

**Pastor's Corner...**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

**Holy Day of Obligation:** Tuesday, December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and is a Holy Day of Obligation. That is to say, we as Catholics are obligated to attend Mass with the same degree of obligation attached to Sunday Mass. The parish will be offering numerous opportunities for parishioners to fulfill their obligation and, most importantly, to honor the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Our Mass schedule for the Holy Day is as follows: Monday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m.; Tuesday, December 8th at 8:30 a.m., 12:00 noon, and 6:15 p.m. (For those who freely choose to not attend the Holy Day, I suggest consulting the "Advent Confessions" below and marking your calendar.)

**Change in Adoration Schedule due to the Holy Day:** Because of the Holy Day, the following changes will take place in our schedule of Adoration. Adoration will end on Monday, December 7th at 6:00 p.m. There will be no Adoration on Tuesday, December 8th.

**Advent Confessions:** Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a great way to prepare the way of the Lord. Our regular confession times are Tuesdays from 5:30-6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 4:00-4:30 p.m. In addition to these times, I have scheduled the following times during Advent: Wednesday, December 9th, 7:30-8:30 p.m. until all confessions are heard; Thursday, December 17th, 7:00-8:00 p.m. or until all confessions have been heard; Tuesday, December 22nd, 7:00-8:00 p.m. or until all confessions have been heard; and Wednesday, December 23rd, 7:00-8:00 p.m. or until all confessions have been heard. What does "until all confessions have been heard" mean? It means that I will remain in the confessional beyond the end time until everyone in line who wishes to go to Confession has the opportunity. (Yes, I will remain in the confessional until midnight or beyond if the line requires.) For those who wish to go to confession to a priest other than myself, I encourage you to take advantage of our local parishes which also offer numerous opportunities for the sacrament.

**Year of Mercy:** This Tuesday, December 8th, begins the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy called for by Pope Francis. I have included in this bulletin an insert entitled "Living Mercy in the Jubilee Year of Mercy." I have also included in this bulletin a page entitled "What is a Jubilee?" to help all of us better understand this year. This year of Mercy is an invitation for all us to enter more fully into the mystery of Mercy. I pray that during this year of mercy our parish will be renewed in our appreciation of the Sacrament of Mercy (Confession) and that, having encountered the great mercy of God, we will be greater instruments of His Mercy in our place through the practice of the corporal and spiritual works of Mercy.

**Delicious Breakfast for Life:** Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 13th. We will be having our second Delicious Breakfast with pancakes and so much more. Thanks to all who helped to make our first breakfast such a great success as we prepare to go to Washington, D.C., for the March for Life. The breakfast will be in the cafeteria from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.

God bless,  
Fr. Wilson



### Mass Intentions for the Week of December 6th

<b>Monday: St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor</b>	<b>7:00 P.M.</b>
Mary Geraldine Murphy Hall by John & Karen Vescio	
<b>Tuesday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	<b>8:30 A.M.</b>
For the People of the Parish	
	<b>12:00 P.M.</b>
Henry Starr (Birthday) by Family	
	<b>7:00 P.M.</b>
Kayla Layton by Gary & Joyce Williams and Family	
<b>Wednesday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin</b>	<b>8:15 A.M.</b>
Sarah Molnar by David and Family	
<b>Thursday: Advent Weekday</b>	<b>8:15 A.M.</b>
Rose Marie Wrhen by John & Karen Vescio	
<b>Friday: St. Damasus I, Pope</b>	<b>8:30 A.M.</b>
Kristopher Kreim by Kreim Family	
<b>Saturday: Our Lady of Guadalupe</b>	<b>5:00 P.M.</b>
Betty Pintz (Birthday)	
by Jim, Cathy, Natalie, Ralph, Kevin & Kate	
<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>8:00 A.M.</b>
Dee Duffy by Nick & Peggy	
	<b>10:30 A.M.</b>
For the People of the Parish	

### Sunday Lector & Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

<b>Sunday Vigil Mass, Saturday, December 12th</b>	<b>5:00 P.M.</b>
Don Lang, Amy Erhard (L), Deacon Patrick, Theresa Nutter, Debbie Bickle, Joyce Williams, Caroline Starr (EM)	
<b>Sunday, December 13th</b>	<b>8:00 A.M.</b>
Patricia Laughman, Kathy Wilson (L), Deacon Patrick, Barb Harris, Rita Shonebarger, Glenna Bowman, Kathy VanWy (EM)	
	<b>10:30 A.M.</b>
Thomas Koch, Yvonne King (L), Deacon Patrick, Kelli Morrow, Michael Burger, Evey Fuller-Moore, Maureen Pugh (EM)	



## Our Parish & School Events

### Blessed Sacrament School Crusader News

Congratulations to the November Crusaders of the month. These students showed the virtue of Humility which can be defined as appreciating your gifts from God, the gifts of others, and sharing these gifts with others. *Kindergarten* – Olivia Malherbe, Owen Painter, *First* – Cailyn Bayerl, Tosh Camp, Jack Lohri, *Second* – Elaine Caton, Cecelia Geiger, Reese Riley, Ethan Swetel, *Third* – Halley Backlund, Christopher Geiger, Madison Hampton, *Fourth* – Janelle Brunton, Lexsie Fleming, Roman Ridenbaugh, *Fifth* – Rachel Carer, Connor Wright, Kyle Wright, *Sixth* – Jagger Bare, Alexandra Courson, Emily Grabo, Sarah Snider, *Seventh* – Anna Crumrine, Emma Franks, Evan Lyle, *Eighth* – Michael Snider

Blessed Sacrament School is a Catholic, Christ-centered community whose mission it is to educate the whole child – body, mind, and soul – in order to form lifelong disciples of Christ who love the Truth, practice the Faith, and live virtuous lives. *Mark your calendars for our Open House on January 24th from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.* Come see what we have to offer for your child. Meet our staff and tour our classrooms with our current families and students. Look for more information as we come closer to January 24th.

To be a part of our special school family call 740-345-4125 to schedule a time to tour our school. As always, enrollment at Blessed Sacrament School is open year round. You can also find us on the web at [blsacschool.net](http://blsacschool.net).

### Parish Prayerline

The entire parish is requested to pray:

### The Vatican Intentions for the month of December

- **Universal:** That all may experience the mercy of God who never tires of forgiving.
- **Evangelization:** That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.
- **Father Wilson's Intention:** For an increase in priestly and religious vocations from our Parish.

**Just a reminder:** When Blessed Sacrament School is canceled due to the weather, Eucharistic Adoration is also canceled. Watch the local news, listen to the radio, check the local newspaper online to find out if school is canceled or call the parish office at 740-345-4290 if you are unsure.

### Cold & Flu Season

As the weather changes it is a reminder that we are approaching the cold and flu season. Hand sanitizers are available at the entrances of the Church and if you have cold or flu symptoms or are contagious with any "bug," *please stay at home*. Legitimate doubt about whether or not you are well enough to attend Mass is a sufficient reason to be dispensed from your Sunday obligation.

**St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards** will be ready for pick-up after all Masses next weekend, December 12th/13th. To pick them up earlier, call Phil Ghiloni at 740-403-1731.

## This Week



### Centennial Building Collection

#### Sunday, December 6

- 8:00 a.m. Mass  
9:00 a.m. CCD Reconciliation – Church  
9:00 a.m. RCIA – Library  
9:15 a.m. CCD Classes  
10:30 a.m. Mass w/HNS  
**11:45 a.m. 1st Communion Parent & Student Meeting – Cafe**

#### Monday, December 7

- 12:00 p.m. Adoration until 6:00 p.m. *in the Church*  
7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

#### Tuesday, December 8 – Holy Day of Obligation

##### Mary's Immaculate Conception Parish Office Closed

- 8:30 a.m. School Mass  
12:00 p.m. Holy Day Mass  
5:30 p.m. Reconciliation until 6:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m. Holy Day Mass  
8:00 p.m. Choir Practice

#### Wednesday, December 9

- 8:15 a.m. Mass  
9:00 a.m. Adoration until midnight *in the Church*

#### Thursday, December 10

- 8:15 a.m. Mass  
6:30 p.m. ALPHA Team – Cafe

#### Friday, December 11

- 8:30 a.m. Mass  
9:45 a.m. Pipe Organ Tune-up  
5:00 p.m. Girls Group – Annex  
6:00 p.m. Betts Rehearsal – Church

#### Saturday, December 12

- 6:30 a.m. "That Man is You" Meeting – Shepherd Hall  
6:30 a.m. Men's Faith Sharing Group – Conference Room  
9:00 a.m. Drama Auditions – Library  
1:00 p.m. Betts Wedding – Church  
4:00 p.m. Reconciliation  
5:00 p.m. Mass

##### Pancake Breakfast after all Masses

##### Proceeds for the March for Life

#### Sunday, December 13

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary  
8:00 a.m. Mass  
9:00 a.m. RCIA – Library  
9:15 a.m. CCD Classes  
10:30 a.m. Mass w/CCD in attendance

### Church Snow Removal Help Needed

We are in need of volunteers to help with clearing the sidewalks around the Church, School, and Annex this winter. We need help after school hours for special events and also before weekend Masses, and activities. No experience is necessary and on the job training will be available. Call Bert Scott at 740-349-0210 if you can help.

**Spiritual Adoption****Month 3 "I can suck my thumb now!"**

The baby can now squint, swallow and move his tongue. He sleeps and awakens. Fingernails and toenails form and he now has his own unique set of fingerprints. Sensitive to touch, he will tightly grasp an object placed in the palm of his hand. He breathes amniotic fluid to help develop and strengthen the respiratory system, but he gets the oxygen he needs through the umbilical cord. At the beginning of this month, just nine weeks after conception, he can suck his thumb.

*Lord Jesus Christ, You took our human nature upon Yourself. You shared our life and death, our childhood and adulthood.*

*You also shared our time in the womb. While still God, while worshiped and adored by the angels, while Almighty and filling every part of the universe, You dwelt for nine months in the womb of Mary. You were our Redeemer in the womb, our God who was a preborn child.*

*Lord Jesus, we ask You to bless and protect the children who today are in their mothers' womb. Save them from the danger of abortion. Give their mothers the grace to sacrifice themselves, in body and soul, for their children. Help all people to recognize in the preborn child a brother, a sister, saved by You, our Redeemer in the womb.*

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**Are you planning to add any articles to the bulletin in December or even the first part of January? Submit articles early! Because of the holidays, we have to submit bulletins to Dee Printing early so they are printed and delivered on time. You can send your articles to [blsac.net](http://blsac.net) or for more information, call the Parish Office at 740-345-4290.**  
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**Advent Sale**

A small Advent sale will be in the vestibule. All Advent candles, tapers or votive, are \$5.00/set. Prepare your Advent with new candles to show the symbolizing of the various sizes. Purple and pink candles reduce in size as Christmas draws near. Limited amounts of children's felt Advent wreaths, premade Advent wreaths and candle frames to make your own Advent wreath are also for sale. Advent helps spiritually prepare our hearts for Christmas.

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**All ages are invited and encouraged to come and help decorate our church for Christmas on Sunday, December 20th following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. If you can help for a short while – you are invited! If you can come later in the afternoon and help – you are invited! If you can stay long enough to help carry boxes from the church and school basement – you are invited! We need help from many people in many ways. If you have questions about this project, call Deacon Patrick at 740-405-5308.**  
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**Local Events of Interest****ARC – Active Retired Citizens**

Come join us for a fun-filled afternoon of Euchre and Bingo *this* Monday, December 7th in Johnson Hall – St. Francis de Sales (40 Granville Street) from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Soup, sandwich, salad and desserts will be provided. Fabulous door prizes will be given away. Anyone 55 years and older is welcome! Bring a friend and make new ones. For information, call Debby at 740-366-6924 or Chris at 740-364-0449.

**Advent Communal Penance Services****St. Leonard – Heath**

Sunday, December 6th, 4:00 p.m.

**St. Edward the Confessor – Granville**

Thursday, December 10th, 7:00 p.m.

**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel – Buckeye Lake**

Sunday, December 13th, 4:00 p.m.

**St. Francis deSales – Newark**

Monday, December 14th, 7:00 p.m.

**St. Vincent de Paul – Mt. Vernon**

Tuesday, December 15th, 7:00 p.m.

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Colder weather means our homes should be a source of warmth. Go on a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend** and find out to build a cozier home in just 20 minutes a day. The next two weekends are on February 19th-21st and April 22nd-24th, both in central Ohio. For more information or to register, contact Paul and Marilou Clouse at 614-834-6880 or visit [www.wmecolumbus.org](http://www.wmecolumbus.org).

**Around the Diocese****Bethesda Post Abortion Healing Ministry**

Sometimes memories can keep us from experiencing the fullness of new life even following the reception and graced forgiveness from the Sacrament of Penance. If you have experienced abortion in your life and the memory continues to haunt you, perhaps inviting Jesus often into that memory will open your spirit to the peace only He can give. Begin by praying "Jesus, I don't want to be chained any longer to the memories of my abortion. Please come and heal me." To share the graces of this journey with those who have been there, contact Bethesda Healing Ministry confidential lines at 614-309-0157 or 614-309-2651 or visit [bethesdahealing.org](http://bethesdahealing.org).

**2016 Catholic Man of the Year**

The Catholic Men's Luncheon Club is accepting nominations for the Diocese of Columbus 2016 Catholic Man of the Year. This annual award recognizes one lay man who, through his daily actions, words, and prayers, exemplifies the "good and faithful servant." Bishop Campbell will present the award on Friday, February 5th at the Catholic Men's Luncheon. Nominations accepted through December 28th at [www.plugincatholicmen.com](http://www.plugincatholicmen.com). Completed nominations and supporting letters should be emailed to [catholicmanoftheyear@gmail.com](mailto:catholicmanoftheyear@gmail.com). Submit a nomination and let everyone know that your husband, father, son, uncle, brother or friend is the Catholic Man of the Year!

**Attention, All Male Singers!**

The Catholic Men's Conference is looking for a few good men to sing in the Men's Conference Choir at the annual Catholic Men's Conference on February 27th at the Voinovich Building on the Ohio State Fairgrounds. We will hold one or two rehearsals prior to the event at a date, time, and location to be determined. Consider attending the Men's Conference and singing with us at this exciting event! Contact Christopher Walsh at [cwalsh5358@gmail.com](mailto:cwalsh5358@gmail.com) or at 614-464-2392 to sign up or for more information.

# *Living Mercy in the Jubilee Year of Mercy*



The Jubilee Year of Mercy begins on December 8, 2015, the fiftieth anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council. Here are a few important themes for reflection during this important year.

## **Jesus is the “face” of the Father’s mercy**

Jesus of Nazareth, Pope Francis writes in [\*Misericordiae Vultus\*, the Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy](#), is the “face” of the Father’s mercy—he reveals the mercy of God by his words, actions, and person. We follow Jesus’ example when we open ourselves to the Father’s mercy by looking “sincerely” into the eyes of our brothers and sisters, including those “who are denied their dignity.” **How have you experienced the Father’s mercy in your own life? How might Jesus be calling you to look “sincerely” into the eyes of those who are denied their dignity?**

## **Mercy is “the beating heart of the Gospel”**

Pope Francis writes: “It is absolutely essential for the Church and for the credibility of her message that she herself live and testify to mercy.” Mercy, he says, is “the beating heart of the Gospel” (*Misericordiae Vultus*). To live mercy, we must rediscover both the *spiritual works of mercy* (counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offences, bear patiently those who do us ill, and pray for the living and the dead), and the *corporal works of mercy* (feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead). **Which spiritual works of mercy might Christ be calling you to practice? Which corporal works of mercy?**

## **Mercy “demands justice”**

“True mercy, the mercy God gives to us and teaches us, demands justice, it demands that the poor find the way to be poor no longer,” Pope Francis notes. “It asks us, the Church, us, the City of Rome, it asks the institutions — to ensure that no one ever again stand in need of a soup-kitchen, of makeshift-lodgings, of a service of legal assistance in order to have his legitimate right recognized to live and to work, to be fully a person” (Address to Jesuit Refugee Services, 9/10/13). **In your own life, and in your faith community, how do you work for justice? Do you seek to address the root causes of problems that affect those who are vulnerable?**

## **Ideas for Living Mercy during the Jubilee Year**

There are many ways we can respond to the call to live mercy. Here are a few ideas:

- **Put Two Feet of Love in Action.** Use the “Two Feet of Love in Action” guide to consider how you can strengthen both charitable works and social justice at home and as part of your faith community. Visit [www.usccb.org/twofeet](http://www.usccb.org/twofeet) for more information.

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- **Get Involved Locally.** Explore the map at [PovertyUSA.org](http://PovertyUSA.org) to find local organizations that practice mercy by learning about and addressing poverty. Or, contact your [diocesan director](#) for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.
  - **Engage Your Faith Community.** With your faith community, use Pope Francis' prayer for the Jubilee Year, and the resources mentioned below, to pray, reach out, learn, and act during the year. Visit [WeAreSaltAndLight.org](http://WeAreSaltAndLight.org) for stories of how communities of faith around the country are living mercy.
  - **Attend the Catholic Social Ministry Gathering** (Jan. 23-26, 2016). This year's theme is *Called to Live Mercy in Our Common Home* ([www.CatholicSocialMinistryGathering.org](http://www.CatholicSocialMinistryGathering.org)).
  - **Participate in Action Alerts** on issues of life and dignity from the U.S. Catholic bishops ([cqrengage.com/catholicbishops](http://cqrengage.com/catholicbishops)).

## Pope Francis' Prayer for the Jubilee Year of Mercy

You are the visible face of the invisible Father,  
of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy:  
let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.  
You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness  
in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error:  
let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.  
Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing,  
so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord,  
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor,  
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,  
and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy,  
you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

Amen.

Excerpted from Pope Francis' Prayer for the Jubilee Year of Mercy

## More Resources

- **Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization** has a Jubilee Year of Mercy website ([www.im.va](http://www.im.va)).
- **USCCB Evangelization and Catechesis** has a [webpage on the Year of Mercy](#) which includes articles, resources, links and more ([www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)).
- **Learn about the U.S. Catholic bishops' work** on restorative justice and criminal justice reform ([www.usccb.org/jphd](http://www.usccb.org/jphd)).
- **Catholic Mobilizing Network** resources on restorative justice and criminal justice reform include a [Jubilee Year of Mercy Prayer Card](#), several [Jubilee Year of Mercy Podcasts](#), a [Living the Year of Mercy Workshop](#), and more ([www.CatholicMobilizingNetwork.org](http://www.CatholicMobilizingNetwork.org)).
- **Catholic Relief Services** has a [Prayer for the Year of Mercy](#), homily helps, Live Mercy sessions, and a clergy workshop for the Jubilee of Mercy (coming soon at [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org)).

## DECEMBER 2015: WHAT IS A JUBILEE?

The Jubilee Year of Mercy - December 8, 2015 through November 20, 2016

In proclaiming a Jubilee Year of Mercy, the Holy Father has exercised the authority given to him by Jesus Christ (Mt 16:19) and opened for us a time of grace. The Year of Mercy is about many things: the tender mercy God shows to all mankind, repentance from sin as our response to God's mercy and the mercy we are called to show to others. At the center of this holy year is our personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We are called to look honestly at our relationship with the Lord, to turn from the ways that we have preferred our own will to his and to seek reconciliation. This puts the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation at the center of the Year of Mercy. During this holy year, each of us is invited to renew or begin a commitment to the regular practice of sacramental confession. It is here that we will hear with our ears and experience in our hearts Jesus' most consoling words, "I absolve you of your sins." Even if it has been a long time since your last Confession, Pope Francis encourages you, "...Do not lose another day. Go, the priest will be good....Dear friends, celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation means being enfolded in a warm embrace: it is the embrace of the Father's infinite mercy." A Jubilee Year is about freedom. God wishes to act in our lives this year, setting us free and bringing us peace. Let us spend this year actively seeking ways to allow him to do so. —Meghan Cokeley, Office for the New Evangelization, Archdiocese of Philadelphia

### **How to Live It**

During this sacred time, consider making a commitment to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy each day. This 10 minute prayer uses traditional Rosary beads to meditate upon the infinite mercy of God. To learn more about the Chaplet and other ways to celebrate of the Holy Year, contact us at Blessed Sacrament Church.

### **Quote from Catholic Tradition:**

"In the Roman Catholic tradition, a Holy Year, or Jubilee is a great religious event. It is a year of forgiveness of sins and also the punishment due to sin, it is a year of reconciliation between adversaries, of conversion and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and consequently of solidarity, hope, justice, commitment to serve God with joy and in peace with our brothers and sisters. A Jubilee year is above all the year of Christ, who brings life and grace to humanity." (Vatican website)

To continue reflecting on this theme, consider one of these resources!

Recommended Reading for the Month: *Misericordiae Vultus*, Bull of Indiction for the Jubilee, Pope Francis • Lighthouse Catholic Media CD: *The Second Greatest Story Ever Told*, Fr. Michael Gaitley M.I.C.

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**Come & Enjoy  
A delicious Hot Breakfast  
in Shepherd Hall (cafeteria)  
after all Masses**

(8:00 am - 12 noon)

**Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

**The Menu Includes:**

Pancakes, Egg Casserole, Meat, Toast,  
Fruit, Juice, Milk, Coffee and much more!

Sponsored by  
**Blessed Sacrament High School Youth**

Proceeds benefit  
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