



# Mass Intentions

## First Sunday of Advent

### November 26, 2016

**Saturday – Nov 26<sup>th</sup> –**

**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 27<sup>th</sup>**

8:30AM – Russell N. Beale, Jr., (A)  
by Theresa and Frank Spitzer  
10:30AM – Richard Fedor (WA)  
by Wife, Roma

**Monday – Nov 28<sup>th</sup> – St James of the Marches**

8:00AM – Jack McCarty  
by Kathleen and Peggy

**Tuesday – Nov 29<sup>th</sup> – St Saturninus**

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

***Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass***

**Wednesday – Nov 30<sup>th</sup> – St Andrew the Apostle**

6:00PM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

**Thursday – Dec 1<sup>st</sup> –**

**St Edmund Champion and Companions**

8:00AM – Adam and Ann Romanchik  
by Jean Marhefka

**Friday – Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> – St Bibiana**

8:00AM – Richard Fedor (B)  
by Wife, Roma

***Sacred Heart Novena after Mass***

**Saturday – Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> – St Francis Xavier**

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

**Second Sunday of Advent**

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Donald N. Knarr (WA)  
by Wife, Barbara  
7:00PM – Solga Family  
by Mary and Bob Doyle

**Sunday – Dec 4<sup>th</sup>**

8:30AM – Frank Snyder and Mike Brosky Families  
by Nin Snyder and Family  
10:30AM – David J. Cunningham  
by McCarty Family

# PASTOR'S CORNER

## Advent I: Tryst

Night falls,  
Winds blow,  
Stars wink,  
Clouds sail,  
And the cold overcomes all resistance.

Fire sparks,  
Sweaters itch,  
Carols play,  
Lights blink,  
And the smell of pine bough invades.

Sky snows,  
Ovens bake,  
Bows tie,  
Doors open,  
And the empty manger pulls.

The Ancient Longing imposes –  
And takes a lowly place,  
a sheep bell rings,  
lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!  
And let the Great King in!

Veni, veni, Emmanuel.  
Christus vincit...regnat...imperat!  
Is twenty eight days too long to keep vigil?  
Will we miss the King, as we look for a babe?

Good Master, give us to wakefulness.

A blessed, expectant Advent,  
Fr. Eric.



*O Come Emmanuel*



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

# OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$4,004.00  
 Poverty and Relief Collection \$1,031.00

The **Second Collection** next weekend, **December 3<sup>rd</sup>** and **4<sup>th</sup>**, will be for the **Christmas Flowers**.



## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	<b>Servers</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>E.Ministers</b>
<b>4:00PM</b>	G.Parise A.Urban	J.Englert	J.McAllister Deacon Jack
<b>7:00PM</b>	L.Ruda N.Ruda	J.Yanek	P.McCarty Deacon Jack
<b>8:30AM</b>	D.Popovic M.Popovic	B.Molchany	J.Druckenmiller Deacon Jack
<b>10:30AM</b>	C.Ritter M.Ritter	J.DeLong	F.Hutterer Deacon Jack



Flowers were placed on the altar November 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> to honor our **Living and Deceased Veterans** by Paul Albert.

Flowers were placed on the altar last weekend for **Charles and Margaret McCarty** by their Family.



## BAPTISM

We welcome **Jonah Michael Guranich**, son of Scott Michael and Katherine Elizabeth (Sherburn) Guranich, who was baptized November 13<sup>th</sup>, and is the newest member of our family of God at St John Fisher Parish.



Please remember in your prayers **Agnes (Molchan) McGowan** who passed away and was buried this past week. May her soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>

ADORATION begins after morning Mass, and continues throughout the day.

7:00PM - HOLY HOUR

## 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 gifts should be made out to **St. John Fisher Church**.

Catholic Charities greatly appreciates our involvement in this worthy cause and thanks God for our continued donations. If, by chance, you have already purchased a gift, please know they will gladly accept your gift.

## OPLATKI

Our **Christmas Oplatki** is now available for purchase at the entrances to church. The Christmas Oplatki is a blessed wafer to be shared with those at our Christmas Eve Meal. It is a beautiful age-old tradition which allows us to offer Glory to the New Born King who is the Bread of Life. An explanation of the custom, as well as the Prayer Service that is used at the meal is included. A \$3.00 donation for a pack of five is suggested.



## REDNER'S TAPES

We thank all our parishioners who faithfully do their food shopping at Redner's. By placing your tapes in the collection basket, we have received a check from Redner's in the amount of **\$191.98**. Thank you!

## REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS

This Christmas, sponsor a wreath in memory of a veteran. Wreaths are \$15.00, and with your help, we can honor all 1,441 veterans in Resurrection Cemetery in Wescoesville. You can sponsor online at <https://wreaths.fastport.com/donateLocation.html?page=24326>. Then join us at the Resurrection Cemetery on **Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00pm**, for a short ceremony. Deadline to sponsor a wreath is **Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**.



## CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> – 2:00pm to 3:45pm  
 Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> – Noon to 1:30pm  
 Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm to 7:30pm  
 Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> – 2:00pm to 3:45pm  
 Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm to 7:30pm



## CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – 4:00PM and 6:00PM

## CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – 8:30AM and 10:30AM



## *Holiday Meal*

The Catsauqua Lions is having their 31<sup>st</sup> Holiday Meal at St Paul's Lutheran Church, 417 Howertown Road on **Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 Catsauqua and North Catsauqua area. There is a signup sheet at each church entrance. Please sign up **today!**

## THANK YOU

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

## Sponsor a Snowflake

This year and help make this Christmas Season a little brighter and festive in Small Town USA! The price is \$300.00. For information, call 610-264-1504.



The Advent wreath is one of the most beloved of all Advent devotions, and no Catholic home should be without one. Every day during Advent, you should light the Advent wreath and keep it lit while spending some time in prayer or Advent Scripture readings.

Each time that we light the Advent wreath, we begin with the Sign of the Cross, and light the appropriate number of candles for the week. Traditionally, the prayers used for the Advent wreath are the collects, or short prayers at the beginning of Mass, for the Sunday of Advent that begins that week. The text given here is of the collect for the First Sunday of Advent from the Traditional Latin Mass; you could also use the Opening Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent from the current missal.

### **Advent Wreath Prayer for the First Week of Advent**

Bestir, O Lord, Thy might, we pray thee and come; that, defended by Thee, we may deserve rescue from approaching dangers brought on by our sins, and being set free by Thee, obtain our salvation. Who livest and reignest, with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

### **An Explanation of the Advent Wreath Prayer for the First Week of Advent**

We begin this first week of Advent by asking Christ to come, to set us free from our sins and from the punishment that we deserve. The trials and tribulations of this world are "brought on" by "our sins"; but we speak here collectively, of the sins of mankind, from the fall of Adam and Eve on, and not of particular dangers that are direct punishment for our personal sins. Christ offers us salvation from our personal sins, and heals the world of the damage brought on by our collective sins.



## 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<sup>th</sup> 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!