

### **G**OSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE December 6, 2020 2nd Sunday of Advent

People knew over a year in advance that the Pope was coming for a visit to America and the preparations began. Security, space limitations and requirements, protocols, crowd management, itineraries, invitations, regulations, and so much more was necessary to pull this event off effectively. It's not every day that we get a visit from such a prominent dignitary. Thought, effort, meticulous attention to detail and vision all are necessary to make this thing work. After all, he can't just show up in the ordinary and normal daily routines of life and catch people unprepared! Tickets have to be purchased, buses rented, hotel rooms reserved, and travel arrangements made early because it will be impossible to see him if we wait too long!

We do this kind of preparing not only for prominent religious figures but for political dignitaries, notable sports figures, people of fame, and even actors. If an individual intrigues us, we are going to want to do all we have to do to get a "good seat" in the house. Does Jesus Christ captivate this much of our attention? We are asked to prepare the way of the Lord and to do so not with frantic frenzy but patient enthusiasm. We do not have to stand on a street corner making profound announcements about God's coming or become overly zealous in our embrace of the Good News. Our task is quieter, more interior, captivating, and consuming. We are asked to change. We have to conduct our lives with holy devotion.

Is the cost of that ticket too much for you? Don't you want the "best seat" in the house? You don't want to miss Our Lord's arrival when he comes, do you? After all, if he comes while you are going about your daily routines without you even knowing, he may catch you off guard. Or, he may come in disguise looking like a beggar, a prisoner, migrant, refugee, or someone who is lost. Would you be ready to recognize him then? Preparing for the coming of Christ requires a change of mind, heart, and behavior. It is not adequate to simply do the things we always do. We want our lives to speak of the exciting news of Christ's coming and the joy that the Gospel brings. It has to do with our demeanor, values, priorities, choices, and how we structure daily routines. Of course, it involves sacrifice. All anticipations do! Are you excited, captivated, enthusiastic, and sitting on the edge of your seat eager to celebrate his coming among us at Christmas, and waiting for him to come again? If not, why not?

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H ail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God! to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.

**C**ome, O long-awaited Savior. Come to a world so In need of Your mercy and grace. Lighten the darkness and enkindle within us the warmth of your love. Come, O long-awaited Savior, Come, Emmanuel, God among His People!

#### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Prepare the way of the Lord! The message of John the Baptist becomes the calling of every baptized disciple of Jesus Christ. Each one of us is asked to prepare the way of the Lord. Given the humble means of our lives, how can we do this? It certainly does not require that we stand on street corners announcing God's future coming! We can more readily take up the task of our lifework by clearing our lives of unnecessary, distracting clutter.

By creating solid and deep spiritual lives, we can heighten our awareness of God's presence and help people point to and discover God's presence around them. By conducting ourselves in holiness and devotion, we can speak volumes to those we meet. Not by preaching actual words, but by living lives that communicate the comfort God wants His people to know. As the world sometimes frantically unfolds around us, we can be people of patience who show others that it's okay to wait for God's gift to come. Conducting our lives in this manner, we will know the peace that comes from doing what we have been asked to do.

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## A timely question often asked....

### WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED Question: Can a divorced Catholic receive holy Communion? Answer:

Unfortunately, too many people today — Catholics and non-Catholics alike — mistakenly believe that divorce separates one from the Communion of the Church and that divorced persons may not receive Communion. However, as the Church has communicated in a number of places, the issue at hand is not the reality of divorce, but is more often the reality of re-marriage outside of the Church (such as in the case of a Catholic who was previously married within the Church, divorced, and remarried without receiving an annulment).

Divorced persons are called to live chastely as single people and to observe the same call to avoid sin as anyone else who desires to receive the Eucharist. Beyond this, however, Pope Francis has reminded us that the healing power of the Eucharist can be especially significant for those who have "endured separation, divorce, or abandonment … divorced people who have not remarried, and often bear witness to marital fidelity, ought to be encouraged to find in the Eucharist the nourishment they need to sustain them in their present state of life." (*Amoris Laetitia*, no. 242) Moreover, he continues, "The local community and pastors should accompany these people with solicitude, particularly when children are involved or when they are in serious financial difficulty." (*AL*, no 242)

As Pope Francis has also reminded us, the Eucharist is "not a prize for the perfect," but "a powerful medicine and nourishment" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 47). Because we all stand in need of healing and wholeness, the Church invites all who seek to live their faith in integrity and devotion to come and receive the grace offered in the Eucharist.

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Welcome to the Table of the Lord.... the Eucharistic Banquet.... Bread of Angels... Bread from heaven...





et silver bells ring out ⊿with joy– let voices sing as one! It's Christmas time and He has come!

....for us Salvation won!

Christmas Concert Thursday, December 17 7 p.m. ~ join our Music Ministry for an evening of Advent and Christmas songs and hymns!

# St. Nicholas Day—Dec.6

"On December 6th, Saint Nicholas Day recognizes the thirdcentury saint who became an inspiration for the modern-day Santa Claus.

St. Nicholas is known for selling all his possessions and giving his money to the poor. Raised as a devout Christian, St. Nicholas dedicated his whole life to serving the sick and suffering. Legendary stories about St. Nicholas later become part of the inspiration for the modern-day Santa Claus. For example, during the third century, a daughter's chances of marriage increased when her father offered a large dowry to prospective husbands. One story tells of a poor father with three daughters. He had no dowry to offer.

Traditionally, families left their shoes by the fires at night so that they could dry. On three separate occasions, Ol' St. Nicholas provided a dowry for each girl. Legend says he made gold appear



nationaldaycalendar.com



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary

Monday (Vigil) 5 pm k Tuesday December 8th Mass at Noon ® And at 7 p.m. (k)



Platki Is now available through the gift shop after every Mass or stop in the office hours.

## parish office during office hours.

"The tradition traces its origins to the times of early Christianity and is seen as a non-sacramental foreshadowing of the liturgical partaking of the Holy Eucharist (Host), unleavened bread consecrated into the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. As a Christmas custom the "opłatek" originated in Poland and was spread widely as far back as the 17th century. It was the part of the szlachta's (Polish nobility) culture and the custom had spread throughout the Polish–Lithuanian Commonwealth and neighbouring countries. In the 19th century, in the aftermath of the partitions of Poland, it gained patriotic subtext, as the common wish during sharing of "oplatek" became the wish for Poland's regaining its independence. Since that time, "opłatki" are often embossed with religious images. In the 20th century, "opłatek" custom went beyond families and gained another meaning: the meeting of present or past co-workers or students ' - Wikipedia



## HRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY SCHEDULE

Christmas EVE 4pm Fr. K 6:30 pm Fr. Ron 10 pm (the traditional Christmas Eve Midnite Mass but at ten) Fr. K

Please note there is only <u>ONE</u> Mass on Christmas Day at <u>11 a.m</u>. Fr. K

Mass on Saturday, December 26 is as usual at 4 p.m. Fr. Ron

Mass on Sunday, December 27 as usual: 8, 10, 11:45

MASS ON NEW YEAR'S EVE (Thursday) at 4 p.m. fr. ron New Year's Day at Noon fr.k

Please post



| <b>MONDAY</b>          | December 7 - St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor<br>Of the Church           |  |  |  |
|------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| <u>5:00 PM (</u> VIGIL |  |  |  |  |
| <u>TUESDAY</u>         | December 8 - The Immaculate Conception<br>Of the Blessed Virgin Mary |  |  |  |
| 12 NOON                | Living & Deceased Members & Relatives<br>Of the DOSC (SZ)            |  |  |  |
| 7:00 PM                | Joan Imbrogno (K)  |  |  |  |
| WEDNESDAY              | _December 9 - St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin                         |  |  |  |
| 11:00 AM               | Intentions of Stu & Monique Fields(A)                                |  |  |  |
| FRIDAY                 | December 11 - St. Damasus I, Pope                                    |  |  |  |
| 11:00 AM               | Dr./Nurses/Heath Care Staff from                                     |  |  |  |
|                        | St. Colette (SZ)   |  |  |  |
| SATURDAY               | December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe                                  |  |  |  |
| 4:00 PM                | Willard & Carol Palmer (K)   |  |  |  |
| SUNDAY                 | December 13  |  |  |  |
| THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT |  |  |  |  |
| 8:00 AM                | Veronica Ferko (A)   |  |  |  |
| 10:00 AM               | Deceased Members of the Haluska family(H)                            |  |  |  |
| 11:45 AM               | Parish Community (K)   |  |  |  |



THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED OUR PRAYERS

Our friends and relatives who are ill. May God grant them healing and strength.

Baby Savannah Adamczyk, Brianna Allen, Karen Biggs, Trevor Biggs, Susan & Frank Bindas, Justin Bogucki, Carrie Jean Bonacci, Barbara Bonza, Patricia Burfield, Mary Buynak, Elaine Coreno, Rosemary Cross, Barb Deimling, Larry Dolin, Robert Dumke, Sr., Mary Dumke, Jean Elber, Marianne Fink, Sharon Fisher, Dottie Gallo, Celia Giganti, Kristen Grasson, Donna Grasson, Ken Hahn, Amy, Barb, Marilyn, Sandy Healy, Bill & Tina Healy, Brian & Kim Helle, Paige Hendryx, Paula Horton, Rita Jamison, Robert Kalfas, Marie Keppler, John Kole, Norbert Mang, Suzanne Maphis, Ron Meister, Joan Nagy, Lillian Noga, Elaine O., Nick Oriti, Wayne Potter, Jesse Prybis, Ron & Pat Prybis, Joel S., Angie Schurger, John Sciano, Chrisopher Seman, Colin & Laura Simmons, Dolores Stanchina, Bill & Carol Thompson, Jeff Tuma, Paula Ulas, Sandy Vargo, Elijah, Shannon & Natalie Velez, Helen Volk & Joe Volk, Carol Weiss, Clyde Whitcomb, Anthony & Matthew Williams, Donna & James Woodyard, Jr., Debbie Woodyard

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES **Readings for the week of December 6. 2020** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-Sunday: 14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8 Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26 Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/ Mt 11:28-30 Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15 Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/ Mt 11:16-19 Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47 Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

#### Observances for the week of December 6, 2020

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Sunday: Monday: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Tuesday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin Wednesday: Thursday: Friday: St. Damasus I. Pope Our Lady of Guadalupe Saturday: Next Sunday: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

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# Second Week of Advent

Father: O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Then the eldest child lights not only the first but a second purple candle. Both candles burn during the evening meal as before.

The next Sanctuary Candle will be lit in memory of



Mary Katherine Musat

# Come Lord Jesus, Come into our hearts!

#### HONEY BAKED HAM

Christmas is coming. Honey Baked Ham has \$50 gift cards available. If you purchase a gift card



between now and December 31, 2020, online at https://honeybakedfundraising.com// fundraisers/St\_Colette\_Parish, St. Colette will receive \$10 towards Project Endeavor.



#### The Daughters of St. Colette

The Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima travels among our members, where it temporarily holds a place of honor in our homes. Members who would like to host the statue for a week during Advent or the Christmas season, please contact Lillian at 216-534-1948.

"Come as a stranger, leave as a friend."

## ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, Tbelieve that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. Hove You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



#### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS Jubilation to Share

Sometimes you have something to share with people that causes you to well up inside with excitement to the point of going crazy. A pregnancy test, a pay raise, a college acceptance, a wedding or engagement are all examples of moments in life when we might be bursting at the seams to tell somebody the good news. When we finally get the chance to tell somebody, joy just seems to flow through us with ease. We literally want the entire world to share in our jubilation.

When was the last time you shared with a friend or loved one how much your faith in Jesus means to you? You don't feel the same motivation to share? Are you not overwhelmed with a desire to spread the Good News?

Don't feel bad. You are not alone. As Christians, we often fail to grasp the powerful implications of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. We can become complacent and lose sight of what matters the most. That is when sharing with others about our faith seems uncomfortable.

Faith is a gift. As everyday stewards we are called to share with others what God has given us. Advent is a great time to grow in our faith and love of the Lord. The more we cultivate our faith and the closer we draw to Him, the more we will want to share about Him. We might not have the impact of John the

DURING THE WINTER please park on the South Side of the Building (Church Office area) as it is the first to be cleared of snow. Remember when the Brunswick School System officially closes because of weather our daily Mass on that day is canceled.

St. Colette web site http://www.stcolettecatholicchurch.com



Mr. & Mrs. James & Anne Sandy Mr. & Mrs. Hugh & Margaret Kerr Mr. & Mrs. Joshua & Jennifer Trzebuckowski & family Martha Nordstrom Mr. & Mrs. Allen & Ann Oriti Mr. & Mrs. James & Gerogeann Arcuri Mr. & Mrs. Lenny & Deanne Rauscher & family



Banns I Jake Suran & Kaitlyn Sedio

## Remembering with Love....

Our loving prayers and deepest sympathy are extended to the family of Paul Becka (husband of Carole) who was called to his Eternal reward. Please pray for him and all the faithful departed.

# Live in Light & Peace!

#### WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT THANK YOU!!!

| Sunday, November 8, 2020         | \$14.661.44               |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Capital Improvement Fund         | \$1,901.00                |
| Children's                       | \$4.00                    |
| Project Endeavor                 | \$2,303.11                |
| Sunday, November 22, 2020        | \$7,622.00                |
| Capital Improvement Fund         | \$2,723.00                |
| Children's                       |                           |
| Endeavor                         | \$1,561.24                |
| We sincerely & always appreciate | our kindness & generosity |

To help start and build an endowment fund, please remember St. Colette in your will. We also have a Memorial Scholarship /Education Fund.



Please pray for those serving in the Military

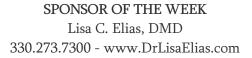
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Please email updates to kplumb@stcoletteparish.com



Remember most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known, that anyone who fled to your protection was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence I come unto Thee, O Clement, O merciful, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us Holy Mother of God, that we might be found worthy of the promises of Christ! amen



## **St. Colette Parish Directory**

Pastor ~ Fr. William R. Krizner Weekend Assistants- Abbot Gary Hoover, O.S.B. Fr. Ron Szudarek, Fr. Caesar Amandua- Chaplain Southwest General Hospital

Parish Address 330 West 130th St. Brunswick, OH 44212 Parish Office 330.273.5500 **PSCF Office** 330.273.1355 Like us on Facebook! Fax 330.225.7909

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Website: Office Hrs. Mon-Thurs. 9am-5pm, Fri 9am-3pm, Sat Noon-5pm Sun. 8:30am-1pm

#### MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm Sunday: 8:00-10:00- and 11:45 Wednesday & Friday: 11:00am Holy Day Vigil: 7:00pm Holy Day: NOON and 7:00pm

#### SACRAMENTS

Baptism - following 11:45 Mass on the second and fourth Sunday of the month. Arrangements must be made in advance through the Parish Office. Baptism Class required for first child.

Matrimony -Congratulations! Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance with the priest.

Sacrament of the Sick - contact the Office for home visitations and Eucharist.

Reconciliation - .

**Eucharist Adoration** - twice a month after Tuesday 7:00pm mass

#### WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT THANK YOU!!!

| Sunday, November 29, 2020<br>Capital Improvement Fund<br>Children's | \$8,937.06  |
|---|-------------|
| Capital Improvement Fund  | \$1,036.01  |
| Children's  | \$8.00      |
| Project Endeavor  | \$1,517.12  |
| Christmas   | \$550.00    |
| We sincerely & always appreciate your kindness & g                  | generosity! |

To help start and build an endowment fund, please remember St. Colette in your will. We also have a Memorial Scholarship /Education Fund.

#### PARISH STAFF

Pastoral Associate—Lisa Radey / Deacon Tom Grasson Accountant-Jeanette Webster CPA/CFP / Ed Pfahl, Assistant Secretary/Bulletin Editor - Kathy Plumb Event Planner & P.R.- Sabrina Plumb DeCastra Receptionist- Mary Dowling / Karen Bandwen / Aubrey Powell / Marissa Isabella / Tina Kolesar Sacristan - Renate Elber Building/Grounds - Bob Powers / John Twardzik / Noah Schrader / AJ Fuller / Vincenzo Bonanni Webmaster—Thomas DeCastra Lily & Grace Gift Shop - Kathy Pellegrin

#### **FAITH FORMATION**

PSCF Directors - Larry & Chris Pizon - Contact Parish Office Baptism Class -Contact Parish Office Pre-Cana Coordinators-Contact Parish Office High School PSCF/ Retreats-Fr. Krizner RCIA-Lisa Radey- Contact Parish Office

#### SPIRITUAL/ SOCIAL

Daughters of St. Colette - Lillian Morisky 216-534-1948 Holy Name Society - Don Feuerstein-440-572-1044 Care Ministry -Cathy Thies 440-572-1736 CELEBRATION - Mrs. JoAnn Papa / Mrs. Tina Grant - Contact Office Catholic Works of Mercy-combined service with St. Ambrose 330-460-7300

#### **MINISTRY OF SONG & PRAISE**

Cindy Indovina / Sara Kronholz /Claudia Miller/ Ralph Holstein Chris Charlillo /Todd Schrader / Charles Hannan / Isaac Temelkoff / Eric Gropensburger / Erin August / Greg Paparizos

| Eucharist Ministry Marty Morisky | 330-220-1001 |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Ushers - Glen Stout              | 440-773-9183 |
| Lectors - Christina Dinklocker   | 330-273-4434 |
| Servers - Darlene Ropelewski     | 440-785-7622 |
|                                  |              |

#### LILY & GRACE ~ THE PARISH GIFT SHOP

Shop Hours: Mon - Thurs 9am-5pm, Friday 9am-3pm, Saturday 12 - 5pm and Sunday 8:30am - 1pm Kathy Pellegrin-330-273-5500

| Ministers for the Weekend of December 12 & 13, 2020                          |   |                               |                               |                                    |  |  |  |
|--|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|--|
|  | 4:00 PM                                   | 8:00 AM                       | 10:00 AM                      | 11:45 AM                           |  |  |  |
| LECTORS  | C Yako                                    | K Svetz                       | B & C Pestak                  |                                    |  |  |  |
|  |   |                               |                               |                                    |  |  |  |
| USHERS   |   |                               |                               |                                    |  |  |  |
| EUCHARISTIC<br>MINISTERS   | P Lewandowsky<br>S McDonough<br>F Augusta | A Schurger<br>K & f Schmieder | O Rivera<br>J Papa<br>J Bacik | J Spooner<br>T Polomsky<br>D Shell |  |  |  |
| Please find a substitute if you cannot serve your scheduled time. Thank you. |   |                               |                               |                                    |  |  |  |



