

ST. JOHN FISHER CHURCH • JANUARY 8, 2017

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

PARISH EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, January 9

10:00 am – Tuesdays @ 10

7:00 pm – Bible Study

Saturday, January 14

7:45 am – Catholic Men's Fellowship

Fair Trade Coffee sale after Mass

Sunday, January 15

9:15 am – Confirmation Prep

Fair Trade Coffee sale after Mass

Monday, January 16

Mass at 9:00 am

Office is closed – Celebration of Martin Luther King



Readings for The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel: John 1:29-34

ACKNOWLEDGMENT LETTERS FOR 2016 DONATIONS

Please note if your 2016 St. John Fisher donations totaled \$250 or more, an itemized acknowledgment letter will be mailed to you no later than January 31, 2017. ***We would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your donations. Our parish could not thrive without your continued generosity!!!***

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

Eucharistic Exposition began December 14th and will continue every Wednesday from 8:30 am – 11:30 am in the main church. This will be an opportunity for individuals to come and pray as they are able. Eucharistic Adoration is a practice in which the Blessed Sacrament is exposed and adored by the faithful. Adoration is a sign of devotion to and worship of Jesus Christ, who we believe to be present under the appearance of the consecrated host. As a devotion, Eucharistic Adoration, prayer, and meditation are more than merely looking at the Blessed Host, but are believed to be a continuation of what was consecrated in the Eucharist.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE SALES NEXT WEEKEND

Equal Exchange coffee, tea, chocolate bars, cocoa and olive oil will be available after all Masses next weekend, January 14th and 15th.

CINCINNATI CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB

Cincinnati Catholic Alumni Club invites single Catholics to join them for dinner at 5:30 pm on Sunday, January 15th at Maury's Tiny Cove, 3908 Harrison Avenue in Cheviot. Call Larry at 513-520-1323 for more information.

PARKING LOT CHANGES

We recently made some important improvements to the parking lot and wanted you to be aware of the changes. Parking blocks have been installed along the side and back of the Wolfer Prayer Garden, which provide a defined stopping point and make it easier to safely park your car. In addition, in order to better accommodate our parishioners and guests who need easier access to the church, we have remarked all of the handicapped spots and added three more along the side of the building, bringing the total number to thirteen. Please be respectful of these accessible parking spots. Please note the areas in front of both entrances to the Wolfer Prayer Garden are designated as no parking. We would appreciate your cooperation in parking in designated spots only.

CALENDARS 2017

There are calendars for 2017 in the Gathering Space, provided by T.P White & Sons. Feel free to take one for your family.

AUDITIONS FOR THE ATHENAEUM CHORALE

The Athenaeum Chorale will be holding auditions for the Spring 2017 season starting on January 3rd, 2017. All singers over 18 years of age are welcome to audition. Spots for all voice parts are available. Beginning its thirty-seventh season, the Athenaeum Chorale was founded in the fall of 1980, and has continued to inspire listeners and worshippers in performances of great choral masterworks and the sacred liturgical repertoire. The Chorale sings for approximately eight liturgical events per year, most of which occur in the Athenaeum's beautiful Italian Romanesque Chapel of St. Gregory the Great. Sung Vespers liturgies comprise the main offering of the year's schedule. Each service includes choral repertoire from a variety of periods and traditions. The upcoming Spring season will include works by Renaissance masters and Ralph Vaughan Williams for both Lenten and Easter Solemn Vespers in March and April. Rehearsals begin on February 19, 2017.

ST. URSULA VILLA OPEN HOUSE

St. Ursula Villa invites you to an All-School Open House on Sunday, January 22nd from 12:00 – 2:00 pm. Bring the family, tour the campus, and meet Villa teachers. Conveniently located in Cincinnati's Mt. Lookout neighborhood, St. Ursula Villa is a coeducational, independent Catholic school educating students in preschool through 8th grade. For more information or to register, call 533-7373 or visit stursulavilla.org.

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

SERVER SCHEDULE

January 14th and 15th

Saturday, 4:30 pm – Michael Taylor, need 1 more server please volunteer

Sunday, 9:00 am – Madeline Fisher, need 2 more servers please volunteer

Sunday, 11:00 am – Steven, Matthew and Andrew Kroeger

RESULTS OF OUR KEEP NEEDY CHILDREN & ADULTS WARM THIS WINTER

Chaired by the Forever 50 Senior Group, the Hats, Gloves, Mittens and Scarves collection included two large trash bags and one small bag taken to Inter Parish Ministry in November. The Socks for the Homeless which just ended before Christmas helped four agencies. These items were equally divided between Mary Magdalen House, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Inter Parish Ministry and MECA in Madisonville. We received 645 pairs of socks, one child's coat, two hats and six pairs of gloves. Thanks to all who participated in these projects! There will be many people with warm hands, feet, and heads this winter thanks to your generous hearts.

LOOKING TO IMPROVE YOUR LIFE?

Thinking about New Year's resolutions? Looking to improve your life? Deepen your faith? Why not sign up for an Adult Spirituality class at the Athenaeum? The next class starts January 16th entitled Contagiously Catholic and is taught by Sean Ater, the director of the Office of Evangelization for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Classes are from 10 am to noon for four consecutive Mondays. Please visit their website: www.spirituality-institute.com for more information or to register.

DECEMBER 2016 OFFERTORY

Weekly Offertory - \$31,332

Electronic Giving - \$9,083

Christmas Donations - \$25,630

Actual Offertory Received - \$66,045

Budgeted Offertory - \$49,000

Fiscal Year-to-Date Amount Ahead of Plan – \$16

Because of a number of one-time annual gifts and your generosity in the Christmas collection, we are on target for our budget for the first six months of the fiscal year. Thank you for your generosity in 2016! Your continued financial support is critical for us to achieve our annual goal.

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, January 9

12:00 pm – Margo McDonald (Marilyn & Joe Mitchell)

Tuesday, January 10

8:00 am – Margo McDonald (Marilyn & Joe Mitchell)

Wednesday, January 11

8:00 am – Anna Smethurst

Thursday, January 12

8:00 am – Jody Holden

Friday, January 13

12:00 pm – Communion Service

Saturday, January 14

4:30 pm – Margo McDonald (Carol & Melissa Mehring)

Sunday, January 15

9:00 am – St. John Fisher Community

11:00 am – Richard Parrin (Ann Kelley)

PRAYER/REFLECTION:

Most generous, most merciful God, help us to model our lives in Your love and bounty to the benefit of others. Open our eyes to the needs of the brothers and sisters who are struggling with life issues. Bless us in our endeavors, we pray.

FORMED – WHAT IS IT?

Many people are calling the FORMED website the “Netflix of the Catholic faith.” FORMED is a digital platform that has amazing Catholic videos, audios, books, Bible studies, and programs for all ages and is FREE through our parish. This series is designed to help you grow in your faith at all levels – how you think, how you pray, how you live – by immersing yourself in instruction about the Word of God and our Catholic faith. 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: 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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