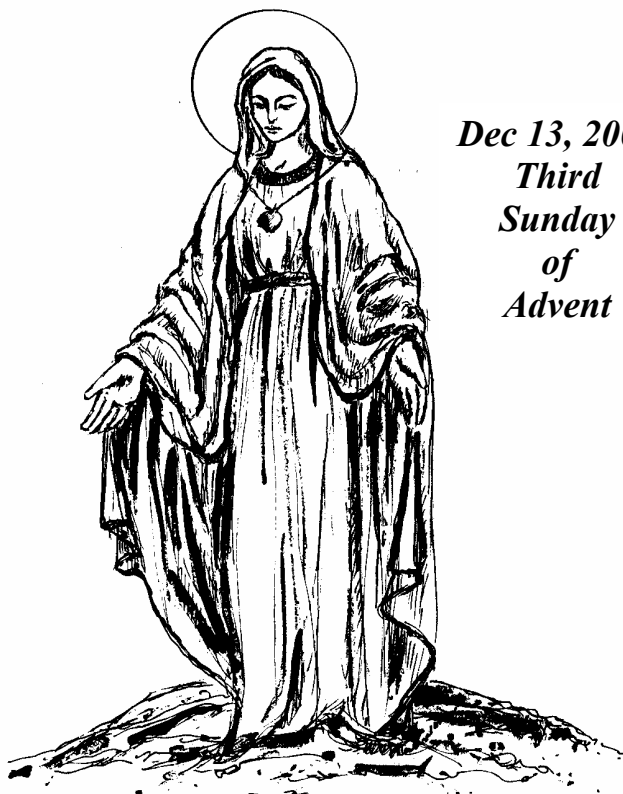


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BISHOP OF YOUNGSTOWN

Dec 13, 2009
Third
Sunday
of
Advent



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Rev. Mr. Edward Heinz, **Deacon**
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Liturgy

Weekdays,	8:00 a.m.
Adoration	Fri. 9 a.m. - 9 a.m. Sat.
Weekends: Saturday,	9:00 a.m., 4:30 p.m.
Sunday,	9:00 , 11:00 a.m.
Adoration	Sun. 12 pm – 8 am Mon.

Sacraments

Confessions:	Saturday, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Baptisms:	Arrange at Rectory
Matrimony:	Arrange at least 1 year in advance.
Anointing of the Sick:	Call the rectory

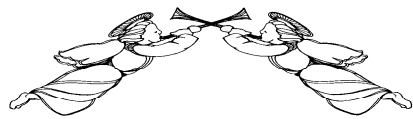
***Welcome:** We extend our hands and hearts to you here, celebrating with us, whether longtime resident or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God that you are with us.*

MISSION STATEMENT

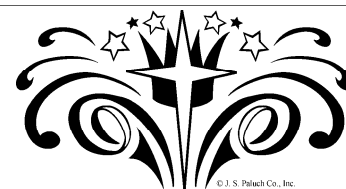
Our parish is a diverse and dynamic Catholic family community, committed to Jesus Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit and relying on the Patronage of His Mother, Mary.

We will serve not only the needs of our Parish Church, school, and individual members, but also the broader needs of our society, in union with the other Parishes of the Ashtabula County Deanery and the Diocese of Youngstown, through worship, stewardship, education, Christian service, evangelization and other programs.

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS



**REJOICE
THE LORD IS NEAR**



**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE
By Bud Ozar**

When the crowds in today's gospel asked, "What shall we do?" the Baptist was very clear: Share. Resist giving token obligatory Christmas gifts. Instead, give Necessities to the poor. If those who have nothing or very little are not on your Christmas list, you missed the point of Christmas.

SHARING TREE and A STOCKING...

These Christmas items are due today. Delivery begins Wednesday and items are needed now. We thank you for your generosity in again emptying the tree of its tags and returning tags & items on time.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Today, Sunday Dec 13, 8-Noon, the Parents Assoc presents Breakfast with Santa. Come have a Pancake Breakfast, enter some raffles, shop the Workshop and have a picture taken with Santa.

CHURCH DECORATING

Next Sunday, Dec 20, decorating will begin for Christmas. All are invited to help set up and decorate the trees and nativity in the church.

USHERS are needed for 4:30 and 11:00 Masses. If willing, please contact Fr. Mel.

BAPTISM CLASS will be held Sunday, Dec 20 at 7pm in the rectory. Parents must attend this class before scheduling a child's Baptism. Please call if you will be attending.

Please remember to pray for the sick and recovering in the parish. Ken Lippart, Andy Boomhower, Wil Boomhower, Jill Colaluca, Jane Smith

PILGRIMAGE

Pilgrimage to El Salvador is planned for Jan 25-Feb 1. The total price is approximately \$1,000. Contact John & Rita Linehan if interested, 466-3207, so they can begin planning.

COOKIE BAKE SALE

The Youth Ministry is asking your help in this fundraiser. Please bake your favorite cookie recipe and bring in a couple dozen. Mixed dozens will be made up and offered for sale **NEXT WEEKEND**, Dec 19-20. For those who are able to join us, we will be sorting and packaging on Saturday, Dec 19, at 1:00. Please bring in your cookies by then. Thank you.



The Assumption Parish Family welcomes **LONDON LOYAL LINEHAN**, son of Patrick and Lisa. He was baptized here on November 26, 2009.

HOLIDAY COUNTDOWN

The Christmas Schedule of confessions and Masses has been mailed out. Raffle tickets for Holiday Countdown was included in this mailing. A few changes were made in the prize distribution. We ask that you give feedback: do you like the old or the new prize lineup? Winners names are still returned to the drum for the next drawing. First prize is drawn on Dec 22. If you need tickets, please call or stop in at the church office.

"WINDOWS INTO THE FUTURE"

Goal \$40,000

Donations (Week # 22) \$ 25,790

Unpaid Pledges: \$ 1,075

Thank you!

Have you noticed the blinds on the windows?

Additional forms are available at the school, rectory and side entrance of the church.

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Confessions for Christmas:

Sat, Dec 19: 3-4 pm

Dec 21-22-23: 6-8 pm

Christmas Masses: Dec 24: 4 and 9 pm

Dec 25: 9 & 11 am

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC 13:

SUN.	Breakfast with Santa & Santa's Workshop	8-12noon
	Psalms Class	3-5
	Sox & Sharing Tree items due. Delivery is this week.	
MON.	Girl Scouts	2:30-4:30
	Basketball	6-8
TUE.	BINGO, 12/15/09. Team # 1	6:30
	Admissions	D. Pasqualone
	Early Birds	R. Laurello
	Early Instants	T. Ivankovic
	Cashier	B. Peters
	Kitchen	T. Baxter, T. Foss, J. Soslowicz
	I Caller	J. Ayersman
	Floor	J. Steen
	Instants	T. Ivankovic, N. Perijoc
	II Caller	J. Ayersman
	Floor	J. Steen
	Instants	T. Ivankovic, N. Perijoc
WED.	Clinic	1-3
	CCD, K-8	4:15
	AA Friendship Room	7:00
THU.	School Program	12:30 & 7:00
	Choir Practice	7:30-9:00
	N.A. Rental	7:00
FRI.	Last day of School; Baby Jesus Party	
SAT.	Children's Choir Practice	
SUN.	Youth Ministry Cookie Sale	
	Church decorating begins— No Adoration scheduled	

TABERNACLE CANDLES FOR THE WEEK:

- 1. In Memory of Augie Krage**
- 2. In Memory of Traci Sailors**

USCCB

"Yet how many children are neither loved, nor welcomed nor respected! How many of them suffer violence and every kind of exploitation by the unscrupulous! May children always be accorded the respect and attention that are due them: they are the future and the hope of humanity!"

Pope Benedict XVI, Greeting at visit to the "Holy Infant of Prague," September 26, 2009.

"**PRAYER** infuses the weak with strength and the fainthearted with courage." Anon

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be presented Thursday at 12:30 and 7:00. Parents are invited to attend.

School Baby Jesus Party will be Friday 12:30-2:00.

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Nov 22, 2009 Offertory	\$ 4,911
Holy Day, Dec 8	\$ 569
Renovation Fund Balance	\$ 1,809

Bills to be paid

.....\$ 19,455.93
(includes Assessments: to be paid
.....\$3,300/month)

Thanks to all our generous parishioners.

SHARING HOPE IN TOUGH TIMES

Let us follow the command of today's Gospel and share our surplus with those in need; give at least one item from your closet to charity this week.

Pray that all who have abundance may share with those in need.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Today's Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship: "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the man who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise."

VOCATIONS

"All were questioning in their hearts." Are you considering a vocation as a priest? Call Fr. Chris Luoni, 330-744-8451, or email:cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org. **PRAY** for those attending a vocation retreat next weekend, Dec 18-20, in Akron.

BLANKETS FOR BABIES

The annual craft adventure of making and donating afghans, quilts, and baby clothing items during Lent is looking for donations now of yarns and materials appropriate for these items. Call Lake County Right to Life, 440-255-5257, or Dawn Slike, 428-9023..

MEN WHO COOK

Catholic Charities of Ashtabula County will present the 4th Annual Men Who Cook on Sat, Jan 23 at Mt. Carmel Community Center from 6:30-9:00.

ALUMNI BASKETBALL

St. John/John & Paul Heralds alumni basketball game is planned for Saturday, Jan 2. All alumni are invited to play. All former Herald cheerleaders, band members, alumni and friends are welcome to attend. The Alumni Association will also be serving a rigatoni dinner in the cafeteria during the games. To register, contact Nick Iarocci, 440-813-0479.

"**IN** Jesus all broken lines unite. In Jesus, all scattered sounds are gathered in harmony." Phillips Brooks

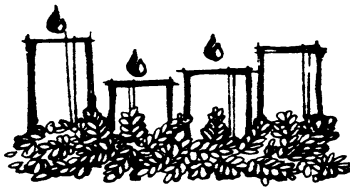
SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Dec 13:

Sun.	Zeph 3:14-18; Is 12:22-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18
Mon.	(John of the Cross) Num 24:2-7,15-17; Ps 25:4-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tue.	Zeph 3:1-2,9-13; Ps 34; Mt 22:1-12
Wed.	Is 45:6-8,18,21-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18-23
Thu.	Gen 49:2,8-10; Ps 72; Mt 1:1-17
Fri.	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72; Mt 1:18-25
Sat.	Judg 13:2-7,24-25; Ps 71; Lk 1:5-25
Sun.	Mic 5:1-4; Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Mass Intentions  *for the Week*

SAT.	4:30 PM	BOB CURRY Cliff & Mary Ann Fenner
SUN.	9:00 AM	KEARNEY & KAPPE FAMILIES Jack & Alberta Kearney
	11:00 AM	RAY ELLIS Judy Shannon & Nancy Hackathorn

MON.	8:00 AM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
TUE.	No Service	
WED.	8:00 AM	MARGE & DARRYL EARTLY & DESIREE REO Mallick Family
	5:00 PM	MARY BRYK Kathy Bridges
THU	8:00 AM	GERTRUDE GERMACK Mallick Family
FRI.	8:00 AM	PETER N. FERRANTE SR. School Staff
SAT.	9:00 AM	ALL VICTIMS of ABORTION Apostles of Divine Mercy
	4:30 PM	JEANNETTE MEZMARICH Dave & Betty Cook
SUN.	9:00 AM	RACHELE STEIMER Mother, Amy Eaton
	11:00 AM	DR. ANGELO CORDOVA Greta Cordova & Family



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MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DEC 19-20 :

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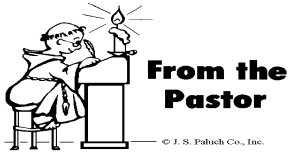
SAT.	4:30 PM	P. Cordova
SUN.	9:00 AM	C. Ramsey
	11:00 AM	F. Krasneski

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SAT.	4:30 PM	M. Bergen
SUN.	9:00 AM	P. Stoltz
	11:00 AM	J. Soslowicz

ACOLYTES

SAT.	4:30 PM	F. Stocker, T. Costello
SUN.	9:00 AM	A, PerDue, D. Gustafson
	11:00 AM	A. Logan, M. McBee, A. Fistek



The Coming of the Messiah— The Jesus of History and the Christ of Faith

In the coming weeks you will be decorating your houses for the celebration of Christmas! I encourage you to RESIST the emphasis of our society and NOT TO REMOVE your signs and symbols of the Faith of the Season until January 10, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Perhaps you can gradually begin to remove them after the Epiphany, Jan 3 but have your LIGHTS BURNING BRIGHT on Baptism Sunday! On this day we will announce the YEAR for priests at our parish.

Our own parish worship site will be decorated to help us see and experience the signs and symbols of our Catholic faith. After the Christmas season, the faith should continue to grow in us and through the power of the Holy Spirit bring us to the fulfillment of the Resurrection in Christ. To help us grow I have decided to replace our current "Stations of the Cross" with the sample stations from Epiphany Church in Cleveland, Ohio.

Numerous comments from both adults and children confirmed that the sample stations were both more understandable and beautiful in comparison to our current ones. Be assured that the disposition of religious art and symbols of devotion must follow church guidelines and consultation. Therefore I will be meeting with the members of the Altar & Rosary Society and the Parish Council the first of the year to discuss the issue.

I certainly was impressed by the many voices and faith filled comments of those who chose to share their ideas about their church building, art and devotions. I was encouraged to enlarge this discussion to include a Review of our Current Sanctuary that was remodeled several years ago. This would require a larger discussion and a special "ad hoc committee" to help steer the process. If this be God's will and the will of the majority of the people, I would request permission from Bishop Murry, SJ, to begin this new study. Until such time we still need to INVITE and WELCOME the parishioners and visitors whom we meet week to week. We need to SING to the Lord as best we are able each week. We need to SERVE the Neediest in our neighborhood. We need to SHARE our Bounty with families who believe in Catholic school Education and we need to PRAY With & For our Families who hand down the Faith through best Practices of the Faith.

Respectfully Yours,
Fr. Melvin E. Rusnak