



Mass Intentions

The First Sunday in Advent
December 1, 2018

Saturday– Dec 1st –

First Sunday in Advent

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Helen Sidor
by Louis and Jeanne Szemenyei
7:00PM – Anna Bauer
by Louisa Levine

Sunday – Dec 2nd –

8:30AM – Daniel Leo Lynch, Sr. (A)
by Pirog Family
10:30AM – Francis J. Broderick
by Family

Monday – Dec 3rd – St Francis Xavier

8:00AM – Memorial Fund Members
by Memorial Fund

Tuesday – Dec 4th – St John Damascene

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

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Dec 5th – St Sabbas

6:00PM – Richard Fedor (B)
by Roma Fedor and Family

Thursday – Dec 6th – St Nicholas

8:00AM – Bernard T. Dougherty, Jr. (A)
by Karen and Stan Swartz

Friday – Dec 7th – St Ambrose

8:00AM – John and Anna Kish
by Jean Marhefka and Family

Sacred Heart Novena after Mass

6:00PM – Living and Deceased Members
by F.C.S.L.A. Branch 230

Saturday– Dec 8th – Immaculate Conception

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners
10:00AM – Gertrude “Trudy” McGonigle
by Millie Yost

Second Sunday in Advent

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Edward J. Ferenchak
by Deacon and Mrs. Jack O’Connell
7:00PM – Theodore DeLucia
by John and Sharon Schlofer

Sunday – Dec 9th –

8:30AM – Stephen Rechter (A)
by Wife, Anna, Steph and Vince Genovese
10:30AM – Edward Marth (A)
by Wife, Jean and Daughter, Kathy

PASTOR’S CORNER

Two Evenings of Reflection for Advent

Prepare the way of the Lord – in your own heart! This Advent season, we offer two evenings of recollection Wednesday, December 12th after the 6pm weekday mass, where we will focus on the gift of St. Augustine, and Wednesday, December 19th after the 6pm weekday mass, where we will focus on the gift of St. Benedict.

During these “hours” of reflection we will benefit from Bishop Robert Barron’s “Pivotal Players” series with biography and story of these two great masters of the faith.

When accomplished artists, musicians, actors and athletes are interviewed about their success, they are often asked, “Whose work or artistry was an inspiration for you in your work?” These two evenings will reveal how every one of us who is a disciple of Christ Jesus owes so much to these two great saints of our Tradition. We will also be inspired to reflect on their unique contributions to the culturally explosive times in which they and we live.

There is no charge for these evenings which will begin at 6:45pm and go until 8pm (weather permitting, of course). Bring an open heart and an open mind, for He is coming.

See you there,
Fr. Eric.



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.

What is Advent?

The word 'Advent' is from the Latin 'Adventus,' which means 'coming.' Advent is the beginning of a new liturgical year, and encompasses the span of time from the fourth Sunday before Christmas, until the Nativity of Our Lord is celebrated. The **first Sunday of Advent** is the Sunday nearest the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, which is November 30th. The liturgical color for this season is purple. Advent is a preparatory season. It has significance because it is a season of looking forward and waiting for something greater; both for the annual celebration of the event of Christ's birth, and for the time when Christ will come again. As noted in the New Catholic Encyclopedia, during Advent, the faithful are asked:

- to prepare themselves worthily to celebrate the anniversary of the Lord's coming into the world as the incarnate God of love,
- thus to make their souls fitting abodes for the Redeemer coming in Holy Communion and through grace, and
- to make themselves ready for His final coming as judge, at death and at the end of the world.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$2,969.00

The **Second** Collection this weekend, **December 1st and 2nd**, is the **Christmas Flowers** Collection.

The **Second** Collection next weekend, **December 8th and 9th**, will be the **Retired Religious** Collection.

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
Dec 7th – 6:00PM		
D.Gorr	J.Englert	M.Druckenmiller
A.Banoza		
Dec 8th – 8:00AM		
No One	B.Petro	P.McCarty
10:00AM		
No One	J.Strohl	Deacon Jack



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers	
4:00PM	D.Gorr	J.McAllister	Deacon Jack
	A.Banoza		
7:00PM	L.Ruda	P.McCarty	Deacon Jack
	N.Ruda		
8:30AM	D.Popovic	J.Strohl	C.Hetzel
	M.Popovic		
10:30AM	D.Gair	J.DeLong	F.Hutterer
	K.Gair		

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday, December 7th

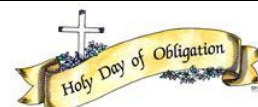
Adoration begins after morning Mass.

There will be no Holy Hour.

The Sacrament will be quietly reposed at 5:00pm in

preparation of the United States Patronal Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

"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



MASSES FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Friday, December 7th – 6:00PM

Saturday, December 8th – 8:30AM

Saturday, December 8th – 10:30AM



CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Sunday, December 9th – 12:00 Noon to 1:30pm

Friday, December 14th – 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Saturday, December 15th – 2:00pm to 3:45pm

Monday, December 17th – 6:00pm to 7:30pm



CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

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

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

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



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.



Please remember in your prayers **Robert Frank Failer, Ronald Brian Flahart, and Robert L. Strohl**, who passed away and were recently buried. We pray their souls, 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 Family**.

Flowers for the Altar

The **ALTAR FLOWER LIST** for 2019 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.



ANNUAL GIVING TREE



St John Fisher Parish will again participate in the Annual Christmas Giving Tree program for The Pregnancy and Parenting Support Program at Catholic Charities. Last year our efforts helped many needy families in the Lehigh Valley. This year the items that are needed are: Diapers, wipes, new clothing, towels, blankets and other baby items. For non-shoppers, a gift card is

always an option.

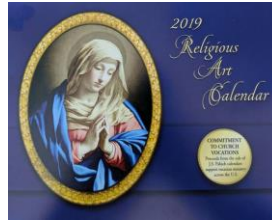
Please take a tag from the tree on the altar. Please place any gifts under the tree, **unwrapped**. Please place any gift cards or monetary gifts in an envelope, tape the gift tag to the front of the envelope, and place in the collection basket. Any checks should be made payable to **St. John Fisher Church**. **All items should be under the tree, and all monetary gifts should be placed in the collection basket by Sunday, December 23rd.**

Catholic Charities greatly appreciates our involvement in this worthy cause each year and thanks God for our continued donations. Thank you for your generosity.

~ **Charlotte Kerrigan**

2019 CALENDARS

The new 2019 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.