



Mass Intentions

The Epiphany of Our Lord

January 7, 2017

Saturday – Jan 7th –

The Epiphany of the Lord

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Joseph Kroboth (A)
by Family
7:00PM – The Poor Souls in Purgatory
by Irene Vomero

Sunday – Jan 8th –

8:30AM – John and Margaret Nicholas
by Family
10:30AM – Charles B. O'Donnell (A)
by McCloskey Family

Monday – Jan 9th – The Baptism of Our Lord

8:00AM – William J. Albert
by Louise Oswald

Tuesday – Jan 10th – St William of Bourges

8:00AM – Joseph E. Mahon (B)
by Daughter, Barbara Knarr

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Jan 11th – St Theodosius

8:00PM – Gregory Levine (B)
by Mom and Dad

Thursday – Jan 12th – St Bernard of Corleone

8:00AM – Angelo Vomero (A)
by Wife, Irene Vomero

Friday – Jan 13th – St Hilary

8:00AM – Margaret S. McCarty
by Darlene and Sheila

Saturday – Jan 14th – St Sava

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Jesse Michael Crossley
by Denise and Claude Rone
7:00PM – Jean R. Danko
by F.C.S.L.A. Branch 230

Sunday – Jan 15th –

8:30AM – Frank, Sophie and Barb Snyder
by Nin Snyder and Family
10:30AM – Harold Bryan
by Darlene M. Steiner



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

PASTOR'S CORNER

Here's What's Planned

UPSTAIRS

The tabernacle of Eucharistic Reservation will be restored to the center “high altar.” The tabernacle vigil candle holder will be restored and re-positioned to a new location.

The reredos, i.e. the architectural backdrop for the altars, will be cleaned, touched up and repaired.

The pews will be repositioned to allow for more space between pews and more comfort moving among the pews.

The carpet beneath the pew sections will be removed and replaced by a new weather-friendly material.

The Stations of the Cross will be cleaned and otherwise unchanged.

The sanctuary and nave of the church will be repainted and highlighted with a White, Blue and Gold that “fit” with the green marble tile of the sanctuary. The vault of the nave will be repainted.

The Altar of Sacrifice and the Ambo (Pulpit) will receive a marble “top” to add dimension and a greater dignity to celebration and ministry.

WEEKDAY MASSES

While the renovation is taking place, daily mass – Monday morning through Saturday morning will take place in the Church Hall of St. John Fisher. Entrance to the Hall for daily masses can be through the double glass door off the parking lot or the “front” corner door off the sidewalk (only one short set of stairs).

SATURDAY EVENING/SUNDAY MORNING MASSES/FUNERALS

Until we can enjoy the new renovations, we have been given special permission to use the former St. Lawrence church building for

Lord's Day masses. We know this will be a challenge for some, but we can get through this together.

SCHEDULE

Renovations should begin this week, January 10, 2017 and take a minimum of six weeks. The last weekday mass here, before renovation, will take place Monday morning at 8am, January 9, 2017. Weekday masses will begin downstairs in the Church Hall beginning Tuesday, January 10 until further notice.

We begin Saturday evening/Sunday morning masses **NEXT SUNDAY, Jan. 14/15!**

See you there.

“How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, God of hosts!” [Psalm 84]

Fr. Eric.



For many, Christmas is over by December 26th and life has resumed its normal activities. The Church, on the other hand, observes an Octave of Christmas until January 1 (after the Jewish practice of an 8 day celebration) and an extended Christmastime until January 6th, the Feast of the Epiphany. (It is now celebrated on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8.) The popular Christmas song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas," is rooted in the festive celebration of Christmastime and a celebration of the Catholic faith, from a time in England and Ireland when Catholics had to disguise their Catholic beliefs.

During Christmastime, there are feasts of three martyrs: St. Stephen on December 26th, who represents those who went to their death willingly; St. John the Evangelist on December 27th, who represents those who were willing to die but were not put to death, and the Holy Innocents on December 28th, representing those who were put to death without their choice.

Epiphany closes the Christmas season with the celebration of the visit of the Magi to the manger. The Messiah is thus shown to have come to all people, not just the Jews. The three kings represent the three major races: Melchior, an old white man with a long white beard, bearing the gift of gold for Christ's royalty; Caspar, young and of darker hue, carrying incenses for Christ's divinity; and Balthasar, a black man, offering myrrh for Christ's suffering and death. The names of the wise men are not given in the Bible, but were supplied by later story tellers to enrich the meaning and celebration of the Epiphany.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection	\$4,478.00
Solemnity of Mary Collection	\$1,780.00



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	J. Shaul M. Hosni	J. McAllister	C. Reily
7:00PM	K. Segan M. Druckenmiller	P. McCarty	J. Yanek
8:30AM	D. Popovic M. Popovic	B. Molchany	Deacon Jack
10:30AM	A. Gorr D. Gorr	B. Petro	Deacon Jack



SANTA'S WISH-LIST

HO! HO! HO! We would like to thank another one of our parishioners for their gift of **\$3,000.00**. Any Santa gift made, at any time of the year, to the ongoing renovations of our parish is greatly appreciated!

Bible Study

Bible study of Matthew's Gospel begins on **Monday, January 23rd**, in the Parish Hall from 6:45-8:00pm, weather permitting. Registration is required, along with a \$25.00 donation to cover the cost of study materials. Please sign up on the papers at the entrances to the Church before January 16th.

2016 CONTRIBUTION FORMS

Please fill out this tear-off form to request your 2016 contribution form and place in the collection basket. All forms will be mailed out by the end of January.

NAME _____ ENV # _____

ADDRESS _____

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Thank You

Thank you to all of our parishioners, and visitors, who tossed in their coins in our **Pennies from Heaven** jar. Since becoming St. John Fisher Church, we have realized a profit of **\$1,077.45**, which will go towards our new renovations!



UNDECORATING CHURCH

The taking down of the Christmas Decorations will take place immediately following the 10:30am Mass **today, Sunday, January 8th**. We are in great need of help, especially from our younger and stronger guys and gals. Thank you very much.

SLOVAK FOUNDATION

It is our privilege to continue to offer St. John Fisher parishioners of Slovak ethnic backgrounds the opportunity to give to the Slovak Federation. It had been the annual custom to hold a collection at St. Andrew's on the feasts of Ss. Cyril and Methodius in February, but this year envelopes for this collection -- benefitting the unifying and promotion of Slovak ethnic identity for second, third, fourth generations and beyond, -- can be picked up at the doors of the Church and deposited in any Sunday collection of January or February.



DONUT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, January 15th, is **Donut Sunday**. Thank you to the **Segan Family, Scott, Ann Marie, Kiera and Brody**, who are sponsoring this month's event. Please stop by after the **8:30AM and 10:30AM Masses** for some coffee, tea, and some donuts! Please note: Due to our renovations, Donut Sunday will be held in the former St. Lawrence school hall. Enter the door closest to the alley, go through the hall, past the bathrooms, and down the steps. If you are parked in the parking lot, simply go in the door and down the ramp.



In case of bad weather or last minute cancelations, please check our Parish Website at www.stjohnfisherparish.com.



Good Shepherd Catholic School Gift Card BINGO

Sunday, January 15th, snow date is Sunday, January 22nd. Doors open at 11:30am, and Bingo begins at 1:00pm. Tickets are \$20.00 in advance, and \$25.00 at the door. Chinese auction items and five specials games. The kitchen will be open with variety of foods and baked goods. Call the school office 610.262.9171 prior to January 13th, for tickets.