

**December 10, 2017**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

Saturday, Dec 9	5:00 p.m.	Angelito Estrella Garcia, Andrea Tontodonatti and Elizabeth Gatbonton Segalowitz by Grace Javier
Sunday, Dec 10	9:00 a.m.	Stanley Witwicki by the Thomas Family
	11:00 a.m.	Intentions of the Parishioners
Tuesday, Dec 12	9:00 a.m.	<b><i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i></b> Jean Marc Bougie by Margaret & Brian Christie
Wednesday, Dec 13	9:00 a.m.	<b><i>St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr</i></b> For the Intentions of Louise Wickham by the Thibault Family
Thursday, Dec 14	9:00 a.m.	<b><i>St. John of The Cross, Priest, Doctor</i></b> For the Intentions of Sofia Clara, Olivia Bianca & Victoria Lily by the Thibault Family
Friday, Dec 15	9:00 a.m.	Franz Eichinger by his Daughter Irmgard Oberndorfinger
Saturday, Dec 16	5:00 a.m.	Intentions of the Parishioners
Sunday, Dec 17	9:00 a.m.	Laurence Fox by Nancy, Sam & Ashlee Fox-Pergantis
	11:00 a.m.	Anibal Tavares by Deolinda Tavares

**Readings for Next Sunday**

*Isaiah 61.1-2a, 10-11 Luke 1.47-48, 49-50, 53-54 1Thessalonians 5.16-24 John 1.6-8, 19-28*

The offerings made in support of the Parish last weekend amounted to \$2,252.00 Thank you for your continued support.  
 The Helping Others offerings in support of the C.A.C Christmas Baskets amounted to \$1,183.80. Thank you for your generosity!

**Advent Has Begun**

To help us on our Advent journey we have ***Daily Reflection Booklets*** for \$2.00 and ***Advent Candles*** for \$5.00. We also have beautiful ***Catholic Calendars*** for \$6.00 each. From the parish office.

**Advent Confessions**

***The Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. John Fisher Parish will be offered this Tuesday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m. Several priests will be in attendance.***

***Advent Confessions at Neighboring Parishes:***

***St. Veronica's: Saturday, December 16 at 10:00 a.m.***

***St. Edmund's: Wednesday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m.***



**Let Us Pray for Those Who Are Sick**

Nancy Brown, Christine Deery, Gordon Deery, Jennifer Lacroix, Patricia Lacroix, Andrea MacDonald, Carmine Mattia, Dominique Neron, Perri Poole, Lynn Shepherd, Fr. Joseph Sullivan, Norman Thomas.

***For Reflections by Scott Hahn please visit [www.stpaulcenter.com/reflections](http://www.stpaulcenter.com/reflections)***

## Vocation Angel

The following parishioners will be taking the Vocation Angel and Prayer Card this weekend:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass	The D'Alessandro Family*
Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass	The Cochrane Family
Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mass	The Bustillo Family*



If you are interested in taking home the Vocation Angel to pray with your family, please contact Mary McKenna by sending an e-mail to [marymck@videotron.ca](mailto:marymck@videotron.ca) with VOCATION ANGEL as the subject and please let us know which Mass you usually attend and the family name you would like used in the bulletin and at Mass.

## New Year's Eve Family Party

"We invite you to come celebrate with family and friends at our first St. John Fisher parish "New Year's Family Party." In the parish hall, Sunday, December 31, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. We will have music, dancing, games and early New Year's countdown for young children (9:00 p.m.), but anyone is welcome to stay until true midnight. Requested donation - \$10.00 per family. Let's be a part of a new tradition! Please help us spread the word. Please R.S.V.P. by visiting <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0844afa723a0f94-newyears>



## C.A.C. Food Bank

The food bank is currently in need of the following items:

***Coffee, small black tea boxes and canned fruit.***

Thank you for your donations.

## Christmas Concert - Thank you!

Thank you to all the choirs who volunteered their time and talent to put on a wonderful community event! Thank you to all who attended! The non perishable food was piled high! Stay tuned for the results of the count of the free will offerings, in next weekend's bulletin.

## Congratulations to Our Winners & Thank you!

Congratulations to the Gloutney Family who won the tickets to see the Montreal Canandians v.s. the New York Islanders on January 15, 2018. and congratulations to Mr. Darcy Leddy who won 12 bottles of wine! The Hockey draw raised \$493.00 and the Wine Draw raised \$721.50.

***Thank you to everyone who participated!***

## Mini – Bazaar Results

Thank you to the volunteers, to those who made contributions and to the shoppers! The Bake Table raised \$461.10, the Knitting Table raised \$165.75 and the Craft Table raised \$119.00.

### **A Gift for Jesus**

Advent is a time when we prepare for the coming of our King and Saviour; we put up lights outside, decorate our tree and house, we buy gifts for our loved ones and friends to put under the Christmas tree. These are beautiful undertakings. But should we not also prepare ourselves spiritually and personally in anticipation of Jesus's birth? One way we can do this is by spending time with Jesus in the chapel of Adoration and perhaps committing ourselves to just one hour each week during Advent, just 4 weeks, a sort of mini retreat. Or perhaps we can help during the Christmas period by replacing one of the regular Adorers who will be out of town visiting family. There are lists of open hours at the back of the church and in the chapel where you can enter your name and telephone number. What better birthday gift for our Lord! For more information, please contact Joanna at 514-791-8291.

### **Training Session for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

In preparation for the Christmas Liturgies, we will be holding a short training session on Friday, December 15 for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The session will start at 7:00 pm in the rectory and begin with a period of reflection, followed by training. As Eucharistic Ministers are an important ministry within the parish service organization, we are asking that all current Eucharistic Ministers attend. If you wish to become a Eucharistic Minister please attend. This training session is also intended for those Ministers who serve Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound.



### **Call for Nominations for New Wardens**

Steven Hartley and Wayne Spooner are finishing their three-year term as church wardens this December. We are most grateful to these wardens for the service and guidance given to St. John Fisher Parish. Nominations will be accepted during the Weekend Masses this weekend. In order to qualify, nominees must be proposed by a parishioner and seconded by two other parishioners. Election by ballot will take place next weekend, Dec 16/17 during the Weekend Masses.



**Note:** To be eligible for church warden, a person must be at least 18 years of age, active in the parish, possess professional skills or administrative work experience and have a good reputation as a Catholic. He / She must be living within the civil boundaries of the parish. A church warden is an administrator of the material goods and property intended for the religious benefit of the parishioners. We encourage any eligible parishioner to stand for nomination as a way to engage and enrich our spiritual community through the contribution of your talents and time. As a steward of the church, your role is critical to the future success of our beloved St John Fisher Parish!