

MASSES for the WEEK

Tuesday Advent WeekdayReadings: *Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25***8:00 AM Saint Matthias Church**† Elvira Lucansky - Carmen & Donna
Vecchione**Wednesday Advent Weekday**Readings: *Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25***8:00 AM Saint Matthias Church**

† Irene Skerkavich - Bill & Donna Kempe

6:30 PM Saint Matthias Church

Evening Prayer Service

Friday Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the ChurchReadings: *Sg 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45***8:00 AM Saint Matthias Church**† Stephen Craig Sopkovich - Sisters, Mary &
Kathy**Saturday Advent Weekday**Readings: *1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56***Saint Matthias Church****4:00 PM** † Rita LoGiudice - John & Marge Kramer**Sunday December 23, 2018****Fourth Sunday of Advent**Readings: *Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; kmlaLk 1:39-45***9:30 AM Holy Name of Jesus Church**

† Siman Family - Sharman Family

11:00 AM Saint Matthias Church

Living and Deceased Members of the Parish

MEMORIAL FLAMES WEEK December 16, 2018:**SAINT MATTHIAS MEMORIAL FLAMES:****Blessed Sacrament:** † George Jacobs - Daughter, Mary Lou**Sacred Heart:** † Walter & Helen Antos - Family**Infant Jesus:** † Eddie Rovnak - Mom, Pat**Sorrowful Mother:** † Scott Gonda - Family**Saint Joseph:** † Joe Salata - Family**Saint Anthony:** † Sue Yurich - Jerek Family**Saint Matthias:** † William Drapco - Wife & Family**HOLY NAME OF JESUS MEMORIAL FLAMES:****Blessed Virgin:** † Mary & Michael Racek - Elizatbeth

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Saint Joseph: † Cyril Lipka - Daughter, Elaine**Sanctuary Lamp:** † Ann Fekete - JoAnn Maxgay

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of parishioners, Emma Bleggi and Ethel Macek, who passed away. May they rest in peace.

***Holy Name of Jesus*****Sunday, December 23, 2018 - 9:30 AM****Lectors:** L. Kent**Extra Ordinary Ministers:** D. Dolak, L. Kent, L. Prusak**Servers:** T. Hassay**Greeters:** D. Balog and B. Bolha**Collectors:** D. Balog, B. Bolha, **M. Dolak**, J.A. Maxgay***Christmas Day, December 25, 2018 - 9:30 AM*****Lectors:** T. Wakefield**Extra Ordinary Ministers:** Sister Carole, R. Kosko,
B. Smith**Servers:** **T. Hassay and L. Kent****Greeters:** D. Dolak and J.A. Maxgay**Collectors:** D. Dolak, M. Dolak, V. Long, J.A. Maxgay***Saint Matthias*****Saturday, December 22, 2018 - 4:00 PM****Lectors:** K. Stilson and L. Nelson**Extra Ordinary Ministers:** Father, R. Allgower,
L. Nelson, M.A. Shaffer, D. Sliwinski, K. Stilson**Servers:** B. Allgower and M. Allgower***Sunday, December 23, 2018 - 11:00 AM*****Lectors:** L. Smith and M. Baytos**Extra Ordinary Ministers:** Father, M. Baytos, I. Irwin,
C. Duritz, S. Jones, L. Smith**Servers:** Servers needed***Christmas Eve, December 24, 2018 - 4:00 PM*****Lectors:****Extra Ordinary Ministers:** Father,**Servers:*****Christmas Eve, December 24, 2018 - 10:00 PM*****Lectors:** S. Jones**Extra Ordinary Ministers:** Father, S. Jones**Servers:** M.A. Shaffer***Christmas Day, December 25, 2018 - 11:00 AM*****Lectors:** L. Smith**Extra Ordinary Ministers:** Father, L. Smith**Servers:**



Your Prayers Are Requested For The Sick Of Our Parish In Hospitals: Saint Elizabeth-Belmont: Jean Puhalla, Janice Rovnak and Joseph Werner.

2018 ADVENT PROJECTS

The Third Sunday of Advent: December 15-16, second collection of \$10.00 Subway Gift Cards (only) for the Dorothy Day House.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent: December 22-23 will be for the needs of Making Kids Count. Please bring to Church newborn and up diapers and unscented diaper wipes.



STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: *"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God."* (PHILIPPIANS 4:6). St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.



Thank You! Ďakujem!

December 9, 2018 Collection:	Budget	Actual
Saint Matthias	\$4,500.00	- \$3,492.95
Holy Name of Jesus	\$2,500.00	- \$1,839.75
Saints Cyril & Methodius	\$1,500.00	- \$ 949.00
Total	\$8,500.00	- \$6,281.70

Envelopes Mailed Adults: 878 Children: 42
 Envelopes Returned: Adults: 227 Children: 06
 Candles: (SM) \$84.00; (HNJ) \$14.00; (SSCM) \$0.00

Immaculate Conception Collection:

Saint Matthias	\$ 520.50
Holy Name of Jesus	\$ 244.00
Saints Cyril & Methodius	\$ 103.00
Totals	\$ 867.50

St. Vincent de Paul Society Collection:

Saint Matthias	\$ 761.00
Holy Name of Jesus	\$ 396.00
Saints Cyril & Methodius	\$ 488.00
Totals	\$1,645.00

GAUDETE SUNDAY - The Third Sunday of Advent.

A Joyful Sunday. The word "gaudete" is derived from the Latin words "gaudium," joy, and "gaudeo," to rejoice or be glad. Advent is a time of joyful expectation and eager preparation for the Solemnity of Christmas. The most common Advent tradition, however, involves four candles. Often the first, second, and fourth candles are purple; the third candle is rose-colored. Rose represents joy and may be used at the liturgical color for Gaudete Sunday. The third candle symbolizes joy and is called the "Shepherd's Candle." A fifth white candle is lit on Christmas Day to celebrate Jesus' birth.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT:

The Light of Christmas focuses on several themes during the Advent season—hope, preparation, joy, and love. We hope for the fullness of God in our lives by our own intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. God is born within us through the birth of the Christ child and we prepare our minds and hearts for this experience just as God prepared the way to Bethlehem. When we experience the incredible gift of Christmas, we are filled with a deep, profound joy because we know with certainty of God's unconditional love is for each of us.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec 16 Christmas decorating, HNJ Church, following 9:30 AM Mass.
- Dec 16 Christmas decorating, SM Church, following 11:00 AM Mass.
- Dec 16 FCSU Branch 731 meeting, Noon.
- Dec 19 Evening Prayer, 6:30 PM, Saint Matthias.
- Dec 20 Dorothy Day House, 4:00-7:00 PM.
- Dec 20 Choir Practice, 6:00 PM, SM Church.
- Dec 24 Parish Office closed.
- Dec 25 Parish Office closed.
- Dec 26 Parish Office closed.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:1018.

All three readings speak joyfully of the good news. Zephaniah encourages us to leave fear behind in favor of joy. Paul emboldens us to replace all anxiety with thanksgiving. John the Baptist challenges us to exchange collecting with sharing. All this because the Lord, our God, "is in our midst," "is near," "is coming." **Reflect:** How do I heighten my joy in the Lord's nearness? How do I make my kindness known to all? How can I make use of Advent time to share all I have and be satisfied?

CHRISTMAS DECORATING AT HOLY NAME OF JESUS: Sunday, December 16, following the 9:30 AM Mass. Thanking you for your time and help.

SAINT MATTHIAS DECORATING: Your help decorating Saint Matthias Church for Christmas, would be greatly appreciated on Sunday, December 16 following the 11:00 AM Mass.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: Raffle Winners for the month of December 2018: Jerry Yablonkai - \$100.00; Patsy Slaven - \$40.00; and Brianna Sebastian - \$20.00. Congratulations to all the winners!!



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL: Thank you to all the parishioners that volunteered and helped at the Dining Hall last week. Your help was most appreciated, especially during this holiday season.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS ARE NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES AND CHRISTMAS DAY MASS:

At Saint Matthias Church. Monday, December 24 at 4:00 PM and 10:00 PM. Tuesday, December 25, Christmas Day at 11:00 AM. Sign up sheet in the vestibule of the Churches. Or call the parish office, 330-788-5082, Bonnie

EVENING PRAYER: Will be held on Wednesday, December 19, 6:30 PM, Saint Matthias Church.



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE BY BUD OZAR: Today's gospel tells us to SHARE! This Christmas resist the pressure to give token gifts. Instead, use those funds to give NECESSITIES to the poor. If our impoverished brothers and sisters are not on our gift list, we've missed the point of Christmas.

VOCATIONS: "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." It is in prayer that we ask for guidance and listen to the word that God gives us. During this Advent time of preparation, make your prayer such that you seek the way of God for your life. Could this way be in service to the Church? For more information, call Father Christopher Luoni, Vocation Director at (330) 744-845, or e-mail: cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org.

HARRIET'S CUPBOARD: During the month of December, Harriet's Cupboard is collecting blankets, hats, gloves, new socks, and personal hygiene items. Items are collected at all Catholic Charities locations. For service sites, visit www.ccdoy.org

MARCH FOR THE UNBORN: Attend the March for Life in Washington, D.C. on Friday, January 18, 2019. Buses are being organized in various location throughout the Diocese of Youngstown to take pilgrims to the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. To find a bus near you, contact the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage, and Family Life at dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org or call 330-744-8451 ext. 272.

MASSSES FOR LIFE: Youngstown Diocese will host two Masses for Life as a prayerful reminder the we "must protect and nurture human life at every stage of it existence." The Most Reverend George V. Murry, S.J., will be the Celebrant at both Masses. on Sunday, January 13, 2019, St. Paul Parish, 241 South Main Street, North Canton at Noon. Sunday, January 20, 2019, St. Columba Cathedral, 154 West Wood Street, Youngstown at 4:00 PM. Each Mass for Life will include a Blessing of Children in the Womb and will be followed by a Reception. All are welcome—no reservations needed.



PARISH REGISTRATION FORM Please print.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

ATTENTION MEMBERS OF THE PARISH: If you are entering an assisted living facility or a long term nursing facility, you or a family member must call the rectory at 330-788-5082, if you wish this information to appear in the bulletin under the heading Parishioners in Health Care Facilities. We do not mean to make things difficult for you, but, we must respect your privacy in this transitional time of your life.

PARISHIONERS IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES: Your continued prayers and support are requested for the following members of our parish family who are living in area nursing facilities:

Antonine Village: Agnes Siragusa

Assumption Village: Julia Basic, Mary Klucher, and

Dorothy Lafko.

Briarfield Ashley Circle: Mary Kocurek

Continuing Healthcare of Boardman: Rosemarie Yohman

Glenellen Senior Living: Edward Hudak and Mary Meyers.

Greenbriar: Betty Kovach

Humility House Nursing Home: Mary Farkas and

Dorothy Ryznar.

Ohio Living Park Vista: Mary Jane Vranches

Omni Manor: Philomena McCaffrey

Shepherd of the Valley: Georgieann Martinko, Catherine Pearce, and Ann Topolovcak.

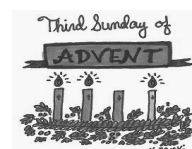
Windsor House Canfield: Dolores Kolar

The purpose of *The Friends of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish* is to have a visual reminder of our beloved deceased not only on special days such as birthdays and anniversaries but also throughout the entire year. On the first weekend of each month, a Mass is celebrated for the repose of the souls of *The Friends of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish*. In September, around the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, the Mass with intention for *The Friends of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish* is celebrated and a small breakfast follows. Friends who are remembered are not necessarily parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish and membership to *The Friends of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish* is annual. Contact the parish office for further information.

URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL: The Irish Cottage, Ursuline's store of Irish apparel and gifts, will have extended hours for holiday shopping on Wednesday, December 19 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM. The Cottage is also open daily from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Please use the Wick Avenue entrance. There are many great stocking stuffers.



URSULINE BAND AND CHOIR: Will host a Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 19 beginning at 7:00 PM in the Deibel Morley Arts Center. A reception will immediately follow.



THE FRIENDS OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS PARISH

- † Reverend Bonaventure Babik - Niece, Elaine
- † Katharina Fedor Babik - Granddaughter, Elaine
- † Dorothy M. Babnic - Husband, Bob & Family
- † Dorothy B. Babnic - Cousin, Bob
- † Steve T. Basic - Julia Basic & Sons
- † Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Babnich - Son, Bob & Family
- † Helen & John Bobby - Jim & Jackie Bobby
- † Douglas A. Bott - Wife, Donna & Family
- † Edwin Buday - Wife, Mary Ann
- † Mr. & Mrs. Michael Buddie - Don & Helen Samuels
- † Josephine Bugbee - Niece, Betty Medina
- † Scott Burin - Doreen, Danielle, & Brittany
- † Janet Franko Caiazza - Family
- † Frank Casciano - Wife & Family
- † George Ceremuga - Wife, Marge & Family
- † Helen Chizmar - Family
- † Frank Cipkala - Sister, Gertie & Richard Gross
- † Lisa Currao - John & Ann Ferenchak
- † Joseph R. Danko - Son, James & Denise
- † Carole Deley - Family
- † Virginia L. (Ginny) DeLuca - Family
- † Mr. & Mrs. Ralph DeMichael - Family
- † Salvatore & Anna DiFrancesco - Children
- † Ervin Dodge - Louise, Children, & Grandchildren
- † Ethel Draia - Family
- † Ambrose J. & Ann M. Drapcho - Children & Grandchildren
- † William Drapcho - Wife, Gloria & Family
- † Mr. & Mrs. George L. Elias - G. Roger & Carole Elias
- † Dorothy & John Ferenchak - John & Ann Ferenchak
- † Michaelena Ferenchak - Daughters, Arlene, Karen, & Lisa
- † Martha J. Ferenchak - John & Ann Ferenchak
- † Edward E. Franko - Family
- † Helen & Frank Gbur - Children
- † Christina Lacni Gbur - Granddaughter, Elaine
- † Gerchak Family - Family
- † Bill Gonda - Family
- † Scott Gonda - Family
- † Carl J. Gordulic - Family
- † Frances Gordulic - Family
- † Bertha & Ed Grisdale - Granddaughters, Arlene, Karen, & Lisa
- † Tom & Mary Hamrock - Family
- † Nancy Hassay - Hassay Family
- † Thomas Hassay, Sr. - Charlotte Good & The Hassay Family
- † Valent Hlebovy Family - Cecilia Morrison
- † Mr. & Mrs. Frank Hodos - Fred & Betty Hodos
- † Steve J. Hruska - Wife, Ann & Family
- † John J. Hudak - Wife & Family
- † Mr. & Mrs. Stefan A. Hudak - Daughter, Agnes
- † Mary & George Jacobs - Mary Lou
- † Jennie & Red Jason - Karen, Gav, Cody, & Jamey
- † Stephen & Edna L. Kachmar - Daughter, Agnes Kachmar
- † John E. Kavulic - Wife, Grace & Family
- † John & Mary Kavulic - Rose & John Klarich
- † Mary L. & Michael W. Klucher - Family
- † Dolores Koshan - Cousin, Betty Medina
- † Susan & Stephen Kotasek, Sr. Family - Gerald & Judy Kotasek
- † Mr. & Mrs. Paul Krispinsky - Children & Grandchildren
- † Steven Krupa - Wife, Olga
- † George E. Krusel - Wife, Betty
- † Ronald Krusel - Mom, Betty
- † John R. Kulifay - Wife, Theresa
- † Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Kulifay - Sister In-Law, Theresa
- † Christopher Lafko - Mom, Dorothy
- † George Lafko - Wife, Dorothy
- † George & Jane LaHita - Daughter, Betty Medina
- † George R. LaHita - Sister, Betty Medina
- † Judge John J. & Ethel V. Leskovyansky - Son, John & Family
- † Mr. & Mrs. Mike Lisko - Family
- † Rita Petty LoGiudice - Sue Yarab
- † Andy Lucansky - Wife, Norma & Family
- † Lawrence McCaffrey Family - Wife, Philomena McCaffrey
- † Maddamma Family - Norma Lucansky
- † Martha M. Martinko - Family
- † Thomas Martinko-Wife, Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchild
- † Frank & Mary Jane Masonic - Niece, Betty Medina
- † Jack Maxgay - Wife & Family
- † Dr. Federico Medina - Wife, Elizabeth
- † Matilde Medina - Betty Medina
- † Ann Marie Miller - Mom
- † Mr. & Mrs. William Mokrovich - Daughter, JoAnn Mokrovich
- † Julia (Jay) Morris - Daughter, Julieann Morris & Ted Kistler
- † Krista Musolino - Mom & Dad
- † Holly Nelson - Family
- † Mr. & Mrs. Steve Novak - Children
- † Martin & Dorothy Novotny Family - Dorothy Rock
- † Helen Olbrych - Husband, Joseph & Family
- † Al Pasquale - Wife, Flo & Family
- † Richard Pearce - Wife, Catherine & Family
- † Robert D. Patrick - Wife, Rita
- † Robert D. Patrick, Jr. - Mom, Rita
- † Mike & Margaret Penich - Daughter, Barbara
- † Gert & Nick Petrus - John & Ann Ferenchak
- † Dave Petty - Sue Yarab
- † Mr. & Mrs. Stephen J. Phillips - Son, Larry
- † Frank & Jennie Popovich - Family
- † Marissa J. Plakosh - Mother, Jeanne
- † Joseph & Pauline Popovich - Family
- † Leonard Puhalla - Wife, Marge
- † Joseph & Eleanor Rock Family - Dorothy Rock
- † Paul S. Rovnak, Sr. - Wife, Mary Ann Rovnak
- † Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Ruschak - Ted & Diane Russell
- † Mr. & Mrs. Ted Russell, Sr. - Ted & Diane Russell
- † Janice V. & Michael J. Scavina - Son & Daughter
- † Marie O. Scott - Loretta Smith
- † David Senchak - Mom, Mary Lou
- † Michael T. Senchak - Wife, Mary Lou
- † David Senvisky - Rose, Dana, David, Frankie, & Gracie
- † Emil Shevets - Wife, Eleanor & Family
- † John Sova Family - Helen Sova, Wife and Mother
- † Anna & William F. Stana - Family
- † Lucy Stanek - Husband, John & Family
- † Helen & Walter Stanyard - Judy & Gerald Kotasek
- † Edward & Emily Swierz - Son, Denis
- † Thomas Tinkler - Wife, Shirley
- † John Titak - Wife & Children
- † Rosemarie Sewell Titak - Titak Family
- † Rose & Joseph Tricolo - Daughter, Joan Cellio
- † Frances Triveri - Patti L. Kosek
- † Triveri Family - Patti L. Kosek
- † Arlene & Anthony Van - John & Ann Ferenchak
- † Beverly Varso - Mother, Ann & Brother, John
- † John Varso, Sr. - Wife, Ann & Son, John
- † Kathy Wittenauer - Mom, Betty
- † Sophia & Nick Yacovone - Jim & Jackie Bobby
- † Eugene D. Zentko - Wife, Kathryn & Family