

**Fourth Sunday of Advent****December 24, 2017****Fr. Dooley – Celebrant****Sunday, December 24**

- 9:10 a.m.** Rosary Meditations for the  
Return of Fallen Away Catholics
- 9:30 a.m.** Mass for Madelyn Migyanko  
by Michael and Angela Migyanko
- Coffee and Donuts Social after Mass
  - Church decorating for Christmas
- 9:00 p.m.** Pre-service Music by Alex Brady
- 9:30 p.m.** Mass for Clete Moorman by Jean Moorman

**Monday, December 25**

- 9:30 a.m.** Mass for Gary de la Pena  
by Noli and Eugenia de la Pena

**Wednesday, December 27**

- 5:00-5:15 p.m.** Private Confessions
- 5:10 p.m.** Rosary Meditations for the  
Return of Fallen Away Catholics
- 5:30 p.m.** Mass for Mary Jo Dooley by Cornelia Albert

**Sunday, December 31**

- 9:10 a.m.** Rosary Meditations for the  
Return of Fallen Away Catholics
- 9:30 a.m.** Mass for Charles Davena  
by Michael & Angela Migyanko
- Coffee and Donuts Social after Mass
- 5:30 p.m.** Mass for Pat Slagle by Suellen Slagle and Family

**Suggestions for Outreach Food Pantry:  
Spaghetti or Macaroni**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas:** The Fourth Sunday of Advent falls on Sunday, December 24th this year and in the evening, it will be Christmas Eve. Please note that the Sunday obligation still applies for the Fourth Sunday of Advent. In other words, there are two separate obligations: for the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas. Please plan accordingly.

**Christmas Decorations** – We will be decorating for Christmas after Mass today. Please stay and help get the Church ready for the Christmas Season.

**The 2018 Offering Envelopes** are ready and available at the entrance of the Church.

**Advent Project** – We will be collecting items to donate to the Elizabeth Hope Pregnancy Resource Center. They are always in need of diapers (all sizes), as well as other baby items. There is a box in the back of Church for the items. Thank you for your donations!

**St. Mary Queen of the Missions Parish Christmas Schedule**

Sunday, December 24th – Mass at 9:30 a.m. –

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 24th – Mass at 9:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve

Monday, December 25th – Mass at 9:30 a.m. – Christmas Day

Sunday, December 31st – Mass at 9:30 a.m. – The Holy Family

Sunday, December 31st – Mass at 5:30 p.m. –

Vigil of Mary, Mother of God



The story of the birth of Jesus is often misunderstood. But this fast-paced, thought-provoking look at the true story of the Nativity clears away widespread misunderstandings of Jesus' origin. Join top scholars, inspirational speakers, and popular authors as they explain the story behind the story of the birth of Jesus. *The Story of the Nativity* also includes stunning works of art depicting the biblical story, from Fra Angelico to Rembrandt, and footage from the Holy Land showing the places where the Christmas story actually took place. Explore the true story of Mary and Joseph, Jesus' miraculous conception, the birth of John the Baptist, the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, the Star of Bethlehem, and the birth of Jesus. This is an invaluable tool for believer and unbeliever alike to learn more about Jesus of Nazareth and about the truth of Christmas. Find this and more in the movie section on the formed website. ([www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)) Access Code VZ4F2W or download the free app for your phone!

**Hope Clinic of Pike County** is a free clinic for the uninsured residents of the surrounding community of Pike County, Ohio. Our county is a medically under-served community which means there aren't enough doctors to provide medical care for the people who live here. As Christians who understand this need, we desire to live out the Gospel of Christ by working to meet the healthcare needs in our community. We are at 116 South Market Street, Waverly (former Pike County Sheriff's office building), on Tuesdays from 6:00-8:00 p.m. You may also make a tax-deductible donation to THE HOPE CLINIC OF PIKE COUNTY, PO BOX 101, WAVERLY, OH 45690. See [www.hopeclinicpike.org](http://www.hopeclinicpike.org) for volunteer form.

**Elizabeth's Hope Pregnancy Resource Center**

Pregnant? Need help? Phone 740-947-1060, Monday, Tuesday,

Wednesday and Thursday, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Call option line 1-800-395-HELP, Confidential,

caring assistance is available 24 hours.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

**Raphael's Hands Healing Outreach**

A place where you will find an open door to hope, prayer and a safe comfortable environment, as you walk the path to healing the wounds caused by abortion in your own life. Our "NEW" location, St. Francis Catholic Outreach Center, 2311 Stockham Lane, Portsmouth. Call (740-357-9822), or e-mail [RaphaelsHands@yahoo.com](mailto:RaphaelsHands@yahoo.com) to begin your journey of healing today. We are praying for you.

**Interested in working with orphans at the Miryante Orphanage in Uganda, Africa?** A mission trip is being planned for August 2018. There will be a meeting for anyone interested in going on the 2018 Mission Trip to Uganda on Sunday, December 31 from 9:15 to 10:30 in the Holy Family Library in the St. Peter, Chillicothe Parish Center. Laura Corcoran, volunteer at Miryante and daughter of Pat & Diane Corcoran will be available to answer questions you might have. For information or questions before then, call Diane Corcoran at 740-703-2196.

#### Mark Your Calendars!

February 17, 2018: Catholic Women's Conference at Cardinal Hall, Ohio Expo Center in Columbus. More information at [www.columbuscatholicwomen.com](http://www.columbuscatholicwomen.com).

February 26, 2018: Catholic Men's Conference at Cardinal Hall, Ohio Expo Center in Columbus. More information at: [www.catholicmensministry.com](http://www.catholicmensministry.com).

#### Weekly Reflections for Fourth Sunday in Advent

Mary Received and responded to the Lord's will through the invitation of an angel. Who are God's messengers in your life? Listen to God's speaking to you through them. (Luke 1:26-38)

#### (Year B) December 24, 2017

**Monday December 25:** Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98:1-6; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18

**Tuesday, December 26:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Psalm 31:3-4, 6, 8, 16-17; Matthew 10:17-22

**Wednesday December 27:** 1 John 1:1-4; Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; John 20:1-8

**Thursday December 28:** 1 John 1:5-2:2; Psalm 112:2-5, 7-8; Matthew 2:13-18

**Friday December 29:** 1 John 2:3-11; Psalm 96:1-3, 5-6; Luke 2:22-35

**Saturday December 30:** 1 John 2:12-17; Psalm 96:7-10; Luke 2:36-40

**Sunday December 31:** Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 or Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Psalm 105:1-6, 8-9; Colossians 3:12-21 or Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Luke 2:22-40

#### Lay Ministers for Sunday, December 31st

**Eucharistic Ministers: 9:30 a.m.:** Volunteers

**5:30 p.m.:** Volunteers

**Lectors: 9:30 a.m.:** Donna H. – Al

**5:30 p.m.:** Charles – Margaret

**Altar Servers: 9:30 a.m.:** Eric – Adam

**5:30 p.m.:** Abby – Grace

**Rosary: 9:30 a.m.:** Janice

**Collection Counters:** Pat & Donna Higgins

**Church Cleaning Week of January 1st** – Angela Migyanko and Brenda Pettay

**Happy Birthday this week to** Ernie Vitaliani

**Pray for the Sick:** Hank Adler, Antonio Arriaga, Rose Bamba, Mike Blanford, Susan Biogan, Jim Bonifield, Juanita Bryant, Jon Click, June Close, Tucker Davis, Rebecca Fouts, Lauren Frost, Evelyn Hammond, Judy Hart, Sr. Frances Joseph Hildebrand, Lawrence Hoffman, Kim Howard, Ronald Hurler, Cliff Jones, Bob Lee, Andrea Lutz, Annette Mangan, Frank McDonald, Andy O'Pry, David O'Pry, Patricia Perez, Bobbie McEhee, Connie McQuay, Abby Melton, Jeff Morris, Lucille Nichols, Tracy Patterson, MaryAnne Raphael, Wayne Robarge, Betty Simpkins, Ray Simpkins, Kathy Tapp, Randy Tong, Patsy Walder, and Jeannie Williams.

**Shut-Ins:** John Cannon, William Haidet, Esther Kordes, Mike Murphy, Richard Renollet, Wanda Salvail, Leona Sarver, Betty Shea, Katherine Skinner, and Kim Summers.

**Pray for Those Serving in Our Military:** Matthew Pyzik



#### From the Desk of Fr. Dooley

*Merry Christmas!* On behalf of Fr. Hahn, Fr. Hartge, Deacon Hauser, the staff here at St. Mary, our Franciscan Sisters, and I, we pray that you will have a blessed and peaceful Christmas. This evening, we will gather around the manger and wonder how God works in our world. It is truly amazing to contemplate and think that a baby changed the whole world.

The Christ Child still changes the world today. The light of Christ breaks open the darkness, violence, and despair that touch many parts of the world. Everyday the world experiences grace, and peace from the Holy Spirit. We have prepared over these days of Advent with patience and discernment, while our society has already celebrated Christmas (we even see this in July sometimes!). Despite all the noise and Christmas specials, we can say on this holy night: God is truly with us! He has not abandoned us! I leave you with one of my favorite Christmas prayers from St. John XXIII:

*O sweet Child of Bethlehem,  
grant that we may share with all our heart  
sin this profound mystery of Christmas.  
Put into the hearts of men and women this peace  
for which they sometimes seek so desperately  
and which you alone can give to them.  
Help them to know one another better,  
and to live as brothers and sisters,  
children of the same Father.  
Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness and purity.  
Awaken in their hearts  
love and gratitude for your infinite goodness.  
Join them all together in your love.  
And give us your heavenly peace.  
Amen.*

In Christ's love,  
Fr. Dooley

Note Well: We invite you to pick up the Consortium Christmas Gift near the doors of the Church! Please pick up a copy of the book entitled: *Kingdom of Happiness: Living the Beatitudes in Everyday Life* by Fr. Jeffrey Kirby. Happy reading from St. Mary Queen of the Missions Parish!

**(Please check the Prayer List for people who are no longer in need of prayer. We strive to keep this list current for those in their hour of need. If someone needs to be removed, please call the office (740-947-2436). If someone is in need of prayer, let us know that, too! Note: If someone is in the hospital and needs a visit, please let one the priests or the office know since the hospital cannot notify us.**