



WEEKLY MASS
SCHEDULE

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| SATURDAY, December 9 | |
| 4:00 p.m. | John C. Marshman † |
| SUNDAY, December 10 | |
| 9:00 a.m. | For the People |
| 11:30 a.m. | Jason McCreedy † |
| MONDAY, December 11 | |
| No Mass | |
| TUESDAY, December 12 | |
| <i>Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> | |
| 5:30 p.m. | Father Kevin Lutz |
| WEDNESDAY, December 13 | |
| <i>Saint Lucy</i> | |
| 5:30 p.m. | Norma Eckardt † – Latin Mass/EF |
| THURSDAY, December 14 | |
| <i>Saint John of the Cross</i> | |
| 5:30 p.m. | Deceased of the Ralph N. Mann family † |
| FRIDAY, December 15 | |
| 8:15 a.m. | Sharon Wentzel † |
| SATURDAY, December 16 | |
| For the People | |
| SUNDAY, December 17 | |
| 9:00 a.m. | Deceased of the Ralph N. Mann family † |
| 11:30 a.m. | Roma Brown † |

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

MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF December 11th

Knights of Columbus: Monday @ 7:00 p.m. – Burkley 2nd floor
Scouts: Tuesday @ 6:30 p.m. – Specht Center
9:00 a.m. Choir Practice: Wednesday @ 6:00 p.m. – Specht Center
Scripture Study: Thursday @ 7:00 p.m. – 2nd floor Burkley

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.

“SERMON ON THE AMOUNT” – December 2-3, 2017

Envelopes: \$6095.00
Non-envelope donation: \$773.00
ECO donations: \$2027.00 (weekly, biweekly, 1st)
Total offering: \$8895.00

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, Barbara Sullivan

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

*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 DECEMBER...the items needed for the month of December are **canned soup (all varieties)**. Please drop your donation off throughout the month. We will have a basket marked “food pantry” in the gymnasium for your donations.

BAPTISMS IN DECEMBER

December 9th: Lanning family, son, Carter
December 17th: Ende family, daughter, Anya
December 23rd: Nettis family, daughter, Louise

RCIA: The RCIA class will visit the Jubilee Museum this week prior to resuming their weekly meetings. 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 mjki8@att.net.

ADOPT A FAMILY...thank you to everyone who once again made our Adopt-a-family program a success. Gifts are due this weekend but once again if you haven't had a chance to purchase your gift/gift card yet you can drop off gift to the Parish office throughout the week during regular business hours. Deadline for gifts is *Friday, Dec. 15th*. Please do not wrap the gift (gift bags are ok).

SAINT MARY SCHOOL...is seeking Box Top\$ and Coke Reward codes to help purchase new rugs for our classrooms. To learn about these two programs visit bfe.com and us.cocacola.com/give
Turn in deadline is December 15th.

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

There are still trees left on the school grounds. Hours of operation are week days Monday-Thursday 4:00 – 8:00 p.m., Friday 4:00- 10:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. and Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Proceeds from this event support the School and the Knights of Columbus.

2018 CALENDARS: please pick up your new 2018 calendar found at the back of Church. Calendars provided by Maeder-Quint.

LITURGICAL/VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES for December 16-17, 2017 (3rd 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 | John LaMotte | Carol Rees | |
| | open | John Rees | Chris Hilles | Barbara Myers |
| 9:00 A.M. | Andrew Grosko | Rick Driscoll | Sheila Naegele, Carolyn Redwood | |
| | open | open | Trevor Richards, Mary Wickham | Mark Grosko |
| 11:30 A.M. | Anna Lynch | Chris Bartony | Ann Anderson | |
| | open | Jimmy Wiley | open | open |

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 17 – Knights of Columbus

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

In your charity please pray for Roma Brown, a celebrated teacher. Her funeral was held last week at St. Leo's. May she rest in peace. I gave her the Last Rites at Kobacher House. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Joan Glockner, mother of Peggy Hartshorn. Joan's funeral was offered at St. Patrick's by her grandson, Father Charlie Shonk, O.P. May she rest in peace. We had last minute notice of the unexpected death of Jason McCreedy due to an auto accident. Jason is a dear friend of the Willhite/Jander family. May he rest in peace.

- Interesting moment of the week # 1:

I was on a sick call when 5 year old twins came to visit their grandmother. They were very animated as they told what they had learned in school with such excitement you might have thought that they were eye-witnesses. They talked about Adam and Eve. They were talking so quickly and adding to each other's narrative that details were a bit "modified." Here are the facts: Adam and Eve got in trouble for eating an apple tree. Then they were naked so they had to make leaves out of their clothes. Art Linkletter was right: "*Kids Say the Darndest Things*".

- Interesting moment of the week # 2

An anonymous kind soul saw me at Kroger's where I had gone to get a gift certificate for a family in need. That kind soul was buying dozens of cards for senior citizens and she pulled from her stack of gift certificates two cards worth a hundred dollars each, nor would she take my money. The school office was surprised when I returned with the original money and \$200 in gift certificates. These are the wonderful things that will be brought up at the Final Judgement.

The Lord be with you!

Fr. Kevin Lutz

A Message from The Church, AKA, Grand Old St. Mary's . . .

I am new guest columnist for the parish bulletin. The cat has used up his legendary nine lives, the tree is hibernating, the dove has flown, but I am here and am on the vigil of my 150th birthday. I have been learning, watching and housing all God's children for a long time. So many pastors, people, Masses, happy times and sad times. So first I want to thank you for not giving up on me. Many people want to tear down old buildings. I've had a rough patch over the last few years, but your vote of confidence means a lot. You take care of me and I will take care of you. I've noticed that a few of you have knee and hip replacements. I'm getting a similar treatment with some metal supports to hold up my roof, which is quite a few tons! Especially, considering they were putting new layers over old ones. That was a little more than I was able to bear.

I was glad during the Village Lights when many people came in to look around. Several took the hard hat tour and looked at my momentary poor condition. It was good to hear that people could see past the damage to the full potential that I still offer. In the long run, I am the least expensive item here. The real cost is staff, utilities, insurance. I will be a good steward of your investment. In future columns I will tell you about myself from foundation stones to the top of the tower.

Grand Old St. Mary's
Your Friendly Neighborhood Church

News Worthy Notes

YOUR SPOUSE WILL THANK YOU!

Give thanks and plan now to attend a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend! The next weekend is February 16-18, 2018 in central Ohio. For more information or to apply, contact Paul & Marilou Clouse at 614-834-6880 or visit our website at www.wwmecolumbus.org

SSCM FOOD PANTRY CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS

The food pantry hopes to distribute food gift cards to our clients the week before Christmas. Most of the costs have been covered ... but we are still in need of additional funds. If you would like to donate to this project, please let Mary Kelly Minner know. (614.404.0817.)

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

Please pick up a bulletin this week which includes a Gala/Auction donation form. 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://stmarygv.ejoinme.org/gala2018>

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4-CLUB Ladies Auxiliary's Annual Children's Christmas party, December 10th 2:00-4:00 p.m. Children 10 and under are invited. Parents need to sign up children in person at the Club.
- Day of Recollection for Woman of the Diocese – December 16th at Holy Family Catholic Church, 584 W. Broad St.
- Catholic Women's Conference-February 17, 2018
- Catholic Men's Conference-February 24, 2018

CATHOLIC CONVERSATIONS: REVELATION

A Catholic Perspective presented by Fr. Jeff Rimelspach on Sunday, Dec. 10 6-8pm at Sports on Tap, Upper room, 4030 Main St. Hilliard Join us as we explore the often misunderstood Book of Revelation. Revelation was not an apocalyptic prophecy for 21st century Christians but was written to encourage those enduring persecution. It is full of symbolism and code words or names to hide the real message from the persecutors of those who would understand what the author is writing about. It can be a great source of encouragement and solace for those enduring persecution, illness or the trials of life. The Book of Revelation is not a prophecy of some future or imminent return of Christ. It is a symbolic record of the victory of the Church over the world of evil especially during the days of the Roman Empire. Hosted by St. Margaret of Cortona, you are invited to join us for an evening of conversation on current topics, teachings, and social issues all from a Catholic perspective. There is NO COST to attend we just ask that you pay for any food or drink you order. We purposefully meet at a public space so we can bring our faith and conversation into the world. To register, visit Event Brite and search for Catholic Conversations. For Questions, contact Julie Naporano 614-205-3727

"Grand Old Saint Mary's"

Remembering Our Teachers-Maureen Massa Blackburn As we approach the Christmas holidays, with the impending release of the "little rascals" for Christmas vacation, it seems appropriate to pause and wish our school faculty, and staff a Merry Christmas. The grade school has always been a priority in the parish harkening back to our founding by Father Specht in 1865. The first building constructed was the school building, now called the Specht Center. The devotion of our pastors and teachers to the success of our parish school has always been an integral part of the success of the parish. One of these teachers was Miss Maureen Massa (later Blackburn) who came to St. Mary's after graduation from Ohio Dominican College in the early 1970's. She was our second grade teacher until 1987. Mrs. Blackburn was the first teacher from the Diocese of Columbus to be named a national Catholic teacher of the year. In 1986, she received the Miriam Joseph Farrell Award from the National Catholic Education Association. She said her philosophy stresses nurturing children and helping them develop positive self-esteem. "It is too fragile to be neglected. A teacher can provide a student with a secure academic foundation, but it is the tender acknowledgement of an individual's self-worth that ensures a child will blossom into a productive adult." This tradition continues in our faculty and staff to this day.