

Second Sunday of Advent

Schedule of Masses, Services and Devotions

December 8 to December 16, 2007

Weekend Masses:

STM

Saturday	Dec 8	Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent 5:00pm Bill Kinney by Family
Sunday	Dec 9	Second Sunday of Advent 8:00am Gertrude Pacansky by Daughter & Family
<u>STM</u>	8:00am	Gertrude Pacansky by Daughter & Family
<u>SFC</u>	11:00am	Dorothy Kapella by Jane Kapella

Weekday Mass/Communion Service with Morning Prayer

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Monday	Dec 10	Advent Weekday 2:00pm Donna Smothers by Kaleb & Kyle
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SFC Hall

Tuesday	Dec 11	St. Damasus I, pope 4:00pm Arnie Armeni & Arnie II by Your Family
Wed.	Dec 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe 7:30am Louis Palagyi Memorial Anniversary by Wife & Family
Thursday	Dec 13	St. Lucy, virgin, martyr 7:30am Bert Toth by Family
Friday	Dec 14	St. John of the Cross, priest, doctor 7:30am Communion Service

Weekend Masses:

STM

Saturday	Dec 15	Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent 5:00pm Kenneth Killheffer by wife, Clara & Family
Sunday	Dec 16	Third Sunday of Advent 8:00am Mary L. Stearns by Elizabeth Carnegie Pro-populo (For the People)
<u>SFC</u>	11:00am	Donato Deramo by Fr. Thomas

“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 speaking on HALO.**

Our weekend Mass is now being video taped to be shown on the **Conneaut Cable Access Channel** at 3pm on Sunday and Wednesday afternoons. The tapings will alternate between the 5pm and 11am Masses. If you would be willing to help video a Mass please call the Parish Offices.

Thank you to Mrs. Dorothy Kastler for the donation of the Christmas tree at St. Mary Church which is being used for HALO and Christmas. The tree was given as a **memorial to her husband, Bill Kastler.**

Any former Herald basketball players (male and female) are invited to play in the **Herald Alumni Basketball game** to be held on Saturday, January 5. To register, please call Tom Penna at 954-6374 or Nick Iarocci at 964-2670.

Sanctuary Candle

Intentions

St. Frances Cabrini

In Memory of:

Jane Maukonen

by Family

Margaret & Michael Palagyi

by Mike Palagyi

This Week

Sunday, Dec 9

9:15-10:45am

CCD

12 Noon

Sr. Barbara 65th Birthday Luncheon
SFC Hall

Monday, Dec 10

Catechist Christmas Party

Tuesday, Dec 11

6:30-8:00pm

Worship Committee, Parish Offices

Wednesday Dec 12

Noon

“Time with Thomas”

6:00pm

Advent Penance Service
SFC Church

6:30-8:00pm

RCIA, Parish Offices

Thursday Dec 13

6:00pm

Ladies Guild Christmas Party,
SFC Hall

Sat. Dec 15 – Sun. Dec. 16

Youth Over-night Lock-In
SFC Hall

Scripture Readings, Dec 16, 2007

Isaiah 35: 1-6a

James 5: 7-10

Matthew 11: 2-11(16)



Stewardship Update

Last Week

Budgeted \$6,328 Actual \$7,008.00 267 Env.

Fiscal YTD

Budgeted \$145,544 Actual \$144,171.81 -\$1,372.19

Thank you for your generosity

Please remember **Tom Rouge** in your prayers for the departed and his family during this time of loss. Tom was employed to do maintenance and much more for both parishes and began work with us the last two years. St. Frances Cabrini Community School was in operation. His presence, expertise, smile and gentle demeanor will be greatly missed.

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. Return presents with gifts tags attached to packages by Sunday, Dec. 16.

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 this Sunday, Dec. 9 after the 11am Mass at SFC Hall. All are welcome to join the celebration.

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

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!

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.

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.

Matus (Matthew) Imrich, the seminarian from Slovakia who was with us two years ago, will be ordained in Slovakia on Saturday, June 21, 2008 with his first Mass (a Mass of Thanksgiving) on Sunday, June 22. Plans are being made to go to his ordination and Mass of Thanksgiving with the possibility of making a pilgrimage in Eastern Europe with Matus the following week. If you are interested in making this pilgrimage, please call the Parish Offices.

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.

There are two raffles being held to benefit the **Conneaut Food Pantry**. Tickets on a **Rocking Horse** built and donated by the inmates at the Lake Erie Correctional Institution (L.E.C.I.) are \$5 for 3 tickets. The Rocking Horse is on display at the Human Resources Center and will be raffled December 21, 2007. A **Storage Shed** also built and donated by L.E.C.I. will be raffled off January 31, 2008. The shed is on display at Conneaut Save-A-Lot. For ticket information on the **Rocking Horse and the Storage Shed** call Renea Roach at the Human Resources Center 593-5273.

The Group overnight Lock-In is next weekend. Youth will meet Sat. Dec 15 at STM for the 5pm Mass and (weather permitting) walk to SFC Hall. Activities/refreshments planned. All youth must turn in a registration form before the 5pm Mass. For more information call Tricia Kandre at 577-1145. Registration forms will also be available at the Parish Offices.

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

Just a reminder to continue to **check out our web-site** at 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 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.

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.

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 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.

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. Go to this web site or click on the sidebar link for *Vocations* on the Diocesan homepage website – 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