

Peace

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 5, 2010**

“SEE, THE LORD IS COMING AND WITH HIM ALL HIS SAINTS. THEN THERE WILL BE ENDLESS DAYS.”
(See the Book of Zechariah 14:5, 7)

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Our Gospel reading this Sunday is Matthew 3: 1-12. You are encouraged to reflect on this: Whom does the Lord ask you to welcome as Christmas approaches?

CHRISTMAS GATHERING

Join us for a fantastic family night out, while we usher in the Christmas season at the **Parish Center this Monday at 7:00 PM.** You will sing your favorite carols. Bring your friend(s) along; there are enough prizes and refreshments for everyone.

RCIA NEWS

We meet on Tuesdays in the Parish Center. This week our RCIA will be praying at the 7:00 PM Mass. We will meet again next Tuesday at 7:00 PM.

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

VIGIL MASS on TUESDAY, at 7:00 PM, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 8, Masses are 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM. The Immaculate Conception is the title of the Mother of Jesus, which honors her as sinless from the first moment of her existence, by a unique gift of God's grace, in view of the merits of her Son, Jesus Christ.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

Blessings to you—due to everyone's kindness we were able to share food with eight families in our area. We also helped Holy Saviour parish by giving them extra turkeys and over forty boxes of food. More turkeys and food were shared with Andrea's Attic in Marcus Hook. ***I borrow the words from the first Sunday of Advent psalm: “I will pray for your good.”***

PARISH RECONCILIATION CELEBRATION

During the Advent season we reflect on our lives and how we have answered God's call to holiness. Our parish will have an evening to celebrate **Reconciliation on Monday, December 13.** Our service will include prayer, hymns, readings, and a time for individual Confession. You are welcome to join our parish at 7:00 PM.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need and give us peace. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

YOUTH LECTORS NEEDED

We are experiencing a need for more young people to get involved in proclaiming the readings at our Youth Masses. Get involved at liturgies and call **Ms. Kathy now at 610-485-0581, ext. 7.**

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Paul tells us today that God is a God of endurance and encouragement. It is God's desire that we think in harmony with each other. In other words, God wants us to get along.

Isaiah predicts a time when all of God's creations will get along.

John the Baptist calls us to repent—to turn things around. What in my life needs to be turned around? What in my life needs to be changed? This being Advent, there is no time like the present time to change the direction of our lives—to make the crooked ways of our life straight.

May God bless you and your loved ones. May your Advent be grace filled.

**Peace,
Fr. John**

OPERATION SANTA CLAUS

Each year the **Archdiocesan Youth Office** has a drive for new, unwrapped toys. We are joining them again to help less fortunate children in the Delaware Valley receive gifts for the upcoming Christmas Season. **Please put your toy donation (new and unwrapped) in the baskets in the lobby of the Parish Center.**

**IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN
CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

The **DEADLINE** for publication in our Christmas Bulletin is **THIS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2010.** Also, when filling out your envelope, **please PRINT CLEARLY and don't forget to put the person/persons you are requesting the intention for.** Thank you.

THE GIVING TREE

Thank you for your generosity with gifts in the past years. This year we are helping parish families, others in our area, and other needy in Holy Saviour Parish. **Please be sure that the tag is visible for help in sorting.**

SHAWL MINISTRY: BLESSED SHAWLS are available for your family and friends who are sick. You may stop at the Parish Center for a shawl. **Lap robes** are shared with our military in need. Many thanks to all who contribute to these projects. We have wonderful knitters and crocheters in our parish, and we are grateful for them as well

AIDES NEEDED DESPERATELY

Our Tuesday evening PREP sessions are in desperate need of Aides. The session goes from 6:30 – 7:45 PM. Please come out now and help our children learn the Catholic Faith. If you are able to help, please call **DRE Kathy, at 610-485-0581.**

PLEASE DO YOUR PART

PLEASE BUY SJF SHOPPING CERTIFICATES

REMEMBER: This is an easy way to CONTRIBUTE to our PARISH without costing you a dime...just a few minutes of your time.

ST. JOHN FISHER MUSIC MINISTRY

MUSICIANS SCHEDULE – DEC. 7TH & 8TH

TUESDAY 7:00 PM Cantor
WEDNESDAY 8:30 AM Cantor
 7:00 PM Adult Choir

DEC. 11TH & 12TH

SATURDAY 5:00 PM Cantor
 8:00 AM Cantor
 9:30 AM Adult Choir
 11:30 AM Cantor
SUNDAY 5:00 PM Cantor

MASS SCHEDULE – DEC. 11TH & 12TH

SATURDAY 5:00 PM Fr. Frundt
 8:00 AM Fr. Freeman
 9:30 AM Fr. Curry
 11:30 AM Fr. Kelly
SUNDAY 5:00 PM Fr. Kelly

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

Sheriff Joseph F. McGinn and the Delaware County PA Sheriff's Office Reserve Unit want you to watch the DELAWARE COUNTY'S MOST WANTED TV SHOW.

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Comcast/Xfinity: Channel 190 – Tuesdays, 6:00 – 7:00 PM
 Repeated on Thursdays, 10:00 – 11:00 AM
 RCN: Channel 8 – Wednesday, 7:00 PM

The following communities also air the program: Concord Twp, Neither Providence Twp., Radnor Studio 21 (www.RD21.org), Ridley Park Borough, and Ridley Twp. Also available on YouTube and Facebook. Visit our website at www.DelcoMostWanted.Com.

NEUMANN UNIVERSITY PRESENTS A

LIVE NATIVITY and GOSPEL CHOIR PERFORMANCE

All are welcome to celebrate the spirit of Christmas at Neumann University with a Live Nativity on Sunday, December 5, at 6:30 PM in front of Bachmann Main Building on the Aston campus. No charge for admission.

Before the Live Nativity, a liturgy will be held in Sacred Heart Chapel, located on the first floor of Bachmann Main Building at 5:00 PM. After the celebration, children of all ages can meet Santa Claus and enjoy refreshments in the Great Hall of the Thomas A. Bruder, Jr. Life Center.

The Live Nativity was first staged in 1223 when a group of monks, organized by St. Francis of Assisi, led a singing throng of local residents to Greccio, a simple monastery in the heart of Italy. The villagers witnessed a primitive crib, surrounded by farm animals and peasants who re-enacted the birth of Christ. This ritual has been celebrated ever since, in Greccio and around the world. **All are welcome.**

EVERYDAY EVANGELIZING: If you send Christmas cards, send one that gives the religious message of the season.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS

Tickets for our Annual Gift Basket Raffle will be sold after weekend Masses from now until December 19th. As usual, the baskets are valuable and beautiful. Thank you for making this a successful fundraiser for St. John Fisher Church.

There are no winners in our Football Mania this week.



Heritage of Faith ~ Vision of Hope

has generated excitement here at Saint John Fisher Parish. As the campaign moves into its final weeks here, please carefully consider the commitment you can make to this historic campaign, if you haven't already made one. A pledge, redeemed over a five-year period, will enable our parish to do so much! With the parish share, we plan to:

- **Paint the church interior**
- **Install new carpet in the church**
- **Increase the current maintenance fund for future upkeep of buildings and grounds**

"My Commitment Weekend Pledge" cards will be passed out during all Masses next weekend. You can respond one of three ways:

"Yes! I agree to pledge today or increase my pledge."

"Amen! I have already made a pledge."

"Praying! I am thinking about my decision."

You set the terms on what your pledge will be, and how you would like to pay it. It is important to fill out your name, address and telephone number, so your pledge can be properly recorded and acknowledged, and so that reminder notices can be sent directly to you.

On behalf of the parish, and all of the volunteers who have helped with **Heritage of Faith ~ Vision of Hope**, thank you for your prayers and support of this historic effort!

Parish Goal	Parish Share	Current Total
\$695,000	\$243,250	\$159,200

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

The 3R's of Budgeting – "Responsibility, Reality, Resources." These classes will be held at St. Rose of Lima Church, Eddystone, PA on Thursday evenings, **January 13, 20 and 27, 2011, 5:00 – 8:00 PM.**

There is no charge for these classes. Babysitting as well as incentives is provided. **To register, call Lisa at 610-626-6550. Space is limited.**

ATTENTION SENIORS: COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM is a Federal Food Program in PA that provides monthly food packages to qualified individuals, 60 and over. Catholic Social Services of Springfield is going to be a distribution site. Please call **Regina at 610-626-6550 to make an appointment to register.**

BABY CUPBOARD: Thursdays, 9:15 – 11:45 AM Catholic Social Services, Springfield, and 9:30 – 11:30 AM in our CSS Chester office. We may be able to help with needed baby items. Come see us before your baby is born for your newborn gift package. For further information, call **610-626-6550**.

**SJF 50/50 DRAWING
WINNER: JANET BARTON
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DISCERNMENT RETREAT – SISTERS OF IHM

Young women (18-35) are invited to participate in a Discernment Retreat with the IHM Sisters the weekend of December 18-19 at Villa Maria House of Studies. **Please contact Sister Carmen Teresa at ihmvoc2@aol.com or 610-889-1553.** The retreat will provide an opportunity to listen to God's call, a time for personal and communal prayer and an opportunity to interact with the Sisters in Formation.

NOTRE DAME BINGO – Join us on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 in Nelson Hall at Notre Dame de Lourdes in Swarthmore for an evening of fun, food and friendship. Doors open at 4:30 and games begin promptly at 6:30. Jackpot winnings can be up to \$1,000. **Bring a copy of this bulletin and receive \$3.00 off** of the admission price of \$8.00. Must be 18 years old to attend. **Our Bingo profits go right o the school.** All are welcome!

NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA at the Knights of Columbus Banquet Hall on Route 252, Newtown Square. **Friday, December 31, 2010, 8:30 PM – 1:00 AM.** All are welcome! For more information, call **610-353-0353**.

WESTERN COLOR COUNTRY, JULY 7-15, 2011, with Fr. Stephen Curry, O.S.A., begins in Salt Lake City Utah, and ends in Las Vegas, Nevada. Your Western Color Country adventure includes, deluxe rooms 9 days/8 nights, baggage service & taxes, very experienced guides, park & admission fees, deluxe motor coach, 6 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners. For more information call Fr. Stephen Curry, O.S.A., at 876-679-1746 or visit frscurry@gmail.com.

SJF NEW ARRIVALS

The people of St. John Fisher Parish rejoice with the families of its newly baptized members of God's family: **Mila Jayden McDonald, Mason Cole McDonald.**

**"MAY THEY REST IN PEACE"
JOSEPH B. MACRONE, SR.
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"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." Isaiah 40:31

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Jackie Cormican, James O'Brien, Andrew Skloss, Baby Celia Marie Shari, Hunter Carroll (4 years old), Mary Ann Morgan, Robert Attenello, Bob Nugent, Harry Ziegenfuss, Briday Clifford, Jim O'Donnal, Peg Reid, George Arnholt, Paige Moore, (18 months old), Ennis and McLaughlin Families, Robert Bergtson, James Noonan, Bob Noonan, Frank Taylor, Ralph Landolfi, Rita DiMauro, Paul Armstrong, Bernie Powell, Dr. John Pettineo, Bob Barksdale, Sr., George Brown, Edward D'Alesio, Jennifer Marra, Pacita Reeder, Baby Jillian Shallock, Kyle Henn, Gregory Lembo, Ethan Hubert, Suzanna Husbands, George Krentz, Laura Kearns, Marrie Borreggine, Ed and Betty Haggerty, Ray Thompson, Dominic Little, Rosemary Gregory, Joe Toland, Sr., Joe Toland, Jr., Carol Campbell, Barry Shay, Baby Samuel Thomas Ricco, Vince Rita, Bill Mulray, Patrice Palladino, Dennis Lausier, Jack and Jean MacMorran, Christine Goldberg, Fr. Freeman, Rich K., Margaret Brooks, Madeline Falkowski, Ruth Kaylor, Regina Slawter, Elizabeth Morris, Pat McCormick, Edward R. Fittipaldi, Florence and Harold Coal, Angela Burke, Heather Kline, Regina Hilbert, Barbara Pierdeminico, Sandi and Les Nagy, Joseph Borowski, Tara Milligna, Bridget McLaughlin, Margaret Bolger, Tina Ferry, John J. Harrington, Chicky Centrone, Patricia Garraty, Chris Hough, Denise Baker, Patricia Bocchano, Debbi Babicki, George Zizmont, Stephanie Lupi, Mindy Murray, Kathy Presta, Tom McCarthy, Fran Curley, Betty Linton, Rose Riccardi, Anne Rovar, Reagen Amand, Bill Mulray, Jaclyn Cella, Joseph Tobin, Russell Lewis, Patricia Kenney, Ray D'Amico, Kim Weaver, Ida Hammond, Jim McGowan, Andrew McDonough, Francis Kwapisz, Ann Ropp, Kathleen Thorn, Sheila Irwin, Joseph Packer, Brian McCann, Kathy Purner, George Poppert, Dolores Deal, Tommy Schaeer, Bill Anderson, Jim Link, Gladys Elliott, Dennis Krause, Nunzio Sindoni, Ken MacDonald, Jr., Eithne Stover.

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CHILDREN.....	\$21.00
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THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF DENISE M. MCCUE, 10TH ANNIVERSARY THROUGH THE KINDNESS OF SANDRA MALLOY AND FAMILY

		MASSES FOR THE WEEK	
Sat.,	Dec. 4	5:00 PM	People of the Parish and Our Visitors
Sun.,	Dec. 5	8:00 AM	Martin Cormican
		9:30 AM	Joan Firlein
		11:30 AM	Andrew J. Welsh, III
		5:00 PM	Linda Gorga
Mon.,	Dec. 6	8:30 AM	Colleen Skrovaneck
Tue.,	Dec. 7	8:30 AM	Thomas Lessik
		7:00 PM	Mary Ogden
Wed.,	Dec. 8	8:30 AM	John Megill
		7:00 PM	Paul and Regina Trefz
Thur.,	Dec. 9	8:30 AM	Marie Manerchia
Fri.,	Dec. 10	8:30 AM	Michael Chermak, Jr., 15 th Anniv.
Sat.,	Dec. 11	5:00 PM	George J. Ershaw
Sun.,	Dec. 12	8:00 AM	People of the Parish and Our Visitors
		9:30 AM	Doris and June Firlein
		11:30 AM	Mary and Anthony Migliaccio
		5:00 PM	Tom and Bill Thompson

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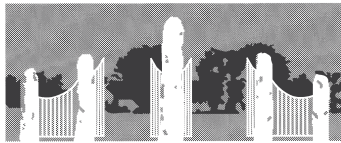
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