



Thank you Judy Miller for snapping these pics during Children's Liturgy of the Word a few weeks back. It has been truly great to see so many of our young kids take advantage of Children's Liturgy. You are doing some wonderful things in the class! We also want to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of the Children's Lit teachers! They are a fantastic group of people who are helping us—as parents—raise our children in the faith! Blessings to you all!

### Thank You

A big thank you to everyone who has donated food to this year's food drive. Thank you also to Ken Staley and those who assisted him in delivering the food to the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center.



You are cordially invited to attend the

## Grand Knight's Twelfth Night Ball

**January 7, 2017**

**Catholic Charities Administrative Offices Ball Room**  
2000 Main Street, Wheeling, WV

Complementary Beverages Starting at 6:00 PM

Dinner Served at 6:30 PM  
(catered by Mehlman's)

Live Music!  
Entertainment!  
Door Prize Raffles!  
Christmas 50/50 Raffle Drawing!

**Tickets - \$14 per person/\$25 per family**

RSVP by December 23<sup>rd</sup> by sending payment to Knights of Columbus Council 504  
Attn: Ken Staley, 118 Edgington Lane, Wheeling, WV, 26003  
(Please write the number of tickets needed on the memo line of your check)

Weekly Collection

Envelopes: \$2,954    Loose: \$810

# Il Corriere del Duomo

Weekly Journal for the Cathedral of St. Joseph



“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home.

For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her.

She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

—Mt 1:18-24

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**Sunday Masses:** 6:00 p.m. Saturday; 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday.  
**Weekday Mass:** 12:05 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9:00 a.m. Saturday.  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** 11:15-11:50 a.m. Friday; 5-5:45 p.m. Saturday.  
**Sacrament of the Sick and Communion to Homebound:** Call the parish office anytime to make arrangements.

## Christian Awareness

By Alex J. Nagem

I had a radar detector years ago. This was my cloak of invisibility. I had a feeling of confidence when I exceeded posted speed limits with this small device attached to my dashboard. Then one day it happened. This small device failed me. A State trooper came on to the interstate behind me. He must have turned on his radar after he got on the interstate. I did not realize his presence until the buzzing and lights flashing on the radar detector caught my attention. Looking around, I did not see anyone. Then I looked in the rearview mirror. Those blue lights were fast approaching. My cloak of invisibility was gone. I would soon find out that \$75 of my paycheck would also be gone. I should have looked back sooner, right? Maybe I should have stayed within the speed limit and not used the radar detector is the better answer. The radar detector had helped me in the past. It was just this one time that I failed to look back to see the cars behind me coming on the interstate. As the story goes, I paid the fine and sold the radar detector. I now try to stay within the posted speed limit. I did write "try." There are some trips where the speed of my car might go over the limit by no more than 10 miles per hour. That's ok isn't it? We do have a tendency to push the limits of what we are allowed to do. In another instance of pushing limits, I was grocery shopping in Kroger's. Since Lori and I live close to the store, we treat it as our pantry. I pass the store each day going home. This makes

it easy to stop for fresh fish for dinner or fresh ingredients for a salad. On one of my quick shopping trips, I noticed an older man looking at the display of cherries. He grabbed a few cherries from the bag and began to eat them as he walked away. I did not know we could do that. Isn't that on the line of stealing? I thought you purchased the bag of cherries and took your chances on their taste. There is no sign that reads, "Try before you buy." We do tend to push the limits of what we can and cannot do, even in the most innocent circumstances. But, what is the cost or consequence for our actions, innocent as they may be?

Do we push the limits of our spiritual life? Can we push the limits of our prayer, devotion, and reflection? Do we look in the review mirror of the day to improve our spiritual life of tomorrow? Wow, I sound like a self-help book. Well, in a way, maybe we need help. We need to look in the rearview mirror each day for a little self assessment. I understand the reason we are created with free-will which allows us to follow the teachings of Christ or not, to praise God or not. But, sometimes our free-will is a detriment. We may push our free-will, our own self assessment of what is appropriate or wrong a little too far. We can always fall back on the Sacrament of Reconciliation to clear the sins of the day, so we are ok to take a few cherries or grapes from the bag without paying, right? But, there is repentance that goes along with this Sacrament which we may tend to conveniently forget. We push limits with that one cigarette, or that one double

## Rearview Mirror

cheese burger cooked rare, with french-fries and gravy. We can always stop smoking or improve our diet tomorrow, right? Padron cigars are not included in this thinking, though. We can improve our spiritual thinking and Christ like ways tomorrow, too, right? I am not one to judge other than myself, or at least I try. Our life's meaning is understood in our relationship to God. But, first we must believe in God, follow the teachings of Christ, and fear the world in the after-life. This is a rudimentary understanding. But it does simplify it, at least for me. The details are the complex part of the understanding. In another thought, if we do not have a relationship with God, what meaning is there to our life? I do enjoy the easy answers.

Give thought to what you do each day, especially on Mondays. We complain about Mondays, the first day of the work week for some. Did you know in Genesis 2:15, Adam was to work in and take care of the Garden of Eden? No where could I find in Genesis where Adam could sit by a stream and stare up at the sky all day. He had to work. Adam's work, given by God, would be pleasing to God, right? It would only make sense. "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human master, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." (Colossians 3:23-24) Who are you serving each day? Is your spiritual life at the forefront of what you do each day, and the job that pays the bills secondary? Our spiritual life comes

about by our behavior, spiritual reflection, and following the teachings of Christ. For me, this is found in the Celebration of the Eucharist, and listening to Scripture readings and Homilies. Teachings and behavior are also found in reading and studying of the Bible. Without these, are we pushing the limits of what we need to know to just get by? Where do you turn when you are angry? Do you engage in a confrontation with someone, your spouse, co-workers, or your children? Or do you follow the teachings in Psalm 4 where we are told to be angry, but do not sin. We can think about what has made us angry, but do not act upon the anger. We are to make a sacrifice and place trust in God. For many of us the sacrifice would be not acting on our anger. But if we did, what would be the cost to us? How many times have we acted out in anger and later looked back with regret? We may say our confession to a priest, but there is still a consequence that we must pay. I am not sure if it is my age, concern for my own spiritual life, or too much self-judgment that keeps me looking in the rearview mirror so I can see the direction ahead. Maybe it is finally being aware of what it is to be a Christian.

"A sum can be put right, but only by going back till you find the error and working at a fresh from that point, never by simply going on." C.S. Lewis

My continued prayers are said with you in mind, as I hope I am remembered in yours.

*"Vocatus Atque non Vocatus, Deus Aderit"*  
Alex J. Nagem

## Mass Intentions and Readings

### Sunday—December 18th—FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT—"O Sacred Lord"

Sat 6:00p Mass for Catherine Bauer  
8:00a Mass for Helen Pasden  
9:15a 1st Communion and Confirmation Classes  
Cathedral Offices  
9:15a RCIA (Rectory)  
10:30a Mass for the Parishioners  
RDGS: Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24  
**12:00p Christmas Decorating!!!**

### Monday—December 19th—Advent Weekday "O Flower of Jesse's Stem"

12:05p Mass for Dorothy Phillipovich  
RDGS: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Ps 71:3-4, 5-6, 16-17  
Lk 1:5-25

### Tuesday—December 20th—Advent Weekday "O Key of David"

12:05p Mass for Margie Burke  
RDGS: Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 1:26-38

### Wednesday—December 21st—Saint Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor of the Church "O Radiant Dawn"

12:05p Mass for Clara Scheibelhood  
RDGS: Sg 2:8-14 Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Lk 1:39-45  
6:30p Choir Rehearsal

**Peter Canisius**, died 1597; Dutch Jesuit catechist and missionary; leading voice in counter-reformation Germany; organized the German Jesuit province and founded several colleges; authored the popular and enduring catechism, *Institutiones Christiane Pietatis*; known as the "Second Apostle of Germany."

### Thursday—December 22nd—Advent Weekday "O King of all the Nations"

12:05p Mass for Marlene Zitz  
RDGS: 1Sm 1:24-28 (Ps) 1Sm 2:1, 4-8d Lk 1:46-56

### Friday—December 23rd—Saint John of Kanty, Priest "O Emmanuel"

11:15a Confession  
12:05p Mass for John Bolcek  
RDGS: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4-5b, 8-10, 14  
Lk 1:57-66

### Saturday—December 24th—Advent Weekday—

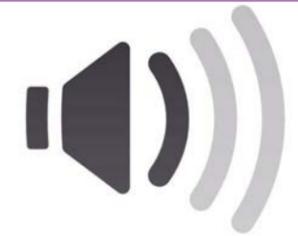
9:00a Mass for the Parishioners  
Rosary  
5:00p Confessions  
RDGS: 2Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29

Lk 1:67-79

6:00p Vigil Mass of the Nativity of the Lord  
RDGS: Is 62:1-5 Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29  
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Mt 1:1-25

### Sunday—December 25th—SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

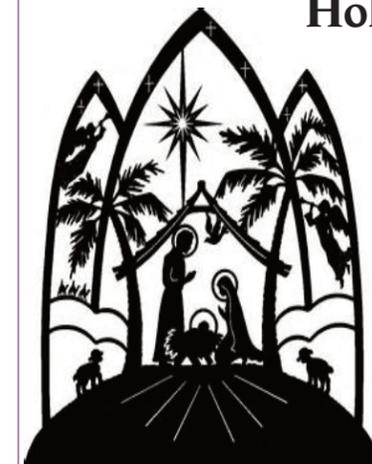
12:00a Mass During the Night  
RDGS: Is 9:1-6 Ps 96:1-3, 11-13 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14  
10:30a THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
RDGS: Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18



Hearing devices for mass are now available in the vestibule of the church before masses, just ask a greeter. Please return after use.

**Sign Up Now!**  
Sign ups are in the back of church for various ministries during the Christmas Masses! Don't forget to sign up before its filled!

## Holiday Schedule



Dec 24  
6:00p Vigil Mass  
Dec 25  
12:00a Midnight Mass  
10:30a Christmas Day Mass  
Dec 31  
6:00p  
Jan 1  
8:00 a  
10:30a