

December 1st, 2024

First Sunday of Advent

OUR LADY OF THE LAKES PARISH

A Roman Catholic Community in the Diocese of Youngstown

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, November 30TH, 2024

4:00 pm at St. James

Norma & Bill Takacs

Vickie & Bill Takacs

Sunday, December 1ST

First Sunday of Advent

9:00 am at St. Catherine

Curtis Dungan

Georgia Dungan

11:00 am at St. Mary & St. Joseph

Dominic Youngross

Charlene Youngross Brandt

Monday, December 2ND

9:00 am at St. Mary & St. Joseph

No Mass

Tuesday, December 3RD

9:00 am at St. James

No Mass

9:45 am at St. James

No Scripture Study

Wednesday, December 4TH

6:30 pm at St. Catherine

No Mass

Thursday, December 5TH

9:00 am at St. Mary & St. Joseph

Parish Families

Friday, December 6TH

No Mass

Saturday, December 7TH

4:00 pm at St. James

Ann & Andrew Semko

Lyn & Dave Sonnenlitter

Sunday, December 8TH

Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 am at St. Catherine

Jake Spletzer

Friend

11:00 am at St. Mary & St. Joseph

Steve Sr. & Magda Namesnik

Cathy Namesnik

Liturgical Ministers for December 7 & 8th The First Sunday of Advent

4:00 pm St. James

9:00 am St. Catherine

11:00 am SSMJ

Lectors:

Amy McCullough

Audrey Zimbardi

Mike Albrecht

Joe Thiry

Nicholas Zimbardi

Charlene Brandt

EM:

Lorraine Confoey

Patty Melnykovich

Sandy Mason

Server:

Vickie Takacs

Bailey Sprague & Lynn Oblinger

Nathen Kren

Readings for Sunday, December 8, 2024

First Reading: Baruch 5: 1-9 (6C)

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 126: 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

Second Reading: Philippians: 1: 4-6, 8-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Our Lady of the Lakes

Lessons and Carols - The Cathedral of St. Columba: A Festival of Lessons and Carols will be held on Sunday, December 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at Saint Columba Cathedral. All are invited to come, and the Saint Columba Choir will sing the Peter Hallock setting of "The Great O Antiphons." Dating back to the eighth century, these are the antiphons that accompany the *Magnificat* canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. Hallock's incredibly rich take on these antiphons provides a majestic, yet prayerful experience. This is a free event and open to the public.

Church support record for the weekend of Nov 23/24 2024: Offertory: \$2,619.00, Christmas Flowers: \$42.00, All Saints: \$45.00, Religious Retirement: \$1,098.00,

Offertory goal needed each week to meet operating costs: \$3,760.00

Women's Guild Meeting: Will be held December 4th at 10:30 am at **St. Catherine Hall**.

Catholic Charities Christmas Adopt-A-Child: Toy Tags are available at both churches. Toys must be turned in to the church by December 7th and 8th.

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO BOTH PARISHES

Women And Men Religious Offer Gratitude: "Sincere thanks to the donors of the Retirement Fund for Religious. "I hope we meet, if not in this world, then in the next," says Sister Teresa Korycka 81, of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate. Your gift impacts over 24,000 senior women and men religious, providing them a dignified retirement. To learn how your donation helps, visit retiredreligious.org.

You're Invited: To join Ursuline Sisters Mission which operates the Ursuline Sisters HIV/AIDS Ministry, for the Mahoning County World AIDS Day event Thurs, Dec 5 from 4:30-5:30 pm at the Ursuline Center, 4280 Shields Rd, Canfield. Doors open at 4:15pm. The Program features speakers, music, photo booth, a lighted labyrinth walk and the creation of a Quilt of Hope. Parking on the west side of the building.

Catholic Diocese of Youngstown Safe Environment Policy for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults:

Education and Screening: All clergy, religious, seminarians/persons in formation, and employees, as well as any volunteers who work with children, young people, or vulnerable adults, are required to complete a background check and safe environment training. For more information about our safe environment compliance requirements visit: doy.org/safe-environment/.

Reporting and Victim Assistance: If you or someone you know has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, the Diocese encourages you to come forward and speak out by contacting Civil Authorities and Mr. Dominic Colucy, Victim Assistance Coordinator. Mr. Colucy is available to help. He will listen to your needs and support you. He will help you make a formal complaint.

Contact Information: Confidential Response Line: 330-718-1388

Email: dcolucy@youngstowndiocese.org.

By Mail: Catholic Diocese of Youngstown, Attn: Dominic Colucy, 144 W.

St. Mary & St. Joseph

Stewardship Reflection:

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (LUKE 21:28)

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those that are closest to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.

Church Support Record: Sunday, November 24, 2024 Weekly: \$1,900.00

Candles: \$145.00 Cemetery: \$20.00 Christmas flowers: \$ 145.00

Food Pantry: \$325.00 Religious Retirement Fund \$1237.00 Winter Utilities: \$55.00

Our Giving Tree this year will once again support a few residents of *Country Club Retirement Campus, Bella Women's Center and new this year, Catholic Charities Re-entry Program* for those re-entering society from jail or prison and their families. Please bring your wrapped gifts to church by December 22 or to the parish office by December 20. Thank you in advance and God Bless You!

SSMJ Ladies Guild Christmas Party will be held on December 4 at 6:00 p.m. at the Covered Bridge Inn Banquet Room 22 West Broad St. There is an optional \$10.00 gift exchange. There will be no meeting in January. The first meeting of the new year will be February 5.

Our Food Pantry needs icing for the **Christmas giveaway**. Thank you for your continued generosity!

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Thank you to our volunteer cemetery groundskeeper, Ralph DiGirolamo and *all* that have given of their time & talent to keep our cemetery as a beautiful and peaceful place for our deceased loved ones. Your efforts are noticed and appreciated!

St. Patrick Church, 225 N. Main St., Hubbard, is opening its **2025 Festival Raffle** with a *super special: \$20 for 25 tickets*. The first prize is a Brand-New Chevrolet Trailblazer LT or \$20,000. 2nd prize is \$1,000, 3rd & 4th prizes are \$500 each. *Don't miss this special, because after December 31, 2024 ticket prices will revert to 1/\$5, 5/\$20, 20/\$50 or 50/\$100*. You can purchase tickets online at www.stpatshub.org/festival, or at the parish office from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. The drawing will take place at the conclusion of the St. Patrick Festival on August 3, 2025. Call 330-534-1928 if you have any questions.