



Mass Intentions

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 18, 2017

Saturday –

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Joan Patterson (A)
by Irene Vomero

7:00PM – Valeria and Paul Koons (WA)
by Carolyn and Nick Pontician

Sunday – Nov 19th –

8:30AM – James Apostolico
by John and JoAnne Lynch

10:30AM – Peter H. Krall

by Colleen McCloskey

Monday – Nov 20th – St Edward the Martyr

8:00AM – William J. Molchany, Sr.
by Mr. and Mrs. Scott Ochlak and Scott Pflugler

Tuesday – Nov 21st –

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00AM – Regina Burker (A)
by Husband, Frank

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Nov 22nd – St Cecilia

6:00PM – Patrick J. Hutnick (A)
by Nancy Jane Birosik

Thursday – Nov 23rd – Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

Friday – Nov 24th –

St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

8:00AM – John and Mary Marhefka
by Jean Marhefka and Family

Saturday – Nov 25th – St Catherine of Alexandria

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Helen Sidor
by Stephanie and Kathleen Bodnar

7:00PM – Richard Fedor (WA)
by Roma and Family

Sunday – Nov 26th –

8:30AM – Edward J. Ferenchak
by Abby Polchik and Family

10:30AM – Jean R. Danko

by Helen Kennedy



Pray the Rosary each Sunday
8:15AM and 10:15AM

PASTOR'S CORNER

What Are You Doing Wednesdays in December?

Well, here at St. John Fisher we usually celebrate the daily mass at 6pm each Wednesday, but on December 6, 13, and 20 this year we will follow the daily mass with adult-faith sessions in the Church Hall from 6:45pm through 8pm (weather permitting). Our topic this Advent will be borrowed from Bishop Barron's "Pivotal Players" series, chronicling some significant disciples of Jesus who have given Christ great witness in the offering to God of their particular gifts. The list includes St. Catherine of Siena, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Francis of Assisi, Bl. John Henry Newman, G.K. Chesterton, and Michelangelo. If you would wish to draw closer to Christ for Christmas, and can make room on your Wednesday evenings, please join us for a view of the gift of Jesus through the "eyes" and works of some of the pivotal players of Catholic life through the centuries.

A contribution toward materials of \$20 will help with the costs of the program. Sign up this weekend through December 1st on the sign-up sheets at the doors of the Church. Please encourage a friend or neighbor to come along with you.

May God bless you and all our parish and community with a truly enlightening Advent season.

In Jesus,
Fr. Eric.

IN THE WORDS OF...

Of all the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the principal is the grace to conquer self, and willingly to suffer injuries for the love of God.

St. Francis of Assisi

We often lose a treasure of inestimable price for a little vainglory or some paltry honor; and thus it happens that the Benefactor ceases to bestow His gifts.

St. Francis of Assisi

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection

\$3,414.00

The **Second** Collection this weekend, **November 18th** and **19th**, is the **Poverty Relief Collection**.



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

4:00PM	L.Ruda N.Ruda	J.McAllister	Deacon Jack
7:00PM	A.Muschko A.Banoza	J.Englert	Deacon Jack
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	E.Snyder	J.Druckenmiller
10:30AM	C.Ritter M.Ritter	J.DeLong	J.Behum

Holiday Meal

The Catasauqua Lions is having their Holiday Meal at St Paul's Lutheran Church, 417 Howertown Road on **Saturday, December 2nd, at 12:00 noon**.

This meal is being offered **FREE OF CHARGE** and is open for all seniors who live, attend church, or belong to an organization in the Catasauqua and North Catasauqua area. There is a signup sheet at each church entrance. Please sign up **today!**

Charismatic Mass of Healing

Holy Ghost Church, 417 Carlton Avenue in Bethlehem will have a Charismatic Mass of Healing and Anointing of the Sick on **Monday, November 13th at 7:00pm**. Rev. Clifton E. Bishop, Jr. will be the celebrant and homilist. Adoration and Confessions will be held from 6:00pm to 6:55pm.



Altar Flowers

Flowers were placed on the altar last weekend in **memory of deceased veterans and in honor of our living veterans, by Paul Albert.**



Please remember in your prayers **Andrew T. Motsko, Jr.**, who passed away and was recently buried. May his soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place for our eighth grade students on **Thursday, March 8, 2018, at 4:30pm** at **Queenship of Mary Church**.

ANNUAL GIVING TREE



Catholic Charities is asking for your donation to their Pregnancy and Parenting Support Program. This program supplies young women with the needs and supplies for their newborn child. As in the past, you may make a donation of baby items, but since space is an issue, they are asking for donations of gift cards to stores where baby items are sold. By making a monetary donation, they can then purchase larger items, like cribs and car seats. When you take a gift tag from the giving tree, please place your gift card, or monetary gift in an envelope, tape the gift tag to the front of the envelope and place in the collection basket. Any checks given as monetary gifts should be made out to **St. John Fisher Church**.

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

Our annual giving tree will be up on the **first Sunday of Advent, December 2nd and 3rd**.

Help from Our Retired People

I am looking for retired people from our parish to reach out to our home bound parishioners. We have people that need rides to doctor's appointments, grocery shopping, some minor house cleaning and just someone to visit them. Whatever you are comfortable doing for others would be appreciated. Please call Deacon Jack at 610-266-0689 if you are interested in helping.

SCHOOL HALL PIEROGIES

Thank you to all the volunteers who came out to make pierogies last week. Due to their wonderful help, we realized a profit of **\$1,024.00!**



SANTA'S WISH-LIST

HO! HO! HO! Christmas has started! We would like to thank an **anonymous parishioner** for their gift of **\$2,000.00**. Any Santa gift made to the ongoing renovations of our parish is greatly appreciated!

Thank You

Thank you to the **Catasauqua Area Showcase Theatre (CAST)** for their recent donation of **\$300.00**.



The Rectory Office will be closed for business from **Wednesday, November 22nd, through Monday, November 27th**. God and weather permitting, the Rectory will reopen on **Tuesday, November 28th, at 10:00am.**

St. Mary's Church 122 Union Street, Catty

Their **Holiday Breakfast Buffet** will be held on **Sunday, November 26th, from 8:30am until Noon.** The cost is \$8.00 for adults and children ten and under is \$5.00. The buffet includes: scrambled eggs, home fries, ham, breakfast sausage, cream dried beef, toast, French toast, sweet treats and beverage. There will be a small Holiday Gift Raffle. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 for a sheet of 26 chances. **Santa arrives at 9:00am; photos with Santa are \$3.00.** Come kick off the Advent Season with your friends at St. Mary's!



Sponsor a Snowflake

This year help make this Christmas Season a little brighter and festive in Small Town USA! It makes a unique gift by remembering someone by sponsoring a snowflake in their name! Individuals, families, groups or businesses can sponsor a holiday snowflake that adorns the streets of North Catasaqua during the Christmas season. A plastic plaque will be attached to each snowflake with the name of the sponsor. The price is \$300.00. For information, call 610-264-1504.



REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS THIS CHRISTMAS

This Christmas, sponsor a wreath in memory of a veteran. The Information Technology team from Air Products has joined with Wreaths Across America to honor the veterans buried at Resurrection Cemetery in Wescosville. Wreaths are \$15.00 each and can be sponsored online at <https://wreaths.fastport.com/donateLocation.html?page=24326>. With your help, we can honor all 1,500 veterans and remember, honor, and teach our children about the many sacrifices our veterans made to protect our freedom. Then join us at the Resurrection Cemetery on **Saturday, December 16th, at 12:00pm**, for a short ceremony. Deadline to sponsor a wreath is **Monday, November 27th.**

St Catherine of Alexandria

According to tradition, Catherine was a young noblewoman schooled in Alexandria in Egypt, one of the great centers of learning in the ancient world. After successfully arguing the case for Christianity with pagan philosophers before the Emperor Maximus, she was threatened with torture on a spiked wheel. The wheel miraculously exploded, and the emperor had Catherine beheaded. Before her death Catherine declared her intent to grant the requests of those who prayed to her. She was counted among the Fourteen Holy Helpers, the saints invoked in times of pestilence and plague by the faithful of medieval Germany. Saint John Paul II returned Catherine's feast to the universal calendar in 2002.
~ *Magnificat, November, 2017*