

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:

Kenny Quinn, Jean Sapp, Jim Shroyer, Joni Dray, Mark Montgomery, Jane Mitchell, Marlene Parsley, Audrey Milbourne, Phyllis Kelley, Madelyn Radich, 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.

Please remember in your prayers those who have died especially: Ed VanTilburg, father of our parishioner, Tim VanTilburg. May God grant peace and comfort to his family!

From the pastor...

Josephine Bakhita was born in Sudan, kidnapped at the age of seven, sold into slavery and given the name Bakhita, which means *fortunate*. She was re-sold several times, finally in 1883 to Callisto Legnani, Italian consul in Khartoum, Sudan.

Two years later, he took Josephine to Italy and gave her to his friend Augusto Michieli. Bakhita became babysitter to Mimmina Michieli, whom she accompanied to Venice's Institute of the Catechumens, run by the Canossian Sisters. While Mimmina was being instructed, Josephine felt drawn to the Catholic Church. She was baptized and confirmed in 1890, taking the name Josephine.

When the Michielis returned from Africa and wanted to take Mimmina and Josephine back with them, the future saint refused to go. During the ensuing court case, the Canossian sisters and the patriarch of Venice intervened on Josephine's behalf. The judge concluded that since slavery was illegal in Italy, she had actually been free since 1885.

Josephine entered the Institute of St. Magdalene of Canossa in 1893 and made her profession three years later. She soon became well loved by the children attending the sisters' school and the local citizens.

The first steps toward her beatification began in 1959. She was beatified in 1992 and canonized eight years later.

The Josephine Bakhita liturgical dancers are the artists of this year's Advent Concert at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, December 20 in church. Give yourself (and the kids) a nice time of enjoyment and relaxation. Invite friends and neighbors.

Next Sunday's Readings

Micah 5:1-4a
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Saturday, December 12 –

Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. Msgr. Ruef – Bobbi & Lew Lindner

Sunday, December 13 – Third Sunday of Advent

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

11:00 a.m. Margaret Maxwell – Delores Harrison

Monday, December 14 – Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:15 a.m. Jeff Schmidt – Kathy Puccetti

7:00 p.m. Donald & Catherine Stoffel – Stoffel Family

Tuesday, December 15 –

Advent Weekday

8:15 a.m. Russ Bagent – Jim & Kathy Mergon

Thursday, December 17 –

Late Advent Weekday Advent Weekday

8:15 a.m. Mary Ann Amann – Delores Harrison

Friday, December 18 –

Late Advent Weekday

8:15 a.m. Karen Scales Hammond – Linda & Fred Shell

Saturday, December 19 –

Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. Margaret Radich – Delores Harrison

Sunday, December 20 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

11:00 a.m. Albert Scales – Dent Family

Liturgical Ministers Schedules

Servers for Weekday, December 14-18

Josh Taylor, Cree Tilley

Saturday, December 19 – 4:00 p.m.

Servers: Gabby & Cheyenne Blackburn, Jesus Magdaleno

Readers: Julia Bricker, Lisa Cipriano

Eucharistic Ministers: *Tina, Amber &

Samantha Daniels, Kelly Martin, Rocco Fumi

Sunday, December 20 – 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Cade, Cael & Cullen Dent, Anna Lowery

Readers: Joff Moine, Carole Marsh

Eucharistic Ministers: * Jan Ries, Kevin &

Brian Montgomery, Dick Rammel, Greg Smith,

Jim & Dee Slee, Anna Lowery, Kathy Puccetti

Sunday, December 20 – 11:00 a.m.

Servers: Tony Puccetti, Jonathan Quiroz, Wesley

Readers: Peggy & Tim Landers

Eucharistic Ministers: *Jack & Nancy Smith,

Andrew & Charles Rowe, Karin Carrier, Betty,

Joe & Brian Regan, **need volunteer**

Servers for Weekday, December 21-23

Sage Tilley, Mary Tokar

Counters: Regans and Schirtingers

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, December 13

- Garden Club Cookie Sale
- Noon PREP High Caroling
- 2:00-9:00 p.m. SMM Day at Minelli's
- 3:00 p.m. Advent Penance Service at St. Cecilia
- 10:10 a.m. Bible Study

Monday, December 14

- Deadline for Giving Tree Gifts
- Eucharistic Holy Hour after 8:15 a.m. Mass
- Parish Council following 7:00 p.m. Mass

Wednesday, December 16

- 7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Athletic Association Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. SMM Christmas Program
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Thursday, December 17

- 6:30 p.m. PREP

Friday, December 18

Last day of school for Christmas Break

Saturday, December 19

SMM 8th grade Sub Sale fund raiser begins

Parish and School Expense	December 5 & 6
(net of tuition and cost reimbursement)	\$6,809.00
Regular Sunday Collection # of Env. – 138	\$6,662.00
Online Giving	-----
Children Sunday Collection # of Env.– 9	\$ 7.00
Other Parish Income	\$ 80.00
Net	-\$ 60.00
Net Month-to-date	-\$ 60.00
Net Fiscal Year 2015-2016 to date	-\$3,624.00

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 – 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

Thank you to Maeder Quint Tiberi Funeral Services (1068 S. High Street) **for providing us once again with the beautiful 2016 calendars.** The calendars are a huge expense that we could not otherwise afford.

The 50+ group provides experienced adults with spiritual, social, educational, and service activities, as well as fellowship in a welcoming environment. The group meets on the second Sunday of each month, after the 12:30 p.m. Mass, in the Undercroft of the Cathedral. Adults age 50 and up – all are welcome! For more information, contact Ruth Holt at ruthholt.1@gmail.com.

The Catholic Men's Conference is looking for a few good men to sing in the Men's Conference Choir at the annual Catholic Men's Conference on February 27, 2016 at the Voinovich Building on the Ohio State Fairgrounds. We will hold one or two rehearsals prior to the event at a date, time, and location to be determined. Please consider attending the Men's Conference and singing with us at this exciting event! Contact Christopher Walsh at cwalsh5358@gmail.com or at 464-2392 to sign up or for more information.

Our Advent Concert
Sunday, December 20 at 3:00 p.m.

We welcome the Bakhita Dancers!
Ministry of St. Dominic Church

“Our purpose is to Glorify God through our expression and movements in dance and to say Thank You to Him for all He is and all He has done, is doing and will do in our lives. Our mission is to praise the Holy name of Jesus our Lord bringing forth the Word to motivate and minister to others and to ourselves.”

Freewill offering accepted.

Nominations now open for the 2016 Catholic Man of the Year. The Catholic Men's Luncheon Club is accepting nominations. This annual award recognizes one lay man who, through his daily actions, words, and prayers, exemplifies the “good and faithful servant.” Bishop Frederick Campbell will present the award on Friday, February 5 at the Catholic Men's Luncheon. Nominations will be accepted through December 28th. For details and nomination instructions, go to www.plugInCatholicMen.com. Completed nominations and supporting letters should be emailed to catholicmanoftheyear@gmail.com. Submit a nomination and let everyone know that your husband, father, son, uncle, brother or friend is the Catholic Man of the Year.

Please remember in your prayers our parish family members serving in the military: Eric Hovey, Jonathan Thomas, Jon Kelley and Sean Regan.

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Diocesan collection for the Retirement Fund/Religious. Please place your envelope in at the regular collection.