

1st Sunday of Advent - November 27, 2022

Advent

~ a time for preparation ~



St. Mary Parish ~ Berea, Ohio

Saint Mary Parish

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Mission Statement

St. Mary is a faith community which worships together, follows the teachings of Jesus Christ in our everyday lives, evangelizes others by our lives and actions, gives generously of our time and resources in service to others, shows compassion and love towards one another, provides religious education and works for social justice for all.

Parish Pastoral Staff

Reverend John P. Singler, Pastor
Reverend Thomas E. Stock, Parochial Vicar
Reverend Robert J. Cole, Retired, In Residence
Deacon Thomas A. Cully, Pastoral Associate
Mrs. Angela Kovic, Music Director

Parish Support Staff

Mr. John Mastandrea, Adult Faith and Education Coordinator
Mrs. Johanna Garr, Religious Education Coordinator

Parish Office Staff

Mrs. Janel Abraham
Mrs. Lorri Masie

School Administrative Staff

Mrs. Lisa DeCore, Principal
Mrs. Nancy Kaesgen, Director of Development

School Office Staff

Mrs. Mary Beth Hennessy
Mrs. Diana Zjaba

Parish Mass Schedule

Weekday: 9:00am Monday through Friday

Weekend: 4:00pm Saturday Vigil
7:30am, 9:30am, & 11:30am

Holy Day Consult Bulletin

Sacramental Ministries

Baptisms: On Sundays After 11:30am Mass

Reconciliation: Saturdays 3-3:30pm
Seasonal Celebrations

Marriage: Contact Parish Office

Anointing of the Sick: Contact Parish Office
Seasonal Celebration

Communion Calls: Contact Parish Office

Celebrating 170 years of Pastoral Service to the Catholic Community of Berea

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And the Church begins the Advent Season singing, “*O Come, O Come Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lowly exile here, until the Son of God appear! Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel. Shall come to thee, O Israel.*”

Once again we enter into this holy season with joyful hearts, minds and spirits in anticipation of the Savior who is to be born anew! Yes, it is a season of waiting, of stillness, of reflection, and of expectation and the Scriptures of this holy time encourage us in that expectant waiting **EVEN THOUGH** everywhere else is anything **BUT** calm, quiet and serene. Prayerfully the Scriptures and the Music and the Environment brings forth the wonder of this season into our lives! Let’s let that be our guide these many days.

Of course, the **dwindling daylight** also sets the stage, if you will for advent as we yearn for the coming of the Light – the Son of God. In these December days we are reminded of that yearning heart as we pray in hope for the Dawn of Christ. These days are for reflection, joy, anticipation and an eagerness as we count these 28 days to the Birth of Christ.

The **Advent Wreath** is foremost in our sanctuary space to remind us of the counting days until the Savior is born. The Advent color of **violet** in our new vestments also prompts us to know that this season of beginning is also a season to be reconciled. So we are encouraged to make a good confession.

The simple banners hung on the back sanctuary wall likewise reflect our yearning spirits – soon to be replaced with the colors of Christmas.

And without exception, the *subdued* and *minor keys* of our Advent music prompt us to a spirit that is a little off key as the words of each hymn tell the story of our yearning and hope.

So, come dear friends, and **ENTER INTO** this time of **HOLINESS** and **WONDER** and **WANDER** through the rereading of the stories of this season and make their story **OURS**. Put on the calm and the stillness of this season here in Church and take that spirit beyond our church doors and out it into the world! **LET** the world know we are a **WAITING PEOPLE** of **FAITH**!

Make sure you take **HOME** our Advent Newsletter with timely information and a schedule of **EVENTS** to help guide us throughout these holy days!

And **MANY THANKS** for all your contributions and generous financial support! We are blessed indeed!

Fr. John

MASS INTENTION FOR THE WEEK



Weekend of November 27

4:00pm Bob Stochl
7:30am Sue Spahr
9:30am Mark Schuetz
11:30am Margaret Noland

First Sunday of Advent

Family
Family
Mitchell Family
Family

Monday

November 28

Advent Weekday

Is 4:2-6 / Mt 8:5-11 (175)

9:00am

Janice Romansky

Family

Tuesday

November 29

Advent Weekday

Is 11:1-10 / Lk 10:21-24 (176)

9:00am

Rita Whitkofski

Kathleen Leestma

Wednesday

November 30

Saint Andrew, Apostle

Rom 10:9-18 / Mt 4:18-22 (684)

9:00am

Rita Cifani

Billie Stephenson

Thursday

December 1

Advent Weekday

Is 26:1-6 / Mt 7:21, 24-27 (178)

9:00am

Susan Palisin

Family

Friday

December 2

Advent Weekday

Is 29:17-24 / Mt 9:27-31 (179)

9:00am

Carolyn Ramos

Dr. Jesus Ramos & Laura

Saturday

December 3

Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 30:19-21, 22-26 / Mt 9:35- 10:1, 5a, 6-8 (180)

4:00pm

Norma Milby

Family

Sunday

December 4

Second Sunday of Advent

Is 11:1-10 / Rom 15:4-9 / Mt 3:1-12 (4)

7:30am

Barbara McCarthy

Husband

9:30am

Neil & Joann Doult

Family

11:30am

Jeremy Holstein

Greg & Marcia Holstein

SCHEDULE OPEN FOR MASS INTENTIONS - 2023

THE MASS BOOK FOR 2023 IS NOW OPEN.

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AT (440) 243-3877 OR
SUBMIT YOUR REQUEST IN WRITING. PLEASE INCLUDE A
PHONE NUMBER IN CASE WE NEED TO CONTACT YOU. WE
WILL DO OUR BEST TO ACCOMMODATE YOUR REQUESTS.

Welcome - Newly Baptized

Welcome the newly baptized -

***Olivia Maryann Summer Tirabassi &
Nino Francesco Tirabassi***

Mother Teresa



A life not lived for other is a life not lived.

Excerpted from: Do Something Beautiful for God. The Essential
Teachings of Mother Teresa (Blue Sparrow 2020)

Anniversary Wishes

If you will be having a wedding anniversary in the
month of **DECEMBER** and would like your names listed
in the bulletin, please call the parish office (440) 243-
3877 or email jabraham1@stmaryberea.org

Dan & Angie Biddlecombe

November 14th - 35 years

Tom & Paulette Flandera

November 21st - 52 years

Bill & Peggy Stockdale

November 25th - 17 years

Join the St. Mary Berea Social Justice Committee in support of



Luke's Wings provides emergency travel planning services and airplane
tickets for the families and loved ones of wounded, ill, and injured service
members, veterans, and fallen officers, during hospital recovery and
rehabilitation.

The Social Justice Committee will be accepting monetary donations after all
masses during the weekends of November 19th/20th and November
26th/27th. Donations can also be made directly by visiting

www.lukeswings.org.

Thank you for your support!



Bulletin Prayer List

**Please remember in prayer all
who are ill or homebound, es-
pecially the following:**

Mary Ann Abraham
Mary Anne Bialosky
Mary Terese Blaseg
Candy Corbett
Kathleen Dorsey
John Owens Dumm
Sharon Fisher
Joan & Gerry Foust
Tom Gibbons
Nancy Grau
Dorothy Hunter
Zora Koukis

Marcel Liberge
Jan Lindenmeier
Rose Reilly
Bret & Bart Smith
Marilyn Serrao
Guy Sperk
Frances Ann Stock
Donna Squires
Chet Talarczyk

*To add a name to the Prayer
List, please call the Rectory
Office: (440) 243-3877 or
email:
jabraham1@stmaryberea.org*

Ministry Schedules

**DUE TO THE EARLY SUBMISSION OF THE BULLETIN -
Ministry schedule for December not Available - Refer to your Email or Sacristy Bulletin Board.**

Music Ministry & Liturgy Notes

By Angela Kovic, Director of Music and Liturgy

CHRIST IS COMING

Advent is upon us! No longer are we waiting around in an Ordinary Time with no focus; the Christchild will be born soon and there is so much to do! Have you put up your Christmas tree yet? Devin and I have a tradition every year to wait until the day after Thanksgiving to buy our tree and decorate the house. The church color palette has been switched to a royal purple and we have new hymnals for the 2023 liturgical year; thank you so much to everyone who helped out! This year I have decided to have us continue singing the Mass for our Lady throughout the Advent and Christmas season because it is a new setting to our church community and I would like everyone to be really comfortable with it! We also have a new gospel acclamation for the Advent season that uses the tune of 'O Come, O Come Emmanuel' that will really keep us in the joyful spirit of waiting for Christmas day to come!

In Year A of the three-year liturgical reading cycle, we will be focusing on the gospel of Matthew. Matthew takes careful thought in connecting the birth of Christ fulfilling the prophecies in the Old Testament. Isaiah reassures of the coming of the kingdom of God, with the house of the Lord being Jesus Christ. God has had a plan in motion since the day he created life on earth, and his love has not once wavered. We are called to walk in the light of the Lord, and Jesus is coming to lead us back to the kingdom in heaven. Advent is a time for preparation and a time for prayer. Did you know that Catholics used to fast during Advent like we do now during Lent? Until 1918 when the obligation was removed, Catholics in the United States fasted on each Friday of Advent, and in Great Britain, Ireland, Canada, and Australia Wednesdays as well! We know that Christ is coming and now is the time to get ready!

Traditional Choir rehearses on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm in the choir loft. Youth Choir can be reestablished with interest. Contact me via phone (440.243.3877 ext. 27) or email (musicministry1@stmaryberea.org) for anything involving our Music Ministry!



St. Mary Catholic School News Corner *Educating the Mind, Nurturing the Soul*

The 2nd graders learned a little history about the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and how the idea of the large balloons came about. The class made a New York City streetscape and then each student made his/her own balloon. *Balloons Over Broadway* are now floating down the primary hall.



Mr. Jones has held several writing sessions to determine our 2022-2023 *Power of The Pen* team members. Congratulations to the following Students: **7th Grade:** Thea Buehrer, Sarah Creech, Mary Furjanic, James George, Layne Masterson, Evan Mordarski, Ellie Westbrook & Ellie Anne Wheller. **8th Grade:** Jossilyn Blake, Delaney Hovan, Evan Lugert & Sophia Solomon We are looking forward to lots of fun and hard work from these writers as they prepare for the first competition!



SMS PTO is busy planning representation of St. Mary in Berea's annual Jack Frost Parade on Saturday, December 3, 2022. The Jack Frost Festival welcomes the holiday season with fun activities for the entire family. The community organizations are invited to march in the Light Up Berea parade through downtown Berea. The Christmas Tree on the Triangle is lighted by a special firework launched from atop downtown businesses and a spectacular fireworks display follows. After the parade, children can visit with Santa. There is also musical entertainment, cocoa and cookies, a skating rink, ice sculptures and fun costume characters. We hope you can join us in representing St. Mary School!



As the end of the calendar year is quickly approaching, please consider a tax-deductible donation to the St. Mary Scholarship Fund.

Your donation of any size will be greatly appreciated and your name will be posted in the 2023 SMS Graduation Program. Did you know that many companies provide matching gifts – why not check with your Benefits Office to see if your employer is one of them?!

Important Dates to Remember:

11/29/22 - SMS PTO Board Meeting / 7:00p.m.
12/01/22 - Student Choir Practice

TAIZE' PRAYER WITH ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Sunday December 4, 2022

7:00 to 8:00 pm—St. Mary Church

*As we wait in quiet, JOYFUL hope
of the Birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*

Taize' Prayer

*Is a favored prayer experience of St. John Paul II who compared it to
a traveler stopping at a spring of water, getting their thirst quenched
and then set out to witness and serve our brothers and sisters.*

Why Taize' Prayer?

*A beautiful Advent opportunity to be in the quiet of the Real
Presence of Our Lord before the Blessed Sacrament. Let your heart be
touched, your spirit calmed and prayerfully anticipate the celebration
of Christmas.*

St. Mary Giving Tree 2022



And **YES** it's that time of the Year for the **Annual Giving Tree.**, and your generosity has been overwhelming over the years. The 12' outdoor **Giving Tree** reminds us that in this season of waiting and wonder, we make the effort to give from our hearts. The **Giving Trees** in our sanctuary are a prayerful reminder of the Child Jesus who gave Himself to us. What greater gift can we offer?

AGAIN, there are **NO TAGS** this year, just **THIS FLYER** with the much needed items. **DON'T WRAP YOUR GIFTS** but bring them in a **HOLIDAY GIFT BAG** to Church **by December 11th**.

All Gifts will be delivered to
West Side Catholic Center and University Settlement

HERE's THE LIST:

Suggested Clothing Items: **MARK** gift with Sex /Item – Size e.g. Male, Hoodie, XL

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| ○ Sweatshirts | Hoodies |
| ○ Sweaters | Pajamas |
| ○ Underwear | Socks |
| ○ Outerwear | |
| ▪ Hats | Scarves |
| ▪ Gloves | Boots |

Suggested Baby Items: **MARK** gift with item

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| ○ Diapers | Blankets |
| ○ Toys | Toiletries |

Suggested Youth Items: **MARK** gift with item

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| ○ Toys | Children's' Books |
| ○ Bibles | School Supplies |
| ○ Toiletries | |

 **PLACE your Gifts in a HOLIDAY GIFT BAG**

RETURN ALL GIFTS BY SUNDAY DECEMBER 11th!

That simple and that easy to help make someone's Christmas Merry!