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LITURGY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.
8:30 and 10:30 a.m. (Summer)

WEEKDAY 8:00 a.m. Tues.-Thur.

HOLY DAYS & SPECIAL LITURGIES
(please refer to bulletin)

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)
Saturdays 4:00-4:30 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
First Friday each month
7:00-9:00 p.m.

HOLY ROSARY
First Saturday each month
4:20 p.m.



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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 26, 2017



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CHRIST, KING OF ALL

On this, the final Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King. By concluding the year with this feast we are proclaiming our faith that Jesus Christ is the one and only king over all seasons, all peoples, and all of creation.

At the end of time as we know it, Christ's work of restoring all things to unity and harmony with their Creator God will be completed. This Sunday, when we claim Christ as both our Shepherd and our King, we recognize our own calling to participate in Christ's saving work by caring for those whom Jesus calls "the least ones" (Matthew 25:45). Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today we have a modern feast, less than a century old, and placed at the very end of the liturgical cycle of Sundays only in 1969. In 1925, the world was in a sorry state from the vantage point of Pope Pius XI. The winds of war had swept the map of Europe raw, and ancient Christian dynasties had fallen in Russia and Spain. Although the Great War had ended, wars were breaking out everywhere. Fascism was already in control in Italy, and Nazism was on the horizon for Germany. The disorder making its claim on the human race was, the pope felt, an insult to the Divine Order. Pius XI designated the last Sunday in October as a day of universal recognition of the kingship of Christ. Creating this feast was an act of bravery by the pope, who was standing up against idolatry of the state and the dehumanizing forces of the modern world, things that are not hard to detect in today's world as well. In 1969 it seemed fitting to move the feast to a place of honor at the end of the year, a way of summing up the whole movement of the liturgical year toward the perfection of the Kingdom of God. In recent decades, many Protestant churches have adopted this day from the new Roman calendar, so it is shared now with the Church of England, the Episcopal, Presbyterian, and Lutheran churches, and others.

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sun. 8:30 a.m. Mass *Bill & Rose Sontag*
 11:15 a.m. Mass.... *Suzu Hafemeister*
 Mon. No Liturgy
 Tues. 8:00 a.m. Mass *Harry & Mary Perno*
 Wed. 8:00 a.m. Mass *People of St. Joseph*
 Thur. 8:00 a.m. Mass *Elaine Fetsko*
 Fri. 7:00-9:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
 Sat. 4:00-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation
 4:20 p.m. Rosary
 5:00 p.m. Mass..... *Peg Cofojohn*
 Sun. 8:30 a.m. Mass *Bert O'Donnell*
 11:15 a.m. Mass.... *Austin & Bernice Heritage*



CARILLON MEMORIALS

November 27 *Joseph Kasovich*
 December 6 *Carl Flynn*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon: Dn 1:1-6,8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4
 Tues: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
 Wed: Dn 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28; Dn 3:62-67;
 Lk 21:12-19
 Thur: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
 Fri: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
 Sat: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36
To Prepare For Next Weekend's Mass . . .
 Sun: Is 63:16b-17,19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3,15-16,
 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

PASTOR'S CORNER

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe offers us the chance to ponder the mystery of Christ's Kingship and the Kingdom of God. We know that Jesus of history came to serve and not to be served. His kingship was not a worldly, materialistic or powerful one. He never lived in a palace. His major messages as teacher and servant were to care for the powerless. Jesus taught by his actions of compassion, mercy and healing love for others. In the gospel passage for today we gain insight that the Kingdom of God is not a place but involves our participation in feeding the hungry, clothing the naked and caring for the ill and those in prison. The Kingdom of God is about recognizing our gifts from God and sharing them as generously as possible for the benefit of our brothers and sisters who are suffering and struggling.

—Fr. Ed Stafford

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Joe Robine	Sabina Delgado	Kathy Morris
Cheryl Erickson	Joan Kodash	Bunny Fritz
Mary Ann Feddor	Dean Kohanyi	Natalie Jahn
Zoe Craig (Pinter)	Sharon Olszak	Alivia Julliana
Tammy Cozzone	Sarah Tedrick	Marcia Verardi
Klara Rose Fitzpatrick	Reynaldo S. Bernardo	Barb Moore
Lily Peterson	Ralph Cooper	Kyle Painley
Josephine Rizzo	Vicki Kotkowski	Debbie Fahl
Brian Cole	Courtney Tayerle	Paula Krebs
Julie Monnin	Paul Gatian	



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LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE—12/2-3:

	5:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
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CONNECTNOW ONLINE GIVING

Last week we announced with a bulletin insert that we're offering online giving through ConnectNow Giving (part of our parish database program). If you manage your bills online, why not give to your church online? It's safe and secure, and you decide exactly when your gift is made and where it goes. So if you forgot your envelope this week or missed our second collection, you can go online and make a gift. Please visit www.stjosephmantua.com and find out how to give online.

[Due to early bulletin deadline, collection figures for 11/18-19 will be in next weekend's bulletin]

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient; when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's schedule.

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**EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION**
Friday, December 1
7:00-9:00 p.m.

ROSARY
Saturdays of Advent
Dec. 2, 9, 16 & 23
4:20 p.m.

Thursdays
8:30 a.m.
(following Mass)



*Catholic devotions
enliven and nurture
our faith,
touching our hearts
and allowing us
to express
our love of God.*



December 6th is the feast day of Saint Nicholas, the patron saint of children, which appropriately falls during the Advent season. This feast day is an especially exciting one for children as they count down the days on their Advent calendars in anticipation of Christmas day. St. Nicholas of Myra is a major saint in many European and Eastern countries, and one of the old Christian traditions surrounding his feast day is for kids to leave their shoes out overnight in front of the fireplace, on the windowsill, or outside their bedroom door so that St. Nicholas can fill them with special fruits, candies, and other small gifts and treats.

www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/st-nicholas-and-your-shoes/



St. Joseph Parish invites you to a
**MORNING RETREAT
WITH MARY**

Mary, Woman of Hope
Presented by Sr. Mary Dion Horrigan, SND

Saturday, December 9, 2017
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ~ Hughes Hall

All adults are welcome to come join us for
a morning of reflection on the Virgin Mary
in the Season of Advent.

9:30 Coffee, registration

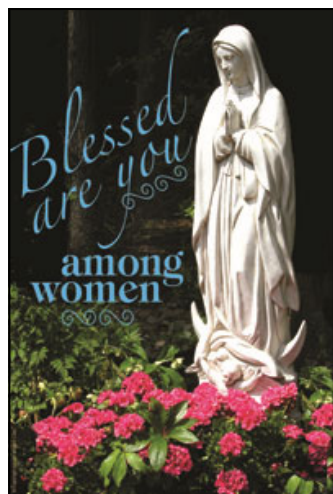
10:00 Welcome, Introduction

Mary's Annunciation and My Life

Mary: Hope and Advent Light

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Registration is required by Monday, December 4
(330-274-2253 or jshreiber@stjosephmantua.com)



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

A Holy Day of Obligation in the United States, this is the day on which we celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin, the conception of Mary in the womb of her mother. This feast intensifies our preparation during Advent, remembering how God prepared for Christ's birth by creating Mary free from original sin at conception.

Friday, December 8
8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Masses

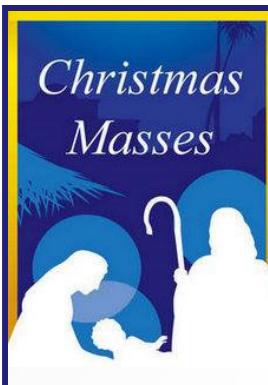
The True Meaning of the Immaculate Conception

The Immaculate Conception is commonly and mistakenly taken to mean the conception of Jesus Christ in Mary's womb. However, it does not refer to Mary's sexual condition when she gave birth to Jesus. It is a belief about her own condition at her conception. That is, she was "immaculate" by an act of God at the time she was conceived so she would be sinless and therefore the "fitting" mother of the Son of God. The virginal conception refers to the belief that Mary became pregnant with Jesus by a miracle instead of sexual intercourse. The Immaculate Conception deals with the conception of Mary herself, not that of her son.



ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS

If you will be heading south or west for the winter, please contact Kathi at the Parish Office as soon as you know your plans (330-274-2253 or ktarres@stjosephmantua.com). To avoid returned mail, we'd like to know when you'll be away. Please be aware that our envelope file for the Jan./Feb. packet is sent Friday, December 1.



The Fourth Sunday of Advent will be observed on Saturday evening, December 23, at 5:00 p.m. Mass and Sunday morning, December 24, at 10:00 a.m. Mass. Christmas will be observed Sunday evening, December 24, at 5:00 & 10:00 p.m. Masses and Monday, December 25, at 10:00 a.m. Mass. There is an obligation to participate at Mass for **both** the Fourth Sunday of Advent and for Christmas this weekend. Attendance at one Mass **does not** fulfill both obligations.



ADVENT SEASON

Dynamic Catholic has a downloadable Advent program for adults looking to have "The Best Advent Ever". Check out the poster in the school hallways for more information. If you are looking for other ideas to make Advent meaningful in your family life, check out these links.... <https://www.pinterest.com/explore/advent-activities/> <https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/advent/activities>

LIVE NATIVITY

The Live Nativity will be returning again this year on December 9th and 10th, 6:00-8:00 p.m. on the St. Joseph's grounds around the pavilion. Volunteers needed to act as Mary & Joseph, Three Kings, Angels and Shepherds. Sign-up sheet in the school hallway. If you have any questions, contact Kathy Paroff (616-723-3091).

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

The Knight of Columbus are once again sponsoring the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest for PSR students. The contest is intended to help your child express the real meaning of Christmas in our world. Your children will be coming home with entry forms for the contest. The winners of the contest will be announced at the Cookie Party after the Christmas pageant. For more info., contact Peg Haney (phaney@stjosephmantua.com or 330-274-2268).

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The Story of Christmas Pageant and Cookie Party will be on Sunday, December 17, beginning at 10:00 a.m. All families and parishioners are invited to attend. Attendees gather in the church for the pageant and proceed to Hughes Hall for the party afterward. All are asked to bring one dozen cookies to share.

CRAFT BAZAAR

Ohio Women's Ministry of Mantua Center Church is sponsoring a Craft Bazaar on Saturday, December 2, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the old Mantua Center School, 11741 Mantua Center Rd. Food available, 50/50, free parking. For more info., contact Carolin Newell (330-606-7125).

BLUES VS. OPIOIDS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish and the Knights of Columbus Council 14186 are among the sponsors of an event held to bring awareness to the devastating opioid problems in our communities. Plan to attend Blues Vs. Opioids, Opioid Awareness Benefit Concert on Sunday, December 3, at Beachland Ballroom, 15711 Waterloo Rd, Cleveland, 2:00-8:00 p.m. (Doors open at 1:00 p.m.). It features five great blues bands: Travis Haddix Band, Gaetano Letizia & the Underworld Band, Colin Dussault Band, Bluescasters, and Sam Hooper Group. Plus esteemed speakers on opioid awareness and prevention from the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Catholic Charities, Ohio Can, Maple Heights Police, Matt Talbot Inn, and other Drug Treatment and Prevention Agencies. Donation is \$10 advance sale or \$15 at the door. Tickets available at Beachlandballroom.com and gaetanoletizia.com.

VILLA MARIA NATIVITY DISPLAY

You won't want to miss a beautiful display of over 100 nativity pieces at Villa Maria Conference Center, 2067 Evergreen Rd., in Villa Maria, PA on December 3 & 10, 12:00-5:00 p.m. An indoor Advent tradition featuring a display of hundreds of nativity sets from around the world, with entertainment from local choirs, musicians and more. Roast Beef dinners featuring Villa Maria farm-raised beef and vegetables will be served from Noon to 4:00 p.m. on both Sundays. The cost is \$12.00 for a large serving and \$8.00 for a small serving. Children 4 & under are free, and take-out is available. Dinner tickets can be purchased in advance at Villa Maria. The Villa Maria Farm will offer fresh poinsettias, swags and wreaths; and The Villa Maria Shoppe will offer Fair Trade items, nativities and many other unique Christmas gifts. For more information or to purchase dinner tickets, visit humilityofmary.org or call 724-964-8920, ext. 3348.

COLLECTION FOR HORIZON HOUSE

St. Joseph Cares is holding a collection for Horizon House the weekend of December 9/10. Part of Townhall II's prevention, treatment and recovery services, Horizon House is a halfway house that provides a 90-day specialized treatment program for adult women who are struggling with effectively managing their addiction and who need more structured treatment. It has a safe and nurturing home-like environment where women can learn long-term recovery skills. Items being collected for these mostly young women that sometimes arrive with nothing but what they have on include gift cards, toiletries, movie tickets, encouraging notes, and fun gifts of any kind. Please leave your donations in the marked box located in the Narthex. Your support is most appreciated. For more information about this program, visit <https://www.townhall2.com/horizon-house>.

NEW YEAR'S EVE REVERSE RAFFLE PARTY



Looking for a New Year's Eve party! The Women's Auxiliary of the Mantua Knights of Columbus Council #3766 is planning to have a New Year's Eve/Reverse Raffle party on Sunday, December 31. It's a Roaring 20's theme this year!

If you're looking for a fun time, at a good price, come and join us at the Sentinel Party Center (FKA Knights of Columbus Hall), 11845 St. Rt. 44, Mantua, OH 44255. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$65.00/couple, \$50.00/single, and include appetizers, raffle, dinner, open bar, DJ, dancing, and a midnight champagne toast. Purchase your tickets in the Narthex after Masses December 2/3 or through Jay D'Aurelio (330-569-8156). All proceeds go towards interior improvements at St. Joseph Church.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS' TRAINING

Would you like to become more involved in the life of our parish? We are currently in need of additional **Lectors** and **Eucharistic Ministers** at all weekend Masses. If you are a practicing Catholic, having been Baptized and Confirmed in the Catholic Church, and have an on going relationship with the parish as a registered, active participant, then you may wish to answer your Baptismal call to service. Men and women are also needed to serve as **Adult Altar Servers** for funerals and other liturgies. Training will take place to meet the schedules of those interested before December 15 (prior to the Jan.-Mar., 2018 schedule). If you're interested in serving or would like more info., please contact the Parish Office (330-274-2253).





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Schedule of Events

~ For the Week of Nov. 26 - Dec. 3 ~

- Sun.** ~ **Retirement Fund for Religious Collection Weekend** ~
No PSR or CLOW
9:45 a.m. RCIA (PC)
- Mon.** 1:00-6:00 p.m. American Red Cross Blood Drive (1/2 Hall)
6:30-7:30 p.m. Exercise Class (1/2 Hall)
7:00 8:00 p.m. Cub Scout Den Mtgs. (Classrooms)
- Tues.** 10:00-11:30 a.m. Bible Study (PC)
6:00-8:00 p.m. Renewing Women Mtg. (Rm. #9)
7:00-9:00 p.m. Boy Scout Mtg. (Hall)
- Wed.** 7:00 p.m. Men's Renewal Team Mtg. (Rm. #9)
8:00 p.m. AA Mtg. (Hall)
- Thur.** 8:30 a.m. New Rosary Prayer Group (Church)
6:30-7:30 p.m. Exercise Class (1/2 Hall)
5:45-6:45 p.m. Children's Chorus Rehearsal (Church)
7:00 p.m. Music/Choir Rehearsal (Church)
- Fri.** 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Promise Homeschool Open House (Sch. Bldg.)
7:00-9:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (Church)
- Sat.** 4:20 p.m. Rosary (Church)
After Mass Women's Auxiliary New Year's Eve
Reverse Raffle Ticket Sales (Narthex)
- Sun.** ~ **Giving Tree Gift Return Deadline** ~
9:40-11:00 a.m. PSR Classes w/St. Nick Activity (Sch. Bldg.)
After Mass Women's Auxiliary New Year's Eve
Reverse Raffle Ticket Sales (Narthex)
9:45 a.m. RCIA (PC)
At 11:15 a.m. Mass CLOW (Rm. #1)



RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Learn how you help at <https://goo.gl/Gyec1o>.

BE A PART OF OUR LIVE NATIVITY

The Women's Auxiliary of the Mantua Knights of Columbus #3766 is presenting their second drive-through Live Nativity on St. Joseph Church grounds on Saturday, December 9, and Sunday, December 10, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to play various parts, assist with costume changes, cocoa serving, caroling, and parking/donation attendants. They are also in need of live barnyard animals. Afterwards, assistance is required for tearing down and cleaning up. A freewill donation of cash or non-perishable food items for the 4C's will help you to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. Proceeds from this event will help our church with interior repairs. To volunteer or for more details, please contact Kathy Paroff (616-723-3091 or kathyparoff@yahoo.com).



DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Men (18 and older) who would like to find out more about the calling God has for their life, are invited to attend a discernment retreat the weekend of December 15-17, 6:00 p.m. Friday-Noon Sunday. Held at Villa Maria Retreat Center in PA, men will have the opportunity for personal and communal prayer, discussions with men who are actively discerning, informational conferences, and time to speak with our seminarians about their discernment. There is no cost to attend. For more info., please contact Fr. Chris Luoni at the Vocations Office (330-744-8451 or cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org). To register, go to: youngstownvocations.org.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Make the time to give the gift of life at our next American Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, November 27, 1:00-6:00 p.m., in Hughes Hall. Did you know that you can schedule your appointment online, download their free app, or complete your check-in questionnaire the day of the blood drive & save time? Please call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org for details.



VOLUNTEER HELPERS NEEDED—Sign-up in the Narthex or call the Parish Office to help with registration and refreshment areas. Your assistance is appreciated.

SUPPORT APPRECIATED

In the name of the Sisters of Divine Providence an enormous thank you goes out to the many people of the Portage County parishes for their support of the quilt raffle which raised money for the work of the Sisters in Puerto Rico. Through your generosity we will be sending \$7,100.00 to our Sisters along with the matching funds from Marhofer Auto and an additional \$800.00 in donations. The winner of the quilt was Mary Messina from St. Patrick in Kent. All who help support this effort will be remembered in our prayers.

—Sisters Rose Anne and Lu



Our annual Advent tradition of the Giving Tree is in the Narthex. This Catholic Charities community outreach provides those in need with a little brighter Christmas. To participate, select a tag, shop, and return your wrapped gifts to the Narthex with the tag securely attached and visible by **Sunday, December 3**.