

Mass Intentions

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 19, 2016

Saturday - Nov 19th -

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Debbie Marhefka Nothstein by Family 7:00PM - Frank S. Duda

by Kathy McCloskey and Family

Sunday - Nov 20th

8:30AM – William J. Molchany, Sr. by Carole Houghton

10:30AM - John and Mary Marhefka by Jean Marhefka and Family

Monday - Nov 21st -

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00AM - Glen Oswald (A) by Daughter, Louise

Tuesday - Nov 22nd - St Cecilia

8:00AM - Charles J. McCarty, Jr. by Kathleen and Peggy

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday - Nov 23rd - St Clement I

6:00PM - Jean R. Danko

by Mary T. Molchany

Thursday - Nov 24th -

St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

8:00AM - All St. John Fisher Parishioners

Friday - Nov 25th - St Catherine of Alexandria

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

Saturday - Nov 26th - St Siricius

8:00AM - All St. John Fisher Parishioners

First Sunday of Advent

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Memorial Fund Members by Memorial Fund

> 7:00PM - Stephen Steffie by Monica Hodges and Family

Sunday - Nov 27th

8:30AM - Russell N. Beale, Jr., (A)

by Theresa and Frank Spitzer

10:30AM - Richard Fedor (WA)

by Wife, Roma

PASTOR'S CORNER

Psalm 92

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, Most High, to proclaim your love at daybreak, your faithfulness in the night,

with the ten-stringed harp, with melody upon the lyre.

For you make me jubilant, LORD, by your deeds;

at the works of your hands I shout for

How great are your works, LORD! How profound your designs!

A senseless person cannot know this; a fool cannot comprehend.

Though the wicked flourish like grass and all sinners thrive,

they are destined for eternal destruction; but you, LORD, are forever on high. Indeed your enemies, LORD, indeed

your enemies shall perish;

all sinners shall be scattered.

You have given me the strength of a wild ox;

you have poured rich oil upon me.

My eyes look with glee on my wicked enemies;

my ears shall hear what happens to my wicked foes.

The just shall flourish like the palm tree, shall grow like a cedar of Lebanon. Planted in the house of the LORD.

they shall flourish in the courts of our God.

They shall bear fruit even in old age, they will stay fresh and green, to proclaim:

"The LORD is just; my rock, in whom there is no wrong."

This week, as we all give thanks to God for so many blessings, I give thanks to

the Lord for you here at St. John Fisher Parish. May God bless you and those you love. Happy Thanksgiving! Fr. Eric.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection

\$3,487.00

The **Second Collection** this weekend, **November 19**th and **20**th, is the **Poverty Relief Collection**. This collection is used to support local groups and organizations that assist the poor here in our diocese. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

5	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	L.Ruda N.Ruda	J.Englert	Deacon Jack
7:00PM	J.Shaul M.Hosni	P.McCarty	Deacon Jack
8:30AM	K.Segan J.Drummer	E.Snyder	C.Molchany
10:30AN	S.DeLong D.Sullivan	J.DeLong	J.Heffner



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



HOLY HOUR

Queenship of Mary Church will be singing the Divine Mercy Chaplet to commemorate the closing of the Jubilee Year of Mercy on **Sunday, November 20th, at 3:00pm. Rev. Bernard Ezaki,** assistant pastor at St. Jane Frances de Chantal Church in Easton, will give the reflection. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All are welcome.

ANNUAL GIVING TREE

CHANGES WITH OUR GIVING TREE THIS YEAR!



Due to their lack of storage space, Catholic Charities would prefer if we do donations of gift cards for our annual giving tree. Gift cards to Walmart, Kmart, Target, and any other stores that sell baby items will allow Catholic Charities to purchase the items needed.

When you take a gift tag from the giving tree, please place your gift card, or monetary gift in an envelope gift, 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. If, by chance, you have already purchased a gift, please know they will gladly accept your gift.

The annual giving tree will be up on the first Sunday of Advent, November 26th and 27th.

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=24
326. With your help, we can honor all 1,441 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 17th, at 12:00pm, for a short ceremony. Deadline to sponsor a wreath is Monday, November 28th.

C.C.D. NEWS

Our students are giving thanks to God for our Prayer Partners for this year and we are remembering them in our prayers. They are as follow:

Kindergarten is Mrs. Marisa Bartholomew; First Grade is Mrs. Pauline Albert; Second Grade is Mrs. Mary Beth McGinley; Third Grade is Miss Peggy McCarty and Mrs. Louise Seng; Fourth and Fifth Grades is Mr. John Loftus; Sixth Grade is Mr. Kevin Reily; Seventh Grade is Mrs. Diana Ledesma; and Eighth Grade is Mrs. Cindy Drummer. Once again, THANK you for your kindness and caring, for they are a reflection of God's love. May God bless you! Mrs. Regina Marhefka, D.R.E.



The Catasauqua Lions is having their 31st Holiday Meal at St Paul's Lutheran Church, 417 Howertown Road on **Saturday, December 3rd, 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**!

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The Byzantine Liturgy proclaims, "Today is the prelude to God's munificence, and the announcement of salvation: in the Temple of God the Virgin is seen openly, foretelling to all the coming of Christ.... The most pure temple of the Savior, his most precious bridal chamber, the Virgin, sacred treasury of God's glory, enters today into the house of the Lord, bringing with her the grace of the divine Spirit. Wherefore the angels of God

are singing: 'Behold the heavenly tabernacle!'...
Wherefore let us cry out to her with all our strength: 'Joy to you, fulfillment of the Creator's plan!'" At the moment when the young girl Mary was presented in the glorious Temple, "everything that humans build was already diminished by the praise in her heart" (Rilke).

~Magnificat, November, 2016

St John the Baptist, 924 Front St, Allentown Their Meat Bingo will be held on Sunday, December 18th beginning at 1:00pm. Doors and kitchen open at 12:00pm. Refreshments are available. \$11.00 for 15 games with Christmas Turkeys in every special!

Their New Year's Eve Celebration, featuring Steel City Band with Bobby Molchan will be held on **Saturday**, **December 31st. Dinner is at 6:30pm with dancing from 9:30pm to 12:30am.** Tickets are \$30.00 per person. B.Y.O.B. Advanced tickets only. **Deadline is December 15**th. Call Bill Drost at 610.432.3505.

Holiday Breakfast Buffet

St. Mary's Church, 122 Union Street, Catasauqua will be holding its Annual Holiday Breakfast Buffet in their Parish Center on **Sunday, November 27**th from 8:30 AM until **Noon**. Santa will be arriving at 9:00am, and will remain there for the entire breakfast. Pictures will be available for \$3.00. Our buffet will include: scrambled eggs, home fries, breakfast sausage, toast, ham, cream dried beef, French toast, homemade breakfast cakes and beverage. Cost for adults is \$8.00 and \$5.00 for children ten and under. We will also have a Holiday Gift Raffle. Tickets for the raffle are \$5.00 and offer 26 chances to win.

Sponsor a Snowflake



This year and 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 Catasauqua 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.

Mass of Holy Innocents

Holy Ghost Church, 417 Carlton Avenue in Bethlehem will have a Mass of the Holy Innocents on **Wednesday**, **December 28**th **at 7:00pm.** Rev. Clifton E. Bishop, Jr. will be the celebrant and homilist. Adoration and Confessions will be held from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. This Mass is offered in gratitude for the four million births this year and in reparation for the almost one million lives lost resulting from abortions. The evening includes a Child's blanket blessing: bring your child's blanket to be blessed, and also the Veneration of the Relics of St. Gianna, Patron Saint of mothers, unborn children and physicians. Respect Life reception follows in Billinger Memorial Hall. All are welcome!