

Third Sunday of Advent

Schedule of Masses, Services and Devotions

December 15 to December 23, 2007

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

STM 8:00am **Mary L. Stearns** by Elizabeth Carnegie
Pro-populo (For the People)

SFC 11:00am **Donato Deramo** by Fr. Thomas

Weekday Mass/Communion Service with Morning Prayer

SFC Hall

Monday Dec 17 Late Advent Weekday
7:30am **Soledad Tagle** by Family

Tuesday Dec 18 Late Advent Weekday
7:30am **Henry Olesnanik** by Family

Wed. Dec 19 Late Advent Weekday
4:00pm **Mass for Life**

Thursday Dec 20 Late Advent Weekday
7:30am **Mary Pizzi** by Anita, Charlie & Tiffanie Jones

Friday Dec 21 St. Peter Canisius, priest, doctor
7:30am **Communion Service**

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Dec 22 Late Advent Weekday
9:00am Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary

STM HALL 5:00pm Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent
Stephen Palagyi by Jane Palagyi

Sunday Dec 23 Fourth Sunday of Advent

STM HALL 8:00am **Melodie Morris & Harold Zappitello**
by Nicholas Morris

SFC HALL 11:00am **Nick Williams** by Hanna & Family
Pro-populo (For the People)

NEW TIME - "Time with Thomas" will now be broadcast Monday and Wednesday at 4:30pm. Wednesday will be a new show, Monday will be a rebroadcast of the previous week's show.

Tune in to WWOW Radio 1360AM.

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.

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.

Those who ordered **Christmas Cookies** may pick them up at St. Frances Cabrini Hall on Tuesday, December 18, 2007 from 2pm - 4pm. **Please note that this time is different from originally stated on the order sheet.** If you need to make arrangements for a different pickup time, please call the Parish Offices.

Sanctuary Candle

Intentions

St. Mary Church

In Memory of:

Flavian Gaukel

by Family

William Field

by wife, Anna

Jack Gruey

by wife, Betty

Richard Baugher

by Arlo & Mary

Clyde Seager

by Mary Taris

For the Health & Welfare of:

Diane & Keith Bennett Jr.

by Clara Jean Bennett

St. Frances Cabrini

In Memory of:

Karen Deck Vendetti

Birthday Memorial

by Jim & Kathy Deck & Family

John V. Perkoski

by Family

Richard & Allan Seager

by Sophia Seager

Frank Berta

Memorial Anniversary

by Family

This Week

Sat. Dec 15 – Sun., Dec 16

The Group- Lock In

9:15-10:45 am

CCD

Wednesday Dec 19

Noon

"Time with Thomas"

Noon

Senior Golden Elites, SFC Hall

6:30-8:00pm

RCIA, Parish Offices

Saturday, Dec 22

Parish Offices Closed

**All Weekend Masses Dec 22-23
will be held in the Church Halls**

Scripture Readings, Dec 23, 2007

Isaiah 7: 10-14

Romans 1: 1-7

Matthew 1: 18-24 (10)



Stewardship Update

Last Week

Budgeted \$6,328 Actual \$6,084.17 253 Env.

Fiscal YTD

Budgeted \$151,872 Actual \$151,175.98 -\$696.02

Thank you for your generosity

Stewardship Appeal Update: Your continued generosity and desire to support our parishes is so gratifying. As of December 6, we have heard from 110 of our combined parish families who have pledged a **weekly increase of \$739.25**. Thank you and may God continue to bless you abundantly.

Reminder: Masses next weekend will be held in the School Halls as the Churches are being decorated for Christmas.

Gifts for the **Giving Tree** should be wrapped and turned in this weekend. If you forgot your gift, you may bring it to the Parish Offices on Monday between the hours of 9am and 3pm. Thank you.

We are in need of a **custodian/maintenance** person for our parish facilities. Must be available daytime – 20 hours/week. Working knowledge of boiler systems desired. If you are interested, please call Father Thomas at the Parish Offices.

If you have suffered the loss of a loved one and are in need of **Bereavement support**, call the Parish Offices for a schedule of programs offered by **Hospice of the Western Reserve, Ashtabula, OH**.

Cancellations Monday, December 17 – The monthly dinner sponsored by the **Knights of Columbus** and the monthly meeting of the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** have both been cancelled.

Liturgical Ministers are still needed - Sign up Sheets for the Christmas and New Year Masses are in the church sacristies. Please sign up to help share in the Masses celebrating our Lord's birth.

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

Reggie Minor is not permitted on the property of St. Mary or St. Frances Cabrini parishes due to defiance and intimidation of parish members. After numerous requests that he not be on the property, he was arrested on December 9. If he is seen on the property at any time, please call 911 to have the police remove him.

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.

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.

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.

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. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. 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 December collection for the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** was \$586. Because of the continued generosity of our parishioners, we were able to provide winter coats and boots to an additional 25 children bringing our total to over 70 children altogether! Thank you! May the blessings of this wonderful holiday season fill your hearts and homes with JOY. Merry Christmas!

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.

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.

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.

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

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.*

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.

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.

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.

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

