

**Third Sunday of Advent  
December 17, 2017  
Fr. Dooley – Celebrant**

**Sunday, December 17**

- 9:10 a.m.** Rosary Meditations for the Return of Fallen Away Catholics
- 9:30 a.m.** Mass for Susan Zmuda by the Streitenberger Family
- Coffee and Donuts Social after Mass
- 10:45 a.m.** PSR Classes in the Rectory

**Wednesday, December 20**

- 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 the Schmit, Schmidt, Meier, and Vogal Families by Karen and Jerry Meier

**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.** Preservice Music by Alex Brady
- 9:30 p.m.** Mass for Clete Moorman by Jean Moorman

**Suggestions for Outreach Food Pantry:**  
Soup beans and rice

**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 the 9:30 am Mass on December 24th. 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!

**Church Cleaning Schedule:** “The Church building should be looked upon as another room onto your own home, as you keep your home clean and tidy, also should the Church be so kept.” The preceding is a quote from Father Noon one of our former priests. Please see the new cleaning schedule on the bulletin board and help as you are able. We will need volunteers for the Christmas decorating, so please watch for that day and stay and help after Mass. Any questions, see Janice S. or call 947-5278.

**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. – Holy Family

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

Vigil of Mary, Mother of God

**Your Spouse Will Thank You!** Give thanks and plan now to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend! The next weekend is February 16-18, 2018 in central Ohio. Marriage Encounter is where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus only on each other. For more information or to apply, contact Paul & Marilou Clouse at 614-834-6880 or visit our website at [www.wmecolumbus.org](http://www.wmecolumbus.org)

**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 a.m. 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.



**PICK OF THE WEEK**

Dr. Scott Hahn, one of the most eminent Catholic theologians in our country today, reveals what scholars now know about the shepherds, the mysterious Magi, and King Herod. Your Advent journey will take on new meaning as you prepare your heart for the birth of our Lord. This illuminating presentation is sure to help you grow in appreciation of the greatest gift ever given to mankind—Jesus Christ.

Find this and more in the audio section on the formed website. Access Code VZ4F2W or download the free app for your phone!

**Weekly Reflections for Third Sunday in Advent**

*Rejoice; never cease praying.* Let us never cease praying for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

(1 Thessalonians 5:16-24)

**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.

### (Year B) December 17, 2017

**Monday December 18:** Jeremiah 23:5-8;  
Psalm 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Matthew 1:18-25  
**Tuesday, December 19:** Judges 13:2-7, 24-25; Psalm 71:3-6, 16-17;  
Luke 1:5-25  
**Wednesday December 20:** Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 24:1-6;  
Luke 1:26-38  
**Thursday December 21:** Song of Songs 2:8-14 or  
Zephaniah 3:14-18; Psalm 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Luke 1:39-45  
**Friday December 22:** 1 Samuel 1:24-28; 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-8;  
Luke 1:46-56  
**Saturday December 23:** Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24;  
Psalm 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; Luke 1:57-66  
**Sunday December 24:** 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16;  
Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

### Lay Ministers for Sunday, December 24th

**Eucharistic Ministers:** 9:30 a.m.: Charlie – Janice – Jerry T.  
9:30 p.m.: Volunteers  
**Lectors:** 9:30 a.m.: Donna H. – Al  
9:30 p.m.: Al – Donna H.  
**Altar Servers:** 9:30 a.m.: Rebekah – Kristina  
9:30 p.m.: Abby – Adam  
**Rosary:** 9:30 a.m.: Janice  
**Collection Counters:** Karen & Jerry Meier  
**Church Cleaning Week of December 18th** – Hansen Family

**Happy Birthday this Week to** Dorothy Showronek, John Cannon, Thomas Mangan, Darryl Hansen, and Nelson Minter.

**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 Hurles, 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

**(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 of the priests or the office know since the hospital cannot notify us.)**

### From the Desk of Fr. Dooley

*"He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy" (Luke 1:53-54).*

A blessed Gaudete (meaning "Rejoice") Sunday to all of you. Our Advent Season may point to a tension that we have within ourselves and the wider community. The English writer and Scripture scholar, Msgr. Ronald Knox, wrote: "We want Our Lord to come, but not just yet. The drama of Advent is that when we see everything going wrong with the world, we are tempted to be indifferent about it all." Ouch! While we have to be aware of any indifference in our hearts, the Spirit call us out of ourselves, especially during these special liturgical seasons.

During this time of the year, we see many charities asking for donations of goods and finances. I always remember seeing the Salvation Army Red Kettle and hearing the bell while shopping for groceries with my parents. This Advent Season we are asked to be attentive to the material *and* spiritually poor. We can reflect on these questions:

- Do I give from my heart? We can give material goods to those who are in need. However, as a priest friend of mine from Toledo told me: "People are not thrift stores!" Am I just giving for a cleaner closet? Is my giving a moment of encounter with this person?
- Am I generous with my time? Do I tell people of the love of God?

These are questions that all of us can reflect further during this season (myself included).

Let us rejoice today in the Spirit's call within ourselves. May we experience the freedom in giving and receiving during this time of the year.

In Christ the Liberator,  
Fr. Dooley