



## Mass Intentions

### First Sunday of Advent

### November 30, 2019

#### **Saturday– Nov 30<sup>th</sup> –**

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Elaine G. Hutnick (A)  
by Sister, Jean Strohl  
7:00PM – Anthony and Elizabeth DeNardo  
by Connie and Bill Molchany and Kids

#### **Sunday – Dec 1<sup>st</sup> –**

8:30AM – Mike, Emma and Jackie Brosky  
by Nin Snyder and Family  
10:30AM – Daniel Leo Lynch (A)  
by Lynch Children

#### **Monday – Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> – St Bibiana**

8:00AM – Donald N. Knarr (WA)  
by Wife, Barbara Knarr

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

8:00AM – Margaret and Charles McCarty  
by Kathleen and Peggy

#### ***Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass***

#### **Wednesday – Dec 4<sup>th</sup> – St John Damascene**

6:00PM – Valeria Koons (B)  
by Carolyn and Nik Pontician

#### **Thursday – Dec 5<sup>th</sup> – St Sabbas**

8:00AM – Mary Lou Wert  
by Steve Roman and Family

#### **Friday – Dec 6<sup>th</sup> – St Nicholas**

8:00AM – Bob Spengler and Bernadine Wehr  
by Ann and Dale

#### ***Sacred Heart Novena after Mass***

#### **Saturday– Dec 7<sup>th</sup> – St Ambrose**

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

#### **Second Sunday in Advent**

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Edward Ferenchak (A)  
by Wife, Lucille  
7:00PM – Living and Deceased Members  
by F.C.S.L.A. Branch 230

#### **Sunday – Dec 8<sup>th</sup> –**

8:30AM – Frank, Sophie and Jive Snyder  
by Nin Snyder and Family  
10:30AM – David J. Sweeney  
by Mom and Dad

# PASTOR'S CORNER

## A New Beginning

As we start the new Church year this Sunday with the season of Advent, I offer this short reflection.

G. K. Chesterton wrote, “Here dies another day during which I have had eyes, ears, hands and the great world around me; and with tomorrow begins another. Why am I allowed two?” With these words to ponder I set off into Advent in the “space” of gratitude to God and gratitude to others. It is the proper “space” in which to end the old and begin the new.

But life has other ideas. So much of our days are the same no matter the date on the calendar; it is sometimes near-impossible for us to avoid complacency and embrace myopia. That is why the pivot-point from the old routine to the advent of our God must be through gratitude enlightened by humility.

At the end of each day this Advent, reflect with Chesterton on the blessings of the day – “another day during which I have had eyes, ears, hands and the great world around me.” Then, in that gratitude, look to the Lord Emmanuel and be honest – did I *deserve or earn* this day? No. I may have done my part, but only after and because God gave me my life and the day as gift. So, then, we pause in praise and adoration of the God Who gives us life in Jesus. And we reflect with Chesterton again concerning the next day, “Why am I allowed two [such days/gifts]?” The answer?—Well, because God loves you and me.

Now, imagine Mary and Joseph waiting on the providential care of God with each step of their life’s journey. Perhaps, we might understand their trust in God a little better this season.

May God bless us with a seeking and trusting Advent!

Fr. Eric.



**Pray the Rosary Sundays**  
8:15AM and 10:15AM

# OFFERTORY COLLECTION



**Plate Collection** **\$3,273.00**  
 The **Second** Collection this weekend, **November 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**and December 1<sup>st</sup>**, is for the **Christmas Flowers**.  
 The **Second** Collection next weekend, **December 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**and 8<sup>th</sup>**, will be the **Retired Religious Collection**.



## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	<b>Servers</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>E.Ministers</b>
<b>4:00PM</b>	L.Ruda N.Ruda	J.McAllister	Deacon Jack
<b>7:00PM</b>	A.Muschko L.McGinley	J.Englert	Deacon Jack
<b>8:30AM</b>	D.Popovic M.Popovic	J.Strohl	M.Druckenmiller
<b>10:30AM</b>	D.Gair K.Gair	J.DeLong	J.Ottinger



Please remember in your prayers **Cecilia I. (Raffaelli) Salvatore**, who recently passed away. We pray her soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



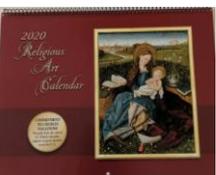
Flowers were placed on the altar last weekend in memory of **Charles and Margaret McCarty** by the McCarty family.

## Flowers for the Altar



The **2020 ALTAR FLOWER LIST** is at the parking lot entrance of church. Honor a loved one, or celebrate a special event, by placing flowers on the altar. Simply sign up on the list, and call your florist for delivery.

## 2020 CALENDARS



The new 2020 Church Calendars are available at the entrances to Church. Please be sure to take one home.  
 Special thanks to **Kevin, Megan, Danny and Connor O'Donnell** of the O'Donnell Funeral Homes, and to **John and Andrew Brubaker** of the Brubaker Funeral Homes. Each year they donate our Church Calendars.



*O Come Emmanuel*

*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.*

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

Almighty and powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good and avoiding evil, so that Christ may find a fitting welcome at His coming, so that being freed from our sins, we may be worthy to be called to His side in the Kingdom of Heaven, where He lives and reigns with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

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

7:00PM ~ HOLY HOUR

*"A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament." St. Padre Pio*



## OPLATKI

Our **Christmas Oplatki** is now available for purchase at both 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.



## DONUT SUNDAY

The new list for the **2020 Donut Sundays** is now at the parking lot entrance of church. Donut Sunday is held on the **third Sunday of each month**. If you, or a group of friends, would like to sponsor a month, pick a month on the signup sheet, and place \$75.00 in the collection basket prior to your date. Our Social Committee does the rest!

### St. Mary's Church

122 Union Street, Catty

Their **Annual Holiday Breakfast Buffet** will be held on **Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00am until Noon in the Parish Center**. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and children seven and under is \$6.00. This year our Holiday Breakfast will offer five different breakfast options from which to choose. The menu will include: Eggs made to order, freshly grated potatoes, choice of toast, pancakes, sausage gravy & biscuits, fresh country sausage or carved ham, and cream dried beef over toast. Breakfast dishes range from \$5.50 to \$8.50 and include a small orange juice and coffee or tea. Add-ons to breakfast options will be available at an additional cost. We will again have our popular Holiday Gift Raffle and Bake Sale in the Heritage Room. **Santa arrives at 9:00am and will remain for the whole morning**. Any questions email: kim.stmarys122@gmail.com.



## ANNUAL GIVING TREE

Our Annual Christmas Giving Tree Program for The Pregnancy and Parenting Support Program at Catholic Charities has begun. This year some of the items needed are: Diapers, wipes, new clothing, towels, blankets and other baby items. For those that do not like shopping, a gift card is always an option.

Please select a tag(s) from the tree and place the unwrapped item(s), under the tree. If you prefer to give a gift card, please place your gift card or monetary gift in an envelope and tape the gift tag to the front of the envelope. Then place the envelope in the collection basket. All checks given as monetary gifts should be made out to St. John Fisher Church. **All baby gifts should be under the tree, and monetary gifts placed in the collection basket by Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

Thank you for your generosity!

~ Kathy Newhall, Gloria Gontkosky and Diana Rutt

## 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 **\$102.52**. Thank you!