

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:

Joann Coughlin, Barbara (Rhodes) Dillon, Patricia Higgins, Ann Shroyer, Brian Carten, Albert Scarpitti, Janice Holtschulte, Lew Lindner, Maggie Cosgrove, Patsy Geiger, Judy Sapp Burke, Rosie Crego, Kenny Quinn, Joni Dray, Mildred & Marlene Parsley, Audrey Milbourne, Madelyn Radich, Tom & Helen Moore, Nichola Storey, Don & Rita Schooley, Mary Jo & Shannon Patke, Karen Roberts, Teresa Dimel, Michelle Stover, John Davis, Amy Manning, William Foley, Kathy Maxwell, Mary Kulp, Betty Amore, Thomas Knight, Sue Keeler, Elizabeth Guy, Eleanor Lelonek, Alan Wiseman, Frances McNulty, Ken Miller, Kathleen Foley, Joann Colopy, Pam Moine, Dotty Kelly, Marge Foley, Dean Rhodes, Nick Hayes, Marge Casey, Gene Catlett & Michelle Martin.

From the pastor...

St. Mary Magdalene School has received a \$5,273.00 grant to repair storm water evacuation drains beneath St. Raymond Hall. The total cost is expected to be a bit more than \$7,000.00. These cracked and blocked drains are causing cracking in the walls of St. Raymond Hall, as well as downspout overflow into the building.

In the past 14 years, St. Mary Magdalene School and St. Mary Magdalene Parish have received more than \$200,000.00 in grants from the Catholic Foundation. We truly have been blessed by capital, program, and operating grants. We are currently in the Phase II application process requesting a \$20,000.00 grant to repair the storm water drainage system from the church building to solve the problem of periodic flooding of the Church Hall. This project will cost between \$20,000.00 and \$25,000.00. Because of the great number of grant requests for funding, even if we do receive a capital grant, it is quite unlikely to be for the full amount requested. Nevertheless, we are grateful for still being considered, thus far, in the process.

Please remember our Westside Advent Penance Service this afternoon at 3:00 at St. Aloysius Church.

We join together to celebrate this sacramental occasion partly because of the growing demands on the schedules of the declining number of priests, but also to build solidarity in the Westside Catholic Community.

Next Sunday, December 18, at 3:00 p.m., is our **Annual Advent Concert** with guest musicians *Los Corderos de Jesus* from St. Agnes Parish, including several SMM students.

A BIG thank-you to Maeder Quint Tiberi Funeral Services for once again supplying our beautiful calendars for the New Year. Please take a moment to thank them if you happen to be paying your respects there.

Please see the volunteer sheets for Christmas and Solemnity of Mary Masses.

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Saturday, December 10 – Vigil:

Third Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. Victoria Maurer – Carol Parlette

Sunday, December 11 – Third Sunday of Advent

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

11:00 a.m. Mary Gerardi – Karin Carrier & Family

Monday, December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:15 a.m. Victoria Ann Maurer – Joe & Betty Regan

7:00 p.m. Intention of Celebrant

Tuesday, December 13 – Advent Weekday

8:15 a.m. Rita Albee – Tom & Mary Margaret Gerlach

Thursday, December 15 – Advent Weekday

8:15 a.m. Albert Scales – Luella Albert

Friday, December 16 – Advent Weekday

8:15 a.m. Karen Scales Hammond – Toni Boehm Long

Saturday, December 17 – Vigil:

Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. Joe Bennett – Lew & Bobbi Lindner

Sunday, December 18 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

11:00 a.m. John Benedetto – Kathy Puccetti

Liturgical Ministers Schedules

Servers for Weekday, December 12-16

Conlan & Cael Dent

Saturday, December 17 – 4:00 p.m.

Servers: Jeremiah & Jonas Happ

Readers: Danny Hamilton, Pat Martindale

Greeters: Tony Swaneck, Bobbi Lindner, Gloria Angelo

Eucharistic Ministers: *John & Shelley Hamilton, Jeremiah Happ, Kelly Martin, Need Volunteer

Sunday, December 18 – 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Josh Taylor, Dominic & Mary Tokar

Readers: Richard Thomas, Paul Tokar

Greeters: Patrick Stumpp, Rick Schirtzinger, David Creighton

Eucharistic Ministers: *Bruce & Dominic Tokar,

Patrick Cahill, Julius Palazzo, Maggie Shroyer,

Janet & Rick Schirtzinger, Pam & Joff Moine

Sunday, December 18 – 11:00 a.m.

Servers: Brooke & Brett Smith, Jonathan Quiroz, Nathaniel Walker

Readers: Joanne Davis, Peggy Walker

Greeters: Joe Regan, Julie Marmon, Chuck Rowe

Eucharistic Ministers: *Alice Carrier, Dee & Ron Sexton, Dennis Shonebarger, Diana Wright, David Rose, Tamara McConnell, Diane Puccetti, Need Volunteer

Servers for Weekday, December 19-23

Tony Puccetti, Jonathan Quiroz

Counters: Martindale, Bricker, Hammonds

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, December 11

- Garden Club Cookie Sale
- 10:10 a.m. Bible Study
- 12:00 noon Prep High Caroling at Hilltop Senior Village
- 3:00 p.m. West Deanery Penance Service at St. Aloysius
- 7:00 p.m. RCIA

Monday, December 12

- Eucharistic Holy Hour following 8:15 a.m. Mass
- Parish Council following 7:00 p.m. Mass

Tuesday, December 13

- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Wednesday, December 14

- 7:00 p.m. SMM Christmas Program
- 7:00 p.m. K of C Meeting

Thursday, December 15

- 6:30 p.m. PREP & ESL

Parish and School Expense (net of tuition and cost reimbursement)	December 3 & 4 \$ 6,516.00
Regular Sunday Collection	
Number of Envelopes – <u>131</u>	\$ 6,315.00
Online Giving	----
Children Sunday Collection	
Number of Envelopes – <u>10</u>	\$ 5.00
Other Parish Income	\$ 121.00
Bazaar	\$ 4,891.00
Quilt Raffle	\$ 1,011.00
Net	+\$ 5,827.00
Net Month-to-date	+\$ 5,827.00
Net Fiscal Year 2016-2017-to-date	+\$ 3,594.00

In this season of Advent, we are continuously preparing ourselves for the celebration of Christ’s birth. **Why not help our parish prepare for the coming new year by signing up with Faith Direct?** By supporting St. Mary Magdalene through Faith Direct, both you and our parish can save some time and peace of mind this holiday season. Already using Faith Direct? Don’t forget to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: OH624. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

God Bless You,
The Stewardship Committee

SMM Annual St. Vincent De Paul Coat Drive now through December 17th. Please donate new, clean or “gently used” children and adult winter coats (hats and gloves), and place in drop box located at main doors. There is a great need for coats this winter. Please help as you are able.

You can help spread the **Reason for the Season** by buying a vehicle Nativity magnet for only \$5.00 from the Knights of Columbus. The magnets will be sold after the Masses in the back of the church.

Advent Concert

December 18, at 4:00 p.m.
“Los Corderos De Jesus”
“The Lambs of Jesus”
Choir from St. Agnes

The group includes several SMM students.

LATE CHRISTMAS DAY MASS: If you or someone you know is seeking a late Sunday Mass on Christmas Day because of work or other obligations, Saint Joseph Cathedral, 212 East Broad Street, Columbus, will be offering a late Christmas Day Mass at 5:15 p.m. as part of their regular Sunday Mass schedule. For more information, call the Cathedral at 614-224-1295, or visit www.saintjosephcathedral.org.

Blue Christmas Mass – St. Thomas More Newman Center will offer a Blue Christmas Mass at 7:00 p.m. on December 24. This Christmas Eve Mass is intended especially for people who may not feel joyful during the holiday season or who may be experiencing life challenges. The differences between Blue Christmas and other Christmas Eve liturgies are small but poignant. The music and entire tone of Blue Christmas is quiet and reflective. While this is a Roman Catholic Mass, we welcome all who are seeking a place of comfort and healing. For more information, call 614-291-4674 or email mailbox@buckeyecatholic.com. The Newman Center is located at 64 W. Lane Avenue, Columbus, OH 43201.

Support the Legacy of St. Mary Magdalene Parish by making a year-end gift to the Shannon Whyte, Rosemary Lacey, Neil J. Stoffel and St. Mary Magdalene Parish Endowment Fund. Your tax-deductible gift will benefit our parish for years to come. For more information, contact James A. Anzelmo, VP Development, The Catholic Foundation, at 614-443-8893 or janzelmo@catholic-foundation.org.

THIS WEEKEND

- Garden Club Cookie Sale
- Religious Retirement Collection –
Please put envelope in the regular collection.
- 10:10 a.m. Bible Study
- 12:00 noon PREP High Caroling at Hilltop Senior Village
- 3:00 p.m. West Deanery Penance Service at St. Aloysius
- 7:00 p.m. RCIA

2016 Offertory Contribution Forms: Those who would like their contribution records for tax purposes are asked to fill out the coupon below and drop it in the collection basket. We will mail these no later than the week of January 23. Those who are participating in Faith Direct will receive a statement from them.

Name: _____

Address: _____