

SAINT VINCENT



December 27, 2009

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

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Bulletin Deadline:

12:00 Noon Monday in Writing

Masses: **Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 PM • **Sunday:** 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 AM
Weekdays: 6:30 AM • **Saturday:** 6:30 AM
Holy Days: 6:30, 9:00 AM and 5:30 PM

Confessions: Saturday: 11:00 to 12:00 Noon and Thursday before First Friday; 3:30-4:30 PM

Eucharistic Holy Hour: Wednesday: 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Rosary: Saturday at 4:40 PM

Parish Registration: New Parishioners are most welcome and should register at the rectory as soon as possible. If moving out of the parish, please notify the rectory.

Baptisms: It is necessary that parents attend a Baptism Preparation Program before the Baptism of their first child. Baptism Preparation classes can be completed at either St. Hilary (Sr. Marlene, 330-867-1055) or at St. Sebastian (Marival Ciarlariello, 330-865-5905). Call either parish for times and registration details. Proof of attendance should be presented to St. Vincent Church prior to the baptism.

Marriages: Couples intending to marry should call at the rectory at least SIX MONTHS prior to the marriage. It is required to have copies of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation records, if these Sacraments are not received at St. Vincent. Wedding times on Saturday are at 12:00 Noon or 2:00 PM.

Parish School of Religion (PSR) Pre-School - 8th: Classes are September through May. Classes are held in St. Vincent Grade School on Sundays from 10:15 AM to 11:15 AM.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (Convert Classes): Classes begin in September. For information, call 330-535-3135.

Hospital/Sick/Shut-in Visitation : Please notify the Rectory when a parishioner is hospitalized, shut-in or ill.

Funerals: Please notify a Priest as soon as possible regarding arrangements, either personally or through the funeral director.

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Masses for the Week

SATURDAY, December 26, 2009 * St. Stephen
5:00 PM Blanche O'Neil

SUNDAY, December 27 * Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7:00 Special Intention—Living, for prayers answered
9:00 Living & deceased members of the Holy Name Society
11:00 Intentions of the Tawney Family * 35th Wedding Anniversary—Jim and Chris Tawney * **Baptism** of Olivia Marie Fogle at this Mass

MONDAY, December 28 * Holy Innocents, martyrs
6:30 Helen N. Bailey



TUESDAY, December 29 * St. Thomas Becket
6:30 Bill Holt, Peggy Holt and Petty Whitehurst

WEDNESDAY, December 30
6:30 Living and deceased of the Hammer Family
7:00 PM Holy Hour in Church

THURSDAY, December 31 * St. Sylvester I, pope
6:30 Agnes Gorbach
5:00 p.m. Cornelius M. & Alice B. Lusardi

FRIDAY, January 1, 2010 * Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God * World Day of Prayer for Peace * First Friday

Mary, Mother of God



7:00 a.m. Dorothy Schaeufele
10:00 a.m. Gerry O'Neil

SATURDAY, January 2 * St. Basil
6:30 Mass in Thanksgiving for the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Bill and Marlene McFadden
5:00 PM Greg Sheeks

SUNDAY, January 3 * Epiphany of the Lord
7:00 Special Intention—Living
9:00 Sister Peter Claver, SND
11:00 Marianne Wamsley, Nick Caruso and Jim Caruso



PLEASE NOTE: Due to advanced bulletin deadlines, the Collections for Christmas, December 25, December 27, and January 3rd will be reported in a later bulletin.

THE NAME FOR GOD

Mother is the name for God on the lips and in the hearts of little children. —William Makepeace Thackeray

KRUMBS FROM THE KRAKER-BARREL

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES



Minnie, what are you doing out there?

It's snowing, boss, and I'm trying to catch as many snow flakes as I can.

That's the craziest thing I've ever seen, Minnie, but it beats your dashing around like a scared rabbit every time it rains.

Thanks, boss, would you like to join me?

No, Minnie, that's all right, you catch the snowflakes yourself, I'll just watch.

I'm finished now, boss, let's go in.

Do you mean you've caught as many snowflakes as you want?

I have, boss, and it was great fun while it lasted, but I think I'll come in and rest awhile.

Great, maybe that will give me a chance to get some work done.

I'm back, boss.

Already? Now what?

I brought you my ball.

So I've noticed. And just what do you want me to do?

You know, boss, just throw it.

That's what I was afraid of. And how long do I have to play fetch with you?

I'll let you know when I'm tired, boss.

You're really something, Minnie. I had forgotten how active you young pups are. Sometimes I get tired just trying to keep up with you.

I've noticed that, boss, but for an old guy, you do pretty well.

Thanks a lot, Minnie, that sure makes me feel better, but to tell you the truth, I rather enjoy watching you and your crazy antics. I don't even mind it when you camp out in the middle of my bed, even though it doesn't leave me much room for sleeping.

Sorry about that, boss.

No problem, Minnie, you see I'm very philosophical about all these shenanigans of yours.

Do you mind sharing your philosophy with me, boss?

It's like this, Minnie: I know that you will grow up faster than you or I expect. It won't be long before you're a mature dog and all these puppy traits will be part of the past. It's then that I will appreciate the memories you're leaving me.

That's nice, boss. What say we go out and catch a few snowflakes?



CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Jim and Chris Tawney who along with their Family will celebrate their 35th Wedding Anniversary at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 27. God bless you and your Family!



CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Shaun and Kimberley Fogle on the Baptism of their Daughter, *Olivia Marie Fogle*, on Sunday, December 27th at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. God bless you and your Family!



**The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary, and Joseph
December 27, 2009**

Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be
has not yet been revealed.
-- 1 John 3:2a

FAMILY IN CRISIS

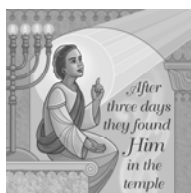
Today's Gospel gives us the only real glimpse we have into the life of the Holy Family during the childhood of Jesus. Here we see a family in crisis. A son is lost and frantic parents search and search until they finally find him. We hear these words from the mother of Jesus: "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety" (Luke 2:48). We can only imagine the distress felt by Mary and Joseph. Their love for their son brought them to their wits' end. Let us take the opportunity this day to ask the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph to intercede for us in times when our families experience anxiety and fear. (c) Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

The Christ-child lay on Mary's lap,
His hair was like a light.
(O weary, weary were the world,
But there is all aright.)

The Christ-child lay on Mary's breast,
His hair was like a star,
(O stern and cunning are the kings,
But here the true hearts are.)

The Christ-child lay on Mary's heart,
His hair was like a fire.
(O weary, weary is the world,
But here the world's desire.)



FAMILY PERSPECTIVES

The Holy Family in today's gospel had to deal with normal family tensions. Jesus took off without permission and Mary and Joseph had to reprimand him. Jesus caused

His parents great anxiety and His explanation didn't satisfy them. Anxiety is normal in families. It is in these pressured moments that we are called to keep our composure, be patient and understanding of one another.

That each family may believe in and feel God's presence in their daily lives and know that this is what makes them a holy family.

Let Us Pray:

I offer thanks, Dear Lord, for the Gift of Family.
May we strive for peace and harmony among ourselves.
May we accept one another's weaknesses...
And encourage one another's strengths,
May we forgive one another's failings...
And rejoice in one another's successes.
I pray that we will be patient, kind and
Cheerful with one another.
Help us to be selfless, placing the welfare
Of one another ahead of self.
Through Jesus Christ, Your only Son, Our Lord. *Amen*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Mt 2:13-18
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
- Friday:** Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
- Sunday:** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



HAPPY NEW YEAR to all our Parishioners and visitors from Fr. Kraker, Fr. McCafferty, Fr. Yahner and the Parish Staff.
May the New Year be filled with many blessings, joy and peace! God bless!

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace!
Where there is hatred...let me sow love.
Where there is injury...pardon.
Where there is doubt...faith.
Where there is despair...hope.
Where there is darkness...light.
Where there is sadness...joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled...as to console.
To be understood...as to understand.
To be loved...as to love.
For
It is in giving...that we receive
It is in pardoning...that we are pardoned.
It is in dying...that we are born to eternal life.

ST. VINCENT'S ALTAR SOCIETY'S 300 CLUB DRAWING for the month of December will be held on Monday, December 28. Is your money in? tj@cavanaughbuilding.com or Walt Whitmyer at 330-808-4549 or at walterwhitmyer@sbcglobal.net for information.

Youth Ministry News

Senior High Youth Ministry for January

Festival of Praise and Retreat Music Practices on Mondays Jan. 4, 11, 25 at LaVictoire's Home on 325 Fernwood Drive at 7-8:30 pm

Junior High Retreat Planning Sessions on Wednesdays Jan. 6, 20 in St. Sebastian Byrider Hall 3&4 7-8 pm

9 - Family Ice Skating at Lock 3 in downtown Akron

1-3 PM, admission is free and skate rental is \$2.00

17 - St. Sebastian/St. Vincent Mission (Service Hours)

St. Sebastian Church 7-8:30 pm.

Youth Ministry to donate and serve refreshments after Mission. Baked goods are needed!!

29&30 - Junior High Retreat- Ultimate Training: God's Olympians in St. Sebastian Zwisler Hall. Arrive Friday 7 PM set up and spend the night. Saturday Retreat from 9 pm to 5:30 p.m. \$10.00 fee to cover food and t-shirt. Students needed to be on this retreat team (service hours)

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St. Sebastian Church 7-8:30 pm. Youth Ministry to donate and serve refreshments after Mission. Baked goods are needed!!

30 - Junior High Retreat- Ultimate Training: God's Olympians in St. Sebastian Zwisler Hall from 9 AM-5:30 PM, \$20.00 fee for retreat, food and t-shirt.

Students can be picked up at 5:30 pm after Mass at the church.

CHECK IT OUT! Calendars, flyers and permission forms are now available on the St. Sebastian website www.st.sebastian.org. Look under the Faith Formation section and choose Youth Ministry.

Call Cathy Sivec with questions

St. Sebastian- 330 836-2233 ext. 105

St. Vincent- 330 535-3135 ext. 11

Email at cathy@stvincentchurch.com



LEPRECHAUN BASKETBALL: St. Vincent 1st and 2nd grade Boys and Girls Basketball Program begins Saturday, January 9, 2010. Practice and games every Saturday at 7:30 a.m. in the School Gym. Please contact

T.J. Pasadyn by calling 330-676-1877 or by e-mail at



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS—St.

Vincent Parish. K OF C FREE THROW

Girls and boys ages 10-14 are invited to participate in the *Knights of Columbus Free Throw*

Competition on Thursday, January 21, 2010, in the grade school gymnasium. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. and last about an hour. Participants can register the day of the event or pre-register by contacting the grade school gym teacher for forms. Winners can advance to district, regional, state, and even national competition. Gym shoes only please. Sponsored the St. Vincent Knights of Columbus. Contact Brian at 330-864-1242 for more information.



KNIGHT AT THE RACES

The St. Vincent Knights of Columbus will once again be holding a "Knight at the Races" on January 30, 2010, to benefit repairs to our Church organ. Our Church organ was acquired in March of 1942 and has helped set the atmosphere for many of our most sacred moments. It has been 25 years since the organ had any significant maintenance. Recently, the parish was told that the reeds on the organ needed to be refurbished to the cost of \$24,000. The Church would not be the same without a viable organ, the work must be done. In support of this effort please consider an ad for the "Knight at the Races" racing form. The ads are \$25.00, \$50.00 and \$100.00 respectively; all you need to do is to offer some graphic such as a business card or brochure and we will have the ad put into the racing form. Considering the inexpensive cost of the ad and the benefit to our parish, the goodwill to your company is not such a bad value. For more information call Tom Carone at 330-835-4694 or Brian Walsh at 330-864-1242.

YOU can easily make a lasting impact on the future of

St. Vincent Church through a simple bequest written into a will. The savings in state and federal death taxes resulting from a gift to the foundation can be dramatic, and your charitable bequest can benefit your family's inheritance. Bequests can take a variety of forms. You can leave the foundation a stated sum of money, or you can make the foundation a contingent beneficiary in the event other beneficiaries die before you. You can provide a name by which the gift should be known. You can also leave the gift unrestricted or specify a charitable purpose. Please call Louise Grizer, St. Vincent Development Director, at 330-714-9684 to discuss all the possibilities available.

SPEAK WELL Speak well of people and you will never need to whisper. — Anonymous

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE! Fr. Kraker's second book, "Through The Year With Vinnie, Cycle A, is now available for purchase at the Parish office (330-535-3135) or at Grismer's Religious Book Stores for \$17.00.

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY...AND JUSTICE FOR ALL "This is a moral universe, which means that, despite all the evidence that seems to be to the contrary, there is no way that evil and injustice and oppression and lies can have the last word. God is a God who cares about right and wrong. God cares about justice and injustice. God is in charge. That is what had upheld the morale of our people, to know that in the end good will prevail."-Archbishop Desmond Tutu, *God Has a Dream*

Prayers of the People for Clusters of Occupations (Cluster 38) For all those who work in **Textile, apparel, and furnishings occupations**, that they may live the Gospel and express what we profess both in the work they do and in the interactions they have with their co-workers.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY AT ST. VM: Course Beginning 1-5-10 Looking for some direction in your financial life? Want to learn what the bible says about money. Join us for this life-changing 13 week course that discusses a wide range of financial topics. This class is for everyone regardless of age, income level, or knowledge base. Families have better communication between spouses and with children. View the challenges of dealing with money situations through a different perspective. Here is what recent graduates are saying about FPU: This course taught me that debt is not a way of life. This class is a gift for young and old alike. As a couple you must manage your money, not let it manage you. It is definitely worth the time and money. **Classes led by Jim Bennet.** For more information or to sign up please contact John or Sally Olszewski at 330-867-7576 or olszewskij@firstenergycorp.com.

TOURS OF THE BEHLEHEM CAVE AND NATIVITY MUSEUM The Bethlehem Cave and Nativity Museum are located in Nativity of the Lord Jesus Church at the corner of Killian and Myersville Roads in Springfield Township. Guided tours are offered to the public daily at 2:00 from Saturday, December 26 through Wednesday, December 30. For more information call 330-699-5086 between 9-4 weekdays.

A **"Caring and Sharing"** session for those who are divorced, separated or widowed will be held on Monday, December 28th, from 7:30-9:00 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary's Convent Building, 1945 portage Trail, Cuyahoga Falls. Rev. Brett Bartels will facilitate the

Session which will focus on "New Beginning". This event is open at no charge to people of all faiths. For information call Frank 330-801-0527 or Sharon 330-612-3635.

THE HOLY NAME SOCIETIES TRAVELING ROSARY WILL BE HELD AT 2:30 P.M. ON SUNDAY, January 3, 2010 at Holy Family Church, 3179 Kent Road, Stow.

"COME AND SEE" Would you like to learn how to be **less judgmental** and more accepting of **others**? Sr. Mary Ann Wiesemann-Mills, General Superior, Sisters of St. Dominic, will speak on the topic, "How to be Less Judgmental" at the next gathering, Tuesday, January 5, 7:00 p.m. at St. Martha's Parish. If you care to, join us for small group discussion following Sr. Mary Ann's presentation. A representative from the Diocesan Tribunal will be on hand to offer assistance with specific annulment and remarriage questions. Everyone is welcome. There is no cost and reservations are not required. For more information or to obtain a brochure, please contact: Patricia Flaherty at 330-773-7621 or email pflaherty@dioceseofcleveland.org.

**SAINT THOMAS BECKET (1118-1170)
-December 29**

To anyone who imagines conflict between religion and politics to be a modern phenomenon, history witnesses otherwise. Martyred under Henry VIII in 1535, Thomas More declared, "I die the King's good servant, but God's first!" Thomas Becket could have said the same four centuries earlier. As Henry II's closest friend and trusted chancellor, Becket, the King presumed, could be counted on, if made Archbishop, to deliver the church to royal control. But Becket experienced a profound conversion, confirmed by the ordination liturgy's rich symbolism of the bishop as Good Shepherd and the church as Bride of Christ. Renouncing secular responsibilities, distributing his wealth to the poor, Thomas became the church's uncompromising champion. Faced with this "new" Becket, the King's previous friendship turned into a ferocious, almost irrational hatred. As eight centuries later, Archbishop Romero would be martyred at the altar of Christ's sacrifice, Becket was slain before the altar of Canterbury Cathedral by royal agents, neither the first nor last good shepherd to lay down his life as the price of freedom for Christ's church and justice for Christ's sheep. —Peter Scagnelli, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the best of everything they have! - anonymous