

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

Today's gospel tells us "all Jerusalem" was upset because "King Herod was deeply troubled." A similar ripple effect happens in families; one person's negative attitude can affect the whole family. If you want a peaceful and joyful home, it must start with you. Be peaceful and joyful!

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, January 8

8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, January 9

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, January 10

8:30 a.m. Joseph J. Job +
6:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 11

8:30 a.m. Lucy Brickner +

Friday, January 12

8:30 a.m.

Saturday, January 13

8:30 a.m. Twylah Hoehn +
5:00 p.m. Jack Frueh +

Sunday, January 14

8:30 a.m. Richard, Rosemary,
Francis & David
Gerdeman +
11:00 a.m. Virgil Thines +
1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, January 7

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m. - RCIA classes in the RCIA Rm. in Cafeteria Bldg.
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Parish School of Religion
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

Monday, January 8

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, January 9

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, January 10

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
1:00 p.m. - OLPH Novena
6:00 p.m. - Rosary/Benediction/Mass at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 11

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
2:00-5:00 p.m. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 p.m. - Charismatic Prayer Group Mtg. in the Rectory

Friday, January 12

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, January 13

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Mass at 5:00 p.m.

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FINANCIAL REPORT:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Dec. 3rd week On-line: \$ 3,585.00	\$ 7,894.67	\$ 11,611.51
# of Envelopes	204	253
YTD Totals:	\$ 264,951.08	\$ 283,702.90

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Dec. 4th week On-line: \$ 1,415.00	\$ 11,238.62	\$ 11,107.86
# of Envelopes	219	274
YTD Totals:	\$ 276,189.70	\$ 294,810.76

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION:

2016 ~ \$17,510.01

2017 ~ \$16,636.59

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU FROM THE REDEMPTORISTS

Just a note to thank all of you for remembering Fr. Mike Sergi, Fr. Mike Houston and myself this most holy season of Christmas with all of your prayers, cards, goodies, meals and gifts.

We were all overwhelmed by your generosity.

We also want to thank all of you who helped make the Christmas liturgies so beautiful. From the planning, to the music, to our beautifully decorated church ~ it all helped to make our Christmas season more meaningful. And the Children's Mass had the most awesome angels and shepherds in all of Lima.

It always makes us happy to see the church filled during this most holy time. It is our prayer that you all return to celebrate Mass with us each week. We truly are a blessed parish with so many gifted and dedicated parishioners who always step-up to help make our liturgies very special.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Even though it seems we just put up the Christmas decorations, it is now time to take them down. We will be removing them **TODAY**, January 7th, after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. We ask that if you can, to please plan on coming to church around noon and help us with this task. Even if you can spare only 30 minutes or so, we could certainly use your help. Many hands make the task light! We thank all of all volunteers who are so willing to give of their time to St. Gerard Church!

CALENDAR UPDATE:

All parish organizations are encouraged to top by the rectory office to be sure your dates for meetings, etc. are on the parish calendar which includes the use of the Parish Hall. Thank you.

HOLY NAME BREAKFAST:

The next Holy Name Breakfast will be held on Sunday, January 21st following the morning Masses in the Parish Hall. Eggs, pancakes, sausage, bacon and your favorite beverages will be served. Please plan on stopping over and enjoy this delicious breakfast.

**PARISH DIRECTORIES/
HISTORY ALBUMS:**

We have a limited supply of Parish Directories/History Albums available. If you are interested in purchasing one, please call or text Michael Ayers at, 419-236-8418. He is offering a great deal and they would make a nice gift. Please note that these are **NOT** available at the rectory office. You must contact Michael Ayers to purchase one. Thank you.

FINANCE COUNCIL:

St. Gerard Parish is looking for additional members for our finance council. Normal meeting times are on the 3rd Thursday of each month beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the rectory. Anyone interested in becoming a member of this council should contact Marta Truex at 419-222-0431. You may also email her with your letter of interest at: mtruex@sgslima.org.

ROSARY/ALTAR NEWS:

The ladies of the Rosary/Altar Society will gather to pray the rosary on Tuesday, January 16th at noon in church. Following the rosary, they will go to the Eagle's for lunch. All women of the parish are encouraged to attend.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK OF ST. RITA'S:

Visiting the sick is one of the corporal works of mercy, and bringing Holy Communion to people in the hospital is a great way to practice this. St. Rita's Medical Center is looking for volunteer Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to share the sacrament with patients, and are especially in need on week-ends. The Medical Center would provide orientation and training. If you are interested in serving the sick, please contact Deb Miller, Spiritual Care Office Coordinator at 419-226-9481.

ATTENTION SENIORS:

If you are over the age of 70 1/2 and have an IRA or retirement account that requires you to take a minimum distribution, might you consider a gift to St. Gerard Parish? We are a qualified charity and it would help your tax burden. Contact your financial advisor today!



*By: Father
Mike Sergi*

BOOK REVIEW:

Pope Francis offers a tremendous reflection on our need for faith in his first encyclical, **Lumen Fidei (The Light of Faith)** which completes the work of Pope Benedict XVI. Without the light of faith, he writes, "all other lights begin to dim." Speaking of those today who view faith as a kind of darkness or only to be sought when reason fails, the Holy Father says faith "sees things as Jesus himself sees them." Far from divorcing us from reality, our faith in Jesus, "enables us to grasp reality's deepest meaning and to see how much God loves this world."

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

COMMITTEE:

St. Gerard Parish is seeking individuals who feel called by the Spirit to minister to this parish in deepening our faith and spiritual development. Those interested in joining the Spiritual Formation Committee are asked to please call the Rectory at 419-224-3080.

WEBCASTING DONATIONS:

It is time for our annual fee to host the "live" broadcast of our Masses at St. Gerard. The cost for a year is over \$1,100.00. If you are one of the many people who benefit from this and would like to make a donation towards this expense, it would be greatly appreciated. Please make the check payable to St. Gerard Church and in the memo line, put "webcasting". These donations will, of course, be added to your yearly statements. Every little bit helps!



CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:

We will soon be preparing our year-end contribution statements for 2017. If you would like a copy of you 2017 donations, please call the rectory office at 419-224-3080 and we will be happy to mail you a copy once they have been printed.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA):

RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults into the Catholic faith. RCIA is for anyone who:

- Is a non-baptized adult.
- Baptized in another Christian Church and is interested in knowing more about the Catholic Church, with or without the intention of becoming a member.
- A baptized Catholic who never received Reconciliation, Eucharist, or Confirmation.



Call the rectory office if you are interested in joining.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:

Saturday, January 13:

5:00 p.m. *K. Canavan, Mike Hinegardner, C. Diaz,
M. Hinegardner, J. Wolff, D. Griffo,
S. Tschuor, W. Peebles, M. DeVita,
C. Hinds*

Sunday, January 14:

8:30 a.m. *M. Hickey, P. Huffman, J. Inskeep, M. King,
J. Sroufe, T. Sroufe, T. Martin, G. Merkel,
S. Nocera, M. Mays*

11:00 a.m. *M. Ayers, S. Dew, F. Gallegos, S. Morrissey,
R. Carder, C. Coleman, R. Karbowiak,
K. Ladden, J. Landwehr, R. Vagedes*

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:

Jan. 13: 5:00 p.m. - *B. Flynn*

Jan. 14: 8:30 a.m. - *V. Koza*

11:00 a.m. - *Children's Mass*

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:

Jan. 13: 5:00 p.m. - *J. Yahl, N. Chambers,
H. Chambers*

Jan. 14: 8:30 a.m. - *C. Wagoner, M. Miller, K. Rigg*
11:00 a.m. - *D. Dawson, G. Sutton,
M. Sutton*

SACRISTY WORKERS FOR JANUARY:

Pat Iven, Mary Hickey

LCC ACT PREP COURSE:

LCC is offering its 10th ACT Prep Course beginning Feb. 3, 2018 for the April 14, 2018 ACT Test. This course will especially benefit all current high school Juniors who will be required to take the ACT Test next year. For more specific information, please go to the LCC school website at www.lcchs.edu or contact Stephanie Evans at 419-230-5040. Pre-registration is required and forms are due January 19, 2018. The course is open to LCC, as well as non-LCC students.



CHURCH SAFETY/SECURITY COMMITTEE:

Most of us consider our churches safe places and don't think about security and safety on a daily basis. Often, safety and security is not addressed until an incident occurs. After recent tragedies, we realize that the time is now to develop a plan for violence on our church property.

St. Gerard Church is in the early stages of forming a Church Safety/Security Committee. We are hoping to have parishioners who may have a background in law enforcement, risk management or security to become a part of this committee. If you would be interested in becoming a part of this team, please call the rectory office at 419-224-3080. We will be planning our first meeting in early 2018.





Have you moved, changed your phone number or email?

Please remember to let the parish office know if your contact information changes!

We do our best to keep all of our parish's census data current and accurate ... so it's important to hear from you when you move, change your phone number or set-up a new email address. Correct addresses are needed in order to provide year-end tax statements, etc. Thanks so much!

Please feel free to use the form below if you need to update your current information:

Name: _____

New Address: _____

New Phone: _____

New Email: _____

Just drop this information in the collection basket and we will update your information. Thank you!