

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Schedule of Masses, Services and Devotions

December 19 – December 27, 2009

Weekend Masses:

STM

Saturday Dec 19 Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent
4:00pm **Tony & Mary Constance Julio** by Family

Sunday Dec 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent

STM 8:00am **Felix Castrilla Family** by Terry & Rosalie Moisiso

SFC 11:00am **Helen & Stephen Colucci** by Family
Pro-Populo

Weekday Mass with Morning Prayer:

VILLA

Monday Dec 21 St. Peter Canisius, priest & doctor
2:00pm **Dick Clancy** by James Clancy

SFC HALL

Tuesday Dec 22 Late Advent Weekday
8:00am **Virginia Bagnall** by Richard & Mildred Clancy

Wed. Dec 23 St. John Kanty, priest
8:00am **Joseph Morscher** by daughter, Sr. Barbara

Thursday Dec 24 Vigil of Christmas

SFC 4:00pm **Christmas Flower Memorials**

STM 4:00pm **Christmas Flower Memorials**

STM Midnight **Christmas Flower Memorials**

Friday Dec 25 Nativity of the Lord/Christmas

SFC 10:00am **Christmas Flower Memorials**

Weekend Masses:

STM

Saturday Dec 26 Vigil: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
4:00pm **Norton & Audrey Smith**
by Michael & Kathy Smith & Family

Sunday Dec 27 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

STM 8:00am **Flavian Gaukel** by the Family
Pro-Populo

SFC 11:00am **Bill Kinney** by Ruth Ann Kinney & Family

Confessions for Christmas will be held on Saturday, December 19 at 11am as well as Monday, December 21, Tuesday, December 22, and Wednesday December 23 at 8:30 am, 12 noon and 6:30 pm and Thursday, December 24 at 8:30 pm and 12 noon. No Communal Penance Service is scheduled.

Video of this weekend's **Mass will be shown** on the **Conneaut Cable Access Channel** at 3pm on Sunday and Wednesday afternoons.

8 am Mass will be discontinued during the months of **January to March** and will resume again in April as was stated in the December 12/13 letter inserted in the bulletin for that weekend. The full contents of the letter can be found on the parish web page at www.stmsfc.org on the Bulletin link.

Reminder: There is handicapped seating available at the front of both churches. The front pews on both sides have been reserved for those with special needs. They are wheelchair accessible. A handicapped accessible restroom is available at St. Frances Cabrini Church.

Sanctuary Candles

St. Mary Church

In Memory of:

Stephen J. Palagyi

by Family

James & Jennie Palagyi

by Bob, Judy, Kim & Gary

Richard Baugher

by Mom & Dad

My Mom & Dad

by Maryal

My sister, Dorothy

by Maryal

My brothers: Joe, John, Willie,

Bob & Ray

by Maryal

St. Frances Cabrini Church

In Memory of:

Lisa Iarocci, Ciccone & Iarocci Families

by Family

Charles "Bill" Calhoun

by Wife & Family

The Louis Mucciarone Family

by daughter, Rosie & Family

Betty Landolfi, Nick Landolfi,

Carmen & Adeline Foglio

by Tony & Jerian Landolfi

Bev Picard

by Hanna

Nick Williams

by Hanna

This Week

Sunday, Dec 20

8:30-12:30

KofC Buffet Breakfast, SFC Hall

9:15-10:45

CCD

Noon-12:30pm

Sacred Heart Gift Shop, SFC Hall

Sunday, Dec 27

No CCD

Noon-12:30pm

Sacred Heart Gift Shop, SFC Hall



Scripture Readings Dec 27, 2009

Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14

Colossians 3:12-21

Luke 2:41-52

Stewardship Update

Last Week

Budgeted \$6,250 Actual \$5,470.55 231 Env.

Fiscal Year 2009-2010

Budgeted \$150,000 Actual \$146,254.74 (-\$3,745.26)

Immaculate Conception \$927.51

Thank you for your generosity.

Stewardship The Gospel today tells of the Virgin Mary, pregnant herself, hurrying off to help her cousin Elizabeth. The model of good stewardship, she who had given of herself to bear the Savior gave her time and love to others as well.

Sign up sheets for Liturgical Ministers for the Christmas Season are in the Church sacristies.

Time to “Keep the Kids Warm” The Second Collection today is for the Catholic Charities sponsored program “Keep the Kids Warm.” Last year, participating parishes across the diocese collected over \$60,000 to help provide utility assistance to families with children – 8,208 people. 100% of our donations are returned to Ashtabula County. If you are writing a check, make it payable to: Catholic Charities.

St. Mary/St. Frances Cabrini Parish needs volunteers to help decorate both worship sites for Christmas on Sun, Dec 20. The St. Mary worship site will start activities at 10am and the St. Frances Cabrini worship site will start activities at 1pm. All are welcome to assist in decorating both sites.

Since 1997 the universal Church has been celebrating **World Day of Consecrated Life** close to Feb 2, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Bishop George Murry, S.J. invites our diocesan church to celebrate the gift of Consecrated Life with him and the religious of our diocese of Sunday, Feb 7, 2010 at St. Columba Cathedral at the 10:30am liturgy. If you are interested in attending, please call the Parish Offices. Names must be submitted by Wed, Jan 20, 2010. Please mark your calendar.

World Wide Marriage Encounter dates for 2010 are posted in the back of the churches. If you want to make a good marriage even better, consider taking part in Marriage Encounter. Weekends are as close as Fairview, PA and Chautauqua, NY.

Check the home page of the parish web site (Mission Statement) for a link to ‘**Catholics Come Home.**’ It is dedicated to presenting the honest truth about the beautiful, historical and miraculous aspects of the Catholic Church. Take the time to explore this site. You will be surprised to find out that there is much more to Catholicism than you ever realized. Then invite a friend or family member to look at this site. The brief time spent here will be well worth it.

OUR ‘FEATURED ADVERTISER’ THIS WEEK IS:

JOSLIN/LANDIS INSURANCE

Thank you for your support of our weekly bulletin!

Due to the Holiday Schedule all bulletin announcements must be sent to the Parish Offices by Mon, Dec 21 for inclusion in the bulletin the weekend of Dec. 26/27.

News from The Knights of Columbus The KofC is offering a 10% reduction in the hall rental fee for anyone making a \$25 deposit in Dec, 2009 on a June/July/August, 2010 rental.

“All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Buffet from 8:30am – 12:30pm Sun, Dec 20 at SFC Hall. \$5/Adults; kids 6 and under free. Breakfast items include eggs, bacon, sausage (patties or links), sausage gravy & biscuits, pancakes, fruit and beverage.

Diocese of Youngstown – Create a New Logo Contest!

Are you creative, imaginative, inspired? Do you know and love your Church? All members of the Diocese of Youngstown are invited to create a new logo that will be used on official letterhead, brochures, forms, booklets and more. At the back of the church is an information sheet with details on how to enter. Entries must be received at the Chancery by Dec 31, 2009 so start sharpening your pencils!

Catholic Charities “Chunks” Just as the stable in Bethlehem was a last resort for Mary and Joseph the night Jesus was born, **Catholic Charities** is also an “agency of last resort” for those who are hurting. Many of those **Catholic Charities** is now serving never had to ask for help before, and are doing so only as a last resort in order to provide for their families. Please pray for all of those **Catholic Charities** serves each day in Jesus’ name.

Respect Life: “Every child asks for our love. This night, then, let us think especially of those children who are denied the love of their parents. Let us think of those street children who do not have the blessing of a family home, of those children who are brutally exploited as soldiers and made instruments of violence, instead of messengers of reconciliation and peace. Let us think of those children who are victim of the industry of pornography and every other appalling form of abuse, and thus are traumatized in the depth of their soul. The Child of Bethlehem summons us once again to do everything in our power to put an end to the suffering of these children; to do everything possible to make the light of Bethlehem touch the heart of every man and woman.” ~**Pope Benedict XVI, Homily at Midnight Mass, December 25, 2008.**

St. Joseph Cemetery: The cost of graves will increase to \$425 as of January 1, 2010. The Perpetual Care fee will remain at \$40.

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 or Sister Barbara at the Parish Offices, 599-8570.

Labels for Education: Karing Ways Preschool is collecting Labels for Education. Points are earned for each label collected and can be turned in for free items for the school. Collection cans are located in the back of each church for you to donate your labels. *Eligible products include 26 varieties of condensed soups, microwaveable soups, Chunky, Healthy Request & Select soups, Franco American, Pepperidge Farm, Swanson, V8, Market Day & Prego products.*

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 Parish. Our Parish offers many 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.

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.

Catholic Charities of Ashtabula County clothing distribution site at Mother of Sorrows has expanded their hours to Tues from 1:30-4:45pm and Thurs from 9:30am-12 noon. The site accepts gently used clothing, outerwear, shoes, boots, towels, linens, small appliances, cookware, eating utensils, toiletries and other miscellaneous household items. Please make sure items are clean and in working condition. Drop offs are M-F, 9am-2pm or call 992-2121.

The **Catholic Exponent** invites you to check out its new, interactive Web site. Children may do word searches and have their artwork or original stories posted on the site. Young adults and teens are invited to send (anonymously, if desired) their questions about faith and morality. Take a poll and see how others responded. Read articles. Print out a recipe. Buy photos, a mug or a mousepad. Learn how the U.S. Bishops' Office for Film and Broadcasting rated a movie, DVD, video or TV show. Do all this at www.cathexpo.org.

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

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.

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

Bringing up the gifts at Mass: Parishioners who wish to bring up the gifts on the day they have a scheduled Mass intention for loved ones should inform the ushers when they enter church. If no one from the congregation informs the ushers before Mass, the general rule is that the usher will ask someone.

***Optional locations for weekday Mass** are listed. These are the regularly scheduled Mass times for these parishes. However, *please call* the particular parish to confirm that there has not been a change in their weekly Mass schedule.

If you would like a parishioner visited or Communion brought to a loved one who is homebound or confined to a hospital or nursing home, please call the Parish Offices. *The Patient Privacy Act* does not allow information to be given out to the Parish by any institutions. You must contact Father Thomas or the Parish Offices directly.