

## ADVENT - ANGEL TREE

Our tree is set up in the back of church. If you would like to help this year, please take an **angel ornament** from the tree, purchase the baby item written on it and then put it in the box near the tree. These items will be donated to *Heartbeat*, an organization that helps new mothers and fathers. There are also **baby bottles** located on the shelves in the back of church. If you would like to make a monetary donation to *Heartbeat*, take a bottle home and read the information on the bottle. Please return the filled bottle to the Heartbeat box that is located by the tree **any Sunday** before Christmas. You could also put any monetary donations in a labeled envelope and put it in the collection basket. Thank you for helping babies during this time when we remember Baby Jesus' birth.



**SUNDAY DECEMBER 3, 2017 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**† MASS INTENTIONS/SCHEDULE †**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 4 St. John Damascene**

8:00 AM Leonard & Rosemary Kuhlman

**4:00 PM Penance Service – Lector - Diane Nienberg**

**7:00 PM Penance Service – Lector - Doug Karhoff**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5**

8:40 AM Poor Souls

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6 St. Nicholas**

8:00 AM Ken Ellerbrock (AN)

6:00 PM Barb Nuveman (AN), Bea Inkrott

6:30-8:30 PM Adoration

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 St. Ambrose**

8:40 AM Erma Deters

**4:30 PM** L/D Leon Sager Family, L/D Ruth Ann Stechschulte Family

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 The Immaculate Conception**

**6:00 AM** Religious Freedom

**8:00 AM** L/D Ken Meyer Family, Mary Barb Klausing **All School Liturgy**

1:00-4:00PM Adoration followed by Benediction

5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal-Rose Ellerbrock

**7:00 PM** Daryl Hunt (AN), Joyce Smith

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin**

8:00 AM Lawrence Rieman, Cletus Gerdeman

8:30 AM Confessions

1:00 PM Nuptial- Morris-Deitering

4:30 PM L/D Charles & Rosemary Siefker Family, L/D Norman & Donna Recker Family, Nathan Siefker Family, Ralph Duling,

Travis Schnipke Family, L/D Jr & Joan Kaufman Family

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

8:00 AM L/D Mel Nienberg Fam, L/D Edmund & Dolores Schroeder Fam.

10:30 AM Rufus Theisen, Chuck Haselman, Lucia Utrup, Mildred Metzger, Marcus Roof

6:30 PM For the Parish



**If you know of anyone who cannot attend Mass on Sundays and would like communion brought to them please call the rectory.**

*Advent is a time of watching and waiting. Are you open to the surprising ways God comes to you? Be attentive to God's call in the ordinary. (Mark 13:33-37)*

*For those who are in discernment about their vocation in life, that they may be open to the signs of God at work in their lives, we pray.*

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY Dec 10** - Is 40:1-5,9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8(5)

**From the  
desk of  
Fr. Tony**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  
DECEMBER 3, 2017**

Jesus tells his disciples today to be watchful and be alert. You do not know when the Lord of the house is coming. This Lord is Jesus. Jesus may come at evening, midnight, or in the morning. Watch! Today we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. This is a time to be watchful and waiting. While we are waiting we can work on our prayer life and our acts of charity to our underprivileged brothers and sisters. Many of you will be giving of your time and

charity to your family members this Christmas. I bet most of you have your Christmas shopping finished. Some of you are very proactive and do not waste a minute. Thanks for being kind and generous to your family. But also remember the needy in the world. Make this a great Christmas for them.

During this time of Advent God asks us to prepare our hearts and homes for Christ. I know basketball, wrestling, and other sports have started up. I spend a lot of time in the gym watching these games. It is a way to be social and be in contact with my parishioners and non-parishioners. I also realize I need to mark out a certain amount of time each day for prayer. It may be a good idea to set your smart phone to alarm mode to remind you to pray. If you are going to pray a minute in the morning, noon, and night make sure your cell phone can alarm you to that. This is a way to be watchful and alert. Our days get busy and we forget the creator of all living things, God.

God bless you all. Fr. Tony

**WEEKDAY & HOLYDAY SERVERS:** **Mon. 8:00 AM:** Gary Recker, Pat Inkrott; **Tues. 8:40 AM:** Students; **Wed. 8:00 AM:** Mike Siefker, Jerry Hanneman; **Wed. 6:00PM:** Diane Utrup & Tim Lehman; **Thurs. 8:40 AM:** Students; **Thu. 4:30 PM:** Lexi Koch, Brooke Kleman, Jayla Balbaugh, Jacob Balbaugh; **Fri. 6AM:** Cliff Schroeder, Dan Turnwald; **Fri. 8:00AM Students;**

**Fri. 7:00PM:** Kirsten Siefker, Emilee Horstman, Mitchell Kaufman, Erin Kaufman; **Sat. 8AM:** Jillian Trombley, Lauren Trombley, Jayla Utrup, Brandon Warnecke

**WEDNESDAY 6:00PM LECTOR – Kathy Schmitz**

**HOLYDAY LECTORS – Dec. 7/8: Thu. 4:30 PM:** Sharon Meyer, Cari Homan; **Fri. 6:00AM:** Jeanne Schram; **Fri. 8:00AM:** Students; **Fri. 7:00PM:** Br. Jerry, Deb Schroeder

**HOLYDAY EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: Thu. 4:30 PM:** Doug Deitering, Diane Deitering group;  
**Fri. 6:00AM:** Tammy Schroeder, Deb Schroeder, Steve & Deb Leopold, Jeanne & Jeff Schram, Diane Recker;  
**Fri. 8:00AM:** Teachers;  
**Fri. 7:00PM:** Deb Leopold, Steve Leopold group

**HOLYDAY GIFTBEARERS: Thu. 4:30 PM:** Gary Moening Family; **Fri. 6:00AM:** Jeff & Ushers; **Fri. 8:00AM:** Students;  
**Fri. 7:00PM:** Rick Pothast Family

**HOLYDAY USHERS: Thu. 4:30 PM:** Roger Koch, Dave Schmitz;  
**Fri. 6:00AM:** Jeff Schram & volunteers; **Fri. 8:00AM:** Students;  
**Fri. 7:00PM:** Kevin & Mary Rose Ellerbrock

**NEXT SUNDAY – DEC 10**

**SERVERS: Sat. 4:30 PM** Allison Schroeder, Jordan Schroeder, Emma Siefker, Carter Lammers; **Sun. 8:00 AM** Addy Schmiedebusch, Emma Schmiedebusch, Connor Haselman, Nathan Maag; **10:30 AM:** Morgan Miller, Logan Miller, Caitlyn Evans, Lauren Heebsh; **6:30 PM:** Derek Crumrine, Collin Crumrine, Ashley Schroeder, Hunter Tegenkamp

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**LECTORS**

4:30 Mary Ellen Halker Louis Halker	Will Kaufman Jay Kaufman
8:00 Dennis Moening Linda Moening	Diane Nienberg Jill Siefker
10:30 Sue Bellman Edna Nienberg	Janet Schroeder Kelly Schroeder
6:30 Sue Bellman, Edna Nienberg, Paula Elchinger, Jason Miller	Michelle Giesswein Sharon Meyer

**New Lector Workbooks** for 2018 Liturgical Year which begins this weekend the First Sunday of Advent, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> are available in the server's sacristy. Please stop to pick yours up after any Mass. Thank you!

**GIFT BEARERS: Sat. 4:30 PM** Roger Koch Family; **Sun. 8:00AM** Tim Hoehn Family; **Sun. 10:30AM** Bernard Nienberg Family

**DECEMBER SUNDAY USHERS: Sat. 4:30 PM** Mary Rose & Kevin Ellerbrock; **Sun. 8:00 AM:** Chris & Tim Hoehn; **10:30AM:** Kristen & Matthew Heffner; **6:30 PM:** Lou & Mary Ellen Halker

**COUNTERS:** #7

**VIDEOGRAPHER:** Sat. 4:30 PM: Zach Schroeder

**ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY:** Tim & Mer Lehman

**DECEMBER FUNERAL ROSARY LEADERS:** Shirley & Oscar Schnipke, Carolyn Tobe, Diane Nienberg, Connie & Don Dehnart, JoAnn Schroeder, Jim Recker

**FAMILIES TO LIGHT ADVENT WREATH BEFORE MASS:** next Sat., Dec. 9, 4:30pm: Dean & Beth Trombley Family; **Sun. 10th, 8:00am:** Kurt & Nicole Ruhe family; **10:30am:** Eric & Tracy Kaufman Family. We are still in need of volunteers for the other Sundays in Advent to light the Advent Wreath before Mass. Please call rectory 529-6928 or e-mail stjohns@bright.net!

*“Prudence and discretion are the scales for performing any good work.”*

*St. Gaspar del Bufalo*

**Adult Faith Information**

Jeanette Schroeder - Coordinator  
Diana Meyer, Jeanne Schram, Marlene Kleman,  
Deacon Don and Elaine Inkrott

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ON THE FIRST SATURDAY,** after 4:30 Mass until 8:00 on Sunday mornings. Saturday/Sunday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>. Sign-up sheet is available on the radiators back in church this week. We would like at least two people signed up for each hour. If you can't make it to church to sign in please call Ann Fortman 419-235-6734.

**Glandorf St. John's Capital Campaign Update: (11/6/2017)**

"Sharing Our Faith, Preserving Our Heritage, Securing Our Future" Thank you for Sharing your Time, Talents, & Treasure!

**Pledged: \$852,110 Paid: \$811,892:** Expense- Conrad Schmitt Studios Contract paid in full: \$685,000. Additional money collected will be used for Capital Campaign projects needed. Fantastic!! Those of you who are making pledge payments please continue to do so. Thank you to all who have supported our Capital Campaign. We appreciate it greatly! Fr. Tony

**Kindly remember in prayer all our Priests serving in the Diocese of Toledo, as they gather on Monday, December 4 for the annual Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests, at the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey. Through our prayers, may the Lord grant them many blessings.**

Thank you to the Marcus Roof family for remembering St. John's parish family with a generous gift to our Capital Campaign and Masses. We greatly appreciate your generosity!

**Thank you to our outdoor Christmas decorating crew!** We had a great turnout! You did a fabulous job in short order! Thank you very much for making our St. John's parish grounds beautiful for the coming of Baby Jesus! God bless you all! Happy Advent!

**THE GLANDORF LIONS' CLUB WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF YOU WHO ATTEND THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK.** Congratulations to Elyse Morman on winning the horse & carriage. Special thanks to the O-G Show Choir, Jim Birkemeier & Bob Verhoff's Famous Chili, the Glandorf Firemen's delicious hamburgers, Pounding Hooves, Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus & their elf for helping. Thanks to all! Happy Holidays!!! (Glandorf Lions' Club) We would like to thank the **Glandorf Lions' Club** for decorating our beautiful park each year. It's a wonderful way to share in the Christmas Spirit. Thank you!

**DID YOU KNOW?** Lucille Knueven will celebrate her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, Karl Ellerbrock will celebrate his 80th birthday on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, John Gerdeman will celebrate his 81<sup>st</sup> birthday on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> and Marie Pothast will celebrate her 81<sup>st</sup> birthday on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY LUCILLE, KARL, JOHN & MARIE!**

**BANNS:** **III Heather Deitering** of this parish, daughter Doug & Diane Deitering and **Tanner Morris** of Blessed Sacrament Newark, OH, son of Victor & Margaret Morris

**GOD BLESS THE NEWLY WEDDED:** Mr. & Mrs. Bradley (Leigh Brock) Kreinbrink

***Grade School CCD Information***

**COORDINATOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION-** Diane Utrup

Contact me at [stjohnsreled@bright.net](mailto:stjohnsreled@bright.net) or in the Religious Ed Office 419-538-6335.

**All-School Mass at 8am** – Friday, Dec. 8 for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

**GRAND-orf Drawing** – please pray about participating in this raffle, if you have not been already. All the proceeds go to the maintenance and upkeep of the Parish Center building where so many wonderful things take place, including morning CCD for your children. Look for the information packet to be coming to you in the mail. Thank you and may God bless your family and our parish family!

***Jr. High & High School CCD Information***

**Message from DeVon Dunlap Coordinator of High School CCD:** *If you have any questions or need to get a hold of me, please call the HS CCD office at 419-538-6897 or e-mail. [stjohnshsccd@bright.net](mailto:stjohnshsccd@bright.net) Thanks!*

**High School CCD Class** on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm in the Parish Center. Please be to class on time for attendance.

**High School Students & Parents:** Mark your calendars for Wed. Dec. 13 as Sheriff Brian Siefker joins our CCD night, speaking on "The Heroin and Opioid Epidemic". This talk is geared specifically to both students *and* parents. The talk begins at 7:15pm in the Parish Center Gym.

***God bless you and please keep our students and catechists in your prayers!***

**Wednesday Adoration** 6:30 – 8:30 PM Adoration this week.

***Message from Colleen Halker Youth Director***

**KADIE HEMPFLING** – Youth President

**Parish Christmas Cards:** Christmas cards, featuring snow scenes of the church and Marian shrine, can be purchased at the Mustard Seed. 10 cards for \$12. Thanks. (Liturgical Decorating Committee)

**Attention Men of the Parish:** Have you been thinking about participating in the Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) weekend retreat but are just unsure if it's for you or have been putting it off? Why not make this the year you experience the power of the Holy Spirit at work in you? To make your reservation or learn more about this life-changing retreat to be held on January 13/14, 2018, please contact Bryan Kaufman (419-231-4809).

**Lost:** My watch was lost in or around church. If found please call 419-538-6721 Thank you! Ruth Rosengarten

**GIRL'S CYO BASKETBALL:** today, Sun., Dec. 3, 3:30pm @ New Riegel Jr High.

**BOY'S CYO BASKETBALL:** **A TEAM:** today, Dec. 3, 2:15pm, at New Riegel Jr High; **B TEAM:** 1:00pm at New Riegel Jr High; **C TEAM:** 3:30pm at Kalida.

**Advent Angel Tree and baby bottles for Heartbeat:** Our parish will be participating in this project again this year. Look for the tree this weekend!

**FERVORINO** – *“Stay awake, watch out, and pray for the strength to hold your ground” when “fearful and bewildering signs” appear threatening your family. Resist being “fearful;” fear cripples! Instead “pray for the strength” to be courageous.*

**Please keep our seminarian, Curtis Weisenburger in your prayers.** He is studying at the Pontifical North American College in Rome. If you wish to send a card or letter use address below:

Curtis Weisenburger's Address in Rome (letters/cards only):

**Pontifical North American College** no packages to this address

**Attn: Curtis Weisenburger**

**00120 Vatican City State**

**Europe Rome Italy**



**TICKETS for 2018 GRAND-orf Club** were mailed out this week. Please watch for them! For **\$12 per ticket** you will have **two chances each month to win \$500**. During the Holidays you may have ample opportunities to sell those tickets. Let's do our best inviting others, too, to share in the potential for benefits of our GRAND-orf Club Raffle. Extra gold tickets are in the racks in the church vestibules. Thank you very much. **The last 2017 drawing is next Sunday, December 10 in Room 15.**

**CLC/ALTAR ROSARY CHRISTMAS PARTY** Wed., Dec. 6. Cocktails 6:00, Entertainment (OG Show Choir) 6:30pm, Chicken Dinner at 7:00pm in the cafeteria. Bring a guest – your daughters, friend or neighbor. Your name and your guest's names will be entered into drawing for a \$25.00 gift card.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION** Fri., Dec. 8. Masses will be **Thu., Dec. 7, 4:30 pm, Fri., Dec. 8, 6am, 8am & 7:00 pm.**

**4:00 Christmas Eve Mass practices for students in grades 6-12 will be as follows:**

Tuesday Dec. 5---6:30-8:00

Tuesday Dec. 12---5:15-6:30

Thursday Dec. 14--5:15-6:30

Sat. Dec. 16---10:45am-Noon

Tues. Dec. 19--4:30--6:00

We look forward to this tradition each year and hope many of you can join us again this year! Any questions please call Jeannie Verhoff 419-538-6255

**Charismatic Mass & Healing Service** will be held at the Sorrowful Mother's Shrine on Sunday, Dec. 3, 12:30pm. The anointing of the sick will be done after the mass by two priests. Fr. Harry will preside at the Mass. The cafeteria will not be open. Come and be healed.

**PENANCE SERVICES IN THE OFFING:** Glandorf – **Mon., Dec. 4, 4:00 & 7:00pm;** Miller City – Tue., Dec. 5, 7:00 pm; Ottoville - Sun., Dec. 10, 2:00 p.m.; Kalida – Tue., Dec. 12, 4:00 & 7:00 pm; Ft. Jennings - Wed., Dec. 13, 7:00 pm; Ottawa - Mon., Dec. 18, 4:00 & 7:00 pm; Columbus Grove – Tue., Dec. 19, 7:00pm.

**Young adults (18-39),** join us on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month at Adam Schroeder's house for food, fellowship, prayer and to learn more about our Catholic faith. Newcomers are always welcome! Find us on facebook: Putnam County Young Adult Group or Contact Adam Schroeder [419-615-9863](tel:419-615-9863) or Neil & Brooke Cassidy [419-302-4959](tel:419-302-4959) [brookemariecassidy@gmail.com](mailto:brookemariecassidy@gmail.com)

**SPIRIT & SONG GROUP PRACTICE** Due to the students practice the Spirit & Song will practice from 8:00 – 9:15pm on Tue., Dec. 5, for the 4:30pm youth Mass on Saturday, December 9.

Families needed for the **Lighting of the Advent Wreath** for Sunday Mass during Advent **Sun., Dec. 17 at 10:30 & Dec. 23/24 all Masses** here at St. John's. If interested, please call the rectory 419-538-6928.

**ADVENT PUBLIC ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST** during Advent Fridays, (Dec. 8) 1:00 – 4:00 pm *followed by Benediction*.

Make an extra effort to spend personal/family time before the Lord.

“During Eucharistic Adoration we can truly spend some time in prayer and personal conversation which can help us draw closer to Jesus. Sacramentally present, the Lord sees us and hears us with great intimacy. His heart still beats out of love for us and is the source of all life and holiness. What shall we do, you ask, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament? Love him, adore him, thank him, and ask him - anything. What does a poor man do in the presence of a rich man? What does a sick man ask in the presence of a doctor? Or one who is thirsty, in the sight of a crystal clear fountain? Jesus has what we lack, and need. He is our strength along the road to salvation. We only need to include him in every facet of our life.”

**THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROLING TO SHUT-INS** by Parish Council/Finance Committee members on Mon., Dec. 11, 6:00 pm., meet in the rectory garage. Family members and parishioners are welcome.

**PARISHIONERS IN REST HOMES WHO WOULD APPRECIATE A CHRISTMAS CARD FROM YOU: MEADOWS OF OTTAWA, 147 Putnam Parkway, Ottawa:**

Michael Hovest, Sally Schierloh, Pat Chamberlin, Mary Ann Hanneman, Juanita Blankemeyer, Robert Lally, Delphine Burwell, Ralph Kaufman, Doris Rosengarten, Charlie Kistler, Agnes Karhoff & Mary Lou Ricker

**MEADOWS OF KALIDA, P.O. Box 388, Kalida, OH 45853:** Jerry Schmitz, Ann Bockrath, Margaret Siefker

**MEADOWS OF LEIPSIC, 901 E. Main St., Leipsic:**

Harold Pothast, Mary Ellen Kuhbender & Pat Heurman

**HILTY MEMORIAL, 5570 St. Rt. 12, Pandora 45877:**

Mary Margaret Bockrath

**PUTNAM HERITAGE ASSISTED LIVING, 1380 N. Locust St, Ottawa, OH 45875:** Kathryn Meyer, Rita Maas

*If we missed anyone please call the rectory. Thank you!*

**SERVICE MEN & WOMEN** we are updating our military list. Please inform the rectory 419-538-6928 of any son/daughter if they are still active/inactive/or going to be active, any change of personnel or address changes. Thank you!

**NEWLY UPDATED LIST OF OUR MILITARY (AWAY FROM HOME)**

**Major Darek Schmiedebusch,** 6314 Chaucer View Circle,

Alexandria, VA 22304

**Justin McFarland,** Unit 3 M (Dahike), APO AE 09354

**Tyler McFarland,** 390 Legacy Lades Way, Aberdeen NC 28315

Lois Hermiller's son: Cpl Jacob Zmyslo, 31st MEU CE S-6, Unit 35621, FRO-AP 96385

**PARENTAL BAPTISM CLASS Sun., Jan. 14,** 9:00 – 10:30 AM, in **the church basement** presented by Don Inkrott. Pre-register by calling St. John's Rectory 419-538-6928. Stop by rectory to pick up your book. **Next class will be May 13, 2018.**

**Bulletin and Parish Notification emails: If you would like to receive the bulletin and other parish notifications via email, please let us know by sending an email to [stjohns@bright.net](mailto:stjohns@bright.net)**

**Santa Clara Monastery & Rhoda Wise home & grotto, Canton Ohio Bus Trip for men, women and children**

**Date:** Tuesday, December 5, 2017

**Time:** Bus leaves at 8 AM from Glandorf St. John's parking lot

**Trip Includes:** Mass at Santa Clara Monastery (Mother Angelica was sent here), Rhoda Wise home & grotto tour ([rhodawise.com](http://rhodawise.com)), snacks, water, bus transportation. Meal at your own cost.

**Trip Cost:** \$45 if not paid yet

**Return Time:** approximately 6 PM. Contact Mustard Seed 419 538-7220 for questions.

**Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima**

Our Altar Rosary Society purchased a Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima in 1985. You can request to have this special statue brought to your home for a week. We ask that while hosting the statue you pray the rosary daily for peace in the world and any other intentions you may have. You are more than welcome to invite family, friends, and neighbors to come and pray the rosary with you; however it is not a requirement. All Our Blessed Mother asks is that you pray with her for peace. Marie Strauer is in charge of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue, so please call her at [419-538-6930](tel:419-538-6930) to reserve a week to have Our Lady come to your home.

**Do you crochet or knit? Christian Crocheters want you to be part of our group.** Our group donates items to Blanchard Valley Hospital in Findlay and Bluffton so they can provide infants with warm hats, small blankets, and mittens and adults going through chemotherapy with a new hat. We need more volunteers to help with this effort. The next meeting and drop off of crochet and knitted items will be **Tuesday December 5 at 7:00 in room 12 of the Parish Center**. If you are unable to make the meeting and have crochet or knitted items to donate, please contact Jan Schroeder at 419-615-8620 or 419-538-6351 to arrange a time for the items to be picked up. To-date, our group has donated 1,535 baby hats, small blankets, baby mittens, and adult chemo hats to Blanchard Valley Hospital and they are very appreciative of our efforts. We meet every other month for collection and fellowship. If you crochet or knit, please consider joining our group.

**Attention Seamstresses!!** The St. John's Piecemaker's Group will not meet Tuesday evening, January 16th, from 7:00pm-9:00pm in the old Science Room. If you have any questions, call Diana Meyer 419-538-6437.

**TMIY Week 13** Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00AM cafeteria

**Week 13 - Love is Possible**

In the Battle for Love God Is Fighting For Us  
The Renewal God has in Store for Our Culture  
The Gift of the Life Giving Water  
Water Flowing from the Temple  
The Mystery of Lourdes and the Holy Family  
Man Cannot Live Without Love - JPII  
Love is our Origin and Love is Our Destiny

**Remember Those Who Have Gone Before Us – Dec 3-9**

Omer Meyer 12/3/98	Theresa Schroeder 12/6/96
Stephen J Molnar 12/5/99	Kenneth B Eversole 12/7/80
Lucille Sager 12/5/98	Jeanette M Caseman 12/8/15
Leo Jerwers 12/5/93	Hildegard A Ford 12/8/08
Lawrence H Birkemeier 12/5/82	Daryl L Hunt 12/8/03
Kenneth H Ellerbrock 12/6/16	James Siebeneck 12/8/99
Walter H Schweller 12/6/07	Audrey I Steffes 12/9/14
John (Jack) Nienberg 12/6/01	

**Mustard Seed Gift Shop** is Keeping Christ in Christmas! Christmas items are now on display.

**The Mustard Seed hours:** Tues, Thurs and Fri open 9:00 to 5:00; Wed 12 to 8pm; Saturday 8:00am to 1:00pm. **Store 419-538-7220**

**Brenda Maag 419-235-3106 Julie Barlage 419-303-5366**

**Child Abuse or Neglect** - All suspected or actual acts of physical or sexual child abuse, or neglect must be reported to the Putnam County Children's Services Board first by calling 419-538-4580, ask for a Social Services worker. If after office hours, call the Sheriff's Dept. at 419-523-3208 or 419-523-5346. They have a beeper number to contact a caseworker after office hours. The person who witnessed or was told is to be the person to make the call. The supervisor (Business Manager, Coordinator of Rel. Ed. High School, Rel. Ed. Elementary, Preschool or Youth Group) can be present if requested. When appropriate, next call parents and notify pastor if not already notified. If abuse is by a teacher, parish staff, or volunteer, report incident to Diocese of Toledo after County Caseworker has been notified. Diocese Case Manager is Frank DiLallo 419-244-6711 (800-926-8277) ext. 122, or 419-243-2150 private line. Those who are supervising youth are mandated reporters.

If you are **interested in becoming a priest or brother** of the **Missionaries of the Precious Blood** please contact the Vocations Office: **Rev. Stephen Dos Santos, C.P.P.S., Director of Vocation Ministry** @ 937-228-9263 or [vocation@cpps-preciousblood.org](mailto:vocation@cpps-preciousblood.org) or connect with us on Facebook: [Vocation Ministries Facebook Page](#).

**Dance Aerobics** will start Wednesday January 3rd at 7:30pm to 8:30pm at St. John's Parish Gym. Please bring an exercise mat & weights. This class will be every Wednesday & the cost for the class is \$3.00. The instructor is Holly Flueckiger. Any question please contacts Sandy Meyer at 419-615-8403 or Jill Karhoff at 419-615-0085.

**Automatic E-Giving now available** –you need to fill out an “Automatic Deduction Request” form, which is available on our Saint John's website or you can pick-up forms located in the racks at the side two entrance vestibules in church.

**“NEEDY FAMILIES”** Since this is the time for thanksgiving and giving we would like to help our needy families. If you know of a needy family who would like to be included in the parish “Needy Families Collection” please call the rectory. Thank you!

### STEWARDSHIP

Adults \$8,417.00 Auto Electronic Giving \$778.00 Loose \$1,133.00 Children \$166.53 Total: \$10,494.53  
**Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> - \$1,071.16**

**Heartbeat supplies needed:** wipes and diapers. Heartbeat box is located in south vestibule of church.

**The OTTAWA FOOD PANTRY** Monetary donations are always welcome.

**Thanks for sharing your treasure, time, & talent with your  
St. John's parish family! We are most grateful**

**St. John the Baptist**  
Catholic Church  
GLANDORF, OHIO  
St. George Deanery  
**Missionaries of the Precious Blood**  
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Pastor

**FR. RICK FRIEBEL, C.PP.S.**

Parochial Vicar

**BR. JERRY SCHULTE, C.PP.S.**

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**JOE SCHROEDER**

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**LOUIE HALKER – Church**

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**REGISTRATION** New members should register as soon as possible. Moving out? - please inform the rectory.

**INTERESTED IN SERVING YOUR PARISH?** If you are interested in becoming a Lector, Extraordinary Minister, Usher or in any other way please call the rectory 419-538-6928.

**PARENT SESSIONS** are required by the Toledo Diocese for Infant Baptism, Confirmation, First Eucharist, and First Penance.

**PARENTAL BAPTISM CLASS** – Classes are from 9:00 – 10:30 AM, The 2018 dates are January 14, in church basement, May 13 & September 9, in room 15, in the parish center - presented by Deacon Don Inkrott. Pre-register by calling rectory.

**ROSARY & BENEDICTION 5:00pm** every third Sunday of the month.

**WEDDINGS** The Toledo Diocese requests all dates be set at the rectory at least 6 months in advance. *Pre-Marriage Class required.* Parties who recently joined our parish who do not live within our parish boundaries, or who do not belong to a family already registered in the parish; need to be aware that we cannot schedule a wedding date until six months after the time of registration. The normal six month preparation period would apply from that point. Normally only parishioners and those related to our parishioners marry here. Any other person needs prior permission of his/her pastor.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASS** The Diocese of Toledo has a marriage preparation class, entitled "A Joy-Filled Marriage." This is a mandatory, two-day class. St John's class will be November 4-5, 2017

**DO YOU HAVE YOUR LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT COMPLETED? DID YOU REMEMBER YOUR PARISH, ST. JOHN'S?**

**SACRAMENTAL RECONCILIATION: PENANCE** Saturdays 8:30am & 4:00pm.

**For high school CCD perfect attendance** - in order to receive the \$50 award for *perfect attendance* at the end of your senior year you must attend every CCD class on time and the entire class with no excuses except attending a parish sponsored event.

**DIOCESAN POLICY FOR CYO SPORTS** – All players must be members of the sponsoring parish and/or educational system of the parish in order to play on the parish team.

**PARISH POLICY FOR CYO HIGH SCHOOL & PUTNAM COUNTY GRADE SCHOOL BOY'S & GIRL'S SPORTING TEAMS**

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** Playing any sports this year? You are expected to attend both the Fall & Winter sessions of High School Religious Education Groups or Grade School CCD Classes---plus weekend Saturday or Sunday Mass. This includes all players, coaches and their families. Attendance at these groups/classes will be monitored and reviewed. For each class missed (which is not an excused absence) you will be sitting out one game.—**To play CYO sports, the following are the only excused absences from CCD: sickness, death in family, college visitation day, parish sponsored event, sport tournament games only with O-G athletes/fans involved, and work (up to 3 missed CCD classes due to work). After the third absence due to work, the player is not permitted to play in a game until he/she returns to CCD class.** All other reasons are unexcused. Parents, if your child is sick, please call his/her teacher/leader before class. If necessary, the Parish Council will review attendance or unexcused absence issues on an individual basis. We kindly ask the cooperation of all concerned as we implement this church policy for the good of our parish.

(Fr. Tony– pastor & Jeff Ellerbrock – Council Pres.)