And now comes the Season of Advent~

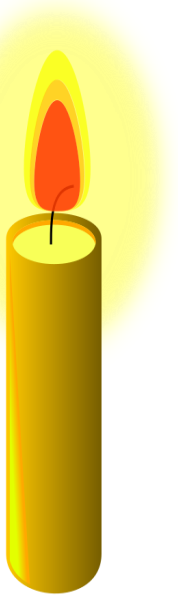
- waiting for the Light of the world!

WELCOME ADVENT!

Our Parish Family & Advent

While the entire world celebrates the 'waiting time' before the coming of the Messiah, we also, in our own individual ways, take part in the 'waiting'. Waiting is not always an easy thing to do—we may find ourselves impatient, a bit anxious, and wondering. That's *not* Advent. We clearly know that at the end of this season comes Christmas and the celebration of the birth of Christ. While it is ultimately important that we spiritually prepare, it is also allowable that we find ourselves caught up in the festivities, the delight and the wonder of the coming holiday! This is the season of JOY and HOPE and so as we begin Advent together let's share the joy, allow the happiness to fill our days, and keep our minds and hearts open for the new or renewed ways that the Christ will come into our lives.

It's a time of prayer and a time for all things to be 'Merry and Bright'….may these days bring you deeper and deeper into the fullness of Christ's love and His abundant mercy!



WEEK ONE:

Through this week anticipate the opportunities to bring joy into the lives of others—that means even your own family members! In no time at all we will ALL be caught up in all the accessories of the holidays: lights, trees, gifts, cookies and on and on. Don't allow yourself to become so busy that those who count on you, those who know you, those who love you become second place to wreaths and wrappings, baking and shopping. Take time this week to realize that the very best gifts are those people in your lives who love you and you love them. The *business* of Christmas is not left to the malls and the shops. The business of Christmas is the sincere concern that we hold for others as so beautifully put in the Christmas Carol:

"Business!' cried the Ghost, wringing its hands again. "Mankind was my business; charity, mercy, forbearance, and benevolence, were, all, my business. The deals of my trade were but a drop of water in the comprehensive ocean of my business!"

– Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol

Make it a Good First Week of Advent!

Monday— remember today someone that you have neglected or forgotten….it happens to all of us! New experiences, new friends, new surroundings, new jobs, new duties sometimes can become so overwhelming that in the distance there is someone who misses the words that you shared or the good times that you experienced. 'Today reach out to that someone that you have reminded yourself to call or send a note or email. You just may make their day and their Advent.
Remember it is never too early to say, "Merry Christmas!"

Tuesday- Some years ago we came up with the idea of THANK YOU TUESDAYS! Use today to show or express your gratitude to someone who has done you a kindness—it may be someone in your own family or a stranger at the mall…...
You CANNOT say Thank you too many times!
Tuesday Evening Mass is at 7 pm!!

Wednesday—Instead of simply signing your Christmas Cards add a personal greeting—something that will let the receiver know that you have put time and love into the Christmas Greeting and that they are being especially remembered.
Don't let HALLMARK do your thinking. Remember too the neighbor –even the one that you may not know all that well.
Remember that we are Celebrating the Birth of JESUS who came for all people—yes, everyone! As Tiny Tim said, 'God Bless Us,

THURSDAY : Take time to Smile, be courteous and polite especially in those situations that are tense, crowded, and impersonal : like the Mall or the Grocery Store or a Parking Lot!
Not everyone is having a good day and some people may even be a bit rude….don't let that be you! Hold the door, say thank you, express your Merry Christmas and offer a smile. It may change someone's attitude and make their day! You are a reflection of Christ's love and a means for others to know that we Christians are doing more than celebrating a holiday! We are celebrating the birth of the Christ—our Savior and Lord!

Merry Christmas

FRIDAY-
So what is your schedule for today? In the midst of the Christmas busyness and preparations allow a few moments for quiet prayer. It is so important that we remember why we have Christmas at all! We might complain about the commercialization of the Holy Day but if we ourselves do not take time to appreciate the fullness of this holy season then we lose and so too does the real Christmas!
The Advent Hymn: 'O Come, O Come Emmanuel' has a beautiful refrain that we need to incorporate into our faith lives,
'Rejoice! Rejoice!'- make it a good weekend for you and yours. **THIS WEEKEND WHEN YOU COME TO MASS TAKE A COUPLE OF PIECES OF STRAW FROM THE MANGER BY THE ALTAR.** Use it in your own manger at home or set it somewhere where it will be a reminder that Christ came to us poor and homeless, humble and obedient, at the Word of the Father! He came for You and for me! Rejoice.

A CHRISTMAS PAST AND A CHRISTMAS PRESENT!

- Music Ministry will present a special evening of Carols and Songs to celebrate the birth of the Messiah and the coming of the Season!

DECEMBER 14th at 7:00pm
with Christmas Cookies to follow!

Bring a neighbor, bring a friend...*one concert only*!

It's a magical night at St. Colette with all the festive music of the Season!

A Personal Invitation to all of our Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Sacristans, and Counters ~

Please join us on Thursday Evening, December 8th for an Evening 'Mid- Advent Mass' on the *holyday* of the Immaculate Conception. Mass will begin at 7 p.m. with a light reception following in the hall. This is our way of thanking you for your part in our Liturgies and all of the details which are a part of our weekend schedules.

Please take a moment to call the Parish Office and reserve your place. It will help us in our preparations. 330 273 5500

Many hands prepare the table of the Lord!

Advent Prayer

Our hearts are made ready, O Lord. Come swiftly with peace, justice, hope and love. Bring to this world and to our homes the warmth of your Divine Love.
O Shepherd of Israel, hear us.
O Lord, our God, let your face shine upon us and we shall be saved!
Come, Lord Jesus, Come! Alleluia!

A reminder:
When (if) it snows please use the South Parking Lot for daily Mass and evening events. It is the first lot plowed and has less of an incline. Thanks~

The LILY AND GRACE CHRISTMAS SHOP!

Our Christmas items are now on display. Remember please that our prices are kept low but our supply is somewhat limited. Hurry in for beautiful ornaments, statues, Christmas gifts and treasures!

"Never worry about the size of your Christmas Tree. In the eyes of children, they are all 30 feet tall."
Larry Wilde, The Merry Book of Christmas!

Celebrate all the Magic of Christmas at...

The Little Christmas Village!

Join us on Saturday, December 10th from 10:00am -2:00pm

It's that time of year when we look toward the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus at our Little Christmas Village! All the festivities will be back again: Cookie Room, Craft Station, Evergreen Shop, Lily & Grace Gift Shop, breakfast and lots of fun! The village opens at 10:00am with Santa and Mrs. Claus arriving at 11:00. You won't want to miss their ARRIVAL!!!

PREORDER your breakfast tickets now! Preordering means you not only have your breakfast tickets but you also receive your number to see Santa (1 number per family). Please note, if you do not preorder you will still be able to buy tickets the day of the village.

Admission is free. Be sure to bring your camera for a picture with Santa!

Breakfast price is: Adults: $5.00 Children: $3.00

Breakfast will include:

- French toast sticks
- Sausage links
- Eggs
- Beverage: hot chocolate, coffee, tea, apple juice or water. (There is no additional cost for beverages.)

Sabrina will be in the atrium after all masses selling tickets and answering questions.

"We provide the atmosphere you make the memories!"

NOTE: THIS IS THE REAL SANTA & WIFE

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY November 29-Advent Weekday
7:00 PM Maricic Family (K)

WEDNESDAY November 30-**St. Andrew**
11:00 AM Deceased Murrin Family (J)

FRIDAY December 2-Advent Weekday
11:00 AM Josephine & Anthony Kaminski (J)

SATURDAY December 3-**St. Francis Xavier**
4:00 PM Earl & Marie Krueger (H)

SUNDAY **December 4**
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:00 AM Bobby Andrews (K)
10:00 AM Kathy Plitt (K)
11:45 AM Lawrence LeHoty (K)

THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED OUR PRAYERS

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

Alessandra, Gloria & Nicole Augustyn, Jim Aust,Wyatt Baker, Sierra & Sophia Barr, Kathy Barta, Laura & Zachary Bartok, Sierra Bland, Karen Biggs, Trevor Biggs, Jane Bolczak, Patricia Burfield, Elaine Coreno, Rosemary Cross, Mary D'Andrea, John Deal, Gloria & Len Demko, Melissa Dubs, Mary Dumke, Robert Dumke Sr., Tony Ferretti, Rhettec Galaska, Hallie Grace Grabowski, Carole Gembus, Eddie Glorioso, Halley Grimes, George Habeeb, Mary Haas, Paula Harrington, Amy Healy, Barb Healy, Marilyn Healy, Sandy Healy, Tom Healy, Jennifer Hendryx, Jack Hoy, Caitlyn Keller, David Klasek, Maria Kun, MaryAnn Lavalle, Norbert Mang, Debbie Martin, Marge McCarthy, Thomas McDonough, Anne Mercer, Jim Moran, Marcy Morris, Lillian Noga, Kevin Ohlin, Mark Pajak, Jeff Pandora, Louis & Patricia Perhavec, Robert Phillips, Wesley Piehl, Kathy Pindroch, Nick Piro, Olivia Piwowar, Charles Plishka Jr., Josephine Pompignano, Ryan Preszlica & family, Steven Pruchnicki, Frank Raso, Pat & Ron Prybis, Pat Richie, Ken Schroeder, Mary Shurman, Al Sibits, Kathy Sibits, Linda Sovil, Delores Stanchina, Patricia Strauss, Virginia Suchan, David Szpak, Kelly Tesar, Cathy Timko, Marge Trobl, Jeff Tuma, Lenny Vargo, Derek Vitas, Laverne Waddell, Ron Wodzisz, Donna Woodyard, Debbie Woodyard, James Woodyard Sr.

The next Sanctuary Candle will be lit for the repose of the souls of Paul & Veronica Ferko.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
This Christmas season we would all like to have the peace of Christ, the ability to give as Jesus gave and hearts that are not troubled. As the rush begins, reflect on your past celebrations. What is it about Christmas and gift giving that you find life-giving? What traditions would you especially like to continue? How can you use your time and talents to spread the joy of the season?

Readings for the Week of November 27, 2016

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 23/Mt 4:18-22
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147/Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

St. Andrew

St. Andrew, the brother of St. Peter, was a native of the town of Bethsaida in Galilee, and a fisherman by profession. Being first a disciple of St. John the Baptist, he later joined Jesus, and also brought to Him his brother Simon, with whom he became a member of the Apostolic College. After the dispersion of the Apostles, St. Andrew preached the Gospel in Scythia, and also in Sogdiana and Colchis, he even labored in Greece, Russia & Poland.

He suffered martyrdom at Patras in Achaia and according to ancient authorities, by crucifixion on a cross in the form of an X. The body of the saint was taken to Constantinople in 357, and deposited in the church of the Apostles, built by Constantine the Great. In 1270 when the city fell into the hands of the Latins, the relics were transported to Italy and deposited in the Cathedral of Amalfi.

In Memoriam+

Our loving prayers and deepest sympathy are extended to the family of **John Predmesky** (father of Patti & Tony Zawalski & family) who was called to his Eternal reward. Please pray for him and all the faithful departed.

What's Happening in the Parish!

St. Teresa of Calcutta said, The Season of Advent is like springtime in nature.- "when everything is renewed and so fresh and healthy" She said, " Advent is made to do that for us-to refresh us and make us healthy, to be able to receive Christ in whatever form He may come to us."

ADVENT

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Prayer Ministry to pray for those who are ill in the parish and among our families. Prayer follows the 7:00 pm Mass on **Tuesday, November 29th.**

All are welcome to join us.

Daughters of St. Colette

Plant Orders are due by 11/27 and pickup is 12/3 between 11:00-5:30 in the atrium.

DOSC Mass for family & friends is 12/8 at 7:00pm, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

There will be no December Meeting.

PSCF: There will be no classes on **Monday, November 28th or Tuesday, November 29th** as we celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday. Enjoy your week off and see you next week.

FYI **The CPR class which was scheduled for November 30th has been cancelled due to the holidays. We will be sure to let you know when it is rescheduled.**

BAPTISM CLASS

The next Baptism Class will be held **Wednesday, December 7, 2016 here at St. Colette.** Diocesan policy requires attendance at a Baptism Class for parents who are planning to present their ***first child*** for the Sacrament of Baptism. **To register call the Parish Office at 330-273-5500**

What is the Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society (HNS) is a service/fraternal organization rooted in devotion to the holy name of Jesus. In addition to organizing events of our own, we sponsor and provide volunteers to assist with other parish events. We meet one evening each month in which we conduct a brief business meeting and short spiritual program which we follow with a meal, beverages and socializing. Our membership is open to the men of the parish whom we encourage to learn more by attending one of our general meetings and/or picking up our brochure in the vestibule.

The HNS Board is scheduled to meet Tuesday Dec 6th following the 7:00 Mass.

Our next general meeting is scheduled for Thursday December 15th at 7:00pm. PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE. All men of the parish are welcome to join us . We will conduct a brief meeting, followed by a fine meal, beverages and possibly a pinochle game or 2.

HANDYMAN CREW

The Handyman Crew is a small group of volunteers willing to assist active St. Colette's parishioner who are needy, handicapped, disabled, or senior and in need of small "around the house" repair, installation or maintenance projects. There is a request form in the parish office that you can fill out and the office staff will contact us, we will then contact you.

Catholic Commission-WAM Hosting Year of Mercy Closing with Fr. Neil Kookoothe, Joe D'Ambrosio and Christmas Card Signing for Ohio Death Row – December 1

The Catholic Commission-Wayne, Ashland, Medina invites you to "Living the Year of Mercy beyond the Jubilee" speaker event and Christmas card signing for Ohio death row inmates on **Thursday, Dec. 1, 6:30-8:30 PM** at Holy Martyrs Parish Pfeiffer Hall (3100 S. Weymouth Rd., Medina). Fr. Neil Kookoothe and Joe D'Ambrosio will share Joe's story of "A Personal Journey from Death Row" that reveals God's mercy and human dignity. Ohio has 138 death row inmates needing mercy and dignity. All welcome! Materials and refreshments will be provided. RSVP: Jeff Campbell, jcampbell@ccdocle.org, 330.723.9615.

Christmas with The Daughters of St. Paul
Friday, December 9th at 7:00pm. St. John's Cathedral

Known for their fresh arrangements of time-honored classics, the Daughters of St. Paul Choir presents well-loved carols and holiday favorites combining a heartwarming collection of both lively and moving songs that celebrates the glory, wonder and joy of the Christmas Season.

Sacred Steps to Peace/ Catholic Divorce Recovery

The Sacred Steps General Meeting is held on the third Friday of each month, with a focus on spiritual healing and growth through education, discussion and reflection on Scriptures and Church teaching. Participants are welcome to join at any time, there is no start date.

Sacred Steps General Meeting for 14 sessions
Place: St. Joseph Parish, Strongsville
Cost: $25 for series, including the workbook
Date & Time: You can join at any time. Meetings are the **third** Friday of each month from 6:30-8:30pm

LEAF Ministry - Listening, Encouraging, and Assisting Families of the Incarcerated.

Are you a family member, who, because of the incarceration of a loved one, experience isolation, sadness, shame, guilt, or an overwhelming sense of being alone? Do you have encouragement to share, from your own experience, as a friend or family member of a loved one incarcerated, that may help another? The LEAF Ministry has been formed to be a support to these families. Groups meet monthly offering an opportunity to those who come to listen and share community, network and learn from others who understand their situation, challenges, fears and emotions. All are welcome to participate irrespective of faith affiliation. For more information and to verify the schedules, please visit the website: www.leafministry.org or Connie Ebaugh at (330) 648-2602 .

The Medina County group will meet at St. Francis Xavier Parish, 606 East Washington Street, Medina, 44256, on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Loyola Room. Please walk past the SFX Office and enter through the glass door. Look for LEAF signs directing you to the room. The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, November 28th at 7:00 p.m.**

Please pray for those serving in the Military

CPT Sylvester Azap
GySgt. John Burrell
AMN 1st Class Jeff Boggs
E5/2nd Class Jacob Camper USN
S/A-Dept/State Bradley Carlson
S/SGT Stephen Coughlan
SPC Kristen Coughlan
CPT Jason Cross
M/ SGT Daniel Dowdell
S /SGT Paul Dowdell
PO1 Tom Fisher
Michael Forlini
Airman E3 Eliott Golod USAF
Seaman Alex Gnezda
Spc Bradley Graf
Cpl John Graf
SPC David Greenfelder Jr.
Major Kerry Gump
Captain Richard Hanrahan USAF
SGT Jeremy Hlavaty
S/SGT Melissa Hunt
T/SGT Tyler Hunt
AMN 1st Class Joe Isabella
Capt. Julianne Jamison USAF
Lt. Kris Klaiber
SPC Kevin Lessman
Airman 1st Class Sam Lupica

Col. Andrew W. Mack
Lt. Brittany Manley USN
Lt. Colonel Jeremy Matyas
CDR Robin Murphy
S/SGT Daniel Novak
Corp. Daniel Peterra
Col. Rick Pierce
S/SGT Brian Ponge
Spc Kevin Porter
LT Angela Roush, USN
PO1 David Sams
Chief George J. Sattelmaier
PV2 Scott Sauls
S/SGT Ryan Shaw
PV2 Andrew Shephard
Corporal Alexander Shepley
Lt. Col. Joseph P. Siberski
PFC Taylor Sibits
Seaman Jacob Smith
PFC Spencer Stann
LCorporal Jason Taylor
CDR Dennis Wajda
PFC Mark Zawalski
S/SGT Robert Zebrowski
S/Sgt. Kevin Zisko
LtJG Matthew Zweifel
PO3 Joseph Zweifel

Please email updates to CDowdell@stcoletteparish.com

Thank You for your contributions to the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)! Your generous gifts will help CCHD end poverty in America through better education, improved housing, and economic development. Through CCHD and its beneficiaries, we manifest Catholic social teaching and carry out Jesus' mission to "bring glad tidings to the poor...to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free" (LK 4:18)

Natural Family Planning is described as a blessing to a marriage.

Through Natural Family Planning, a husband and wife work together to achieve their family planning goals of a pregnancy or postponing a pregnancy. **The scientific based method uses 100% natural means that are harmless, reliable, inexpensive, natural, cooperative and moral. Natural Family Planning can be used successfully at any stage in a woman's reproductive life**, whether it is during regular cycles, irregular cycles, breastfeeding, pre-menopause, or low fertility. Using the wife's observable signs, a couple can achieve or postpone pregnancy.

The Catholic Church defines marriage as designed by God for the good of the couple and the procreation and education of children. **Every decision in our lives, including family planning, should include God**.

To help families with this beautiful gift, St. Ambrose Has a wonderful Natural Planning team to assist you on this journey. **If you would like to learn more Email Kim at KNemet@StAmbrose.us**

St. Colette Parish Directory

Pastor ~ Fr. William R. Krizner

Weekend Assistants- Abbot Gary Hoover, O.S.B.

Parish Address	330 West 130th St. Brunswick, OH 44212
Parish Office	330.273.5500
PSCF Office	330.273.1355
Fax	330.225.7909 www.stcolettecatholicchurch.com

MASS SCHEDULE:
Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
Sunday: 8:00-10:00- and 11:45am
Wednesday & Friday: 11:00am
Tuesday: 7:00pm
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 - 3 p.m. Saturday.
Eucharist Adoration - twice a month after the Tuesday 7:00pm Mass

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT
THANK YOU!!!

Sunday, November 6, 2016 .....$12,926.00
Capital Improvement Fund.....$2,417.18
Children's.....$25.54

We sincerely & always appreciate your 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.

PARISH STAFF

Pastoral Associate—Lisa Radey / Deacon Tom Grasson
Parish Facilitator- Bill Gorey III
Bookkeeper-Jeanette Webster CPA/CFP
Receptionist– Mary Dowling/ Kathy Plumb/ Sabrina Plumb
Sacristan - Renate Elber
Building/Grounds –Joe Gareau / Tyler Fabian / Josh Ogorzaly
Noah Schrader
Web-Master—Thomas DeCastra
Lily & Grace Gift Shop / Bulletin Editor -Carole Dowdell

FAITH FORMATION

PSCF Directors - Larry & Chris Pizon - 330.273.3595
Baptism Class -Cheri Gorey-(Contact Parish Office)
Pre-Cana Coordinators-Bob & Carole Dowdell (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
Veritas+ / Youth Ministry - Brent Gagne & Team
Catholic Works of Mercy-combined service with St. Ambrose 330.225.3116

MINISTRY OF SONG & PRAISE

Cindy Indovina / Sara Kronholz /Claudia Schieve / Ralph Holstein
Chris Charlillo /Todd Schrader / Sam Leicht

Eucharist Ministry	Marty Morisky	330.220.1001
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Lectors -	Christina Dinklocker	330.273.4434
Servers -	Darlene Ropelewski	440.785.7622

LILY & GRACE ~ THE PARISH GIFT SHOP

Shop Hours: Tues-Wed- Thurs. 9am-8 p.m. Monday & Friday 9am-4pm and after all the weekend Masses
Carole Dowdell-330-273-5500

Ministers for the Weekend of December 3 & 4, 2016

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:45 AM
LECTORS	B Gottl	L Dubs	J & P Cuglewski	T Schrader
SERVERS	B Emerson	E Coundourides P Fischer	S Ekey K & K Leneghan	S & G Eink
USHERS	M & R Fink R & D Plute	K Lynch / W Crabiel J Rossborough	D Baldwin / D Elber P Hupalowsky / C Ricco	A Kolbus / T Thomas L Griffith / J Pierani
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	C Biggs / S Emerson / J Gray S Kastelic / T Kolesar / TJ McIver F & A Krizman / J Perciak	J Aust / K Baga C & L Pizon / T Siedlecki F & K Schmieder	P & M Ekey / P & S Garn D Hatters / D Ropelewski K & K Yohman / T Yonek	J Bacik / S & M Becka / H Piller D Clarke / M Cuglewski G Demczuk / T Grant B Redmond

Please find a substitute if you cannot serve your scheduled time. Thank you.