



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SATURDAY December 10, Vigil
4:00 p.m. - St. Patrick
Parishioners

SUNDAY, December 11, 2016
9:30 a.m. - Thomas Heller
(The Majka Family)

Monday, December 12, 2016
8:45 a.m. - Ralph (Pete) Burnett
(David & Barbara Bailey)

Tuesday December 13, 2016
8:45 a.m. - Joe Holy
(Marjorie Holy)

Wednesday, December 14, 2016
8:45 a.m. - St. Patrick
Parishioners

Thursday, December 15, 2016
8:45 a.m. - Special Intention
(Andy & Julie Yedlick)

Friday, December 16, 2016
NO MASS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SATURDAY December 17, Vigil
4:00 p.m. - John Lencse
(Mary Lencse)

SUNDAY, December 18, 2016
9:30 a.m. - Genevieve Tekavec
(Toni Owens)

Daily Scripture Readings

DECEMBER

- 12 Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a;
12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38
13 Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32
14 Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/
Lk 7:18b-23
15 Is 54:1-10/Lk 7:24-30
16 Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Jn 5:33-36
17 Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
18 Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7
/Mt 1:18-24



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Dear Parish Family,

The scripture readings for the Third Sunday of Advent encourage us to trust in God who comes to save us. The prophet Isaiah calls us to “*fear not! Here is your God...he comes to save you.*” The Responsorial Psalm tells us that “*The Lord sets captives free.*” Jesus tells the disciples of John the Baptist that “*the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.*”

Amidst these hope-filled proclamations, the letter of St. James calls us to “*Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord.*” Indeed, St. James mentions the virtue of patience four times in just three verses (5: 7-10).

Patience can be challenging. It may involve being patient with a family member or friend who can get under our skin from time to time. It may involve patience with a driver or drivers on the roadway. It may involve patience with a co-worker whose personality may rub us the wrong way. It may involve being patient with ourselves as we recover from a surgery or try to learn a new skill.

We live in a fast-paced world where patience can be in short supply. Technology places vast amounts of information at our fingertips in an incredibly short amount of time. There seems to be an immediate quality to everything. Still, we must wait on the Lord and trust in His word and His time. We may want an immediate answer to a prayer. We must trust in the Lord. We may want the Lord to speak to our hearts right now and in the way we want. We must trust in the Lord. We may want a loved one to change their ways right now. We must entrust them to the Lord. We may want the Lord to heal us in some way. We must wait on the Lord.

The Lord knows what we need and when we need it. He knows this infinitely better than we do. Our task is to be ready to welcome Him into our hearts and minds and homes and, indeed, every area of our lives. Christ has died, Christ has risen and Christ will come again. He is with us always. Like St. John the Baptist, let us prepare the way of the Lord. Let us have hearts that are “*firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.*”

God bless you.

Fr. Dan Redmond

To schedule a Mass Intention or Bulletin Announcement

Please call St. Patrick Parish Office at 440-298-1327, or place a Mass Intention envelope in the collection basket. **We are scheduling Mass Intentions for 2017 and 2018, and for daily Masses all through 2016.** For bulletin announcements, please contact Pattie Batchman at pattie.batchman@gmail.com by Monday evening. Thank You!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS for DECEMBER 17 & 18, 2016

	December 17	December 18
LECTOR	Kathy Oravec	Amanda Schwartz
EMHC	Mary & John Husek	Brenda Brack, Trudi Clark
PLA	Beth Heinz	Trudi Clark
SERVERS	Gabriella Mills, Even Heller	Mitch & Jordan Parker, Eddie Nelson
COUNTING CREW		C Team

Liturgical Schedule for the Christmas Season:

(Sat. 12/24) Children's Nativity 3:45 p.m.; Christmas Eve: 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
 (Sun. 12/25) Christmas Day: 9:30 a.m.
 (Sat. 12/31) Vigil Mass for Mary, the Holy Mother of God: 4:00 p.m.
 (Sun. 1/1) Mass for Mary, the Holy Mother of God: 9:30 a.m.
 (Sat. 1/7) Vigil Mass for the Epiphany of the Lord: 4:00 p.m.
 (Sun. 1/8) Mass for the Epiphany of the Lord: 9:30 a.m.
 (Mon. 1/9) Mass for the Baptism of the Lord: 8:45 a.m.



Religious Education: Parish School of Religion

Our second graders made their First Reconciliation on Saturday, December 3rd. 'Thank you' to all our parishioners who had prayed for them. Please continue to remember them in prayer as they prepare for their First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 29th, 2017. Those students making their First Reconciliation included Zachary Bartholomew, Daniel Cadorette, Jared Crowe, Alexander Housel, Bailey Housel, Matthew Janson, Maxwell Langdon, Blake Ludvik, Marcellus Schwartz, Charlotte Townsend, and Scott Wendl.

PSR students met with their Prayer Partners last Tuesday evening to make cards for Father Kawalec and to make Christmas tree ornaments for our tree in the downstairs hall. It was a great 'getting to know you' activity.

Advent Reconciliation for PSR students in Grades 3 - 7 will take place next Tuesday evening, December 13th at 6:30 P.M. We will have a Reconciliation Service followed by individual confessions. Parents are invited to participate.

Children invited participate in special ways at 4:00 P.M. Christmas Eve Mass:

This year the PSR classes will participate in a live Children's Christmas Nativity, beginning at 3:45 P.M. before the Christmas Eve Mass. We are in the process of organizing our children who have signed up to participate and to start practice with them during the last half hour of PSR classes. Along with participation in the live Nativity, we will also need readers to proclaim the Christmas story. All parish children are welcome to participate. All Nativity participants will need to be at the church by 3:15 P.M. on the afternoon of December 24.

We are also inviting children of all ages to join us in the choir loft before the start of the Christmas Eve Mass to sing some well-known Christmas carols. Also, children wishing to sing "Silent Night" as part of our Communion reflection are most welcome. (Preschoolers are encouraged to sing with us also!)

As in the past, the children of St. Patrick will again be able to bring gifts to the altar at the Offertory. We invite all young children to bring a gift which will benefit local children through the Geauga County Job and Family Service outreach program. There is a real need for birthday gifts for children during the course of the year. Suggested items would be children's board games, children's books, puzzles, craft kits, a basketball, a soccer ball, baby dolls, and Barbie dolls. All children's toys, however, would be gratefully accepted. **Questions? Contact Marilyn Schwartz at 440-298-1845 or by e-mail at maschwartz@windstream.net.**

**Offering for:
December 4, 2016**

December 4: \$ 4,757.00
 Votive Candles: \$ 46.25
 Capital Improv. \$ 164.00
 Diocesan Assess.& 30.00
 Christmas Flowers \$ 250.00
 Retirement Fund for
 Religious \$ 50.00
 Good Samaritan Donut Sunday
 \$ 58.00
 Cookie Sale & Raffle
 \$ 406.25
 113 envelopes and loose checks

Thank you for your generous support of our parish ministries and operations. St. Patrick, pray for us!



WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE ILL. MAY GOD BLESS THEM WITH HOPE AND HEALING

In a special way, we pray for Ed Baitt, Barbara Bock, Joan & Jerry Catalano, Frank Foote, Laura Gyorki, Kim Hamilton, Don Holt, Mark Humphreys, Jeanne Koritansky, Rick Kawalec, Carol Maline, Mella McCain, Anthony Mihalic, Joseph & Hildegard Redmond, Connor Sayers, Fr. Paul Sciarrotta, Luke Shutty, Katy Sirna and Rich Tamburo.

WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED.

May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

