

December 17, 2017 – Third Sunday of Advent

Welcome to the University Parish Newman Center. We cherish your presence among us and invite you to enter wholeheartedly into our worship. As Catholics, we understand our worship as our community's grateful response to God's goodness and love. Thus our liturgy is not a "spectator" experience; participation in prayer and in song is everyone's responsibility and privilege. Please do not be a stranger. Pray and sing with us as members of God's human family.

Music for Worship

Gathering Song: Warm the Time of Winter (417)
Luke 1:46-55: Magnificat (101)
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Presentation of Gifts: Comfort, My People (396)
MASS FOR ADVENT (found on the blue pew card)
Holy, Holy, Holy
Memorial Acclamation
Amen
Lamb of God
Communion: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (395)
Sending Forth: People, Look East (409)

Readings for the Week of December 17, 2017

Sunday Third Sunday of Advent
Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1; 1 Thes 5:16-24;
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72; Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71; Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday Is 7:10-14; Ps 24; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday Sg 2:8-14; Ps 33; Lk 1:39-45
Friday 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Samuel; Lk 1:46-56
Saturday Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25; Lk 1:57-66
Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89; Rom 16:25-27;
Lk 1:26-38

COFFEE & DONUTS

There will be no Coffee and Donuts on December 24 due to the Christmas holiday.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Sunday, December 10
\$7,371.62
Immaculate Conception
\$264
Thank you for your generosity!

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Mass Schedule and Parish Events

Saturday, December 16
5:00 pm Mass – For the Community
Sunday, December 17
9:00 am Mass – Edward Sawyer
11:00 am Mass – Patricia Colecchi
Monday, December 18
Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 pm
Friday, December 22
Prison Ministry – 6:45 pm
Saturday, December 23
5:00 pm Mass – James Polando
Sunday, December 24
10:00 am Mass – Andrew Roebke
5:00 pm Mass – Mary Blankenship
10:00 pm Mass – Robert "Bob" Wolfgang Flecksteiner

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

December 23 & 24

5:00 pm
Coordinator— Mariana Romero
Lectors— Melanie Rafferty, Adele Fussner
Eucharistic Ministers— Mary Lou Martin (H), TBA, TBA
Altar Server— Justin Barzellato
10:00 am
Coordinator— Marlene Wetshtein
Lectors— Vanessa Earp, Linda Roebke
Eucharistic Ministers— Larry Callahan (H),
Christine Callahan, Paul Kubala, Lisa Saltsman,
Veronica Victoria
Altar Server— Michael Weirich

December 24 & 25

Christmas Eve 5:00 pm
Coordinators— Pat and Carol DiMauro
Lectors— Cathy Smerek, Tom Larkin
Eucharistic Ministers— Laura Heater (H), Colleen Bright,
Elizabeth Burke, Jen Garretson, Doug Saltsman
Altar Servers— Natalie Bright, Jack Flynn, Carson Saltsman

Christmas Eve 10:00 pm
Coordinators— Rob and Jen Flecksteiner
Lectors— Tracy Gidden, Vanessa Earp
Eucharistic Ministers— Shelly Kainrad (H), Robert Colecchi,
Tracey Colecchi, Heather Crow, Terri Crow
Altar Servers— TBA, TBA

Christmas Day 10:00 am
Coordinators— Larry and Christine Callahan
Lectors— Paul Kubala, Marlene Wetshtein
Eucharistic Ministers— Christine Callahan (H),
TBA, TBA, TBA, TBA
Altar Server— Veronica Victoria

Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 23: 5:00 pm
Sunday, December 24: 10:00 am

Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 24 (Christmas Eve): 5:00 pm and 10:00 pm
Monday, December 25 (Christmas Day): 10:00 am
The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God is **not** a holy day of obligation this year.
Saturday, December 30: 5:00 pm
Sunday, December 31: 9:00 am and 11:00 am

News and Noteworthy

The Newman Center is scheduled to serve at **Kent Hot Meals** at Kent Social Services **Thursday, December 28**. Volunteers are needed for two shifts: 1-3 pm for meal preparation and 3:45-6 pm for serving and clean-up. Sign up in the back of the church. Please make a note next to your name if you need a ride. Contact the parish office with questions or if you would like to volunteer.

The parish office will be closed December 25 through January 2. Regular office hours resume January 3.

Offertory Envelopes have arrived and are available in the Social Hall. Can't find your envelopes? Contact Veronica at the office.

If you have moved within the last year, please email Veronica at the office with your new address. Having current membership information facilitates sending out tax letters in January.

ACME's Community Cash Back is underway! Save all receipts dated **August 10, 2017 through December 30, 2017** and drop them off in the receipt box at the back of Church. Acme Fresh Market will issue a rebate check equal to 5% of the Cash Back amount printed at the bottom of the receipts to the Newman Center.

Religious Education

Rt. 59 Catholic Youth Ministry meets today, December 17 from 5:30-8:30 pm at St. Patrick in Kent for a Christmas card and cookie making night. All High School Students are invited!

All parish children in grades Pre-K through 8 are invited to participate in our **Christmas Eve Children's Choir**. We will rehearse from 10:10 to 10:40 am on December 17, and from 11:10 to 11:40 am on December 24. Also, if any band students in grades 6-12 are interested in playing at the 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass, they should let Dr. Roebke know as soon as possible.

Mass Intentions

If there is a loved one and/or friend you would like to remember at Mass, please contact the parish office to schedule dates. Mass offerings are \$10.00 each. You may place your offering in an envelope marked "Mass Intentions" and put it in the collection basket. We are currently looking for Mass intentions for 2018.

Bulletin announcements must be submitted by **Wednesday morning** of the week in which you would like it to appear. Email announcements to **kentnewmancenter@gmail.com**. Submission does not guarantee publication, but we will make every effort to include announcements that concern the entire parish.

Stewardship Thought

"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you"

– 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations.

Vocation Thought

"Do not quench the Spirit." The Holy Spirit works in us to help us understand how best to follow God, yet our own cares and concerns can deaden the voice of the Spirit. Ask the Lord to fill you with the Spirit to know and follow his call, especially if His call is to be a deacon, priest, or religious. To find out more call Father Christopher Luoni at 330-744-8451 or email him at cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org.

Giving Tree

All Giving Tree gifts should be returned at this time. The Giving Tree Committee will be meeting on **Monday, December 18** at **7 PM** to pack boxes in the Ignatius room. Bring a permanent marker, packing tape, stapler, and scissors if possible. We are also in need of packing boxes and paper bags. Boxes and bags can be left in the Fireside Lounge. **On Tuesday, December 19** we will meet at **9 AM** to load and deliver gifts to Catholic Charities and Kentway Senior Center. Please contact Eileen Kelly at 19ekelly58@gmail.com or 330-780-8961 if you can help.

If you use E-Giving:

Thank you to all who use electronic giving to support the parish! Just a reminder: as we move into a new calendar year you may need to go to myEoffering.com and schedule your payments for 2018. Also, if you are paying by credit card and have recently received a new credit card, please check your e-offering account; your donations might have been denied due to a card change. Contact the parish office if you need assistance.

Please keep in mind these additional collections in January:
January 1 - Mary, Mother of God
January 28 - Church Overseas Combined Collection

Jesus came for all of us and knows our pain. There is hope and healing from abortion. For confidential help, contact Project Rachel of Northeast Ohio at 888-259-4806 or support@projrachneo.zohosupport.com

Scrapper Jack Is At Your Service

Do you have any metal objects lurking in your basement or garage that could be reclaimed? If so, call our parish scrapper, Jack Guzi at (330) 696-8890. All proceeds from the sale of the scrapped material will be donated to the parish.