

**MASSES FOR NOVEMBER 29 – DECEMBER 5**

Monday, 29	8:30 am	(SF)	<b>For the People</b> Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday, 30	8:30 am	(SJ)	<b>Shirley Bodnar (<i>Janice McClain</i>)</b> Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Wednesday, 1	8:30 am	(SF)	<b>Dick Blackburn (<i>Wife, Jo &amp; Daughters</i>)</b> Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday, 2	8:30 am	(SJ)	<b>Lois Morgan (<i>Gary &amp; Susan Jamison</i>)</b> Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday, 3	8:30 am	(SF)	<b>Dee Fouts (<i>Family</i>)</b> Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday, 4	5:00 pm	(SF)	<b>Barb Schroyer (<i>Bill &amp; Cathy Blankenship</i>)</b> Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8 (Daily Readings)
Sunday, 5	9:00 am	(SJ)	<b>Rosemary Rebres (<i>Mary Jo &amp; Dave Kuhn</i>)</b>
	11:00 am	(SF)	<b>Vic Shuma (<i>Wife, Daughters, &amp; Grandchildren</i>)</b> Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

**THE WEEK AT A GLANCE**

<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	Parish School of Religion – 6:00pm (SJH)
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	Confessions – 10:30am (SJ)
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	Vespers & Benediction – 6:00pm (SF) Choir Practice – Immediately following Vespers

**As of 11/23/2021:** Trinity West: Trinity East. Please remember to pray for all our sick, shut-ins, and those in nursing homes. If you or a family member becomes hospitalized, please be sure to contact the rectory.

**WINNER** of the raffle for the State Birds & State Flowers Quilt is **Joel Obertance**; and **WINNER** of the Red and White crocheted afghan is **Andy Rentforth**. These were both made by a former parishioner and donated to the CWC. The raffles were held on Sun., Nov. 7, during the Cabbage Roll Sale.


Raffle tickets for the “**Piecemakers Quilt**” are still available at the churches entrances. The drawing will take place on Dec. 8.



**Wanda Hughes**, a lifelong parishioner of St. Francis/St. Joseph parishes will celebrate her 92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Ann Restifo**, another lifelong parishioner of our parishes will celebrate her 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday on December 5<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to remember them on their birthdays send greetings to **Wanda Hughes, 1102 Twp. Rd. 267, Amsterdam, OH 43903** and **Ann Restifo 1308 Ridge Ave, Toronto OH 43964**.



**Christmas Giving Trees** are up with tags. Kindly return the gifts to the **church no later than December 12<sup>th</sup>**. **Do not** wrap them, but please tape the tags to the packages. More names will become available as Leah receives them. You may contact Leah Perdue with questions at 740-346-5626 or lperdue@diosteub.org.

 Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Gary Bonnizzio**. We extend our deepest sympathy to the Bonnizzio family. May Gary live in the eternal light of Christ.

**Thought for the Week:**

*"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern."*

**~ Mother Teresa (St. Teresa of Calcutta)**



**CHURCH SUPPORT: St. Francis:** Adult: \$1,991.00; Loose: \$15.00; Candles: \$74.00; Building Fund: \$30.00; Human Development: \$286.00.00. **St. Joseph:** Adult: \$1,251.00; Loose: \$5.00; Candles: \$12.00; Building Fund: \$440.00; Human Development: \$43.00. May God bless you for your goodness to His Church! **Weekly Mass Attendance for November 21<sup>st</sup>:** Saturday 5:00pm: 80 Sunday: 9:00am – 82; 11:00am – 62.

**MASSES:** for **Kathy Green** by Barbara Carter; for **Melissa Watts** by Rick & Marian Barker, Larry & Angela Fogle, Barbara Carter, Janice McClain, John & Janice Scalley;

**MEMORIALS:** To **St. Francis Church** in memory of **Kathy Green** by Janice McClain, Mary Ann & David Huff, John & Janet Olesky; **St. Joseph Church:** in memory of **Melissa Watts** by Rick & Marian Barker; M/M Cernansky, Rose Abdalla, Randy Henry & Family, Eddie Abdalla, Pat & Kim Dougherty, Dorothy Blaner, Linda Burkey & Tina McGrath, Mary Jo & Chuck Andrews.



**CWC Annual Christmas Social**, Thurs., Dec. 9, St. Joseph Rectory, beginning at 6:00 PM. All women of the parishes are invited and welcome to this special event. Please let us know that you are coming by signing your name on one of the sheets at the churches' entrances. There is no charge; however, we will take a collection for the Poor & Needy. Sign up today that you will join us on Dec. 9!

### ***First Sunday of Advent by The Faithful Disciple***

**GROW:** As the days grow shorter and darker, I am especially ready for Advent wreaths and nativity sets; sparkling lights and singing angels. More than ever, I eagerly anticipate the joyful celebration of Christ's birth. But today's readings for the first Sunday of Advent point us to the end of time, when Jesus returns in glory. Wait a minute, what? I don't want to think about the dismay and fright that Jesus foretells in the Gospel, I want to think about shepherds and holy nights. We really can't do one without the other, however, and the underlying message of the readings is one of hope and reassurance: Our God keeps his promises. He is faithful to the covenants he makes. He loves us so much; he offers us new beginnings. Our God became one of us, died to save us, and will give us the strength to be ready to greet him when he comes again. "Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand," Jesus says. Pray that our preparation for Christ's birth will make us all the more ready for his return.

**GO:** We are a society and culture that focuses a lot on the outward signs of preparation, and there is a lot of pressure to make it all perfect. Pinterest boards, social media groups, magazine photos, and clothing catalogs: all show perfectly dressed people with perfectly adorable dogs standing in front of exquisitely perfect Christmas trees, on perfectly unblemished snow. But perfection in the exterior is not the Christian goal. Our interior preparation – how we make ourselves ready for Christ now, and at the end of time – is the focus of Advent. It is an opportunity for repentance, and a joyful new beginning in our relationship with God. It is a time to recommit ourselves to the covenant he made with us, and the psalm and the second reading offer assistance in doing so. Make time each day to dive in and explore what Scripture reveals about "conducting yourselves to please God."

**PRAY:** Pray the psalm from the first Sunday of Advent each morning. Ask God to open your heart to ways you can be more just. He will teach you, guide you and strengthen your heart so that you can stand upright to face whatever challenges come your way.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;  
teach me your paths,  
Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my savior,  
and for you I wait all the day.

### **BULLETIN BOARD**

**An Ecumenical Christmas Concert** will be held on Sun., Dec. 19, at 4:00 PM, at the Riverview United Methodist Church on 105 North River Avenue in Toronto. Since there will not be a red kettle drive this year, this concert and a "love offering" will benefit the Salvation Army.