



From the Pastor's Desk

Christmas 2018

With today's observance of the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we find the celebration of Christmas ready to break forth in one day. On behalf of all on parish staff I extend a joyful greeting as we enter the holy season of Christmas, celebrating the birth of our Savior, visiting again the mysteries and major feasts of the Incarnation, the Holy Family, Mary, the Mother of God, the Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord. May the birth of our Savior be a sign of new hope for us and that the light of God's love will radiate in the words and deeds of all who believe in Jesus as God and Savior. A blessed and merry Christmas everyone!

Faith Formation

How frightened he must have been! Joseph, arriving in Bethlehem, his own town of birth, with Mary, herself about to give birth. Where would they go? There was no one to welcome them ... no hospitality, no recognition of the long journey they had endured, no place to lay their heads and await the One who was soon to come.



In contrast, how joyful is our anticipation of those who will seek entry to our homes and our Church to celebrate the birth of Mary's Son this Christmas ... our young adults home from college, our relatives and former parishioners who have moved away, even our C & E Catholics who have not worshiped with us for far too long. We will reach out a hand to welcome them, tell them how much we've missed them, move over to make room for them in our pew, and say a prayer that our hospitality will entice them to return regularly to their spiritual home.

Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule for the Pastoral Region:

❖ Dec. 24/25 Christmas Masses:

at Assumption Church

Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.

Christmas Day at 10:00 a.m.

at St. Margaret Mary Church:

Christmas Eve at 4:30 p.m.

Christmas Day at 10:00 a.m.

❖ Jan. 1 New Year's Day Masses

at Assumption Church

New Year's Eve at 4:00 p.m.

New Year's Day at 10:00 a.m.

At St. Margaret Mary Church:

New Year's Eve at 4:30 p.m.

New Year's Day at 10:00 a.m.

There are no scheduled times for confessions on Dec. 24 or Dec. 31 at both churches.

Mark your calendar:



Please join us for a special program in celebration of the Christmas season.

Epiphany Sunday, January 6, 10-10:55 a.m.

Providence Room. ALL WELCOME

Parish Office Holiday Hours

The holiday office hours for the parish office are as followed:

Monday, December 24th, office is closed.

Tuesday, December 25th, office closed.

Friday, December 28th, office closed.

Tuesday, January 1st, office closed.

If there is an emergency please call St. Margaret Mary at 521-7387. Thank you.

Collection

December 16th\$ 9,678.60

This Week in the Parish

Wednesday 12/26 Choir 7:30 P.M.

Thursday 12/27 Rise Against Hunger 6:30 P.M.

Bulletin Deadline

For the **January 6th** bulletin, deadline is 3:00 P.M. on Wednesday, December 26th.

St. Vincent de Paul

Fourth Sunday of Advent- Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. The Savior of the world comes for the people in dark places. The real, lasting, and deep joy that is the Light shines there. **Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, "Light" has shown, bringing real, lasting and deep joy to the hearts of the poor who live in dark places in our streets and neighborhoods.**

Next Sunday is the fifth Sunday and there will be second collection for St. Vincent de Paul. Money collected will help provide food and other basic necessities for the needy of our area. Thank you for your generosity.

Christmas Eve with the Choir

Our Choir will be presenting a program of Christmas carols and music at 10:30 PM Christmas Eve preceding the 11 PM Mass. Wonderfully talented instrumentalists will be with us as well. Hearing and singing familiar carols and hearing special Christmas choral and instrumental music to prepare for Mass, and then singing and praying together at Mass offers a special opportunity to fully enter into the gentle spirit of this Holy Day. We sincerely hope you are able to adjust your family celebrations and preparations to make time to celebrate Christmas in prayer and song with us. Even if you are not able to be with us that evening please know that we wish you a very merry Christmas and that the other Christmas Masses at Assumption will also be beautiful and prayerful celebrations of this most special day. Christmas Eve Masses are 4 PM and 11 PM, and Christmas Day Mass is at 10 AM.

5200 Club

Week # 13 Winner: Marilyn Yacchari
Seller: Same
Ticket: 1929

Mass Intentions

Monday	December 24 Christmas Eve
4:00 P.M.	Charles Riedy
11:00 P.M.	For the Parish
Tuesday	December 25 Christmas Day
10:00 A.M.	Jeannette Stritholt
Wednesday	December 26
8:30 A.M.	No Service
Thursday	December 27
8:30 A.M.	Communion Service
Friday	December 28
8:30 A.M.	Communion Service
Saturday	December 29
4:00 P.M.	Thelma Kaup
Sunday	December 30
9:00 A.M.	For the Parish
11:00 A.M.	Adelaide Wolf

Rise Against Hunger

Are you looking for a way to add corporal works of mercy to your holiday schedule? Rise Against Hunger is a food packaging event that will be held on Thursday, December 27th from 6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M. in the Parish Center. There are jobs for every age and physical ability. To make a monetary donation or to volunteer your time, please call Chris Krebs at 886-7473 or krebskaup@gmail.com or go online at <http://events.stophungernow.org/AssumptionKaupFamily2018>

Athenaeum of Ohio News

Visit Athenaeum.edu to learn about our spring semester classes for lay students (Beginning in January.) Classes take place on weeknight evenings or Saturday mornings. This term we are offering classes in New Testament Scriptures; Catechesis; Using Scripture in Parish Ministry; Ecclesiology; Domestic Church; RCIA & Sacramental Preparation; Contemporary Issues in Moral Theology and a few others. We offer classes at both the non-degree certificate level and the master's level. Graduate level classes take place at the main campus in Mt. Washington. The certificate classes take place at the Mt. Washington Campus and also at the Good Shepherd Parish in Montgomery. Contact us for more information: LPMP (Lay Pastoral Ministry Program Office), 513/231-1200 or byoder@athenaeum.edu or smcgurgan@athenaeum.edu

Night at the Races

Mark your calendars for January 19th, 2019. Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association hosts Night at the Races. Doors open at 7:00 P.M. First race is at 7:40 P.M. Admission is \$15.00 which includes food and drinks. \$10.00 for ages 60 and over. No admission without a ticket and you must be 21 years old. You can purchase tickets by contacting Jennie Ludwig at 266-8226 or online at www.squareup.com/store/OLGAA.

American Legion Monte Carlo Night

The Mt. Healthy American Legion Post 513 will host a Monte Carlo Night on Saturday, January 12th at 7:00 P.M. and admission is \$5.00.

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