

FROM THE PASTOR

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO ALL!
MUCH BLESSING TO ALL PARISHIONERS AND YOUR FAMILIES
AND TO ALL OUR VISITORS THIS CHRISTMAS!
 May the Lord fill your lives with much peace, joy and hope!

THIS WEEKEND & CHRISTMAS MASSES FOR OUR REGION

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday, Dec. 23 – 4:30 PM @ St. Brigid

Sunday, Dec. 24 - 8:30 AM @ St. Augustine

9:30 AM @ St. Brigid

(no 8 am Mass at St. Brigid on the 24th)

11:15 AM @ St. Paul

Christmas

(prelude music c. 20-30 min. before each mass)

Sunday, Dec. 24 - 4:00 PM @ St. Brigid

7:00 PM @ St. Paul

7:00 PM @ St. Augustine

10:00 PM @ St. Brigid

Monday, Dec. 25 – 9:30 AM @ St. Brigid

11:15 AM @ St. Paul

January 1 – since this is on a Monday, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year

CHRISTMAS FRUIT BASKETS: Thanks to all who helped distribute our Christmas Fruit Baskets this Sat. the 23rd.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING INVOLVED IN ONE OF OUR MANY PARISH MINISTRIES?

In the next month or so (likely shortly after the Holidays) we will be sharing a list of some of our needs in several areas of ministry here that we are identifying. And so, I encourage you to begin to prayerfully consider becoming involved if you are not involved already. Ask the Lord to help you identify your gifts and how you might help the life of our Parish and Region. More information to come.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER

- If you, or someone you know from the parish, find themselves in a hospital, are having surgery, etc. please call the Office & let us know, so I can visit them. As you may recall, hospitals, etc. are no longer allowed to give this information out. Also, if you or a parishioner you know are going to a nursing home or now are shut-in at home, let us know as well, so I and our home visitors may visit you/them as well.

To contact Fr. John: jetk76@ameritech.net or call (937) 409-9355

To contact the Secretary, Maintenance or Music Director:

office@stpaulchurchyso.org or call (937) 767-7450 ext. 10

To contact the Business Manager: finance@stpaulchurchyso.org or call (937) 767-7450 voicemail box #33.

From the Business Manager

Collection envelopes for 2018 are being mailed out to all registered parishioners. These mailings will take place periodically throughout the year. You should expect to receive your new collection envelopes by the first of the year. If you do not receive them in the mail, please call the Business Office (extension 33) to get registered or to update your address.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Readings are found in Journey Songs (Cycle B) # 868

2 Samuel 7:1-5; 8b-12, 14a, 16 Romans 16:25-27

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

“Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord”

The Generous Offerings:

General Collection, December 10, 2017	\$ 1974.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 409.01
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 1305.00

Scheduled Mass Intentions for December 24 - 31, 2017

Sunday, December 24th, Fourth Sunday of Advent

11:15am Yolanda Nogales (Juanita Richardson)

Sunday, December 24th, The Nativity of the Lord (Vigil)

7:00pm The Parishioners of St. Paul Parish

Monday, December 25th, the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

11:15am The Parishioners of St. Paul Parish

Wednesday, December 27th, St. John the Apostle

6:00pm Richard Maresca (Connie Richeson)

Sunday, December 31st, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

11:15am The Parishioners of St. Paul Parish

Liturgical Ministers for:

December 31, 2017, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 11:15am:

Lectors: Maggie Heston/Vickie Hoomes

Altar Servers: John Jenkins/Bill McCarthy/

Eucharistic Ministers: S Suwalski/T Whalen/J Alexander/

S Blanton/C Diltner/V Hoomes (back of church)

Ushers: Jim Alexander/Richard Whalen

Thank you for volunteering this gift of service, **especially all of you who volunteered for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day!** The current Quarterly Liturgical Ministries Schedule is available on the Parish website, www.stpaulchurchyso.org under the “Ministries” tab, or as a hardcopy in the Vestibule. **Please email the Admin Office with your availability or vacation dates for the next quarter.** The 2018 Lector Workbooks are available to pick up in the Vestry.

Please Remember in your Prayers:

All our shut-ins and nursing home residents; all vocations, especially those of Fr. Joseph Goetz, Fr. Anthony Geraci, Fr. John Krumm, Dn. Paul Richardson, Seminarian Jedidiah Tittle, and Seminarian Michael Grady; Annette Campbell; Don; David & Laurreta Donley; DuWayne; Greg Groeber; Michaela Jones; Sally Popejoy; Ron; Julia; D.H.; the Benko Family; William Brandt; Theresa Greene; Shelia Ryan; Helen Sonneborn; the Roberts Family; Desiree Powers; Alex Oliver; Patricia High; Janene Edinger; Carole Groeber; Jeff Thomas; Barbara Johnston; The Family of Ana Carmen Gonzalez; The Family of Ashley Skaggs; The Family of Ben Ross; The Family of Lynn Bayes; Active Duty U.S. Military and their families; and all in need of special prayers and healing.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

This Week, December 24 – 30Sunday, December 24, Fourth Sunday of Advent:

Mass - 11:15am

Food Pantry

Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve

Carols – 6:30pm

Mass – 7:00pm

Monday, December 25, Christmas Day

Carols – 10:45am

Mass – 11:15am

Tuesday, December 26:

Offices and church closed

Wednesday, December 27:

Reconciliation – 5:15-5:30pm;

Mass - 6:00pm;

Carmelite Prayer and Spirituality Group after Mass

Next Week, December 31 – January 7, 2018Sunday, December 31, The Holy Family:

Carols – 10:45am

Mass – 11:15am

Tuesday, January 2, 2018:

Offices and church closed

Wednesday, January 3, 2018:

Reconciliation - 5:15 – 5:30pm;

Mass - 6:00pm;

Parish Pastoral Council in the Undercroft after Mass-

Please contact Dan Marion if you wish to be on the agenda

Friday, January 5, 2018: First Friday at St. Brigid*Mass – 7:30am;**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 8:00am – 5:30pm**Benediction – 5:30pm*Sunday, January 7, 2018, Epiphany:

PSR – 9:45am in the POB; please enter by the side door;

Adult Faith Formation – 10:00am in the Undercroft;

Mass - 11:15am – children's procession with "gifts" and

Wise men statues

Coffee Hour in the Undercroft after Mass

Friends Care Ecumenical Worship Service – 2:00pm

In the Undercroft we collect: Eye glasses for the Lions; magazines for the Hospital; hygiene and paper products for the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) for the homeless in Greene County; and the Food Pantry. We accept non-perishable items such as canned goods, boxed food, laundry and hygiene products. Thank you for the love and generosity you regularly show in this way to your neighbors.

Are you missing gloves, hats or an umbrella? Check the lost and found bin in the Undercroft, in the cupboard next to the Confessional.

PSR, Youth Ministry, and Safe Environment

All PSR classes START at 9:45am and go to 11:00am. Please arrive five minutes prior. Families are welcome to use the empty classroom space. We are still taking registrations for this year. First Reconciliation and First Communion preparation starts in January. Come join us!

PSR Schedule for Fall/Winter 2017December, Unit 3: JESUS CHRIST31st: NO PSR – New Year's Eve

St. Paul's is ALWAYS looking for adult volunteers to work with the young people of the parish at PSR and Youth Ministry. PRAY ABOUT IT! Contact Sherry Malloy at cre@stpaulchurchyso.org or 767-7450, extension 12.
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The **VIRTUS training bulletin** for December is available. If you don't see an email for it, go to www.virtusonline.org and sign in there. Please contact the PSR Office if you WANT to volunteer with PSR, Youth Ministry or vulnerable people and I will help you sign up for the next VIRTUS workshop. The parish also provides alphanumeric tokens for the SELECTION.COM background checks.

Adult Faith Formation is at 10:00am in the Undercroft most Sundays. The class is using a new series from Bishop Robert Barron – CATHOLICISM the Pivotal Players. Call Tami Whalen (937) 470-5333 (evenings) or the PSR Office for more information. Everyone is welcome, sign-ups aren't necessary.

The 12 Days of Christmas

For many years it was against the law to be a Catholic in England. The popular carol, **The 12 Days of Christmas**, was actually a secret way to teach children about the Catholic Faith. "My True Love" refers to God, who gives us a gift every day.

1. The Partridge in a Pear Tree is Jesus.
2. The Two Turtle Doves are the Old and New Testaments.
3. The Three French Hens are the Virtues of Faith, Hope and Love.
4. The Four Calling Birds are the four Evangelists: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.
5. The Five Golden Rings are the first five books of the Old Testament.
6. The Six Geese A-laying are the six days of creation.
7. The Seven Swans A-swimming are the seven Sacraments.
8. The Eight Maids A-milking are the eight Beatitudes.
9. The Nine Ladies Dancing are the nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit.
10. The Ten Lords A-leaping are the Ten Commandments.
11. The Eleven Pipers Piping are the eleven faithful Apostles.
12. The Twelve Drummers Drumming are the twelve points of faith in the Apostles Creed.

This is available on a coloring poster in the Undercroft that you can keep. There are also Christmas books to look at if your family needs a break during Mass.

Saints we remember this week:

Saint Stephen, the first Martyr; Saint John the Apostle and Evangelist; the Holy Innocents, Martyrs; Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr, pray for us...

For PSR, Youth Ministry and the Safe Environment Coordinator, contact cre@stpaulchurchyso.org 767-7450 extension 12

In the Region, Around the Deanery and Throughout the Archdiocese of Cincinnati

University of Dayton Libraries:

At the Manger

November 27, 2017 – January 5, 2018

World Nativity Traditions

The University of Dayton's Marion Library presents a selection of its expansive and unique collection of 3,500 Nativity scenes from more than 100 countries. Join us in celebrating how people around the world ponder and picture the birth of Christ through many different cultural lenses. As Roesch Library begins a multi-year renovation, **At the Manger** will take place on a smaller scale this year.

A Nativity to Ponder and Celebrate, Marian Library, seventh floor of Roesch Library, 8:30am – 4:30pm weekdays November 27, 2017 – January 5, 2018; 1:00 – 4:00pm Saturday and Sunday, December 2-3; 1:30 – 4:00pm Thursday, December 7; 1:00 – 4:00pm Saturday and Sunday, December 9-10; closed December 8 and December 25 – January 1. The Marian Library Gallery will feature Nativity sets of the long hidden but rich and colorful artistic tradition on Eastern Europe. The Creche Museum will hold variations of Nativities from East and West Africa. Reflect on Advent with Mary as you view monotypes by artist Michelle Arnold Paine.

NEW – Making the Manger: Behind the Scenes at the Nativity Workshop, Fitz Hall (Brown Street) fourth floor 1:00am – 4:00pm weekdays November 27, 2017 – January 5, 2018; 1:00-4:00pm Saturday and Sunday, December 9-10; 1:30 - 4:00pm Thursday December 7; closed December 8, December 25-January 1. See how the Marian Library and its volunteers plan and construct exhibits. Explore the many talents that are part of this labor of love. Also, view a Nativity display that illustrates our 25-year tradition. Parking, directions and other information is available at www.go.udayton.edu/manger. For special arrangements call (937) 229-4214.

Mass in Celebration of the 51st World Peace Day on the Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God, January 1, 2018:

Cincinnati: Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains

Corner of 8th and Plum Streets, downtown Cincinnati; **11:00am;**

celebrated by Archbishop Dennis Schnurr

Dayton: Ascension Parish

2025 Woodman Drive Kettering; **10:00am; celebrated by Bishop Joseph Binzer**

Catholic-sponsored Divorcecare: 11th Year at St. Francis of

Assisi Church. A 13-week support group, held on Thursday

evenings, 7:00-9:00pm from **January 11 to April 12;** 6245

Wilmington Pike, Centerville, OH. Cost: is \$25 per person.

Scholarships are available. For more information, or to register, call

Marcelle Toma at (937) 312-1157 (not a texting number) or

mtoma@woh.rr.com. You are welcome if you are divorced or

separated and may be going through a very difficult time right now.

You should not have to feel isolated or cut off from the Catholic

Church. This support group deals with such recovery topics as anger, loneliness, new relationships, annulments, etc.

St. Albert the Great Athletic Association's Annual Fish Fry:

Friday, January 19th, 2018 7:00pm – midnight; carry-out available from 5:00pm -6:30pm; pre-pay \$15.00 per ticket; day of \$20.00; Big Cash Raffle, Silent Auction; Casino games, cards & 50/50 split the pot raffle. Question – contact Janelle Brand jbrand@stag-school.org.

SAVE THE DATE – February 24, 2018

E-6 Catholic Men's Conference ARMOR UP

8:00am – 3:00pm East Central High School Performing Arts Center (Northwest of Cincinnati).

Registration is easier than ever.

- Easy online registration takes just a few moments
- \$15 rate for anyone 25 and under
- No need to wait to assemble your group. All registrations are conveniently that same rate for 2018.
- An option to print and mail a registration form and pay via check
- FREE for all clergy and religious
- 100% refund up to 24 hours until event start

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-e6-catholic-mens-conference-tickets/37626161863> - consider giving the registration as a

Christmas gift. Email contact@e6catholicmensconference.com.

Scholarship Opportunity for Graduating High School Women:

the Dayton Catholic Women's Club Scholarship was established in 2010 with the goal of assisting young Catholic women in continuing their studies at an accredited technical school, junior college, community college or four-year college/university. Applicants must be high school graduates, who are active members of a Dayton-area Roman Catholic Church, and who demonstrate financial need. The application can be found at www.daytonfoundation.org/scholars. **Deadline for applications is march9, 2018, at 4:30pm.** If you have questions or need assistance, go to scholarship@daytonfoundation.org or call (937) 225-9955.

WHERE WE STAND: There's a new standing feature on the home page of the Archdiocesan website: www.catholiccincinnati.org. In the upper right corner, visitors to the site will see the words "WHERE WE STAND". Clicking on it will take them to a landing page with links to statements by the Archbishop and the Archdiocese on important social concerns. Links are also provided to statements made jointly by the Ohio Catholic bishops and U.S. Catholic bishops. The introduction notes: "Jesus Christ's command for us to love one another mandates that the Church provide moral guidance to both our personal and our social lives. The Church is called to read the 'signs of the times' and to apply our universal teachings on human life, dignity and care for creation to the concrete situations impacting individuals, our families, our communities, our world." Topics addressed in the documents linked include Care for Creation, Civility and Faithful Citizenship, Ecumenism and Interfaith, Healthcare, Housing, Hunger, Immigrations and Refugees, Marriage, Poverty and Human Services, Religious Liberty, Respect Life, and Violence.

As the weather starts to turn colder, a reminder to tune into **WHIO Channel 7** for any closures or delays. REMEMBER since there several other churches with the same name in the area to look for **Saint Paul's Catholic Church YELLOW SPRINGS.**



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS 2017



**In Memory of Deceased Members of St. Paul's Parish in 2017:
Philemon "Phil" Philips, John "Jack" Alexander, Dorothy "Dottie" Williams, Julia M. Staigers, Ana Carmen Simonpietri Gonzalez, Alex Roche, and Benjamin "Ben" Ross**

***In Memory of Carl K. Greene Sr.
(Therese Greene)***

***In Memory of Virginia Alexander, Mary Ann Alexander, and Denise R. Alexander
(James Alexander)***

***In Memory of Sandy Creevey and Richard & Peggy Davis
(Dave & Pan Greco)***

***In Memory of Charles & Beatrice Alexander, Edward & Grace Alexander, Joseph & Mae Alexander, Bill & Agnes Alexander, Sister Teresa Eileen Alexander, Don & Diane Alexander, Jack & Marian Alexander, Virginia Alexander, Zita Alexander, Lena Alexander, Mary Ann Alexander, Michael J. Alexander, Stephen Alexander, Timothy Alexander, and Lynn A. Bayes
(Patty Alexander)***

***In Honor of Mary & Henry Clerice and Richard Donley; In Memory of Daisy & Thomas Donley, Rita, Ruth, and Felix Clerice, Norma Donley and Tom
(Lauretta Donley)***

***In Memory of Roger & Peggy Pitstick, Frank Dapore, and Carol Sanders
(Rick & Kathy Sanders)***

***In Memory of Dominick & Carmella Insana, Phil & Betty Fisher, and Claire Loving
(Fishers #100)***

***In Memory of Joseph Kotsko
(Kim Kotsko Reynolds)***

***In Memory of Hermenegildo Mendoza, Leonora Mendoza, Felimon Mendoza, Augusto Mendoza, Jeanne Di Lascio, and Jun Mendoza
(Alicia Erfe)***

***In Memory of Anna & Willard Garrety, David Bailey Family, Rosemary Powell, and Helen Nehez
(Chuck Garrety & Ellen Svendsen)***

***In Memory of Jim & Marylin Browder; Brandi Browder; Pat & Patricia Hoomes; and Kitty Hoomes
(Barry & Vickie Hoomes)***

***In Memory of deceased members of the Corrigan, Tobias, and Carlisle Families, and Ralph Dennehy
(Rita Tobias)***

***In Memory of Dick & Alice McLinden and Stanley Dhrkop
(Tim & Pam McLinden)***

***In Memory of Spencer James Richeson (Our Brightest Angel), Irene Maresca, Anthony Maresca, Barbara Maresca, and Richard Maresca
(Constance Richeson)***

***In Memory of Karen Sbockey, Terry Loughlin, Mary McDonald, Reuben Banks, and Pat White
(Judy Woods)***