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SUNDAY OBLIGATION MASSES:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.; Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at 9:00 a.m.

HOLY DAYS:

9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions): Thursday:
9:30 a.m.; Saturday: 3:00-3:30 p.m.; or by appointment if you
call the Parish Office.

BAPTISMS: Following the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS: Third Monday of the
month: January, March, May, July, September and November,
7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office. If attending, you must call
614-279-1690 to register.

MARRIAGES: Arrangements must be made at least 6 months
prior to the wedding.

New Parishioners and Parishioners Moving Out:

Please call the Parish Office to register or to change status.

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Christmas 2024

MASS SCHEDULE**MONDAY, DECEMBER 23 – ST. JOHN OF KANTY, PRIEST**

9:00 a.m. Istvan Kocsis by Aniko

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE9:00 a.m. **NO 9:00 a.m. MASS**

4:00 p.m. People of the Parish

10:00 p.m. Betty & James Rimelspach

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 – NATIVITY OF THE LORD9:00 a.m. **NO 9:00 a.m. MASS**

10:30 a.m. John & Durna Shaffer by Bill & Mary Shaffer

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26 – ST. STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR9:00 a.m. **NO MASS****FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27 – ST. JOHN, APOSTLE/EVANGELIST**

9:00 a.m. Irene Welyczkowsky by M/M Roman Welyczkowsky

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28 – THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

4:00 p.m. Robert Froning by the Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29 – THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS**MARY and JOSEPH**

8:30 a.m. People of the Parish

10:00 a.m. Special Intention for the Homebound Ministry
by Jim & Sally Gildea**ST. ZITA MINISTRY: December 23:** Jim & Julie Bertolino, Karen & Terry Burns**PARISH NEWS:**

HEARTFELT THANKS to all who have volunteered in making our Christmas Liturgy beautiful in any way. To all who have cleaned and decorated the church, to our Choir Director, and all of the choir members and musicians who provided us with such beautiful Christmas Music. To all who contributed to the Christmas Flowers in memory of a loved one, and to those who arranged the flowers and decorations on the Altar. Everything is very beautiful and inspiring.

THANK YOU! I wish to thank all those who sent cards and gifts. I am truly grateful and deeply appreciative. **May the newborn Christ bless each of you and MAY YOU ALL HAVE A BLESSED NEW YEAR.**

Fr. Jeff

OFFICE CLOSED: The Parish Office will close on Tuesday, December 24th at 12:00 Noon and remain closed on December 25th, in observance of The Nativity of the Lord. The office will be open on Thursday, December 26th.

INCENSE WITH MASSES: Incense will be used at the December 24th, 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass and also used at all of the Epiphany Masses on January 4TH AND 5TH.

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY would like to thank the following people who helped make sandwiches last Sunday for our monthly donation to St. Lawrence Haven: **Jan Almond, Warren Almond, Rosie Crago, Greg Goodhart, Lila Johnson, Karen Maguire, Cathy Merna, Mark & Karen Perry, Matt Perry, Louise Retzlaff, Father Jeff Rimelspach, Sandy & Andy Siers, Mary Smith, Sylvia, and Adley, Michael, Bob, and Debbie.**

FIFTH SUNDAY COLLECTION After all Masses on the weekend of **December 28-29, there will be a 5th Sunday Collection to benefit the work of our St. Margaret conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.** The busy conference provides neighbors in the 43204 Zip Code with a range of assistance, including help with utility bills, rent (funds permitting), furniture, clothing, household items, and more. **We greatly appreciate your generosity!**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: There will not be Mass, Eucharistic Adoration nor Confessions on Thursday, December 26.

ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA 2025 APPOINTMENT CALENDARS will be in the back of church this weekend. **Many Thanks to Maeder Quint Tiberi Funeral Home, 1068 South High Street, for providing us every year with our Beautiful Catholic appointment Calendars.** The calendars are free to any parishioner.

CHRISTMAS 2024 SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE – A Holy Day of Obligation for Tuesday OR Wednesday. Masses on Tuesday, December 24th are:

- 4:00 p.m. Our Children's Mass – we welcome all children for a special homily
- 10:00 p.m. Mass, preceded by Christmas Carols beginning at 9:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY – A Holy Day of Obligation for Tuesday or Wednesday. Mass on Wednesday, December 25 is at 10:30 a.m. **ONLY.**

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY – Sunday, December 29th. Masses follow the regular weekend times.

NEW YEAR'S DAY – SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD. This IS a Holy Day of Obligation to go to Mass. Masses are on Tuesday, December 31st, 4:00 p.m. OR Wednesday, January 1st, 10:30 a.m.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY – Sunday, January 5th. Masses follow the regular weekend times.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: December 23-29, 2024

MONDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass
TUESDAY	9:00 a.m.	NO Mass
		Office Closes 12:00 p.m.
	4:00 p.m.	Children's Mass, Christmas Eve
	10:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Mass
WEDNESDAY		Parish Office Closed
	9:00 a.m.	NO MASS
	10:30 a.m.	Christmas Day Mass
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	NO Mass
	9:30 a.m.	NO Confessions
	9:30 a.m.	NO Exposition of Eucharist
FRIDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass
SATURDAY	3:00 p.m.	Confessions
	4:00 p.m.	Mass
SUNDAY	8:30 a.m.	Mass
	9:00 a.m.	NO PSR/CSG
	10:30 a.m.	Mass

DECEMBER – A GOOD TIME FOR GIVING: The month of December is an excellent time to give generously to the parish offertory or the Bishop's Annual Appeal. As this is the season of giving gifts, why not give a generous gift to your parish in the form of cash, securities, or business gifts through your employer's company? We are all called to be good stewards of what God has entrusted to us. May we share generously with our parish family during this season. Thank you for your continued generosity. **May God bless you!**

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS 2024

REQUESTED BY

M/M Warren Almond
Ms. Beliamar Ayala
Mr. Ron Bellisari
M/M James Bertolina
M/M Walter Bland
M/M Terrence Burns
Donna Burton
M/M Daniel Callaghan
Kathy Collins
Rosalia Crago
Margherita Dallas-Hennon
Christina DeMatteo
Barbara Dixon
M/M John F. Downey
Jim & Patty Estep
M/M Donald Evans
Pat Fehribach
M/M Steven Force
M/M Ed Gabel
M/M Todd Gajda
M/M George Geruntino
M/M Dwain Guggenbiller

Ms. Mary Ann Joseph
Ms. Margaret Kuhns
M/M Michael Lascola
Dennis Lee
Ms. Catherine Llanea
Wm & Dorethy Dwane
Mike & Barb Maiberger
Mrs. Audrey McCarthy
John & Maureen McEwen
M/M Jason McNamara
Mr. James Pavlak
Elaine Prochak

Ms. Louise Retzlaff
Fr. Jeff
Ms. Valerie Romer
Marilyn Russell
M/M David Russi
M/M Raymond Saggio
William & Mary Shaffer & Family

Karen Showalter
Mrs. Patricia Spare
M/M David Spiller
Eugene & Maryann Tambellini
Mrs. Donald Thomas
Tiberi & Filichia Families
M/M Albert Tornare
M/M Scott Tri
M/M Martin Vamos
Mrs. Suzanne Webb
Mr. Kevin Wnek
Mrs Maggie Whitmoyer
Joseph & Kara Wickham
M/M Michael Wilcox
M/M J.B. Wilson

M/M Jeffrey Wobser

IN MEMORY OF

Jim & Margaret Schimmoeller, Bill Almond
Jose', Maria, Lilia, Jose' V. Alfaro, Abraham Ayala
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Lew & Regina Bertolino, John & Margaret Kulp
David & Madelyn Hall, Fred & Mary Ellen Bland

Errol Burton
Charles & Catherine Lindus
Bill & Thelma Collins, Tom Collins, Roy & Tina Bailey
Edward & Elizabeth Stefanko
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Family Members

Kenneth D. Retzlaff
Jim & Betty Rimelspach
Deceased members of Chapla & Romer Families
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Chris/Victoria Saggio, Michael Vogel
John & Durna Shaffer, Yola & Teresa Lancia, Panfilo & Contetina Lancia & Family,
Sandy & Lou Menduni, Don & Audrey Mertz
Deceased Family Members
Vincenzo & Spare Family, Allison Gajda
Robert Semlitsch
Anna Evers, Clare Tambellini
Donald Thomas, James & Barbara Kindt, Elsie & Howard Thomas
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Henry Wickham, Richard Hibbett
DiSanto & Segraves Families
Erma & Geno Delewese, Lilda & Jean Delewese,
Sam & Josephine Delewese Family, Jesse & Irene Wilson, Gina Delewese Fulk
M/M Maurice P. Fenton, Jr., Mr. Delbert W. Wobser

HAVE A VERY MERRY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS

YOUR TITHE TO GOD: December 15, 2024

Total Offertory Collection

\$ 8,561.10

WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED

\$ 9,000.00

DIFFERENCE FOR THIS WEEK

-\$ 438.90

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

ST. MARGARET PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a prayer request, email it to

cwelycz@breezelineohio.net or call 614-562-8570.

All prayer requests are confidential.

SAINT STEPHEN

Saint of the Day: December 26
Patron Saint of Deacons

“As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Greek-speaking Christians complained against the Hebrew-speaking Christians, saying that their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, ‘It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.’ The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit...” (Acts 6:1-5).

Acts of the Apostles says that Stephen was a man filled with grace and power, who worked great wonders among the people. Certain Jews, members of the Synagogue of Roman Freedmen, debated with Stephen, but proved no match for the wisdom and spirit with which he spoke. They persuaded others to make the charge of blasphemy against him. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

In his speech, Stephen recalled God’s guidance through Israel’s history, as well as Israel’s idolatry and disobedience. He then claimed that his persecutors were showing this same spirit. Stephen’s speech brought anger from the crowd. “But he, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked up intently to heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and he said, ‘Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.’ ...They threw him out of the city, and began to stone him. ... As they were stoning Stephen, he called out, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ ...‘Lord, do not hold this sin against them’” (Acts 7:55-56, 58a, 59, 60b).

Read the full article: “Saint Stephen” Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-stephen/ (Accessed November December 10, 2024).



DECEMBER 24-25	ALTAR SERVERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	GREETER/USHER	LECTORS
Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m.	Jacoby Gorham Lexi Tierney	UNFILLED		UNFILLED
Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Eve 10:00 pm	UNFILLED	Darwin McVey		Christine Santiago
Wednesday, December 25 Christmas Day 10:30 a.m.	UNFILLED	UNFILLED		Peg Kuhns

DECEMBER 28-29	ALTAR SERVERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	GREETER/USHER	LECTORS
Saturday, December 28 4:00 p.m.	Elizabeth & Emma Gerken	Peg Kuhns Arlene Quoyale		Matthew Thomas
Sunday, December 29 8:30 a.m.		Louise Retzlaff Jeffrey Wobser	Mark Nolan	Joe Lombardi
Sunday, December 29 10:30 a.m.	Chiarina & Leo Racanelli	Gabriella Racanelli Madeline Eberly		Michael Racaneili



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