

December 2, 2018

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sun.,	Dec, 2 <sup>nd</sup>	12:15 pm	C.W.L. Christmas Luncheon (Columbus Centre)
Mon.,	Dec. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00 pm	Retreat - "33 Days to Glory" (final session)
Tues.,	Dec. 4 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	R.C.I.A. (in the Rectory Meeting Room)
Wed.,	Dec. 5 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	10:30 am Mass - Choir rehearsal
Thurs.,	Dec. 6 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	8:30 am Mass - Choir rehearsal
Fri.,	Dec. 7 <sup>th</sup>		1 <sup>st</sup> Friday Devotions/Masses: 9 am & 12:10 pm
Sat.,	Dec. 8 <sup>th</sup>		IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY
		5:00 pm	Retreat: Consecration to Mary Service (after Mass)



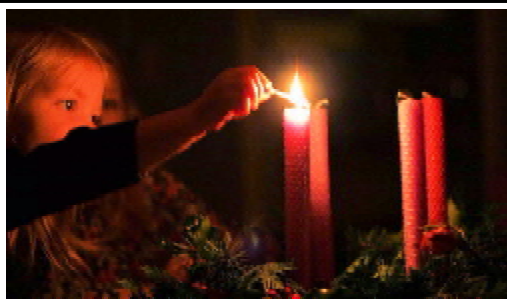
Marian Retreat

... Last Session:  
Monday: 7 pm



Consecration

... Sat., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>  
after 5 pm Mass



Bishop's Schedule  
Dec. 9/10 Weekend  
All Masses in the  
Cathedral

ADVERTISING SPACES ARE  
AVAILABLE FOR THE 2019  
BULLETIN - Call: 622-5389



**BISHOP'S DIOCESAN  
MINISTRY CAMPAIGN**

Parish Goal...	\$ 34, 000.
Donations:	
Last Week....	\$ 500.
Total Donations to Date .....	\$ 17, 565.
% of Goal ...	51.6 %
December 31 <sup>st</sup> - Deadline	
<b><u>WE NEED YOUR HELP!</u></b>	
<b><u>PLEASE DONATE TODAY.</u></b>	



The children made their wreaths and shared in blessing their own by sprinkling them with holy water. Thanks to all who helped and to Leanne Joseph and Juliano Brusadin for these photos.



**REHEARSAL FOR CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**  
Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> after the 10:30 am Mass

- n Pizza and beverages will be served after the rehearsal.
- n Parents are welcome to leave children with the Children's Liturgy Team for the rehearsal and to enjoy a pizza lunch afterwards.
- n Parents: feel free to take this time to do some Christmas shopping ...  
Pick up will be at 1:30pm



## YOU WERE ASKING by Msgr. P. Stilla

Q. Why is St Nicholas associated with gift giving at Christmas?

A. The proximity of this Saint's feastday (December 6<sup>th</sup>) to Christmas Day and his generosity towards the impoverished children of

becoming an orphan at such a young age taught him to later identify with children in similar situations and with those who were sad-

dened by loneliness or by fear of abandonment. Inspired by the words of Christ, he decided to use his substantial inheritance to help anyone, most in need. Elected Bishop Recognizing his zeal and his genuine love for the poor, the people of Myra elected him their Bishop, according to the practice of the time. His reputation for generosity became known outside his own Diocese but, like many other Christians during this dark time in our history, he was imprisoned for his beliefs by the Roman Emperor Diocletian. In 313, when Christianity became the Empire's state religion, Nicholas was freed and returned to his Diocese of Myra. He died there on December 6, 345 and was buried in his Cathedral's crypt. Over 700 years later, his relics were brought to Bari, Italy where they are enshrined today.



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## Catholic Women's League

C.W.L. Christmas Luncheon & Service Pins Presentation

◆ This Sunday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Columbus Centre: 11:30 am with Lunch at 12:15 pm.

Ticket numbers of Unclaimed Items from the Bazaar:

Pink: 0954367 & 0954287.

White: 1333430.

Yellow: 1389156 & 1389202;

To claim your prize, contact the Office: (622-5389)

Prizes must be claimed by Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018



## Knights of Columbus



CONGRATULATIONS!



Our 'priests in residence', Fr. Biju Mathew & Fr. Marco Ladao, together with our parishioner, Daniel Magiskan became 1<sup>st</sup> Degree members of the Knights of Columbus at the Initiation Ceremony last Sunday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>. Best Wishes!

## MARIAN CONSECRATION

The Marian Retreat will end with our Consecration on Immaculate Conception Day, next Sat., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> after the 5:00 pm Mass. During this Consecration Celebration:

*"We pray to Mary that she may join her prayers to ours and present them and us to Her Son."*