

# First Sunday of Advent

Schedule of Masses, Services and Devotions

**December 1 to December 9, 2007**

## Weekend Masses:

### STM

Saturday Dec 1 Vigil: First Sunday of Advent  
5:00pm **Louis Palagyi** by Dick & Martha Capela

Sunday Dec 2 First Sunday of Advent

STM 8:00am **John P. Cerni** by wife, Peg  
**Pro-populo (For the People)**

SFC 11:00am **Deceased members of the George Wnoroski Family**  
by Family

## Weekday Mass/Communion Service with Morning Prayer

### SFC Hall

Monday Dec 3 St. Francis Xavier, priest  
7:30am **Bernadette Baracz** by Chris & Everett Collins & Family

Tuesday Dec 4 St. John of Damascus, bishop, doctor  
7:30am **Mary Bean** by Brent & Tine Freeman

### STM

Wed. Dec 5 Advent Weekday  
10:00am **Funeral Mass**

### SFC Hall

Thursday Dec 6 St. Nicholas, bishop  
7:30am **Rev. Patrick Dempster**

### STM

Friday Dec 7 Vigil: The Immaculate Conception  
6:00pm **Margaret Palagyi** by Steve Wassie

### SFC

Saturday Dec 8 The Immaculate Conception  
10:00am **Paul Coccitto** by Paul Coccitto Family

## Weekend Masses:

### STM

Saturday Dec 8 Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent  
5:00pm **Bill Kinney** by Family

Sunday Dec 9 Second Sunday of Advent

STM 8:00am **Gertrude Pacansky** by Daughter & Family

SFC 11:00am **Dorothy Kapella** by Jane Kapella  
**Pro-populo (For the People)**

**"Time with Thomas" has moved to Wednesdays at Noon!**

**"Time with Thomas"** is broadcast LIVE on Wednesdays at Noon and then replayed the following Saturday at 9:30am on WWOW Radio 1360AM. Father's guest this week will be Renea Roach director of the Conneaut Food Pantry.

St. Mary/St. Frances Cabrini Faith Community will celebrate **Advent Lessons and Carols** with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at St. Mary Church on Sunday, December 2 at 6pm. Fellowship will follow in St. Mary Hall. Good Shepherd Lutheran members will provide cookies. Our Faith Community will take care of setting up and serving. If you are able to read a Lesson or help with serving, please call Sr. Barbara at 599-8570 as soon as possible.

Our weekend **Mass is now being video taped** to be shown on the **Conneaut Cable Access Channel** at 3pm on Sunday afternoons. The tapings will alternate between the 5pm and 11am Masses.

## Sanctuary Candle

### Intentions

St. Mary

In Memory of:

Clyde Seager

by wife, Sophia

Dean Dickinson

by wife

St. Frances Cabrini

In Memory of:

James Armeni

by Family

Carmen & Christopher Coppola

by Coppola Family

### This Week

Sunday, Dec 2

**9:15-10:45am**

CCD

**8:30am-1:00pm**

Parish Buffet Breakfast/Children's  
Breakfast with Santa, SFC Hall

Monday, Dec 3

**4:30-6:30pm**

Parish Dinner, SFC Hall

**6:30-8:00pm**

Bible Study, Parish Offices

Wednesday Dec 5

Noon

"Time with Thomas"

**6:00pm**

CDofA Christmas Party, SFC Hall

**6:30-8:00pm**

RCIA, Parish Offices

Thursday Dec 6

**6:00pm**

Cara Mia Christmas Party,  
SFC Hall

Saturday Dec 8

Blessing of Creche & Refreshments  
after 10am Mass, SFC

Blessing of Creche & Refreshments  
after 5pm Mass, STM

Sunday, Dec 9

12 Noon

Sr. Barbara 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday Luncheon  
SFC Hall

## Scripture Readings, Dec 9, 2007

Isaiah 11: 1-10

Romans 15: 4-9

Matthew 3: 1-12(4)



## Stewardship Update

### Last Week

Budgeted \$6,328      Actual \$6,167.55      232 Env.

### Fiscal YTD

Budgeted \$139,216      Actual \$137,129.31      -\$2086.69

**Retirement Fund for Religious**      \$2,821

### Thank you for your generosity

A **personal note of thanks** to all who “Shared in the Care” by your generous donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious. We are touched by your caring and sharing. **-Sisters Olimpia, Jean Marie and Barbara and the 37,000 religious women and men whom you care about.**

*The Giving Trees* are now up in the Sanctuaries of our churches. Please take a gift tag from the tree if you are able to share with those in need this Christmas Season. Please sign the sheet on the podium next to the Giving Tree indicating the number on the tag that you have taken along with your name and phone number.

**Sign up Sheets for Liturgical Ministers for the Christmas and New Years Masses** are in the Church Sacristies. Please sign up to help share in the Masses celebrating our Lord’s birth.

**Sr. Barbara is turning 65!** There will be a Birthday luncheon in honor of Sr. Barbara on Sunday, Dec. 9 after the 11am Mass at SFC Hall. All are welcome to join the celebration. **Reservations are not required but would be appreciated.** Please call the Parish Offices by Friday, Dec. 7 if you know you will be attending.

**Next weekend** we will be blessing the crèche at both parishes. On Sat., Dec. 8, a crèche made in *Memory of Paul Coccitto* will be blessed following the 10am Holyday Mass at SFC. Hot Chocolate and donuts will be available in SFC Hall following the blessing. The crèche at St. Mary Church will be blessed on Sat. Dec. 8 following the 5pm vigil Mass. Hot chocolate and cookies will be available in STM Hall following the blessing.

The State Street Diner will hold the **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Make a Difference Fund Raiser** to assist the Conneaut Food Pantry Emergency Food Assistance Program on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from open to close. 100% of the proceeds go to the Food Pantry.

**Community Auto** is offering oil changes for a toy. Bring a \$15-\$20 toy to Community Auto before Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> and get your oil changed. Toys will be donated to the STM/SFC Giving Tree. Call 599-5544 for an appointment.

**The KofC** will seek local donations for potatoes for HALO Dec. 15 and 16. Workers are needed.

## **SAVE the DATE, December 15 - Lock-In at SFC.**

All youth in grades 7-12 are welcome to participate. Further details will be posted. See Sheila Sherman, Samantha Kandre, or Chelsea Reydak with any questions.

The monthly parish **Breakfast Buffet** is from 8:30am until 1pm this Sun., Dec. 2 at SFC Hall. **Santa** will be arriving at 12 noon with presents for all those children under 10 years of age who were signed up for the party!

The monthly **Parish Dinner** is Mon. Dec.3 from 4:30-6:30pm at SFC Hall. This month we’re serving Salisbury Steak. Adults \$8/Seniors \$7/ Children \$4.

**We are in need of Lectors for the weekly 5:00pm Vigil Mass.** Please call the Parish Offices if you would be interested in this ministry.

**The Advent Communal Penance Service** will be held at 6pm Wednesday, December 12 at St. Frances Cabrini Church. Prepare for Christmas in the Advent Season with the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance!

**Merger Plan Question:** Why can’t our weekly envelopes be in the back of the church to be picked up each month in order to save on postage?

**Answer:** Envelopes are mailed 6 times/year at a cost of about \$55/ mailing, which is just over \$300/parish per year. The collection for the Initial Offering offsets the majority of this cost. The concern is for the number of envelopes that possibly would not be picked up from the back of the church.

**The Kremer Home Open House** is this Sunday, Dec 2 from 2-4pm at 455 Main St. Come hungry!

**Attention prayerful single women & men:** Are you called to religious life? Find out by attending an exciting free Live-in Experience. FMI on dates & locations see the church bulletin boards.

**Ministry Day 2008** – Once again, we will be putting together a Power Point presentation for Ministry Day which will be in April of 2008. If you have any digital pictures of parish events from last April until now and would be willing to submit them for the presentation, they may be emailed to the Parish Offices or burned onto a CD. Also, volunteer photographers are needed to take digital pictures at various parish events from now until April to also be used in the presentation. The pictures can be emailed to the Parish Offices or burned to a CD. If you are willing to take digital pictures for this presentation, please contact the Parish Offices.

**Medicare Part D** – There will be a free event to discuss what’s new with Medicare Part D in 2008. The event is being held this Sunday, December 2 at the 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church at 12:30 and includes a lunch. FMI call 593-2525.

**Counseling Assistance Fund.** The Church is committed to helping those who have been harmed as a result of sexual abuse by representatives of the church. According to mental health professionals, counseling is a vital component of the healing process for survivors of childhood sexual abuse. The Church recognizes, however, that there are people who are reluctant to contact the church for help. This new Counseling Assistance Fund can help these individuals. If you would like more information go to the website at [www.counselingassistancefund.org](http://www.counselingassistancefund.org)

**The Conneaut Food Pantry** is in need of basic food items. Donations can be left in the back of the churches or taken to the Human Resources Center on Mill St.

Just a reminder to continue to **check out our web-site** at [www.stmary-stfcabrini.org](http://www.stmary-stfcabrini.org) for items of interest regarding the *Memory Gardens for 2007*, the *RCIA process*, *First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Sacramental program*, *Karing Ways Preschool*, and much more.

**If you would like someone to visit** and bring communion to a loved one who is homebound or confined to a hospital or nursing home, please call the Parish Offices. Because of *The Patient Privacy Act*, this information is not given out to the Parish by any institutions. You must contact Father Thomas, Sister Jean Marie or the Parish Offices directly.

**Help for hurting Marriages** Do you feel like you are in a hopeless marriage"? Retrouvaille (pronounced re-tro-vi) meaning 'rediscovery' can help you put the pieces back together in your marriage. The next Retrouvaille weekend program will be held on January 11, 2008 in Beachwood Oh. FMI call 1-800-470-2230 or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

**As of October 1, 2007** the cost of lighting Sanctuary Candles at St. Mary and St. Frances Cabrini increased from \$10 to \$15 due to increased costs. *Separate checks need to be written for candles and Masses.*

**Mass intentions for 2008** are being accepted at the Parish Offices. Each parishioner will be allowed to schedule intentions for up to 6 Masses, 2 of those may be on weekends. The remaining will be scheduled during the weekdays closest to your requested date. *Separate checks need to be written for candles and Masses.*

**Parish Participation** – As good stewards of all that God has entrusted to us, we all should contribute in some way toward building up the Body and Blood of Christ at St. Mary/St. Frances Cabrini. Our Faith Community offers multiple opportunities for service in liturgy, education, outreach and development. Please speak with Father Thomas or a member of the Staff to determine how your talents may best serve the Church.

Tune in to AM1360, WWOW - Walking on Water Radio to listen. **“Time with Thomas”** is broadcast LIVE on Wednesdays at 12 noon and then replayed the following Saturday at 9:30am.

**Father Thomas’ homily’s** are available on our parish web site: [www.stmary-stfcabrini.org](http://www.stmary-stfcabrini.org) Click on the prompt to *‘Listen to Father’s Sermon’* and several of the most recent sermons are available to listen to through Windows Media Player.

**Wheels of Love** Do you know someone who has been deprived of their ability to walk due to illness or disease? If so “Hope on Wheels” can help your loved ones regain their confidence and their independence with a power wheelchair or scooter. “Hope on Wheels” helps seniors with mobility limitations to receive a power wheelchair or scooter paid by Medicare. FMI call 1-866-631-3028.

If you wish to *rent tables or chairs* from either Church hall, please call the office a week in advance. Rental forms must be completed and signed and the rental fee is to be paid before picking up these items.

**The Hearts of Hope Bereavement Team** offers funeral luncheon meals for a small fee to parish families following funeral Masses. For information, call Sr. Jean Marie at the Parish Offices.

**Diocesan Vocations Website** – [www.youngstownvocations.org](http://www.youngstownvocations.org). Go to this web site or click on the sidebar link for *Vocations* on the Diocesan homepage website – [www.doy.org](http://www.doy.org). The site is a source of information for those discerning a Church vocation to priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life and is also a resource for families, teachers, catechists & DRE’s.

**The Sisters of Notre Dame** offer a Prayer Line Ministry. Your intentions will be remembered in prayer each day by calling 440-279-1163. A sister will receive your call, Mon-Fri, 10:00am-4:00pm; at other times the answering service will be available. All requests will be remembered in prayer.

**Posted in the back of each of the Churches** are lists of members of the Pastoral Planning Council, Finance Council and the Worship Committee. Feel free to approach any of the members with any questions or comments regarding the committees and their activities.

**Volunteers** are needed to assist in various areas of the RCIA process as catechists, sponsors, greeters and hospitality, as well as for Pre-Catechumenate, Mystagogia and the Sunday dismissal rite. If you feel called to be of service this coming year, please call Father Thomas or Sister Barbara at 599-8570 FMI.

**Estranged from the Church?** If you or someone you know feels estranged from the Catholic Church because of divorce or marital status, consider checking into what is needed to bring you back. It may be the annulment process or simple paperwork, depending on your personal situation. If you would like to talk with someone to find out what is needed please call Father Thomas, Sister Jean Marie or Sister Barbara at the Parish Offices, 599-8570.

**Don't let the IRS tax your IRA** – If you have an IRA and are at an age where you are required to take distributions, you know how taxing that experience can be. As a supporter of St. Mary and/or St. Frances Cabrini, you may be surprised to learn that a new law allows you to keep those IRA withdrawals up to \$100,000 from ever being taxed.

For a free brochure that describes the provisions of the *Pension Protection Act of 2006*, call Mr. Pat Palombo, Director of Development & Stewardship, at 330/744-8451 ext. 325 or email Mr. Palombo at [patpal@cboss.com](mailto:patpal@cboss.com)