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Hospital Visits: In case of emergency, call the Parish Office *immediately*. Please call the Office to notify us of illness in the family.

Schedule of Liturgies

Sunday Masses: Saturday – 4:30 p.m.

Sunday – 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

Reconciliation: Saturday – 3:30-4:00 p.m.

Tuesday – 5:30-6:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Monday – Noon-8:00 p.m.

Tuesday – 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Wednesday after 8:30 a.m. Mass until 11:00 p.m.

Holy Day Mass: Check the bulletin for Mass times.

Baptism: Call the Parish Office to schedule a meeting.

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A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

My brothers and sisters,
Today we celebrate the 3rd Sunday of Advent also known as “Gaudete” Sunday. We are now halfway through the Season of Advent and waiting in joyful hope at the coming of our Savior. In spiritual preparation during this season of Advent, I invite you to our special Holy Hour on Tuesdays, following the 6:15 p.m. Mass, which includes Evening prayer and closes with Benediction.

This Tuesday, December 15th, during the special Holy Hour, we will have additional priests hearing Confessions. I invite you to please take advantage of this opportunity.

Our Christmas Mass schedule will be as follows:
December 24th, Christmas Eve, 4:00 p.m.; 6:30 p.m.; and Mass during the Night at 10:00 p.m.

December 25th, Christmas Day, 9:00 a.m.
Due to the pandemic and the need to follow social distancing requirements, especially at the Christmas Eve Masses, we plan to have excess seating available in the Annex. I know this is not ideal; but it allows us to welcome those who attend and also have the opportunity to receive the Eucharist in the Annex as well.

A special thank-you again to all who are serving as special greeters and cleaners in assisting us, but above all, at Christmas, in making this happen, as well as those who help with the Live Streaming of Masses.

Have a great week!
Fr. Tony Lonzo

Mass Intentions for the Week of December 13

- Tuesday: Advent Weekday

6:15 P.M.
- Caroline Starr by Starr Family
- Wednesday: Advent Weekday

8:30 A.M.
- Phil & Louise Brooks by Geiger Family
- Thursday: Advent Weekday

8:30 A.M.
- Don & Kathy Geiger by Geiger Family
- Friday: Advent Weekday

8:30 A.M.
- Agnes Storer by Dan Evans & Tomlinson Family
- Sunday Vigil Mass:

4:30 P.M.
- Esther Ghiloni by Art Ghiloni Family
- Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 A.M.
- For the People of the Parish
- Patricia Rubeck by Mark Rubeck

10:30 A.M.

Remember in your prayers all parishioners who are ill or injured, especially for: Veronica Sforza, Sharon Stickle, Marge Burger, Jay Goletz, Pat Martin, George & Connie Minton, Dusty & Millie Minton, Tony Montagnese, Barbara Baker, Doug Ogawa, Diana Palumbo and granddaughter, Jan Siegel, Mark Spinazzola, Jamie Badgley, Bob Bentz, Michael Ingram, Tom McCray, Christine Fink, Barbara LeVeque, John Pintz, Renee McCann, John Deering, Michelle Darkes, Karen Addy, and for those who are homebound or in healthcare facilities.

Our love, prayers, and sympathy for the family and friends of Dorothy Martin, Bill Trumbull, & Adam Ghiloni. May they rest in the arms of Our Risen Savior.

NEXT WEEKEND

December 20, 2020 – 4th Sunday of Advent

- 1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
- Responsorial Psalm: Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29
- “Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.”
- 2nd Reading: Romans 16:25-27
- Gospel: Luke 1:26-38
- This week, we pray Liturgy of the Hours
- Seasonal Proper Advent Week III

Our Stewardship Collection

December 6, 2020

Budget per Week	\$ 13,475.30
Offertory (153 envelopes)	\$ 11,203.00
Loose Cash	\$ 236.00
Average Auto-Withdrawal	\$ 6,000.53
(140 monthly household withdrawals)	
Total	\$ 17,439.53
Year to Date Offertory Budget	\$ 309,931.90
Year to Date Actual Offerings	\$ 295,046.77
Deficit YTD	(\$ 14,885.13)
YTD Centennial Building Fund Collection	\$ 10,777.00
Centennial Building Loan Balance	\$1,536,778.24
YTD Church/Rectory Restoration Collection	\$ 4,312.83
Church Restoration Loan Balance	\$ 65,533.12
All of the people in today’s reading – the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist – seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?	

Let us pray for those in the military on active duty and overseas:

- Zachary Turpening, Marines
- Nathan Hall, Navy
- Chase Meldau, Marines
- Edward Wilson, Navy
- Joshua P. Brown, Air Force
- Foxx Schneider, Marines
- Catherine Wagner, Air Force
- David L’Esperance, Army
- Dillon Nethers, Coast Guard
- Caroline Thiel, Naval Academy
- Christopher Severino, Air Force
- Victoria McPherson, Air National Guard
- Connor Severino, Air Force Academy
- Zakry Machett, Army
- Brandon Medley, Army
- Bob Yanka, Army
- Drake Nance, Army
- Evan Sturm, Navy
- Logan Gray, Army
- Sam Anderson, Navy
- Cole Robbins, Army
- Cole Zigan, Marines
- Ethan Sturm, Army

If you wish to submit names for this list, please call the parish office at 740-345-4290.

Dispensation from Mass attendance: Especially those Catholics in the Diocese of Columbus who are ill, experiencing any illness, or at high risk of contracting Coronavirus, you are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass for now. Please continue to view the live-streamed Masses on Facebook.

OUR PARISH & SCHOOL EVENTS

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Masses at Blessed Sacrament are: **Christmas Eve:** Thursday, December 24 – 4:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.; **Christmas Day:** Friday, December 25th – 9:00 a.m. The Christmas Masses will be “live-streamed” on Facebook. We will also have chairs set up in the Annex for overflow attendance for all of the Masses on Christmas Eve.

Eucharistic Adoration

We thank all who are on the weekly schedule for Eucharistic Adoration. It is so important that if you are on the schedule, that you are on time for your hour. If you become ill or are unable to cover your hour, please call the parish office and let us know. We encourage everyone, even if you are not on the weekly schedule, to stop by the church and spend time with the Lord. We are also looking for those who are willing to be on a “sub list” to cover an hour as needed. All adorers are asked to use your keycard to enter the church and if you don’t have one, call the parish office at 740-345-4290 to arrange to pick one up.

Retirement Fund for Religious
Make a Difference

“Every dollar makes a difference in covering our expenses,” says a Trappist abbot. Hundreds of US religious communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps these communities bridge the gap, offering support for medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.

Parish Prayer Line

The entire parish is requested to pray:

Intentions for the month of December:

- Parish Intention:** That all deceased members of the parish would experience eternal rest and peace.
- Pope’s Intention: For the Life of Prayer:** That our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Early Bulletin Deadlines

If you are planning to add an article in December and/or early January bulletins, send your items early! Due to all of the upcoming holidays, we have to submit our bulletins to prepress early. Email your articles to office@blsac.net or call the parish office at 740-345-4290 for information.

This Week

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 13

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. RCIA – Marian Room
- 10:30 a.m. Mass
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group Annex

Monday, December 14

- 12:00 p.m. Adoration until 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 15

- 5:00 p.m. Adoration
- 5:15 p.m. Rosary
- 5:30 p.m. Reconciliation
- 6:15 p.m. Daily Mass

Advent Eucharistic Adoration with Evening Prayer following Mass
Reconciliation following Mass –
Additional Priest available

Wednesday, December 16

- 8:30 a.m. Daily Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Adoration
- 3:00 p.m. Rosary Club Annex

Thursday, December 17

- 8:30 a.m. Daily Mass
- 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts - Annex

Friday, December 18

- 8:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Saturday, December 19

- 3:30 p.m. Reconciliation
- 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

Fourth Sunday of Advent
St. Vincent de Paul Collection

Sunday, December 20

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. RCIA – Marian Room
- 10:30 a.m. Mass
- 11:30 a.m. **Decorate Church for Christmas**

Christmas Debt Reduction Second Collection

As we continue to work towards Debt Reduction for our parish, we will have a second collection at all of the Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Please prayerfully consider what you can do to help reduce our debt and to give generously in the second collection for Christmas. We really do need your help in this endeavor and we appreciate your continued generosity now and always at Blessed Sacrament. *May His love shine brightly on you and yours during this season of Hope.*



Kroger Community Rewards makes fund-raising easy by donating based on the shopping you **do** every day. Once you link your card to an organization, all you have to **do** is shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card! If you would like more information on how to link your card to Blessed Sacrament School, call the office at 740-345-4125.

Kroger Community Rewards

Thanks to all who have designated Blessed Sacrament School for the Kroger Community Rewards. We recently received a check for \$590.40 which is so appreciated!


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Have you signed up for Flocknotes?

Flocknotes is a great communication tool for our parish so everyone can stay connected. Have you signed up? It is easy. Go to our web page at blsac.net and look for the "Join Flocknote" article and "click" on the highlighted word "here." Add your contact information and receive email and text messages from our parish. This is especially helpful during inclement weather. For more information, call the parish office at 740-345-4290.

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Advent Adoration & Evening Prayer at Blessed Sacrament: Four weeks of Peace



Are you trying to find peace these days? Do you desire to carve out time for you and your family to refocus on Jesus as Christmas approaches? Blessed Sacrament is offering Community Adoration with Evening Prayer each **Tuesday of Advent after** the 6:15 p.m. Mass. The parish is providing each family who attends with the devotional "Advent with The Saints: Wisdom from the Church's Holy Ones."

Spend Advent with the Saints and learn how they continue to light the way, allowing us to come closer to the Lord through their prayers and wisdom. Now, more than ever, we need to focus on the "reason for the season," the birth of the Messiah. One hour a week in the presence of Our Lord will lead us to the peace we long for and make this Christmas incredibly special.

Come for one evening or come for all four. All ages are welcome.

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Annual St. Vincent dePaul Giving Tree

Stop by The Giving Tree in our church vestibule and take an ornament. Place the listed donated items at the tree (unwrapped) by Sunday, December 27th. Our St. Vincent dePaul Conference aspires to love the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and hope and we are proud to be serving Heartbeats of Licking County, The Salvation Army and The St. Vincent dePaul Haven. Contact Julie Waggoner with any questions at 740-334-1955 or waggoner.julie@gmail.com.

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Decorating Church for Christmas

As we say each year, "many hands make light work"! Volunteers are needed next Sunday, December 20, to help carry decorations and the boxes with the Nativity statues up from the basements of the church and the school and to help decorate our church for Christmas. Join us following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. All ages welcome! Please wear your masks. For more information, call Deacon Patrick at 740-405-5308.

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Advent Magnificat Booklets Available

Again this year, the parish has a supply of Magnificat Advent Companion booklets for daily reflection during this season of anticipation. Pick one up as you leave the church this weekend. "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

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2021 Calendars are Here!

The annual Catholic calendars are here and available for pick-up in the vestibule or at the church entrances. Take one home today! Thank you Reed Egan Funeral Home for this generous annual donation.

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K of C Grave Pillows

Knights of Columbus Council 721 is making white pine/fir grave pillows for decorating graves of loved ones in this Christmas season. Contact Ben Hunsinger at Ben@planeoltd.com or 740-973-5744 to order or for more information.

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Advent Reconciliation Times

Area churches are offering additional times for Advent Reconciliation:

Blessed Sacrament, Newark
Tuesday, December 15 after 6:15 p.m. Mass. Fr. Lonzo and additional priests available.
Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. and Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.

Church of the Ascension, Johnstown:
Monday, December 14 – 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 15 – 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 19 – 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

St. Francis de Sales, Newark:
Sunday, December 13 – after the 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Masses

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Buckeye Lake:
Sunday, December 13 – 4:00 p.m.

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Save the Date

St. Vincent de Paul 2021 Spring Fling Auction Dinner

The 2021 Spring Fling will be held on March 11. The event will be both in-person and virtually. For more information about the event, email svh@svdphaven.org or call 740-670-0822.

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Help Wanted at SVdP Food Pantry

Our first and foremost need is one of prayer for our ministry, our volunteers and our clients. Additionally, the present needs we face as a community are for greater caution and greater service to one another. The SVdP Food Pantry, 113 Wilson Street, Newark, is looking for volunteers for a regular and dedicated cleaning crew to maintain safe and clean service. This includes sweeping, mopping and dusting of the facility along with defrosting and cleaning of freezers and fridges. The Food Pantry provides food to those in need on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings. Hours for the cleaning crew to be determined based on volunteer availability. If you'd like to help, sign up online at bit.ly/pantrycleaning or call/text co-managers, Gregg Gassman at 740-755-0032 or Paul Gassman at 740-334-8898. Also, note that we have many other service opportunities open to fit your schedule such as stocking shelves, serving clients and administrative functions.

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Are you having trouble paying your rent, mortgage or utility bills? The Emergency Housing Assistance Program can help. All residents of Licking County, 60 years of age and older are

eligible to apply. Call Tim or Lisa at 740-345-2565.

Senior Grocery Link: Grocery Shopping and Delivery Service is also available for Seniors (ages 60+) in Licking County. To enroll, call Tim or Lisa at 345-2565.

Foster a Child. Change a Life

Nearly 16,000 children across the state of Ohio are living in the custody of child welfare, looking for a safe place to call home. You can help. St. Vincent Family Center of Columbus connects children in Ohio who need a place of respite and stability with foster parents who provide loving, nurturing temporary homes. Founded as an orphanage on the Near East Side of Columbus 150 years ago, St. Vincent Family Center remains deeply rooted in its mission today to support the safety and wellbeing of children and their families across Ohio. We offer an intimate, family-centered approach to supporting foster parents, providing expert training, personalized coaching and expert behavioral healthcare services to ensure the support you need to foster a child. If you're interested in learning more about becoming a foster parent, call 614-400-1657 or visit <https://www.svfc.org/supporting-foster-families/>.

Healing the Whole Person Retreat



Jesus responds today to brokenness, disease, and pain with transformative love and restoration. Through three days of teaching, worship, prayer, and testimony, you will encounter

God in a powerful way, and experience deeper freedom as the Father speaks to you in the depths of your heart, and through the supernatural graces of the sacraments. **St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church**, 40 Granville Street, Newark, is hosting a "Healing the Whole Person" retreat at the John Paul II Healing Center on Thursday, February 4 through Saturday, February 6, 2021. This event is offered in-person or via a private access page and livestream videos! Learn more and register for this amazing retreat at <http://jpiihealingcenter.org/>. This event is sponsored by St. Gabriel Catholic Radio AM 820. Scholarships available; email JPIIRetreatNewarkOH@gmail.com for more information.



Columbus Catholic Young Adult Conference

April 17th, 2021 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Sunbury, Ohio

Registration Opens December 6th:

Follow us on Instagram to be notified when Registration goes live!

Connect with Us!

Website: www.ccyac.org
Email: info@ccyac.org
Instagram: [@ccyacohio](https://www.instagram.com/ccyacohio)

To empower young adults to transform their communities through their identity in Christ

Men – Save the Date!

The **Annual Catholic Men's Conference** will be broadcast virtually on Saturday, February 27, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The theme is "Called to be Saints." For more information, go to catholicmensministry.com.



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"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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

Learn how you can be a good steward by supporting your parish and contact The Catholic Foundation. Visit www.catholic-foundation.org/development for more information.

Roe Remembrance at the Ohio Statehouse: Greater Columbus Right to Life will sponsor this annual event on Friday, January 22, 2021, 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m., following the 10:30 a.m. Respect Life Mass at the Cathedral. Note: The location of the Statehouse event is yet to be determined. Space limitations may exist, but the event will be livestreamed. For updates, visit www.gcrtl.org/roe.

The **Respect Life Mass** is Friday, January 22, 2021, 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus. Bishop Brennan will be our 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. The Mass will be livestreamed on the Diocese of Columbus YouTube Channel. For more information, contact Social Concerns at socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org or 614-241-2540.

The Catholic Record Society

The Catholic Record Society preserves the history of the Diocese of Columbus and supports the Diocesan Archives, which retains the official records of the Diocese. Meetings are held quarterly and members receive a calendar year subscription to the monthly Bulletin. The Society responds to genealogical inquiries and requests for historical information on the parishes, institutions, religious orders, and clergy of the Diocese. Basic membership is \$12 with digital Bulletin or \$25 with paper Bulletin. Send a check payable to the Diocese of Columbus, send to the Catholic Record Society, 197 E. Gay Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. If questions, contact Chairman Mike Finn at fcoolavin@aol.com.

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