

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017

MASSES OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017

- 9:00 am Tabetha Nelson (d)
11:00 am John & Virginia Zwick (d)
7:00 pm For the parishioners

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2017

- 8:30 am Marjorie Byrne (d)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017

- 8:30 am Phillip Kelly (d)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017

- 8:30 am Robert Rinear (d)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2017

Saint Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

- 8:30 am Amer Takieddine (d)

- 3:00 pm Jacob Witt (d)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

(immediately after Mass until 5pm)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2017

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

- 8:30 am Joseph Axt (d)

- 11:00 am Tau Nguyen (d)

- 7:00 pm For the parishioners

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2017

- 8:30 am Madelyn Voss (d)

- 4:30 pm Jake Wittich (d)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 9:00 am Ann Schehl Manegold (d)

- 11:00 am Michael Dicorpo (d)

- 7:00 pm For the parishioners

St. Lawrence is thinking of you!

WELLINGTON: Margie Frommeyer

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SERVERS

December 9/10

- 4:30 pm Blake Dugan
9:00 am Jerry Gonnella
11:00 am Angelia Blake, Isabella Blake
7:00 pm Eden Caine

LECTORS

December 9/10

- 4:30 pm Gary Rogers
9:00 am Lois Kessling
11:00 am Gerry Geisel
7:00 pm Matt Thompson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

December 9/10

- 4:30 pm Joe Brehm Michael Rogers,
Don Witwer, Trish Witwer
9:00 am Mary Ann Bedel, Melissa Jones,
Skip Jones, Matt Schneider
11:00 am Holly Beischel, Nick Lageman,
Ken Thiergartner, Mary Wagner
7:00 pm Shirley Hoffman, Matt Thompson

Please be sure to stop in the sacristy before Mass to let Father know you are present. Thank you!

OFFERING

NOVEMBER 26, 2017

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Thank You for your Generosity!

Vocation View: ‘Be watchful! Be alert!’ The call towards a vocation can come at an unexpected day and hour, prepare your heart to always say ‘yes’ to God. (Mark 13:33)

Thought for the Day: The spirit flows to you and to all men from the heart of the God-man, Savior of the world, but certainly, no worker was ever more completely and profoundly penetrated by it than the foster father of Jesus, who lived with Him in closest intimacy and community of family life and work. Thus if you wish to be close to Christ, we again today repeat, Go to Joseph.” (Gen 41:44) Pope Pius XII

Rest in Peace: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Callie Kelley and Bud Kramer who died recently.

The Laurentian

BINGO

Sunday workers: please report at 11:30am
Tuesday workers: please report at 5:30pm
Parents of the students listed below are asked to work the following Bingo:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3: Wilfredo Lopez-Marroquin, Jah'Miya Miller, Aashtyn Pickerell

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5: Cuinna Rachel, Shirley Ramos-Perez, Sheila Roblero

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10: Nel'lia Saylor, Jacob Schlachter, Tyler Sellmeyer

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12: Antonio Smith, Angel Taylor, Anael Velasquez-Solis

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"In Loving Memory Spaces": In January, 2018, a section on the back of the bulletin will be available to list the name of a deceased loved one. The cost is \$55 per name and their name will remain on the bulletin for one year. Or now, you can purchase a small space on the back for just your loved one or ones and insert their picture and birthday and have your own space to remember your loved ones. One space is \$220 per year and two spaces are \$440 per year. If interested, please clip and fill out the slip below and put it in the collection basket or mail to: St. Lawrence Church, 3680 Warsaw Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45205.

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Loved One's Name _____

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Phone Number _____



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception:
Friday, December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. It **IS** a **Holy Day of Obligation** and is the Patronal Feast Day of the United States. The Masses are: Thursday, December 7 at 3pm and Friday, December 8 at 8:30am, 11am and 7pm. On Thursday, December 7, **Eucharistic Adoration** will begin at the conclusion of the 3pm Mass, until 5pm.



2018 Church Calendars are in the back of church this weekend.

Advent Books: Meditation books for the Advent season are in the back of church. Each book contains readings for each day of Advent. Please take one.

Sister Helen Julia's: Christmas holiday collection of food and monetary donations for families in need is underway. I know that our St. Lawrence parishioners and friends will be generous so that Sister will be able to assist all those families who are in need. This collection will continue through December 10th. Sister's Ministry envelopes are in the back of church and the food barrels are at the break (next to the pillars) for your food donations. Thank you for helping Sister help the needy. And thanks to Sister Helen Julia.

**Holiday
Food
Baskets**



Athenaeum Chorale will be having open auditions for its 2017-2018 season through late fall. All singers over 18 years of age are welcome to audition. Spots for all voice parts are available. The Chorale sings for approximately eight liturgical events per year, including a Solemn Vespers series and the beloved Advent Lessons & Carols ceremony, in the beautiful Italian Romanesque Chapel of St. Gregory the Great at the Athenaeum. Each liturgy includes choral repertoire from a variety of periods and traditions. All auditions will be held, by appointment, at the Athenaeum of Ohio, 6616 Beechmont Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45230. If you would like to schedule an audition or have any questions about the Chorale, please contact the music director: Dr. Mary Catherine Levri at mlevri@athenaeum.edu or call 233-6138.

Cincinnati Men's Conference: Attention: moms, grandmothers, wives and girlfriends! A ticket to The Cincinnati Men's Conference on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at the Taft Theatre makes this year's perfect Christmas gift. A faith-filled day where men from all over will enjoy Catholic inspiration and spiritual growth. Features speakers: 1) Fr. Mitch Pacwa of EWTN 2) Fr. Larry Richards, founder of Reason for Hope Foundation 3) Coach Jerry Faust, former head football coach of Moeller High School and the University of Notre Dame 4) Most Reverend Archbishop Dennis Schnurr as the main celebrant and 5) A surprise 5th speaker to be announced. Get complete information on the conference and purchase tickets at www.CincinnatiMensConference.com. The event is presented by CMG Booking (the Catholic Speakers Organization) and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Project Rachel is a Ministry of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati that serves anyone who has experienced a loss of a child due to abortion. There are a variety of ways persons can engage in this ministry for healing from a recent loss or a loss that occurred decades ago: one-on-one conversation with a peer, priest or deacon, consultation with a priest (we can accommodate a need for consulting in Spanish), a day of reflection for anyone who has experienced loss (mother, grandparent, father, sibling, friend, etc.) support groups and retreats for mothers who lost their child due to abortion. For more information call the Project Rachel Help Line at 784-0531 or contact Noreen Wendeln at nwendeln@catholiccincinnati.org.

National Night of Prayer for Life: Each year, the National Night of Prayer for Life takes place from 9pm December 8 until 1am December 9, bridging the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and the anniversary of Our Lady of Guadalupe (patroness of the unborn). The National Prayer for Life is one means of responding to Our Lady's call to pray the Rosary for peace, which includes leading our nation away from a culture of death and toward respect for all life from conception until natural death. If you are able, please join this national effort by praying the Rosary (a full 20 decades if you are able), sometime between 9pm Friday, December 8 and 1am Saturday, December 9. Learn more at www.Nationalnightofprayerforlife.org.

Respect
LIFE

Cincinnati Metropolitan Orchestra: On Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 3pm the CMO presents their Holiday Concert "Sing Noel, Songs of the Season" at the Seton Performance Hall, 3901 Glenway Ave. Under the direction of Mr. David Allen, this free concert presents a program of your favorite songs. Featuring the Metropolitan Singers, enjoy classics like Sleigh Ride, Winter Wonderland and Christmas Festival. Start off the Christmas season with beautiful music as Santa helps the CMO kick off the holiday season. For more information, call 941-8956 or www.GoCMO.org, and as always donations are welcome. If you wish to avoid steps, you can enter from the top floor of Seton's garage or go through the glass doors on the Beech Ave. side of the building, then take the elevator down one level to the ground floor.



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Our Lady of Lourdes: Sean Ater, Director of the Office for the New Evangelization in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will be speaking on “Prayer in the Life of the Disciple” at Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 7pm. Admission is free. For more information, call 922-0715 or visit www.lourdes.org.

Friday Night at the Movies is offered by the Sisters of Charity Spirituality Center on Friday, December 8 at 7:00pm. Mark your calendars as we provide an evening of relaxation and fun with some popular movies of our time. Our movie this month is “The Polar Express.” The program will be held at the Sisters of Charity Motherhouse, 5900 Delhi Road. There is no fee for this program but registration is requested. Please contact the Spirituality Center at 347-5449 or spirituality.center@srcharitycinti.org.

Advent Concert with Mike Davis will be on Monday, December 6, 2017 at 7pm at Our Lady of Victory Parish, 810 Neeb Road in Delhi. Please bring your family and friends to this incredible night of music, prayer and reflection with popular singer and Catholic evangelist, Mike Davis. Freewill donations gratefully accepted.

The Athenaeum of Ohio-Mount St. Mary’s Seminary is sponsoring 50% tuition reduction for all lay students. This is the perfect opportunity to study theology, scripture, Church history, parish ministry and so much more. Audit a course or pursue a certificate or master’s degree – there are plenty of options from which to choose. Daytime, evening and weekend classes are available and open to all.

Spring semester courses are being offered at the Athenaeum campus and at Good Shepherd Parish in Montgomery.

Classes begin on January 8, 2018. Students are encouraged to register by December 15, after December 15, registration continues through the start of classes with a late fee. Any questions email dendres@athenaeum.edu.

Christmas in Bethlehem: A family celebration of the light of the season at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center from December 4-January 5 featuring an outdoor starlit stable scene, mangers from around the world and a poster display of approved Marian apparitions. In addition, we plan choral concerts, family ornament making and a movie. Questions call 351-9800.

ST. LAWRENCE MONTHLY SOCIAL

Our December Social will be held on **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6th**. This is our special **CHRISTMAS SOCIAL!** Why not dress up in your Christmas finery and join us on this day? We have a wonderful day planned for you beginning with a delicious dinner menu:

**BROASTED CHICKEN
MASHED POTATOES/GRAVY
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TREATS FOR ALL FROM SANTA**

After our NOON dinner, you will enjoy games of bingo and/or cards, split-the-pot, instant and a beautiful raffle. Door prizes will be given and those who celebrate a birthday in December receive a special candy treat.

The “Cincinnati Belles” will be calling their Regulars to verify that you will be attending the Social. Those who do not come regularly are very welcome to come to the Social and it is only necessary to call in your dinner reservations. Dinner counts for Regulars and for those wishing to make reservations should be telephoned to Sister Helen Julia at 244-7376 **BY TUESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 5TH**, SO THAT AN ACCURATE DINNER COUNT CAN BE GIVEN TO OUR CATERER, A TASTE OF CLASS.

We look forward to spending a great afternoon with you on **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6th**. Dinner cost is \$10.00.

