



Mass Intentions

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2019

Saturday– Dec 21st –

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – James DiLiberto, Sr. (A)
by Jim and Carmela Meyer
7:00PM – William Molchany, Sr.
by Wife, Mary

Sunday – Dec 22nd –

8:30AM – Joseph Tomasic
by Wife, Mary, and Family
10:30AM – Kathy McCloskey (A)
by Family

Monday – Dec 23rd – St John of Kanty

8:00AM – Ann and Glen Oswald
by Daughter, Louise

Tuesday – Dec 24th – Vigil of Christmas

8:00AM – Joseph McCloskey (A)
by Family

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Vigil of Christmas

4:00PM – All St John Fisher Parishioners
7:00PM – All St John Fisher Parishioners

Wednesday – Dec 25th – Nativity of Our Lord

9:30AM – All St John Fisher Parishioners
with Recitation of the Rosary at 9:00AM

Thursday – Dec 26th – St Stephen

8:00AM – Yost and Kotch Family Members
by Angeline Kotch

Friday – Dec 27th – St John

8:00AM – Bill and Peggy Harris
by McCloskey Family

Saturday– Dec 28th – The Holy Innocents

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Joseph Chabak, Melchior
and Emelia Dopsovic
by Wife and Daughter, Agnes Chabak
7:00PM – Anthony and Elizabeth DeNardo
by Connie and Bill Molchany and Kids

Sunday – Dec 29th –

8:30AM – Jack Newhall (A)
by Kathy Newhall
10:30AM – John and Margaret Nicholas
by Family



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

PASTOR'S CORNER

A Life-and Heart-Changing Christmas!

So, God says to Himself, “How can I make an impression on my people? ...with lightning and thunder, tsunamis and hurricanes, volcanoes and tornados, earthquakes and floods?”

Gabriel responds, “My Lord, these events have been around since the earth was formed. And, while they certainly get people’s attention, even forcing them to live elsewhere, caring for each other for a while, looking toward You with a healthy fear and longing, their hearts are easily persuaded once the threat is passed.”

“Good point, Gabriel,” God said, “once they’re back to health, or their lives find a ‘new normal,’ they do not always remember me.” The Lord “paced” along the edge of the dining room of heaven, “So, how can I fill my banquet table with the children I love so much?” There was a very pregnant pause.

“My children...my children...THAT’S IT!” the Lord thundered, “I’ll send my Son to them! He’ll work miracles over nature, evil, illness, death, and forgive sin!”

“My Lord,” inquired Gabriel, “won’t that be just like earthquakes and tornadoes?”

“Gabriel, they will always have a choice to choose themselves over my love for them. But, this way will be like no prophet or law before. My Son will not come among them in power and might, but as *one of them* in poverty

and humility. He will be born among them as a baby.”

“My Lord, aren’t You worried that might be a little *too* velvet-gloved and quiet? I mean, I know we can’t win their hearts for You with power and miracles alone, but we do have to get their attention first. Maybe a baby isn’t disturbing enough.”

“O Gabriel, as an angel you could not know...there is nothing more life and heart-changing than a baby! Now, I need you to go to Nazareth in Galilee...”

May our lives and hearts change this Christmas because we have welcomed the humble-born Jesus Christ as a helpless babe, a crucified man, our risen Savior – around which our lives now revolve. Christmas Blessings, Fr. Eric.



Advent Wreath Prayer for the Fourth Week of Advent
 O Father, all-powerful God, Thy eternal Word took flesh on our earth, when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of Thy Divine plan for our redemption and salvation. Lift our minds and hearts above the sinful things of the world and open our minds to receive the Holy Spirit, who prepares us for Christ’s coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Sunday, December 22nd – 1:00pm – 2:30pm
 Monday, December 23rd – 6:30pm – 8:00pm



CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Tuesday, December 24th – 4:00pm (with Children’s Choir) and 7:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Wednesday, December 25th – 9:30am
 with Recitation of the Rosary at 9:00am



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	J.Drummer D.Gorr	P.McCarty	Deacon Jack J.Behum
7:00PM	L.McGinley A.Banoza	J.McAllister	Deacon Jack
9:30AM	D.Gair C.Gair	P.McCloskey	J.Ottinger

NEXT WEEK’S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	N.Ruda S.Ruda	B.Molchany	M.Druckenmiller
7:00PM	A.Muschko L.McGinley	J.Englert	P.McCarty
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	J.Strohl	C.Hetzel
10:30AM	J.Martinez M.Ritter	J.DeLong	J.Marhefka

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$3,825.00
Immaculate Conception Collection \$ 900.00

OPLATKI

Our **Christmas Oplatki** is 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 four is suggested.



CHURCH DECORATING

Christmas Decorating will take place after the **10:30am Mass today, Sunday, December 22nd**. We appreciate everyone who can spare an hour or two to come and help prepare the sanctuary for Our Lord’s Nativity!




PARISH OFFICE CLOSED



The Rectory Office will be open for business on Monday, December 23rd. The office will then be closed from Tuesday, December 24th and, God

permitting, the rectory will reopen on Monday, January 6th.



ANNUAL GIVING TREE

Reminder! All gifts to the children in our community should be placed under the Giving Tree and all monetary gifts should be placed in the collection basket by TODAY, December 22nd.



~ Kathy Newhall, Gloria Gontkosky and Diana Rutt



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

The Christmas Flower Memorials are listed on the bulletin board at both entrances to church. Thank you for all of the memorials for our loved ones.



CCD CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Today, Sunday, December 22nd, is 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, and a visit by Santa Claus. **All children in our parish are invited.**

Mrs. Regina Marhefka, D.R.E.

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 both 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.