

# *Church of Saint Edward the Confessor*

*785 Newark Road • Granville, Ohio 43023*



## *Christmas Carol*

This night is the long night, It will snow and it will drift, White snow there will be till day,  
White moon there will be till morn, This night is the eve of the Great Nativity,  
This night is born Mary Virgin's Son, This night is born Jesus, Son of the King of glory,  
This night is born to us the root of our joy, This night gleamed the sun of the mountains high,  
This night gleamed sea and shore together, This night was born Christ the King of greatness,  
Ere it was heard that the Glory was come, Heard was the wave upon the strand,  
Ere'twas heard that His foot had reached the earth, Heard was the song of the angels glorious,  
This night is the long night, Glowed to Him wood and tree, Glowed to Him mount and sea,  
Glowed to Him land and plain, When that His foot was come to earth.

## *Christmas 2017*



### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

**MONDAY, JANUARY 1 –**

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

10:00 a.m. Neva Florence Richardson (RIP)  
by Elaine Trouten

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 2 – Saints Basil the Great &  
Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church**

9:00 a.m. Intentions of Romano Coni & Family  
by Janet Jenkins

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3 –**

**The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

9:00 a.m. Mary Jane Markino (RIP)  
by Msgr. Paul P. Enke

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 4 –**

**Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**

9:00 a.m. Ivan Hall (RIP) (Anniversary)  
by Ruby Hall

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 5 – Saint John Neumann, Bishop**

9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members  
of the June Plute Family  
by St. Edward Church

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 6**

5:00 p.m. Ivan Hall (RIP) by The Scholten Family

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7 – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

8:15 a.m. Martha Puckett (RIP) by Mickey Smith  
10:45 a.m. For the Living and Deceased Members  
of St. Edward Church

**Pray for all priests, seminarians and priestly vocations.**

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 p.m. S.A. Beaver, Kim Chupka,  
Paula Coleman, Dave Conway,  
Anna Hofer  
8:15 a.m. Rita Baldwin, Kate Daleiden, LaFern  
Davis, Martin Flautt, Kathy Horton  
10:45 a.m. Chris Becher, Patricia Belhorn,  
Lorraine Carlson, Barb Doran,  
Margo Downing, Von Downing, Emily  
Dunbar, Lynn Harden, Mark Harden

### THE HOLY FAMILY OF MARY, JESUS, AND JOSEPH DECEMBER 31, 2017

#### PRELUDE

TBD

#### INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (#94)  
GLORIA: Mass in Honor of St. Benedict

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps. 105:  
The Lord remembers his covenant forever. (p. 54)  
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia (p. 55)

#### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS:  
O Come, Little Children (#91)  
SANCTUS, MEM. ACC. A, AMEN, AGNUS DEI:  
Mass in Honor of St. Benedict  
COMMUNION:  
God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen (#81)  
COMMUNION 2: TBD

#### CONCLUDING RITE

SENDING FORTH:  
Angels We Have Heard on High (#80)

#### CANTORS

5:00 p.m. Deb Motz  
8:15 a.m. Steve Schlicher  
10:45 a.m. Michael Flanigan

**FLUTE** (8:15 a.m.): Lienne Pyzik  
**VIOLIN** (10:45 a.m.): Björn Ludwig

#### LECTORS:

5:00 p.m. Tim Miller, Matthew Cannon  
8:15 a.m. Jim Bidigare, Selma Leshar  
10:45 a.m. Tom Bressoud, Roy Brewer

#### ALTAR SERVERS:

5:00 p.m. Caroline Bossart, Natalie Cannon,  
Luke Cannon  
8:15 a.m. Andrew Coffey, John Coffey,  
Jonathon Gardner  
10:45 a.m. Will Munhall, Maryn Munhall,  
Elizabeth Ohl

#### HOMEBOUND MINISTERS:

Gary & Chris Carter, Jenny Wells

#### GIFT BEARERS:

5:00 p.m. Ruby Hall  
8:15 a.m. Mickey Smith  
10:45 a.m. Volunteer



## A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

I'm including a Christmas message I received from Fr. Guiseppe Sandri, MCCJ, Bishop of Witbank, South Africa:

Jesus does not come to condemn, but to save; not to be served, but to serve; not to judge, but to forgive unconditionally; Jesus is the truth, the way and the life.

The Son of God and of Mary is giving Himself to each one of us, becomes our brother to make us able to become His brothers and sisters, sons and daughters of God, temples of the Holy Spirit. With His guidance we can see in others, even those of races, cultures, languages and religions different from our own, God who walks on the earth.

In a world where we human beings can be the cause of horrible sufferings for other men and women, a child God is challenging us to respect the others and the whole of creation; He proclaims to us that every human being is created to the image and likeness of God and that we all are called to do good, not bad.

## SUNDAY NURSERY

The Nursery/Playroom for young children is open during the 10:45 a.m. Mass. New volunteers are needed to keep this ministry going. For more information and to be added to the Sunday schedule, contact the new Coordinator, Lauren Alspach at 330-760-0756 or [Lauren.Alspace@gmail.com](mailto:Lauren.Alspace@gmail.com).

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The Sunday offertory collection for December 17th was \$7,550.00. The collection for December 24th and Christmas was not available for the early bulletin deadline.

## IN SYMPATHY

We pray for Fr. James C. Csaszar, priest of the Diocese of Columbus. May he receive the eternal treasure of everlasting life.

## ONLINE GIVING



The St. Edward Parish Christmas Collection is available through the Online Giving link. *St. Edwards is very grateful and blessed by the generous support to our Parish by parishioners using the Online Giving Program.*

New to St. Edward Parish? Would you like to give Online Giving a try? Please use the link on the parish website [www.saintedwards.org](http://www.saintedwards.org) and select "Sign up for a New Account" to register. Please do not hesitate to call the office if you have any questions or need assistance at 740-587-3254. Thank you.

## WELCOME!

You may have come as a stranger to us, yet you are known to Our Lord, Jesus Christ. In His name we pray you will find peace, hospitality and friendship with us.

Keep in touch with us

VIA EMAIL AND TEXT MESSAGE



## FLOCKNOTE

Join from the St. Edward website [www.saintedwards.org](http://www.saintedwards.org) or **text: confessor** to **84576**

Keep up to date with special announcements and events at church including weather cancellations this winter. You can choose specific ministries that you would like to join and receive the latest news from them. You can unsubscribe at any time.



January 14 – Winter Kickoff, 7:00 -9:00 p.m.

January 21 – "Like, Follow, Share" Becoming a

True Disciple of Jesus, 7:00 -9:00 p.m.

January 28 – Roller Chair Ball & XLT

## NOTES FROM THE LOFT

- He is born! Glory to God in the highest! The long form of this weekend's gospel (p. 55 in the hymnal) contains the hymn known as the *Nunc Dimittis* ("Now you dismiss..."). The hymn is hardly ever sung during Mass, as it most appropriate for use during the night prayer of the Church, which is known as Compline. Its text is the prayer of Simeon, who joyfully prays that he may now "go in peace" because he has seen the Lord. It is a fitting prayer for us on this feast of the Holy Family. We continue to rejoice in the birth of Jesus Christ, whom we behold every time we gather to celebrate the Eucharist. ~ Paul (740-587-3254, [music@saintedwards.org](mailto:music@saintedwards.org))

## RCIA

Our holiday break continues this week. The next RCIA session is **Tuesday evening, January 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.** We will begin our study of the Bible and anyone is invited to attend.

## PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

The Upcoming PSR Schedule is

**Today, Sunday, December 31**

**NO CLASSES – Grades 5-8 and Pre-K/K**

**This Wednesday, January 3**

**Grades 1-A, 2-A, 3-A, 4-A...**

**Classes from 5:15-6:15 p.m.**

**15 minute break for dismissal and arrival**

**Grades 1-B, 2-B, 3-B, 4-B...**

**Classes from 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

**EVENTS/MEETINGS THIS WEEK****Sunday, December 31 –****The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

Masses at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

**Monday, January 1 –****Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)

Mass at 10:00 a.m.

No Eucharistic Adoration

**Tuesday, January 2**

Men's Group for Rediscovery – 7:30 p.m. – Lounge

**Wednesday, January 3**

Rosary Makers – 9:30 a.m. – Lounge

PSR – see schedule

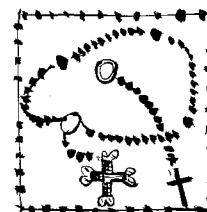
Men's Faith Sharing Group – 7:00 p.m. – Lounge

**January 4**

Scripture Study – 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. – Classroom 8

**January 6**

TMIY – 6:45 a.m. – Hall

**FIRST SUNDAY ROSARY**

Come one and all! You are invited to pray the Rosary with your St. Edward community ~ before the 10:45 a.m. Mass! *Please join us* today January 7th at 10:20 a.m. in the Church. Rosaries and guides will be handed out in the Gathering Space. We look forward to praying together!

**DECEMBER SVDP VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH –YOU!**

This month, we are proud to honor all the generous parishioners of St. Edward, without whose kindness, the St. Vincent de Paul Conference could not operate. Your willingness to contribute your gifts of money as well as your time has made all that we do possible. You should be proud of the numerous individuals and families that your kindness has touched. Please refer to the insert in the bulletin to see how you make this all possible. We are blessed by all of you. Lastly, we ask that you remember SVDP in your daily prayers.

**SANTA'S ATTIC COLLECTION 2018**

The Women of St. Edward will be collecting gently-used Christmas decorations for their 9th Annual Santa's Attic Sale to be held November 3rd. **Donations will be accepted Saturday, January 13th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, January 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.**

The 2017 sale was a HUGE success due in part to generous donations from our charitable community members. Again, we are asking you to *please* bring us your unwanted, **gently**-used decorations and *help us help others* by making the 2018 event bigger yet!

The Santa's Attic committee is seeking volunteers to help during the drop-off times to sort and package all donations in the Hall and to unload the trucks on Monday morning at the Mid-Ohio Warehouse (Santa's Attic), 550 Wehrle Avenue, Newark. Unloading will begin at 8:00 a.m.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR 2018**

The ministry schedule for January through March has been mailed and is available on the St. Edward website. Copies are also in the altar server side of the sacristy.

**NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Monday, January 1st.

**NEW YEAR****The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

Saturday, December 30 ~ 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 31 ~ 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

**New Year's Mass****The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

Monday, January 1 ~ 10:00 a.m.

**CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS****In Memory of:**

Mr. &amp; Mrs. Hervey S. Clarke and

Mrs. &amp; Mrs. Clovis C. Schall

by Charles &amp; Jo Ann Clarke

Hal Gillespie, I by Hal &amp; Sheila Gillespie

Joseph &amp; Mary Keefein and J.G. &amp; Ruth Kolbe

by Bruce &amp; Karen Kolbe

**Donations from:**

Mary Elliott

## JOIN US FOR THE "2018 MARCH FOR LIFE" IN WASHINGTON, D.C.!!

Save the date, and make plans now!! Join our Knights of Columbus and many of our parish families as we travel with Licking County Right to Life to Washington, D.C., for the 2018 March for Life. We depart late evening on Thursday, January 18th, and return late on Friday, January 19th, so it's just one day out of school or work for this loving sacrifice and adventure. Cost is \$80.00 per person, but scholarships are readily available. Contact Paul Gassman (740-334-8898) or Mike Maurer, (740-348-6377) or send an email to [info@lcrightrighttolife.org](mailto:info@lcrightrighttolife.org) to save your seat on the bus.



Come join us for a powerful, and life-transforming series, and be the man, husband, and father that God is calling you to be! Learn through this series what it means to be a man for Christ in our society. That Man Is You! is a weekly program that includes a short video lecture, with coffee and donuts, followed by small group discussion.

**WHERE:** St. Edward Parish Hall

**WHEN:** Saturday, January 6th

**TIME:** 6:45 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. *Sharp*

**SIGN-UP:** Online at [www.thatmanisyou.org](http://www.thatmanisyou.org). For more information, please contact Tim Collins at 740-587-7667 or [tmc8004@gmail.com](mailto:tmc8004@gmail.com).



After a Christmas break, our next meeting will be January 8th to discuss the chapter, "How Do I Conquer My Fears."

Join us on Monday evenings, 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. You can join this Bible Study at any time. Each weekly lesson is independent of the previous week. Interested in learning more? Call or email Anna Hofer at 740-334-0170 [amariehofer@hotmail.com](mailto:amariehofer@hotmail.com). You can also visit [www.walkingwithpurpose.com](http://www.walkingwithpurpose.com) for more information. We hope to see you at Walking with Purpose soon!



Save the Date! Blessed Sacrament School Open House and Enrollment 2018-2019 on Sunday, January 28th, from 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

### WELCOME SUNDAY

Welcome Sunday is January 7th after both Masses. The Knights of Columbus will be providing the coffee and donuts. If your family or business would like to be a sponsor for Welcome Sunday, please contact Scott Scholten at 740-258-3287. All money collected in the jug on the donut tables is for our "Pennies For Heaven" campaign. Your generous donations go directly to support our Seminarians as well as to promote vocations. We thank you for your contributions!

### STEWARDSHIP AT WELCOME SUNDAY

**Did you know there are over 43 areas of ministry at St. Edward?** All of those vital ministries are made possible by the work of volunteers. Members of our parish give of their time: serving meals to the families of deceased parishioner, working at St. Vincent de Paul, helping with the youth ministry program or helping usher or read at Mass. There are so many wonderful ways that our parish reaches out to help others and so many opportunities for you to serve others.

**On Sunday, January 7th, after the 10:45 a.m. Mass, there will be representatives from various areas of ministry at Donut Sunday to talk about ways you can answer the call of service. Please stop by and learn more about your parish ministries.**



### EQUAL EXCHANGE INTERFAITH COFFEE PROGRAM

The Women of St. Edward will have Fairly Traded coffee and chocolate candy bars for sale in the Hall. As part of the Equal Exchange Interfaith Coffee Program, the sale of fairly-traded coffee helps small-scale farmers in Latin America, Africa, and Asia build a better economic future for their families and communities.

### PRAYER CHAIN

If you, a family member or someone close to you, would like to be added to the St. Edward Prayer Chain, please call Cindy Kendrick at 740-366-2871 or 740-404-3591. If you would like to volunteer to be a member of this ministry, please call Cindy.



## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Appropriately, the Church places the **Feast of the Holy Family** on the weekend following Christmas - celebrated December 31st this year. Let us pray for our families:

***Father, help us to live as the Holy Family, united in respect and love. Teach us the sanctity of human love, show us the value of family life, and help us to live in peace. We are united with Jesus, Mary, and Joseph because in your great love for us you sent your son to live in this world and to share our human experience. Help us to love each other as you love us, and to be more aware of those families in the world who struggle with poverty, war, and disease. Bring us all to the joy and peace of your eternal home. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*** –Marriage and Family Life Office, Diocese of Columbus

## ASK JESUS WHAT HE WANTS FROM YOU AND BE BRAVE – POPE FRANCIS

If you want something you've never had, you need to do something you've never done. Are you ready to reignite your faith? Want to grow closer to Jesus, but you're not sure how to do it? Want to get involved and meet other men and women of the parish? We have the solution for you! Please save the dates to attend the upcoming Columbus Catholic Women's and Men's Conferences at Ohio Expo Center – Cardinal Hall. **Discounted pricing ends January 21, 2018.**

### Women's Conference:

February 17, 2018, from 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

<http://www.columbuscatholicwomen.com/>

### Men's Conference:

February 24, 2018, from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

<http://www.catholicmensministry.com/>

## BUS AVAILABLE FOR WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Blessed Sacrament Parish has reserved a 55 passenger bus. Park and meet in the Blessed Sacrament annex (across the street from the church, 411 East Main Street, Newark) at 6:00 a.m. and enjoy a cup of coffee and donut. We'll leave the parking lot at 6:15 and return around 5:15 p.m. We would love for you to go! Call the Blessed Sacrament parish office today at 740 345-4290 to reserve your seat on the bus! Questions, contact St. Edward parishioner Anna Hofer for information at 740-334-0170 or [amariehofer@hotmail.com](mailto:amariehofer@hotmail.com).

## RESPECT LIFE MASS

The Respect Life Mass, a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children, will be Monday, January 22nd at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral. Bishop Campbell will be the celebrant. On this day of the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision *Roe v. Wade*, our diocese will join all dioceses of the United States in observing a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. All are invited. For more, visit [www.usccb.org/prolife](http://www.usccb.org/prolife) or contact Social Concerns at 614-241-2540.

## ROE REMEMBRANCE AT OHIO STATEHOUSE

The Greater Columbus Right to Life will sponsor this event on Monday, January 22nd from noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Ohio Statehouse following the 10:30 a.m. Respect Life Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral. The program will be held in the Statehouse Atrium. Please allow extra time for new Statehouse security measures. Stickers, signs, and weapons are not permitted inside. For additional information, visit [www.gctrl.org/roe.html](http://www.gctrl.org/roe.html).

## THE TURBAN PROJECT

This year, we have distributed over 5,600 blessed turbans, courage caps, beanies, scarves, knit/crochet hats, and facemasks, bringing a 5-year total to almost 14,000! We supply 25 hospitals/treatment centers. We have 5 Satellite Turban Projects in the United States and 5 in other countries: Australia, England, Portugal, Mexico, and Spain. The satellites in other countries operate on their own funds.

Blessings come every day for patients, their families, and the volunteers through this ministry. We rely 100% on donations. There are several ways you can help: Please consider making a donation in honor of – in memory of – or on behalf of someone you know or love; sign up for Kroger Rewards #41385 The Turban Project; tell GFS you want the credit from your order to go to The Turban Project; donate through our website ([www.turbanproject.com](http://www.turbanproject.com)), Licking County Foundation, Columbus Foundation, or mail a check made out to The Turban Project to 7871 Ridge Road, Fazeysburg, OH 43822. We always need decorative jewelry pins and fabric. Any donation is tax deductible.

## PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, FRANCE

The 64th National Rosary Pilgrimage will be July 1 to July 11, 2018 with Father Joseph Allen, O.P., spiritual director for Lourdes, France. Pilgrimage will also visit Nevers, Paris, Gavarnie and St. Jean de Luz. Individuals, families, and parish groups are welcome to the 160th Anniversary of the Apparitions. Accompanied by clergy, medical staff and volunteers to assist the needs of the pilgrims.

**ALL-INCLUSIVE** rate departing from New York/JFK, \$2,940.00 plus airline taxes, \$165.00. Single room supplement, \$425.00. **Reservation deadline** is March 30, 2018. **For complete itinerary** and registration forms call local contact Linda Woolard, email [lindawoolard@windstream.net](mailto:lindawoolard@windstream.net) or call 740-323-3105. Reservation and registration: a deposit check of \$400.00 per person to Catholic Travel Office, Lourdes Pilgrimage Office of Catholic Travel, 5505 Granby Road, Rockville, Maryland 20855.

# THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH



## Teach Your Family

Good and gracious God,  
who filled Simeon with the Holy Spirit,  
we bless you for revealing to us the Light  
of your salvation.

Fill your family with grace  
and, like Mary and Joseph,  
may our love for you remain strong  
so that, filled with the light of faith,  
your family may grow in obedience  
to your Word.

Bless and protect all families who seek  
your embrace.

Open their eyes to see the glory of your Son.  
You have promised the Church unity in faith  
and love;

as you fulfilled your promises by being part  
of the Holy Family.

Be present in our midst  
and make us the instruments by which you  
heal the world.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Sunday, December 31, 2017**

**Wisdom**



*Today's Readings: Sirach 3:2–6, 12–14 or Genesis 15:1–6; 21:1–3; Psalm 128:1–2, 3, 4–5 or Psalm 105:1–2, 3–4, 6–7, 8–9; Colossians 3:12–21 or Hebrews 11:8, 11–12, 17–19; Luke 2:22–40.* In today's Gospel, Simeon announces that Jesus is God's salvation for the world, and that many will oppose him. He even tells Mary that she, too, would be pierced, foreshadowing the sorrow that overcomes her during the Passion. On this feast of the Holy Family, the Church is asked to ponder the mystery of salvation. Jesus, who is the Light of the World, will suffer so that all can share in salvation. In this Gospel, we hear again of the fulfillment of God's promise that the prophets foretold.

While today's Gospel is certainly joyful, it also reminds families that suffering is part of the journey. Following the Gospel and working to reveal God's love and mercy in our world are often met with persecution and ridicule. The Holy Family teaches us that faith in God is necessary to endure suffering and to share the light of Christ.

As you discern the ways in which your family lives out the Gospel, take time to identify wisdom figures in your community and family. Listen to their stories and learn the ways their faith grew in the midst of joy and suffering. What can these wisdom figures teach you? Pray that your family remain strong in faith and trust in God's mercy.



## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### Monday, January 1

#### Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Today is the octave of Christmas and the oldest Marian celebration in the Roman Catholic Church. The readings help us reflect on Mary's role in the Incarnation. Mary teaches us what it means to keep and contemplate the mystery of Christ within our heart. Because of her yes, we are no longer slaves but heirs to the Kingdom. Spend time in active, imaginative prayer today and dialogue with Mary to learn how to contemplate Jesus. *Today's Readings: Numbers 6:22–27; Psalm 67:2–3, 5, 6, 8; Galatians 4:4–7, Luke 2:16–21.*

### Tuesday, January 2

#### Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzen

Do you know when you fell in love with Christ? The First Reading tells us to keep within us what we heard from the beginning. What did you hear and when? Like Basil and Gregory, we rely on God's grace to help us witness to the truth of Christ and remain faithful. If the Gospel has taken root in our heart, then when it is proclaimed, we are roused to confess that Jesus is Lord. *Today's Readings: 1 John 2:22–28; Psalm 98:1, 2–3ab, 3cd–4; John 1:19–28.*

### Wednesday, January 3

#### Behold

We hear the second line of today's Gospel just before we process to Communion. The words are a beautiful command to gaze upon Jesus and recognize him. John the Baptist knows that Jesus is the Messiah and wants others to encounter Jesus. Do you "behold" Christ in your daily life? Gather some friends and family to go Christmas caroling tonight to a nursing home or soup kitchen to help others behold the joy of the Incarnation. *Today's Readings: 1 John 2:29–3:6; Psalm 98:1, 3cd–4, 5–6; John 1:29–34.*

### Thursday, January 4

#### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

"Come and see" is the message found in today's Gospel. Jesus invited Andrew and the other disciple to follow him. Like the two disciples, we too are invited to follow and learn from the Teacher. St. Elizabeth heard this call and responded by opening schools and orphanages to aid her community. Christ has shown us how to live, but do we have the courage to follow him? Consider researching the Sisters of Charity today and preparing gift baskets for the poor in your community. *Today's Readings: 1 John 3:7–10; Psalm 98:1, 7–8, 9; John 1:35–42.*

### Friday, January 5

#### St. John Neumann

The First Letter of John continues to preach about God's love and the need to love one another. In the Gospel, new disciples continue to respond to the invitation to "come and see." In Baptism, we made our initial response. This response requires the type of love and action the saint we celebrate today personified. The love of Christ leads us to share the Good News. Reach out to the unloved in your community and see the face of Christ. *Today's Readings: 1 John 3:11–21; Psalm 100:1b–2, 3, 4, 5; John 1:43–51.*

### Saturday, January 6

#### Faith

In the First Reading, John turns his attention from the theme of love to the topic of faith. He tells his listeners that Jesus is truly God's Son, to which the Spirit, water (Baptism), and blood (Eucharist) continue to testify. When we look at this in light of the entire Epistle, we learn that those who have faith in God's Son, have eternal life. The Gospel affirms that Jesus is God's Son and so like Jesus, our Baptism calls us to proclaim God's Kingdom. Find a hymn in the parish's hymnal that speaks to the mission of Baptism and faith. Use this for prayer today. *Today's Readings: 1 John 5:5–13; Psalm 147:12–13, 14–15, 19–20; Mark 1:7–11 or Luke 3:23–38.*





# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – ST. EDWARD CONFERENCE



## REPORT TO THE PARISH

For the fiscal year October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017

YOUR St. Vincent de Paul Conference, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering. This work is performed in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul.

People in need call the SVdP help line where a Vincentian volunteer gathers basic information about their request for help with rent, utilities, shelter, gasoline, etc. A team of two Vincentians meets with the family/person, preferably in their home, to evaluate their needs. Many have lost their jobs, their homes, are overwhelmed with medical expenses, are facing utility shutoffs, lack enough food to feed their families, are homeless, or just need someone to listen, pray with them and hear that God loves them

**If you are interested in becoming a Vincentian, we are always in need of your help, here at the conference level, at the SVdP Center, and at the St. Vincent Haven homeless shelter.**

**Your Conference Vincentians personally met or consulted and advised via phone conversation 293 families (758 people)**

### REVENUE

Parish, Conference Members & other Donations	\$81,854	
Women of St. Edwards	\$ 4,500	
SVDP Center Food Pantry	\$ 3,063	
2013 Christmas Giving Tree Program – cash & gift cards only	\$10,360	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>		<b>\$99,777</b>

### EXPENSES

Family Aid	\$60,274	
SVDP Center Food Pantry	\$ 2,983	
St. Vincent Haven Homeless Shelter	\$17,591	
2016 Christmas Giving Tree Program	\$10,458	
Disaster Relief for Hurricanes & Forest Fires	\$ 4,100	
Society Dues & Operational Expenses	\$ 1,060	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$96,466</b>
<b>TOTAL SURPLUS</b>		<b>\$ 3,311</b>

IN KIND DONATIONS – Gifts donated for Christmas Giving Tree Program 2016      \$ 8,416

Family Aid consists of the following:

- \$ 19,166 provided 96 families with rent.**
- \$ 2,880 provided shelter To 23/individuals or families with children**
- \$ 17,490 provided 99 families with electric, gas and water**
- \$ 9,538 provided 36 families with food, clothing, medicine, gasoline, car repairs and other needs**
- \$ 11,200 to other Licking County SVDP Conferences and  
The Columbus Diocesan St. Lawrence Haven lunch program**

**Last year's (2016) Christmas Giving Tree program helped 32 families (91 children). Christmas donations were used to help some of the residents of the St. Vincent Haven Homeless Shelter and to assist families that come to us for help with food and gasoline. There were 39 baskets of love for Seniors.**

**You helped provide over 586 nights of shelter (\$30/person/night) to homeless men at the St. Vincent Haven by providing funds needed to keep the Haven operational. In addition to a night of shelter these funds help to provide assistance to obtain employment, address substance abuse or mental health issues, identify and secure post-shelter housing and provide clothing and personal hygiene products.**

There are many things that can't be quantified. We listen, refer those we help to other programs and agencies, help them navigate the system, bring them to Church, dry tears, hold hands, give hugs, pray, give hope, bring love and so much more!!

Our conference and many other **volunteers** from St. Edward are involved in the day to day operation of the **St. Vincent de Paul Center**. This center is a separate entity from the SVdP Conference here at St. Edward. It is a multi-purpose outreach center comprised of a **THRIFT STORE** and **FOOD PANTRY** operated by the SVdP conferences of St. Edward, St. Francis, Blessed Sacrament, St. Leonard, Church of the Ascension, and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Representatives from these Conferences, **volunteers** from those churches, and community volunteers all work together to make it a success. Funds from the thrift store, food supplied by the parishes and the Food Pantry Network, along with grants and donations made directly to the Center, cover its financial needs. When our conference receives donations designated for the food pantry, the funds are passed directly to the food pantry to help stock their shelves. The Thrift Store has had some major improvements in the past year, thanks to a very generous benefactor! Carpeting, painting, air conditioning and ceiling fans have all been added to make the shopping (and/or volunteering!) experience very nice! Outside, new lighting and awnings have been added. **A big thank you to St. Edward's parishioners, who through their generous contributions to last year's Christmas Giving Tree, made the purchasing of a new SVDP delivery truck possible.**

**Please consider the Thrift Store at the SVdP Center when donating furniture (greatest need), household items or gently used clothing. They have a truck to pick up or deliver large items. THIS IS A GREAT PLACE TO SHOP. Please consider shopping and volunteering at the Center!**

**St. Vincent Haven Shelter** for men has provided over 60,000 nights of no cost food shelter and counselling thanks to your support of the SVDP Thrift Store, your parish SVDP Conference, the annual dinner on May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Elk's club and the Aug 4th Golf Outing at Dension Golf Course. Your 4 hour volunteer shift reduces employee wages equivalent to costs for two Residents to stay for one night. **The Gardens on 6<sup>th</sup>** provides apartments for 23 families with children that graduate from the Haven, Salvation Army and New Beginnings. Residents are required to be employed, pay modest rent, learn to budget, cook, properly maintain an apartment and helped to reunify with estranged family members. Mentors and volunteers are welcomed.

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS, YOUR TIME VOLUNTEERING, AND MOST ESPECIALLY YOUR PRAYERS. PLEASE COME JOIN US.**

Help us show the compassion of the Catholic Church to the needy of Licking County. The Church hopes that we see Christ in all those that we meet, and treat them with dignity and respect.

# Lectio Divina

## SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

"What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?" ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

***"If the soul is sick, one must begin by treating the soul. Do you have faith? Do you believe that God can do something for you? Go confess yourself to the priest...then go to communion..." ~SAINT ANDRÉ BESSETTE***

### **Monday, January 1 ~ Solemnity of Holy Mary, Mother of God**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 2:16-21** The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them. When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

**Meditation:** In fulfillment of this precept, Mary's newborn child is given the name *Jesus* on the eighth day according to the Jewish custom. Joseph and Mary gave the name Jesus because that is the name given by God's messenger before Jesus was conceived in Mary's womb. This name signifies Jesus' identity and his mission. The literal Hebrew means *the Lord saves*. Since God alone can forgive sins, it is God who, in Jesus his eternal Son made man, will save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:21). In the birth and naming of this child we see the wondrous design and plan of God in giving us a Savior who would bring us grace, mercy, and freedom from the power of sin and the fear of death. The name *Jesus* signifies that the very name of God is present in the person of his Son who became man for our salvation. Peter the Apostle exclaimed that there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved (Acts 2:12). In the name of Jesus demons flee, cripples walk, the blind see, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised. At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow; His name is exalted far above every other name. The name *Jesus* is at the heart of all Christian prayer. It is through Jesus, with Jesus and in Jesus that we pray to God the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Prayer:** O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Mary was "full of grace" not only for being chosen to be God's mother but in her total openness to be filled with that love of God. We too are constantly "graced" and we too can be full of grace not because we were baptized into the Catholic community, but by our own total, active identification with the way of Jesus by our opening up to the call of God as it unfolds in the unique circumstances of our own lives. We do this through total and unconditional service of those around us. It is a formidable challenge at times, but it also brings countless joys. To be a true Christian – a true disciple and follower of Christ is demanding but not insurmountable; it is not for the hypocrite or faint of heart. To be a true Christian is to first go beyond mere lip service calling Jesus "Lord, Lord" but not living according to Christ's way – it is for those who truly believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord, Savior and Redeemer; those who see Jesus Christ as the Good Shepherd who allow them to be lovingly led by Christ; those who want to be "doers of the Word and not hearers only" (James 1:22). Prove to Christ, to the world, and to yourself that you are Christian.

### **Tuesday, January 2 ~ Season of Christmas**

#### **Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church**

**Holy Gospel: John 1:19-28** This is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those



who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

**Meditation:** John the Baptist bridges the Old and New Testaments. He is the last of the Old Testament Prophets who points the way to the Messiah. He is the first of the New Testament witnesses and martyrs. He is the herald who prepares the way for Jesus and who announces his mission to the people: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world! John saw from a distance what the Messiah came to accomplish – our redemption from slavery to sin and our adoption as sons and daughters of God, our heavenly Father.

**Prayer:** O God, who were pleased to give light to your Church by the example and teaching of the Bishops, Saints Basil and Gregory, grant, we pray, that in humility we may learn your truth and practice it faithfully in charity. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** John was the greatest of the prophets, yet he lived as a humble and faithful servant of God. He pointed others to Jesus, Messiah and Savior of the world. The Catholic Church from the earliest of times has given John many titles which signify his mission: *Witness of the Lord, Trumpet of Heaven, Herald of Christ, Voice of the Word, Precursor of Truth, Friend of the Bridegroom, Crown of the Prophets, Forerunner of the Redeemer, Preparer of Salvation, Light of the Martyrs, and Servant of the Word.* By your life, by your faith, do you point others to Christ by your witness and example as John the Baptist did?

### **Wednesday, January 3 ~ Season of Christmas** **The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

**Holy Gospel: John 1:29-34** John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel." John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from the sky and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

**Meditation:** John calls Jesus the *Lamb of God* and thus signifies Jesus' mission as the One who redeems us from our sins. The blood of the Passover Lamb (Exodus 12) delivered the Israelites in Egypt from death. The blood of Jesus, the true Passover Lamb who offered his life up for us on the cross as an atoning sacrifice for our sins (1 Corinthians 5:7), delivers us from everlasting death and destruction. It is significant that John was the son of a priest, Zachariah, who participated in the daily sacrifice of a lamb in the temple for the sins of the people (Exodus 29). In Jesus he saw the true and only sacrifice which delivers us from sin.

**Prayer:** O God, who founded the salvation of the human race on the Incarnation of your Word, give your peoples the mercy they implore, so that all may know there is no other name to be invoked but the Name of your Only Begotten Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Saint Alphonsus Liguori once wrote: "God hath given Him a Name which is above all names. And He commands that this name should be adored by the Angels, by men, and by devils: That in the Name of Jesus every knee should bow of those that are in Heaven, on earth, and under the earth. If, then, all creatures are to adore this great name, still more ought we sinners to adore it, since it was in our behalf that this name of Jesus; which signifies Savior, was given to Him; and for this end also He came down from Heaven, namely, to save sinners: 'For us men and for our salvation He came down from Heaven, and was made Man.' We ought to adore Him, and at the same time to thank God Who has given Him this name for our good; it is this name that consoles us, defends us, and makes us burn with love."

### **Thursday, January 4 ~ Season of Christmas** **Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**

**Holy Gospel: John 1:35-42** John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus

turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the *Messiah*," which is translated *Christ*. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called *Cephas*," which is translated *Peter*.

**Meditation:** Jesus invites each of us to "come and see" for ourselves that his word is true, life-giving and everlasting. "Come and see" is God's invitation for fellowship and communion with the One who made us in love for love. Saint Augustine tells us something very important about God and how he relates to us: "If you hadn't been called by God, what could you have done to turn back? Didn't the very One who called you when you were opposed to Him make it possible for you to turn back?" It is God who initiates and who draws us to himself. Without his grace, mercy, and help we could not find him.

**Prayer:** O God, who crowned with the gift of true faith Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton's burning zeal to find you, grant by her intercession and example that we may always seek you with diligent love and find you in daily service with sincere faith. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** When two of John's disciples began to seek out Jesus, Jesus took the initiative to invite them into his company. He did not wait for them to get his attention. Instead he met them halfway. He asked them one of the most fundamental questions of life: "What are you looking for?" In other words, what were they looking for in Jesus, and what were they aiming to get out of life? Jesus asks each of us this very same question: "What's the goal of your life? What are you aiming for and trying to get out of life?" So, what is your response? Think about it, pray about it, then take up Jesus' invitation.

### **Friday, January 5 ~ Season of Christmas** **Saint John Neumann, Bishop**

**Holy Gospel: John 1:43-51** Jesus decided to go to Galilee, and he found Philip. And Jesus said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the town of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets, Jesus, son of Joseph, from Nazareth." But Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Here is a true child of Israel. There is no duplicity in him." Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel." Jesus answered and said to him, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this." And he said to him, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you will see the sky opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

**Meditation:** The fig tree was a symbol of God's blessing and peace. It provided shade from the midday sun and a cool place to retreat and pray. It is very likely that Nathaniel had meditated "under the fig tree" on the Messianic prophecies and prayed for their fulfillment in his time. Perhaps he dozed off for a midday nap and dreamed of God's kingdom like Jacob did when he saw a vision of the ladder which united earth with heaven (ref. Genesis 28:12-17). Nathaniel accepted Jesus as Messiah and Lord because Jesus spoke to the need of his innermost being – the desire to know God personally and to be united with him in his glory. Jesus' response to Nathaniel's new faith is the promise that he himself will be the "ladder which unites earth with heaven". God had opened a door for Jacob that brought him and his people into a new relationship with the living God. In Jacob's dream God revealed his angelic host and showed him the throne of heaven and promised Jacob that he and descendants would dwell with the living God.

**Prayer:** O God, who called the Bishop Saint John Neumann, renowned for his charity and pastoral service, to shepherd your people in America, grant by his intercession that, as we foster the Christian education of youth and are strengthened by the witness of brotherly love, we may constantly increase the family of your Church. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Nathaniel was very skeptical. He didn't like Nazareth (noted by his cynical quip) and didn't want to have anything to do with people who came from such a place. How could the Messiah come from a town at the crossroads with gentiles and people of other religions? Perhaps we are like Nathaniel at times. We reject others out of rivalry or prejudice, or we keep them at a distance because we find fault

with something about them – the schools they went to, the street they live on or neighborhood they grew up in, the kind of car they drive, or on a more global scale their manner of speech, the way they dress, their customs, or whatever we dislike about them and “their kind.” Rather than argue with his friend, Philip took the wiser strategy of inviting Nathaniel to “come and see” for himself who this Jesus claimed to be. Clever arguments rarely win people to the gospel, but a genuine encounter with the person of Jesus Christ can transform one's life forever. Remember the words of Saint Augustine: “You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.”

## **Saturday, January 6 ~ Season of Christmas**

### **Saint André Bessette, Religious**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 3:23-38** When Jesus began his ministry he was about thirty years of age. He was the son, as was thought, of Joseph, the son of Heli, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Jannai, the son of Joseph, the son of Mattathias, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Esli, the son of Naggai, the son of Maath, the son of Mattathias, the son of Semein, the son of Josech, the son of Joda, the son of Joanan, the son of Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, the son of Neri, the son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmadam, the son of Er, the son of Joshua, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Simeon, the son of Judah, the son of Joseph, the son of Jonam, the son of Eliakim, the son of Melea, the son of Menna, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David, the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Sala, the son of Nahshon, the son of Amminadab, the son of Admin, the son of Arni, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah, the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor, the son of Serug, the son of Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of Eber, the son of Shelah, the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech, the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalaleel, the son of Cainan, the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

**Meditation:** Luke states that Jesus was thirty years old when he began his public ministry. Why did Jesus spend thirty years in obscurity in the village of Nazareth when his purpose for coming to earth was to save us the world from destruction? This is significant for at least a couple of reasons. First, it shows that Jesus was responsible and faithful in the mundane duties of family life. Before he embraced public duties, he showed his fidelity and concern for domestic duties. Tradition has it that Joseph died when Jesus was young. Jesus assumed the responsibility for caring for his mother. Jesus taught his disciples the precept that “he who is faithful in little, will be faithful in much” by his personal example. If we want to be fit to carry on the Lord's mission today, we must learn faithfulness in great matters by first being faithful in little matters of home and workday life.

**Prayer:** Lord our God, friend of the lowly, who gave your servant, Saint André Bessette, a great devotion to Saint Joseph and a special commitment to the poor and afflicted, help us through his intercession to follow his example of prayer and love and so come to share with him in your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Genealogies are very important. They give us our roots, and help us to understand our heritage – where and whom we come from. Matthew's genealogy (Matthew 1:1-17) traces Jesus' lineage back to Abraham, the father of the chosen people. Luke's genealogy in today's gospel traces Jesus' lineage all the way back to Adam, father of the human race. In doing so Luke stresses the real humanity of Jesus. Jesus came not just to save the chosen people but all humankind as well. Jesus is the fulfillment of all God's promises. He is the hope not only for the people of the Old Covenant but for all nations as well. He is the Savior of the world. In him we receive adaption as sons and daughters of the living God.

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## 2017 The Edwardians!

### A Senior Social Group Men and Women, 50 and Up

I would like to take this opportunity to say "thank you" to every Edwardian who attended an event, participated and helped in anyway this year. I wish you a very prosperous and healthy 2018. May God bestow many blessings upon you. Hope to see more new faces in 2018. Join the Edwardians. Happy New Year!

Linda Woolard, Chair



**TOUR OF COLUMBUS AREA CHURCHES** on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 visiting: **Holy Cross Catholic Church** ("The Mother Church of Columbus"), **St. Patrick Catholic Church**, and **St. Paul the Apostle Church**. **Motor coach to leave St. Edward Church at 8:30 a.m. Lunch on your own at O'Charley's** with a special lunch menu under \$10.00. Cost is \$14.00 per person plus lunch.

Beautiful **Holy Cross**, first Catholic Church in Columbus, dating back to 1833 with a small number of German Catholic families, still thrives today. Beautiful stained glass windows from Germany and were installed after World War I. During the war, the windows were kept in storage on a dock in Germany. Population growth brought about the first division of the parish leading to the establishment of **St. Patrick Church** in 1851 to serve the Irish immigrants. We will visit St. Patrick Church which still has the altar rail. The tour will end at **St. Paul the Apostle**, founded in 1913 in Westerville. The church serves 4,100+ families. The beautiful mural behind the altar is handpainted. The Catholic Foundation Grant money contributed to this event. **Paid reservation due by Thursday, January 11th.**



**ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY CORNED BEEF DINNER** on Wednesday, February 21st at Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, Seminary Road off of Thornwood Drive. Arrive at 6:00 p.m., eat at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$13.00 per person. Full details to follow. **Paid reservations are due by February 14th.**



**CHRISM MASS, ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL, Columbus**, on Tuesday, March 27th. **Cost \$10.00 per person plus lunch on your own** at Cracker Barrel Restaurant. Depart via Motor coach from St. Edward Church at **1:30 p.m.**

The Chrism Mass is the gathering of the entire 23 counties of the Columbus Diocese with Bishop Frederick F. Campbell, D.D., PhD., priests, deacons and lay faithful. This Mass manifests the unity of the priests with their bishop. Bishop Campbell blesses three oils: the oil of catechumens, the oil of the infirm and holy chrism, which will be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the diocese for the year. Also, priests and deacons renew their promises to serve God and His people.

Upon arrival at St. Joseph, you may visit the Undercroft of the Cathedral where prior bishops are entombed. The Motor coach will drop us off and pick us up in front of the Cathedral and return to St. Edward Church. The Catholic Foundation Grant money contributed to this event. **Paid reservations are due by March 22, 2018.**

**Note:** You may pay for multiple events in one check.

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## The Catechism Corner

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

On this Sunday of the Holy Family we read in our Catechism about the presentation of Jesus in the temple. Paragraph 529 – The presentation of Jesus in the Temple shows him to be the first born Son who belongs to the Lord. With Simeon and Anna all Israel awaits its encounter with the Savior. Jesus is recognized as the long awaited Messiah, the “light to the nations” and the “glory of Israel” but also “a sign that is spoken against.” The sword of sorrow predicted for Mary announces Christ’s death on the cross that will impart the salvation of God to all the peoples.

### CLASSES FOR TWO-YEAR-OLDS WITH COMMUNICATION AND/OR SOCIALIZATION CHALLENGES

Our program for two-year-olds with communication and/or socialization challenges will resume on January 4th. The classes are from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The children work in groups of six with two teachers. Evidence-based “play” procedures are used to improve their communication and socialization skills.

### FREE AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR THOSE WITH AUTISM

This class is held every Monday from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Children will work one-on-one with mentors in small groups on noncompetitive physical activities including: “obstacle” courses, music, dancing, yoga, crafts, games, cooking, interviewing, drama, visiting restaurants and other places of interest in Granville, etc.

This program was created to improve social and communication skills, to allow for sensory issues and a child’s need for routine, to develop executive skills, and to reduce anxiety with new situations, new activities and new people.

These programs are sponsored by the Language Experience Center, a nonprofit organization. Children of all races, religions, and national/ethnic origins are welcome. Classes are held at St. Edward Catholic Church, 785 Newark-Granville Road, Granville. **We also need high school or college students who will be trained to work as paid mentors.**

Please contact Barbara Lechner, Ph.D., at 740-587-7214 or [talkdoc43023@msn.com](mailto:talkdoc43023@msn.com) to enroll or for more information.

## Stewardship

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The primary purpose of The Feast of the Holy Family is to present the Holy Family as a model for Christian families.

In Italy, there is a saying, “*La famiglia é tutto*,” which means, “the family is everything.” Our Holy Father Pope Francis has made families one of the focal points of his papacy. He organized a conference on families in 2015. Speaking to the gathered families, he said, “You cannot have a family without dreams. I am very fond of dreams in families. For nine months, every mother and father dream about their baby. They dream about what kind of child he or she will be... You can’t have a family without dreams. Once a family loses the ability to dream, children do not grow, love does not grow, life shrivels up and dies. So I ask you each evening, when you make your examination of conscience, to also ask yourselves this question: Today did I dream about my children’s future? Today did I dream about the love of my husband, my wife? Did I dream about my parents and grandparents who have gone before me?”

All of today’s readings have to do with families and family life. The reading from Sirach, our First Reading, emphasized the Fourth Commandment, “Honor thy father and mother.” We are commanded to respect and love our parents. However, it is a two way street. The Gospel Reading speaks of the development of Jesus, and that should inspire parents to understand that our prayers are the same as the prayers of Joseph and Mary — that our children will become strong in spirit and filled with wisdom. [catholicsteward.com](http://catholicsteward.com)

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