



WEEKLY MASS  
SCHEDULE

	<b>SATURDAY, December 16</b>
4:00 p.m.	For the People
	<b>SUNDAY, December 17</b>
9:00 a.m.	Deceased of the Ralph N. Mann family †
11:30 a.m.	Roma Brown †
	<b>MONDAY, December 18</b>
No Mass	
	<b>TUESDAY, December 19</b>
5:30 p.m.	Celebrant Intention
	<b>WEDNESDAY, December 20</b>
5:30 p.m.	Deacon James T. Schlund † – Latin Mass/EF
	<b>THURSDAY, December 21</b>
	Saint Peter Canisius
5:30 p.m.	Robert Wood †
	<b>FRIDAY, December 22</b>
No Mass	
	<b>SATURDAY, December 23</b>
4:00 p.m.	For the People
	<b>SUNDAY, December 24</b>
	Christmas Eve
10:00 a.m.	Living/deceased of the Kulzer/Wind families
4:00 p.m.	Helen and Pat Russell †
Midnight	Eleanor M. Lewis †

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 18<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. Choir Practice: Wednesday @ 6:00 p.m. – Specht Center  
RCIA: Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m. – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Burkley  
Scripture Study: Thursday @ 7:00 p.m. – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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

**“SERMON ON THE AMOUNT” – December 9-10, 2017**

Envelopes: \$5689.00  
Non-envelope donation: \$2667.64  
ECO donations: \$300.00 (weekly)  
Total offering: \$8656.64

**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, 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, 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 17<sup>th</sup>: Ende family, daughter, Anya  
December 23<sup>rd</sup>: Nettis family, daughter, Louise

**RCIA:** The topic for this week is *The Sacrament of Baptism*. RCIA class will break for the Christmas/New Year holiday. Classes will resume on January 10, 2018. 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](mailto:mjk18@att.net).

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLEDGE PACKETS**

The past two weekend’s committee members have been at the rear of Church distributing the Capital Campaign pledge packets. This packet will provide you with critical information regarding our ongoing restoration campaign. This weekend there will be a table in the back with the packets along with a sign- up sheet. Your acknowledgement of receipt allows us to track those parishioners who have already received this information. If you are unable to obtain your packet at Church please contact the parish office and we will make other arrangements.

**PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS**

Parish office hours for the Christmas/New Year holiday are as follows:

- Christmas: the office will be closed on Friday, 12/22, Christmas Day and the day after Christmas, 12/26.
- New Year: the office will close at noon on Friday, 12/29, New Year Day and the day after New Year, 1/2

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS**

- The 13th annual Saint Mary Gala-February 17, 2018
- Catholic Women’s Conference-February 17, 2018
- Catholic Men’s Conference-February 24, 2018

**UPDATES ON STATUS OF RESTORATION**

To stay abreast of the ongoing progress of our Restoration please visit [www.stmarygvcampaign.org](http://www.stmarygvcampaign.org)

**LITURGICAL/VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES for December 23-24, 2017 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month)**  
**Extraordinary Ministers are reminded to cleanse the vessels after each Mass**

TIME	ALTAR SERVER	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	SACRISTAN
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*See Father’s comments below. Liturgical ministers needed for all listed Masses*

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: on hiatus until January 7, 2018**

**Pray for our men and women in uniform**

Collection counters for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month: Frances Melton and Lin Duren

**Notes from the Pastor**

In your charity please pray for the soul of Kathleen Bryant, 55, graduate of Bishop Watterson and sister of Karen & Rich Finn. Her funeral was celebrated at Mother of Sorrows Chapel last Friday. May she rest in peace. Please also pray for Jason McCreedy, 42, who died in a tragic motorcycle accident. Jason was a close friend of parishioners Lori Jander and Trent Willhite. May he rest in peace. Word was received in the past hour that Gail Hirn passed away this morning, Wednesday. Gail and Bill "Chip" are long time parishioners of Saint Mary. Arrangements are pending. May she rest in peace.

We are in full gear for the restoration of our church. I am more excited about the efforts to restore our church as we march along. Please look on this as one of the most enduring gifts of your life. Please be as generous and prompt as you can. If you are interested in a hard-hat tour, please call the office and I will be glade to arrange it for you.

With the Holy Day of Christmas being on a Monday, here is a suggested schedule of Mass attendance for the weekend and Monday.

**For Sunday Obligation:**

- Saturday, at 4:00 p.m. December 23rd you may attend Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent.
- On Sunday, December 24th there will only be one Mass in the morning at 10:00 a.m. (there will be NO 9:00 and 11:30 a.m.) This Mass will be for Sunday, not for Christmas.

**For Christmas Obligation:**

- Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> there will be a 4:00 p.m. (our Christmas Family Mass)
- There will be 2 midnight Masses:
  - 1) An English Mass in the gym with Fr. P.J. Shelton, son of the parish, celebrating it. (There will be Christmas hymns beginning at 11:30 p.m.)
  - 2) A Latin Solemn High Mass at St. Leo

**Monday, Christmas Day:**

- 7:00 a.m. - Latin in Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. - English in gym

The Lord be with you!  
Father Kevin Lutz

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

I'm more anxious to be the place of worship than you are to get out of the gym. I was made to be the temple of the living God. I have my stress points, but with your help, I'll be better than before. Let's see how your memory is of my interior.

Trivia Test:

- How many statues were inside the church?
- How many angels were in the alcove behind the altar?
- How many hanging chandeliers in the church?
- How tall is my tower?
- How tall is my Deacon Minner?

Ready to Stand for Another 150 Years,  
Grand Old St. Mary's

**News Worthy Notes**

**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.)

**DEBT REDUCTION UPDATE**

The parish debt, which was at \$423,000.00 upon the arrival of Father Lutz had been totally paid off. This is another milestone in our restoration. The last payment of \$186,000.00 was delivered to the diocese this past Monday. Praise be to God.

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

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

**"Lord, I Hate Buttermilk" A modern parable**

*A visiting Priest was attending a men's breakfast in Ohio farm country. He asked one of the impressive older farmers in attendance to say grace that morning. After all were seated, the older farmer began . . .*

*"Lord, I hate buttermilk."*

*The Priest opened one eye and wondered to himself where this was going.*

*Then the farmer loudly proclaimed, "Lord, I hate lard."  
Now the Priest was overly worried.*

*However without missing a beat, the farmer prayed on, "And Lord, you know I don't care much for white flour."  
Just as the Priest was ready to stand and stop everything, the farmer continued,*

*"But Lord, when you mix 'em all together and make 'em up, I do love fresh biscuits."*

*"So Lord, when things come up we don't like, when life gets hard, when we just don't understand what you are sayin' to us, we just need to relax and wait 'till You are done mixin', and probably it will be somethin' even better than biscuits."*

*Amen.*

**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 29<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:catholicmanoftheyear@gmail.com).

*Have you ever been surrounded by a whirlwind of activity, perhaps in the midst of family and friends, and felt a sudden whoosh of deep contentment? This is what Pope Francis refers to as a "joyful peace." It's the swirling flow of a dance, the soaring notes of a symphony. Too often when we imagine peace, we think that it needs to be perfect stillness. When we reflect on the life of Jesus in the Gospels, we realize he was almost always in motion: walking, preaching, teaching, healing, eating, and drinking. Even when he went off to deserted places to pray, one imagines that he was in an active communion with his Father – from *The Joy of Advent: Daily Reflections from Pope Francis* by Diane M. Houdek*