

**READINGS FOR THIS WEEK**

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8  
 Monday: Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26  
 Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17/Lk 1:26-38  
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30  
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15  
 Friday: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19  
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a-10-13  
 Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



**Lord, bless and protect those serving our country**, especially: Major Brian Zeno, Airmen 1st Class Curtis McElfresh, PFC Christopher Wetzell, Lance Corporal Zachary Knowlton, Spc. Wm. Kayne Melko, Sgt. Joshua Hall, Staff PFC Cody Anderson, Staff Sgt. Aaron Loeffler, Tech Sgt. Craig DeBenedi, Capt. Trey Vasey, Capt. Tom Dyer, Staff Sgt. Josh Pempek, Mitchell Rataiczak, Master Sgt. Chris Dipold, Sgt. Ryan James, Sgt. Dylan Frizzi, Sgt. Jake Foster and Pvt. Zachary Popovich, Lance Cpl. John Morgan, Jr., Pvt. Parker Heagerty, Pvt William Clegg, Alex Rader, **Welcome Home Cpl. Vincent Kolenich!**

**Congratulations to the Newly Married!**

**Jake Zirkle and Sarah Westlake** were united in Holy Matrimony last Saturday afternoon at St. John's. May the Lord deepen their ability to love each other like Jesus loves his Church!

Remember those faithful religious sisters, brothers and priests who served so faithfully in schools and parishes and hospitals and many other ministries. Our contribution to the **Retirement Fund for Religious** national collection is a wonderful way to say "Thank You!" and support them in their retirement!

This year the 4th Sunday of Advent is also Christmas Eve so we will have our normal Sunday schedule of Masses at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. for the 4th Sunday of Advent and then our schedule of Christmas Eve Masses as well: 5:00 p.m. at St. John's and 8:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart. And there is no experience quite like the Midnight Mass - if you haven't been make plans to go!

**Disciples Called to Witness**

**St John the Evangelist Parish, Bellaire / Sacred Heart Parish, Neffs**

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 10TH, 2017**



**St John Church**  
415-37th St



**Sacred Heart Church**  
54038 St Mary Ave

**WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturday 5:00 PM - SJ Saturday 6:30 PM - SH  
 Sunday 10:30 AM - SJ Sunday 9:00 AM - SH

**WEEKDAY MASS**

6:00 PM (Mon.) 8:00 AM (Tues.-Fri.) - SJ

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 10:00-11:00 AM, 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM - SJ  
 Sunday 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM - SH  
 Monday, Wednesday, Friday Eve: 5:00 PM - 5:45 PM  
 Tuesday-Friday: 7:40-7:55 AM - SJ

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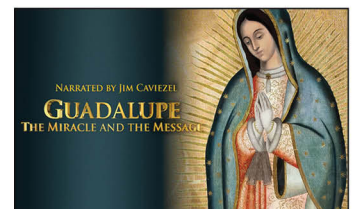
**St. Vincent De Paul Society:** If you know of someone who needs assistance, or someone asks you for help, direct them to the St. Vincent de Paul Society of our parishes. Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference serves the needy of the Bellaire and Neffs area. For assistance call: **740-325-6998**. Someone will respond within 24-48 hours.

**FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK**

**Guadalupe**

The Miracle and the Message

Explore the Marian Event that Transformed the World



Also available in Spanish!

Over the course of four days in 1531, the Virgin Mary appeared to an indigenous convert named Juan Diego and ignited an extraordinary transformation of the Americas. This gripping film explores the beautiful mystery and ongoing relevance of Our Lady's apparition at Guadalupe.



"So much of this documentary has helped me understand Our Lady of Guadalupe. I was moved to pray the rosary after watching this."

—Letty M., Virginia Beach, VA

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SECOND SUNDAY OF Advent

In Loving Memory of  
**Paul Cook**  
By Phyllis Cook

Lord, grant us many holy vocations to the priesthood and religious life!

Memorials/Ads  
\$15/space/month  
Buy 2 spaces get one free!

**PRAY FOR PEACE**

In loving Memory of  
**Deceased Joyce & Nixon Families**  
By Mary Catherine Nixon

1 space free with purchase of every two spaces purchased per month  
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**I Said a Christmas Prayer for You!**  
By Joyce Ferguson

In Loving Memory of  
**Rita Sharpe**  
By John Jr, John III, Anita, & Jeannine

In Loving Memory of  
**Michael & Viola Janc**  
Sharon Demkowicz

In Loving Memory of  
**John, Rose, & Cathy Magistro**  
By Bruce & MaryAnn



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**Fr. Dan's Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, December 9th, Second Sunday of Advent**  
 5:00 p.m. Ronald & Hilda Pollack (Family)  
 6:30 p.m. For the People of Sacred Heart & St. Johns

**Sunday, December 10th, Second Sunday of Advent**  
 9:00a.m. Dennie Bland (Bob & Judy Wood & Family)  
 10:30a.m Henry & Virginia Muselli anniversary deceased (Family)

**Monday, December 11th, St. Damasus I**  
**12:00 pm** Stephen Kosky (Donna White Class of 1984 SJCHS)

**Tuesday, December 12th, Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
 8:00 a.m. Carmella Kovalyk anniversary deceased (Bob & Charlotte Kovalyk)

**Wednesday, December 13th, St. Lucy**  
 8:00a.m. Marge Zeller (Pat Cervelli & Family)

**Thursday, December 14th, St. John of the Cross**  
 8:00 a.m. In honor of Paula "Donahue" St. John Birthday (Children)

**Friday, December 15th**  
 8:00a.m. Randy Sadlowski 1 year anniversary deceased (Sue Skrabak, Shannon & Addison Wagner)

**Saturday, December 16th, Third Sunday of Advent**  
 5:00p.m Ethel Johnson (Neil & Karen Cash)  
 6:30p.m. For the People of St. Johns & Sacred Heart

**Sunday, December 17th, Third Sunday of Advent**  
 9:00a.m. John & Rose Magistro (Children)  
 10:30a.m. Scott Coyne birthday deceased (Mom, Dad, & Brothers)

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DEC. 16/17, 2017**

**Sat. 5:00pm (SJ) (L)V.** Candari **(EM)T.** Sable **(G)M.** Gosney **(C)C.** Stegman **(O) J.** DeGenova  
**6:30pm (SH)(L)R.** Zaborek **(S)E.** Kalinowski **(OC) S.** Demkowicz  
**Sun. 9:00am (SH) (L)S.** Vavrek **(EM)B.** Godwin**(S)V.** Kolenich **(OC) V.** Kolenich  
**10:30am (SJ) (L)K.** Kelly **(EM)A.** Smigill **(G) M.A.** Young/A. Boiarski **(C)D.** Respole/Choir **(O) R.** Fitch

**This Sunday Only, 12/10/17, PSR will be held at Sacred Heart Church. Thank You!**

**Daily Mass** this Monday, December 11th will be at **12:00 noon** due to Penance Service at St. Mary's, St. C at 6:30 pm

**Offertory Collection**

**For the weekend of December 3/4, 2017**  
**St. John's:** Candles (\$95.14, Loose \$197.20, Adults (134env) \$4, 151, Children (5env) \$28, Building Fund (6env) \$46, SJGS (3env) \$12, St. Vincent de Paul (11env) \$99, Immaculate Conception (3env) \$25, Solemnity of Mary (1env) \$10, Christmas (11env) \$250, World Mission (1env) \$1, Catholic Camp. Human Dev. (2env) \$15, Christmas Flowers (28env) \$457, Children Imm. Conception (2env) \$10,  
**Sacred Heart:** Loose \$156, Adults (50env) \$1,867, Retirement Fund for Religious (1env) \$100, Immaculate Conception (1env) \$10, Christmas Flowers (14env) \$325

**PRAYER LIST**

**Please Note:** This prayer list is an important part of our love for our brothers and sisters in need. Names will be included on this list for four weeks at a time. After four weeks a person's name will be removed but can be added again the next week simply by calling the office. Please pray for the following: Lindy & Don Freed, Mary Lou Erwin, Claudia Miller, John Eikleberry, Garrett Holubeck, Verna Kiss, Lisa Donahue, Debbie (Donahue) Dudzik, Jax McCort, Codey St. John, Shelli, Dalton, & Olivia Macurak, Dominic Alexander, Robert Wycherley, Denise Carmen, Lucy Paul, , Patrice Williams, Blanche Anderson, Conny John Zeno, Patricia Flanigan, Linda Marinacci, MaryAnn Castricone, Vicky Oboy, Pete & Carol Wodarcyk, Julie Sharpe, Louis Sharpe Sr., Bill Hopkins, Blanche Anderson, Conny John Zeno, Chase Nolan, Carol Prout, Linda Marinacci, Kathy Street, John & Beverly Kolenich, Shelia Miles, Emma Newman, Jim Skapic, Susan Vasey, Emily Dearth, Rosalee DeGenova

**THIS WEEK...**

**Sunday:** 10:30a.m. Camdyn & Cylus Miller Baptism  
**6:00pm PSR - Sacred Heart Vercelli Hall**  
 7:00 p.m. St. John Central Cantata (SJ)  
**Tuesday:** 5:00 p.m. St. John CWC/Daughters Christmas Party (SJ Hall)  
 6:30p.m. Sacred Heart Christmas Dinner (Undo's, St. C)  
**Wednesday:** 6:30 p.m. RCIA (Parish Office)  
**Thursday:** 6:00p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Society  
**Friday:** 10:00a.m. Mass (CCRC)

**Embracing this Season of Giving!**

**Saint Vincent de Paul Giving Trees** Thanks to all who took tags last weekend. Please wrap gifts if possible and tape the tags to each gift package. Please return gifts to the gift collection areas by the front entrances of either St. John's or Sacred Heart by Sunday, December 10th.

**St. John Central** will be collecting Hats & Scarves new or used thru 12-20-17 to give to the homeless. We will also be collecting socks (new only please) to also go to the homeless.

**Sacred Heart CWC** is once again collecting **socks for Vets!** Your donation can be placed in the container in the rear of the church. Thank You!



**St. John Central Choir** along with special guests, from St. Mary's in St. Clairsville, will have their *Christmas Cantata* on Sunday, December 10th at 7:00p.m.

**St. John Central Grade School** will have their Christmas Show on 12/19/17 at 6:00p.m.



**We will be decorating Sacred Heart and St. John Church's for Christmas on December 17th** right after the 9:00a.m. and 10:30a.m. masses. If anyone can help it would be greatly appreciated! What a wonderful way for the St. John Central High School students to earn Church Service Hours!



**Our parishes use "Flocknote" to send daily inspiration texts and parish updates to your cell phone or email address:** It is super easy to sign up! Just

text the letters "shsj" to 84576 or go to [www.flocknote.com/bncatholic](http://www.flocknote.com/bncatholic)

**Advent Penance Services**

Monday, December 11: 6:30 p.m. St. Mary's, St. Clairsville  
 Thursday, December 14: 6:30 p.m. St. Joseph, Tiltonsville  
 Sunday, December 17: 5:00pm St. Mary, Shadyside  
 No Penance Service at St. John's this Advent

**Pastor's Note**

**Learning from the Liturgy** - Dr. Scott Hahn makes a great point in his talk "Prepare the Way of the King" that our yearly cycle of liturgical celebrations, our church calendar, has a great power to teach us the Christian faith and transform our lives day-by-day. By going to mass and studying the readings and the prayers of the church at mass we understand the great work of Jesus in saving us, and applying it to our lives we are transformed! Take for example the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary that we just celebrated this past week (every December 8 in the church calendar). First of all it is a Holy Day of Obligation just like every Sunday. The Church is saying to us - "Hey, this is really important! You need this to LIVE!" (No one has to tell us that we have to eat to live, it's an obligation, but our spiritual needs are less apparent to us). Then the readings (Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38) and prayers for the mass teach us what miraculous, saving things God can do, and how to cooperate with that grace in order to be saved. In the first reading we saw the problem - Adam and Eve believed the serpent rather than God and bought the lie! - and death came into the world through disobedience to the law of life (if you drink something poisonous you will die - sin is another name for spiritual poison). In the Gospel reading we saw the solution, the cure: God offers Mary the gift of Jesus Christ and she accepts! Obedience brings forth life (Let it be done to me according to your word...). The power of the Holy Spirit brings forth holiness incarnate, Jesus the Word made flesh, in Mary's womb. A similar thing happens at every mass, what a miracle, the Holy Spirit makes Jesus present for us to receive! Truly nothing is impossible for God - even the Immaculate Conception - a truly biblical concept. Do you see how in this one celebration, the Immaculate Conception, we see the whole Gospel message of salvation? And this happens every day at every mass...what a power! Praise God!

**Here I am, Lord!**

**I'm ready to make a commitment to discipleship**  
**1 Samuel 3 /Psalm 40/John 1:35-42**  
 (please drop in collection basket or candle box)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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