunday - Christmas Day – Closed. Monday - All offices are closed
 Sat., Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve - Regular Saturday hours – 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Sunday - New Year's Day – Closed. Monday - All offices are closed

HOMEBOUND VISITATION

If you know of someone that would like to be added to our list of homebound individuals please contact the parish office. Sister Leonardo visits every Thursday with Holy Communion.

CONFESSION

Father will hear Confessions following the Wednesday evening 5:30 p.m. Mass in the Saint Francis of Assisi Adoration Chapel.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SIGN UP SHEET

Liturgical ministers are needed for all of the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the back.

LITURGICAL/VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES for December 24-25, 2016 (4th Sunday of the Month)
Extraordinary Ministers are reminded to cleanse the vessels after each Mass

TIME	ALTAR SERVER	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	SACRISTAN
4:00 p.m.				
7:30 p.m.	PLEASE SEE THE SIGN UP SHEET ON THE TABLE TO SIGN UP FOR A CHRISTMAS EVE/CHRISTMAS DAY MASS			
Midnight				
10:00 a.m.				

❖ Prayers after Mass: following each Mass please kneel and prayer the following prayers: The Our Father, The Hail Mary, The Glory Be and the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel (see the back of your Missal for a copy of this prayer)

COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS: December 25 – No coffee and doughnuts **Pray for our men and women in uniform**

Collection counters for the 3rd Sunday of the month: Frances Melton and Lin Duren

Notes from the Pastor

So many positive responses to the theft of our "Holy Family" from the manger scene! -- Someone walked in the office and dropped off an envelope containing \$250. He said "Father will know what to do with this." The note accompanying this gift read "Father Lutz, I read of the theft of the manger display in the Columbus Dispatch. I hope this helps with its replacement. Merry Christmas !!!" We also received a call from a gentleman who presently lives in Colorado and has the original St. Mary Church iron-molded Baby Jesus from many years ago. He had rescued it from being disposed of at the time and thought it was time to return it to its home. It is beautiful. I'm sure you will all have the opportunity to see this historic piece of St. Mary's history over the Christmas Holidays. Also, a gentleman called and offered his Nativity Scene to the parish. He does not put it out anymore and would be honored to have us display it. So many signs of love toward St. Mary's Church and all its' people. In case you haven't heard, the "Holy Family" was returned by two parishioners who found it leaning against a fence a couple streets away. Thank you, Nancy and Jeanette, for delivering them back to us.

I would like to thank Father McNew for offering the use of Holy Cross Church for our Christmas Midnight Mass. Again, so much thoughtfulness!! I thanked Father and told him the parishioners from St. Mary would like to "tough it out" here at St. Mary's – it's home.

As you have no doubt noticed, the fencing is now up as a warning to all of the possible danger present near the church area. With this in mind, it is important that no one enters the church building at any time for any reason, except for official workers and engineers. For your safety and for insurance purposes this must be observed scrupulously. If something needs to be retrieved, contact Linda in the office.

Please keep Deacon Jerry Butts in your prayers. He recently broke his wrist--although it is healing--it is never fast enough, especially during this busy Advent/Christmas Season.

The Lord be with you!
Father Kevin F. Lutz

From the Cat at 684 S. Third Street:

Every now and then you see an old geezer step up and hit one out of the park. Well, I haven't lost my touch. I took out five ornaments on Father's Christmas tree. Two were just knocked on the floor; three were totally demolished. Feels good to know I still have the touch. If an ornament falls to the ground, breaks, and no one hears it, does the cat still get treats from Santa?

I am so happy. The Giving Tree of the parish did an outstanding job this year. Way overboard. Also an angel bought the many remaining Christmas trees and said, "Give them to the poor!" Saints still walks among us.

Raphael
Just Hanging Out With the Ornaments

News Worthy Notes

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

Please keep in mind that during Christmas and New Year weeks there will no 8:15 a.m. Mass on the following Mondays, December 19th, 26th, 2016 and January 2nd, 2017 and the following Fridays, December 23rd and 30th.

2017 CATHOLIC MAN OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

The Catholic Men's Luncheon Club is accepting nominations for the Diocese of Columbus 2017 Catholic Man of the Year. This annual award – to be presented by Bishop Frederick Campbell on Friday, February 3, 2017 at the Men's Luncheon - recognizes one lay man who, through his daily actions, words, and prayers, exemplifies the "good and faithful servant". Nominations will be accepted through December 29th. For details and nomination instructions, go to <http://www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc>. Completed nominations and supporting letters should be emailed to catholicmanoftheyear@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

The Christmas tree sale was again very successful with trees selling out before mid-December. Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus and the Saguisi family for spearheading this project.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA AND LOURDES

Father Stash Dailey, Pastor of Holy Family, invites you to join him on a Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes set for June 19-30, 2017. This pilgrimage will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Fatima. The program will also include visits to Lisbon, Santarem and Nazare in Portugal and Gavarnie and St. Jean de Luz in France. For details contact Liz Grinder at the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office at 1.877.276.7279, email to lourdespilgrimageoffice@comcast.net or visit www.lourdes-pilgrimage.com. Deadline for reservations is March 15, 2017.

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

- Christmas week: The parish office will close at noon at Thursday, December 22nd. The office will remain closed on Friday, the 23rd and Monday, the 26th. Regular office hours will resume Tuesday, December 27th.
- New Year week: The parish office will close at noon Friday, December 30th and will be closed on January 2nd. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 3rd.

"Grand Old Saint Mary's"

The phrase, "Grand Old Saint Mary's" is said to have arisen from the exchange of greetings between then assistant pastor Father Burkley and Columbus Mayor George Karb (1912-1919). They were said to frequently cross paths in the vicinity of Livingston and Third Streets, the location of "Schwartz's Castle", the home of Karb's good friend, Dr. Frederick W. Schwartz. Mayor Karb had coined the phrase "Good Old Columbus Town" as his standard greeting. Father Burkley is said to have responded with "Grand Old Saint Mary's". That phrase has endured to this day.

LATE CHRISTMAS DAY MASS: If you or someone you know is seeking a late Sunday Mass on Christmas Day because of work or other obligations, Saint Joseph Cathedral, 212 East Broad Street, Columbus, will be offering a late Christmas Day Mass at 5:15 p.m. as part of their regular Sunday Mass schedule. For more information call the Cathedral at (614) 224-1295, or visit www.saintjosephcathedral.org.

There are a million reasons to be distracted when we receive Communion. But what an opportunity we miss! Receiving Communion is really entering into communion with Jesus—it's not just an action; it is a key part of a relationship.
-from [A Eucharistic Christmas](#)