

ST. VINCENT de PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH WELCOMES YOU!
December 24-25, 2017 - Fourth Sunday of Advent
Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Pastoral Administrator: Father Ken Fortener, 104 Church St., New Hope, KY. 40052, 502-549-5559
Baptisms/Matrimony: Contact Father Ken (weddings call at least 6 months before the date)

MASS SCHEDULES

St. Ann's	St. Vincent de Paul
Thursday morning – 8:30 am	Mon.Tues.Wed – 8:00 am
Friday morning - 8:30 am	Saturday evening – 4:00 pm
Sunday morning - 10:00 am	Sunday morning - 8:00 am
Confessions - 6:00 pm 4 th Thurs.	Confessions – 3:15 pm 1 st Sat. of the month

MASS INTENTIONS/LITURGICAL ROLES (December 23, 2017 – January 1, 2018)

Sat. Dec. 23 4:00 pm Charles Dant, Nancy Nally, Joe Brown & Buddy Taylor
Sun. Dec. 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent 8:00 am Bishop & Alethia Mattingly; Prayers for the Sick
Sun. Dec. 24 Christmas Eve 4:00 pm Bert & Huberta Cecil; J.W. Nalley; All living and deceased members of the Boone & Burd families
Mon. Dec. 25 Christmas Day 8:00 am Virginia Bowling; J.W. Nalley; Dot, Ann & Walt Brunhammer & Ivo Newton family
Tues. Dec. 26 8:00 am People of the Parishes; **Wed. Dec. 27 8:00 am** People of the Parishes
Sat. Dec. 30 4:00 pm Paul, Kathleen & Louis Hagan; **Sun. Dec. 31 8:00 am** Rebecca Stolte
Mon. Jan. 1 New Year's Day 8:00 am 2017 deceased parishioners, family and friends

Please volunteer to lector, serve, or be a Eucharistic minister
at the Masses you attend December 30-31-January 1

COLLECTIONS

12/17/17: See next week

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Christmas is not simply trees, gifts, and family gatherings. Look beyond the trappings of Christmas and what do you see? In Luke's Infancy Story—Luke 2:7—“She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.” This is also reflected in John 1:11-12—“He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him. But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.” If the first serenio there was no room for Jesus; in the second serenio the people did not accept him. In both cases—either there was no room for God in our Inn, or there was rejection. But with no room or rejection, we are endanger of losing God's Gift of Eternal Life. As stated in the Catholic Catechism “The Word became flesh to make us “partakers of the divine nature”: To paraphrase Saint Athanasius, “God became like us, so we could become like him.” We need to make room for Jesus within our hearts, we need to accept him, and at Eucharist we need to look beyond the Bread we eat and see our Savior and our Lord. This Christmas we need to appreciate the fact that in the Mystery of the Incarnation all is changed and we have the possibility of sharing in the Divinity of Jesus Christ for Eternity.

Merry Christmas, Father Ken.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE: Our Christmas Schedule is 4:00 pm Christmas Eve and 8:00 am Christmas Day. St. Ann's - 6:30 pm Christmas Eve and 10:00 am Christmas Day. New Year's Feast of Mary Mother of God is not a holy day of obligation this year so we will only have Mass Monday, January 1 at 8:00 am here and 10:00 am at St. Ann. Our thanks and appreciation to all who cleaned and decorated the Church for Christmas.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COLLECTION: The annual collection for Catholic Charities will be taken up this weekend. Your generosity helps fund many vital ministries and social services, including Sister Visitor Center and the Mother-Infant Care program, among others.

CSA: This is the time for Catholic Services Appeal. The appeal supports many aspects of our Archdiocese, such as, Seminary Training, Priest Retirement, Training of Eucharistic Ministers, parish assistance, Tribunal annulments, etc. Our Catholic Services Appeal goal for this year is \$2,300. We already have \$1330 collected. We are only \$970.00 short of our goal. We really need to try to reach our goal as we have in past years.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!! 2018 is right around the corner and the beginning of a new year is always a great time to re-evaluate our commitment to our faith and parish. New volunteers **are greatly needed** as lectors, Eucharistic ministers, gift bearers, ushers, sacristans & church cleaners. Everyone is welcome. Training is provided. Please let Father Ken know or call Laura Huff at 502-549-5454 or 270-766-9207 or email at laurahowardstown@earthlink.net if you would like to volunteer, change your volunteer status (i.e., switch from Sunday to Saturday, etc.), want to be removed from the list, or if you have any questions.