



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

	SATURDAY, December 29
4:00 p.m.	Janet Otto McEvoy †
	SUNDAY, December 30
9:00 a.m.	Mary Ann Rea †
11:30 a.m.	For the People
	MONDAY, December 31
	No Mass
	TUESDAY, January 1
	NEW YEAR'S DAY
	<i>The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord</i>
	<i>Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God</i>
10:00 a.m.	Celebrant Intention
	WEDNESDAY, January 2
	<i>Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen</i>
5:30 p.m.	No Mass - Latin Mass
	THURSDAY, January 3
5:30 p.m.	No Mass
8:30 a.m.	FRIDAY, Jan. 4 – First Friday
	<i>Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton</i>
	No Mass
	SATURDAY, January 5 – First Saturday
9:00 a.m.	Celebrant Intention
4:00 p.m.	For the People
	SUNDAY, January 6
9:00 a.m.	Brother Gerald Warner †
11:30 a.m.	Don Hutchinson †

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

WEEKLY MEETINGS:

Adoration: Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Chapel
RCIA: Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Specht Center-Christmas Break

BAPTISMS IN DECEMBER/JANUARY

December 29: Herrera/Plata family, daughter, Martina
January 19: Wohrer family, daughter, Gracie

SERMON ON THE AMOUNT – December 22-23-24-25, 2018

Envelopes: \$6314.69
Non-envelope donation: \$2956.00
ECO donations: \$300.00 (weekly)
Total offering: \$9570.69

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

Hospital, Nursing/Assisted Living facility:

Toni Neal, John Fetherolf, Maryann Hoblit-Prager, Albert Petrikas, Frank Wickham

At home: Sharon Kirby, Mary Sailor, Carla Palkuti, Patricia Sauer, Dan Hogan, Karen Schluhe, Foday Kenneh, Joel Rivera, Denise Gammell, Robert Ressa, Tammy Littler, Brett Anderson, Shirley Thibaut, Dan Fandrey, Danny Campbell, Yvonne Brennan, Ed Quickert

*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 JANUAR.... The items needed for the month of January are **toiletries (toothpaste, deodorant, soap, etc.)**. Please drop your donation off throughout the month. We will have a basket marked "food pantry" in the gymnasium for your donations. If you are interested in helping with this ministry... please contact Mary Kelly Minner at mkelly294@yahoo.com or cell: 614.404.0817.

ADORATION SCHEDULE

There will be no Adoration on Tuesday's during the Christmas/New Year Holiday. We will resume Tuesday Adoration on Jan. 8th.

JUBILEE MUSEUM CHRISTMAS DISPLAY

Visit the Jubilee Museum throughout the Advent/Christmas season up through Jan. 6th for the annual Christmas display. 440+ Nativity scenes, Dickens Village, model train displays, lights, trees and so much more. Christmas hours: Mon-Sat 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Sun 1:00-4:00 p.m. Visit jubileemuseum.org

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Day: 10:00 a.m. – gym. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

There will be no 5:30 p.m. Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of this week. The 8:30 a.m. Friday Mass has also been cancelled.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DONATIONS/PLEDGE PAYMENTS

If you drop your Capital Campaign payment in the offertory collection baskets please mark it clearly for Capital Campaign. Thank you

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

NEW YEAR: The office will be closed on Dec. 31, Jan. 1 and 2 and will reopen for regular hours on Jan. 3.

REMINDER: As we approach the end of the year please remember to alert the parish office of any changes to your address or phone number so that we can update your parish record prior to mailing year end statements.

LITURGICAL/VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES for JANUARY 5-6, 2019 (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	open	Rose Albert	
	open	Mike McConahay	Miles Drake	Barbara Myers
9:00 A.M.	Stuart Landry	Brian Collins	Mary Gerlach	
	open	Jillian Lehosit	Mike Gerlach, Don Metnes	Karen Trifonoff
11:30 A.M.	Sean Price	Nancy Jones	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: January 6 – Mark and Sandra Grosko **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

Happy New Year (almost). The final hours of 2018 are before us and another year soon begins. Every moment is a grace from God. Dates and time mean very little in the Divine Plan. Now is always the acceptable time to turn to Our Lord and repent.

There will be one Mass on New Year's Day at 10:00 AM. Other churches, especially the Cathedral, have a variety of times. Every blessing be yours in the next spiritual journey. Please keep me in your prayers as you are in mine.

The office will be closed on December 31, January 1-2.

It is the day after Christmas as I write this. It is the Feast of St. Stephen, the first martyr of the church. The workers are back on the job. The roof looks very close to being done. Many details are added each week in the church, from wood door frames to borders, as well as things that are out of sight such as wiring and plumbing. More rescued bushes are available for the taking in front of the rectory - they are the ones that were in front of the parish center. Remember, they are dormant now, so it is a good time to take a few for your yard. If anyone is interested in the large wooden flower box behind the rectory (the one that is about ten feet long), feel free to take it. You can even leave the dirt on the grassy area behind the rectory, if that will make it easier to transport.

It's about 103 days until we re-enter the church for good. It was great to have Ed Quickert check out the church today and pronounced that it was far greater than he hoped it would be. It is also good to have both Ed and Frank Wickham back after both of them did stints in the hospital. Their work with the Alumni and the history of St. Mary's is priceless.

Be holy on New Years (as well as at all times)!

The Lord be with you!

Fr. Kevin Lutz

News Worthy Notes

RESPECT LIFE MASS

Join us for the annual Respect Life Mass on Tuesday, January 22, 2019, 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad Street. Bishop Campbell will serve as main celebrant. On this day of the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision *Roe v. Wade*, our diocese will join all dioceses of the United States in observing a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. All are invited. For more information contact the diocesan Office for Social Concerns at socmailbox@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 1:00 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.gcrtl.org/roe.html.

TUTORS NEEDED: for adults seeking basic education skills, GED preparation or English as a Second Language. The Dominican Learning Center will hold its next Tutor Training Workshop on Saturday, January 19 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at 1111 E. Stewart Avenue. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age and be a high school graduate. Teaching materials are free to tutors. To register please call 614-444-7330 ext. 1 or email DLCColumbus@oppeace.org to sign up. For additional information visit www.domlearningcenter.org

MEDITATIONS: Christmas has come and gone and most of us are more than ready to slow down the pace and have our lives return to "normal." Now, we are back to the hectic grind of go, go, go and do, do, do. It's very sad that in our society where we are blessed with so much, our quality of life suffers when it comes to real family life. We don't have enough time for each other. We are too busy. The Walton's Show reruns are still very popular because we love to look back at the simple times...the joys and pains of working together in daily life. The same can be said for Little House on the Prairie reruns. Very often, the struggles of everyday life brought the greatest joy. We love viewing the commitment and interaction of family life. They may not have had much money, but they were sure rich. More family time together should be an "absolutely top" New Year's resolution. Today is the Feast of the Holy Family. Talk to your family members about this special celebration and remind them that they are all part of *your holy family*. When you are together remind them that "*the family that prays together, stays together.*"

"Grand Old Saint Mary's"

Christmas – How Many Masses Did You Attend on Christmas Eve/Day?

Only One? Shame on you. From the 1920's to the 1960's you were encouraged to go to several Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas day. How, do you say? That is lot of traveling. There is a 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday and a 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday. Well up to the 1960's Saint Mary's had between 9 and 12 Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas day, although the last Mass on Christmas day was at noon so you could spend the rest of the day with your family. It seems that during Christmas each priest can say three Masses, and since dating back to the 1920's and up to the 1960's Saint Mary's always had three priests, the pastor and two assistants, 3x3=9 plus a visiting priest equals 12. There were usually 4 priests hearing confessions up to the first Mass on Christmas Eve, 4:00 p.m.

There was also little thing called Fasting and Abstinence. It seems that Christmas Eve was a day of Fasting=one full meal a day, usually the evening meal, and Abstinence=NO MEAT. Some of us still serve tuna-noodle casserole on Christmas Eve, unfortunately without Grandma's homemade noodles. "Hard workers" were excused from fasting but not from abstinence, even soldiers and sailors (1940's) had to follow these rules. There was also the matter of pew rent in the 1920's and 1930's at this time of the year. Does that mean you had to stand in the back if you didn't pay? In the early 1930's the bishop started the tradition of a collection for the orphans during one of the Christmas Masses. The first graders took up the collection wearing their First Communion garb. Who could say no. The ushers had to give the kids an empty basket when they were half way up the aisle because the baskets were so full. In 1945 the bishop granted churches to have midnight Mass and this became the Mass of the Orphans Collection with the 1st Graders. In 1950, August Wagner, of the Gambrinus Brewery, pledged \$1,000 to the Orphans collection, and \$3,868.00 was collected. The next year Father Burkley, the pastor pledged \$100 and only \$1,000 was collected. In 1936 the scaffolding from restoration work came down, and in 1937 the new Sanctuary rail and drapery was ready for Christmas. 1950 saw the new crib, 1961 saw new doors on the church and the new gym (look around) was ready for the first game against Rosary on December 18, 1956. Mother of our Savior, Pray for us. Pray for vocations.

Knowing that God not only knows but experienced what it was to be a human being, composed of blood and flesh and bone, limited by all the things that limit us, should give us patience with our weakness and joy in our strength. In our prayers for help, we can say, "You know what it's like," and be confident that he does. But we can also look to the end of the story and know that by being one of us, he was able to raise us up to overcome those limits—and the final limit of death itself. As St. Irenaeus put it so well, "He became human so that we might become divine."

—from the book [The Peace of Christmas: Quiet Reflections with Pope Francis](#)