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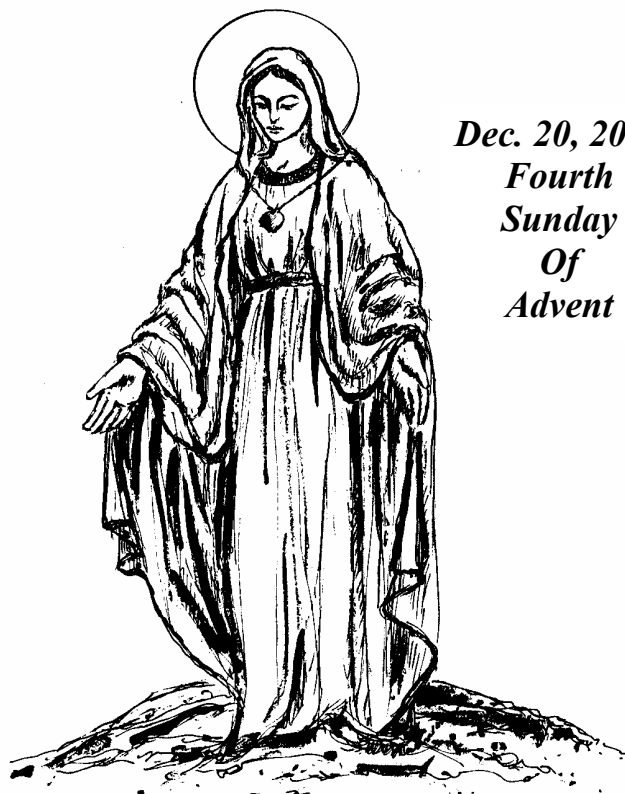
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*Dec. 20, 2009  
Fourth  
Sunday  
Of  
Advent*

**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**

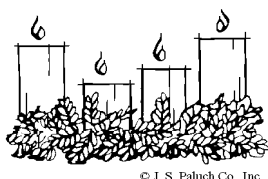
<b>Confessions:</b>	Saturday, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
<b>Baptisms:</b>	Arrange at Rectory
<b>Matrimony:</b>	Arrange at least 1 year in advance.
<b>Anointing of the Sick:</b>	Call the rectory

***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.*



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**“Christ is born,  
that by his birth he might restore your nature.”**

**St. Peter Chrysologus**



**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**  
By Bud Ozar

Mary was excited with her first pregnancy and rushed to tell her cousin. Some consider children as a liability, a “mouth to feed” or an obstacle to a career. While Christmas is “for children” it is also for “adults to appreciate the gift children are to us.”

Please remember to pray for the sick and recovering in the parish. Mary Girard, Jane Smith, Andy Boomhower. Please pray for the repose of the souls of **LUNDA “Slim” BRAFFORD**, husband of Charlotte and father of Peggy Sites, and **ARPOD BODISCH**, brother of Rubie Boomhower, who died recently.

**PILGRIMAGE**

Would you like to visit our sister parish in El Salvador? A trip is being planned for the end of Jan 25- Feb 1. Travel with others from Ohio. Food is simple, Lodging is moderate, Experience is priceless. The total price is around \$1,000 including air fare. Contact John & Rita Linehan, 466-3207.

**BE AWARE** of the paradoxes of this season—the crib and the cross. Don’t be surprised at the dark and painful aspects of this holiday amidst the glitter and joy. The folly of the manger is the cross. As we journey through the dark winter days of this holy, festive season, let us learn to unleash our own power to love in the weakness and pain, in the brokenness and folly of our own lives. Embrace it all!

**TABERNACLE CANDLES FOR THE WEEK:**

1. In Memory of **AUGIE KRAGE**
2. In Memory of **TRACI SAILORS**

**Additional Christmas Flowers**

In Memory of Roland Titman By Eva Titman

Thanks to all who gave memorials and donations to the flower fund.

Let those love now who never loved before; let those who always loved now love the more.

**WHO WAS THAT?**

Who was one of the royal members of the Queen’s Court dressed in period costume at the “Elizabethan Yuletide Feaste” held at the Lodge on Dec 5 & 6? It was **Becky Packrall!** She joined over 60 members of the Ashtabula County Choral Music Society and the Rabbit Run Community Arts Association in an evening of music, food, theater, and enchanting pageantry. They shared their talents and the history of Queen Elizabeth I with singers and musicians performing music and drama.

**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SCHEDULE**



Confessions  
Mon, Tues, Wed: 6-8 pm

**Masses**

Dec 24: 4:00 pm Mass with children  
9:00 pm Vigil Mass  
Dec 25: 9:00 am  
11:00 am  
Dec 31: 4:30 pm Vigil to Holy Day  
11:00 pm: Neo Catechumens & Friends.  
Jan 1: 9:00 am

**YOUTH MINISTRY BAKE SALE TODAY**

Stop at the side entrance and pick up a tray of mixed Christmas cookies. The Youth Ministry will accept your donations for the bakery! Thanks to all who helped us.

**BAPTISM CLASS,**

This class, required for parents before scheduling a child’s baptism, will be held Sun, Dec 20, 7pm, in the rectory.

**“WINDOWS INTO THE FUTURE”**

**Goal \$40,000**

Donations (Week # 22) \$ 26,090 (65%)

Unpaid Pledges: \$ 825

To all who gave to this fund this year,  
Thank you!!

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

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF Dec 20:**

<b>SUN.</b>	Youth Ministry Cookie Sale .....	after all Masses
	Baptism Class .....	7:00
<b>MON.</b>	Christmas Vacation	
<b>TUE.</b>	BINGO, 12/22/09. Team # 2 .....	6:30
	Admissions	D. Pasqualone
	Early Birds	R. Laurello
	Early Instants	T. Ivankovic
	Cashier	B. Peters
	Kitchen	T. Baxter, T. Foss, M. Decker
	I Caller	J. Ayersman
	Floor	J. Decker
	Instants	E. Mallick
	II Caller	J. Ayersman
	Floor	J. Decker
	Instants	T. Ivankovic, N. Perijoc
<b>WED.</b>	AA Friendship Room .....	7:00
	Clinic .....	1-3
	CCD, K-8 .....	4:15
<b>THU.</b>	<b>Office Closed until Monday.</b>	
	Basketball .....	2:30-4:30
	Choir Practice .....	7:30-9:00
	N.A. Rental .....	7:00
<b>FRI.</b>	No Adoration scheduled	
<b>SAT.</b>	Children's Choir Practice .....	10:00
<b>SUN.</b>	No Adoration scheduled	

**RIGHT TO LIFE**

The 37th annual Lake County Justice for reborn Children (formerly March for Life) will take place at 2pm on Sunday, January 10. The procession will depart from the Great Lakes Mall and travel east along Rte 20 to the Weaver Center at St. Mary of the Assumption School for warm refreshments, followed by an informative program at 3 pm. Special guest is Rachel Benda, Director of Cleveland based Bethseda— the House of Mercy. FMI call the Lake County Right to Life office, 440-255-5257. Participants are not required to march in order to attend the program.

**ST. JOHN & PAUL ACTIVITIES**

Dec 27: Alumni Volleyball Game Warm up at 7:00, Games at 7:30. To register, contact Amanda Brace, 964-2857.

Jan 2: Alumni Basketball Game & Rigatoni Dinner.

Entry fee to play is \$20 each. Contact Nick Iarocci, 440-813-0479.

Class of 1980 is planning a 30 year reunion the weekend of Aug 6-8, 2010. For more information email: michelebalint@genzyme.com.

**OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD**

Dec 13, 2009 Offertory .....	\$ 4,258
Renovation Fund Balance .....	\$ 1,819
Bills to be paid .....	\$ 20,590
Assessments: to be paid .....	\$ 3,300

Thanks to all our generous parishioners.

**USCCB**

“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 victims of the industry of pornography and every other appalling form of abuse, and thus are traumatized in the depths 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, 12-25-08

**SHARING HOPE IN TOUGH TIMES**

Your time and attention are the best gifts you can give your family; it costs nothing but its worth is priceless.

Pray that Christians will reach out to each other with the gifts of time and attention during this holy season.

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT**

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

**VOCATIONS**

“It is by God’s will that we have been sanctified.” How is God calling you to grow in holiness? If He may be inviting you to the priesthood, call Fr. Chris Luoni, 330-744-8451.

**MARY AND ELIZABETH**

These women will each bear a child who will one day change the world. The waiting, the risks, the soul searching, the opinions of others count for nothing as they sense the future unfolding, brought about by the hand of God.— WE are to recognize the light of Christ in our world and in our hearts, and be ready for real changes!

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC 20:**

Sun.	Mic 5:1-4; Ps 80; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45
Mon.	Song 2:8-14; Ps 33; Lk 1:39-45
Tue.	1 Sam 1:24-28; 1 Sam 2:1,4-8; Lk 1:46-56
Wed.	Mal 3:1-4,23-24; Ps 25; Lk 1:57-66
Thu.	2 Sam 7:1-5,8-12,14,16; Ps 89; Lk 1: 67-79
Fri.	(Midnight) Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3,11-13; Titus 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Sat.	(St. Stephen) Acts 6:8-10,7:54-59; Ps 31; Mt 10:17-22
Sun.	(Holy Family) 1 Sam 1:20-22,24-28; Ps 84; 1 Jn 3:1-2,21-24; Lk 2:41-52

# Mass for the Intentions } Week

<b>SAT.</b>	<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>JEANNETTE MEZNARICH</b> Dave & Betty Cook
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>RACHELE STEIMER</b> Mother, Amy Eaton
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>DR. ANGELO CORDOVA</b> Greta & Family

<b>MON.</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>JOHN SHANNON</b> Judy Shannon
<b>TUE.</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>
<b>WED.</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>FORMER PRIESTS of the PARISH</b>

<b>Merry Christmas</b>		
<b>THU</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>TARANTINA &amp; HOLAHAN FAMILIES</b> Don & Joanne Holahan
	<b>9:00 PM</b>	<b>PRISCILLA GRUBER BELL</b> Fina & Family
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>ANNA MAE BOOMHOWER</b> Family
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>JOSEPHINE CARKHUFF</b> Family & Friends

<b>SAT.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>TOM &amp; CLARA JOHNSTON</b> Ruth Sebulsky
	<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>ISABEL PIZZUTO</b> Family
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>RON CONGDON</b> Tess
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>MICHAEL BRANHAM</b> Family

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DEC. 24-25:

		<b>Lector</b>
Thu, Dec 24	4:00 PM	D. Gerber, J. Coggins
	9:00 PM	A. Kearney
Fri, Dec 25	9:00 AM	C. Kohli
	11:00 AM	<b>Need Lector</b>
		<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>
Thu, Dec 24	4:00 PM	J. Gerber
	9:00 PM	M. Bergen, R. Linehan, D. PerDue
Fri, Dec 25	9:00 AM	J. Carle, P. Stoltz
	11:00 AM	J. Pasqualone, S. Sharpe

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DEC. 26-27:

		<b>Lector</b>
Sat,	4:30 PM	<b>Need Lector</b>
Sun,	9:00 AM	D. Bruening
	11:00 AM	K. Carkhuff
		<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>
Sat,	4:30 PM	M. Bergen
Sun,	9:00 AM	R. Linehan
	11:00 AM	<b>Need Minister</b>
		<b>Acolytes</b>
Sat,	4:30 PM	J. Ferrante, K. Baxter
Sun,	9:00 AM	J. Loftus, J. Kearney
	11:00 AM	C. Vaughn, T. Hunt, A. Wright



## CHRIST in CHRISTMAS

Christ, the only begotten Son of God, looked at the sinful world and realized its need for

**H**elp. In council with the Father it was agreed that he would give up his high and exalted place and bring to sinful man

**R**edemption. He would go to earth in person and through the miracle of birth would become the

**I**ncarnation of God in human flesh. He would be born of a virgin with God as his Father, and enter into the world as its

**S**avior. His holiness, his exemplary life, his sinlessness, his plan of redemption, his death, and his resurrection would bring to earth the great

**T**ransformation needed by all mankind. So he came, as decided in the councils of eternity, and through his coming he brought the

**M**elody of heaven to earth. A babe in swaddling clothes, divine, whose birth was announced by the singing of angels on high was to bring

**A**ssurance to all mankind that God cared enough to send his only begotten Son that all who believe in him might have

**S**alvation and eternal life.

