

## NOVEMBER 27, 2016 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own love and concern."  
(St. Teresa of Calcutta)*

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Mass** (pg. 3)  
Eugene Longo by Jennifer Hess
- 12:00 p.m. AA (H)
- 7:00 p.m. 4th Degree Meeting (K/C)

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- 12:00 p.m. AA (H)
- 7:00 p.m. Weekday Mass** (pg. 7)  
Rosemary Longo by Jennifer Hess

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Mass** (pg. 11)  
Remo Nardi by K of C Council 5297
- 7:00 p.m. RCIA (H)

### THURSDAY, DECMEBER 1

- 12:00 p.m. AA (H)
- 4:30 p.m. Junior Choir (CH)
- 6:00 p.m. Chime Choir (H)
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir (CH)

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Mass** (pg. 18)  
Martin C. Wachter by Mary Wachter
- 12:00 p.m. AA (H)

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

- 10:00 a.m. Weekday Mass** (pg. 21)  
Jerry Miller by the Ladies of the Lake
- 10:30 a.m. Rosary (CH)
- 2:30-4:00 p.m. Special Choir Practices (CH)
- 4:00 p.m. Confessions (CH)
- 5:00 p.m. Sunday Vigil Mass**  
The People of St. Joseph Parish
- 6:00 p.m. Altar-Rosary Bake & Craft Sale (H)

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 (pg. 21)

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary (CH)
- 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass**  
Jerry Miller by Judy Goode
- 9:30 a.m. PSR (C)
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Study Class (C)
- 11:15 a.m. Sunday Mass**  
Deyanira & Emilia Galvez  
by Hersilia Phillips
- 2:00 p.m. Adoration (CH)
- 7:00 p.m. Berger Hospice: Light Up A Life (CH)

**OUR PRAYERS FOR OTHERS:** Hold in your prayers Tara Wood, Sue Bialy, Danny Ogan, Bill Geddis, and all those who are on our prayer chain. If you have permission and wish to put a friend or loved one on the email prayer chain, or are interested in praying as part of our prayer chain, please contact Jackie Rose at diggersdaughter@yahoo.com or (614) 595-7633. If you would also like to have a name listed in our church bulletin for prayers, please notify us at office@saintjosephcircleville.com or call 477-2549, ext. 300.

## Following in St. Joseph's Footsteps Restoration Progress

Goal: \$2,000,000

Pledged (to date): \$1,317,027.59

Paid (to date): \$439,698.83

*Please continue to join your parish family in offering  
the Restoration Prayer each day.*



**WHAT IS ADVENT?** Advent is the beginning of a new liturgical year for the Roman Catholic Church. On the first day of Advent, which begins this year on November 27th, the Church celebrates its New Year's Day. The date for the beginning of Advent falls each year on the Sunday closest to November 30th – the feast day of Saint Andrew the Apostle. Sometimes people make the mistake of thinking that Advent is part of the Christmas celebration. In fact, Advent is a separate time of preparation, a unique season that makes Christmas more meaningful when it arrives. For Catholics, Christmas doesn't begin until the first Mass is celebrated on Christmas Eve, and it continues until the "Octave of Epiphany" on January 6th.

Advent is given to us as a time to prepare our souls for the coming of the Lord. It recalls the Israel's yearning anticipation for the coming Messiah. This season is similar to Lent, which helps us to prepare for Easter. In an increasingly secular and commercial society, we are tempted to skip over the penitential aspects of Advent and focus on the joy of Christmas, but to do so is a great tragedy. Focusing only on the joy of the Nativity, divorced from the human longing for a Savior, denies the full truth of the Incarnation: the Christ Child is our Lord and Savior Who chose to enter the darkness of human suffering in order to unite us to Himself in Love.

**ALTAR-ROSARY BAKE & CRAFT SALE:** Next weekend, join your parish family in the Hall following all Masses for the Altar-Rosary Bake & Craft Sale! This sale supports our parish's altar needs, helping us to purchase candles, wine, altar bread, etc. On Sunday, enjoy coffee and donuts while you peruse the wares provided by the women of our parish. To volunteer, please call Pat Keaton at 740-412-0941.

**SPECIAL CHOIR PRACTICES:** Patty Immell will be available from 2:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the Church on each of the next three Saturdays, **December 3rd, 10th and 17th**, for members of all St. Joseph Choirs who would like a little extra help to get ready for their Christmas performances!

**BLOOD DRIVE:** St. Joseph will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, **December 9th**, from 2:00 until 7:00 p.m. in the Hall. Please consider giving the gift of life during this holiday season. See signs in the church for further information.

### YOU'RE INVITED...



...to a **Knights of Columbus Christmas Dinner and Dance** on Saturday, **December 10th**, at the K of C Hall.

- 6:00 p.m. Cocktail Hour (cash donation bar)
- 6:30 p.m. Performance: Circleville Show Choir
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner is Served
- 8:00-11:00 p.m. Dancing

All are welcome, so invite your friends and family! Dress is semi-formal. Games and prizes throughout the evening. Tickets are \$25.00 each. John Goode will be selling them after Masses next weekend (December 3rd and 4th).

**HOSPITAL AND HOME-BOUND PARISHIONERS:** If you or a loved one are home or hospital-bound for any length of time, and desire to receive the sacraments, please call the Parish Office. Fr. Ted and Mary Kay no longer have the ability to check the local chaplains' list; the list is no longer being made available to pastors and associates. Therefore, they will not know of your needs unless they are notified by the individual or his family.

**COLUMBARIUM NICHES:** Now available for purchase in our new columbarium at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery are niches for the interment of cremation urns. A great alternative to traditional burial, with no need to purchase a casket, vault, foundation, or monument! **Cost is \$2,000.00 per niche; includes opening and closing fees (Monday-Friday inurnments), and engraving cost.** For more information, contact the parish office.

**FRIENDS OF THE JOSEPHINUM JEWELRY SALE:** The final jewelry sale sponsored by the Friends of the Josephinum will be Friday, **December 2nd**, from 11:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Jessing Center. Items offered below wholesale prices include certified diamonds and elegant fine and costume jewelry. A diamond expert will be available to advise buyers. Refreshments provided; admission is free. *All proceeds benefit Josephinum seminarians.*

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### LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

#### DECEMBER 3RD & 4TH

***If you are unable to fulfill your responsibility, please be sure to find a replacement.***

***Servers, Lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers – please check your name off the list at the back of the church when you arrive each week.***

**Saturday, December 3rd, 5:00 p.m.**

**Servers:** James Schneider & Andy Vance

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Dee Mogan\*, John & Shirley Lake, Cathy Steinhauser, Michelle Estel

**Lectors:** Nancy Plescia (1), Peg Burton (2)

**Ushers:** David Crawford, Randy McCoy, Chuck Estel, Phil Vogel

**Greeters:** Patricia Keaton, Sr. Monica Justinger, Logan Skaggs

**Sunday, December 4th, 8:00 a.m.**

**Servers:** Alexis & Emma Butterbaugh, Marianna Packer

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Anne Strawser\*, Gretchen Kleman, Mary Lundberg, Betsy Hupp, Molly Schiff

**Lectors:** Mary Kay Wood (1), Amy Goode (2)

**Ushers:** Vanessa & Ron Butterbaugh, Merle & Krista Valentine, Kevin Collis

**Greeters:** Darren & Susan Metzger, Steve & Beth Ford

**Sunday, December 5th, 11:15 a.m.**

**Servers:** Carson Forquer, Mallory Holcomb, Lauren Martin

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Rita Bolender\*, Amanda Forquer, Mary Kopec, Anita Yapple, Mike White

**Lectors:** Carter Corcoran (1), Brian Neff (2)

**Ushers:** David Corbett, John Stolarz, Kade Kandel, Michael D. Williams

**Greeters:** John & Marcele Bowen, Shane Bobbitt