

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

Schedule of Masses, Services and Devotions

November 21 – November 29, 2009

Weekend Masses:

STM

Saturday Nov 21 Vigil: Our Lord Jesus Christ the King
4:00pm **Jack Peterson** by Midge DiNunzio

Sunday Nov 22 Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

STM 8:00am **Bob & Elna Roach** by Family

SFC 11:00am **Mary & Kay Penza** by Chase Family
Pro-Populo

Weekday Mass with Morning Prayer:

SFC HALL

Monday Nov 23 St. Clement I, pope & martyr; St. Columban, abbot;
Blessed Miguel Augustin Pro, priest & martyr

4:00pm **Richard Miltner** by Louise Muto & Larry Dames

Tuesday Nov 24 St. Andrew Dung-Lac, priest & martyr & his
companions/martyrs

8:00am **Bill Kinney & Sean Kinney**
by Ruth Ann Kinney & Family

Wed. Nov 25 St. Catherine of Alexandria, virgin & martyr
8:00am **Marian Galiffo** by Friends

STM

Thursday Nov 26 Thanksgiving Day
9:00am **Betty Zappitelli Memorial Anniversary**
by Christy & Peggy Gurto

SFC HALL

Friday Nov 27 Weekday
8:00am **Mass for Life**

Weekend Masses:

STM

Saturday Nov 28 Vigil: First Sunday of Advent
4:00pm **Nathan Evans Birthday Memorial**
by Mom, Dad & John Michael

Sunday Nov 29 First Sunday of Advent
STM 8:00am **Clara Herbel** by Chase Family
Pro-Populo

SFC 11:00am **Mst. Sgt. Gerald W. Allds** by Betty Allds & Family

A **Parish Liturgical Environment Committee** is being formed to care for the sacred spaces of both parish churches. Parishioners who have interest in church space appointments and/or have creative and artistic talent to share in these appointments, are asked to consider being a part of this committee. As the committee is being formed information on liturgical and sacred space will be studied. Please call Fr. Thomas or Sr. Barbara at the Parish Offices if you are interested or for more information. A formation meeting is being held 9am Saturday, December 5 at the Parish Offices.

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

Cara Mia Christmas party will be held at Crazy Dave's Restaurant on Thurs, Dec 3 at 5pm. Please bring a \$5 gift exchange and a donation for the Food Pantry. Members are invited to bring a guest.

Sanctuary Candles

St. Mary Church

In Memory of:

James & Jennie Palagyi
by Bob, Judy, Kim & Gary
Richard C. Clancy
Birthday Memorial
by Wife & Family
Bev Picard
by Agnes & Michael

St. Frances Cabrini Church

In Memory of:

Louis & Carmela Gustafero
by Daughters
Mary & Kay Penza
by Chase Family

For the Health & Welfare of:
Patricia Dubinsky
by Mom & Dad

This Week

Sunday, Nov 22

9:15-10:45am CCD

Noon – 12:30pm

Sacred Heart Gift Shop, SFC Hall
Giving Tree

Monday, Nov 23

6:30-8pm

Bible Study, Parish Offices
6:30

Cemetery Board, Parish Offices

Wednesday, Nov 25

Parish Offices Closed at Noon

Thursday, Nov 26

9:00am

Thanksgiving Day Mass, STM
Parish Offices Closed

Friday, Nov 27

Parish Offices Closed

Saturday, Nov 28

10am-Noon

Sacred Heart Gift Shop, SFC Hall
11am-2pm

Mary's Kitchen, STM Hall
Giving Tree

Parish Offices Closed

Retired Religious Fund Collection
Weekend

Sunday, Nov 29

No CCD

Noon-12:30pm

Sacred Heart Gift Shop, SFC Hall
Giving Tree

Retired Religious Fund Collection
Weekend

Stewardship Update

Last Week

Budgeted \$6,250 Actual \$4,686.50 220 Env.

Fiscal Year 2009-2010

Budgeted \$125,000 Actual \$122,224.93 (\$2,775.07)

Thank you for your generosity.

Stewardship Today's second reading reminds us that the sacrifice of Christ frees us from sin and makes us a royal nation of priests in the service of God. How am I using my gifts to serve God?

The **Cemetery Board Meeting** has been rescheduled from December 7 to Monday, November 23 at 6:30pm in the Parish Offices.

Retirement Fund helps senior religious. "As expenses continue to increase and economic difficulties tighten our income, we appreciate more and more the help of the Retirement Fund," notes a woman religious. Your tax-deductible donation supports the care of elderly and frail religious and helps provide such basic necessities as prescription drugs and medical services. Please give generously to next week's second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Sign up sheets are in the back of the churches for donations of baked goods for **Advent Lessons and Carols** on Sunday Dec 6 at 6pm at St. Mary Hall. Baked goods may be brought to STM Hall.

The Children's Christmas Party with Santa will be Sun, Dec 6 at Noon at SFC Hall. Sign up sheets are in the back of the churches. Please make sure your child (ages 0-10) is signed up by Tues, Dec 1 so Santa has plenty of gifts for everyone. The party will be during the KofC breakfast so please indicate on the sign-up sheet if your family will be eating breakfast.

Advent Lessons and Carols will be celebrated with the members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Sunday, December 6, 6:00pm at St. Mary Church. Refreshments will follow in St. Mary Hall. Please join us for an evening of prayer to celebrate the holy season of Advent. Monetary donations will be given to the Conneaut Area Ministerial Association (CAMA). Volunteer readers, hostesses and bakers are needed. Please call Sr. Barbara at 599-8570 if you are able to help out.

St. Mary/St. Frances Cabrini will once again participate in the **Conneaut Salvation Army's Red Kettle Drive** for 2009. We are still in need of volunteers to 'ring the bell' at Orlando Brothers Golden Dawn (front & back doors) from 1-7pm on Fri, Dec 11; 10am-6pm on Sat, Dec 12; and from 1-7pm on Fri, Dec 18. You may call the Parish Offices or Janet Merlene at 599-1330 to volunteer.

OUR 'FEATURED ADVERTISER' THIS WEEK IS:

GERDES PHARMACY

Thank you for your support of our weekly bulletin!

"The saints are the columns of light who show us the way, transforming it into the path of salvation while we pass through the darkness of earth."- Pope Benedict XVI
Check the 'Pastor's Page' of our web site at www.stmsfc.org for saint reflections submitted so far from Father Thomas and parishioners. Submit your reflection in the collection basket in an envelope marked "SAINTS" or email it to stmsfc@hotmail.com. These reflections will be posted with Father's on the 'Pastor's Page' of our web site.

All high-school students are invited to a non-denominational **Bible Study** led by Nick Iarocci of St. Mary/St. Frances Cabrini Parish and Pastor Frank Gore of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at 6:30am every Monday at Crazy Dave's Sugar Bowl Restaurant. **Breakfast, including coffee and orange juice is provided!**

The Giving Tree sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be available this weekend in hopes that you will be able to select one of the children in the Conneaut area to bring a little Christmas cheer to this year. The St. Vincent de Paul Society selected 42 area children whose parents participated in the HALO Program through the Conneaut Human Resource Center. Keep in mind that all gifts need to be returned to the church by noon on December 13 and for those who are unable to take a gift tag please consider a cash donation. Together we can bring Christ to the children of Conneaut this Christmas.

Habitat for Humanity will be building a home in Conneaut and is looking for a "Partner Family" who will work with Habitat and purchase the home for their family. If you know someone who may be interested please have them call Habitat for Humanity, Ashtabula, 998-0400. Habitat will also be in need of volunteers to assist with the house building. If you are interested, please call the same number or stop in the Parish Offices to see a brochure.

Catholic Charities of Ashtabula County will be hosting the **4th Annual Men Who Cook** on Saturday, Jan 23, 2010 at the Bernard Vacca Mt. Carmel Community Center from 6:30-9:00pm. This event is based upon the premise that local men prepare their favorite dish for our guests and judges to sample. The proceeds benefit the Emergency Assistance Program at Catholic Charities. If you are interested in being a chef for the evening contact Lynn Zalewski at 992-2121. There are also sponsorship opportunities available if you would like to help sponsor the event. Tickets make great Christmas presents and will be on sale in mid December.

Blankets for Babies is celebrating its 20th year! Help us make it glorious! We are in need of quilt batting, acrylic yarns and cotton-poly blend fabrics appropriate for baby quilts. New and expectant mothers all over NE Ohio receive our creations and winter is fast approaching. FMI call Lake County Right to Life at 440-5257. Thank you!

Win a BMW convertible! Saints John & Paul is selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a beautiful 2009 BMW 128i convertible. Tickets are a \$100 tax deductible donation to the Herald Foundation and can be purchased online at www.ssjpfundraiser.com or at either school office. For more info, call the school at 997-5531.

Pastoral Planning Council has open seats available. Please consider nominating a parishioner or self-nominate to serve the parish in this capacity. Please call the Parish Offices at 599-8570 for more information.

Information for **Spiritual Direction** and individually directed retreats lead by Eileen Novotny, MA is posted in the back of the Church. The retreats are based on *Spiritual Exercises* developed by St. Ignatius. FMI call the Parish Offices at 599-8570.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Bishop George Murry reminds us that election Day is not the end point of our commitment to living out our faith in the political, social and economic world. He writes: “We should never be idle spectators to the political process. Rather, we are called as Catholics to be active citizens in the world.” Now that the elections are over consider joining the Diocese of Youngstown’s Legislative Advocacy Network to stay informed on the Church’s position on social issues.

FMI contact the Social Action Office at charities@youngstowndiocese.org, visit the website at www.catholiccharitiesyoungstown.org, or call 330-744-8451 ext. 320.

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.

Pastoral Counseling, a form of therapy that honors the connection between a person's mental, emotional & spiritual health by including the faith & religion of a counselee as a necessary resource in the healing process is available at Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center in Villa Maria, PA. FMI call 724-964-8920.

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.

Scripture Readings Nov 29, 2009

Jeremiah 33:14-16

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

You may continue to place your *new/gently-used blankets and bed linens* in the containers marked **BLANKETS/BED LINENS** in the vestibule of each church. Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will deliver the donated items to Catholic Charities to be distributed to our neighbors in need in Ashtabula County. Thank you for your donations so far!

Due to the dwindling number of **Eucharistic ministers** we will schedule only 3 per Mass – one to distribute Holy Communion in the form of the bread and two ministers for the Sacred Species in the cups.

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.

Villa Maria Community Center is offering a variety of retreats and programs at their location in Villa Maria PA. Details of these activities scheduled for the next months are posted on the church bulletin board.

***Optional locations for Mass on Monday** 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.