

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 30

Andrew, apostle
 7:00 Agnes Bachman
 9:30 Richard Korane

Tuesday, December 1

7:00 Gerard & Alma Faust
 9:30 Gertrude Ahern

Wednesday, December 2

7:00 Agnes Bachman
 9:30 Aaron Smithley

Thursday, December 3

Francis Xavier, priest
 7:00 Souls in Purgatory
 9:30 Holy Family

Friday, December 4

John of Damascus, priest, doctor
 7:00 Charlotte Lesneski
 9:30 Leona Ford

Saturday, December 5

4:00 Flannery Family

Sunday, December 6

Second Sunday of Advent
 7:30 Katie Ann Pelland
 9:00 Evelyn Latine
 11:00 For the People of St. Hilary
 5:30 Eduardo Ortiz

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

Sheila Alloe	Loretta Kling
Fr. Aloysious	Paula Kramer
Joan App	Shannon Lyden
Dave Ash	Katie Lou
Grace Babak	Brian Madia
Paula Beck	Anthony Marino
Bob Cassella	Denis Mehigan
Andy Ciansaglione	Robert Morrison
Hilda Cincerelli	Kathi Mosher
Joy Cooper	Ron Nelson
Milton Cox	Jeanne O'Brien
Alex Davis	Nancy Ochsenhirt
Annette Denorme	Jessica Plute
Norman Fresh	Betty Richards
Steve Gatins	Mary Salem
Laurence Gervais	Dave Scarpetti
Brian Gibb	Stephanie Schoenheit
Sue Graham	Mark Scott
Helen Hofer-Gatsie	Mary Schultz
Patti Gonring	Donny Simmons
Mary Kay Hendershot	Deb Smith
Isabell Horning	Abigail Stdolsky
Mike Hanudel	Frank Smith
Gerl Ilko	Vera Stevens
Frank Jesenko	Andrew Stempak
Patrick Kennedy	Karen Coyne-Volpe
Bob Kline	Michelle Whitely

WELCOME TO FR. BASA

Come join us as we welcome Fr. Basa to our Parish on Sunday December 13 after the 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses



LITURGY AND MUSIC NOTES

Today is the first Sunday of Advent and the beginning of the new church year. We will be in Cycle C, The Year of the Gospel of Luke.

December 2 - Advent Evening Prayer - 7:00 p.m.

December 8 - Immaculate Conception
 (Holy Day of Obligation)
 Masses 7:00 - 9:30 - 12:10 - 6:30

December 9 - Advent Evening Prayer - 7:00 p.m.

December 10 - Communal Reconciliation - 7:00 p.m.
 at Guardian Angels

December 13 - Welcome to Fr. Basa,
 after 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses

December 16 - Advent Evening Prayer - 7:00 p.m.

JOURNEY WOMEN RETREAT ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

The Journey Women Retreat will be held on Monday, November 30, in Sand Run Park at Shady Hollow Pavillion. The women who signed up on the Stewardship Commitment form or at the Ministry Fair are welcome to attend. The Gathering begins at 9:30 a.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m. For a reservation please call Sr. Marlene at 330-867-1055 (206) or email marlene@sthilarychurch.org.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

Welcome to St. Hilary Parish. We want to get to know you! Let us know you're here! New parishioner registrations every other Saturday at 9:00 a.m. or by appointment. Next registration is December 5 at 9:00 a.m. Contact the parish office at church@sthilarychurch.org or 330-867-1055 to make an appointment to register.

PLEASE REMEMBER NEXT WEEKEND IS "FOOD SUNDAY"

The members of the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** here at St. Hilary's and the people we have served through-out our community want to thank you for your past generosity and ask for your continuing support. Although our pantry contains a small amount of food, we are making about sixteen face-to-face visits per week and most have a need for food.

You can help by placing your food donations in our containers, which you will find inside the church entrances next weekend. Cash donations are always welcome as well. Remember, food is delivered to a needy family only after a visit, usually in their homes, which allows us to evaluate and address their specific needs.

PARENTS OF PSR STUDENTS

<u>Sunday Morning</u>		<u>Monday Evening</u>	
Nov. 29	NO Session	Nov. 30	NO Session
Dec. 6 & 13	In Session	Dec. 7 & 14	In Session
Dec. 20 & 27	NO Session	Dec. 21 & 28	NO Session

ST HILARY INTERNET PRAYER CHAIN

Submit your prayer request for our internet prayer chain, or add your name to receive the prayer requests to kking72@neo.rr.com

HOPE FOR THE HOMELESS DRAWING

Julie Dudek is the WINNER of this week's drawing. Congratulations!! Your check is in the mail. Continue to look for your name each weekend in the bulletin. You may be the next lucky winner. Your donations have provided some needy person with hope for a better future.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM KICKS OFF

The St. Hilary Knights of Columbus are committed to promoting the message "Keep Christ in Christmas" throughout the coming Advent Season. We need to spread the true meaning of Christmas in as many ways as possible. Our Knights installed a billboard on the Market Street side of our Church. Thousands of drivers and passengers will see the message this season. We intend to publish articles in our local newspapers. We will be selling promotional items to assist you in spreading the message on your lapels, automobiles, and buildings. The durable and attractive buttons, magnets, and decals will last for years. The St. Hilary Knights of Columbus are selling these "Keep Christ in Christmas" items as a fundraiser directly supporting The Giving Tree Project coordinated by Betty Sobieski. We intend to adopt a family this Christmas. Look for additional promotion posters throughout the church and school. Also, look for the results posted in the Spiritual Center from a drawing contest at the School to help us promote our message even further. For more information on the program, please contact Matthew Fresh by phone at 330-697-7862 or by email at mcfresh1@msn.com.

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE THIS CHRISTMAS

St. Hilary parish nurses will sponsor the American Red Cross blood drive Monday, December 7 from 1:00—7:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Spiritual Center. Donating your blood could mean a lifetime to someone's child, best friend, spouse or grandparent. Please contact Karen Amer 330-666-7690 for more information.

PARISH NURSES

Blood pressures will be taken the first and third weekend of the month; Saturday after the 4:00 Mass and from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. (held in the confession booth)

December 5 & 6

Nurse Office hours will be held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month in the Lower Level. The hours are from 10:00 a.m. until noon or by appointment. Call 330-666-2826 for an appointment.

December 8

(held in the lower level)

Questions - call Jeanne Hoffer at 330-666-2826, Karen Amer, 330-666-7690 or Laura Bertolini, 330-836-3091

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

11/329- SUNDAY

7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. STAR
5:30 - 7:00 p.m. STAR

11/30 - MONDAY

9:30 a.m. Journey Women, Shady Hallow
10:00 a.m. Family Life, Rm.2&3

12/1 - TUESDAY

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, LL
12:30 p.m. Bible Buddies, Rm.3
7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus, GA
7:00 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group, LL
7:00 p.m. Financial Peace Univ., Rm.1&2
7:30 p.m. Zen/Christian Meditation, Church

12/2 - WEDNESDAY

9:00 a.m. Good Shepherd Catechism, LL
9:30 a.m. School Mass
10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Adoration
7:00 p.m. Advent Evening Prayer
7:00 p.m. RCIA, LL
7:00 p.m. Light Weigh, SH
7:00 p.m. Acts Bible Study, Rm.1&2
7:00 p.m. H. S. Bible Study, School
7:30 p.m. Prodigal Son, GA

12/3 - THURSDAY

9:15 a.m. Acts Bible Study, Rm.1,2,3
6:15 p.m. Bells, Rm. 2&3
6:30 p.m. Jr. Hi Alive Night, LL
7:00 p.m. SHENG, School
7:30 p.m. Choir, Rm.2&3

12/4 - FRIDAY

1:30 - 6:00 Poinsettia Pick-Up, GA
6:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus, LL

12/5- SATURDAY

9:00 a.m. New Parishioner Registrations
12:00 p.m. Kids Care Club, Rm. 1&2
4:00 p.m. Book Fair, GA
4:00 - 5:30 p.m. STAR

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Friday at 5:00 p.m.

UPCOMING BULLETIN DEADLINES

December 27 Bulletin Dec. 16 - Noon
January 3 Bulletin Dec. 22 - Noon

When submitting news items requiring a full page, contact the bulletin editor **ONE MONTH** before anticipated publication at 330-867-1055.

VERBAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

All requests for verbal announcements must be turned in to the Church Office by 9:00 a.m. on Friday.

SUBMITTING BULLETIN ARTICLES

If you would like to submit an article for the bulletin via e-mail, please send to: church@sthilarychurch.org You may also drop off printed articles at the church.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

1 Thess 3:12-4:2 Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36

REFLECTING ON THE SCRIPTURES

Today, the First Sunday of Advent is the day on which the church year begins. This Sunday every year treats us to scriptures relating to the "end times" and the second coming of Jesus Christ. Then, as we draw nearer to Christmas we recall his first coming, at Bethlehem. What may get lost in our focus on those dramatic "comings" is the ongoing succession of encounters with the Lord. Jesus comes to us in the scripture. We meet him in the sacraments. He can be found "in distressing disguise" according to Mother Teresa of Calcutta, in the faces of the poor. Reflect on your own life. Where have you met Jesus just in the past few days? How did you respond? How might you become more aware of his presence in daily life?

LIVING THE GOSPEL

Family life can be especially challenging in the weeks just prior to Christmas. The Toys R Us catalog has been out for weeks and visions of sugarplums can make it difficult for our children to focus on the reason for the season. On this first week of Advent a great family dinner table conversation might involve plans to bring Christ to others in some concrete way this Advent. Bake cookies for the cookie ministry to share with the hungry. Visit elderly or home-bound neighbors. Christmas carol at a nursing home. Offer to shop, write cards, wrap gifts, etc. for someone who finds that difficult. Make sure the youngsters know why we do what we do in Advent.

TO BE BAPTIZED

12/5/09 - 4:00 p.m.

Lincoln Russell Kitzberger

12/6/09 - 12:30 p.m.

Katherine Ann Bickett

Angelina Marie Gambaccini

WEEKLY READINGS**Monday** Rom 10: 9-18 Mt 4: 18-22**Tuesday** Is 11: 1-10 Lk 10: 21-24**Wednesday** Is 25: 6:10 Mt 15: 29-37**Thursday** Is 26: 1-6 Mt 7: 21, 24-27**Friday** Is 29: 17-24 Mt 9: 27-31**Saturday** Is 30: 19-21, 23-26

Mt 9:35-10: 1,5a, 6-8

Sunday Bar 5: 1-9 Phil 1:4-11/Lk 3:1-6**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**

Our 28th year of the Christmas Giving Tree is in place. Two trees are set up, one in the Spiritual Center and the other in the back of the church, with names of children, elderly, heads of families, and refugees new to our country this year. Each person has only one tag on the tree, so please only take a tag if you wish to purchase the request of the individual on the tag. Please purchase a new gift for the child. If there is a request for a winter jacket, this is the most important item to purchase.

Please leave the store tags on the clothing in case they do not fit properly.

Please purchase the gift cards from Acme and Target as requested on the tag you take and wrap the food and Target cards inside a box so that they do not get lost among the gifts. If possible a small box of candy or cookies is a nice way to tape the food gift card on before you wrap it. Tape the pink and purple (colors for Advent) tags securely on top of the package. This tag is the only way we know who is to receive the gift. If the tag is lost, please contact me. Any information is helpful in finding out who the tag is for, such as the name of the child, the clothing/toy, but most of all the number on the top along with the school or agencies.

All gifts must be under the giving tree by noon on December 6. It will be too late if brought in to the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Sunday December 6. The inner city schools begin pick ups at 5:00 p.m.

Please call Betty at 330-836-1034 with any questions. God Bless you now and forever.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR COMING SOON!

Please mark your calendars for Saturday December 5 from 3:30-6:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 6 from 7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. for the Scholastic Book Fair to be held in the Gathering Area. Hard and soft cover books for all ages, posters, computer games and stocking stuffers will be available for purchase. This is a wonderful opportunity to do some Christmas shopping. All proceeds benefit St. Hilary School's Library. Any questions, please call Mrs. Miller at 330-867-8720, ext. 327.

HAT KNITTING MINISTRY

Once again it is time to begin turning in your hats for the homeless Christmas gathering which is the first week of December. Please put them in a bag marked "Hat Ministry" and place it in the bin to the right of the back door to the kitchen. Keep in mind that the Prayer Shawl Ministry has invited us to knit hats at their meetings, the first and third Tuesday each month, 10:00 a.m. to noon in the lower level. Call Cathy at 330-666-5718 with questions.

MISSIONARY IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Reminder: St. Hilary will host the Missionary Image on the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday, December 12 at the 4:00 p.m. and all Masses on Sunday, December 13. For more information visit www.jkmi.com.

CATHOLIC COMMISSION DINNER DECEMBER 4

Tickets for the Annual Catholic Commission Dinner, **Friday, December 4** are available at the parish office. Tickets are \$40. The 2009 recipient of the Bishop William Cosgrove Justice Award is Fr. Paul Rosing, administrator of Holy Family, Stow. Cash bar begins at 6:00 p.m.; dinner at 7:00 p.m.



CARE FOR CREATION

Between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, Americans throw away a million extra tons of garbage each week, including holiday wrapping and packaging. So why not recycle holiday gift wrap? If every family reused just 2 feet holiday ribbon, the 38,000 miles of ribbon saved could tie a bow around the entire planet.

RETIREMENT FUND HELPS SENIOR RELIGIOUS

“As expenses continue to increase and economic difficulties tighten our income, we appreciate more and more the help of the Retirement fund,” notes a woman religious. Your tax-deductible donation supports the care of the elderly and frail religious and helps to provide such basic necessities as prescription drugs and medical services. Please give generously to next week’s second collection for the Retirement fund for Religious. [Www.retiredreligious.org](http://www.retiredreligious.org).

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Thank you for your support of last week’s Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! Because of your generosity, more low-income people in the United States will be able to break the cycle of poverty and improve their communities. In these times when everyone’s budget is stretched, we are especially grateful for your support.

LOOKING TO GIVE THE PERFECT GIFT FOR CHRISTMAS

This year, donate a gift in the name of a loved one to help our neighbors in need:

- St. Vincent de Paul (use your green envelope)
- Homelessness Focus Group (Check to St. Hilary Church,
Put in Memo: Homelessness Group)

KIDS CARE CLUB

Calling all kids – make a Holiday Hope Chest for an area child in need and drop it off at the designated tables in the Spiritual Center Gathering Area on the weekend of December 13. A Holiday Hope Chest is a decorated shoebox filled with small NEW toys and gifts, total cost averaging \$15. Decorate the top and bottom of the shoebox separately so it can be opened and closed without tearing the decorations. The box will become a “treasure chest” for the child who receives it. Close the box with strong rubber bands and tape a tag to the top of the box indicating the gender and age range of the child for whom the gift is appropriate (infant, baby, pre-school, elementary, middle school, or teen.) Please do NOT leave boxes in school or church office or at the Giving Tree. Volunteers are needed to help deliver the gifts. For more information, contact Diane Husk at 330-666-2351.

In addition, please join us for a special treat on Saturday, December 5 at 12:00 p.m. in Rooms 1 & 2 as we watch the movie “Veggie Tales: St. Nicholas: A Story of Joyful giving”. You may bring your Holiday Hope Chest with you to assemble, you can create a hand-made card to enclose in your box, or you can just come and watch the movie with us.

COLLECTION COUNTERS NEEDED: \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

The weekly collection counters are looking for parishioners interested in volunteering to help with counting the weekly collection. Please contact Gay Bisheimer at gaybish@yahoo.com for more information.

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship of Treasure

FISCAL YEAR

JULY 1, 2009– June 30, 2010

WEEK ENDING

OFFERTORY	\$
YEAR TO DATE	\$

FISCAL YEAR 2008/2009

OFFERTORY	\$
YEAR TO DATE	\$

OFFERTORY GOAL 2009-2010

Year To Date Offertory	\$
Offertory Goal 7/1/09	\$

Totals not available at time of printing.

We appeal to all parishioners to remain committed to your support of the parish offertory and, if you are able, please consider increasing your offertory commitment.

Next Weekend’s Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious

“But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” - Luke 21:28
 Images of the final judgment can be scary, especially if we have not been faithful to God’s commands throughout our lives. However, if we have been good stewards, we have left nothing to chance. We have carefully planned our giving and followed Our Lord’s example of service and sacrifice. Thus, no matter the day or the hour we will be ready to stand erect and raise our heads to meet God face to face.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS**HIGH SCHOOL*****Poinsettia Delivery & Christmas Caroling***
– Sunday, Dec. 6

This is an afternoon and evening event. In the afternoon we will meet at the church to deliver Poinsettias to some special parishioners who will appreciate our visit. After Mass we will deliver good cheer and some songs to the residents at an area nursing home. The more the merrier!

Advent Party – Sunday, Dec. 13

Not the regular Christmas celebration. This is one you won't want to miss! More details will follow.

Common Thread: The Catholic Church – Thursday, Jan. 14

Why did Christ start a church? How do we know the Catholic Church is it? And what does the Holy Spirit have to do with it all? Come find out and enjoy some tasty treats as well!

JUNIOR HIGH***Go Fish: Discipleship, Call to Holiness*** – Thursday, Dec. 3

Come be encouraged and challenged to take a step towards "dropping your nets" and truly understand what it means to follow Christ through prayer and service.

Advent Party – Thursday, Dec. 17

Not the regular Christmas celebration. This is one you won't want to miss! More details will follow.

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Wish List

Gift cards in small amounts to give as prizes to our teens. (Make use of the Star Program to benefit the entire Church & School.) Some ideas: Starbucks, Chipotle, Applebee's, Blockbuster, Bath & Body Works, Old Navy, movie theatres, fast-food, etc.

As always, thanks so much for your generosity!

**Jason can be reached at the
Youth Minister's Office
330-867-1055 ext. 224 or
jsolomon@sthilarychurch.org**

St. Hilary School**Building a Foundation for Life**

Thinking about where your child will attend school next year?

Let our two-time nationally-recognized
Blue Ribbon award-winning school

put your child on the path to a lifetime of success!
Call 867-8720, ext. 343 for enrollment information.

To learn more about our Kindergarten,
please join us for

Kindergarten Kaleidoscope!

Thursday, January 14, 2010

9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Tour the school and learn what we offer
while your child experiences our kindergarten program!

***Space is limited! Call 330-867-8720, ext. 343
by December 31 to reserve a space for your child!***

To fully benefit from this event,
children should be 5 by August 15, 2010.

**ST HILARY KINDERGARTENERS RECREATE
FIRST THANKSGIVING**

St. Hilary kindergarteners traveled back in time to the first Thanksgiving last week as they celebrated the holiday with a feast. The students made cornbread muffins, cranberry sauce and butter in the tradition of the pilgrims and Native Americans. These foods were served at their feast, complete with turkey and all the trimmings. The students and teachers dressed in pilgrim and Native American costumes and sang songs about giving thanks. The kindergarteners have been learning about Thanksgiving and the events, people and things that made the first celebration memorable. Each year, the feast is the culmination of this exciting unit.

SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR BREAK

St. Hilary School will celebrate Thanksgiving with a break from November 25 through November 30. School will resume and the office will reopen on December 1. Happy Thanksgiving!

POINSETTIA SALE

Please support the St. Hilary School Class of 2010 by purchasing your holiday poinsettias through our annual Poinsettia Sale. Proceeds will benefit graduation and year-end activities. Choose from an assortment of sizes and colors. Order forms are available in the church office, the school office and on the St. Hilary School website. Orders will be taken through Sunday, November 29 and must be prepaid. Plants must be picked up in the Spiritual Center on Friday December 4 between 1:30 - 6:00 p.m. No order is too small!! Corporate orders are also welcome and all orders over \$100 will be delivered. Plants make great gifts for teachers, family members and business associates. Questions? Call Maggie Reagan at 330-864-2377 or Tina Buehrle at 330-836-2348. The 8th grade class thanks you in advance for your support.

THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON BOOK STUDY

On the Road to Reconciliation....a Book Study on *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Henri Nouwen will be offered in the Gathering Area on four Wednesdays: November 18, December 2, 9 and 16. Each session will begin at 7:30 p.m. Fr. Joe Mamich, Parochial Vicar of Holy Family Church, Stow will lead the book study which will include prayer, reflection and discussion on a section of the book. There is no cost for participation, but participants will need to purchase the text, available at local retailers (ISBN#0385473079) and read to page 23 before the first night.

COMMUNITY NEWS

QUEEN OF ANGELS RELIGIOUS TREASURES

St. Joseph Church is hosting a Christmas Open House Tuesday, December 1 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. located at 1761 2nd St. in Cuyahoga Falls, lower level. Something for people of all ages. Also available is the newly released Hollywood Movie "The 13th Day" depicting the true story of Fatima. Refreshments served. For more information call Lisa at 330-352-7043.

FIRST FRIDAY CLUB OF GREATER AKRON

John Allen, Jr., prize-winning Vatican correspondent for the *National Catholic Reporter*, is returning to Akron to continue his exciting topic, "Megatrends in Catholicism, Part 2: The Forces Turning the Church Upside Down" on Friday, December 4 at 11:15 a.m.. Mr. Allen is, according to the *London Tablet*, the most Authoritative Vatican writer in the English language. For more information call 330-535-7668.

COME AND SEE

Fr. Daniel Schlegel, Administrator, Holy Angels Church, will speak on the topic, "Living Faithfully & Patiently in an Impatient World," on December 1, 7:00 p.m. St. Martha Parish. Following Fr. Dan's presentation, there will be an opportunity for small group sharing. A representative from the Diocesan Tribunal will be on hand to offer assistance with specific annulment and remarriage questions. For more information or to obtain a brochure, please contact: Patricia Flaherty, 330-773-7621 or email pflaherty@dioceseofcleveland.org.



Gratitude...the sweetest of all the practices...
mindfulness of gratitude leads to a direct experience
of being connected to life...
to the realization that there is a larger context in which your
personal story is unfolding.



Cultivating thankfulness for being part of life
blossoms into a feeling of being blessed...
an appreciation for the interdependent nature of life...
being consciously grateful to family, friends, teachers, benefactors and to all
who have come before you who have made it possible for your existence
to be comfortable, informed, and empowered.

Gratitude elicits feelings of generosity...creating further joy...
softening a heart...building the capacity for forgiveness..
meeting life with an open heart...in each moment as it arises.

