



Mass Intentions

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 3, 2016

Saturday – Jan 2nd –

St Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazianzen

4:00PM – Joseph Kroboth (A)
by Family

7:00PM – The Poor Souls in Purgatory
by Irene Vomero

Sunday – Jan 3rd – The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30AM – John A Faryna (B)
by Wife, Connie

10:30AM – Edward J Danko (A)
by Helen Kennedy

Monday – Jan 4th – St Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:00AM – Donald N Knarr
by William and JoAnn Bedics

Tuesday – Jan 5th – St John Neumann

8:00AM – John J Budihas (A)
by Estate

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Jan 6th – St Andre Bessette

6:00PM – Veronica Soltis
by Lora Osinkosky LeGrand

Thursday – Jan 7th – St Raymond of Penyafort

8:00AM – Anthony DelPrete
by Ann and Dale

Friday – Jan 8th – St Apollinaris of Hierapolis

8:00AM – Charles J McCarthy, Jr
by Kathleen and Peggy

Saturday – Jan 9th – St Adrian of Canterbury

8:00AM – All St John Fisher Parishioners
4:00PM – Edward J Ferenchak
by Carole Houghton and Choir
7:00PM – Bob Spengler and Bernadine Wehr
by Ann and Dale

Sunday – Jan 10th – The Baptism of the Lord

8:30AM – Homer Collis (A)
by Wife, Agnes and Family

10:30AM – Harold Bryan (A)
by Family



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

PASTOR'S CORNER

A Single Resolution

As stated in the homily on New Year's Eve and Day, I suggest this one resolution whereby a revolution in your spirit may take place in 2016.

St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) still leads retreatants who are so-disposed through a 30-day retreat by way of his "exercises." But before one can even earnestly begin such a rigorous process, one must recognize, accept and even experience the revealed truth that God loves him/her. Sounds simple, right? Well, let's find out.

The suggested resolution – begin each day in 2016, and with your first conscious, directed thought, look at the way God is looking at you. Look at God Who is looking at you. If you and I are able to understand the basic truth of the cross of Jesus and his resurrection, then we will be able (in our mind's eye) to look into God's "eyes" and see there his absolute, unconditional love for each of us. Stare at it until it impresses itself on you, until you experience his love for you. Do this every day of 2016, and let the revolution and re-creation begin.

If what you see in the eyes of God is only judgement and condemnation, then know you are looking into the eyes of a false god. And if it takes the whole year to receive the gift of his love experientially, that's okay. Just don't give up.

Along the road, relying on the mercy of God,
Fr. Eric.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$ 4,082.00
 Christmas Collection \$ 12,782.00



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	A.Muschko J.Shaul	J.McAllister	Deacon Jack
7:00PM	D.Sullivan A.Urban	J.Englert	Deacon Jack
8:30AM	S.Popovic D.Popovic	E.Snyder	C.Hetzel
10:30AM	H.Heffner G.Parise	J.DeLong	L.Bolmer



The **ALTAR FLOWER LIST FOR 2016** is now at the parking lot entrance of church. Honor a loved one by placing flowers on the altar. Simply sign up on the list, and then call your florist for delivery.



Please remember in your prayers **Margaret Harris**, who was buried this past week.

We pray that her soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



BAPTISM

We welcome **Ella Grace Zimmerman**, daughter of Jon Robert and Taylor Rebecca (Reineke) Zimmerman, who was baptized last week, and is the newest member of our family of God.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

The **Christmas Flower Memorials** are listed on the bulletin board at both entrances to church. Thank you for all of the Memorials for our loved ones and the special ones in our lives.



THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Catholics in England during the period 1558 to 1829, when Parliament finally emancipated Catholics in England, were prohibited from any practice of their faith by law - private or public. It was a crime to be a Catholic.

"The Twelve Days of Christmas" was written in England as one of the "catechism songs" to help young Catholics learn the tenets of their faith - a memory aid, when to be caught with anything in writing indicating adherence to the Catholic faith could not only get you imprisoned, it could get you hanged, or hanged, drawn and quartered.

The songs gifts are hidden meanings to the teachings of the faith. The "true love" mentioned in the song doesn't refer to an earthly suitor, it refers to God Himself. The "me" who receives the presents refers to every baptized person. The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The other symbols mean the following:

- 2 Turtle Doves = the Old and New Testaments
- 3 French Hens = Faith, Hope and Charity, the Theological Virtues
- 4 Calling Birds = the Four Gospels and/or the Four Evangelists
- 5 Golden Rings = the first Five Books of the Old Testament, the "Pentateuch", which gives the history of man's fall from grace
- 6 Geese A-laying = the six days of creation
- 7 Swans A-swimming = the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, the seven sacraments
- 8 Maids A-milking = the eight beatitudes
- 9 Ladies Dancing = the nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit
- 10 Lords A-leaping = the Ten Commandments
- 11 Pipers Piping = the eleven faithful apostles
- 12 Drummers Drumming = the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed

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2015 CONTRIBUTION FORMS

Please fill out this tear-off form to request your 2015 contribution form and place in the collection basket. All forms will be mailed out by the end of January.

NAME _____ ENV # _____

ADDRESS _____

THE GIVING TREE THANK YOU



I would like to thank the parishioners of St John Fisher Church for their generosity with the Giving Tree Program. I was absolutely amazed at the outpouring of donations from all of you, as this is my first year working with this program. **Luke 6:38** - Give, and it shall be given unto you. Have a safe and blessed new year.

Charlotte Kerrigan

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Now enrolling new students for the 2016 – 2017 school year. New Students Welcome! Full day Kindergarten through Grade 8, as well as, Preschool and Pre-K programs for 3 and 4 year old children are offered. Extended care is available. Call 610.262.9171 to schedule your family tour or email mrspoccia@ptd.net today.

Shepherd Gift Cards can be purchased on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00am to 12:00pm, and Wednesday evenings from 5:00pm to 7:00pm in the lobby.

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Attention all 8th grade students: If you are considering going to one of the Catholic High Schools but have concerns about the tuition, the Diocese of Allentown is offering scholarships to help defray the cost. Please call the rectory, 610-264-1972, to receive the application packet.

Save the Date

Saturday, March 12, 2016, will be St. John Fisher's first annual Parish Retreat. This retreat is for anyone 18 years and older. More information to follow.



DONUT SUNDAY

The new list for the **2016 Donut Sundays** is now at the parking lot entrance of church. Donut Sunday is held on the **third Sunday of each month**. Due to the success of our Donut Sundays, the price for each month has been increased to \$75.00. If you, or a group of friends, would like to sponsor a month, just pick a month on the signup sheet, and place the \$75.00 in the collection basket prior to your date. Our Social Committee takes care of the rest.



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

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Clipping Box Tops is an easy way for you to help **Good Shepherd Catholic School**. Box Tops are worth 10¢ and they add up to cash for the school. To help, look for pink Box Tops on products, clip them, and place them in the Box Top box located at both entrances to the church. If you have any questions, please contact Diana Rutt at 610-348-5716.

