

**FROM THE PASTORAL STAFF**

This weekend in churches across the world, Catholics celebrate a New Year. We do it without top hats and confetti, noisemakers or party favors. On the fourth Sunday before Christmas, we quietly slip out of Ordinary Time and into a new year and another Advent. Each New Year brings its own calendar, one of fixed readings. Like all calendars, the liturgical calendar has set seasons. Through each season of the year the Scripture readings unfold for us the Mystery of Christ. We listen, recall and celebrate Christ's birth, life, death, Resurrection and Ascension and, finally, we celebrate the feast of Pentecost. The story ends (or just begins) on the first Sunday of a new Advent as Scripture recalls for us the joyful expectation of Christ's second coming. The Sunday readings we hear week after week "make Christ present NOW!!" The Gospel stories we hear are not just a historical reading to help us remember who Jesus was. They are supposed to shed Christ's light on our own contemporary setting. What does this Sunday reading say to me today, at this point in my life, with all that is happening in the world? Each Advent finds us older, hopefully wiser and certainly in a different place. And each new liturgical year is an invitation to find new meaning in often-heard, familiar Scripture readings. Let us make a new year's resolution to listen with open minds to the readings this year! HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!



..... Mary Muehle

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Richmond Hts. Hosp.—Wed. Dec. 1.. Thomas-Greaves  
 Grande Pointe—Sun. Dec. 5 ..... Thomas-Greaves  
 Counter—Sun., Dec. 5 ..... "B" Team

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Advent Weekday</b>	<b>Nov. 29</b>
Reading	Is4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11	
8:15 a.m.	Franc Kastelic	
7:00 p.m.	Carmelina Yurkovich	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Andrew, apostle</b>	<b>Nov. 30</b>
Reading	Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22	
8:15 a.m.	Julia Bowen	
7:00 p.m.	Edward Sinkovic	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Advent Weekday</b>	<b>Dec. 1</b>
Reading	Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37	
8:15 a.m.	Rose Burrello	
7:00 p.m.	Flora Flender	
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Advent Weekday</b>	<b>Dec. 2</b>
Reading	Mt 7:21, 24-27	
8:15 a.m.	Mary Theresa Megger (Anniv.)	
7:00 p.m.	Margaret Walsh	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Francis Xavier, priest</b>	<b>Dec. 3</b>
Reading	Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31	
8:15 a.m.	William John Posh	
7:00 p.m.	All Souls	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>Advent Weekday</b>	<b>Dec. 4</b>
Reading	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10	
8:15 a.m.	John Mauric	
5:00 p.m.	Louis J. Otis	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>Dec. 5</b>
Reading	Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12	
8:00 a.m.	Mike & Helen Ujcich	
9:45 a.m.	Frances Gazvoda	
11:45 a.m.	David Floria	
7:00 p.m.	Cetinsky & Mihelick Families	

**RAFFLE WINNER**

**Congratulations** to the Paus Family of Euclid, Oh., winners of the **Nov. 21st PTU Weekly Raffle**. They were also the seller winners.

**MINISTERS SCHEDULE — DECEMBER 4– 5, 2004**

MASS	HOSPITALITY	COMMENTATOR	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS	MANNA
<b>5:00</b>	M. Monger / M. Freas B. Oyaski / S. Fortuna	M. Monger	R. O'Donnell	F. Nalepka / A. Tegel / S. Tegel / J. Borkey B. Pophal / M. Zoul / B. Emig	J. Malta J. Monger	Manna Certificates Are Available in the
<b>8:00</b>		L. Calderwood	R. Frantz	J. Page / T. Wetzel S. Organiscak	B. Lozar S. Henry	Rectory office during Regular business hours
<b>9:45</b>	T. Davisson / M. Musk L. Peters / H. Williams	O. Merela	J. Prettyman	T. Bernardo / C. Gates S. Hovanscek / J. Kovelan	B. Volk J. Tomsick	Monday—Thursday 8:15 am—7:45 pm
<b>11:45</b>	M. T-Greaves / J. Konchan S. Sowa / L. Babuder	J. Solpa	J. Conway	M. Kosuth / M. Crowley R. Jezeski	K. Schmidt M. Cyrus	Friday 8:15 am—5:30 pm Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
<b>7:00</b>	J. Boellner M. Chinchar	T. Isabella	S. Campbell	M. Luboski / D. Baioni / F. Buda M. Chinchar / J. Kukula / D. Iacobucci J. Martin / R. Tracey	S. Bennish E. Quirk	Sunday 9:0 am—1:00 pm

### FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

#### ADVENT POTLUCK AND CRAFT CELEBRATION!

The date is December 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 pm in the School Hall. We will share our potluck meal and then spend time making an Advent Craft for our homes. The craft will help us to prepare for Christmas by keeping us focused on the meaning of the season. The evening will end with an Advent Prayer. This evening is for everyone: young and old, families of 1, 2, or 20! For more information or to register, please call the Rectory.

#### MINISTRY OF MOTHERS SHARING (MOMS)

##### Calling all Moms...

*Mary and Elizabeth became great friends as they shared. Come learn to share, pray and realize the sacredness of your life.*

Mothers of all ages are invited to learn more about the **Ministry of Mothers Sharing (MOMS)**. Please come to an informational meeting where you will have an opportunity to learn about the MOMS program and to sign up as a participant or as a prayer sponsor for the MOMS group that will start in January 2005. Come, see the materials and hear about what this ministry has done for other moms and families.

Please mark your calendar to attend this informational meeting:

**Wednesday, December 8, 2004**

**7:45 p.m. (immediately following 7:00 p.m. mass) until 9:00 p.m. St. Felicitas School Hall**

To sign up or for more information please contact Diana at (216) 731-6565 or Cindy (216) 261-1522.

### CELEBRATING SACRAMENTS

**Anointing of the Sick** will be held on Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at the 11:45 pm Mass. Any person seriously ill should receive this Sacrament. Advanced age and its accompanying conditions of weakness and suffering likewise make one ready for this sacrament. Sick children should also be encouraged to participate. Since this Sacrament is meant to benefit the sick, it can be received more than once. Your prayerful participation in receiving this Sacrament and joining in prayerful support of those who are ill is a sign of our community's understanding of the healing presence of Christ among us.

#### COMMUNAL CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION

will be held during the 7:00 pm on Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Come and share in the Lord's invitation to prepare the Way for His Coming by changing attitudes and actions that are obstacles to love.

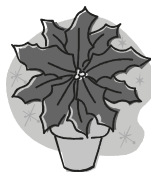
### COLLECTIONS

Sunday Envelopes—Nov. 21 ..... \$11,405.50  
34 Children's Envelopes ..... \$31.00  
Thank you for your generosity. Your support is needed and greatly appreciated.

#### Special Collection-December 2004

Retirement for the Religious ..... Dec. 12

### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER



**TUESDAY**

**DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>**

**6:00 PM**

**SCHOOL HALL**

**You are invited !!!** It's hard to believe but the Annual Christmas dinner is just around the corner! Tickets are available at the Rectory for the Dinner which will be held on Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> in the School Hall. Doors will open at 6:00 pm and dinner will be served at 6:30 pm followed by a raffle with lots of great prizes! So stop in the Rectory and get your ticket for a great dinner and a fun evening! Tickets are only \$10.00 per person and go very fast—so get yours soon!

### NEW HYMNALS ARE HERE

You don't have to be a great singer or musician to contribute to our worship program. You can "sponsor" one of our new hymnals for just \$20.00. For each \$20.00 donation, one hymnal will get a bookplate that reads, "Given as a gift by \_\_\_\_\_ in the name of \_\_\_\_\_." If every parishioner sponsors one hymnal, it will cover the entire cost of purchasing the new books. Additional money raised will go toward resources for our choir and musicians. Special donation envelopes will be available starting next weekend.

### REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



Joan Raddell, Justin Raddell, Mary Floria, Concetta Brozak, Joan Neubert, Anna Scaletta, Theresa Szolek, Leslie Grano, Phyllis Freeh, Sally Hansen, Mary Presnell, Jerry Petrofes, Lovre Dzolic, Joe Osborne, Andrew Jarm, Dolores Anderson, George Sheldon, Connie Klinko, Estelle Bousquet, Helen Kinkopf, June Feldkamp, Helen Kramer, Burton Emig, Lisa Morek, Catherine Yert, Robert and Mary Zanagra, Erma DiMarco.

**BETHLEHEM CHRISTIAN FAMILIES**

**FOR SALE AFTER ALL MASSES**

Hand carved Olive Wood from the Holy Land of Bethlehem. Nativity Scenes, Crucifix, Rosaries, Christmas Ornaments, Figures. Income will go to support the 150 Christian wood carvers in Bethlehem. You can view these beautiful items On-Line @ [www.Bethlehem-Art.com](http://www.Bethlehem-Art.com).

**PARISH NEWS**

**“ON THE HILL SENIORS”** —Meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 3:00 pm in the school hall. All seniors are invited to attend our meetings, and/or join us on one of our trips. We will be going to the **“Grand Victoria Casino”** in Rising Suns, Ind. on December 7, 8 & 9<sup>th</sup>. Contact Marge or Al Mierke at 440-944-8787 for more information or to sign up.  
 ..... Frank Somrack, Pres.  
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**St. Felicitas Preschool** is offering an eight week program for you and your 2 or 3 year old non-preschooler, beginning Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2005. The AM session is 9-10:30am. The PM session is from 12-1:30 pm. Registration begins Wednesday, Dec. 1 from 8-2pm. Cost is \$50.00. Call 216-732-9116 for further information.  
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**MARKET DAY NEWS!** Ho, ho, home for the holidays with your family and friends can be twice as nice when you are serving wonderful Market Day dishes! Feast your eyes on the delicious treats Market Day is offering in December. Send in your paper orders by November 19<sup>th</sup>, internet orders at [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com) can be made until noon, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Call Regina 440-585-2146 or Denise 440-944-4643 for information. Pick up is on Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:00pm in the school gym.  
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**A Weekend for Divorced, Separated & Widowed!** The next **Beginning Experience Weekend** will be held at St. Joseph Christian Life Center, February 11, 12, 13, for men & women of all ages, presented by people who have been there. Call Frank 440-473-0457, Joan 216-671-0077 or Irene 330-706-1512 for more information on this weekend of hope and healing.

**FAITH TO ACTION**

Are you looking for a new approach to your Christmas shopping? Do you think that Christmas has become too commercial? Here’s a possible alternative for you to consider. Heifer International is an organization devoted to ending hunger. **Heifer envisions...**A world of communities living together in peace and equitably sharing the resources of a healthy planet. **Heifer’s mission is...**To work with communities to end hunger and poverty and to care for the earth. **Heifer’s strategy is...** To “pass on the gift.” As people share their animals’ offspring with others – along with their knowledge, resources, and skills – an expanding network of hope, dignity, and self-reliance is created that reaches around the globe. For more information or to receive their catalog call 1-800-422-0755 or [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org).



**ADVENT REFLECTIONS**

During the four weeks of Advent we will be reflecting on giftedness. At Christmas we celebrate God’s great gift to us in the Person of His Son. Throughout these weeks of preparation we reflect on how we are gift to others and to our community.

**PERSONS ARE GIFTS...**at least Jesus thought so, "Father I want those you have given me to be where I am...." I agree with Jesus...and I also want those whom the Father has given to me to be where I am.

PERSONS ARE GIFTS which the Father sends to me **wrapped!** Some wrapped very beautifully; they are very attractive when I first see them. Some come in very ordinary wrapping paper. Others have been mishandled in the mail. Once in a while there is a "Special Delivery!" Some persons are gifts which come very loosely wrapped; others very tightly.

But the wrapping is not the gift! It is so easy to make this mistake...it’s amusing when babies do it. Sometimes the gift is very easy to open up. Sometimes I need others to help.

Is it because they are afraid?  
 Does it hurt?  
 Maybe they have been opened up before and thrown away!  
 Could it be that the gift is not for me? I am a person.  
 Therefore, **I AM A GIFT TOO!**