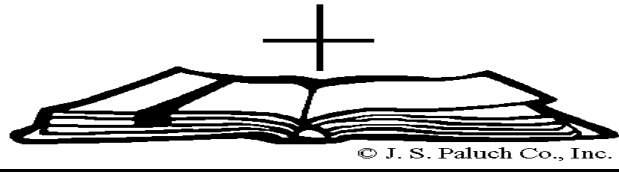


**Third Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2017**

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.
— 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17



Mass Intentions



Sat., Dec 16, 5:30 p.m. Henry McNamara, Dennis McCloskey, Sidney Huval and Family, Corey Rainey, Amy Goff, Dick and Ruth Olson (L), Sick Parishioners (L), John Gereighty, Nick Sita, The Karge Family (L), Louis Perschall Sr., Eliska Marie Plunkett (L), Marie Adele (L), Frances Hebbler, Frank Boroughs, Bell Valley-Hocking Tomsic Families (L), Lester Shackford, Theresa Mule' (L), Yvonne Theriot (L)

Sun., Dec. 17, 7:30 a.m. Ann Lavedan, Carol Pieri, Doris M. Letsch, Richard W. Letsch, Alvin Satches, Jon Craig (L), Larry Kass, Simon Kiefer, Loretta Stansbury, Corey Rainey, Nora Hauptmann, Fannie Tucker, Greg Battistella (L), Elvia Johnson, Barbara Tucker (L), Clarence Innis (L), Gloria Fabre

Sun., Dec. 17, 9:15 a.m. Joyce LeBlanc

Sun., Dec. 17, 11:00 a.m. Parishioners

Mon., Dec. 18, 8:00 a.m. Joseph Legnon

Tues., Dec. 19, NO MASS

Wed., Dec. 20, 8:00 a.m. Simon Kiefer

Thurs., Dec. 21, 8:00 a.m. Roy Simon

Fri., Dec. 22, 8:00 a.m. John Gereighty

Sat., Dec 23, 5:30 p.m. Lullabelle Doucet, Henry McNamara, Dennis McCloskey, Sidney Huval and Family, Corey Rainey, Amy Goff, Sick Parishioners (L), John Gereighty, Nick Sita, Marie Adele (L), The Karge Family (L), Louis Perschall Sr., Eliska Marie Plunkett (L), Frank Boroughs, Bell Valley-Hocking Tomsic Families (L), Lester Shackford

Sun., Dec. 24, 7:30 a.m. Carol Pieri, Luigia and Ugo Pieri, Nora Hauptmann, Fannie Tucker, Elvia Johnson, Clarence Innis (L), Gloria Fabre, Frank Boroughs, Tony Ferran (L), Salvador Cardinale, Tommy Riggio, Jerry Hornosky, Simon Kiefer

Sun., Dec. 24, 9:15 a.m. Joyce LeBlanc

Sun., Dec. 24, 11:00 a.m. Parishioners

Sun., Dec. 24, 5:00 p.m. Carol Pieri, Simon Kiefer, Loretta Stansbury, Charlie Gagliano, Amy Goff, Elaine Murhammer, Fannie Tucker, Elvia Johnson, Nick Sita, Nora Hauptmann, John Gereighty

Sun., Dec. 24, 7:00 p.m. Parishioners

Sun., Dec. 24, 9:00 p.m. Corey Rainey and Baham Family

PRAYER LIST

Helen Lafleur	Louise Cashmere
Margaret Mary Mule'	Tom Kelley
Judge Salvadore Mule'	Martha Huval
Emmitt Guderian	Max Jones
Joann Austin	Ethel Istre
Chip Guillory	Kevin Delaune
Lance Babst	Margaret Jones
Tony Ferran	Wilma Ferran

LECTOR/COMMENTATOR SCHEDULE

December 16-17, 2017

	5:30 p.m.	7:30 a.m.	9:15 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
L.	Karen	Tim	Jerry	Kristen Porter
C.	Judy	Nancy	David	Lynette

Weekly Collections

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Regular Collection	\$ 3,491.00
2 nd Coll. Building and Pres. Fund	\$ 15.00
2 nd Coll. Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 930.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 247.00

THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

<i>Sanctuary:</i>	Lance Babst (L)
<i>Blessed Mother</i>	Prayers Answered (L)
<i>St. Joseph</i>	Prayers Answered (L)
<i>St. Ann</i>	Prayers Answered (L)

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7 day candle please call 796-3806.

"CHRISTMAS FLOWERS"

The Altar Society is asking for donations for flowers to help with the added expense for Christmas Flowers. Donations can be placed in the box on the wall in the back of church. You can enter the names of your loved ones in the book and they will be remembered at all Masses throughout the Christmas season.

The Ladies Altar Society would like to thank everyone who purchased raffle tickets for their fundraiser The winner of the Rosary is Mary LeBlanc and the Basket is John McLemore.

THANK YOU FROM THE OFFICE!

I would like to thank everyone who volunteers for St. John's year round. It would be foolish of me to try to name everyone because I would hate to forget someone. But two ladies I have to mention are Kathy Craig and Priscilla Stahel. I seriously could not do my job as efficient without them.

Next is the WWC (the Wednesday Work Crew). Ever wonder who changes light bulbs, fixes pews, brings missals to Church? I could go on and on. I forgot to mention they are also Knights of Columbus. These guys have to be mentioned. They are: Jimmy Blanke, Ken Boroughs, Emile Brewer, David Cooper, David LeBlanc, Craig Schiro and Gene Vizzini. From the bottom of my heart thank you for all you do for the Fr. Robert, the Church parish and I. **GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU!**

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Last week, we looked at a form of nativity scene called a *presepio*, characterized by framing the crèche of Jesus with a vast array of personalities and a rich geographical context. The tradition was carried to the New World, and finds very rich expression in Latin America today. While in Europe the *presepio* was reserved mostly to the homes of wealthy nobles and great churches, in Latin America it was claimed by the poor and expressed the skills of native artisans. In Mexico, you can still find clay figures in every village market. In a way, the native people took the religion of Spanish rule and baptized it with their Indian culture by surrounding the crib of Jesus with local geography and people. In Brazil, where Christmas falls in summer, the figure of the baby Jesus is wrapped in gold and gems, and set on a hillside surrounded by flowers and animals of all kinds. Sometimes there is a double *presepio*, presenting both Nativity and Crucifixion.

In some places in Latin America, even non-religious people take care to have a *presepio* in the home, sometimes dedicating one whole room in the house or apartment to the scene. Some cities have markets where people from the countryside sell plants and figurines. In Cuzco, churches and families provide hot chocolate for the children of the poor who come down to help create the nativity scenes. In Paraguay, the baby Jesus grows—the small infant who arrives on Christmas Eve is replaced at New Year with a toddler Jesus who holds in one hand the globe and in the other a cross. Few Christmas traditions have the vitality and variety of *presepios* and crèches honoring the Nativity.—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

The North Shore Deanery Advent Reconciliation will be on December 20th at 7:00 p.m. at Most Holy Trinity Church in Covington. There will be several priests available for confessions. You are encouraged to attend.

**Please join us in celebrating
the Christmas Season with**

**St. John's Parish School of Religion Christmas Program
Wednesday, January 3, 2018, 6:30 p.m.
Jonathan Hall**

**Refreshments following
Family, friends, and parishioners welcome.**

**My apologies for the wrong mass time on the flyer
for Dec. 24th. The mass is 7:30 a.m. not 7:15 a.m.**

This Christmas we will have a double obligation to fulfill. The Mass schedule for Christmas and weekend Masses is as follows:

Saturday, Dec. 23 - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 24 - 7:30, 9:15, 11:00 a.m.

Vigil of Christmas - Sunday, Dec. 24 - 5:00, 7:00, 9:00 p.m.

The Nativity of the Lord -Monday, Dec. 25 -9:15 a.m.

NATIVITY CRECHES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Callie and Bob Segura will share with St. John's Parish their Nativity Crèche's Exhibit and would like to invite anyone who would like to join the display with their Nativity Crèche/Crèche's. It is the beauty of Christmas. It is all about Christ's birth. The exhibit will be on display on Wednesday, January 3rd before and after the Christmas Program in Jonathan. The Exhibit will remain up through the weekend before and after all masses. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity. If you Have any questions please call the office.

SHROUD ENCOUNTER

"Shroud Encounter" is a full multi-media exploration into the science, history and mystery of the Shroud of Turin. Its intrigue is comparable to the Pyramids or Stonehenge. It is the most analyzed artifact in the world yet remains the greatest of all unsolved mysteries. Shroud Encounter peels back the layers like a CSI Investigation taking the audience on a high-speed journey that leaves no stone unturned. In the end, the audience, like a jury in a trial, must come to their own conclusions. Whether or not the Shroud is authentic is a question science cannot answer. No conclusions are drawn.

Don't miss this exciting event here at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church with two options to attend, on February 17 at 7:00 p.m. or February 18 at 2 p.m. in Jonathan Hall. For more information please visit the website at www.shroudencounter.com

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The office will be closed for Christmas from Fri. Dec. 22nd through Tues. Dec. 26th. We will close at noon at on Fri. Dec. 29th through Mon. Jan. 1st. We will reopen on Tues., Jan. 2nd
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ADORATION IS EVERY WEDNESDAY, 8:30 - 9:30 A.M.

CHOIR PRACTICE, EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6:30 P.M.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETINGS ARE THE SECOND THURSDAY OF MONTH AT 7:30 P.M. IN ODILO HALL

FIRST SATURDAY MASS AT 8:00 A.M. EVERY MONTH

BLANKET MINISTRY MEET LAST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH

CATCH FIRE YOUTH GROUP MEETS THE FIRST AND THIRD SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH FROM 6 - 7:30 P.M. IN ODILO HALL.

NO PSR CLASSES ON DEC. 20 AND 27, RETURN ON JAN. 3RD

MENS GROUP, WORD ON FIRE CATHOLICISM, THURS. 7:30 P.M. IN LIBRARY

MATTHEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY, MONDAY, 7:30 P.M. IN LIBRARY