



From the Pastor's Desk:

A reminder, we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception this week. This is a *holyday of obligation* throughout the Church in the United States. There will be a Vigil Mass here on Monday evening, December 7, at 7:00 p.m. There will be Feast Day Masses (Tuesday, December 8) at 8:30 a.m. here as well as 10:00 a.m. at Bishop Flaget. St. Colman-Washington Court House will have a Mass at 7:00 p.m. that Tuesday evening. Any of these Masses would count for your holyday obligation and help keep you in a state of grace.

Also, congratulations to the fifteen children who made their First Confession this weekend and a reminder to the rest of us to make a plan now to come to one of the many opportunities to go to confession and prepare for the Lord's coming this Christmas! The list of opportunities is printed elsewhere in this bulletin.

This Friday, December 11 is the 2nd anniversary of the death of Sr. Mary Peter. The 8:30 Mass that morning will be the "Mass on anniversary of death." Come join us in praying for the repose of her soul and in gratitude for her many years of service.

Next Sunday, December 13, St. Colman-Washington Court House will be having *Lessons and Carols* at 3:00 p.m. at the church (223 East East Street, WCH). This is a great opportunity to celebrate Advent with a beautiful rhythm of Scripture readings (read by a number of seminarians from the Josephinum) and the singing of carols which reflect those readings. All are invited.

Finally, there has been some question about our change from providing the yearly box of offertory envelopes to now having them mailed to your home. We have always contracted with a company, Our Sunday Visitor, for offertory envelope services. Due to the structure of rates involving shipping, they now offer a lower price to churches that have them delivered to the home rather than in once a year large shipment of boxes to the parish. So, not only do we get the convenience of it going directly to your home, it is also less expensive for the church this way. If you have any problems once this service begins please be sure to contact us. Also, please consider the "first-fruits" spirituality of having your tithe taken directly from your checking account a day or two after your payday (then you don't have to worry about envelopes if you don't want to). Online giving is easy to set up and can be accessed from the front page of our webpage: www.stpeterchillicothe.com.

In Christ,
Fr. Hahn

The new security entrance system is now in place at the parish hall / office. When you come to the parish office/hall during business hours, please press the button on the grey box to the left of the doors. Someone will answer the call and let you know when the door is unlocked for entrance.

Responsorial Psalm for this weekend's Masses:

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Ps. 126: 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

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The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

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 Mass. It can be found in the Saint Michael Hymnal #126.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Members are reminded of their monthly meeting on Monday, December 7. Due to the Vigil Mass for the Feast Day, we will gather at 6:00 p.m. in the basement classroom. Current Needs of the Food Pantry are canned fruit, soup, and cereal.

Immaculate Conception – Holy Day of Obligation – Mass Times:

Vigil Mass – Monday, December 7 – 7:00 p.m. – NO Confessions prior to Mass
Feast Day – Tuesday, December 8 – 8:30 a.m. (St. Peter)
Tuesday, December 8 – 10:00 a.m. (Bishop Flaget)

Tickets for the Saturday, December 12 International Dinner are now on sale! Tickets will be available at Coffee and Donuts this Sunday. Some tickets will be available to purchase at the door the evening of December 12.



Did you know there was a St. Peter's College in Chillicothe? Did you know that the rectory's central vacuum system was the first in Chillicothe? You can find out this information and more in the *Historical Chillicothe* basket. This is a true history lovers treat including gift certificates for a family membership to Adena Mansion and Gardens and a photo session with Cathy Zangri to record your own history!

Come do some Christmas Shopping and help send the High School Youth Group to perform mission work in Mexico at the same time. (One of their duties will be helping at a shelter for young unwed mothers.) Remember . . . any money spent over the cost of the basket is considered donation for tax purposes.



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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 5

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

Monday, December 7 – Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass

Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

7:00 p.m. Sharon Ginther – Kathryn Hirsch

Tuesday, December 8 – Feast of Immaculate Conception

Gen 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

8:30 a.m. Dye & Flynn Families – Bob & Kathy Dye

Wednesday, December 9

Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

8:30 a.m. John Bender – Rick & Carol Rooney

Thursday, December 10

Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

5:30 p.m. Kathleen Fowler – George & Phyllis Hassey

Friday, December 11

Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

8:30 a.m. Sr. Mary Peter – The Meeker Family

Saturday, December 12

Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38

9:00 a.m. Success of Mexico 2016 Mission –
Our Lady Outreach Network

5:00 p.m. Fred Ginther – David & Jody Cutright

Sunday, December 13

Zeph 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

8:00 a.m. Russ Dooley – Mary Jo Dooley

11:30 a.m. David Minch – St. Peter Class of 1965

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.

Calendar for the Week

Saturday, December 5

4:00-4:30 p.m. Confessions – Church
4:25 p.m. Rosary Recitation – Church
6:00 p.m. Server Training – Church
6:00 p.m. OLON Rosary – Convent Chapel

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 p.m. Mexico Mission Trip meeting –
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

Monday, December 7

6:30 p.m. Flame of Hope Prayer Group –
Blessed Virgin Mary Room
7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Society –
Bsmt Classroom

Tuesday, December 8

9:30-10:30 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul Office Open
10:00 a.m. All-School Mass –
Bishop Flaget Gymnasium
7:00 p.m. RCIA – Holy Family Library

Wednesday, December 9

10:00 a.m. Sisterhood of the Frogged Stitches –
Blessed Virgin Mary Room
12:30 p.m. Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal –
Bishop Flaget Gymnasium
5:30 p.m. Penance Service – St. Sylvester, Zaleski
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 10

9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. – Adoration – Church
5:00-5:15 p.m. Confessions – Church
7:00 p.m. Christmas Program –
Bishop Flaget Gymnasium
7:00 p.m. Young Adult Group – Holy Family Library
7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group – Bosco Room

Friday, December 11

8:30 a.m. Mass – St. Peter Church
1:30-2:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Office Open
3:00 p.m. Mass at Carriage Court Nursing Home –
Washington Courthouse
3:00 p.m. Disciples of Divine Mercy –
Holy Family Library

Saturday, December 12

7:00 a.m. Men's Ministry – Holy Family Library
4:00-4:30 p.m. Confessions – Church
4:25 p.m. Rosary Recitation – Church
5:30 p.m. Doors Open – International Dinner –
Parish Hall
6:00-8:00 p.m. Living Nativity – Bishop Flaget

Sunday, December 13

9:15 a.m. PSR – 2nd Floor Parish Center
9:30 a.m. Bible Study – Holy Family Library
12:30 p.m. Christmas Gifts need returned to Church
12:30 p.m. Faith & Light Program – Parish Hall

Faith and Light community gathering at St. Peter's parish center December 13th. Gathering begins shortly after 11:30 a.m. Mass. The theme for December is, "The most beautiful of Cribs." We will be watching a video about the Annunciation; be discussing how we, like Mary, can say Yes and prepare to receive Jesus. If you have a family member or friend with developmental disabilities please come have lunch with us and let the light of Christ enhance your faith.



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.

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.



The Christian Service Christmas Gift Giving Project kicked off last 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 this 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.



Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Fr. Hartge will celebrate Mass on Saturday, December 12 at 9:00 a.m. in the church. All are welcome to attend.

Lectors are reminded to pick up their workbooks for this Liturgical Year. They are located on the table in the back of church and are labeled by name.



We are looking for children who want to sing at the 5:00 p.m. Children's Mass on Christmas Eve. There will be a practice to go over the songs after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 20th. For questions, please call Diane Corcoran at 740-703-2196.

BISHOP FLAGET NEWS

Bishop Flaget Christmas Program is scheduled for Thursday, December 10, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. If you are unable to make the night performance and wish to see the program, the Dress Rehearsal is scheduled for Wednesday, December 9, 2015, at 12:30 p.m. All are welcome to come enjoy the program!



Bishop Flaget will hold its second annual Living Nativity on December 12th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in front of Bishop Flaget School. Come and enjoy this visual reenactment of Christ's nativity with the students of Bishop Flaget. Nativity includes live animals. You do not need to leave your car...unless you want to. There is no charge, but the students will be collecting canned items for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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. Information is also available at www.bishopflaget.org.

50+ Group Members – The December Get Together will be caroling at the nursing homes in conjunction with Christmas Gift Giving Project. Watch the bulletin for details!

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 22-28 – Sericia Tinsley
November 29-December 5 – Alan & Kim Noel
December 6-12 – Dave Purpero
December 13-19 – Carol & Rod Stamper

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 second Charism is CELIBACY. *The Charism of Celibacy* empowers a Christian to be most fulfilled and spiritually fruitful by remaining unmarried and celibate for the sake of Christ. This Charism is most obvious with the clergy and religious. A lay person's task for this charism is to encourage those who have taken the vow of celibacy to continue to fulfill their vow.

Good stewards believe that God, who has begun this good work in them, will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they can sing with the psalmist, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!" See Psalm 126

The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank those who donated for the 5th Sunday collection. The members collected \$1,020.00 November 29/30. The Society would also like to thank the Middle School Youth Group for their collection of food for the pantry as well as to those who donated food at the Thanksgiving Day Mass. Your support of the Society's work is greatly appreciated.

	Weekly Offertory	Year to Date Offertory
Budgeted	\$16,810.42	\$185,015.62
Actual Offertory – November 22 & 29, 2015	\$13,534.24	\$167,709.09
Difference	(\$ 3,276.18)	(\$ 17,306.53)
Improvement Fund	\$ 90.00	\$ 1,716.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 2015

St. Vincent de Paul – \$1,132.00
 World Missions – \$15.00
 Campaign for Human Development – \$752.00
 Catholic Relief – \$40.00
 Habitat for Humanity – \$340.00
 Miryante Orphanage – \$65.00
 Hope Clinic – \$186.00
 Bishop Flaget – \$182.00
 St. Margaret's Cemetery – \$376.00

Online Giving is the easiest way to give your first fruits to our Lord! Visit the Parish website at 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 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!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECONCILIATION THIS ADVENT!

We have many opportunities to receive 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. Below is the schedule for Advent Penance Services in the Consortium:

- 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

	December 12, 5:00 p.m. Third Sunday of Advent	December 13, 8:00 a.m. Third Sunday of Advent	December 13, 11:30 a.m. Third Sunday of Advent
Eucharist	Sr. Leonard Mary – B Marlene Berling – C1 George Hassey – C2	Roger Cenci – B John Seifert – C1 Lloyd Turner – C2	Mary McCord – B Nicholas Damico – C1 Sylvia Ramsey – C2
Lector	Peggy Bechie – 1 Sr. Shani Mary – 2	Greg Corcoran – 1 Cathy Seifert – 2	Mark Neal – 1 Steve Neal – 2
Server	Nathaniel Hawk Nate Roy Gabe Roy	Christian Brown Simon Brown Gabe Corcoran Ben Corcoran	Kaleb Ramsey Kyril Ramsey Dominic Barron
Greeter	Dick Black Pat Black	Liberty Armstrong Lloyd Turner Family	Leigh Ann Meeker Richard Stadtfeld
Offertory	James Hollis Emelinda Hollis	Aaron Brown Family	Tom Long Family
Usher	Mary Anne Brown Lisa Diehl Pete Simmons Thomas Zuber	James Burgess Doug Corcoran Maralee Scheeler Tim Scheeler	John Crowe Ken Miller Frank Nunziato Bret Reisinger

Church Cleaning	Team #3: Nellie Ginther	Linens for the Month of December: Laura Lewis
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