

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK
 Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b;64:2-7/1Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
 Monday: Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8
 Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

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 _____
 Phone _____
 Email: _____

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 DeBeni, 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... Thank you for your service!**

THIS WEEK...

Monday: 6:30p.m. K of C Memorial Service (SJ)
Tuesday: 6:30p.m. Catch the Spirit Meeting
Wednesday: 6:30p.m RCIA (Parish Office)
Thursday: NO HOLY HOUR THIS WEEK
 6:00pm Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (SJ)

In Loving Memory of
Paul Cook
By Phyllis Cook

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

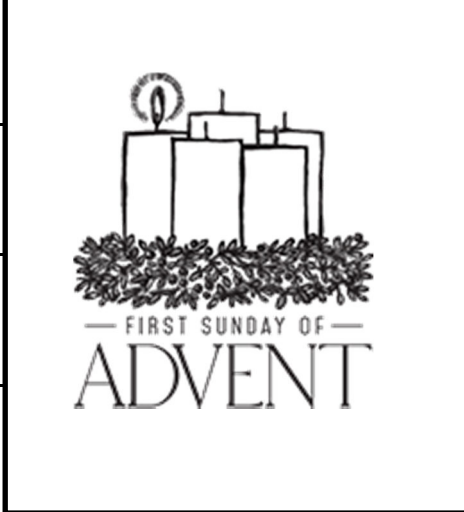
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PRAY FOR PEACE

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

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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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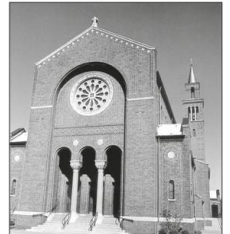
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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT **DECEMBER 3RD, 2017**



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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Mrs. Tonya Grimm- Secretary
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 St. John Central High School - 676-4932
Mr. Jarett Kuhns Principal
 Cafeteria - 676-2561

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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.

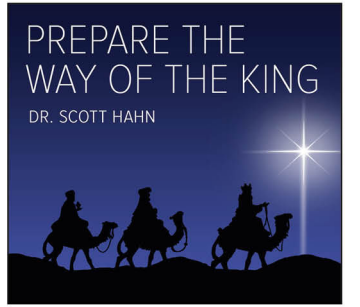
FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Prepare the Way of the King

By Dr. Scott Hahn

Make the Most of Advent

Your Advent journey will take on new meaning as Dr. Scott Hahn reveals what scholars now know about the shepherds, the mysterious Magi, and King Herod. Prepare your heart for the birth of our Lord with this captivating talk.



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—Natalie, Ontario, CA

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December 8, the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, is a *Holy Day of Obligation*. Our mass schedule in our parishes is as follows:

Thursday December 7th: 6:00p.m. - St. John's
Friday, December 8: 8:00 am - St. John's
Friday December 8th : 12:15 p.m. - Sacred Heart

Fr. Dan's Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 2nd, First Sunday of Advent
 5:00 p.m. Anthony Picchi- Don & Debbie Semancik
 6:30 p.m. Betty Zaborek birthday deceased (Rita, Michael, & Becky)

Sunday, December 3rd, First Sunday of Advent
 9:00a.m. Dennie Bland (M/M Koston)
 10:30a.m. Paul Cook Anniversary deceased (Phyllis, Leslie, & Mark) / Christine McKeets Anniversary deceased (Scott)

Monday, December 4th, St. John Damascene
 6:00p.m. John, Rose, & Cathy Magistro (Bruce & Mary Ann)

Tuesday, December 5th
 8:00 a.m. Kapral Family (Bubba Kapral)

Wednesday, December 6th, St. Nicholas
 8:00a.m. Cassie Spigarelli (Charles Flowers)

Thursday, December 7th, St. Ambrose
 8:00 a.m. Christine Canter (Melody & Emil Kittel)
 6:00p.m. (SJ) For the People of St. Johns & Sacred Heart

Friday, December 8th, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 8:00a.m. Joseph & Julia Pittner (Jacqueline Aderman)
 12:15a.m.(SH) For the People of Sacred Heart & St.. John

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

Sunday, December 10th, Second Sunday of Advent
 9:00a.m. Dennie Bland (Bob & Judy Wood & Family)
 10:30a.m. Henry & Virginia Musilli ann dec (Family)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DEC. 9/10, 2017

Sat. 5:00pm (SJ) (L)D. Busack **(EM)**E. Scott **(G)**K. Kahl **(C)**E. Grendel **(O)** R. Fitch

6:30pm (SH)(L) H. Rosen **(S)**L. Sparling **(OC)**C. Koshenka

Sun. 9:00am (SH) (L)T. Prout **(EM)**S. Demkowicz **(S)** P. Beckett **(OC)** S. Czyzewski

10:30am (SJ) (L)M. Kosky **(EM)** M.J. Delbert **(G)** P. Johnston/M. Zeno **(C)**K. Shallcross/Choir **(O)** R. Fitch

Offertory Collection

For the weekend of November 25/26, 2017

St. John's: Candles \$69.25, Loose \$294, Adults (93env) \$2,906, Children (2env), Building Fund (19env) \$241, SJGS (4env) \$85, St. Vincent de Paul (3env) \$17, Camp. For Human Dev. (1env) \$15, Christmas Flowers (2env) \$40, Christmas (1env) \$15
Sacred Heart: Loose \$161, Adults (49env) \$1,278, Building (1env) \$10, Christmas Flowers (4env) \$80

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 Wodarczyk, 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,

Congratulations!

Conor Vasey was recently made a member of the Body of Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism celebrated at St. John's on 11/26/17.

REST IN PEACE

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of **John Gianangeli, Jr.** May he rest in the peace of Christ and may the Lord bless his loved ones with his gift of loving consolation.

St. John Eucharist Minister Schedules are ready to be picked up in the sacristy. Thank You!

* **Sacred Heart CWC Annual Christmas Dinner** will be held at 6:30p.m. Tuesday, December 12th, 2017 at Undo's in St. Clairsville. Sign-up sheets can be found in the back of Sacred Heart Church. Deadline for the sign-up is December 6th, 2017. All Are Welcome to Attend!

* **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!

* You are cordially invited to the **St. John's Catholic Daughter's & Catholic Women's Christmas Party** on Tuesday December 12th @ 5:00 p.m. in St. John's Church Hall. Christmas socks gift exchange. (Fill you Christmas socks with goodies!) The cost of the dinner is \$10. Please RSVP to Susan Stewart @ 740-671-9377 by December 5th!

* **Belmont County Humane Society** (Not affiliated with the Belmont County Animal Shelter) is holding a Bingo & Barbeque Fundraiser on Sunday, December 10th, 2017 at St. Mary's Church, St. Clairsville OH, in the Marion Hall from 4:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. Bingo starts at 5:00p.m. Price is \$20 packet price for Bingo. There will also be numerous vendors!!

* **Knight of Columbus Co.** 1246 Bellaire will have their annual Memorial Service on Monday December 4th at 6:30p.m. in St. John's Church following the 6:00pm Mass. Please join us to celebrate our Brother Knights who have gone before us, and speak for us the ear of the Lord. A light dinner will follow at Council Hall.

* **Saint Vincent de Paul Giving Trees** Thanks to all who took tags last weekend. There are still some tags available on the Giving Trees at St John's and Sacred Heart. 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.

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

* **St. John Central Grade School** will have their Christmas Show on 12/19/17 at



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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!

The word "Advent" means "Coming" and the readings of this first Sunday of Advent speak of "comings". Thus, in the first, from the Book of Jeremiah, God promises to send an "upright branch" of the family of David, who will establish peace and justice in a world whereby wars, criminality, terrorism, injustice and corruption appear to be very rampant. Thus Jesus, who is God's anointed one, whose coming we look forward to, is calling us to hope, courage and faithfulness, for his imminent coming will put an end to all this evil and establish a New World. And in the Gospel, Saint Luke underlines that the awaited New World will spring up from the ruins of the Old one. Further, he tells us how to live a good life as we are waiting in joyful hope for this coming. Finally, the Second Reading is an invitation to each and every one of us to live our Christian life in expectation of the "coming" of Christ; it also singles out the fact that, the Lord can be received and welcomed only by those who, in spite of all the difficulties, trials and tribulations they experience in this world, keep the commandment of love, which is the summary of the whole Law and the prophets.

Therefore, as we look forward to the coming of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ, who, in reality, is already with us according to his promise (Matthew 28:20), let us ask God to grant us the grace of courage and faithfulness to him by putting into practice in our daily lives, the greatest of all commandments, that is, the Love of him, with all our hearts, with all our souls, with all our strength, and the love of all our brothers and sisters as ourselves. Amen!