

ST. JOHN FISHER CHURCH • DECEMBER 4, 2016

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PARISH EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, December 6

10:00 am – Tuesdays@10

7:00 pm – Parish Reconciliation w/1st Reconciliation

Thursday, December 8 – Immaculate Conception-Holy Day

8:00 am – Mass for the Holy Day

6:15 pm – Mass for the Holy Day

12:00 noon – Senior Christmas Lunch – Holiday Inn

7:00 pm - RCIA

Saturday, December 10

7:45 am – Catholic Men's Fellowship

Collection – Retirement Fund for Religious

Sunday, December 11

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9:15 am – Confirmation Prep



Readings for the Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

ST. NICHOLAS DINNER - TONIGHT

The dinner will take place in **Pater Hall at 6:00 pm**

Sunday, December 4th. We will even have a special visit from St. Nicholas himself!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The Children's Christmas Pageant this year will be at 3:00 pm on Saturday, December 24th. The form to register your child for a part in the pageant is in the gathering space today. Please return the form by Friday, Dec. 9th to the parish office or place it in the collection basket. If you have any questions contact Jim Crosby in the parish office. 561-9431 ext. 113.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Anyone wishing to donate toward the flowers and trees used to decorate our worship space during the Christmas season may do so using the envelope included in their mailed packet. If you do not receive envelopes or need additional envelopes, they can be found in the gathering space. All money and remembrances must be received by Sunday, December 18th. A list of remembrances will be included in the bulletin on December 24th and 25th.

COMBONI MISSIONARY NATIVITY EVENT

The Comboni Missionaries 69th Annual Nativity Experience opens Sunday, December 11th, 4-9 pm. Watch the animated Nativity, do some Christmas shopping in the Mission Market and Christmas Boutique, tour the Mission Museum, and view Nativity displays from around the world. See the poster in the transition area for information.

GIVING TREE – Gifts need to be back by noon TODAY!

All gifts must be returned to St. John Fisher no later than 12:00 noon on Sunday, December 4th. If you have any questions, please contact Anne and Mark Roberto at 310-9755 or 706-4382. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

Advent Lessons and Carols will be held on Wednesday, December 7 at 7:30 pm in the Chapel of St. Gregory the Great at Mount St. Mary's Seminary. This inspiring annual service, on the eve of the feast of the Immaculate Conception, includes the reading of seven scripture Lessons with Advent Carols and Marian hymns sung by the Athenaeum Chorale and the Mount St. Mary's Seminary Schola. All are welcome and admission is free. Standing-room-only audiences are anticipated so guests are encouraged to arrive early. The doors open at 7:00.

CHRISTMAS LUMINARIES

Once again this year the youth of St. John Fisher will be offering the opportunity for parishioners to remember loved ones or offer a prayer of praise as we celebrate our Lord's birth on Christmas Eve with luminaries. Please visit the table in the gathering space for more information.

SOCKS FOR THE HOMELESS

From **NOW** to December 18th please donate socks for the homeless. White tube socks, thermal socks, knee length socks, warm fuzzy socks, socks of all kinds are requested! Place your donations in Santa's Sack in the gathering space. Thank you!

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Please give to those who have given a lifetime! More than 33,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests across the nation, have offered their lives in service and prayer. They have educated the young, cared for the sick, and spoken for the oppressed. Many continue to serve, others need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for the Religious helps provide nursing care, medications, and other necessities. Please be generous in our collection next weekend. Thank you!

PLEASE REMEMBER ST. JOHN FISHER IN YOUR WILL

We recently discovered that our church was named as the beneficiary of a parishioner's IRA. As you develop your estate plan, please consider gifting part of your assets to St. John Fisher. This could include making the church the beneficiary of your Will, IRA, insurance policy, trust fund, and/or investments (stocks, mutual funds, cash, etc.). It is an excellent and selfless way to give a gift that provides for the long-term future of our parish. Contact your attorney or financial advisor to find out how. Please call the parish office at 513-561-9431x115 if you have questions. Thank you for considering it!

All ministers may check their future schedules at:
www.ministryschedulerpro.com?user=stjfvolunteer

SERVER SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 8th – Immaculate Conception

6:15 pm – Maria & Michael Taylor, Matthew Kroeger

December 10th and 11th

Saturday, 4:30 pm – Emma Handorf, Danny Creelman

Sunday, 9:00 am – Michael Wessling, Jordy & Erin Fanning

Sunday, 11:00 am – Mariana & Zachary Richard, Francesca Damiano

FOREVER FIFTY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

All reservations and checks should be in no later than Sunday, December 4th.

(Checks payable to St. John Fisher.) See the poster in the gathering space for more information and registration forms.

PARISH PARTIES' SIGN-UPS - Dec. 10-11

Once again the SJF Social Action Committee is sponsoring parties for the adults in our parish. These parties are hosted by parish members and open to all adults. The cost is \$25.00 per person for each event. Hosts donate their food, time and hospitality and decide date, time, theme, location and number of guests. All funds raised are used to support St. Vincent Mission in David, KY. Please check your calendars, bring your check books, and plan on signing up for at least one of these fun events!

CLEANING TEAM NEEDS YOU!

The St. John Fisher Cleaning Team is looking for a few new members. A 2 person team cleans windows and dusts pews once every 2 or 3 weeks during the year. Most teams clean once or twice per year, according to a schedule. We have had at least 5 people drop off the team this year, so we need help to maintain the schedule. Please consider joining. Contact Mary Trout, mvt Trout@gmail.com.

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Our parish collection was \$1600.00. Your gift is an expression of love and solidarity with the poor and unemployed of our country. You are helping community organizations change existing structures of poverty and build an economy based on justice and the dignity of the human person. Thank you!



Please remember Daniel List and his family in your prayers. His funeral Mass was Saturday, November 26th. May he rest in peace.

SNOW EMERGENCY! There will be **NO WEEKDAY MASS** on any day that Forest Hills schools are closed or delayed because of snow or inclement weather.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 5

12:00 – Jim & Chris Clarke (Tim & Carol Donahue)

Tuesday, December 6

8:00 am – Mary Ann Burke (David & Barb Gunn)

Wednesday, December 7

8:00 am – Antonio & Celia Mello (Donna Mack)

Thursday, December 8

8:00 am – Carolyn Motz (David Brown)

6:15 pm – Intentions of the Giesting Family (Jackie & Frank Seurkamp)

Friday, December 9

12:00 - Communion Service

Saturday, December 10

4:30 pm – St. John Fisher Community

Sunday, December 11

9:00 am – Jeff Barger (Suzanne Schneller)

11:00 am – Florence Yates (Lynn McNamara)

VOCATION VIEWS

Stay awake! The Lord is coming. Be ready! (Matthew 24:37-44)

Prepare the way for the Lord. Ask yourself what needs straightening in your life. Call on God in prayer to help you. (Matthew 3:1-12)

FORMED – ADVENT

What better way to prepare for Christmas than to spend the four weeks of Advent reflecting on the birth of Jesus? Through an exploration of the mystery of the Incarnation, the Virgin Birth, and the events surrounding the arrival of Jesus, this Advent study offers an opportunity to experience the joy of the true meaning of Christmas.... This is a four part video series. The entire FORMED website is available free to our parishioners. If you have not yet signed up for FORMED, here's how easy it is: go to www.formed.org. You will see a box that says "Register for free. Sign up using your parish code." Type in the parish code B68MWG. Now set up a username and a password and you are all set to use all the great programs on formed.org anytime by simply logging in.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

our parishioners who are sick and in need of your prayers: Stan & Marilyn Dillon, Maggie Jackson, Martie Kline, Bob Kneipp, Jeannie Koepfer, Esther Montag, Barbara Mueller, Lee Murrell, Audrey Rapien, Geneva Schafer-Minnich, Anita Schafer, Katie Wellman, Jean Werning.



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