THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT → DECEMBER 17, 2023



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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



EUCHARIST:

SAT 4:00 _{PM}

SUN 8:30 _{AM} / 11:00 _{AM}

MON 8:30 AM

WED 8:30 AM

THUR 8:30 AM

LITURGY OF THE WORD/EUCHARIST

TUE 8:30 AM 8:30 AM

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AROUND THE TABLE

Very Rev. Michael A. Swierz, Pastor

Third Sunday of Advent



Dear Friends,

[John came] to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him . . . "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord." —John 1: 6-8, 19-28

"BLESSED TREE OF LIGHT AND KINDNESS"

Many wonderful stories and legends surround the tradition of the Christmas tree. One such legend, from Germany, recounts the story of St. Boniface, the eight-century English monk who brought the Gospel to Germany. In one version of the story, on the night of December 24, Boniface and his monks came upon a giant oak tree, sacred to the pagan God Odin. Each year on the darkest night of the year, worshippers would gather at this sacred tree to sacrifice a young child to Odin. The people believed that the child would travel to Valhalla and present the people's praise and prayers to Odin.

Boniface was horrified. According to the legend, Boniface seized an axe and, with one blow, brought down the giant oak. The people were terrified, certain that the gods would strike Boniface dead. Boniface was prepared to pay with his life for felling the sacred tree. But nothing happened. In that moment, the worshipers realized that their gods were powerless, nonexistent. Boniface then began to preach the Gospel of God's coming as a child. He then pointed to a nearby fir tree. "This little tree, a young child of the forest, shall be your holy tree tonight. It is the wood of peace. It is the sign of endless life, for its leaves are ever green. See how it points to heaven. Let this be called the tree of the Christ Child; gather about it, not in the wild wood, but in your own homes; there it will shelter no deeds of blood, but loving gifts and rites of kindness."

The German tribes embraced Boniface's words that Christmas Eve and began decorating their homes with evergreen, which became a symbol of the constant love of God for them in every season.

Let St. Boniface's words be a blessing upon our family's Christmas tree this holiday season. May our Christmas trees, like Boniface's "home tree," be our first planting this new year of a new attitude and vision of kindness, compassion and reconciliation; may its lights continue to illuminate the "highway" we can create for the God's Christ to enter homes and hearts in every season of every year.

Today is traditionally called **Gaudete Sunday**, from the Latin of the entrance antiphon for today. The antiphon captures the mood of the entire celebration of Mass today as we move into the second part of

Advent. Today, there is a sense of joyful expectation, an awareness that the fulfillment of God's great plan for us is near. Thus, we light the rose candle in the Advent wreath and wear rose colored vestments for the Mass.

As Christians, we live our lives like John the Baptist, waiting patiently while actively striving to live our faith, preparing a way for Christ to enter our lives, our homes and our world.

A special thanks to those who set up our outdoor nativity scene. How wonderful that we have the opportunity to remind our community and all who pass by the church grounds, the true meaning of this holy Season of Christmas.

As you ride around town, the care that so many put into decorating their homes in so many different ways gives us a sense of **joy**. As you attend various Christmas programs or concerts, especially those of children, it fills us with a sense of **joy** in the simple, yet powerful gift we celebrate during this time of the year. **Joy** is the word of the day. **Rejoice. Gaudete. Glad tidings**. This experience of **joy** is not just a word, but the word, "**joy**" for us Christians comes to life when we realize the work that we were anointed for. We are called to minister to the needs of one another, remember the sick, the poor, the forgotten, to teach our young, to

celebrate all the different ministries of our community. That is what brings us **joy**, working with one another, family and friends and worshipping with one another to build the Kingdom.

What greater joy is there than this?



WELCOME TO ST. PAT'S!

VOTIVE CANDLES

St. Patrick Candle: All Parishioners





SUNDAY December 17, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM Jill Altiere-Hoover

By: Family

All Parishioners, Living & Deceased

11:00 AM Pat Camuso

By: Wife, Carolyn & Children

Baptism during Mass

MONDAY December 18, 2023 8:30 AM Stella & Joe Roszak

Stella & Joe Roszak By: The Williams Kids

After Mass Miraculous Medal Novena

TUESDAY December 19, 2023

8:30 AM Liturgy of the Word, Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY December 20, 2023 8:30 AM Sandra Mortaro

By: Dennis & Madeline Fedele

THURSDAY December 21, 2023 8:30 AM Stella Madeline

By: Therese Mageros

9-10 AM Confessions 5-6 PM Confessions

FRIDAY December 22, 2023

8:30 AM Liturgy of the Word, Holy Communion,

Divine Mercy Devotions

SATURDAY December 23, 2023

Vigil, 4th Sunday of Advent

1:30 PM Arica Cook—Jason Bernot Wedding at

St. Columba Cathedral

3:15 PM No Confessions 4:00 PM Frank Davis

By: Coletta Davis

All Parishioners, Living & Deceased

SUNDAY December 24, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM Geraldine "Jean" Lopuchovsky

By: The Rays & The Grangers

NO 11:00 AM Mass

Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Living & Deceased of the Parish 12:00 Midnight Living & Deceased of the Parish

MONDAY December 25, 2023

Christmas Day

8:30 AM Living & Deceased of the Parish (No music at the 8:30 am Mass)

10:00 AM Living & Deceased of the Parish



The Bread and Wine for all Masses

this week are given in memory of **Ray Wells**

By: Avia



Elizabeth Hope Grau

daughter of Ivan & Courtney Grau

We wish Elizabeth Hope God's blessings for many happy and healthy years ahead.

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Choose 1 Sunday Mass AND 1 Christmas Mass.



4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23, 2023

4:00 pm

Sunday, December 24, 2023

8:30 am

Christmas Eve & Christmas

Sunday, December 24, 2023

4:00 pm & Midnight

Monday, December 25, 2023

8:30 am & 10:00 am

The 4th Sunday of Advent is also Christmas Eve! So...Two occasions require two Masses!

Come Home For Christmas!



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

December 23 at 4:00 p.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Tom Stremlau(1), Donna Medvec(2), Anthony Vargo(4),

Janice Hornyak(6), Mary Joy Stremlau(7) Lectors: Jerome Hornyak, Therese Wells

Altar Servers: Dave Nickel

AED responder: Mary Joy Stremlau RN

December 24 at 8:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Rich Kaufman(1), John Battisti(2), Tim Maiorca(4),

Georgeann Norris(6), Rocco Bornes(7) **Lectors:** Barb Salata, Janet Barren

Altar Servers: Thomas Pesa, Dominic Giancola, Sophia

0'Neill

AED responder: Officer
December 24 at 11:00 a.m.

NO MASS

CHRISTMAS MASSES

DECEMBER 24 AT 4:00 P.M.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Will be assigned by Fr. Mike

Altar Servers:

AED responder: Mary Joy Stremlau RN

DECEMBER 24 AT MIDNIGHT

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Will be assigned by Fr. Mike

Altar Servers: Tim, AJ, Sam & Nate Wirtz, Christopher

Adams Olenik, Hayden Lopez **AED responder:** Mary Lou Lazor RN

DECEMBER 25 AT 8:30 A.M.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Will be assigned by Fr. Mike

Altar Servers:

DECEMBER 25 AT 10:00 A.M.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Will be assigned by Fr. Mike Altar Servers: Thomas Pesa

CHRISTMAS OPLATKI

Christmas Oplatki (Christmas Eve Wafers) may be found in the Sacristy or in the Parish House. A donation of \$2.00 for 4 wafers is requested.

DECEMBER CRAFT CLUB

On *Tuesday, December 19th at 6pm in the school* will be our Craft Club Christmas party. This will include a cookie exchange with prizes for best cookies, snacks and drinks, and a gift exchange. RSVP to Leslie Kerr at 724-856-6778.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY THANKS

The Altar & Rosary Society would like to thank everyone who baked, donated, bought or helped in any way for our Bake Sale. It was much appreciated.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH	
Sunday 9:30-10:45 am 9:30-10:45 am 12.30 pm	December 17, 2023 PSR, Gr. K-8 Teen Ministry/S CELEBRATE
<u>Tuesday</u> 4:30-5:20 pm 6:00 pm	December 19, 2023 Children's Choir/S Craft Club Christmas Party/S
Wednesday 5:30-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	December 20, 2023 Bell Choir/PC Adult Choir/PC
Sunday 8:30 am 9:30-10:45 am 4pm & Midnight	December 24, 2023 4th Sunday of Advent Mass NO PSR, Gr. K-8 Christmas Eve Masses
Monday	December 25, 2023

TEEN MINISTRY MEETING TODAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023 9:30-10:45 AM IN THE SCHOOL-ROOM 208

Christmas Day Masses

Leader: Trish Wirtz

8:30 & 10 am

All high school teens are needed to help make and decorate Christmas cards that will be delivered to the Veteran's Hospital. Please come and help us bring Christmas joy to those who gave so much to defend and protect our country. We will also continue Week 3 of ADORE with an Advent message from Fr. John Burns.

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS...

Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servants to health once more. Please remember to keep in prayer...

Ed Ammeen Thaddeus Barwinski Kristina Bayus Cheryl Beil Dorothy Bonaquist Irene Bresky Jody Brocious Beverly Brown Russell Brown Rachael Bunge **Donald Burger** Janice Burrows Rocko Capretta Pat Carsone **Tony Carsone** Clara Casale Lisa Chiabi Ray Clement Helen Collins Billy Cummins, Jr. Peggy Curtin Jude Epps Jaxson Everts John Ference Mary Ann Ferguson Jané Franczkowski

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Ann Nemkovich Mary Louise Petrusko Kathy Rex Becky Ricchuiti Tony Ricchiuti Shirley Samulka Mikayla Smith Patrick Sowers Louise Spagnoletta Darlene Spurio Kirt Stiftinger Doris Studer **Bonnie Swisher** Jack Tanatt **Brandon Tierney** Hannah Tringhese Alina Vernarsky Barbara Vernell Susan Verostko Phyllis Womer Paula Wozniak Richard A. Wozniak Paula Bartos Young

Beginning January 7, 2024 we will be starting a new request list for those who need prayers. If you would like your name or a loved one's name to be on the new list for prayers for the sick in the bulletin, please call the parish house or email klucci@youngstowndiocese.org.



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Drawing will take place at the festival conclusion on August 4, 2024.

SISTER BERNADINE'S NEW ADDRESS

If you would like to send Sr. Bernadine a Christmas Card, here is her new address:

Sister Bernadine Janci, S.N.D. 13000 Auburn Rd. Chardon, OH 44024

CONFESSIONS AT ST. PATRICK'S

Thursday, December 21, 2023: 9-10 am

5-6 pm

No confessions due to wedding on December 23.

Come Home For Christmas!

Find what you're missing!

We warmly welcome all who come to celebrate the glorious feast of Christmas. We welcome the **stranger**, the **traveler** and **guest**! We welcome our **students** home from college for a good winter's rest!

We welcome parishioners who moved far away but join us today as old friends and guests! We welcome all who have not been active of late in their Catholic faith, and hope they will find new hope and inspiration this Christmas to come back again and again! We welcome our faithful parishioners, loyal and true. May the Lord bless you for all you do!

Welcome to all! May our gathering gladden our hearts and deepen our bonds. We are, after all, one people of God redeemed by the light that is **Christ**. May we walk by the Light and live by the Light, together in love.





STEWARDSHIP

DEACON JOHN'S STEWARDSHIP COLUMN

It always excites me when I see that a new ministry begins in our parish. Fr. Mike always reminds me that these ministries are always inspired by the Holy Spirit, and to me, that's even more exciting! One of the newest ministries within our parish is the **St. Michael and St. Florian** (Veterans and First Responders) Group. I attended the first meeting on December 5th and I was

amazed at the great attendance as well as the wonderful conversation. I can not wait until our next meeting, which will most likely include some good food too.

I would like to reach out to all our veterans and first responders to plan to attend our January meeting. I believe



ST. MICHAEL PRAY FOR US



ST. FLORIAN PRAY FOR US

you will not be disappointed. My good friend, Fr. Johnson, always told me that when you have a meeting in church and when it is completed, sometimes no one wants to leave after the meeting. He said that is good because no one wants to walk away from the presence of the Holy Spirit. This is what we all experienced at our inaugural meeting. So, please mark your calendars to join us for our next meeting on Tuesday, January 9th at 6:00 PM in room 208 of the school. We look forward to seeing you.

Deacon John

Love,

WORD AMONG US

The Word Among Us for January is now available in the vestibule for those who would like a more in-depth study of the daily Scriptures. Donations to defray the cost are gladly accepted.

DEADLINE FOR 12-31-23 BULLETIN:

8:00 AM <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>12-19-23</u>. Email articles to klucci@youngstowndiocese.org by this date to insure that the article will be able to be included. Due to holiday hours for the bulletin publisher, bulletins will be transmitted early. Late submissions cannot be included.

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

"The spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me." God is empowering you for a specific purpose! How will you respond to so great a love? Is He asking you to follow Him by serving in the priesthood or consecrated life? Talk to your priest or contact Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

SHARING OUR TREASURE

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." – 1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

Weekend Collection For December 9/10, 2023

The collection for December 8-9-10 was not available when the bulletin was transmitted. It will be reported next week.

Our electronic donation program is at: www.stpatshub.org/donate/, or scan the QR code to the right with the camera app on your cell phone.



Thank you to our parish family for your generosity.

50 / 50 "POT OF GOLD"

The Pot of Gold number for <u>December 10</u> was **#438**. There was no winner. The winner would have received \$373.00. Entries (envelopes) for the Pot of Gold need to be in the office by 12:00 noon on Mondays.



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