

# Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017

## MASSES OF THE WEEK

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017

- 9:00 am Ann Schehl Manegold (d)  
11:00 am Michael Dicorpo (d)  
7:00 pm For the parishioners

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2017

- 8:30 am Steve Iles (d)

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2017

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE (USA)

- 8:30 am Edward Kramer (d)

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2017

Saint Lucy, Virgin Martyr

- 8:30 am Jim Reilman (L)

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2017

Saint John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church

- 8:30 am Jerry Schwager (d)

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2017

- 8:30 am Carolyn Herrmann-Bush (d)

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2017

- 8:30 am Richard Prost (d)  
4:30 pm Robert J. Berndsen (d)

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017

- 9:00 am James Byrne (d)  
11:00 am Tau Nguyen (d)  
7:00 pm For the parishioners

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WELLINGTON: Margie Frommeyer

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## SERVERS

### December 16/17

- 4:30 pm Ben Hornback  
9:00 am Bob Kessler  
11:00 am Emma Pitman  
7:00 pm Josh Huiet

## LECTORS

### December 16/17

- 4:30 pm Cathy Manegold  
9:00 am Jerry Gonnella  
11:00 am Cathy Lageman  
7:00 pm Sue Aufermann

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

### December 16/17

- 4:30 pm Joe Brehm, Larry Kreimer,  
Carmen Sunderman, Sarah Sunderman  
9:00 am Jay Brannon, Lois Kessler,  
John Remke, Stacey Remke  
11:00 am Shaun Blake, Jerry Grimm,  
Janet Hay, Rose Weinheimer  
7:00 pm Mason Clayton, Matt Thompson

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

## OFFERING

DECEMBER 3, 2017

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*Thank You for your Generosity!*

Vocation View: John the Baptist stands as a sign of contradiction, calling his contemporaries back to a relationship with the Living God. Perhaps you are being called to follow in John's footsteps today. (Mark 1:1-8)

Thought for the Day: If we obtained the grace of God, none shall prevail against us, but we shall be stronger than all who oppose us.

St. John Chrysostom



PLEASE NOTIFY US AT THE RECTORY when a family member is hospitalized or homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion and/or the Sacrament of Penance.

# 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 10:** Nell'ia Saylor, Jacob Schlachter, Tyler Sellmeyer

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

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17:** Yesenia Bail-Ramirez, Lawrence Brown, Huyen Dao

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19:** Dominique Dunn, Empress Hampton, David Hillman

**Diocesan Publications:** Jim Mazza representing Diocesan Publications (our bulletin publisher) is renewing present advertisements and seeking new ones. If interested, please call the parish office, or you may contact Jim directly at 748-3007 or [jmazza@diocesan.com](mailto:jmazza@diocesan.com). We feel this is an excellent service and the sponsors get good coverage with their ads. THANKS TO YOU and DIOCESAN PUBLICATIONS, the bulletin is published weekly at no cost to the parish.

**"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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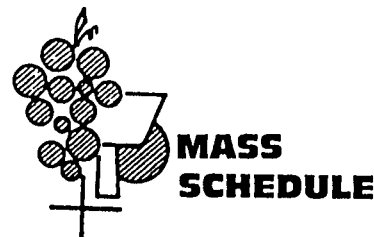
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**Eucharistic Adoration:** An excellent way to prepare for Christmas is to make a good confession and spend some time in Eucharistic Adoration. Eucharistic Adoration is on Thursdays from 3pm-5pm. During Eucharistic Adoration, I hear confessions from about 3:15pm-3:45pm.

**Christmas Masses:** Please make sure you see the Christmas and New Year's Mass schedule on the enclosed insert in the Laurentian!



**Congratulations** to the following members of St. Lawrence Church who made the HONOR ROLL for the first quarter at Elder High School:

**First Honors:**

Samuel Allgeier  
Samuel Codling  
Morgan Weast

**Second Honors**

Bailey Dugan  
Benjamin Hornback  
Cade McGinnis

**St. Lawrence Athletic Association** Hall of Fame will be held on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. We will be inducting the following for their dedication and years of service in the Athletic Association: Jim Dugan, Jay Ledonne and Tony M. Kelly. All are welcome to attend the banquet. We will also be holding our annual elections for the Athletic Association on the same night. Please come and vote.

**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](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> speaker to be announced. Get complete information on the conference and purchase tickets at [www.CincinnatiMensConference.com](http://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](mailto:nwendeln@catholiccincinnati.org).

**Gift for the Baby Jesus:** St. Lawrence will once again be collecting new and used baby items. The items will be donated to Pregnancy Center West. They are in need of diapers of all sizes, formula, baby food, new and gently used baby clothes, car seats, walkers, etc. Please put donations in the manger in church. Thank you for helping God's precious ones!

**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](mailto:dendres@athenaeum.edu).

**Christmas in Bethlehem:** A family celebration of the light of the season is at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center from now until 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.



## **The Laurentian**

### *The Symbolism of the Advent Wreath*

During the time of Advent, many people have an Advent wreath in their homes. While these decorations are certainly festive and add to the holiday spirit, there is also much symbolism in the wreath that people may not recognize.

First, the wreath is always in the form of a circle. Since a circle has no beginning and no end, it is a symbol of God, who is eternal and without beginning or end.

The Advent wreath is always made from evergreens. These branches, as the name indicates, are “ever green” – ever alive. They are symbolic of Christ, who died, but who is alive, never to die again. The evergreen branches also symbolize our soul’s immortality. Christ came into the world to give us never-ending life. Entwined around the circle of evergreens are red berries. They look like large red drops of blood, and symbolize the bloodshed by Christ for mankind. They remind us that Christ came into this world to die for us and redeem us. It is through the shedding of His blood that we have eternal life.

The wreath has four candles, three violet ones and one rose colored candle. These symbolize the four weeks of the Advent season, our time of preparation for Christmas. Each day, the Liturgy tells us of the Hebrew expectation of the Messiah in the Old Testament reading, and the Gospels begin to introduce us to the characters of the Christmas story. At the beginning of Advent a single candle is lit, but each week another candle is lit. As the light from the wreath increases each week as more candles are lit, the wreath reminds us that the birth of the Light of the World is coming closer. So may our souls grow brighter in their love for, and anticipation of, the Christ Child as this season of grace continues.

The color of the four candles also has significance. The violet candles have a penitential appearance, much as we find violet in the church during the penitential season of Lent. The violet is to remind us that Advent is a season of preparation in which we should be spiritually preparing our souls to receive Christ on Christmas. The single rose-colored candle is lit on the third Sunday of Advent, which is called “Gaudete” Sunday. “Gaudete” is the Latin word for “rejoice” and symbolizes an element of rejoicing in the midst of our penitential preparation, for the joy of Christmas is almost here.

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Mixing violet with white makes the rose color. It is almost as if the joy we celebrate at Christmas (symbolized by bright white) cannot contain itself during this penitential season (violet) and burst forth a bit into the Advent season. On Christmas, the four candles are replaced with a white one – our time of preparation is over and we enter a time of great joy.

The Advent wreath should be placed in a prominent place in our church. Many families have a smaller Advent wreath in their homes. This both reminds families of the wreath in their church and serves as a reminder of their link to the parish church. The candles are lit the main meal of the day, with the new candle lit preferably at the main meal on Sunday, the first day of the week. Joining around the table for a meal should remind the family of the table of the Lord around which they gather each week to celebrate the Eucharistic – the meal of the Lord that nourishes our soul.

So, the next time you see or display an Advent wreath, don’t just think of it as a nice decoration. Remember all the symbolism it has for us as it reminds us of the need for spiritual preparation to fully share in the great joy of the birth of Christ, the Son of God who gave His life for us so that we might have eternal life.

**St. John the Baptist**, 509 Harrison Avenue, Harrison, Ohio is starting to sell tickets for their annual 2018 Lotto. How would you like a chance to win money every week of the year in 2018? It’s easy when you buy a SJB Jaguar Lotto ticket between now and December 31, 2017 or until all Lotto Tickets are sold. The first winning ticket will be drawn on January 1, 2018. Tickets are \$20/each and every ticket is eligible for every drawing! A total of \$10,000 will be given away in 2018.

Following are the prizes \$1000 (1) winner on Easter, and \$1000 (1) winner on Christmas, \$500 (1) winner on July 4 and (1) winner on Thanksgiving Day, \$300 (1) winner on January 1, March 9 (Fr. Kemper’s birthday), June 24 (Feast of St. John the Baptist), September 2 (Labor Day), November 1 (All Saints Day), and December 31. Also, one \$100 winner each week of the year.

If you wish to purchase a 2018 raffle ticket, please mail your check to St. John the Baptist. Attention: Angie Land. Make checks payable to St. John the Baptist Lotto. Need not be present to win. Must be at least 18 years of age.