



### From the Pastor's Desk

Just a reminder to prepare your soul for Our Lord's coming at Christmas by making a Confession before Christmas. We will be having our annual joint-parish Advent Penance Service here at St. Peter, this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. If you cannot make that one, see the bulletin's calendar for others in the consortium this week.

In Christ,  
Fr. Hahn

**MASS ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 11 will be held at 8:30 a.m., not 5:30 p.m., due to the priests being at St. Colman's Penance Service.**

**The Advent Chant "Creator Alme Siderum"** will be sung before the Sunday Masses this week. Last week, the English translation, "Creator of the Stars of Night," was sung during the Offertory, and can be found in the *St. Michael Hymnal*, #497.

**Help send the Miryante Orphanage children on a Christmas trip to the Nile River!** The children at Miryante rarely get to travel and see a lot of the attractions that tourists see when they visit Uganda. Donations can be made directly through the website via the "management fund" section. If you would like to send a donation through St. Peter's offertory, please place in an envelope marked "Miryante Christmas Trip" and put on any check as well. The cost of the trip is \$580.00, which includes renting a bus, meals for the day, entrance to see the source of the Nile, and a short boat ride. Any questions, contact the Parish Office. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Sign-up sheets for the Christmas Masses are located on the table in the back of church. (Call the office if you are a youth/parent wishing to help at the Children's Mass.)** December 24th is the 4th Sunday of Advent. With it also being Christmas Eve, the Mass schedule for the Sunday has been adjusted to allow for the decorating of church. The weekend Masses, for the 4th Sunday of Advent, will be 5:00 p.m., Saturday Vigil, and 8:00 a.m. and **10:00 a.m.** on Sunday. Christmas Masses will be Sunday, December 24, at 5:00 p.m. for the Children's Mass (this does NOT meet your Sunday Obligation), Midnight Mass, and 10:30 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day. This year's Christmas Holiday is a little "screwy" with Christmas falling on Monday, and the 4th Sunday of Advent falling on Christmas Eve. Thus, it is necessary for you to fulfill the obligation of Sunday Mass, as well as Christmas' Holy Day of Obligation. Just an opportunity to become more holy!

**Ladies Christmas Get-together...** Thursday, December 14, from 6:15-8:15 p.m., ladies of all ages are invited to gather in the Parish Hall for some social time. We will order pizza and drinks, play cards, and have some fellowship. If you would like to participate, please bring an inexpensive (\$5.00) gift to exchange. For additional information, contact Robin Flannagan, Lynn Anderson, or Jenny French.

**2018 Uganda Mission Trip...** There will be a meeting for anyone interested in going on the 2018 Mission Trip to Uganda on Sunday, December 31, from 9:15 to 10:30 a.m., in the Holy Family Library. Laura Corcoran will be available to answer questions you might have. Call Diane Corcoran at [740-703-2196](tel:740-703-2196) for more information.



### **Reverse Advent Calendar Participation Encouraged!**

Our Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a 28 Days of Advent: a Reverse Advent Calendar Project. As most Advent Calendars countdown to Christmas, this project is a count up to Christmas using nonperishable food items. All donations will be given to our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Donations can be brought to church and placed in the tub provided by Knights or to the parish office. Those needing their donations picked up before or after Christmas, please contact Joe Zupi at (home) 740-773-4707, (work) 740-772-4759, or by email at [jzupi2002@yahoo.com](mailto:jzupi2002@yahoo.com), and he will make arrangements for a Knight to pick up and deliver to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. You may also contact Joe for any questions regarding the project.

**Attention, Young Adults (aged 18-30)** – A murder mystery/masquerade dinner is being planned for Saturday, January 13, 6:00 p.m., in the Holy Family Library. Put on your old tux and prom dress and join other young adults for an evening of fun. Prize for the best mask! To RSVP or additional information, contact Nick French at 740-701-5380. You won't want to miss this who-done-it kind of a night!

### **Mass Intentions**

#### **Saturday, December 9**

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

**5:00 p.m.** Marda Kengle – Kengle Family

#### **Sunday, December 10**

*Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8*

**8:00 a.m.** Verna Groves – Beth Fowler

**11:30 a.m.** Mary Damico – Jim Anzelmo

#### **Monday, December 11**

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

**8:30 a.m.** Neal French – Bob French Family

#### **Tuesday, December 12**

*Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47*

**8:30 a.m.** Bill & Ruth Neal – Larry & Ann Mautz

#### **Wednesday, December 13**

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

**8:30 a.m.** Gail Junk – Rita Sue Schneider

#### **Thursday, December 14**

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

**5:30 p.m.** (Living) Renata Poole –  
Geary & Janet Griffith

#### **Friday, December 15**

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

**8:30 p.m.** Patty Wholey – Clark & Carol Robinson

#### **Saturday, December 16**

*Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13*

**5:00 p.m.** Lyle Schumacher – Julie Schumacher

#### **Sunday, December 17**

*Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28*

**8:00 a.m.** For the People

**11:30 a.m.** Christin Campbell Gaston – Judy Kight

### **Calendar for the Week**

#### **Saturday, December 9**

4:00-4:30 p.m. Confessions – Church

#### **Sunday, December 10**

##### **9:00-11:00 a.m. Parish Office Open**

9:00 a.m. Beloved Brunch – Parish Hall

9:15 a.m. PSR – Second Floor  
Parish Center

9:15 a.m. David – Bible Study –  
Holy Family Library

#### **Monday, December 11**

8:30 a.m. Mass – Church

3:00 p.m. Little Flowers –  
2nd Floor Parish Center

6:15 p.m. Rosary for Addiction – Church

6:45 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting –  
St. John Bosco Room

7:00 p.m. Penance Service –  
St. Colman, WCH

#### **Tuesday, December 12**

6:00 a.m.-Midnight – Adoration – Adoration Chapel

9:30-10:30 a.m. Food Pantry –

St. Vincent de Paul Room

7:00 p.m. Advent Penance Service –  
Church

#### **Wednesday, December 13**

Midnight-Midnight – Adoration – Adoration Chapel

5:30 p.m. Penance Service –

St. Sylvester, Zaleski

5:30 p.m. Penance Service –

St. Mary, Waverly

6:00 p.m. Unlocking Mysteries of Bible  
Study – Holy Family Library

7:00 p.m. Choir – Church

7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study –  
All Saints Room

7:00 p.m. Sisterhood of Frogged Stitches –  
Mezzanine

#### **Thursday, December 14**

Midnight-5:00 p.m. – Adoration – Adoration Chapel

5:00 p.m. Confessions – Church

6:00-9:00 p.m. Adoration – Church

6:15-8:15 p.m. Ladies Christmas Gathering –  
Parish Hall

7:00 p.m. Bishop Flaget School Program –  
BFS Gymnasium

7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group –  
St. John Bosco Room

#### **Friday, December 15**

8:30 a.m. Mass – Church

9:30 a.m. Bishop Flaget Penance Service

1:30 p.m. Food Pantry –

St. Vincent de Paul Room

2:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Cenacle –  
Mezzanine Conference

#### **Saturday, December 16**

12:00 noon Wreaths Across America –  
St. Margaret Cemetery

4:00-4:30 p.m. Confessions – Church

6:00 p.m. Prayer Ministry – Church

#### **Sunday, December 17**

##### **9:00-11:00 a.m. Parish Office Open**

9:00 a.m. K of C Breakfast – Parish Hall

9:00 a.m. Prayer Ministry – Church

9:00 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks –  
Office Conference Room

9:15 a.m. PSR – Second Floor  
Parish Center

9:15 a.m. David – Bible Study –  
Holy Family Library

12:30 p.m. K of C Breakfast – Parish Hall

12:30 p.m. Prayer Ministry – Church

12:30 p.m. Blood Pressure Checks –  
Office Conference Room

**Wreaths Across America to be held on This Saturday, December 16.**

The ministry will conduct the Wreaths Across America ceremony once again at St. Margaret's Cemetery. The



Prayer Service will begin at 12:00 noon. *If you placed an order for wreaths, please be at the cemetery at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 16, to pick up your wreaths to place on the graves following the service at noon.* Contact Cecilia Althouse at 740-947-1339.

**Young people in families who are going to celebrate Christmas at the Children's Mass on Christmas Eve are invited to sing in the Youth Choir!**

The music will start at 4:30 p.m., followed by Mass at 5:00 p.m. (Children need to be in the Choir Loft by 4:15 p.m. that day.) Children can sing the music before the Mass begins and then go down to sit with their families during the Mass if they prefer, or they are welcome to stay in the Choir Loft for the entire Mass. Please consider joining us! There will be a practice Sunday, December 17th, from 9:30-10:30 a.m., in the Choir Loft. Questions? Call Diane Corcoran at [740-703-2196](tel:740-703-2196).

**March For Life 2018!** If you haven't already registered to travel to Washington, D.C. for the 45th March for Life, January 18th-20th, please contact the Parish Office! If you can't attend but can financially sponsor a traveler, fill out the enclosed flyer and return to Jenny or Judy at the Parish Office. We thank you for your generosity!

**New in January 2018!** The Local Ross County Right to Life is holding a first ever March for Life in Chillicothe on January 22, 2018, at 12:00 noon. The Marchers will begin at the Water Street main entrance of the city park and will march down Paint Street to the Ross County Court House. There will be speakers, music, food and friendship. Please contact Judy Harness at [740-774-1407](tel:740-774-1407) or Joe Herlihy at [rossco.righttolife@gmail.com](mailto:rossco.righttolife@gmail.com) for more information or please join us at our next meeting, December 18th, at 6:15 p.m., in the Holy Family Library, St. Peter Parish Center.



**HAPPENINGS ON THE HILL  
IN DECEMBER**

The Bishop Flaget Christmas Program will be December 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the school gym. All are welcome to attend. We will also be holding a raffle of many gifts and fun items during the program to help fund the junior high trip to Washington, D.C. in April.

Bishop Flaget will hold its "Living Nativity" on December 16th, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Drive by and check out the junior high's rendition of that special night. We will collect canned items and donations for the St. Vincent de Paul Society that night, as well.



**Annual Christian Service Christmas Project...Please return gifts to the church by this Sunday, December 10th.**

**They may be placed under the St. Joseph Statue.**

Time for deliveries will be announced in next week's bulletin, during the week of December 17-23. If you want to participate but cannot shop, please consider a monetary

donation that can be dropped off at the Parish Office.

The committee is still collecting items for the homeless. The committee will be collecting items to bundle in a blanket for those without homes. A container will be provided for placing the items needed. Suggested items to donate include: *socks, dry shampoo, canned meats with pull tops, peanut butter, wet wipes, gloves, hats, and McDonald's gift cards. Walmart gift cards will be accepted if they have the "Not to be used to purchase alcohol, tobacco and firearms" disclaimer on it.*



**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.

**5th Sunday Collection:** Members of St. Vincent de Paul Society will be at the church doors after Masses Saturday and Sunday, December 30 and December 31, 2017. Your generous contributions will continue to support their ongoing works of charity for the poor and disadvantaged.

**Wilderness Outreach** is holding its annual all men, fathers and sons, Advent hike at Clear Creek Metro Park, the same location as Carry the Cross. Due to the extended deer hunting weekend on December 16, we are moving the Advent Hike to Clear Creek Metro Park. There is NO deer hunting in Clear Creek during this time. The hikes will be staged from the Creekside Meadows parking lot at the east side of the park. Lunch, Mass, Campfire and Fraternity will be held 200 yards south of the parking lot in Camp Wyandot. The schedule is as follows:

8:00 a.m. – Morning Hike (+or- 3-hour hike)

12:00 Noon – Campfire and Lunch at Camp Wyandot

1:00 p.m. – Afternoon Hike (+or- 2-hour hike)

4:00 p.m. – Celebration of the Vigil Mass, Camp Wyandot

5:00-6:00+ p.m. – Campfire and Fellowship

For further information, contact John Bradford at [614-679-6761](tel:614-679-6761) or [wildernessoutreach2560@gmail.com](mailto:wildernessoutreach2560@gmail.com).



**Teens and adult leaders wish to thank** all those who donated or bought cinnamon rolls/T-shirts to help fund their trip to NCYC this past November. From one of our teens “It was a beautiful time and truly an amazing experience to see all the youth in the church just like me.” And, another teen says “I think I speak for everyone who went on the NCYC trip when I say it was an amazing event. The trip has renewed my love for the Catholic faith and made me realize that the Church has a bright future. Thank you so much for donating money, allowing our parish to participate in such a special event. I can’t tell you how much it means to me and everyone who went!” *Your support of our youth and helping them increase and strengthen their faith is greatly appreciated!*



**WAYS TO HELP THOSE IN NEED WHO ARE SERVICED BY THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY –**  
*Items can be dropped off at the Parish Office during regular business hours or placed in the baskets in the vestibule of church.*

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

***Volunteers ask that if all possible, please do not send item in glass containers.***

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|---------------|--|----------------|
| Cereal        | Soup   | Tuna           |
| Ramen Noodles | Spaghetti Sauce  | Pasta          |
| Mac & Cheese  | Peanut Butter  | Boxed Potatoes |
| Rice Pouches  | Canned Fruit   | Toilet Paper   |
| Dish Liquid   | Personal Care Items:<br>i.e. Shampoo,<br>Feminine Hygiene Products |                |

**Do you donate clothes to Goodwill?** At St. Vincent de Paul, we sometimes have clients who need new clothes, and we are able to give them vouchers to buy them at Goodwill. If you or anyone you know donates a large bag of clothing to Goodwill, and fills out the donation form with our name on it (St. Peters St. Vincent de Paul), we will get a credit toward the vouchers that we give out. Your donation to Goodwill helps that organization, and in this way it will also help our own St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for considering this.



**Pilgrim Virgin Statue of  
Our Lady of Fatima Schedule**  
***December 3-9 – Maimone Family***  
***December 10-16 – Turner Family***  
***December 17-30 – Althouse Family***

**Hope Clinic of Ross County** is in need of volunteers for the Dental Clinic and Health Clinic. The dental clinic is in need of a certified radiology tech with current license, front desk help and hygienist as soon as possible. The Health Clinic is in need of licensed MA, LPN, and RN Nurses, as well as Office Aides. There are currently eight doctors who volunteer on a rotating basis. Additional doctors are always welcome to help with the rotation or to cover vacations. If interested in helping, please contact Melissa Ward at [740-600-4689](tel:740-600-4689) or email [melissawardhopeclinic@gmail.com](mailto:melissawardhopeclinic@gmail.com).



**Adorers Needed For  
Perpetual Adoration:**

We are in need of Adorers for the following days and times:  
**11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon  
on Tuesday –  
Need One Adorer  
(Help is especially  
needed during the  
tax season  
coming up.)**

If you are interested in becoming an Adorer, please contact Fr. Dooley at (740) 774-1407, ext. 5, or by email at [sdooley@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:sdooley@columbuscatholic.org).



**Adoration Chapel Intention for  
the Week of December 10, 2017:  
In Honor of Jesus in the Eucharist  
As Donated by  
Bill & Iona Cunningham.**

**Infant of Prague Adoration Chapel Schedule  
for Christmas and New Year's**

**Week of December 24th:** There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday, December 26th. We will resume Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday, December 27th at 6:00 a.m.

**Week of December 31st:** There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday January 2nd. We will resume Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday, January 3rd at 6:00 a.m.

**Our Eucharistic Adoration Schedule** will resume at its normal time on Tuesday, January 9th at 6:00 a.m.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

– Fr. Dooley

**Adoration Chapel Candles** sponsorship has dates available for 2018. Contact Jenny at the parish office to sponsor the candles in honor of loved ones, in thanksgiving for blessings received, or any intention.

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAY WISHES**

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

- December 14, Dorothy Hagerty,  
771 Buckeye Street
- December 19, Dona Schumacher,  
405 Robin Road, Waverly



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**PICK OF THE WEEK, December 10, 2017**

Dr. Scott Hahn, one of the most eminent Catholic Theologians in our country today, reveals what scholars now know about the shepherds, the mysterious Magi, and King Herod. Your Advent journey will take on new meaning as you prepare your heart for the birth of our Lord. This illuminating presentation is sure to help you grow in appreciation of the greatest gift ever given to mankind – Jesus Christ.



Find this and more in the audio section on the formed website. Access Code VZ4F2W or download the free app for your phone!

**Prayer List**

**If there is someone in need of being on this prayer list, please call Jenny at the Parish Office at 740-774-1407. Please pray for the following members of God's family:**

Amy & Rich Adams, Peggy Bechie, Dinese Carmen, Rosemarie Cox, Angie Currier, Don Davis, Amy Carroll Fields, Lib Fisher, Albert Geimer, Veronica Geimer, Dan & Jane Harness, Brookie & Larry Heightsman, Brian Moore, Dave Neal, Dan Rogers, Paula Romans, Joe Schumann, John Slagle, Richard Stadtfeld, Helen Stanton, Colleen Sulzer, Cindy Strausbaugh, Heidi Swan, Mary Wachter, Roger Wilburn, Debbie Winneger

John the Baptist's call to repentance is echoed in the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship: "Christians must beg God for the grace of conversion: the grace to know who they are, to whom they belong, how they are to live – the grace to repent and change and grow, the grace to become good disciples and stewards."

<b>Budgeted Expenses – December 3, 2017</b>	\$8,815.60	\$202,759.10
<b>Actual Offertory – December 3, 2017</b>	\$6,607.10	
<b>Online Giving</b>	\$2,079.00	\$192,051.64
<b>Difference</b>	(\$ 129.50)	(\$ 10,707.46)
<b>Improvement Fund</b>	\$ 87.00	\$ 1,857.00

# Teen Space

**High School Youth Events – Open to teens and their friends in Grade 9-12.** Join us each or any Thursday, at 7:00 p.m., in the St. John Bosco Room in the

basement of the Parish Center (unless other announced). Come when you can or to the sessions that are of interest to you.

December 14 – Service

December 21 & 28 – No Meetings

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#Advent St. John the Baptist be like...

**Teen Pick of the Week of December 10, 2017**

**SR. MIRIAM WAS ONE OF THE FEATURED SPEAKERS  
AT THE RECENT NCYC CONFERENCE!**



In this presentation from the 2017 FOCUS SEEK Conference, Sr. Miriam James Heidland gives an incredibly affecting and passionate talk about how each person can hear God's voice in prayer. Sr. Miriam relates the majestic beauty and simultaneous simplicity of God's call to every person and each person's opportunity to respond to Him. She describes our lives as a drama, an adventure story in which we must be willing to continue forward in faith rather than with piercing sight. This captivating presentation will help listeners to understand the ways in which God wishes to speak to them, and will encourage listeners to respond with the fullness of their selves.

Find this and more in the audio section on the formed website. Access Code VZ4F2W or download the free app for your phone!

## LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

	December 16, 5:00 p.m. Third Sunday of Advent	December 17, 8:00 a.m. Third Sunday of Advent	December 17, 11:30 a.m. Third Sunday of Advent
<b>Eucharist</b>	George Hassey – EM1 (1) Linda Hunt – EM2 – J Deacon Hauser – EM3 – M	Ellen Clark – EM1 (1) Bill Clark – EM2 – J Lloyd Turner – EM3 – M	Sr. Leonard Mary – EM1 (1) Sylvia Ramsey – EM2 – J Tess Hatmacher – EM3 – M
<b>Lector</b>	Eric Rinehart – 1 Robin Flannagan – 2	Aaron Brown – 1 Catherine Noel – 2	Ben Rusnak – 1 Michael Althouse – 2
<b>Server</b>	Joey Mihelich Nate Roy	Luke Corcoran Thomas Noel Zane Pickerrell	Dominic Nunziato Luke Davis Dane Barron
<b>Greeter</b>	Beth Groves Bill Seidensticker	Theresa Beatty Lloyd Turner Family	Rhonda Crowe Crowe Family
<b>Offertory</b>	Scott Diehl	Maimone Family	Tom Stanton
<b>Usher</b>	Mary Anne Brown Lisa Diehl Sandra Haas Thomas Zuber	James Burgess Doug Corcoran Maralee Scheeler Tim Scheeler	John Crowe Ken Miller Frank Nunziato Bret Reisinger

**Church Cleaning** | **Team #8: Melissa Huggins Family** | **Linens for the Month of December: Laura Lewis**

