



Mass Intentions

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 29, 2018

Saturday– Dec 29th –

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – William J. Molchany, Sr.

by Children

7:00PM – David J. Sweeney

by Mom and Dad

Sunday – Dec 30th –

8:30AM – John and Margaret Nicholas

by Family

10:30AM – James Doyle (A)

by Parents

Monday – Dec 31st – St Sylvester I

8:00AM – Rev. Edward W. McElduff

by Rev. Eric J. Gruber

Vigil of Solemnity of Mary

6:00PM – Joseph Dopsovic

by Barbara Petro

Tuesday – Jan 1st – Solemnity of Mary,

The Holy Mother of God

8:30AM – Memorial Fund Members

by the Memorial Fund

10:30AM – Nicole Bieak Kreidler (L-Health)

by Mom and Dad

Wednesday – Jan 2nd – Ss. Basil and Gregory

6:00PM – Phyllis Roman (B)

by Group 10 Catholic Sokols

Thursday – Jan 3rd –

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:00AM – Thelma E. Naugle

by Kim McCloskey

Friday – Jan 4th – St Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:00AM – Bob Spengler and Bernardine Wehr

by Ann and Dale

Sacred Heart Novena after Mass

Saturday– Jan 5th – St John Neumann

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

The Epiphany of Our Lord

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Joseph Kroboth (A)

by Family

7:00PM – Edward Danko (A)

by Family

Sunday – Jan 6th –

8:30AM – Anna Stascinsky

by Helen Mayes

10:30AM – Rosa Cunningham

by McCloskey Family

PASTOR'S CORNER

A New Year of Grace and Patience?

As we begin the year of our Lord Jesus Christ 2019, Fr. Henri Nouwen, in his usual gentle style, gives us some solid food for thought:

Clock time (chronos) is divided into minutes, hours, days, and weeks, and its compartments dominate our lives. In chronological time, what happens to us is a series of disconnected incidents and accidents that we seek to manage or subdue to feel in control of our lives. Time becomes a burden unless we convert it into God's time.

God's time (kairos) has to do with opportunity and fullness of meaning, moments that are ripe for their intended purpose. When we see time in light of our faith in the God of history, we see that the events of this year are not just a series of happy or unhappy events but part of the shaping hands of God, who wants to mold our world and our lives. Even when life seems harried and continues to have hard moments, we can believe that something good is happening amid all of this. We get glimpses of how God might be working out his purposes in our days. Time becomes not just something to get through or manipulate or manage, but the arena of God's good work in us.

Whatever happens – good things or bad, pleasant or problematic – we ask, “What might God be doing here?” We see the events of the day as continuing occasions to change the heart. Time points beyond itself and begins to speak to us of God. ... This [kairotic] view of time helps us practice patience in discernment. If we are patient, we can look at all the events of each day – expected and unexpected – as holding promise for us. Patience is the

attitude that says we cannot force life but have to let it grow in its own time. Patience lets us see the people we meet, the events of the day, and the unfolding history of our times as all part of that slow process of development and final liberation.

Henri Nouwen, *Discernment*, pp.84-86.

If these words seemed hollow or “too-good-to-be-true” to you, I might suggest two especial resolutions for the new year: 1) pray for patience (we don’t have to be “in control” of any situation), and 2) take advantage this year of retreats, classes, devotional events, prayer services and, of course, the Sunday Liturgy this year, because our faith in Jesus might be too immature to handle real life.

Let’s beef up our faith this year,
Fr. Eric.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$3,381.00
Christmas Collection \$10,105.00

Thank you for all of your financial support this year!



SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Monday, December 31st – 6:00PM

Tuesday, January 1st – 8:30AM and 10:30AM



CHURCH UN~DECORATING

Christmas Decorating will take place **next, Sunday, January 6th, following the 10:30am.**

Flowers for the Altar

The **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.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will reopen on **Wednesday, January 2nd.**



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday, January 4th

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



SOLEMNITY OF MARY SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
6:00PM	L.Ruda N.Ruda	P.McCarty	Deacon Jack
8:30AM	A.Banoza No One	P.McCarty	J.Druckenmiller
10:30AM	L.McGinley No One	J. DeLong	J.Behum

NEXT WEEK’S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	L.Ruda N.Ruda	J. Englert	J.McAllister Deacon Jack
7:00PM	A.Muschko L.McGinley	P.McCarty	J.Behum Deacon Jack
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	E.Snyder	C.Hetzel Deacon Jack
10:30AM	M.Ritter C.Gair	B.Petro	F.Hutterer Deacon Jack



SANTA’S WISH-LIST

HO! HO! HO! We would like to thank an **anonymous parishioner** for their gift of **\$300.00.**

2018 CONTRIBUTION FORMS

Please fill out this tear-off form to request your 2018 contribution form, and place in the collection basket. All forms will be mailed out by the end of January.

NAME _____ ENV # _____

ADDRESS _____

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God



The Blessed Virgin Mary is born to be Mother. The supreme consolation that our Lady receives at the cross of her Son is the assurance that her vocation as Mother does not end with Christ's Death. The Lord commands the world, "Behold your mother" (Jn 19:27). The Resurrection begins for Mary – and for us – with these words. The

Blessed Virgin's womb remains forever fruitful. Mary leads us to Christ, but Christ leads us back to his Mother, for without Mary's maternity, Jesus would become a mere abstraction to us. The Lord wills to "let his face shine upon" us through the face of the Mother of God. We "serve a Mother who seems to grow more beautiful as new generations rise up and call her blessed" (G.K. Chesterton). ~ Magnificat, January, 2019

For Teens and Their Parents

Parents... do you wonder why your teenager does the things they do? Do you feel they don't always appreciate you? It's time for you and your teenager to get on the same page – and discover God's plan for both of you! The event will take place on **Friday, January 11th, at 7:00pm, at St. Thomas More Church Family Center, 1040 Flexer Ave, Allentown.** To register for this event, please visit www.allentowndiocese.org/craftsman. For questions call (610) 289-8900, ext. 2023 or email Thea Aclo at taelo@allentowndiocese.org.

Holiday Food Drive

Please bring canned goods, non-perishable food items, toiletry items, and household paper products to the North Catasauqua Borough Hall drop-off bin located in the main vestibule. It benefits the Catty Food Bank.

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

Born in 1774 of an Episcopalian family, from an early age Elizabeth dreamed of helping the poor. After she married William Seton, she founded a Protestant society for helping widows and orphans. After William died, Elizabeth found herself drawn to the Catholic Faith. Struggling to provide for her five small children, she accepted an invitation from Sulpician priests to found a school in Baltimore. There she became "Mother Seton" to the Sisters of Charity of Saint Joseph. Their mission to educate the poor and to teach in orphanages formed the beginning of the American parochial school system.



~ Magnificat, January, 2019

Saint John Neumann



John Nepomucene Neumann was born in Prachatitz in Bohemia. In 1836 he arrived in New York and went to the immigrants laboring in the Niagara region until he joined the Redemptorists. In 1852 he was made Bishop of Philadelphia. During his eight years as bishop, he gave himself totally to establishing schools and parishes for his mostly immigrant flock. He learned Gaelic to hear the confessions of the Irish. "He was close to the sick; he was at home with the poor; he was a friend to sinners. And today he is the honor of all immigrants, and from the viewpoint of the Beatitudes the symbol of Christian success," said Pope Paul VI in his canonization homily.

~ Magnificat, January, 2019



North Catty Holiday Lights Tour

Print your own guide for the North Catasauqua 2018 Christmas Lights Self-Tour. Simply go to: www.NorthCatasaquaBettermentCommittee.webs.com.