



### From the Pastor's Desk:

As we begin Advent, we remember that Advent is about preparing the way of the Lord. We look with expectation to His First Coming at Christmas and to His Second Coming at the end of time. John the Baptist tells us how to prepare for His Coming, "Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand."

We have the opportunity to do just that through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is offered here at St. Peter's every Monday and Thursday 5:00-5:15 p.m. and Saturday evening, 4:00-4:30 p.m. It is also offered at St. Mary's – Chillicothe every Saturday, 4:00-4:30 p.m. and at St. Mary's – Waverly every Wednesday, 5:00-5:15 p.m. Also there are a few additional opportunities coming soon. Below is the schedule for Advent Penance Services in the Consortium:

**Wednesday, December 2,** 5:30 p.m., Waverly, St. Mary – Eucharistic Adoration and Penance Service

**Wednesday, December 9,** 5:30 p.m., Zaleski, St. Sylvester – Eucharistic Adoration and Penance Service

**Monday, December 14,** 7:00 p.m., Washington Courthouse, St. Colman – Advent Penance Service

**Thursday, December 17,** 7:00 p.m., Chillicothe, St. Peter – St. Peter/St. Mary Joint Advent Penance Service

So make a plan now to come to one of the many opportunities to prepare for the Lord's coming this Christmas!

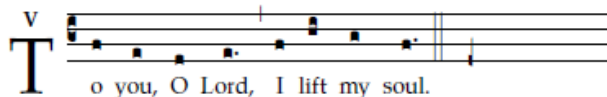
In Christ,  
Fr. Hahn

### Responsorial Psalm for this weekend's Masses:

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Ps. 25: 4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

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**The Church encourages us to sing the Ordinaries of the Mass.** What are the Ordinaries? They are the invariable texts of the Mass. That is, they remain the same from week to week: the Kyrie (Lord Have Mercy), Gloria, Credo (Nicene Creed), Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy), and Agnus Dei (Lamb of God). During the four weeks of Advent we will be singing the Nicene Creed at the 11:30 a.m. Mass. It can be found in the Saint Michael Hymnal #126.

**December 5, following the 5:00 p.m. Mass,** a server training will be held. Training is for those new to serving or a current server needing to refresh their service. The ministry of Altar Server is open to youth in grades 3 to 12 who have received First Holy Communion. Boys are especially encouraged to become altar servers as this is a means to foster the call to the priesthood. Any questions, please call Bob French at 740-774-4172.



**Christmas Flower Memorial Fund Envelopes** are located in the pews. Place envelopes in the collection basket or drop off at the church office. What more wonderful way to honor a loved one than to help us beautify the altar for Christmas. The List of

names will be printed in the church bulletin over a couple of week's span due to the printing deadlines.

**The Sunday Morning Bible Study** will begin a study on Mary starting in January. The study, *The Bible and the Virgin Mary – Journey through Scriptures*, is by the St. Paul's Center. If you are interested, please contact Thecla Hauser at 740-775-1835. What a great way to start the New Year.



### Tickets for the Saturday, December 12

**International Dinner are now on sale!** To help the High School Youth Group Members get to Mexico to do Mission

Work in July 2016, we are holding an International Christmas Dinner. Tickets are \$25.00 each and can be purchased from Jenny French at the church office or by calling 740-774-1407. Also, we will be having a Silent Auction. The Silent Auction will consist of themed baskets (great way to Christmas Shop).

**Christmas is celebrated in various ways around the world. From Gingerbread Houses to Figgy Pudding.**

*The Christmas Around the World* is another of the themes of the baskets to be part of the Silent Auction at the December 12 Dinner. **Looking for something to buy for our lovely FIH Sisters for Christmas?** We have designated a very special "basket" to be given to them. Come bid on it and give to them for Christmas! **Are you a procrastinating hubby?** We can help with the jewelry basket. Don't wait 'til the last minute to steal her heart. Bid on this one!

Come do some Christmas Shopping and help send the High School Youth Group to perform mission work in Mexico at the same time. Remember... any money spent over the cost of the basket is considered a donation for tax purposes.

### Sacramental Preparation News!

**First Reconciliation Reminder!!** Reminder that First Reconciliation will be held Saturday, December 5th at 10:00 a.m. in the church. Families are invited and encouraged to attend with the kids. Questions? Contact Judy Harness at the parish office at 740-774-1407.

**Parents of Confirmandi!** Please remember we are having Confirmation Retreat Day December 5th! Girls will be going to a women's conference in Portsmouth and boys to the Columbus Divine Mercy retreat. Contact Judy Harness with questions.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, November 28

5:00 p.m. John Sulzer – Colleen Sulzer

### Sunday, November 29

*Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36*

8:00 a.m. For the People

11:30 a.m. Tom Smith – Dominique Smith

### Monday, November 30

*Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22*

5:30 p.m. (Living) Evan & Christina Shutz –  
Dan & Victoria Roy

### Tuesday, December 1

*Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24*

8:30 a.m. Greta Ivins –  
Richard & Carol Rooney

### Wednesday, December 2

*Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37*

8:30 a.m. Healing for all who are ill –  
Bob & Kathy Dye

### Thursday, December 3

*Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27*

5:30 p.m. Annie Rooney – Geri Mauger

### Friday, December 4

*Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31*

9:30 a.m. **(Class Mass)** Thanksgiving for  
Answered Prayers –  
Bob & Kathy Dye

### Saturday, December 5

*Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8*

5:00 p.m. For the People

### Sunday, December 6

*Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6*

8:00 a.m. Barb Manegold – Bob & Kathy Dye

11:30 a.m. Simplicio Palisbo – Sonia Dennewitz

5:00 p.m. Roman – Rivera Family –  
Bob & Kathy Dye



**New Ministry Opportunity:** To fully embrace the Year of Mercy, St. Peter Parish will be starting a new ministry opportunity: "Disciples of Divine Mercy for the Sick and Dying." This ministry will be focused first and foremost on the message of Divine Mercy contained in Holy Scripture and revealed through St. Faustina Kowalska. Our mission will be to

live this message and to show the mercy of God to others, especially to the sick and dying. If you are interested in learning more about this mission opportunity, please contact the parish office and register for the first training cenacle scheduled for Friday, December 11th at 3:00 p.m. in the Holy Family Library. Questions? Contact Judy Harness, Family Life Coordinator.

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, November 28 –

#### St. Vincent de Paul Second Collection

No Men's Ministry

4:00-4:30 p.m. Confessions – Church

4:25 p.m. Rosary Recitation – Church

### Sunday, November 29 –

#### St. Vincent de Paul Second Collection

No PSR

No Bible Study

### Monday, November 30

5:00-5:15 p.m. Confessions – Church

6:30 p.m. Creighton Intro Session –

Holy Family Library

6:30 p.m. Flame of Hope Prayer Group –

Blessed Virgin Mary Room

### Tuesday, December 1

9:30-10:30 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul Office Open

7:00 p.m. RCIA – Holy Family Library

### Wednesday, December 2

10:00 a.m. Sisterhood of the Frogged Stitches –  
Blessed Virgin Mary Room

5:30 p.m. Penance Service – St. Mary, Waverly

6:00 p.m. MOMS group– Holy Family Library

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice – Church

7:00 p.m. Sisterhood of the Frogged Stitches –  
Blessed Virgin Mary Room

### Thursday, December 3

9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. – Adoration – Church

5:00-5:15 p.m. Confessions – Church

7:00 p.m. Young Adult Group –

Holy Family Library

7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group –

Bosco Room

7:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group –

Basement Classroom

### Friday, December 4

9:30 a.m. Class Mass – Bishop Flaget Chapel

1:30-2:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Office Open

3:00 p.m. First Friday Rosary – Church

3:00 p.m. Mass at Pleasant Hill, Piketon, Ohio

### Saturday, December 5

7:00 a.m. Men's Ministry – Holy Family Library

10:00 a.m. First Reconciliation – Church

4:00-4:30 p.m. Confessions – Church

4:25 p.m. Rosary Recitation – Church

6:00 p.m. Server Training – Church

### Sunday, December 6 –

#### Coffee & Donuts after the Sunday Masses

9:15 a.m. PSR – 2nd Floor Parish Center

9:30 a.m. Bible Study – Holy Family Library

4:00-4:30 p.m. Confessions in Spanish – Church

5:00 p.m. Spanish Mass – Church

6:00 p.m. Gathering following Mass –  
Parish Center

**5th Sunday Collection:** Members of St. Vincent de Paul Society will be at the church doors after Masses this Saturday and Sunday, November 28/29, 2015. Your generous contributions will continue to support their ongoing works of charity for the poor and disadvantaged.



**The Christian Service Christmas Gift Giving Project** kicks off this weekend. If you pick a tag from one of the trees, the gift you purchase must be returned wrapped (or gift bagged) with the tag attached to the gift. *The gift must be returned no later than the 11:30 a.m. Mass on December 13, 2015.* There are some changes this year. For the seniors in care facilities, you will be asked to purchase a small fleece throw. There will be suggestions on some of the tags if their preference was provided to us (likes cats, Ohio State, cammo, etc.). We will be providing gifts for the same number of children, but all of them will be teenagers in our community who may have been excluded from other programs due to being over 13 years old. Please check the bulletin for delivery dates and times, as this will be a fun and rewarding thing your family can do together this Christmas! For more information or questions, contact Brenda Pickerrell at 740-703-7561.

**ATTENTION, YOUNG ADULTS, TEENS AND THEIR PARENTS!!** If you are planning on attending the Mission Trip to Mexico, a meeting is planned for Sunday, December 6 at 4:00 p.m. in the Holy Family Library. This meeting is to discuss diocesan compliance for those over 18 and make deposits for the trip. Please contact Fr. Hartge or Bob Dye for additional information. All are encouraged to stay and attend the 5:00 Spanish Mass that evening.

**Bishop Flaget School has five scholarships available for three-and four-year-old preschool students.** These scholarships provide full tuition for the 1/2 and full day programs and are based on family income. Families whose income falls below 200% of the poverty level are eligible. A family of four who earns less than \$48,500.00 per year would be eligible. To learn more about this great opportunity, please contact Laura Corcoran at 740-774-2970 or [lcorcora@cducation.org](mailto:lcorcora@cducation.org). Information is also available at [www.bishopflaget.org](http://www.bishopflaget.org).

**Offertory Envelope Change:** The 2016 envelopes will be mailed to your home in partial sets. You will receive them throughout the year instead of all at once. This will save time and money in the long run for the parish. We will need to make sure we have your correct address for those who receive envelopes. If you are receiving the newsletter, we have your correct address. If you are planning on moving, please let us know where. If you are a **snowbird**, please let us know where you want the envelopes mailed and the dates to that address. If you do the **online giving program** and we have already arranged for you not to get envelopes, there is no action to be taken. Donna Weisenberger will be contacting those of you who still get envelopes and do online to see if you still wish to receive envelopes and continue online or just do online. You may call the office at 740-774-1407 or email Donna at [bookkeeper@stpeterchillicothe.com](mailto:bookkeeper@stpeterchillicothe.com) with any questions or to let us know your preferences.

## Prayer List

*(Please check this prayer list for people who are no longer in need of prayer. We strive to keep this list current for those in their hour of need. If someone needs to be removed, please call the office. If someone is in need of prayer, please let us know that, too!)*

Elaina Neff, Joyce Neff, Nancy Kight, Pat Manion, Marjorie Prince, Joe Schumann, Mike Obert, Faye Keefer, Elinor Jworski, Veronica Geimer, Albert Geimer, Carol Seachrist, Gloria Jones, Mary Margaret Rhoads, Wyatt Schumacher, Nancy Gatten, Jean Hosier, Rick Rinehart, Kathy Dye, Rosemary Cox, Floyd Wofford, Olivia Jones, Kim Dempsey, Brenda Estep, David Conley, Barbara Conley, Brookie Heightsman, Karen & Raymond Gibson, Mike Bigler, John Lisle, Keith Lovensheimer, Evelyn Silva, Michael Dixon, Bernice Heron, Michael Quinn, Peggy Lisle, Donna Stevens, Jo Burchett, Steve Dennis, Pam Thomas, Nancy Leasure, Melissa Falhgren, Mandy Hatmacher, Tracy Jalbueno, Rosemary McHarg, Kelly Chandler, Kathryn Hunt, Angie Currier, Herman Swisher, Rose Montavon, Patsy Cutler, Deb Zimpher, Evelyn Weinman, Tim Ott, Dave Neal, John P. Hess, Mary Ellen Diesher, Joshua Hicks, Rosalina Prog, Rose Shoemaker, Ray Janko, Roger Wilburn, Alfred Gabiels, Paul Scoles, Mary Wachter, Paula Romans, Douglas Griffith, Sister Martha Sebesta, Tony Azcona, Lynn Smith, Ruth Neal, Bill Neal, Eva & Melvin States, Julie Carey, Kathy McNight, Lucille Maimone, Norma Whitley, Nicholas Smith, Lib Fisher, Joseph Lynch, Jody Morrison, Dan & Jane Harness.

## December Birthday Wishes

*(If you have a special birthday and wish to be on the list, please contact Leigh Ann Meeker at 773-6115.)*

St. Peter Parish family extends congratulations and many blessings to the following on their "special" birthdays:

December 14, Dorothy Hagerty, 7627 Egypt Pike  
December 19, Dona Schumacher, 405 Robin Road



## Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima Schedule

*(sign-up sheets through the calendar year have been added.)*

**November 15-21** – Sylvia Ramsey

**November 22-28** – Sericia Tinsley

**November 29-December 5** – Alan & Kim Noel

**What is your Spiritual Charism?** To follow up with the Spiritual Gifts Workshop in October 2015, we will look at each of the Charisms presented. The first Charism is ADMINISTRATION. The Charism of Administration empowers a Christian to be an effective channel of God's wisdom by providing the planning and coordination needed to accomplish good things. Examples discussed at the retreat of ways to utilize this charism were help in the Church Office, be a member of the parish council or finance committee, organize mission work, or organize the family.

*"Be on guard," Jesus warns in today's Gospel, "lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence."  
Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God,  
overflowing with love for one another. – See Luke 21:34*

<b>Stewardship numbers are not available due to early press time for printers.</b>	<b>Weekly Offertory</b>	<b>Year to Date Offertory</b>
Budgeted	\$ 8,405.21	\$176,610.41
Actual Offertory – November 15, 2015		\$147,486.88
Difference		(\$ 12,313.11)
Improvement Fund		\$ 1,511.00

**Online Giving** is the easiest way to give your first fruits to our Lord! Visit the Parish website at [www.stpeterchillicothe.com](http://www.stpeterchillicothe.com) to sign up by clicking the "online giving" tab. Now there is an "Online Giving Mobile App" to donate through your phone! See website for details.

**Are you new to the parish and need to register?** Having trouble getting into the office to fill out a registration form or remembering to pick one up in the vestibule of church? We now have another option for you! Online Registration is now available on the parish website! Go to [www.stpeterchillicothe.com](http://www.stpeterchillicothe.com) and under the Parish Information tab you will find "Parish Registration" at the bottom of the pull down. Click on this and fill out the information. Once submitted, it will go directly to the church office. It's as easy as that!

	<b>December 5, 5:00 p.m. Second Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>December 6, 8:00 a.m. Second Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>December 6, 11:30 a.m. Second Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>Eucharist</b>	Jim Anzelmo – B Bonnie Pinnix – C1 Donna Weisenberger – C2	Ellen Clark – B Mike Neal – C1 Bill Clark – C2	John Gabis – B Sr. Leonard Mary – C1 Jenny French – C2
<b>Lector</b>	Judy Harness – 1 Joe Zupi – 2	David Glass – 1 Bob Weisenberger – 2	Anthony Lisi – 1 Bob French – 2
<b>Server</b>	Jack Sulzer Gabriel McNichols Bryton Perry	Thomas Noel Molly Armstrong Owen Armstrong	Danny Bentley Max Rose Miguel Gutierrez
<b>Greeter</b>	Charlotte Schobeloch Philip Schobeloch	Mickey Family Anne Maimone	Crowe Family
<b>Offertory</b>	Rusk Family	Greg & Theresa Corcoran	Cecilia Althouse Michael Althouse
<b>Usher</b>	Mary Anne Brown Sandra Haas Pete Simmons Thomas Zuber	James Burgess Doug Corcoran Maralee Scheeler Tim Scheeler	John Crowe Ken Miller Frank Nunziato Bret Reisinger
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	<b>Team #2: Vicky Weisenberger</b>	<b>Linens for the Month of December: Laura Lewis</b>	