



Mass Intentions

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 24, 2018

Saturday– Nov 24th –

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Michael E. Voice
by Micah Voice

7:00PM – David J. Sweeney
by Ruth Kemp

Sunday – Nov 25th –

8:30AM – Catherine Lampassi-Ashe
by John and JoAnne Lynch

10:30AM – Richard Fedor (WA)
by Wife, Roma and Family

Monday – Nov 26th – St Siricius

8:00AM – Catherine A. Mahon (B)
by Daughter, Barbara Knarr

Tuesday – Nov 27th – St Virgilius

8:00AM – Irene Vomero
by Barbara Petro

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Nov 28th–St James of the Marches

6:00PM – Joseph J. Matika
by John and Mary Daub

Thursday – Nov 29th – St Saturninus

8:00AM – Elaine Hutnick (A)
by Robert and Jean Strohl

Friday – Nov 30th – St Andrew the Apostle

8:00AM – Jack McCarty
by Kathleen and Peggy

Saturday– Dec 1st – St Edmund Campion

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

First Sunday in Advent

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Helen Sidor
by Louis and Jeanne Szemenyei
7:00PM – Anna Bauer
by Louisa Levine

Sunday – Dec 2nd –

8:30AM – Daniel Leo Lynch, Sr. (A)
by Pirog Family

10:30AM – Francis J. Broderick
by Family



Pray the Rosary
Sundays

8:15AM and 10:15AM

PASTOR'S CORNER

Sometimes the Leftovers Taste Even Better

Here are some meaty tidbits about giving thanks and gratitude that “hit the spot” for me. I hope they can do the same for you.

Abraham Lincoln said, “We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power, as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own, intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us”

“Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse.”

Henry Dyke

And, my favorite, G. K. Chesterton offered these observations:

“I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought, and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder.”

“The aim of life is appreciation; there is no sense in not appreciating things; and there is no sense in having more of them if you have less appreciation of them.”

“When it comes to life the critical thing is whether you take things for granted or take them with gratitude.”

“You say grace before meals. All right. But I say grace before the concert and the opera, and grace before the play and pantomime, and grace before I open a book, and grace before sketching, painting, swimming, fencing, boxing,

walking, playing, dancing and grace before I dip the pen in the ink.”

“When we were children we were grateful to those who filled our stockings at Christmas time. Why are we not grateful to God for filling our stockings with legs?”

Thinking of thanking, I wish to thank you for your kindness and steadfastness here at St. John Fisher – you cause me to offer praise and thanksgiving to God every day! At the risk of “enlarging” our egos until we can’t get through the church doors, you should know that the missionary who preached to us in August remarked a couple of times that we “have a good spirit here” at St. John Fisher. And, I certainly agree. May God continue to bless you and to bless others through you.
Fr. Eric.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection **\$3,378.00**
Poverty Relief Collection **\$ 905.00**

The **Second** Collection next weekend, **December 1st and 2nd**, will be the **Christmas Flowers Collection**.

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE



	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	D.Gorr A.Banoza	B.Molchany	C.Molchany Deacon Jack
7:00PM	A.Muschko L.McGinley	J.Englert	P.McCarty Deacon Jack
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	E.Snyder	J.Ottinger Deacon Jack
10:30AM	C.Gair K.Gair	B.Petro	L.Bolmer Deacon Jack



DONUT SUNDAY

Due to the C.C.D. Christmas Program on **Sunday, December 23rd**, our **December Donut Sunday** will be held next **Sunday, December 2nd**. Thank you to the **Drummer family** who are sponsoring next week's event in memory of **Frank and Tyler Drummer**. Please stop by after the **8:30AM and 10:30AM Masses** for some coffee, tea, and some donuts!



CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Sunday, December 9th – 12:00 Noon to 1:30pm
Friday, December 14th – 6:00pm to 7:30pm
Saturday, December 15th – 2:00pm to 3:45pm
Monday, December 17th – 6:00pm to 7:30pm



CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Monday, December 24th – 4:00PM and 6:00PM

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Tuesday, December 25th – 8:30AM and 10:30AM



ANNUAL GIVING TREE



St John Fisher Parish will again participate in the Annual Christmas Giving Tree program for The Pregnancy and Parenting Support Program at Catholic Charities. Last year our efforts helped many needy families in the Lehigh Valley. This year the items that are needed are: Diapers, wipes, new clothing, towels, blankets and other baby items. For non-shoppers, a gift card

is always an option.

Our annual giving tree will be up on the **first Sunday of Advent, December 1st and 2nd**. With a specific item, please return the item, unwrapped. With a gift card, please place your gift card or monetary gift in an envelope and tape the gift tag to the front of the envelope. All checks given as monetary gifts should be made out to **St. John Fisher Church**. **All items should be under the tree, and monetary gifts should be placed in the collection basket by Sunday, December 23rd**.

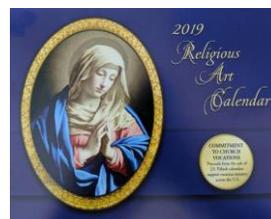
Catholic Charities greatly appreciates our involvement in this worthy cause each year and thanks God for our continued donations. Thank you for your generosity.

~ Charlotte Kerrigan



Flowers were placed on the altar last weekend in memory of **Raymond and Julia Bieak, and Andrew and Helen Hazlinsky** by **Dennis and Theresa Bieak**.

2019 CALENDARS



The new 2019 Church Calendars are available at the entrances to Church. Please be sure to take one home.

Special thanks to **Kevin, Megan, Danny, and Connor O'Donnell** of the O'Donnell Funeral Homes, and to **John and Andrew Brubaker** of the Brubaker Funeral Homes. Each

year they donate our Church Calendars.

Saint Andrew the Apostle



Like his brother Simon Peter, Andrew shared a special intimacy with Christ; his name always ranks high on the lists of the Apostles. From the first, Andrew is an evangelist: he sees Christ, and runs to tell his brother (cf. Jn 1:35-42). After the Resurrection, Andrew is said to have

witnessed to the Gospel in Greece, where he suffered martyrdom at Patras. According to various traditions, Andrew was an evangelist to the end. Bound by ropes to a cross, he addressed the gathered crowds for two days until death took him. Thousands hearkened to his words. Andrew is the patron of Greece, Scotland, and Russia.
~ *Magnificat*, November, 2018

St. Mary's Church

122 Union Street, Catty

Their **Annual Holiday Breakfast Buffet** will be held on **Sunday, December 2nd, from 8:00am until Noon**. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and children seven and under is \$6.00. This is an all-you-can-eat buffet, or you can just join us for coffee and homemade baked goods available a la carte. **Santa arrives at 9:00am; photos with Santa are \$3.00.**

Christmas Concert

The Annual Cathedral Christmas concert will be held on **Sunday, December 2nd, at 6:00pm, at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Siena, 18th and Turner Streets in Allentown**. This concert will feature all of the choirs of the Cathedral, including Cathedral Choir, Living Word, Angelorum, and our Diocesan choir. There will be readings, prayers, instrumentalists and voices all raised in adoration of Our Beautiful Savior. Please begin your Advent enjoying the reason for the season.

St. John the Baptist Church

924 N. Front Street, Allentown

Their **Holiday Spirit Dance** with the Steel City Band with Bobby Molchan will be held on **Saturday, December 1st, from 7:00pm to 10:00pm**. Tickets are just \$5.00, the kitchen will be open, and it is B.Y.O.B.

Their **Meat Bingo** will be held on **Sunday, December 2nd, at 1:00pm**. Doors and kitchen open at 12:00 Noon. Bingo begins at 1:00pm, and only \$11.00 for 15 games. Questions, call Bill at 610-432-3505.

Catty Preservation Association

Paint a Cookie Plate with Santa on **Saturday, December 8th, at 11:00am**, at the Biery House, 8 Race Street.

Reservations are required. The price is \$10.00 per child and includes cookie, juice, plate and a visit with Santa! To sign up, please call 610.264.9716.

Saint Elizabeth's

618 Fullerton Ave, Whitehall

St. Elizabeth's Music Ministry presents: "**Invitation to a Miracle**". This is a musical program that celebrates Christmas, the beautiful season of miracles and wonders. **Please join us on Sunday, December 9th at 5:00pm**. Admission is free; however, a free-will offering will be taken.

REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS THIS CHRISTMAS

This Christmas, sponsor a wreath in memory of a veteran. St. Luke's – Allentown Campus is seeking donations, and volunteers to lay 1,500 wreaths at Resurrection Cemetery on Krocks Road in Wescosville as part of National Wreaths Across America Day on **Saturday, December 15th**. Each wreath sponsorship is \$15.00, and can be made in the name of a specific person or all who have served. To donate a wreath go to donate.wreathscrossamerica.org. Deadline to sponsor a wreath is **Friday, November 30th**.