

**Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:** Jim Shroyer, Dorothy Enright, Joni Dray, Mark Montgomery, Jane Mitchell, Marlene Parsley, Audrey Milbourne, Phyllis Kelley, Madelyn Radich, Dan Weisenbach, Tom & Helen Moore, Nichola Storey, Marion Morrison, Don & Rita Schooley, Mary Jo & Shannon Patke, Jane Hodge, Sonja Brown, Karen Roberts, Teresa Dimel, Michelle Stover, Lew & Bobbi Lindner, John Davis, Gene Jaquay, Amy Manning, William Foley, Marjorie Wynne, Margaret Cosgrove, Herman Leidinger, Kathy Maxwell, Mary Kulp, Betty Amore, Thomas Knight, Sue Keeler, Diana Wright, Elizabeth Guy, Eleanor Lelonek, Michael Berger, Lucille Becker, Bill Ervin, Alan Wiseman, Jill Huizer, Vickie Maurer, Gene Davis, Pat Snyder, Frances McNulty, Ken Miller, Kathleen Foley, Joann Colopy, Roma Kay Higgins, Pam Moine, Dotty Kelly, Marge Foley, Mary Jo O'Rourke, Dean Rhodes, Nick Hayes, Marge Casey, Kevin & Danny Campbell, Gene Catlett, Michelle Martin & Albert Scarpitti.

### ***From the pastor...***

Advent comes early this year and will last 26 days before Christmas, almost the longest it can last. (Next year will be the longest: when Christmas falls on a Sunday, there are four full weeks of Advent.) It is the start of the new liturgical year, so we move into Cycle C of the Sunday Scripture readings and cycle II of the weekday Scripture readings. Readers at Mass should be sure to pick up their copies of the Lector's Workbook in the sacristy.

Though at one time, Advent was celebrated as a penitential season, much like Lent, its character has changed with the renewal of the liturgy. While Lent descends for six weeks in a spiral of increasing sadness and compunction only to rise at Easter with a triumphant Alleluia, Advent builds its character of quiet exuberance and felicity continuously throughout the season, arriving at Christmas in a joyful celebration of the Incarnation.

So, rather than fasting from the things we enjoy, we slowly add them: greeting cards are written and sent, favorite treats are prepared, gifts are selected, our homes and worship places are prepared and decorated, our lives are lifted often by a series of gatherings and celebrations at work, at school, with friends. While we wish each other a "Good Lent," at this time of year, our wishes are for a "Happy Advent."

With the busy times of the Season of Advent and Christmas right around the corner, enrolling in *Faith Direct* today is a great way to ensure your gifts of treasure to St. Mary Magdalene are received even if you may be out of town. Please pick up an enrollment form from the parish office today or enroll online at [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) – our Church Code is OH624. Already using *Faith Direct*? Don't forget to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account this fall. Thank you in advance for your support and for using *Faith Direct*!

God Bless, Peace and Blessings to your family!  
The Stewardship Committee

### **Next Sunday's Readings**

Baruch 5:1-9  
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11  
Luke 3:1-6

## **LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS**

### **Saturday, November 28 – Vigil: First Sunday of Advent**

4:00 p.m. Karen Scales Hammond – Ken & Jan Miller

### **Sunday, November 29 – First Sunday of Advent**

9:00 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of  
St. Mary Magdalene Parish

11:00 a.m. Margaret Radich – Mickey Wilgus

### **Monday, November 30 – St. Andrew, Apostle**

8:15 a.m. Karen Scales Hammond – Julia & John Bricker

7:00 p.m. Louis & Matilda Palazzo – Rosa Tavella

### **Tuesday, December 1 – Advent Weekday**

8:15 a.m. Floyd Dickman – Pat Martindale

### **Thursday, December 3 – St. Francis Xavier, Priest**

8:15 a.m. Albert Scales – Delores Harrison

### **Friday, December 4 – Advent Weekday/First Friday**

8:15 a.m. Margaret Maxwell – Gary & Kathy Lageman

### **Saturday, December 5 – Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent**

4:00 p.m. Josephine Duggan – Pamela & Opal Hurd

### **Sunday, December 6 – Second Sunday of Advent**

9:00 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of  
St. Mary Magdalene Parish

11:00 a.m. Lynda Dew – Linda Henry

## **Liturgical Ministers Schedules**

### **Servers for Weekday, November 30-December 4**

Jonathan Quiroz, Wesley Rowe

### **Saturday, December 5 – 4:00 p.m.**

Servers: Jeremiah & Jonas Happ, Evan Gruber

Readers: David Gruber, Daniel Hamilton

Eucharistic Ministers: \* John, Shelley & Ryan Hamilton,  
Evan & Paula Gruber

### **Sunday, December 6 – 9:00 a.m.**

Servers: Henry, Dominic & Mary Tokar,  
Harrison VanTilburg

Readers: Bob Howells, Jane Thomas

Eucharistic Ministers: \*Stephanie & Harrison VanTilburg,  
Henry & Bruce Tokar, Julius Palazzo, Janet &  
Rick Schirtzinger, Maggie Shroyer, Karen Harrison

### **Sunday, December 6 – 11:00 a.m.**

Servers: Brooke & Brett Smith

Readers: Lou Luther, Mary Margaret Gerlach

Eucharistic Ministers: \* Ron & Dee Sexton,  
Martha Shannon, Dennis Shonebarger, David Rose,  
Tamara McConnell, Diane Wright, Diane Puccetti,  
**need volunteer**

### **Servers for Weekday, December 7-11**

Emmanuel Ruiz, Brett Smith

Counters: Martindale, Bennett, Hammonds

Hospitality Committee: (Dec.) John & Cindy Cramer,

Bea & Greg Smith, Laurie Gerardi

Altar Linens: Pat Martindale

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH****Sunday, November 29**

5th Sunday collection for our St. Vincent DePaul Society

10:10 a.m. Bible Study  
No RCIA**Tuesday, December 1**

5:00-6:00 p.m. Fingerprinting

6:15 p.m. Protecting God's Children (Raymond Hall)

**Wednesday, December 2**7:00 p.m. Play Like a Champion Session  
(Raymond Hall)

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

**Thursday, December 3**

6:30 p.m. PREP

**Friday, December 4**

First Friday – Communion to our Shut-ins

**Collection information** will be reported in the next bulletin due to early bulletin deadlines.**FOOD PANTRY** – Next weekend, December 5 and 6, is the first weekend in December and time for the collection of nonperishable items for the SMM Food Pantry. This month, the pantry needs many items: pork & beans, canned meat, green beans, corn, peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit. Thanks for all your help feeding hungry people.**Upcoming Opportunities!**Play like a Champion for Parents Wednesday,  
December 2nd, 7:00 p.m., in St. Raymond Hall  
(COST: \$10.00)SMM Minelli's is Sunday, December 13th, 2:00-9:00 p.m.  
Super Bowl Sub Sale from December 19th-January 15th.  
Delivery in early FebruaryThe next **Catholic Men's Luncheon Club** session will feature Father Michael Hartge, one of the youngest and newest priests of our diocese. His inspirational address will detail his "Path to the Priesthood!" and will be sponsored by the Great American Title Agency (Jason Kiley, president). This event will take place at St. Patrick Church on Friday, December 4. Mass begins at 11:45 a.m., followed by lunch and Fr. Hartge's talk until 1:00 p.m. No reservations necessary. \$10.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! For information on Catholic Men's Luncheons, contact John Schechter, CMLC President, at [jschechter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jschechter@sbcglobal.net).**SMM ANNUAL St. Vincent De Paul Coat Drive** thru December 13. Share the gift of warmth this winter. Please donate new or clean "gently used" children and adult winter coats (hats and gloves). Just place in the dropbox located at the main doors. All donations will be distributed to the less fortunate. There is a great need for coats this winter. Please help as you are able and ask family and friends for donations. Thank you and God Bless. Any questions or for pick-up, please call Sandy Bonneville at 875-5669.**Please remember in your prayers our parish family members serving in the military:** Jon Kelley and Sean Regan.**West Deanery Advent Penance Service  
at St. Cecilia Church (434 Norton Road)****Sunday, December 13th  
at 3:00 p.m.**It is once again time for **SMM Garden Club's Christmas Cookie Sale!** We are asking all parishioners to bake cookies for this annual fund raiser that helps maintain our award-winning church and school grounds. Please put cookies in a nonreturnable container and drop off at the Church Office (9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.) or School Office (7:45 a.m.-2:00 p.m.) on Friday, December 11th, or to the Church Hall on Saturday, no later than 10:00 a.m. Questions? Call Karen Harrison at 878-0845 and, if no answer, leave a message with phone number. Happy Cookie Baking!**Giving Tree Program is now underway.** Please return the gifts no later than December 14th.**Catholic Conversations** ~ December 6 at Old Bag of Nails, Hilliard, 6:00-8:00 p.m. St. Margaret of Cortona Parish invites you to **join in the conversation** of *Why do Catholics do that at Mass?* Presenter: Deacon Andy Naporano. The event is FREE to attend; you just pay for your food and drink of choice. There will be social time, a presentation, and Q&A. Open to all who are 21 years old and up. Connect with one another and bring our Catholic faith and conversation into our community! Join us at Old Bag of Nails in Hilliard, located at 4065 Main Street, Hilliard, OH 43026, in the private room located upstairs, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. RSVP appreciated for room setup. Contact Nancy Whetstone at [nancywhetstone@gmail.com](mailto:nancywhetstone@gmail.com) or Julie Naporano at [julienaporano1@gmail.com](mailto:julienaporano1@gmail.com).**Rest in Beauty:** Work, ministry activity, and volunteerism can sometimes take a lot from us. Increasingly, those on the front lines of defending life, family, and faith risk suffering from compassion fatigue or ministry burnout. The Rest in Beauty mini-retreat will take a look at these issues and their solutions. The retreat will be held December 5th, from 12:30 until 4:00 p.m., with keynote Sr. Mary Frances Seeley and an opportunity for praise and worship, Adoration, Confession, and prayer. There is no cost to attend, but preregistration is required. Learn more information or register today at [www.gctrl.org/retreat](http://www.gctrl.org/retreat).**THIS WEEKEND**5th Sunday collection for our St. Vincent De Paul Society  
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