



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 Ovens)

Monday, December 19, 2016
 8:45 a.m. - Mrs. Rita Holt
(The Kawalec Family)

Tuesday December 20, 2016
 8:45 a.m. - Steve & Jeanie Tisza
(Deacon Phil & Betty Kraynik)

Wednesday, December 21, 2016
 8:45 a.m. - JoAnn Mitchell
(John & Mary Brazofsky)

Thursday, December 22, 2016
 8:45 a.m. - St. Patrick
 Parishioners

Friday, December 23, 2016
NO MASS

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
SATURDAY December 17, Vigil
 4:00 p.m. - Henry & Elizabeth
 Taddie
(Mr. & Mrs. Jason Sotkovski)
 6:00 p.m. - Mary Rarick
(Jim Rarick)

SUNDAY, December 18, 2016
 9:30 a.m. - Deceased members
 of Husek & Makar Families
(John & Mary Husek)

Daily Scripture Readings

DECEMBER

19 *Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a / Lk 1:5-25*

20 *Is 7:10-14 / Lk 1:26-38*

21 *Sg 2:8-14/ or Zep 3:14-18a/
 Lk 1:39-45*

22 *1 Sm 1:24-28 / Lk 1:46-56*

23 *Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 / Lk 1:57-66*

24 *2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/
 Lk 1:67-79*

25 *Is 52: 7-10 / Heb 1:1-6
 / Jn 1:1-18*



DECEMBER 18, 2016: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

From Fr. Kawalec:

Many Thanks and Farewell

Dear Parish Family, I am now 13 days away from becoming the new pastor of Nativity of the Lord Jesus Parish in Akron. While I am excited about starting anew and pastoring a parish of my own, I will certainly miss being here at St. Patrick Parish and being so close to my parents and relatives. When I was in the seminary and for the first 11 years of priesthood, I never thought that I would ever be assigned back to my home parish—it's hardly heard of—but God's mysterious Providence and Fatherly guidance always allows us to experience some of the most enjoyable and surprising times in our lives. Being able to serve St. Patrick Parish under Fr. Redmond's friendship and counsel, alongside Deacon Bob, Deacon Phil and Pattie Batchman's professional cooperation and encouragement, for the PSR faculties' faithful support and generous involvement, as the children's part-time religion teacher and mentor, and by administering the Holy Sacraments to you as your parish priest has ALL been a great blessing and comfort to me.

THANK YOU!! to all the many families and parishioners here that I have come to know just over the last three years of serving as your parochial vicar. Family life is the seed and beginning of every God-given Vocation! This fact may be obvious to the single and married vocations, but I believe it is just as important to the ordained and religious life as well. Involvement in holy families such as yourselves has strengthened and enlivened my priestly vocation on both the natural human level and on the spiritual level of sharing faith and friendship with great Catholics in our parish.

And THANK YOU very much for the wonderful Farewell you hosted for me last Sunday. I enjoyed seeing you there and appreciate all of your generosity and best wishes!

Please feel free to write or visit me at my new parish whenever you wish:
 Nativity of the Lord Jesus
 2425 Myersville Rd.
 Akron, OH 44312

Please keep me and the parishioners of Nativity in your prayers and know of my continued prayers for you and your families.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
 God bless – Fr. Kawalec

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 24 & 25, 2016

	Dec. 24 4:00 pm	6:00 pm	December 25
LECTOR	Jodie Savage	Dan Himmelman	Brooke Perlik
EMHC	Trudi Clark, Marilyn Schwartz	Gayle & Tom Zarack	Brenda Brack, Sylvia Deck
PLA	Mark & Kathy Oravec	Dan & Carole Doyle	Beth Heinz
SERVERS	Maci & Yogi Cornelius	Ken Landrus, Logan Himmelman	Eddie Nelson, Alyssa Mothersbaugh
COUNTING CREW	D 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

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.

Pro-Life:

If there is an uncertainty about when life begins, the benefit of the doubt should go to preserving life. It is a scientific fact that life begins at conception. However, if one personally has even a shred of uncertainty about when life begins, then they are still morally obligated to err on the side of life and not have an abortion. Why? Because to make a mistake about the exact time when life begins is to kill an innocent human being. Pray that more mothers and fathers choose life!



**Offering for:
December 11, 2016**

December 11: \$ 2,975.00
 Votive Candles: \$ 16.00
 Capital Improv. \$ 70.00
 Christmas Flowers \$ 80.00
 Immaculate Conception \$ 517.00
 Retirement Fund for Religious \$ 290.00

69 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, and Katy Sirna.

WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED.

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

