



Holy Family Parish

216 Wooster St. NE ~ Navarre, Ohio 44662 Brewster ~ Navarre

Office of the Pastor

Very Rev. Kevin Peters V.F. - Pastor **Rev. Frederick Schlueter** - Associate Pastor
Deacon Alfredo Aguirre - Parish Pastoral Associate ~ **Pattie Condello** - Parish Pastoral Associate

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Fridays at Noon for the **following** weeks bulletin.

Information may only be included in upcoming bulletins
when space permits. Information may be faxed to
330-879-5138

or emailed to **parish526@youngstowndiocese.org**

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURE

Weekday Mass & all times of Eucharistic Adoration
will be cancelled when Fairless Schools are closed or delayed.
Visit our Website for any additional event cancellations or
closings.

BINGO

Bingo is played every Friday evening (unless otherwise stated)
at St. Clement Hall in Navarre - 7:00 PM.

OUR STAFF

Amanda Rodriguez.....Secretary/Hall Rental Coordinator

Sarah KobilarcsikCommunications Coordinator

Stefanie Coletti.....Bookkeeper

Carolyn Collins-Soehnlen.....Minister of Music

Maggie Connor-Spitale...Coordinator of Religious Education

Judi Smith.....Church & Hall Custodian, Navarre

Shawn Roush.....Facilities Manager

Lori Josefczyk & Kathy WohlwendSacristans, Navarre

Virginia Heckathorn.....Sacristan, Brewster

Rev. Michael D. Seifert.....Pastor, Emeritus

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME!

Please stop in the office to say hello!

MISSION STATEMENT

*Our Holy Family Parish, a Roman Catholic Church, comes
together as one to accept as our mission:
To live our faith centered in the Eucharist;
To share the Gospel by Word and example;
To gain knowledge by serving others with mercy and justice;
and To Love by opening our hearts to the world around us.*

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday: 8:30am ~ St. Benedict

Wednesday: 8:30am ~ St. Clement

Thursday : 8:30am ~ St. Therese

Friday: 8:30am ~ St. Anthony

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:30pm ~ St. Therese

Sunday: 9:00am ~ St. Clement

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday, 9:30am thru 8:30pm ~ Navarre

SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Celebrated **EVERY WEEKEND OF THE MONTH**

Saturday, 3:45 to 4:15 pm, Brewster

Sunday, 8:15 to 8:45 am, Navarre

Sacrament of Baptism

Arrangements are made with
the Coordinator of Religious Education
to schedule a date for baptism and for a sacramental
preparation class for parents and godparents.

Sacraments of First Communion & Confirmation

Families requesting First Communion and Confirmation
for their children must have them enrolled in our CCD
program

or Catholic School at least 2 years prior to receiving
Sacrament.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements made with either Fr. Kevin or Fr. Fritz
six months prior to the Wedding.

Marriage preparation classes are required.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Call the church office for arrangements.
*If you are hospitalized, home bound or in a nursing facility,
please let us know. Because of the HIPAA laws,
we are unable to inquire.*

Masses, Services & Intentions

- November 29 Saturday** (Brewster)
4:30 pm Mass
 William Schandel (Bob & Jane Heitger)
- November 30 Sunday** (Navarre)
8:25 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass
 Bishop George Murray (Mike & Barb Sylvester)
- December 3 Wednesday** (Navarre)
8:30 am Mass
 Mark Surmay (K of C)
- December 4 Thursday** (Brewster)
8:30 am Mass
 Joe Musacchia (Rod & Chris Ebert)
- 9:30 am~8:30pm Adoration** (Navarre)
- December 6 Saturday** (Brewster)
4:00 pm Rosary
4:30 pm Mass
 Ruth Frieri (Pat Frieri & Family)
- December 7 Sunday** (Navarre)
8:25 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass
 Dan Kress (Family)

Liturgical Ministers

- Saturday December 6 - 4:30 pm (Brewster)**
Lector: Becky Soehnlén
EMs: Virginia Heckathorn, Beth Musacchia, Mary Randles
Servers: Bonners
Greeter: Paula Radich
- Sunday December 7 - 9:00 am (Navarre)**
Lectors: Anita Combs, Catherine Maxin
EMs: Paul Stropki, Vic & Marybeth Flinner Tim Cotton
Servers: Justin Green, Seth Green
Greeters: Jerry Pitman

THANK
YOU!

Please Support Our Sponsor

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1st Sunday of Advent

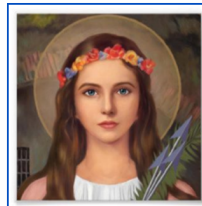
"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."

Matthew 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God's active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude, each day, for all that we have been given.

ST. PHILOMENA MASS FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

December 6th (NAVARRE) - 9:30AM



Confession ~ 8:30am
 Rosary & Prayers ~ 9:00am
 Mass ~ 9:30am
 Social in Parish House ~ 10:30am

Christmas Covered Dish Luncheon - Main dish & Beverages will be provided. Please bring a side or dessert to share.

St. James Parish Dinner

Sunday, December 7th 12:00-2:00pm

Sauerkraut & Pork - Includes Mashed Potatoes, Roll & Dessert

Hot dog & Coney Sauce - Also available

Cost:

ADULTS - \$12.00 - KIDS - \$5.00

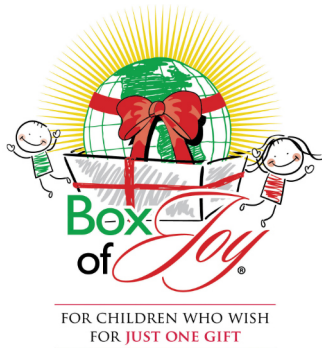
Carry-out available - Craft items will also be sold.

330-866-9449

Thank you!

A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful parish family for helping fill 50 Box of Joy boxes for children around the world. Your generosity and willingness to share Christ's love will bring joy, hope and smiles to so many children this Christmas.

May God bless you for your kindness and for living out the spirit of giving!



Stromboli Sale – Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus are offering delicious Stromboli for sale!

Pepperoni or Combo (Ham, Pepperoni, Green Peppers & Onions)

10 per box - \$25.00

If you're interested in placing an order, please contact

Vic Flinner - 330-546-2786 or
Phil Rohr - 330-704-9098

Thank you for your support.

BECOME A K OF C MEMBER!

Be a part of the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization.



YOUR INFORMATION

Title	First Name	Last Name	Suffix
MAILING ADDRESS:			
Street Address		City	
State/Province		Zip/Postal Code	Country
Email		Mobile Phone	
What is your date of birth?	Month/Day/Year		
I am a baptized Catholic male	YES/NO	I am a practical Catholic	YES/NO
Preferred Local Council #		Member Referral Number or Name	
Church Parish Name		Church Parish City	Parish State

Advent

LIVING IN CHRIST'S LIGHT

As the nights grow longer and the air turns colder, Advent arrives—not only as a season on the calendar, but as a call to our hearts. In a world where darkness can feel overwhelming—through suffering, division, and uncertainty—Advent reminds us that God has already answered with light.

From the beginning, God's light has pierced the shadows. The prophets saw it from afar, speaking of a coming Messiah who would bring justice, peace, and healing. In Bethlehem, that promised light took flesh. In Jesus Christ, the Light of the World stepped into our night with the warmth of love and the power of truth.

Each Advent candle, each quiet moment of prayer, becomes a step on the path from darkness to light. As the candles grow in number each week—hope, peace, joy, and love—we are invited to let Christ's light grow within us. The flicker of a flame reminds us: He is near. He is coming. He is already here.

But Advent is not just about seeing the light. It is about living in it. Christ doesn't shine so we can remain the same; he shines so we can become radiant with his love. His light transforms our hearts, softens our judgments, strengthens our courage, and sends us out as bearers of that same light.

In this sacred season, we are called to reflect his light—to offer hope to the lonely, peace to the anxious, joy to the weary, and love to the forgotten.

Whether we light a candle on the wreath or a string of lights on the tree, let each small flame be a prayer:

COME, LORD JESUS. LIGHT THE WAY.
DWELL IN US. SHINE THROUGH US.

This Advent, may we not only watch for Christ's coming but prepare to live as children of the light—joyful, radiant, and ready to welcome him.



FROM CANDLES TO CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

ILLUMINATING THE MEANING OF ADVENT

Candles have long symbolized Advent, representing the light of Christ coming into a world darkened by sin. The tradition dates back to early Christian customs in Europe, where people lit candles during the darkest days of winter as a sign of hope and expectation. Over time, this merged with Christian liturgical practices—especially in medieval Germany—giving rise to the Advent wreath.

The wreath usually holds four candles—three purple and one pink—lit one by one on each Sunday of Advent. Some include a fifth white candle, the Christ candle, lit on Christmas Day. Each flame represents a theme: hope, peace, joy, and love. As more candles are lit, the growing light reflects the increasing anticipation of Christ's birth.

More than seasonal decoration, candles serve as a visual and spiritual countdown to Christmas. Their soft glow invites stillness, prayer, and reflection in a season often marked by hurry. They help focus our hearts on the mystery and joy of the Incarnation.

Christmas lights continue this tradition in a broader, more public way. Like Advent candles, they symbolize Christ as the Light of the World—a promise kindled in Advent and fulfilled on Christmas Day. The practice of lighting homes and trees began when Christians placed candles in windows as a sign of welcome and hope. With electric lights introduced in the late 19th century, the tradition expanded to homes, trees, and city streets.

Each light we see—whether candle or bulb—echoes the same message: light overcomes darkness. Jesus, the true Light, has come to bring warmth, joy, and peace. As candles call us to quiet reflection, Christmas lights proclaim in celebration that the Light has arrived.



SUNDAY MASS READINGS FOR ADVENT 2025

1st Sunday: Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44

2nd Sunday: Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

3rd Sunday: Isaiah 35:1-6, 10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

4th Sunday: Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24

Christmas Day: Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18

"MAY WE BE IN THIS WORLD A RAY OF THAT LIGHT WHICH
SHONE FORTH FROM BETHLEHEM, BRINGING JOY AND PEACE TO
THE HEARTS OF ALL MEN AND WOMEN."

—Pope Francis

WHERE DID ADVENT COME FROM?

Advent originated in the early Church as a season of preparation for baptism, especially for new Christians baptized at Epiphany. Records from 4th-century Gaul and Spain show Christians observing periods of fasting and penance in late autumn. By the 6th century, the focus of Advent shifted in Rome to preparing for the celebration of Christ's birth on December 25. Pope Gregory I (590–604) helped shape the season's liturgical structure, though the number of weeks varied regionally. By the Middle Ages, the Western Church standardized Advent as the four Sundays before Christmas. Its name comes from the Latin *adventus*, meaning "coming," and it mirrors the Greek word *parousia*, referring to Christ's return. Over time, Advent became a season marking both Christ's first coming in Bethlehem and his promised return.

ADVENT FACTS

Advent comes from the Latin *adventus*, meaning "coming" or "arrival." It translates the Greek word *parousia*, which refers to Christ's Second Coming. Advent invites reflection on both Christ's birth and his return in glory.

Liturgical colors used during Advent are primarily purple (or violet), symbolizing penance, prayer, and preparation. On the third Sunday, called *Gaudete* Sunday, (Latin for "rejoice") rose-colored vestments may be used to signify joy and a shift toward celebration.

The '**O Antiphons**' are a set of ancient prayers recited or sung from December 17–23. Each begins with "O" and addresses Christ by a biblical title, such as "O Wisdom" or "O Emmanuel." They are the inspiration for the hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

The **Advent season** begins four Sundays before Christmas and lasts between 22 and 28 days, depending on the calendar year.

VOCATIONS

ARE YOU CALLED TO THE PRIESTHOOD?

FR. FRITZ SCHLUETER

Ordained to the Priesthood:
June 17, 2023



Why did I decide to apply to seminary?

One reason is that there were 3 generations of men in my life who gave me the example of being open to God's will. If my grandfather was better at school, then he would have been a priest. If my father didn't marry my mother, he would have been a priest. If my older brother didn't marry my sister-in-law, then he would have been a priest. Their openness to a vocation to the priesthood gave me the freedom to ask God what he wanted for me.

When I asked God what he wanted he answered right quick. On Friday, a friend told me that she dreamt about me going to seminary; on Saturday two inebriated people at a party gave me permission to go to seminary; and on Sunday in the second reading at mass, St. Paul wrote, "I should like you to be free of anxieties. An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord. But a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided."

Through those events. I heard God calling me to pursue the priesthood, and he has greatly blessed me through this vocation. After all, I have the grace of serving you fine people. God be praised!

1st Sunday of ADVENT

Christmas Flower Memorials:



Help adorn our churches this Christmas with beautiful flowers given in loving memory of family and friends who are no longer with us to celebrate the birth of our Lord.

An envelope for this purpose is included in your box set, but any envelope can be used. Please clearly print the names of those you wish to remember and place the envelope in the collection basket by Sunday December 7th.

A donation of \$5.00 per name of \$10.00 for three names is requested. All names will be listed in the bulletin on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Kids Corner - Fun Facts about Thanksgiving!!



The First Thanksgiving fest (1621) lasted three days & included 50 Pilgrims & 90 Wampanoag Native Americans.

TV dinners were invented because of a Thanksgiving mishap—Swanson had too much leftover turkey in the 1950s and had to get creative!

Cranberries can bounce when they're ripe—farmers even use this trick to test them!

The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade began in 1924—and originally featured real animals from the Central Park Zoo.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues Dec 2..... Advent By Candlelight (St. C. Hall)
Sat. Dec 6.....St. Philomena Mass 8:30am (St. C.)
Sun. Dec 7K of C Christmas Party (St. C. Hall)
Thurs. Dec 13.....Food Pantry (St. T. Hall)

Raise the Roof —Join our iGive Catholic Fundraiser to raise \$20,000 for St. Clement Hall

We have patched, reworked the roof and patched again over the years, however the rain finds its way through, leaving puddles on the floor of the hall and cafe - and those will only get larger. Our plan is to add a pitch roof on the St. Clement hall like the one added to St. Therese hall.

HELP US RAISE THE ROOF!!

If you would like to donate, you may use the #iGive Catholic envelope or make your donation online.



Advanced Giving
Nov. 17-Dec. 1

Giving Tuesday
Dec. 2

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A Note from Father Mike:

2026 Lottery Calendars from K of C \$30 with over 310 chances to win \$50 Daily.

WINNER Determined by the 3 -Digit Ohio Lottery Evening Drawing - So far I have sold 79 winners for 2025.

If you are interested, call me at: 330-933-4148 By the way these make great "Christmas Gifts!"