

Please pray for the health and the healing of our friends and relatives: Joyce Rogers, Stacy Polasko, Billy Adkins, Carolyn Johnson, Angie McKibben, Cullen Rowley, Kathy Means, Doug Gilliland, Mary Buhl, Jim Sheaffer, Lela Rathburn, Ben Montgomery, Dorothy Booth, Adam Calhoun, Jack Hagerty, Colleen Phillips, Barbara Keyes, and all of our Armed Forces serving

Mass Intentions

- Sunday, December 16**
 11:00 a.m. Peggy Formichi
 -Jerd Formichi & Julie Mussio
- Wednesday, December 19**
 5:30 p.m. Robert Menza
 -Barbara Keyes
- Sunday, December 23**
 11:00 a.m. Ulah Wiczak
 - Barbara Periat
- Monday, December 24**
 7:00 p.m. Ray Hayes
 -Ron & Mary Hayes

(When requesting a specific date for Mass Intentions, please send in at least one month in advance, the sooner the better. Due to print deadlines, intentions requested in less than a week will be placed at the soonest possible date if not already reserved by someone else.

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENT

For Sunday December 23, 2018

Altar Servers	Rachel Grace
Lectors	Mary Ellen Nose Vicki Harkins
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Kathleen Bledsoe Judy Oiler

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." (Philippians 4:6)

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

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<i>Thank you for your generous support.</i>	Weekly Offertory	Fiscal Year to date Offertory
Budgeted – 12/9/18	\$ 1,261.54	\$ 29,576.96
Actual – 12/9/18	\$ 935.00	\$ 25,203.50
Difference	(\$ 326.54)	(\$ 4,373.46)



St. Sylvester Feast Day, December 31

Fr. David will be offering Mass on Monday December 31st at 6:30pm. This Mass will be for the Feast of St. Sylvester. Mass will still be held on Tuesday January 1st at 11:00am for Mary, Mother of God.



From the Desk of Fr. Dooley

A blessed Gaudete Sunday to you! Are you ready for a break? Today, we take a break from the penitential nature of the season and we reflect on the joy of the Lord's arrival. The word *gaudete* means rejoice and this comes from today's liturgy: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near" (Philippians 4:5). You will notice that today we light the rose candle and Fr. David may even wear a rose vestment (We have two rose vestments here at St. Sylvester-one is the same color as *Pepto-Bismol*!). Anyway, the rose color signifies that we are halfway there and that this season will conclude soon.

Sometimes we experience anxiety in our lives when we wait for something to happen. The anxiety is felt by the crowds in the Gospel as many thought John was the Messiah. The crowd ask: what do we do now? However, John tells them that their anxiety will melt away as the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Someone else is coming.

The crowds had their worries and we have ours in the year 2018. Our questions and thoughts are much different though: What do I need to do before Christmas day? I still need to get my shopping and Christmas cards out. I need to get my travel plan together. It can be overwhelming.

In his 2014 Gaudete Sunday homily, Pope Francis said that Gaudete Sunday is known as the "Sunday of joy," and that instead of fretting about "all they still haven't done to prepare for Christmas, people should "think of all the good things life has given you." A good reminder for all of us. *Take a break and rejoice!* The Son of God didn't come to exhaust us by our giving of gifts and sending Christmas cards. The Messiah came to free us and to fulfill our desires of love and peace.

Take a break and put down the wrapping paper,
 Fr. Dooley

Christmas & Nativity Play

Our Parish School of Religion (PSR) students will be putting on a Christmas & Nativity Play for parishioners on Sunday December 23rd after the 11:00am Mass. This will take place in the Parish Hall. Please see Mary Ellen Nose for details. Join us during Coffee and Donuts!!

St. Sylvester Christmas Mass Schedule

Monday December 24th- Christmas Eve Mass at 7:00pm
 Tuesday January 1st- Mary, Mother of God Mass at 11:00am
 (please note that these are holy days of obligation)

St. Peter Chillicothe Mass Schedule:

Monday, December 24—Children's Christmas Eve Mass at 5:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, December 25—Midnight Mass
 Tuesday, December 25—10:30 a.m.
 Monday, December 31—Mary Mother of God—5:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, January 1—10:30 a.m.

Wellston Sts. Peter & Paul & Jackson Holy Trinity Schedule:

Monday, December 24 4:00pm – Sts. Peter and Paul
 6:00pm – Holy Trinity
 Tuesday, December 25– Midnight - Sts. Peter and Paul
 9:00am – Holy Trinity
 Monday, December 31 Mary Mother of God-
 5:00pm – Ss. Peter and Paul
 Tuesday, January 1— Noon – Holy Trinity

Year of the Family



Living the Liturgical Year
*Celebrating Saints and Feasts to
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December 21: St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church, Patron of Germany

Peter Canisius was born in Nijmegen, Holland in 1521 at the very time Luther had started to rebel against the Church. He joined the newly founded Jesuit Order and was ordained a priest in 1546. He was sent to Germany and the first superior of the German province of Jesuits. From there he began his remarkable work in the Counter-Reformation through his prodigious writings, powerful preaching and founding of dozens of colleges. It is primarily through his efforts that Central Europe was brought back to the True Faith. Read more about the life of this illustrious laborer in God's vineyard at <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2013-12-21>.

READING:

(family) **A Small Catechism for Catholics** by St. Peter Canisius;
Watchdog on the Rhine - A Story of St. Peter Canisius - by Br.
Gernard Greene (find it at Marysbooks.com)

(high school) **A Champion of the Church, The Life of St. Peter Canisius**, SJ by William Reany D.D

Prayer for the Intercession of St. Peter Canisius

Lord, you gave St. Peter Canisius wisdom and courage to defend the Catholic Faith. By the help of his prayers may all who seek the truth rejoice in finding you, and may all who believe in you be loyal in professing their faith Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, on God, for ever and ever. Amen.

In honor of St. Peter's patronage of Germany we decided to make this simple no bake cookie that was a favorite of the famous Trapp family (think Sound of Music) of German occupied Austria.

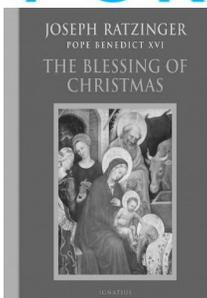
RECIPE: Rum Balls

1/2 pound vanilla wafers	1	1/2 cup light corn syrup
2 tsp cocoa powder		1/4 cup rum (or brandy)
1 cup pecans, finely chopped		Confectioner's sugar

Grind wafers very fine. Add nuts, cocoa, syrup and rum. Stir until well blended. Dust hands with confectioners' sugar and roll mixture into balls the size of a walnut. Let stand for about an hour to dry partially. Then roll in confectioners' sugar. (from: Around the Year with the Trapp Family).

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PICK OF THE WEEK, December 16, 2018

This lovely little book is ideal for the Christmas and Advent season with its inspiring, profound, yet popular meditations on the blessings of the season by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. Taken from his sermons as well as his writings, these beautiful meditations by the acclaimed spiritual teacher, writer and Pontiff, give his usual fresh insights into the deeper meaning of this most

wondrous event, and show the Pope to be a man who knows how to address both the mind and the heart. Find this and more on the formed website. Access Code VZ4F2W or download the free app for your phone!

Annulment Questions?

Are you in need of an annulment from a previous marriage? Would you like to have your marriage recognized by the Catholic Church? If you would like to learn more about the process or if have any questions, please contact Fr. Dooley at (740) 774-1407, ext. 5 or sdooley@columbuscatholic.org

Consider Making a Year-End Gift to St. Sylvester Church. As the end of the year approaches, we begin to reflect upon the many blessings bestowed upon us. The end of the year also provides a great opportunity to thank God for these blessings by gifting to St. Sylvester's. The benefits of income tax deductions, capital gains savings and other financial benefits are significant advantages that provide an incentive to make a gift at the year-end. There are many different ways of contributing a gift. However, two of the easiest and most direct methods to gift are donations of cash and appreciated stock or other investments. You can also make other financially advantageous gifts such as real estate, life insurance, charitable remainder trusts, gift annuities, will/trust bequests and IRA/retirement accounts. Any donations to be included on the 2018 offertory statements need to be into the parish office by Friday, December 28, 2018.

Zaleski Advent Ecumenical Services

In this Advent Season, St. Sylvester Parish will be joining in prayer and fellowship with Zaleski Methodist Church and Zaleski Freewill Baptist Church. These prayer services will last about half an hour and are open to anyone in the village. Please join us! The dates are as follows:



Thursday December 20 at 6:30pm - St. Sylvester Parish