



Mass Intentions

Second Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2016

Saturday – Dec 3rd –

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

Sunday – Dec 4th

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

Monday – Dec 5th – St Sabbas

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

Tuesday – Dec 6th – St Nicholas

8:00AM – Souls in Purgatory
by Louise Oswald

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Dec 7th – St Ambrose

6:00PM – Poor Souls in Purgatory
by Irene Vomero

Thursday – Dec 8th – The Immaculate

Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00AM – Sandra Brett
by Darlene M. Steiner
12:05PM – Edward Marth (A)
by Wife, Jean, and Daughter, Kathy

Friday – Dec 9th – St Juan Diego

8:00AM – Husband Joseph, Parents, Melichor and
Emelia Dopsovic – by Wife and Daughter, Agnes

Saturday – Dec 10th – St Gregory III

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

Third Sunday of Advent

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Eugene J. Huttie (B)
by Wife, Rita
7:00PM – Emma Herschman
by Paulette Kolumber

Sunday – Dec 11th

8:30AM – Irene Genovese (A)
by Vince and Steph Genovese
10:30AM – Ann and Glen Oswald
by Daughter, Louise

PASTOR'S CORNER

Advent II: Waiting

I watched, I was compelled to watch, for some unknown purposes, a snail traversing the shaded windowsill of the nursery.

I started watching, startled by a peripheral glance at a dark slow-moving thing. In recognition of the oozing stranger, I was captivated by his fidelity, his determination. Could he have had any comprehension of the whole of his journey?

I put my work aside.

With each successive inch of his path across the sill, I relegated another to-do to the “back burner” – I had to see him finish, -- he had to finish!

But then I wondered, where would he then go having completed his trek on the sill? Would he continue on to the Norfolk pine which leaned over and touched the window casement? Would he fall and “tuck and roll”? Would he simply turn around and go back from whence he came? I focused on him again, now more than half-way.

Had it been ten minutes of watching so far? Or just two minutes? I glanced at my watch – seven minutes, actually. He was making good time I thought.

I looked back at him – in a relevant sprint he was only a half of a foot away from his victory. I settled back on the high stool by the planter's bench. He stopped? No, he just paused. Progress...like a glacier, but progress I thought.

The phone rang in the house. Now I had a real conflict of interests. He paused again – I have time I said to myself dashing in to answer a call. A moment later I returned, having hung up on a fast-talking window

salesman, and discovered the sill was empty. He had finished? He had fallen? I looked for him, for his end. No sign but a faint trail at the end of the sill beneath the pine. Had he won? Where could he go so quickly? Something must have happened to him.

Waiting requires the steadiness of a determined snail, I guess. That's a quality that breathes Advent. Wait for the Lord.

Fr. Eric.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$3,297.00

The **Second Collection** this weekend, **December 3rd and 4th**, is for the **Christmas Flowers**.

The **Second Collection** next weekend, **December 10th and 11th**, will be for the **Retired Religious**.



HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 8th

| | Servers | Lectors | E.Ministers |
|----------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 6:00PM | A.Gorr D.Gorr | K.McCloskey | M.Druckenmiller |
| 8:00AM | No One | P.McCarty | J.Marhefka |
| 12:05PM | No One | B.Petro | L.Bolmer |

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

| | Servers | Lectors | E.Ministers |
|----------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 4:00PM | A.Muschko D.Sullivan | J.Strohl | Deacon Jack |
| 7:00PM | J.Shaul M.Hosni | J.Yanek | Deacon Jack |
| 8:30AM | D.Popovic M.Popovic | B.Molchany | C.Hetzel |
| 10:30AM | S.DeLong J.Drummer | K.McCloskey | J.Behum |



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



MASSES FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Wednesday, December 7th – 6:00PM

Thursday, December 8th – 8:00AM

Thursday, December 8th – 12:05PM

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.



CCD CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



Sunday, December 18th, will be our annual Christmas Play and will be held in the church basement after the 10:30am Mass. All are welcomed, and after the play there will be refreshments. We will be visited by Santa Claus. **All children in our parish are invited.** Don't forget to bring your camera for pictures with Santa. On behalf of our CCD Staff and me we wish you and your families a Blessed Christmas asking God to bless you with health and happiness in the New Year.

Mrs. Regina Marhefka, D.R.E.



Don't forget, the **RAFFLE DRAWING** will follow the C.C.D. Christmas program. This drawing benefits our renovation projects. You do not need to be present to win, and all winners will be notified by the end of business on Monday, December 19th. **ALL returns must be received by Sunday, December 11th.**



Please remember in your prayers **Frederick K. Hirschbeck, and Patrick J. Hutnick** who passed away and were buried this past week. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Young at Heart

The next meeting of St John Fisher's Young at Heart will be held on **Wednesday, December 14th**, at **1:00PM** in the Parish Hall. **A luncheon will be served.**

The next Casino trip to Mount Airy will be on **Friday, December 16th**. The bus leaves the Church Parking Lot at 10:00AM. The price is \$22.00 per person.



CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Saturday, December 10th – 2:00pm to 3:45pm

Sunday, December 11th – Noon to 1:30pm

Friday, December 16th – 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Saturday, December 17th – 2:00pm to 3:45pm

Monday, December 19th – 6:00pm to 7:30pm



CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Saturday, December 24th – 4:00PM and 6:00PM

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Sunday, December 25th – 8:30AM and 10:30AM



ANNUAL GIVING TREE

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 as well. Please place under one of the trees.



DONUT SUNDAY

Due to the C.C.D. Christmas Program on Sunday, December 18th, our **December Donut Sunday is today, Sunday, December 4th**. Thank you to **Brian and Melissa Anthony** 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!



As we enter the **Second Week of Advent**, our thoughts should be turning more and more to the coming of Christ at Christmas. As we light our Advent wreaths and engage in our Advent devotions, such as the Saint Andrew Christmas Novena and Advent Scripture readings, we refocus our minds and hearts on the Savior of the world.

Advent Wreath Prayer for the Second Week of Advent
Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the ways of Thine only-begotten Son, that through His coming we may be worthy to serve Thee with purified minds. Who livest and reignest, with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

An Explanation of the Advent Wreath Prayer for the Second Week of Advent

In the Advent Wreath Prayer for the First Week of Advent, we asked Christ to come to our aid; this week, we ask Him to move us to action, so that we can prepare ourselves for both His coming at Christmas and His Second Coming. He offers Himself freely, but we must freely accept His offer in order to attain salvation.