

^ BULLETIN COPY – ST. MARY CHURCH – GROVEPORT, OHIO - SUNDAY, November 27 – USE CUT # 2-B

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Roger Crites by Sandy Trammer
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Deceased Children of the TCF's by Rose Mary Billiter
	11:00 a.m.	For the Parish Family
Monday	8:30 a.m.	Novena & Rosary
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Forever Young Club Living & Deceased Members by FYC
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Don & Betty Peck by the Peck Family
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Walter Bruns by the Jerry Jenkins Family
Friday	8:30 a.m.	Tiffany Lyn Dials by Laura Bradford
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Carmen Rodriguez by Family Friend
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Carrie Billiter 7 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary by Her Parents & Sister
	11:00 a.m.	For the Parish Family

**THIS WEEKEND**

**NEXT WEEKEND**

**SERVER SCHEDULE**

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Brian Ropchock, Frank Trammer	
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Jonathan Maier, Marita Surry, Jazlyn Winski, Deven Winski	See Schedule in Sacristy
	11:00 a.m.	Connie Brown, Todd Lutz, Sandro Nuakey, Macie Sporleder	

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Sydney Blain, Sandy Trammer	Sandy Trammer, David Wilson
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Dave Solack, JoEllen Stebelton	Marita Surry, Rosemarie Watters
	11:00 a.m.	Patricia Raynak, Mayellen Fowler	Mary Mashburn, Jim Raynak

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE**

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Pam Gerardi, Sandy Trammer, Phil Feldmeier, Marilyn O'Linn, Shawna Gentile	Sandy Williams, Phil Feldmeier, Pam Gerardi, Shawna Gentile, Judi Matz
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Pat Jenkins, Rosemarie Watters, Mary Slone, Irene Fagan, Carolyn Veit	Irene Fagan, Christine Boucher, Ken Koebel, Mary Slone, JoEllen Stebelton
	11:00 a.m.	Cindy Kinch, Nancy Scholl, Jean Bobst, Dorothy Carter, Bill Reeves	Nancy Scholl, Jean Bobst, Dorothy Carter, Mayellen Fowler, Jan Gale

**CANTOR SCHEDULE**

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Susan Howell	Debra Smith
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Kathy Frank	Dave Solack
	11:00 a.m.	Debra Smith	Susan Howell

*From Father John . . .*

*Advent ... Happy New Year!!*

Today ... the First Sunday of Advent ... the Church begins another liturgical year. In these four weeks of Advent, we're invited to consider God's promises to enter our lives. December is *also* an extra busy time with many Christmas preparations. These two aspects can be in conflict and quiet appreciation Christ's coming can be lost in the busy-ness of the other.

To achieve balance ... with mixed success, I'll admit ... let me suggest:

- **Simplicity** – Trying to celebrate in full *both* Advent and Christmas can be overwhelming. Bigger is usually not better. A simple Advent prayer and devotion with family. Daily lighting of a home Advent wreath. A simple Advent verse or meditation each day. In the midst of unavoidable pre-Christmas rush simple daily routines are more effective than elaborate spiritual exercises.
- **Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation** – God's entry in our lives at Jesus' Nativity is a good time to take stock and call upon the mercies of God. Set quiet time aside for your examination of conscience. Parish Penance Service is at **2:00 p.m.** on Sunday, December 4 (*note time change*). Confessions are heard Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. Or make an appointment suitable to your schedule (Fr. John – 740-503-2827).
- **Practice Generosity** – We should be mindful of the needs of the poor *especially* in this season of apparent plenty. Donate funds or articles to St. Vincent de Paul or make an extra-ordinary gift to feed the hungry or help clothe those without winter coats or assist efforts for the homeless or the care of the ill. St. Mary will have the Adopt-a-Family and the "Mitten" Tree programs again this year.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, November 27** – Is 2:1-5 / Rom 13:11-14 / Mt 24:37-44

**Monday, November 28** – Is 4:2-6 / Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday, November 29** – Is 11:1-10 / Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday, November 30** – Rom 10:9-18 / Mt 4:18-22

**Thursday, December 1** – Is 26:1-6 / Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday, December 2** – Is 29:17-24 / Mt.9:27-31

**Saturday, December 3** – Is 30:19-21, 23-26 / Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Sunday, December 4** – Is 11:1-10 / Rom 15:4-9 / Mt 3:1-12

## OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND CHURCH

Will be posted next weekend!

**Our new 2017 Missals begin this weekend, the First Sunday of Advent!** Please be gentle with these new missals because they need to last the year. Also, please do not take them home with you; we need all that we ordered. If you would like to take home a 2016 missal, please pick one up in the P.S.R. Office. **Thank you to the P.S.R. students who helped change the missals!**

**Christmas Choir practices** are held every Wednesday beginning at 6:30 p.m.

**Servers are needed** for December 24/25 and December 31/January 1. Please see sign-up sheet in the sacristy.

**St. John XXIII Parish** will host the Ohio Dominican University Christmas Chorus, “And the Angels Sang” on December 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Fr. Denis and our parish family invite St. Mary parish family to come and enjoy a Christmas message. This 75 minute concert of lullabies and songs of praise to the newborn King is sure to lift your heart and prepare you to receive Him once again.

**Christmas Poinsettias:** If you would like to help decorate the presbyterium for Christmas in memory of a loved one, please use the envelope included in your packet or one of the envelopes provided in the vestibule to offset the cost of the poinsettias. Be sure to include the name of your intention and drop it in the collection basket no later than December 11.

**Parish Advent Penance Service** will be held next Sunday, December 4 at 2:00 p.m. with multiple priests present. Examine your conscience and *Know God's Mercy!* Come as a family.

**The flowers** in front of the Altar this weekend are given by Frank & Sandy Trammer in memory of Roger Crites, and Lucy & Frankie Trammer.

**Great Advent Devotional Material** – Available in the Vestibule

***The Lord is Coming! Praying through Advent with Pope Francis*** – Daily prayers: First Sunday of Advent through Christmas Week.

***Prepare His Way!*** – Daily Meditations by Pope Francis, Saint Mother Teresa and Fr. Henri Nouwen.

**There will be no Parish School of Religion Classes this Sunday, November 27 due to Thanksgiving Holiday! Classes will resume next Sunday, December 4.**

## St. Vincent de Paul

**The St. Vincent de Paul Silent Auction** was a huge success thanks to the generosity of the parishioners! All proceeds go to the St. Vincent de Paul to help the needy.

**The St. Vincent de Paul** has a food basket in the vestibule for the Groveport Food Pantry. For the month of **November**, they are requesting Boxed Potatoes & Gravy. For December, **Pasta and Pasta Sauce**.

**St. Mary SVDP Youth Group** would like to thank Christine & Gary Boucher for their years of service and dedication to our youth. Succeeding Christine & Gary are two new moderators: Jeneane Miles and Sarah Lewis, who have good ideas for the coming year. They would like to have a meeting with the youth group this Sunday, November 27 after the 11:00 Mass in the Parish Hall. The Youth Group is a wonderful way to get involved with our community while serving others. Service hours will be earned for their time helping others. *Come share your thoughts and ideas with them!*

**SVDP will be collecting new Women's and Men's** socks and underwear again this year with all items delivered to JOIN. Once again, SVDP will be participating in the Bethlehem on Broad Street Christmas Dinner Program. Please watch the bulletin for details!

**The SVDP will have their monthly collection this Sunday after all Masses!**

**Thank you** to all the volunteers who helped with the parish Thanksgiving dinner!

**The Catholicism Series** continues on Tuesday, November 29, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This lesson is entitled "The Mystery of the Liturgy & the Eucharist." Bishop Barron explores the notion that "all value is summed up in the liturgy, the supreme act by which we commune with God." Considered by Catholic Faith to be "the source and summit" of its identity and mission, the Eucharist is the central practice of the Church's culture.

**The Craft Club** will be having a Christmas Bazaar after all Masses on December 3 & 4.

**Hugs and Prayers** – Please remember in Prayer those of our Parish family and friends who at this time are hospitalized, ill, or recovering: Rosa Alonzo, Mary Ann & Richard Armstrong, Ann Arnett, Virginia Bauman, Margaret Bonner, Mary Jo Borghese, The Brothers Family, Tom Bryan, Chris Burkhart, Catherine Courey, Kathy Daw, Al Elizondo, Dominic Elizondo, Giuseppe Fazio, Mayellen Fowler, Shirley Jo Fraley, Ben Garrison, Mary Getreu, Cody Hetterscheidt, Tara Hetterscheidt, Bill & Agnes Hillis, Austin Hosfeld, Susan & Steve Howell, Jake Jajczyk, Mary Jones, Mary Kampf, Henry Kampf, Barb Kellenbarger, Evelyn Kelley, Tim Leddy, Lisa Leonard, Julie Litsinberger, Rita Martini, Dick Matz, Maria Mayes, Trisha Mentzer, Msgr. Bob Metzger, Wanda Mennetti, Mary Jo McKinney, Maxine & Tom McLoughlin, Connie Neuherz, Renee Parlin, Joseph C. Ramsey, Fr. Reichert, Gene Schrader, Lucy Snyder, Mike Sommer, Virginia Theado, Howard Watters, Ken Watters, David Wilson, Caroline Weiland, Jeanne West, Virginia Whittemore, and Jim, Cathy Williams & Family.

## Upcoming Dates to Remember!

**Friday, December 2** Eucharistic Adoration beginning at 9:00 a.m. concluding with Benediction at 12:00 noon.

**Sunday, December 4** Advent Penance Service at **2:00 p.m.** (*note time change*)

**Thurs., December 8** Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, Holy Day of Obligation, Mass will be at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**Wed., December 14** 12:00 noon Mass of Healing

**Saturday,** Christmas Eve Mass at 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Music,

**December 24** 9:30 p.m. Mass

**Sunday, December 25** Mass at 9:00 a.m.