

## ADORATION CHAPEL

Jesus is calling you! Are you listening? Our Lord needs you to open your hearts and come spend an hour with Him in our Adoration Chapel. There are a number of hours that do not have coverage each week: open hours that need you. Please consider taking one of the following hours to help us keep our chapel open.



### The open hours for adoration are:

Monday - 2 am & 2 pm  
Friday - 10 am, 11 am, & 1 pm  
Saturday - 10 am & 12 pm  
Sunday - 3 pm



Sign-up sheets with available hours are in the entry of the Church, or you can call Mary King at 740-424-5112.

*The Rosary will be recited every Sunday at 9:30 am in the Church.*

## Third Sunday of Advent—Gaudete Sunday

December 17, 2023

DATE	MASS	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
Monday 12/18	8:00 am	J. Gasser	Jon & Paula Kendrach
Tuesday 12/19	8:00 am	Linda Hopkins	Anonymous
Wednesday 12/20	8:00 am 5:15 pm	Athena Nation Mary Polimeni	Lidia Kontra Patricia & Peter Polimeni
Thursday 12/21	8:00 am	My Parents	Frank Reda
Friday 12/22	8:00 am	Barry Bender	Diocesan Eucharistic Revival Core Team
Saturday 12/23	8:00 am 4:00 pm	Petra Papst John Crkvenac	Cathy & Tim Leist Pam & Lisa Cucarese & Jackie Detty
Sunday 12/24	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm 4:00 pm 8:00 pm	Barry Bender Pro Populo William Recinella James Patrick Malone Alfonse Szydlowski	Almeida Family Mary Lou Recinella Ann Malone Mr. & Mrs. David Szydlowski & Family



Congratulations to Maximiano Silva, son of Ahysen & Anna Silva, who received the Sacrament of Baptism on December 10, 2023.



***It's Doughnut Sunday!!***  
***12/17/2023***  
*after the 8:00 and 10:00 am Masses!*

The **Adoration Chapel** will CLOSE for Christmas on Friday, December 22 after the 8:00 am Mass and will REOPEN on Wednesday, January 3 after the 8:00 am Mass.

The **Church Office** will be CLOSED Friday, December 22 through Tuesday, January 2. We will REOPEN on Wednesday, January 3 at 8:30 am.  
 The office will also be CLOSED on Friday, January 5.

**PLEASE NOTE:** On *Tuesday, December 26*, there will be NO 8 am Mass.  
 On *Wednesday, December 27*, there will be NO 5:15 pm Mass and NO confessions.

## Christmas Cleaning

Volunteers are needed to clean the Church on  
 Friday, December 22, 2023.  
 Please consider helping with this special Christmas Cleaning after the 8:00 am Mass.  
 All are invited to participate!



**Saint Peter Church Groups and Events.....**

*All groups & events meet/take place in the Church Hall unless otherwise noted. All are invited to attend.*

The **Confraternity of Saint Nicholas** is NOT meeting in December. See you in the New Year!

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**Knights of Columbus** — December 19 at 6:45 pm  
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**Confraternity of Saint Peter** — January 2 at 6 pm  
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The **Catholic Woman's Club** is NOT meeting in January. See you in February!



**FREE Artificial Christmas Tree**

7 Foot, Flame Retardant (Made in the USA by Hudson Valley Tree Inc.)

Tree Stand Included

Multi-Colored LED Lights, Installed Separately

Please call: 732-551-7661 (A Parishioner)

**Church Support Sunday 12/10/2023**

Regular/Loose: \$8,696.08 • Maintenance: \$389.38

Christmas Flowers: \$569.00 • School: \$36.00

Religious Retirement: \$555.00

Immaculate Conception: \$2,266.86



We extend sympathy and condolences to the family of James Fullen, who died on November 30, 2023. May he rest in peace.

The Saint Peter Catholic Woman's Club would like to thank those parishioners who participated in the 2023 Christmas Toy Drive. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated.

Crusader marching band presents: Basket Bonanza on Sunday, December 17th, 2023

8 am-1:30 pm • Holy Rosary Auditorium • Dozens of baskets to be raffled including: A 4 hour limo ride; Oglebay

Festival of Lights season pass; Lottery ticket baskets; Gift cards from Pastaio, DeeJays, Naples and more!!

Chances are \$1 each or 6 chances for \$5. We hope to see you there!

**Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus Upcoming Events**

DOYMAR (Prayerful & Marian Apostolic Disciples of the Redemption) — Prayer. Formation. Community.

Discipleship is for all ages! Participate in a monthly prayer group for girls and young women.

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Oratory (700 Lovers Lane; Steubenville)

Gatherings for 1st grade girls to College-aged & Young Professionals — Saturdays, 10 am-1:30 pm

January 27—February 17—March 9 (1st-10th grade)—March 23 (older group)—April 27—May 25

For college-aged women and young professionals, overnight adoration begins at 9 pm the night before.

Please RSVP your participation—740-346-2625 or [novi-usa@hsmcj.org](mailto:novi-usa@hsmcj.org)

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**Las Posadas (The Inns) Family Novena for Christmas:** Your family is invited to join the Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus from **now to Saturday December 23** in the Sancta Maria Cordis Jesu Chapel, 700 Lovers Lane, Steubenville Ohio, for a **Christmas Novena at 7:00 pm** to welcome the Holy Family into your hearts and homes. You can call at 740-346-2625 for more information or to sign up to participate on a specific day and to take the Holy Family statue home with you.  
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**Epiphany Sunday:** Mark your calendars to celebrate the **Epiphany, January 7<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 am** at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Oratory, 700 Lovers Lane, Steubenville, Ohio. Holy Mass will be celebrated by **Bishop Paul Bradley**. It is a very beautiful family celebration that keeps the Christmas season alive reminding us of its true meaning. Children and families are welcome to bring their letters to the Three Kings asking them for spiritual gifts for 2024. RSVP at 740-346-2625.

Our goal for the **2023 Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign** is **\$55,478.00**. As of 12/5/2023, 78 families have pledged **\$27,135.00** to the 2023 campaign. This amount has our parish short of our goal by **\$28,343.00**. Please remember all monies over our goal come back to our parish & we need this rebate money to help with our regular expenses. Thank you.

~ Saint Peter Catholic Church ~  
~ Christmas 2023 ~

Mass Schedule

*Saturday, December 23*

8:00 am Mass (Saturday Daily Mass)

4:00 pm Mass (Vigil for Sunday)

*Sunday, December 24*

8:00 am, 10:00 am, & 12:00 pm Masses (Sunday Masses)

4:00 pm & 8:00 pm (Christmas Vigil Masses)

*Monday, December 25*

12:00 am Christmas Midnight Mass

8:00 am & 10:00 am Christmas Masses

*Tuesday, December 26*

NO MASS

*Wednesday, December 27*

8:00 am Mass

THERE WILL BE NO 5:15 pm Mass

*Thursday & Friday, December 28 & 29*

8:00 am Mass

*Saturday, December 30*

8:00 am Mass (Saturday Daily Mass)

4:00 pm Mass (Vigil for Sunday)

*Sunday, December 31*

8:00 am, 10:00 am, & 12:00 pm (Sunday Masses)

7:00 pm (Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Vigil Mass)

*Monday, January 1*

8:00 am, 10:00 am, & 12:00 pm Masses

Confession Schedule

Wednesday, December 20 – 6:30-7:30 pm

Thursday, December 21 – 6:30-8:00 pm

Friday, December 22 – 6:30-8:00 pm

Saturday, December 23 – 2:00-3:30 pm

Wednesday, December 27 – NO CONFESSIONS

Saturday, December 30 – 2:00-3:30 pm



BECAUSE OF BETHLEHEM  
BY MATTHEW WEST

*Just a tiny nowhere town  
With a tiny no-room inn  
This is where the greatest story  
ever told begins.  
Where just a tiny beating heart  
Had all creation leaning in  
That night the world forever changed  
Because of Bethlehem.*

*It's where a star led to a stable  
A baby's cry made angels sing  
And the search to find a savior  
Led to Heaven's humble King  
Where the wise men found the answer  
The shepherds found the lamb  
And I found my Immanuel  
Because of Bethlehem.*

*Love is born  
Hope is here  
Heaven's light has made the darkness disappear  
Peace on earth  
Good will to men  
God with us  
All because of Bethlehem.*

*From a child in a cradle  
To a king upon a cross  
He knew the road was leading Him  
To pay a crimson cost.  
And when no other arms could carry  
The weight of all our sin  
He took the fall and it happened all  
Because of Bethlehem.*

*Love is born  
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The darkness disappear.  
Peace on earth  
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God with us  
All because of Bethlehem.*

*From a tomb that love left empty  
To a Father's right hand throne  
And a promise He's preparing us  
A place we'll soon call home  
He who came to earth from heaven  
Is coming back again  
And our eyes will see eternity  
Because of Bethlehem.*

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UNTO US A  
Child is born,  
UNTO US A Son  
is given; and  
the government will  
be upon his shoulder, and his name  
will be called  
Wonderful Counselor  
MIGHTY GOD  
Everlasting Father  
PRINCE OF PEACE.  
ISAIAH  
9:6





December 11, 2023



**The Diocese of Columbus**

197 E Gay St,  
Columbus, OH 43215

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**Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes**  
*Bishop of Columbus*



**The Diocese of Steubenville**

422 Washington Street  
Steubenville, OH 43952

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**Most Reverend Paul J. Bradley**  
*Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Steubenville*

## **Bishops Issue Joint Statement on Dioceses Potential Merger**

Bishop Paul J. Bradley, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Steubenville, and Bishop Earl K. Fernandes of the Diocese of Columbus, along with their staffs, have begun very preliminary discussions regarding the potential merger of the dioceses.

The Apostolic Nunciature has asked the dioceses to work together to consider how different dimensions of the dioceses, including the temporal aspects of life, might be affected by such a proposal.

While no decision has been made, due diligence is needed so an educated and responsible decision can be discerned in a timely manner. Ultimately the decision is up to the Holy Father.

The work has begun, and as the work continues, updates will be provided.

Bishops Bradley and Fernandes ask the clergy and the laity to pray that the unified work may be fruitful.

+ *Earl K. Fernandes*

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*Apostolic Administrator of the  
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