

3rd Sunday OF ADVENT



WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13, 2020

SUN 12/13	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
MON 12/14	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27
TUE 12/15	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32
WED 12/16	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23
THR 12/17	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
FRI 12/18	Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
SAT 12/19	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
SUN 12/20	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13, 2020

Sunday:	3 rd Sunday of Advent
Monday:	St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday:	4 th Sunday of Advent

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

What gives you joy? Joy is discovered when we connect with something or someone very deeply and experience a dimension of ourselves that material or secular possessions cannot bring. Joy is stumbled upon when we see our newly born child for the first time, get caught up in the vastness of a mountain landscape, and are led out into infinity gazing at an ocean's horizon, or being lovingly present with someone when they are vulnerable and in need. Joy is a profound experience that in its uniqueness grounds us in ultimate truth. Did you know that all authentic, profound, and memorable moments of joy mirror the eternal joy we desire from God? We can have glimpses of this eternal Divine joy as we embark upon our earthly journey, mirrored in our human connections with joy, but experienced directly during moments of deep prayer. God is the joy of my soul. Ponder those intense words! You will know moments of true and real joy by paying attention to your response to the experience. You will find yourself rejoicing and saying thank you.



*The desire
for God
is written
in the
human
heart.*

Masses For The Week

**Monday - 12/14 - St. John of the Cross**

9:00 a.m. - Anthony & Mary Halter & Family
(Ray & Pat)

Tuesday - 12/15

9:00 a.m. - Catherine & John Peters & Family
(Ray & Pat)

Wednesday - 12/16 (School Mass)

8:20 a.m. - LIVING Veronica Maier (Rose Maier)

Thursday - 12/17

No Mass

Friday - 12/18

9:00 a.m. - Ernest Jackson (Bessie, Chantell & Nickole)

Saturday - 12/19

4:30 p.m. - Gene Hammer (daughter, Cheryl Marsh)

Sunday - 12/20 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 a.m. - People of Our Parish

10:30 a.m. - Peter Eaglowski (Vickie Davide)

2021 Calendars: will be available after Mass this weekend and each weekend until Christmas.

The Sanctuary Candle – is prayerfully lit in memory of Regina Paris from Carol & Joe Vilhosky.

Flowers on the Altar – are for Ernie Jackson from wife, Bessie.

Tree in the Narthex

You may have noticed that new ornaments are now hanging on the tree in the Narthex where the tags from the Giving Tree once hung. Students from St. Barbara School and PSR programs decorated ornaments for the tree by writing what they are thankful for and what Christmas means to them. We hope you enjoy our students' insight!

Vocations:

"The One who calls you is faithful." Will you be faithful to His call? Listen; God may be inviting you to be a priest, deacon or consecrated religious. Contact Father Scott Kopp at (330) 744-8451 or email skopp@youngstowndiocese.org.

On November 17th, 2020, Pope Francis appointed Reverend J. Bonnar the 6th Bishop of Youngstown. The Mass of Ordination and Installation will take place on Tuesday, January 12th, 2021 at 2:00 pm. Due to the limitations imposed by the current pandemic, the number of invitations has been severely restricted. You are invited to watch the ceremony via live stream on our diocesan website at doy.org/media/cathedral. A re-broadcast on ETC-Ecumenical Television Channel is scheduled for Thursday, January 14th, 2021 at 10:30 am and 8:00 pm.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES:

SATURDAY - 4:30 p.m. - SUNDAY - 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
HOLYDAY VIGIL - 7:00 p.m. - HOLYDAY - 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
WEEKDAY - Monday, Tuesday, Friday, 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, 8:20 a.m. (School Mass)
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - SATURDAY - 3:30 p.m.

December 5-6, 2020

Weekly Budget	\$ 12,621.00
Needy	\$ \$560.00
Reg. Collection	\$ 5,192.00
Mail-in	\$ 4,716.66
On Line	\$ 2,275.00
Total	\$ 12,183.66
Deficit	(\$ - 437.34)

Mass Attendance

209 - 4:30 - 65; 8:00 - 56; 10:30 - 88

Envelopes 73**Online Viewers: 464**

In Memoriam: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rebecca Scheetz of our parish, beloved parishioner who passed away. Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord, and may she rest in peace.

Giving Tree

Thanks again to the entire parish for your assistance in helping with this year's giving tree. All angels have been taken!!

The gifts are due back THIS weekend following the 10:30 am Mass. Remember to follow the directions on your angel, as some say Do Not Wrap and others require the activation slip. All of the gives need to be returned by this Sunday, as they will be sorted and prepared for the families to pick up. After the December 13th deadline, it is too late to get the gifts to the families. Thank you so much for making Christmas bright-er for those less fortunate!!

Lectors - Saturday/Sunday

4:30 p.m. - 12/19 - P. Brockmeier

8:00 a.m. - 12/20 - K. Mitchell

10:30 a.m. - 12/20 - P. Martin

Sacristans - Saturday/Sunday

4:30 p.m. - 12/19 - M. Kring

8:00 a.m. - 12/20 - S. Brenner

10:30 a.m. - 12/20 - P. Martin

THANKSGIVING

The Stark Deanery Council of Catholic Women wishes you a heart-warming Thank You for your participating in our united effort with the NCCW and Cross Catholic Outreach to bring over 200 Boxes of Joy to children in developing countries this Christmas.

A special Thank You to Amy Davis and the PSR students and families for your true missionary spirit. A warm Thanks to the Caring Stitchers for your contributions. Once again St. Barbara's Community has displayed God's Love Abundantly.

GOD BLESS YOU AND MAY YOU HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!

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Dear Parishioners,

As we reach the midpoint of Advent 2020, it has been an unusual Advent. With the COVID virus present, we have all slowed down a bit, since this is way beyond our control. So let us try to make the best of it. As we slowdown in our material preparations, may we speed up in our spiritual preparation. It is my prayer that during these last two weeks of Advent, we may find more time for God, our relatives, and friends. Hopefully this year we can renew lost time, time that would have been spent on shopping for material things that are not really that important. I think that the one good thing that has come out of this virus is that so many people have begun to realize that relationships are all that matters as we journey through time. Make it a good week!

God Bless,
Fr. Brian

NOTICE

Due to the rising number of cases of COVID-19, and in an effort to keep our staff and parishioners safe, the parish office will be closed to visitors. The staff will still be available to answer phone calls and assist with any questions. If you need to drop something off for a staff member, please do so in the locked mailbox next to the front door. We apologize for the inconvenience, but safety must be our priority during these uncertain times.

Office Hours:

Monday	8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Tuesday	8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Wednesday	8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Thursday	CLOSED
Friday	10:00 am - 4:30 pm

Stewardship:

Today's Responsorial Psalm recalls the words of Mary when she agreed to be the mother of God. Her words outline the life of a Christian steward. She recognizes all of the good things the Almighty has done, including filling the hungry with good things, coming to help His servant, and – personally to Mary – that he “has done great things” for her. Mary recognized all of these things and gave her whole life to the Lord. When the Lord asks us to make sacrifices in our own lives – sacrifices far less than Mary made – the Christian steward heartily accepts!

Reconciliation

With Communal Penance being cancelled this year, each of the parishes in our region are offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation at different dates and times. Below is a list of what we have so far and we will update this information as we receive it.

St. Barbara

Saturdays from 3:30 - 4:30 pm

St. Joseph, Massillon

Saturday, December 19th from 11:00 am - Noon & 2:30 - 3:30 pm
Monday, December 21st from 11:00 - 11:30 am
Tuesday, December 22nd from 1:00 - 1:30 pm
Wednesday, December 23rd from 7:00 - 8:00 pm

St. Mary, Massillon

Saturdays at 11:00 am
Friday, December 18th from 7:00 - 8:00 pm



~ A Prayer for Our New Bishop ~
BISHOP-ELECT REVEREND DAVID J. BONNAR

Almighty God, eternal shepherd and guide,
in your love for us,

You have blessed the Diocese of Youngstown
with a shepherd to lead us to be Christ's heart of mercy,
voice of hope, and hands of justice.

May Bishop-Elect Bonnar fill our minds and hearts
with the truth of the Gospel,
the power of the sacraments
and the desire to build up your holy Church
so that "All May Be One."

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Knight's of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic fraternal organization in the world. The group consists of faithful, hardworking men ages 18 and up, however most of the events are for the entire family! As members of your local Knights of Columbus Council, (**Massillon Council 554**), we would love to see you join us as a new member. We are involved in many activities such as parish breakfasts, parish corporate communions, pro-life movements, coats for kids, community festivals, and activities for the entire family! All you have to do to get signed up is go to <https://www.kofc.org/apps/joinus/en/registration/index.html>. On the second page of registration, when you click the checkbox that you wish to join a council, enter (**554**) in the text box to ensure that you will join our council. Also, at checkout, enter the code MCGIVNEY2020, and you will become a member for FREE for your first year (offer is valid thru 12-31-2020). Once signed up, the Grand Knight, (**Ken McLaughlin**), will give you a call a few days after you have signed up, and will advise you of the next steps. If you have any questions, please call or text Grand Knight (**Ken McLaughlin**) at (**330-571-1203**). Thank you for considering joining our organization and expanding upon your honors as a Catholic Gentleman!

Youth Ministry Fundraiser

Is there anyone on your holiday shopping list that is difficult to buy for? With all of the anxiety and stress from 2020, consider giving your loved ones a gift that promotes hope and encouragement. Shop for Catholic books and resources online at

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Lights

We have received some questions regarding the lights on the altar. Please know that these lights are off during the 4:30 pm Mass on Saturdays and the 10:30 am Mass on Sundays for recording purposes. If the lights behind the Altar are on, the recording becomes blurry and washed out. We apologize for the inconvenience.



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