

Mass Intentions for the Week



MONDAY DECEMBER 21

Peter Canisius, priest & doctor
(Song of Songs 2:8-14/Luke 1:39-45)
8:30 A.M. Martha Skiver

TUESDAY DECEMBER 22

(1 Samuel 1:24-28/Luke 1:46-56)
8:30 A.M. Sharon L. Sharon

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 23

John of Kanty, priest
(Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24/Luke 1:57-66)
8:30 A.M. Roger Williams

THURSDAY DECEMBER 24

4:00 P.M. For the Living & Deceased of Seton Parish
6:00 P.M. For the Living & Deceased of Seton Parish
11:00pm For the Living & Deceased of Seton Parish

FRIDAY DECEMBER 25

(Isaiah 52:7-10/Hebrews 1:1-16/John 1:1-18)
9:30 A.M. For the Living & Deceased of Seton Parish

SATURDAY DECEMBER 26

5:00 P.M. Crock Family Intentions

SUNDAY DECEMBER 27

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

8:00 A.M. Smithberger Family Intentions
9:30 A.M. For the People
11:15 A.M. Florence Lane

TO PREPARE FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

DECEMBER 27, 2009

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

FIRST READING 1 SAMUEL 1:20-22, 24-28

SECOND READING 1 JOHN 3:1-2, 21-24

GOSPEL LUKE 2:41-52



WHO IS JESUS?

Jesus is Emmanuel (God-with-us), Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Prince of Peace, God's grace revealed, the Holy Spirit shared, a baby borne among us by the Virgin Mary. He is the Messiah, the Christ, the Anointed, God's chosen, the Savior foretold by the prophets. He is the creating word of God made flesh, dwelling among us. Because of him, we are God's holy people, the Lord's redeemed, City of the Most High and Christ's body. Now we celebrate his birth in mystery!

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This Week in our Parish

*Flowers on the altar today are in Loving memory of
Doug Gartner, Gerard and Nora Hurley*

From Mary Jane Himes

- Sun. 12/20** 9:30am Kindergarten RE
5:45pm SPY
7:00pm Rosary/EC
7:30pm SPY
- Mon. 12/21** 5:00pm Religious Education/CI
6:00pm Adult Choir and Ringers/Ch
6:30pm Rosary for Military/EC
6:45pm Religious Education/CI
- Tues. 12/22** 7:00pm Guitar, violin, trumpet, flute/C
5:00pm Religious Education/CI
6:45pm Religious Education/CI
- Wed. 12/23** 4:30pm Seton Youth Choir and Ringers/C
- Thurs. 12/24** **Parish Offices Closed**
4:00pm Mass/Ch
4:00pm Mass/PAC
6:00pm Mass/Ch
11:00pm Mass/Ch
- Fri. 12/25** **Parish Offices Closed**
9:30am Mass/Ch
- Sun. 12/27** 7:00pm Rosary/EC

FINANCE INFORMATION

<i>December 13th collection</i>	<i>\$18,878.00</i>
<i>Monthly Collection:</i>	<i>\$43,919.00</i>
<i>Budget December Collection</i>	<i>\$101,687.00</i>
<i>Year to Date Collection</i>	<i>\$505,182.00</i>
<i>Budget YTD Collection</i>	<i>\$504,480.00</i>
<i>Children's Collection (0) envelopes</i>	<i>\$</i>

Religious Give Thanks. Our parish has currently contributed \$1377.00 to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Of the support offered by this appeal, one religious writes, "We deeply appreciate this assistance. God's loving care touches us through the hearts of thousands of Catholics who give so generously to this collection year after year." Women and men religious throughout the country send their abundant thanks for your donation. www.retiredreligious.org.

Due to bulletin deadlines there might be names missed from the Christmas flower donation list. The list will be in the Christmas/December 27th bulletin.

Decorate the Church... We will be decorating after the 11:15 Mass today. If you can stay and help with any of the decorating it would be greatly appreciated. We can always use some muscles! It's not all ribbon and bows!!!! Thanks in advance for your help!



Sick Relatives & Friends

Mark Bailey	Augustine Beckemeyer	Ada Brennan	
Jacob Brewer	Ann Brown	Betty Ann Brunner	
Annette Carrel	Barbara Cartee	Duane Carter	
Stacy Cesarz	Penny Conner	Jeff Corbin	
Debra Cunningham	Ruth Dattalo	Winnie Deibel	
Chuck Dillon	Colin Donohue	Martha Dyer	
Millie Egan	Kevin Eichner	Ralph Emrich	
Roberta Emrich	Rose Fradette	John Gentile	
Jimmy Gibboney	Judy Gilmore	Jimmy Green	
Julie Gribben	Mackenzie Hedges	Ashley Hohman	
Brian Holland	Rita Humphries	Lynn Kartavich	
Kathleen Lievens	Ed Loch	Lucille Loudenslager	
Kathy Marofsky	Delores McCann	Joanne McCaw	
Adolph Melket	Mary Mitchell	Loretta Nichols	
Al Olson	Mike Pankey	Mary Piek	Thelma Pione
Reigle Family	Bridget Reitano	Elias Rizkallah	
Jeff Samborsky	Robert Seymour	Carol Smith	
Donna Spiers	Jerry Truchan	Rosemary Wagenbrenner	
Ryan Winstel			

REST IN PEACE

Sue Baroni
Sister-in-law of Jo Griffith

Ronnie Coulter
Brother-in-law of Norma and Charlie Higdon

Mary Ann Curry
Mother of Jennifer Ziegler



December 24th Christmas Eve

No 8:30am Mass
 4:00pm Mass (Church and PAC)
 6:00pm Mass
 11:00pm Mass

December 25th Christmas Day

9:30am



ADORATION CORNER

Take a break from the hustle and bustle these last few days before Christmas and reflect on the real reason for the season...spend an hour in the Eucharistic Chapel. Stop in for a quiet time of reflection and prayer. If you would like to take an hour that has no adorer scheduled, please call Shirley and Paul. No weekly or monthly commitment...just that hour! Of course, anyone is welcome to stop in for a visit *anytime*. Come in out of the cold and warm your heart with Jesus! Shirley or Paul Thoburn at 833-1288.

A Word from Fr. Jim

Advent is one of the shortest of our liturgical seasons, and here we are already at the end of it. Christmas is upon us and all of our focus in the parish in the next few days is on our final preparations for our big celebration. Please be sure to note closely the Christmas Mass schedule printed here in the bulletin. The biggest crush always comes at our first Mass of Christmas at 4:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. We will have two Masses held simultaneously to accommodate everyone. When the church gets packed for the 4:00 mass, people will be asked to begin filling the Parish Activity Center. If you are told that the church is filled to overcapacity, please do not try to add to it. We have to keep it safe for everyone already in it. If you come when the church is already filled, you will be asked to attend Mass in the Parish Activity Center. As in the past, we cannot permit the saving of any seats or pews for any reason. Finally I request that everyone graciously follow the guidance of the security officers in the parking lot. Let us all bring the gift of patience and a smile into the parking lot as a part of our preparation for a beautiful worship experience.

We have many visitors on Christmas. Many will have traveled thousands of miles to celebrate the birth of our Savior with us. What a privilege, honor and responsibility that is. That goes not only for the priest, but for all of us who call ourselves parishioners. How important it is that all of us see ourselves as ministers of hospitality on Christmas. It should feel different when you step out of your car here at Seton than when you do at Easton. Be sure you greet one another, give pedestrians the right of way in the parking lot, and welcome one another in the pews. That welcome may be the grace that God will use to bring that one person home. Yes, Seton Parish is Bethlehem in the days ahead, and it is up to us to make room for all those who will grace us with their presence.

FOR BETTER & FOR EVER Sponsor Couples:

We are seeking the assistance of married couples of our church who are willing to be trained to be “sponsors” for engaged couples. The training is a one-day session. Contact Deacon Hector if you would like to be a Sponsor Couple. 833-0482, ext. 243 or hraymond@setonparish.com

JORDAN COUPLES

We are looking for couples to help new parents with the baptismal preparation of their new child. You will be asked to be with them at the Baptismal class and be at their child’s baptism. You will mentor them spiritually and physically. We hope to sign-up as many Jordan Couples to each child that is being Baptized. If you would like to participate in this ministry, please contact Deacon Hector for more information at 833-0482, ext. 243 or hraymond@setonparish.com.

CAN OF THE MONTH: Please don’t forget that food pantries operate all year!!! We will help them out by collecting canned fruit and applesauce in plastic containers!

PICKERINGTON FOOD PANTRY FUNDRAISER

Plaza of Lights celebrates its second year to assist the mission of assisting those within the Pickerington boundaries who find themselves in need. For a donation of \$5 you can buy a light on the strings of lights in memory, in honor, or just because to help the food pantry. Names of donors will be displayed outside the Pickerington Chamber of Commerce. Donations can be mailed to PCMA Food Pantry, PO Box 914, Pickerington, OH 43147. Thanks!

BISHOP GRIFFIN CENTER We are now collecting warm clothes of all sizes, especially coats. Shoes and denim jeans are also needed. Household items, sheets and towels are always welcome. Also, if you could spare a box or can of food it would be greatly appreciated. All items can be placed in the boxes under the mailboxes in Herrmann Hall.
"I tell you, anything you did for the least of my brothers, you did for me, says the Lord." (Matthew 25:40)

MOTHERS OF MINISTRY AT SETON

Assisting families with young children through prayer, social support, meal sharing and faith building. Please contact Pam Glass at 861-9819 or bglass@insight.rr.com. Our website is www.setonparishmoms.webs.com.



SPY EVENTS:

SPY contact information:

Barbara Serrano at (614)833-0485, ext. #228

bserrano@setonparish.com

SPY THOUGHT FOR WEEK. *Advent is a time to reach out to others; to give of ourselves. In this way, we will prepare our hearts for His coming.*

DECEMBER 20TH SPY CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Boys bring sodas or juice to share

Girls bring a snack to share

No SPY classes Sunday December 27th and January 3rd.

Classes resume Sunday, January 10th...which will also include a SPY Mass at 6:45pm. If your child attends the 5:45 session and will not be attending Mass they must have a note to be dismissed at 6:30pm. Also, second session students not attending should not arrive before 7:45pm.

SPY BAND: SPY Band practices on Sunday evenings at 5:30pm. If you are interested in joining SPY Band or would like more information, please contact Sean O'Connor at oconnor129@gmail.com or Barbara Serrano at (614)833-0485, ext. 228

RESPECT LIFE: Don't miss the Washington D.C. March for Life - January 21-22.

Information and forms can be found online:

www.setonparishyouth.org

Don't forget: Recycle ink cartridges at Seton Parish Kroger Community Rewards for SPY!

WE BELIEVE IN...REGIFTING!

If you receive a gift you don't know what to do with, or find an awesome sale and just want to pick something up...think of our catechist and facilitators! Our catechist appreciation dinner is quickly approaching and we are collecting door prizes to give to our volunteers at their appreciation dinner. If you have something that you would like to donate, please contact the Religious Education Offices at 833-0485.

YOUNG ADULTS

A new Young adult social group is forming for Seton and East Side Deanery parishes. Our meetings are the 1st Wednesday of every month, 7pm, at Panera Bread (SR256 and Taylor Rd in Reynoldsburg. Next meeting will be January 6th. SPY alumni, college students, all young adults 18 and over welcome. Christmas party will be on Tuesday, December 29th at 7pm. Contact Carol Wagner, 740-927-6662 or email sixwags78@gmail.com for info.

SETON SINGLES GROUP

We are a group of divorced, never-married, and widowed singles. No activities are formally planned for the remainder of this year. For January meeting information please call Carol at 863-5147 or Dee at 837-3052.



PRESCHOOL:

Beginning in January, we have two openings for our One-day program: **one opening on Thursday** and **one opening on Friday**. The child must be 2-years old as of August 1, 2009. (The child does not need to be potty-trained for this classroom.) The tuition is \$85.00. There are still 18 weeks left in our school year! Seton Parish Preschool operates from 9:30am-1:30pm. Please call Karen Pitt or Donna Swartz at (614)833-0482, ext. 229 or email: sppteam@sbcglobal.net.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:

Just a reminder that **there will be** Religious Education Classes the week of December 20th. We will have a short prayer service followed by our Christmas Parties! For the Christmas party we are asking that students in grades 4 and 5 bring in 2 dozen cookies (please remember no nuts) and students in grade 6 bring in 1 gallon of orange drink. We will be asking the students in the other grades to bring things in at the end of the year parties.

RE/SPY Offices will be closed December 23-January 3. RE classes resume on January 4th and 5th. Kindergarten and SPY classes will resume on January 10th. Merry Christmas!!!



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SETON SAGES NEWS

Merry Christmas to all!

DIVORCE CARE

DivorceCare: video and discussion support group for those who are undergoing separation or divorce. For more information on when the next session is to begin, please contact either Susan Shelko at (614)832-6734 or Dee Machinski at (614)837-3052.

GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE STUDY

Ready for the next series? Starting January 5th 9-11am and 7-9pm in classrooms 7&9. This series is a little longer and will cost \$45 to purchase the materials. Call the Parish Office if you would like to register.

ATTENTION SCRAPBOOKERS AND CARD MAKERS

Beginning January 9th from 9am-1pm, a new scrap booking and card making group will be meeting at Seton Parish. It is a wonderful way to start the new year preserving your memories, making new friends and enjoying the fellowship of others. Whether you are new to this hobby or a seasoned veteran, come and join us. For further information or questions, please contact Amy Bozzelli at 755-5468 or eabozz92@hotmail.com or Pamela Glass at 861-9819 or bglass@insight.rr.com.



MUSIC CORNER NOTES

SETON CHOIRS: there is always a place in the choir for YOU! Contact Pandora at 833—0482, ext. 240.

Dress Rehearsal Schedule:

Adult Choir and Handbell Ringers:

Seton Youth Ringers and Seton Youth Choir: December 23rd from 4:30-6pm.

Guitar ensemble, Violins, and Trumpets: December 22nd from 7-8:30pm.

The Seton Youth Choir and Youth Ringers will be singing and playing at the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass in the Church.

Guitar, Violin and Trumpet Ensembles are at the 6pm Mass in the Church.

Adult Choir and Adult Handbell Ringers are in the church at the 11pm Mass.

Resurrection Choir and Strings will play and sing on Christmas Day.



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columbus Seton Council 11187

Want more information on the Knights of Columbus???

If you are 18+ and would like to have more information on the Knights of Columbus, check the bulletin board in Herrmann Hall or go to www.setonparish.com and click on the link for Knights of Columbus Council 11187.

KNIT AND CROCHET GROUP

Our next meeting will be January 14th from 1:30-3:30pm. For more information call Donna Kane at 868-5231. Thanks!

A SIGN OF GOD'S PRESENCE...OUR MARRIAGES:

The Incarnation - - when God became present in our world, in the person of Jesus - - reminds us of how Christ continues to be present through the sacraments, including marriage. For depth, growth, and enrichment in the sacrament of your marriage, consider taking a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend in the new year! Plan ahead for one of the next two weekends in Columbus, on February 19-21 and April 23-25. For more information or to register, contact Paul and Marilou Clouse at 740-746-9003 or visit our website at www.wwmecolumbus.org.

CATHEDRAL BOOK SHOP OFFERS DISCOUNT

Bring in any of the following items for distribution to the poor and receive 15% discount on in-store purchases: Toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, hand lotion, multi-packs of bar soap, laundry detergent, and diapers. Please be generous - the need is great! Open Monday through Saturday 9:30am-5:30pm and Sunday December 13 and 20 11am-3pm.

TIE A KNOT FOR WARMTH PROJECT

The project is up and running again for the 3rd year. If you want to tie a blanket to be donated to Fairfield County Children Services, please do so and drop them off in the gathering area in the marked box. They will be collected through December 31st. Thanks for your generosity! Check out the website at www.tieaknotforwarmth.com

Ministries Schedule

4PM Church: Servers: Jacob, Joseph, and Theresa Abbarno, Jacob Thompson and Christopher Vadala **EM's:** Ronald Blymire, Marcia Buckley, Joanne Butcher, Nelda Humphries, Susan Kolb, John Letourneau, Colleen Lumannick, Scott Mucha, Licia Paxton, Sharon Quin **Lectors:** Tim Cunningham, Kevin McDaniel **Greeters:** Linda Clyburn..Need More Greeters!

4PM PAC: Servers: Maggie Farrell, Bobby, Jodee, Timothy, and Danny Hopkins **EM's:** Cheryl Hopkins, Jean and Mike Monnin, Joanmarie Trainer, Brenda Wooley, **Still need 5 more EM's** **Lectors:** Scott Mucha, Gerry Nelson **Greeters: Need 4 Greeters!**

6PM Church: Servers: Megan McFaul, Josh Williams, **Need 3 Servers** **EM's:** David Adams, Cathy McFaul, Diane Paxton, Carol Puhlmann, Barbara Russell, George Schneider, Penny and Larry Taylor (2 subs requested) **Lectors:** Jim Thesing, Glen Williams **Greeters: Jim Paxton, Need 3 more Greeters!**

11PM Church: Servers: Alexa Letourneau, **Need 4 more Servers** **EM's:** Michael and Linda Barnett, David Drees, Dave Hopkins, Terry Mahoney, Lorraine Rossi, William Sharon **Needed...3 more EM's** **Lectors: Debbie Clegg, could use 1 more Lector! NEED Greeters!**

Ministries Schedule December 25th

SERVERS NEEDED

EM's: Judith Barber, John Letourneau, Mila McNamee, Scott Mucha, Regina Pickens, Eleanor Samborsky, Janet Schaeper...**need 3 more EM's**

LECTORS: Kevin McDaniel, Stuart Schlotterbeck

GREETERS: Betty Crock...**would like to have 3 more greeters!**

Ministries Schedule December 26/27

Please remember to check online for the up-to-the-date schedule

5:00pm Servers: Megan McFaul, Victoria Ojeda-Pesa, Hanna Piper, Bailey Sweeney

Lectors: Cathy McFaul, Frank Piper

Eucharistic Ministers: Brien Bellous, Jan Hatton, Colleen Lumannick, Jean Monnin, Mike Monnin, Carol Puhmann, Debbie Segbers, Sandra Stewart

Greeters: Roselyn Abbim-Jackson, Mike Morrow, Mabry Morrow, Barbara Smithberger

Welcome Center: Molly Heuser

8:00am Servers: Bobby Hopkins, Danny Hopkins

Lectors: Dee Machinski, Kevin McDaniel

Eucharistic Ministers: Barb Besancon, Barbara Diewald, Cheryl Hopkins, Bernardine Kenny, Adam Nowocin, Becky Sandor, Carol Schmidt, Theresa Wessel

Greeters: Fred Barwick, Nicki Barwick, Betty Crock, Mary Jane Himes

Welcome Center: Dennis/Diannia O'Connor

9:30am Servers: Kristen Flis, Julie Flis, John Flis, Garrison Reigle

Lectors: Patty Hillwertz, Don Shaffer

Eucharistic Ministers: Ann Brown, Cathy Flis, Charles Johnson, Steve Katona, Carol O'Connell, Bill O'Connell, Jesse Pope, Carole Pope, Misty Reigle, George Schneider

Greeters: Edd Chinnock, Vicki Chinnock, Carole Holland, Bernard Holland

Welcome Center: Beth Tomson

Nursery: Amy LeMay, Kelli Saksa

Children's Liturgy: PreK: Christy Healy, Cindy Vollmer

Grades:1-2: Tina Shuster, Ruth Katona

Grades 3-4: Anita Groene

11:15am Servers: Matthew Johnson, Jasiu Kmiec, Mackenzie Short, Makayla Tatarko

Lectors: John Kmiec, Scott Mucha

Eucharistic Ministers: Anna Marie Friedman, Jacinta Hooker, Nelda Humphries, Tristan Koenig, Ryan Leszczewski, Nancy Miller, William Richards, Sharon Richards, Judie Schoyer, Joanmarie Trainer

Greeters: Natalie Mercuri, Andy and Marti Mercuri, Theresa Mercuri

Welcome Center: Jacinta Hooker

Nursery: Andrea Colburn, Mary Deely

Children's Liturgy: PreK: Sharon Linard, Janet Reale

Grades: 1-2: Donna Dewees, Zina Molnar

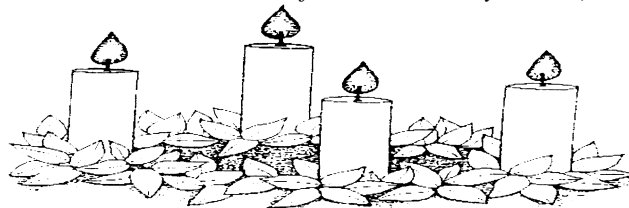
Grades 3-4: Ann DePauw, Adelaide Appiah

COLLECTION COUNTERS: Team #7: Bob Blades, Dan/Rosemary O'Leary, Debbie Ruechert, Arlene/Ray Kroll

ADVENT COMES TO A CLOSE

At sundown on December 24, Christmas Eve, Advent transitions into Christmas. Some people will put their Advent wreaths away at this point and already have a family Christmas party underway. But you can keep your wreath out and add a fifth, white candle in the middle of the wreath. The candle represents Jesus, the Light of the world. Here, also recognize that Jesus is to be the center of our lives. During Advent, you may have noticed Christmas parties going on at offices and friends' homes. Many of those people will complain about the post-Christmas letdown – but your Christmas is just now beginning. Share your Christmas joy! When you get back to work, greet your co-workers with "Merry Christmas." When kids return to school after the upcoming New Year, it will still be Christmas on the Church calendar, which officially concludes with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord.

Yes, celebrating Christmas for a couple of weeks might seem a little over the top, but we're talking here about attitude. Keeping the joy and hope that Christ the Lord offers us should be a lifelong activity. Keeping Christmas close to your heart throughout the season will give you – and your children – the practice to live it all year long!
(Catholic Parent Know How from Our Sunday Visitor)



THE MAGNIFICAT

(Luke 1:46-55)

(also known as the Cantic of Mary)

*My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden.
For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed;
for he who is might has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.*

*And his mercy is on those who fear him
from generation to generation.*

*He has shown strength with his arm,
he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts,
he has put down the mighty from their thrones,
and exalted those of low degree;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent empty away.*

*He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his posterity for ever.*

(The Magnificat or Cantic of Mary is Virgin Mary's joyous prayer in response to her cousin Elizabeth's greeting).