



**GETTING READY** Today marks the beginning of another liturgical year. The tone of today's readings casts us in the role of students learning solemn lessons. The reading from Isaiah sets the stage, calling us up a mountain to receive the Lord's instruction. In this passage we study peace. Then Paul steps forth with sober admonitions. We have to wake up; the day is almost here. Live honorably in the light. Paul reminds us that we really do know the time in which we are living. Finally, Matthew presents Jesus the storyteller. Just imagine, Jesus tells us, what it was like in Noah's time. He paints a vivid picture of ordinary people living ordinary lives and ignoring the warnings that Noah heeded. Totally unconcerned, they were destroyed. How will it be any different for us? No one knows when the Lord will come. But we have been warned. Perhaps we find such sobering scriptures unappealing and threatening. But within them there is promise. We are to live in the light with nothing to hide. We are to be ready.

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**THOUGHTS ON GIVING** "Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in promiscuity and lust, not in rivalry and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the desires of the flesh." Romans 13:12-14. For anyone striving to live a life of stewardship, jealousy may well be the most difficult vice for us to overcome. We see the good things that our neighbors have and it becomes quite inconvenient to remember that Christ calls us to give the first share of all we have to God.

#### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS/LECTORS/ALTAR SERVERS**

The schedule for December and January is available in the Sacristy. Please pick up your copy after Mass. Sign up sheets for Christmas and New Years are also available.

**CHRISTMAS POSADA PRACTICE** will be held immediately after the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, December 19th. Please bring your costumes with you. This is the ONLY practice that we will have so everyone is expected to attend.

**ROSARIES** Learn how to make rosaries. Class will be held on Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the cafeteria. All ages are welcome. To register, please call Laurie Buzas at 866-1014.

**BeSTCO** would like to thank everyone who showed up for "Proceeds Day" at Max & Erma's Restaurant. It was wonderful to see so many Bulldog families attend this fundraiser! Our waitress said she had a coupon at every table she had that night!! Special thanks go out to all our parish families who supported BeSTCO. Thanks -Miss Bradish

**CLOTHING DISTRIBUTION PARTY** Free clothing available for men, women and children, free toys, free snacks and refreshments. The party will be held on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm at St. Patrick's Cauley Auditorium, 215 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who donated non-perishable items, monetary donations and turkeys for our Parish Food Bank. These will be distributed to our families during the holiday season. Thanks to you, our families will have a brighter holiday season.



#### **BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

*Lord our God, we praise you for Your Son, Jesus Christ:  
He is Emmanuel, the hope of the people,  
He is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,  
He is the Savior of every nation.  
Loving God, let your blessing come upon us  
As we light the candles of this wreath,  
May the wreath and its light  
Be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.  
May he come quickly and not delay  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN*

**FIRST FRIDAY** is this Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Adoration after the 8:45am Mass followed by Benediction at Noon. Why not start the Advent season off by spending some quiet time in prayer.

**GIVING TREE** It is that time of the year again! When you come to Mass this weekend please take a tag from the tree, purchase a gift, wrap it and return it **with the tag securely attached** to the Parish Office by **Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**. This has been a successful tradition for years because of your generosity. Thanks for all your support.



#### **CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS**

Please return your pink envelope marked "Memorials and Altar Decorations for Christmas" by December 12<sup>th</sup>.

**TRANSPORTATION TO CHURCH** If you are a parishioner in need of a ride to Mass on Sunday, volunteers serving on the Transportation Committee can be of assistance. Please call one of the following to make arrangements: Bob & Mary Alice Haibach at 864-4659 or Pam Chimenti at 866-9467.



**CHRISTMAS JOY** How would you like to spread some Christmas Joy to shut-ins at Christmas time? The Ladies of Blessed Sacrament Church will be caroling at the Presbyterian Lodge on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. If you are interested in caroling, please call Marge Wiertel at 454-4811 or Carrie Sciamanda at 455-8725.

**DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** will be holding input sessions again in regards to the future growth and success of our parish/school. The sessions will be held on Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm and at 7:30pm and on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. All sessions will be held in the cafeteria. If you are interested in sharing your views about Blessed Sacrament, please call either the School Office at 455-1387 or Joyce at the Parish Office at 454-0171 to sign up for a session.

**SERVICE HOURS** If any High School students are in need of service hours, help is needed at Breakfast with Santa with face painting and games. Contact Eileen Baker at 835-3789.

## The First Sunday of Advent

### OUR PARISH FAMILY

Please pray for all of the sick and shut-in of our Parish Family.

Baptized into the Christian Community  
through the waters of Baptism:

**DAVID ROBERT MISKO**

Son of Jeffrey and Cindy [Esser] Misko

**TANNER DAVID ZIACIK**

Son of David and Bille [Floyd] Ziacik

**JARRETT DAVID ZIACIK**

Son of David and Billie [Floyd] Ziacik

### CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS

Tuesday 11/30 – Marie Elsesser, Mary Fiske, Bonnie Abramczyk

Wednesday 12/1 – Cindi Orlando, Judy Rosatti, Mary Juchno, Marion Inman

Thursday 12/2 – Marianne Zimmerman, David Ziacik, Jim Zink, Mary Jo Polatos

Friday 12/3 – Jack Kohler, Natalie Kreidinger, Sandy Danch, Yvonne Guerriero

### 31 CLUB VOCATIONS – MASS REMINDERS

Monday 11/29 – Helen Felice, John Ungvarsky, Julia Parana

Tuesday 11/30 – Gerry Ward, Terry Shannon

Wednesday 12/1 – Marilyn Balliett

Thursday 12/2 – Lee Zaremba, Susan Shannon

Friday 12/3 – Jackie Presutti, Holly Konopka


Saturday 12/4 – Carl Braeger

Sunday 12/5 – Marianne Zimmerman

### TWINKIES AND ROOT BEER

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God loved, so he packed his suitcase with Twinkies and a six-pack of Root Beer and he started his journey. When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old man. He was sitting in the park just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to him and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the old man look hungry, so he offered him a Twinkie. He gratefully accepted it and smiled at him. His smile was so pleasant that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered him a root beer. Again, he smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word. As it grew dark, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave, but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old man, and gave him a hug. He gave him his biggest smile ever. When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? God's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!" Meanwhile, the old man, also radiant with joy, returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face and he asked, "Dad, what did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I ate Twinkies in the park with God." However, before his son responded, he added, "You know, he is much younger than I expected."

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week before the Blessed Sacrament in memory of Daniel Tessauro from his dad.

Mass Intentions  
for the Week 

### **Monday, November 29 – Advent Weekday**

7:00 +Louise Tessauro / Jim Difazio

8:00 +Mary & Rose Heintz / Ed & Mary Zbach

### **Tuesday, November 30 – St. Andrew**

7:00 +Marie DePalma / Bob & Carolyn Brabender

8:00 +Ann Czarkowski / Family

### **Wednesday, December 1 – Advent Weekday**

7:00 +Francis Waylonis / Jean McKee

8:00 +Betty Ann Hupp / Jerry & Rosemarie Roos

### **Thursday, December 2 – Advent Weekday**

7:00 +Peter Arduini / Mr. & Mrs. Carl Bodendorfer

8:00 +Frances Letizo / Letizo / Winiarczyk Families [anniv]

### **Friday, December 3 – St. Francis Xavier**

7:00 +Dorothy Burzonski / Husband Leonard & Family [anniv]

8:45 +Ruth Decker / Rob & Debbie Balko

Noon Adoration

### **Saturday, December 4 – Vigil: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

5:15 +Daniel Tessauro / Mr. & Mrs. "Cab" Berarducci [birth]

### **Sunday, December 5 – Second Sunday of Advent**

7:30 +Winifred Niebauer / Ted Niebauer

9:00 +Joseph Santone / Wife and Family

11:00 +Dolores Haise / Family and Friends [anniversary]

7:30 \*People of the Parish

### SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

November 21, 2004

**Not available due to bulletin deadline**

*Thank you for your generous support of our parish needs.  
Please remember Blessed Sacrament Parish in your Will.  
This assures our Parish continued financial strength.*

### SINCE JULY 1, 2004 (START OF FISCAL YEAR)

Offertory Budget YTD: \$ 186,384.60

Offertory Received YTD: \$ 150,411.69

Surplus/Deficit: \$ -35,972.91

### ANNUAL CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Assessment: \$ 56,699.00

Pledged to Date: \$ 31,866.00

Paid to Date: \$ 30,661.00

# of Pledges: 379

### CAPITAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Pledged to Date \$ 502,225.31

Paid to Date \$ 420,644.75

# of Pledges 707

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

*Blessed Sacrament Parish  
Erie, Pennsylvania*

*November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2004*

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