



WEEKLY MASS
SCHEDULE

	SATURDAY, November 25
4:00 p.m.	Deceased of the Ralph N. Mann family †
	SUNDAY, November 26
9:00 a.m.	For the People
11:30 a.m.	Bernadine R. Smith †
	MONDAY, November 27
No Mass	
	TUESDAY, November 28
5:30 p.m.	Robert Wood †
	WEDNESDAY, November 29
5:30 p.m.	Celebrant Intention – Latin Mass/EF
	THURSDAY, November 30
	Feast of Saint Andrew
5:30 p.m.	Patrick A. Thomas †
	FRIDAY, December 1 – First Friday
8:15 a.m.	For all Priest and Deacons
	SATURDAY, December 2 – First Saturday
9:00 a.m.	Norma Eckardt †
4:00 p.m.	For the People
	SUNDAY, December 3
9:00 a.m.	Saint Francis Xavier Society
11:30 a.m.	Celebrant Intention

Note: Confession is heard 1/2 hour prior to each weekend Mass.
Coffee and doughnuts are served following the Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Saint Francis of Assisi Chapel: Tuesday-9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Saint Francis of Assisi Chapel: Wednesday-7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF November 27th

Scouts: Tuesday @ 6:30 p.m. – Specht Center
Jordan Conference: Tuesday @ 8:00 p.m. – 2nd floor Burkley
RCIA: Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m. 2nd floor Burkley
9:00 a.m. Choir Practice: Wednesday @ 6:00 p.m. – Specht Center
Scripture Study: Thursday @ 7:00 p.m. – 2nd floor Burkley

“SERMON ON THE AMOUNT”
“SERMON ON THE AMOUNT” – November 18-19, 2017

Envelopes: \$3007.00
Non- envelope donation: \$1093.00
ECO donations: \$1882.00 (weekly, bi-weekly, 15th)
Total offering: \$5982.00

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, Baby Ryann Shaw, Barbara Sullivan

At home: Sharon Kirby, Mary Sailor, Barbara Sullivan, Carla Palkuti, Patricia Sauer, Dan Hogan, Gail Hirn, Karen Schluab, Foday Kenneh, Albert Petrikas, Joel Rivera, Denise Gammell, Robert Ressa, Tammy Littler, Pat Quickert, Brett Anderson

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

SSCM PANTRY-ITEM FOR NOVEMBER....the items needed for the month of November are **canned soup and stew**. Please drop your donation off throughout the month. We will have a basket marked “food pantry” in the gymnasium for your donations.

BAPTISMS IN NOVEMBER

November 25, Reed family, son, Gabe
November 25, Sapp family, son, Sullivan

RCIA: The topic this week is *Mary: Our Model, Our Mother*. Are you interested in helping guide those inquiring about the Church as a sponsor, God parent or just interested in helping? Feel free to call Mike Keebaugh at 614-323-6715 or email mjk18@att.net.

ADOPT A FAMILY...will once again be providing toys and food for a number of families in our parish and school this Christmas. Please prayerfully consider participating this year and sharing the joy of Christmas with others. To participate, pick an “ornament” from the Christmas tree at the back of the church. Purchase the requested gift or gift card (Suggested gift amount is \$30 or less) and attach the “ornament” with the gift information to the gift. Please do not wrap the gift (gift bags are ok). Return to the Giving Tree no later than Sunday, December 10th.

JORDAN CONFERENCE.....the next quarterly Jordan Conference is scheduled for Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be held on the 2nd floor Burkley Center for parents who wish to have a child baptized. Please contact the parish office at 614-445-9668 or email Ann at ann@stmarygv.org to confirm your attendance

SCRIPTURE STUDY...for the next 3-4 weeks Scripture study will focus on the readings from Advent. Classes will be held every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. beginning this week.

BANNS of MARRIAGE

Ryan James Goff and Hillary Lynn Kessler
December 16, 2017 @ Saint Leo

LITURGICAL/VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES for December 2-3, 2017 (1st 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.	open	Chad Willett	Albert Rose	
	open	Mike McConahay	Miles Drake	open
9:00 A.M.	Stuart Landry	Brian Collins	Jack Auer, Mary Gerlach	
	open	Jillian Lehosit	Mike Gerlach, Don Metnes	Karen Trifonoff
11:30 A.M.	Sean Price	open	open	
	Nick Dempsey	open	Linann Duren	David Larsen

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 3 – Lori Jander

Pray for our men and women in uniform

Collection counters for the 1st Sunday of the month: Frances Melton and Beverly Walker

Notes from the Pastor

It is time again for the beautiful St. Andrew Novena. I have included it in my column for your convenience.

St. Andrew Novena

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayers and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.

This beautiful novena, which is over 100 years old, is begun on St. Andrew's feast day (Nov. 30th) and ends on Christmas Eve. Unlike other novenas, this one is prayed not once a day, but 15 times a day.

Thanksgiving is history, except for the leftovers and the belt adjustment. Now comes' Advent and the Holy season of Christmas to follow. Simplicity is a good rule to follow. Be mindful of those in true need. The Giving Tree in the school lobby has some wonderful suggestions.

The Lord be with you!

Fr. Kevin Lutz

From the Old Oak Tree ...

I'm still holding onto a few leaves; it's an oak thing. Soon there will be a great array of Christmas trees for sale on the front lawn of the school. Nothing brightens up a room like a fresh cut tree. And the sales support the school. Buy an extra tree for a needy family. Christmas trees are often the brightest memories of Christmas, even if the gifts are small and few.

Be sure and stop at the Jubilee Museum, 57 South Grubb Street, and see the nearly 300 Nativity sets from all around the world. If you have a nativity set you are not using, please consider donating it and let it be enjoyed by hundreds of visitors for many years. Children are invited to count the sets and receive a prize.

The Old Oak Tree

News Worthy Notes

SAINTS PETER & PAUL RETREAT CENTER PRESENTS

The Precious Present ADVENT...a time to pray and reflect on God's *GENEROUS GIFTS* to each of us. This event is set for Sat, Dec. 16th from 9:00am-11:30am. The cost is \$20.00 and includes Continental breakfast. Facilitator: Sr. Louis Mary Passeri. Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center is located at 2734 Seminary Rd. SE Newark, OH 43056. Deadline to register is Monday, Dec. 11th. Register by calling: 740.928.4246 or email info@stspeterandpaulretreatcenter.org or register online at www.stspeterandpaulretreatcenter.com

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

On Dec 3rd come out and support the School and the Knights while taking in all the sights and sounds of German Village Lights. The tree sale will be open from 10am - 10pm. Snacks will be for sale to support our 8th grade class trip to Washington, DC. The Saint Mary Bell Choir (weather depending) will either be outside under a tent or inside the School Gymnasium from 4-6 pm. Either way warm your heart to the tones of the St. Mary Bell Choir!

NOVEMBER 28 IS GIVING-TUESDAY: A day of global giving following days that are often marked with increased spending (Black Friday & Cyber Monday). Donors are encouraged to support the social services works of the Diocese by making a special gift that day on our website: www.columbuscatholic.org/givingtuesday. Visit the [website](http://www.columbuscatholic.org), or contact Erin Neal at the Diocesan Development Office, 614-241-2550, x-1405, eneal@columbuscatholic.org, for more information.

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 29th. 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.

CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON CLUB EVENT

The next Catholic Men's Luncheon Club will feature a talk by our newly ordained priest, Fr. Daniel Olvera, Parochial Vicar, Knox-Licking Consortium of Catholic Churches. Please join us Friday, December 1st at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for Fr. Olvera's talk about his journey to the priesthood. Holy Mass begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch and Fr. Olvera's talk until about 1:00 p.m. No reservations are necessary. \$10 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! For information on Catholic Men's Luncheons, visit www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc or contact George Harvey, CMLC President at George.Harvey@TVSSOhio.com.

PLEASE MAKE A DONATION TO THE 2018 SAINT MARY GALA & AUCTION!

The auction boasts hundreds of amazing items, baskets, services, trips, event tickets and so much more! But the committee cannot pull this off without donations from loyal supporters like you! While you are doing your Christmas shopping this year, consider purchasing an extra item and donating it to be placed up for bid at the gala's auction. Highly sought after items include the latest gadgets, attraction and event tickets, wine, spa services, fun and unique basket of goodies, gift certificates to just about anywhere, and of course we love our local goodies from right here in German Village! Feel free to show off your own business or that of someone you know! Donating to the auction is a great way to advertise, as all of our donors are listed in the event program and at various times on social media. Remember all donations to the gala are tax-deductible. To find out more visit: <https://stmaryv.ejoinme.org/gala2018>

"Grand Old Saint Mary's" - Thanksgiving Tradition of the Past

Thursday, most of us enjoyed a day with friends and relatives over a traditional meal of turkey and dressing. Another "Thanksgiving" tradition begun in the 1920's ended with the closing of St. Mary's High School in 1968. This tradition was the annual Thanksgiving Day football game between the high school and an alumni team made up of stars from previous years. On Thanksgiving afternoon a parade of students, alumni and friends formed at the school, and led by decorated floats and cars carrying the Homecoming queen and her court, proceeded to the field of play. The game usually took place at South, Central or East High School fields. The High School team was usually at a disadvantage because many of the alumni had gone on to impressive football careers in college. Some of the alumni teams are especially hard-nosed, like the 1948 alumni team made up of nine returning World War II veterans, led by Billy Casey, Carl Kellerman and Wally Scholl. The wounds were all patched up in time for the "Homecoming" dance held in the Grand Ballroom of the Neil House. The dance was presided over by the Homecoming Queen. Three of these queens were Bernice Scheibeck (1940), Dorothy Carroll (1941), and Joan Morrill (1955).