

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017

December Stewardship

This Week's Events

Sunday, December 3
Advent Giving Tree
 8:00 am Rosary
 11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)
 4:00 pm High School Youth Group
 5:00 pm Children's Choir
 6:00 pm Faith Formation
 6:00 pm Junior High Youth Group

Tuesday, December 5
 10:00 am Prayer Group
 6:15 pm Advent Tea

Wednesday, December 6
 9:30 am Adult Choir

Saturday, December 9
Advent Giving Tree
 8:00 am Rosary

Sunday, December 10
Advent Giving Tree
 8:00 am Rosary
 11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)
 4:00 pm High School Youth Group
 5:00 pm Children's Choir
 6:00 pm Faith Formation
 6:00 pm Junior High Youth Group

Liturgy this Week

Sunday, December 3
First Sunday of Advent
 8:30 am Mass

Wednesday, December 6
 9:00 am Mass (Bannister)

Thursday, December 7
 8:00 am Mass (Chesaning)

Friday, December 8
Immaculate Conception
 9:00 am Mass (Chesaning)
 7:00 pm Mass (Bannister)

Saturday, December 9
 4:30 pm Mass

Lectors:
Pat Wasler and Cassidy Bucholz

Eucharist Ministers:
Gayle Tufts, Lisa Coon, Pat Wasler, Lindy Beckman and Paulette Fuoss

Altar Servers:
Kassidy Bucholz

Sunday, December 10
Second Sunday of Advent
 8:30 am Mass

Lectors:
Anne Stasa and Shirley Schnell

Eucharist Ministers:
Shirley Schnell, Dan Stasa, Ken Schnell, Mary Baese and Penny Apsey

Altar Servers:
Ken Schnell

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Mk 1:1-8

Sponsor of the Week



CSA Catholic Service Appeal (CSA): We have reached 78% of our CSA goal with \$54,025.00 that has been pledged. Envelopes are available in the gathering area of church if you haven't pledge yet.

Thank You: The family of Robert Meyer would like to thank Fr. Bill, Shelly and choir members for the lovely music, and those who were involved in making Bob's funeral Mass so special. We would also like to thank Gloria Sutter and the luncheon workers as well as anyone who donated food. It was a delicious luncheon! We truly appreciate the wonderful support we received.

Save the Date! The Advent Tea is Tuesday, December 5th, at 6:15 pm in the parish hall. The speakers are Dr. Dan Osborn and his wife LeAnne. Their presentation will be Building Strong Families. Please RSVP by Monday, December 4th at 845-1794 or skenneypeter@gmail.com. Everyone is welcome!

St. Peter Parish Youth Ministry Blood Drive: Is on Friday, December 27th from 12-6 pm in the parish hall. The Youth Group will be receiving a \$10 per registrant as long as we have the minimum of 20 donors. Please call 1-866-642-5663 or visit www.miblood.org to make an appointment. Please consider helping the Youth Group while saving a life.

Christmas Bulletin Cover Contest: Children Kdg through 5th grade are invited to draw a picture of what the Christmas story means to them. It should be on 8 x 11 white paper. You may turn them in to the office or at Faith Formation by Monday, December 11th.

THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

Willburt Schneider, Clayton Meder, Mary Memmer, Thelma Schneider, Annie (Ebenhoeh) Dugalech, Jim Smith, Ray Meder, Alison Andres, Geri Sholtz, Madonna Bueche, Matt Barancik, Florence Coleman, Ed Foy, Florence Markiewicz, Linda Vincent, Stephanie Czeiszperger, Leo Henige, Deb Martin, Arnold Schultz, Mary Ann Devota, Ruth Toma, Jerry & Mary Tanner, Joyce Tithof, Jim Pitt, Benny Sims, Carol Moore, Robert Tufts, Charles Guziak, Helen Gasser, Margaret Bolinger, Matt Coughlin, Terry Kennelly, Bradley Blakeselle, Chantel Fondren, Brenda Lienau, Vickie Daniels, Mark Zvonek, Albert & Judy Storch, Sherry Storch, Joseph Klasek, Rose Bonkowski, Jim Fusina, Esther Lickman, Brady Carroll, Fred Lane, Rita Amman, Jay & Kay Glover, Susan Addington, Nancy Dennis, Barb Wenzlick, Diane DeVoe, Roxann Timm, Judy Wakeman, David and Marianne Sutter, Bessie McSwain, Judy (Willitts) Balderrama, Melanie Thiel, Brian Clark, Gloria Bates, Jeannette Somers, Kim Bruder, Gary Cech, Edward List Sr., Gary J. Tanner, Mel Gross, Nichole Horn, Henry Huntoon, Will Lucio, Al Hundt, Ruth Vrable, Jerry Hoover, Julia Mahoney, Jennie Hunt, Jacob Albers, and Joseph Sedlar Sr.

Zachary Reeves, Christopher Lickman, Garrett Mishler, and Bill Lickman Jr. (serving in the Armed Services)

Chesaning Blood Drive: Is Thursday, December 7th, from noon-6 pm and Friday, December 8th, 9:00 am until 3:00 pm at the Chesaning-Brady Fire Dept. Please call 1-866-642-5663 or go to: www.miblood.org to make an appointment. Walk-ins are always welcome. Blood donors make a life saving difference. Be a Hero! Donate!

Nouvel Catholic Central Cookie Sale: The Nouvel Catholic Central High School Band is sponsoring a Christmas Cookie Sale! Homemade frosted and cut-out cookies are just \$10/dozen. Orders are due by Wednesday, December 13th. You may order by email nccbandbooster@gmail.com or call May Schultz at 989-249-4579. Cookies will be ready for pick up at NCC High School on December 18th, between 4-7 pm at the front entrance. Please pay with cash or check.

Advent Giving Tree: There are tags on the tree in the gathering space of church with suggestions for Christmas gifts for families in need. Please return your gifts with the tag attached. **Gifts should be wrapped.** Gifts need to be returned by Sunday, December 17th. Thank you!

Taize Prayer: Christ is the Light of our lives! Please join us for an Advent Evening of meditative singing and beautiful prayer in the setting of hundreds of candles. Prayer will be Tuesday, December 12th, at 7 pm. Everyone is invited!

Welcome Newly Baptized: We welcome Kaleb Joseph Schnell who was baptized last weekend. We promise you all our prayer and support as you continue this journey of faith.

A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy 2017: We are plunged into the First Sunday of Advent with a reading from Mark 13. Jesus speaks about the coming end time, encouraging Peter, James, John, and Andrew (and us) to be watchful, to be prepared, and to recognize the signs of the times. The passage concludes this ominous chapter with the key word "watch" that occurs in each but one verse. "Watch" is an appropriate word with which to begin our Advent season.

Advent urges us to "stay awake" and not to sleep through the opportunities life gives us to discover God in our midst. Advent calls us to "watch," to pay attention to the signs of God's unmistakable presence in our lives, to live life expectantly not as a death sentence but as a gift from God. The disciple's life is centered in such "watchfulness: in "attentiveness" to the love of God in every joy and sorrow, every pain and trauma, every victory and setback before us.

Our lives are an Advent, a prelude, to the life of God to come. While confronting us with the reality that our lives are finite and fragile, these Sundays of Advent also assure us of the mercy of God, who is with us in the midst of all the struggles of our everyday Advent journey to the dwelling place of God. Advent challenges us to see our lives not as a disjointed set of experiences and circumstances but as a pilgrimage to the dwelling place of God—a journey in which every moment, every step is a new revelation of God's presence in our midst. God is both the road we travel and the destination of our pilgrimage.

Underground Railroad and Holy Cross Children's Service

Budget amount needed for each week: **\$7,100.00**

November 25 and 26 Stewardship Back to the Lord
 Envelopes:\$6,314.00
 Youth:\$1.00
 Total:\$6,317.00
 EFT:\$120.00
 Total:\$6,437.00

Sunday Contributions YTD \$156,600.00
 Actual YTD \$150,865.22

Thank You

Stewardship: We are the servants of God, each with his or her own task. We will be judged good stewards if, at His coming, He finds us ready and conscientiously pursuing the tasks to which we have been called.

CAER Food Pantry: Items being collected for the month of December are hand soaps, laundry detergent and cleaning supplies. There is a basket in the gathering area for your donations. Thank you for your continued support to help those in our community.

Attention Lectors: Please pick up your new Lector Workbooks in the Gathering Area of church this weekend. Shelly



Rosary: The rosary is prayed every morning at 8:00 am in the church led by Bernie Coonrod.

Faith Formation

Classes resume this Sunday, December 3rd, with family prayer in the church beginning at 6 pm. Join us as we begin the Advent season!

Youth Ministry

Both Youth Groups will meet on Sunday, December 3rd, in the Youth Room. Come celebrate the Advent season with us! We have food, faith and fun! High School Youth Group meets from 4-5:30 pm and Junior High Youth Group meets from 6-7:30 pm. Hope to see you there!

Youth Ministry Bake Sale: We will be having a Bake Sale after each Mass on December 17th & 18th! Please stop by and buy some yummy goodies! All proceeds go towards youth activities such as March for Life, NCYC and other opportunities throughout the year.