



# Sacred Heart Church & Saint Gerard Mission

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## JOY

*He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...*

Lk 3:16



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December 16, 2018    3rd Sunday of Advent

**Welcome to  
Sacred Heart Catholic Church & St. Gerard Mission Church**

We are delighted to welcome everyone who has come to share a Eucharistic meal with us today. Whether you are a family member, a friend, a familiar face, or a visitor, know that your presence enlivens our Eucharistic celebration and our community. We are glad you are here.

**The Redemptorist Community of Sacred Heart Church & St. Gerard Mission**

**Redemptorists Serving our Parish**

Fr. Thomas Burke, C.Ss.R., Pastor

Fr. Edward Gray, C.Ss.R.    Fr. Francis Nelson, C.Ss.R.    Fr. George Rosario, C.Ss.R.

Fr. Aldrin Nunes, C.Ss.R.    Fr. Kevin MacDonald, C.Ss.R., Missionary

**Permanent Deacons**

Deacon Steve Cooley

Deacon Lou Bartos

Deacon Tom Murray *Retired*

**Sacred Heart Masses**

Saturday Vigil..... 4:00pm

Sunday: ..... 7:00, 9:00 & 11:30am

Weekdays: ..... 7 :00 & 11:00am

Saturdays: .....7:00am

Holy Day Vigil:.....7:00pm

Holy Day: Please check with the Parish Office and Bulletin for varying schedule

**Reconciliation**

Saturday..... 3:00—3:45 pm

Thurs. before 1st Fri.. 4:00—5:00 pm

**Sacred Heart Catholic School**

1003 Turnbull Street

New Smyrna Beach, Fl. 32168

Pre-Kindergarten thru 8th Grade

Principal: Mrs. Shelley Niswonger

Phone: (386) 428-4732

Fax: (386) 428-4087

Website: www.shseagles.org

**St. Gerard Mission Church**

Phone: 386-426-0930

3171 S. Ridgewood Ave.,

Edgewater, FL 32141

**St. Gerard Mission Masses**

All administration is at

Sacred Heart Parish Office

Saturday Vigil:..... 4:30pm

Sunday: .....10:00am

Wednesdays: ..... 9:00am

First Friday: ..... 9:00am

Holy Days: ..... 9:00am

Reconciliation: 1/2 hr. before Mass

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, December 15**

7:00am All Parishioners

4:00pm Baby Jared Riley Lutz by Oma & Papa

**Sunday, December 16**

7:00am + Nellie Lynch by Earl & Betty Carty

9:00am + Leo & MaryAnn Martin by Children

11:30am + Mary Winifred Brownlie by Daughter

**Monday, December 17**

7:00am Anthony, Wayne & Brennan by Earl & Betty Carty

11:00am Phillip Marshall by Donatella Young

**Tuesday, December 18**

7:00am + Stawicki & Witkowski Families by Steve & Carol

11:00am + Kenneth Lisk by Mom Mary

**Wednesday, December 19**

7:00am All Parishioners

11:00am All Parishioners

**Thursday, December 20**

7:00am All Parishioners

11:00am + Douglas Seward by Aunt & Mom

**Friday, December 21**

7:00am + Mary Jane Booth by Lori Oliveto

11:00am + Juan Palacios by Dorys Palacios

**Saturday, December 22**

7:00am + Louis & Josephine Umile by Family

4:00pm + Jim & Freda Vincent by Kathy & Jerry Eaton

**Sunday, December 23**

7:00am + Robert & Scott Douglas by June & Alan Douglas

9:00am + Beverly Studer by Husband Rick

11:30am + Alfredo & Jesuina Castanheira by Daughter Dina

*Cross indicates the person is deceased. No cross the person is alive.*

**Reflection**

Rejoice always! That's what we often lose when we get caught up in life. We lose the joy of knowing that God loves us and watches over us. Find joy in prayer. Find joy in God's creation. Find God in the people we meet.

We do need to accomplish our goals; to create a good life for our families and ourselves.

But we can't lose sight of God.

Let's rejoice, be kind, be thankful and pray that we find our way to the peace of Jesus Christ.

**Readings for the Week of  
December 16, 2018**

**Sunday** Third Sunday of Advent  
Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7;  
Lk 3:10-18

**Monday** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17;  
Mt 1:1-17

**Tuesday** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

**Wednesday** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17;  
Lk 1:5-25

**Thursday** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

**Friday** Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor  
of the Church  
Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12,  
20-21; Lk 1:39-45

**Saturday** 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd;  
Lk 1:46-56

**Sunday** Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10;  
Lk 1:39-45

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Today we light the third candle of advent. The candle represents joy. It reminds us of the joy the world experienced at the birth of Jesus.



**SEMINARIAN**

**SECOND COLLECTION—January 13, 2019**

This special collection for seminarians is used to support the formation of seminarians as they discern their vocation to the priesthood. Preparing for the Sacrament of Holy Orders is a nine year process of intellectual, spiritual, pastoral and human formation that prepares men to answer the call they have received to serve God's people in love and humility. The full cost of a seminary tuition, insurance and books exceeds \$400,000 during the nine year formation period. Your support ensures that our seminarians receive adequate tuition assistance.

**Sacred Heart Weekly Offering  
December 9, 2018**

Offertory Income Last Week .....\$11,833.73  
Online Giving this Week ..... \$1,610.00  
**Total Income** ..... **\$13,443.73**  
**Retired Religious**.....**2,297.00**  
Attendance This Week: ..... 847

**Events Calendar**

**Sunday, December 16**  
**10:00am** Coffee & Donuts - Religious Article Store  
**3:00pm** Sing We Now of Christmas!

**Monday, December 17**  
7:30am Rosary/Chapel  
10:30am Rosary/Chapel  
**6:00pm** BINGO—  
**7:00pm** Rejoice/ Advent Journey with Mary

**Tuesday, December 18**  
7:30am Rosary/Chapel  
9:00am Sr. Exercise/KH  
9:00am Legion of Mary / Office Bld  
10:30am Rosary/Chapel  
OLPH Novena after 11:00am Mass  
OLPH Novena/ Chapel

**Wednesday, December 19**  
7:30am Rosary/Chapel  
10:30am Rosary/Chapel  
**3:00pm** JMJ—Jesus, Mary Joseph/SH  
**7:00pm** Wednesday Evening Bible Study/KH

**Thursday, December 20**  
7:30am Rosary/Chapel  
9:00am Sr. Exercise/KH  
9:30am Thursday Morning Bible Study/Off Bld  
10:30am Rosary/Chapel  
6:00pm Centering Prayer/Chapel  
7:00pm RCIA/KH

**Friday, December 21**  
7:30am Adoration/Chapel  
7:30am Rosary/Chapel  
10:30am Rosary/Chapel  
4:45pm Benediction/Chapel

**Saturday, December 22**  
7:30am Rosary/Chapel

**Sunday, December 23**

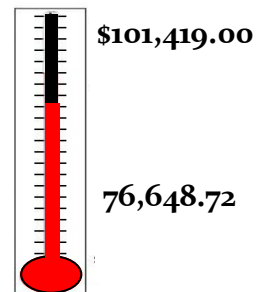
**Our Catholic Appeal**

Our parish goal for Our Catholic Appeal in 2018 for Sacred Heart

is \$101,419.00

Paid to Date - \$76,648.72

Balance - \$24,770.28

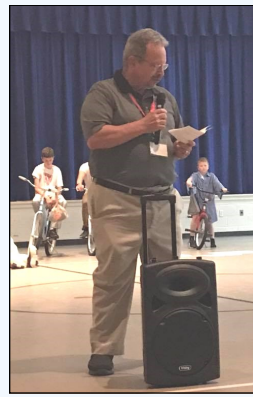


**Sacred Heart Faculty and Staff** celebrated their Advent with their prayer partners in an early Christmas gathering.

It's a busy season for teachers and students at Sacred Heart School but that did not stop them from enjoying their annual Advent Prayer Partner tradition. Every year, teachers and staff pick an Advent partner to pray for and give a Christmas present to in thanksgiving for the friendship they share together.

However, this year, the faculty and staff gave up their exchange gifts in order to help the needy. The Eastern Deanery schools, one of which is Sacred Heart Catholic School and the other three: St. Peter's, Lourdes, and St. Brendan put their resources together to pack meals for Burkina Faso in Africa. The school led by eight graders Connor M. and Allison C. led a fundraising event called the "Redemptorist Mission's Call to Action against Poverty and Homelessness" in order to help Sacred Heart School raise money to fund the school's 10,000-meal share. The eight grade class led a successful lock-in held in the school gym.

The school would like to thank all families who helped them raise the funds needed to pack meals through Catholic Relief Services. They also would like to thank Fr. Tom Burke, C.Ss.R., pastor and Fr. Aldrin for attending and supporting the event.



## Religious Education News



### *A Special Baptism for Sacred Heart Family*

Finley Higginbotham, a second grade student at Sacred Heart Catholic School, together with his sister Reagan were baptized on Wednesday, November 28th after the school-led Mass. Their parents Wallace and Jessica, together with their grandparents and godparents, were present. Finn and Reagan were baptized by Fr. Frank Nelson, C.Ss.R.



**Every first Sunday of the month-** Sacred Heart Catholic School students lead the 9:00 am liturgy at Sacred Heart Church. On December 2nd, the Candidates for Confirmation led the liturgy and were also presented in the Rite of Welcoming to the parish community. It was a beautiful liturgy celebrated by our pastor Fr. Tom Burke, C.Ss.R. Refreshments were served in the Knights Hall after Mass.

# Ministry News



Knights of Columbus  
Fr. Downey Council #4934  
New Smyrna Beach, Fl. 32168  
Grand Knight Dave Montgomery

Magic was in the air at the annual **Christmas Party Dinner Dance** sponsored by the Knights of Columbus on Saturday December 9th. An evening of dining and dancing was enjoyed by all.

The food was delicious,

the music was melodic and the dancing was frenetic. A special thank you is extended to all who donated gifts to the Toys for Tots program that helps make Christmas a little brighter for children in need. Thanks from the

Knights of Columbus to all who attended. We are looking forward to our next event, a Sweetheart Dinner Dance in February.



Santa came early to spread joy and gifts to the children at the annual **Breakfast with Santa** on Sunday sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. He arrived in a bright red "sleigh" festooned with toys from his workshop. The children visited with Santa, pictures were taken and memories made. The Knights of Columbus wish all the families a blessed and Christ filled Merry Christmas!



**Do you have an old eye sore sitting in your driveway that you want to get rid of?**

We are in need of your used or unwanted boats, cars, or property that we would use to raffle off.



The money from the proceeds can go to the charity of your choice or for the Knights to support there various endeavors.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARE LOOKING FOR GOOD CATHOLIC MEN**

If you feel in your heart it's important to form good and lasting friendships, invest time in helping the church, and those less fortunate, the Knights of Columbus is for you. Those who are interested in learning more about the Knights, please contact: Grand Knight Dave Montgomery at (386)410-5647

# Ministry News



**THANK YOU!!**

For brightening a young boy or girl's Christmas!  
Your love and generosity made less fortunate families have a Merry Christmas. Thank you for all that you have done to support the Parish and the community of New Smyrna, Edgewater & Oak Hill.

**May God continue to bless you abundantly!**



## **SACRED HEART**

### **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 24TH (EVE)**

**5:00pm - Children's Mass**

**10:00pm -Midnight Mass**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH- (DAY)**

**10:00am Mass**

## **ST. GERARD**

### **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 24TH - 7:00pm (EVE)**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH—10:00am (DAY)**



## **CENTERING PRAYER**

**Thursday Evening  
at 6:00pm**

*in the Sacred Heart Chapel*

**All are welcome!**

**"Be still and know that I Am God."**

**Ps.46:10**

*Prayer Shawl  
Ministry*



If you would like to request a Prayer Shawl for someone sick or to participate in making shawls please contact

**Helen Prentiss at 427-5432.**



**Legion of Mary  
free library will be out in  
the front of church at all  
masses next weekend.**

**December 22 & 23**

**Feel free to stop by and browse  
through our books.**

**Thank you, to all who have donated!**

If you are a chocolate lover, **December 16th** is your day! If you could cover anything in chocolate, what would it be?



It's National Chocolate Covered Anything Day! There are so many foods that are improved by covering them in chocolate, we do not have time to list them all. So go ahead, indulge, as this day is a chocolate lovers dream come true. Pick up some chocolate covered anything or try your hand a coating chocolate on one of your favorite treats.

## **SACRED HEART GIFT SHOP**

**Join us this weekend**

**In the Social Hall after Saturday's 4:00pm Mass and Sunday from 8:30 to 1:00.**

**Plenty of gifts and stocking stuffers for all with prices from \$1.00.**

**The Gift Shop will host donuts and coffee after the 9:00 Mass.**

**Thank you for supporting our Parish.**

**Find that special gift for any friend or family member. Browse our wide selection of religious items, including our selection of Christmas items, and prepare to be amazed.**

# Ministry News

CCW held their Christmas Meeting on Wednesday December 5. A pot luck luncheon was served buffet style. They brought in their annual collection of gifts for residents of Smyrna West Nursing Home and the fourth grade class at Sacred Heart School entertained them with Christmas carols. Thank you fourth graders for a wonderful performance!!!



- Christmas Bucket List*
- 1. Be Big Presents*
  - 2. Wrap Gifts someone in a hug*
  - 3. Send Gifts Love Donate Shop For Food*
  - 4. Make Cookies Memories*
  - 5. Be See The Lights*

## COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

would like to wish everyone a



**VERY MERRY BLESSED CHRISTMAS**  
and a  
**HAPPY HEALTHY NEW YEAR!!!**

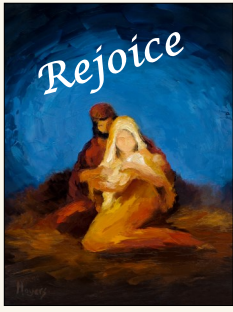


# Bingo Bash



On Friday, Dec 7th, Sacred Heart hosted a spectacular Bingo Bash for the benefit of Fr. Lopez High School. The Event was a huge success raising \$2,200.00 dollars. Fr. Lopez provided workers and chefs who prepared a tasty lunch and dessert for the overflow crowd who enjoyed an afternoon of Bingo with many prizes and jackpots. A special thanks to Sacred Heart bingo volunteers selling packs and Josie Blackburn who helped with selling tickets. Your help is greatly appreciated. Everyone here at Sacred Heart look forward to our next fun filled Bingo Bash!!





Thank you to those who are attending our **Advent program -Rejoice - Advent journey with Mary.** We hope that the presentations are meaningful, and relevant to your own journey through Advent. Remember to take time to reflect on the psalm and scripture readings from the Rejoice Advent book, and to challenge yourself to practice some of the Advent actions.

**Just a reminder that our 4th and last session will be Monday, December 17th, 7pm. Sacred Heart church**

All are welcome, you do not need to have attended the previous sessions, its never to late to begin your journey through Advent.



## JOIN US SUNDAY - Sing We Now of Christmas!

Join us on **Sunday, December 16 at 3:00 pm** at Sacred Heart Church for an afternoon of musical entertainment brought to you by the Music Ministry of Sacred Heart, Our Lady Star of the Sea and St. Gerard's. God has gifted our parishes with a diverse range of musical talent. As we take great pride in singing to the Lord all year long, on this Sunday afternoon we sing for your pleasure and enjoyment. It is our hope that your day will be enriched by our diverse program showcasing the eclectic styles of music that brings us joy.

The afternoon features the precious voices of the Sacred Heart and Our Lady Star of the Sea Children's choir, as well as the masterful sound of the adult choirs from Sacred Heart, Our Lady Star of the Sea and St. Gerard's. There is no charge for the event, however, a free will offering will be taken for the benefit of our local St. Vincent de Paul Society, a 501c non-profit organization.

Sacred Heart is located at 998 Father Donlan Drive, New Smyrna Beach, FL. (Just off of US1)

## St. Gerard—Ministry News



**News from St. Vincent de Paul Orlando:** Proceeds from donated vehicles, anything working or even non-working, help St. Vincent de Paul Orlando keep the lights on and people in their homes. Donating is easy and is tax-deductible. Just call: 800.322.8284.



### DOOR GREETERS NEEDED

Are you a friendly outgoing person?

Then we need you as a greeter. It involves standing in the church foyer 20 minutes before mass and welcoming fellow parishioners as they enter the church. We need people for both Saturday and Sunday mass. If you are interested in helping or want to know more, please contact Anne Swift at 386-478-6933



### A temporary change in the Liturgical Ministries:

Altar Servers Joe Favaloro is retiring

Temporary, Altar Servers will be: Lorraine Cassidy

We are in need of someone to come forward and volunteer to be Leader of the Altar Servers. Your help to fill this ministry would be a good way to share your ideas with St. Gerard.

*Lord, may I honor you today by serving others.*



### Hedge Out Hunger!!

Herbie Hedgehogs as of December 2

**80 sold and 20 donated -**

You have until December 31 to participate in this giving project.

Herbie the Hedgehog is available at the Sacred Heart office or at St. Gerard's after any mass.

See Music Director, Ellen or any member of the choir.

1. Buy one for yourself or friend \$10 goes to SVDP.
2. Buy one and donate it back to SVDP to deliver to a child they serve in our community.







# Saint Gerard Mission

3171 S Ridgewood Ave, Edgewater, FL 32141

Vincent de Paul General Meeting will be held at St. Gerard's on **Tues, Dec 18th at 3:30 p.m.** All are invited to attend.



## St. Gerard Events Calendar December 17 2018– December 23, 2018

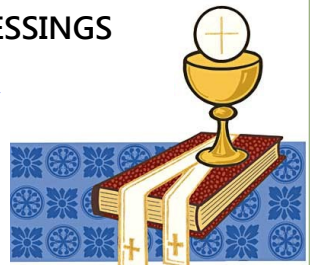
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>December 17</b>
9:00am	Rosary (Marian Movement of Priests) & Divine Mercy Chaplet
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>December 18</b>
<b>3:30pm</b>	<b>SVDp General Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>December 19</b>
9:00am	Mass
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>December 20</b>
6:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>December 21</b>
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>December 22</b>
3:00pm	Saturday Choir—Practice
4:00pm	Reconciliation
4:00pm	Rosary
4:30pm	Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>December 23</b>
9:00am	Sunday Choir—Practice
9:30am	Reconciliation
9:30am	Rosary
10:00am	Mass

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leapt in her womb.  
Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and cried out in a loud voice:  
"Blest are you among women and blest is the fruit of your womb."



**A BIG THANK YOU & BLESSINGS**  
To  
*FR. TOM & FR. NELSON*

for saying the extra Masses at St. Gerard's while Fr. George and Fr. Aldrin were away.



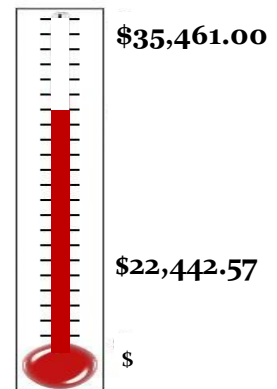
**Every Monday at St. Gerard**  
**9:00 am**  
**Rosary (Marian Movement of Priests) and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed.**

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>December 15</b>
4:30pm	+ John Garzia By wife Alice
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>December 16</b>
10:00am	+ Brother Robert Rochacewicz By Chuck & Linda Ruddy
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>December 19</b>
9:00am	+ Dick Blackburn By Wife Josie
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>December 21</b>
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>December 22</b>
4:30pm	+ Joseph Vaglica Sr & Angelina Rufrano By Rosemary Rufrano
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>December 23</b>
10:00am	+ Jim Shoda By Ellen & Choir

**Our parish goal for Our Catholic Appeal in 2018 for St. Gerard -**

**\$35,461.00**  
**Paid to Date -**  
**\$22,442.57**  
**Balance—\$ 13,018.43**



### St. Gerard Weekly Offering December 9, 2018

Offertory Income Last Week..... \$3,424.00  
Online Giving this Week ..... \$340.00  
**Total Offertory Income.....\$3,754.00**  
**Retired Religious.....\$1,164.00**  
Attendance This Week .....411

## ALUMINUM POP TAB COLLECTION



The POP TAB collection period for 2018 - 2019 is entering its final months and our goal to break last years 122lb quantity is not happening. The Ronald McDonald Houses in Orlando has put out their seasonal plea, not only for monetary donations, but also for

POP TABS. Please remember that the POP TABS collected will be recycled into cash on Earth Day 2019 to help off-set the cost for temporary housing for the families of critically ill children receiving medical treatment in Orlando area children's hospitals.

**So please, POP those TABS and help house those families.**

**Thank you again and God Bless.**



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MINISTRIES AT ST. GERARD'S

*“There are different gifts but the same Spirit, there are different ministries but the same Lord . . . To each person the manifestation of the spirit is given for the common good.”*

Every person is called to contribute to the liturgy in a manner suited to his or her unique talents. It takes the help of many people serving in a variety of different liturgical ministries to help the liturgy flow smoothly and enable the participation of the assembly. At the present time, there is a serious need for volunteers in all ministries at St. Gerard's. We invite you to prayerfully reflect on the gifts God has given you and consider volunteering your talents for one of our ministries.

**Training:** Training is provided to help you get started in all the listed ministries.

**Scheduling:** Liturgical ministers are scheduled at the Mass time of their preference as often as fits their schedule and are asked to arrive 30 minutes before their scheduled Mass begins.

**Contact:** Please see the list of ministries below. Call the leader of the ministry you are interested in to volunteer or for further information.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP . . . To keep the Sacred Heart & St. Gerard roster up to date-

In order to better serve our parish we strive to maintain a church roster that is as accurate as possible. We ask that our registered parishioners call the parish office at 386-428-6426 to inform us when changes to your information occur including name, address, telephone number, a move out of the parish, the death of a family member who is a registered parishioner, etc. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Heavenly Father, we could never thank our military men & women Policeman, fireman and 1st Responders enough for their courageous service and sacrifice to our country and its people. Show us ways in our communities, churches, and families to thank and love them better. Keep and protect these heroes and their families, in the powerful name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers		
Altar Ministry	Annie McDevitt	427-4604
Eucharistic Ministers	Jan Ford	228-7004
Readers/Commentators	Kathy Ackerson	427-2464
Music/Choirs	Ellen Graf	689-7828
Ushers	Felice Albanese	427-6682

### PRAYER MINISTRIES

Rosary (Marian Movement of Priests) and Chaplet of Divine Mercy	Grace Albanese	427-6682
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### STUDY GROUPS

Small Church Communities	Frieda Butt	427-2635
Library Ministry	Jacqy Gawdun	689-1922

### OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Communion for Homebound	Parish Office	428-6426
Welcome Ministry	Marge Cyr	428-0025
Bereavement Ministry	Parish Office	428-6426
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	Tricia Degen	426-0882

### SERVICE MINISTRIES

Maids of Martha	Grace Albanese	427-6682
Maintenance	Murray Gratton	814-592-4301
Kitchen Hospitality	Freida Butt	427-2635

REJOICE ALWAYS,  
PRAY CONSTANTLY,  
AND GIVE THANKS FOR EVERYTHING  
FOR THIS IS GOD'S WILL FOR YOU IN CHRIST  
JESUS.

I Thessalonians 5:16-18