

2nd Sunday of Advent**December 10, 2017**

Saturday	4pm	December 9	Ann Boivin: her Son
Sunday	8am	December 10	Marc LaCoste: his family
Sunday	10am	December 10	Francis Bouchard: Fran & Bonnie Anair
Sunday	5:30pm	December 10	Kayleigh Roach & Nevaeh Lord: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Messier
Monday	7am	December 11	Helen Dunbar: Father Piotr
Tuesday	7am	December 12	Josefa Halicki: Father Piotr
Wednesday	7am	December 13	All Saints Church Parish Staff: Father Piotr
Thursday	7am	December 14	Sylvia Comeau: her family
Friday	6pm	December 15	Members of our Parish: Father Piotr
Saturday	4pm	December 16	Charron & Rivard families: Michelle, Lisa Jill, Jordan
Sunday	8am	December 17	Ruth Ghidinelli: her children
Sunday	10am	December 17	Ernest & Helen Diette: Bones & Paula Masse & family
Sunday	5:30pm	December 17	Michelle McCrystal Provost: the Bennett family

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers for the Coming Week - Dec. 16th & 17th**Saturday 4pm**

Lector: Cathy Cascio
E.M: H Garceau, J Cascio
S Butcher, P Antaya

Sunday 8am

Dave Hartman
R. Boivin, R. Chartier
A Humpel

Sunday 10am

Donna Kenyon
C. Kobis, J Lussier
M. Higney

Sunday 5:30

Jim Young

Last Weekend's Parish Collection: \$5043 *Thank you*

NO CCD THIS WEEK – due to Holiday Breakfast & Advent Penance Service. We do encourage all students & parents to attend Advent Communal Penance Service Dec. 10th at 2PM

2017 Advent Communal Penance Service – Sunday Dec. 10, 2017, 2pm at St Mary's Church

The Advent Communal Penance Service is for both All Saints & St. Mary's parishioners. Confession will be heard by Father Piotr & Father Jeff & guest priests. If you cannot make this date, there will be a special confession on Sunday, Dec. 17th @ 2pm in All Saints Church by local priests only.

Christmas Giving Tree – Gifts should be placed back under the tree with the gift tag attached by **Dec. 10th**

Christmas Flowers – Envelopes must be received by Sunday, Dec. 17th.

Dec 17th Activities :

- MEETING FOR CCD TEACHERS & PARISH STAFF @ 8:45AM IN THE PARISH HALL
- 3RD ANNUAL MUFFIN/BEVERAGE FUNDRAISER SPONSORED BY THE 6TH GRADE CCD FROM 8:30 – 11AM IN THE PARISH HALL
- SPECIAL SCHEDULE FOR CCD GRADES K – 8: PLEASE ARRIVE BEFORE 9AM: CHRISTMAS CRAFT & VISIT FROM SANTA WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 9AM – 11AM. THIS EVENT REPLACES REGULAR CCD CLASSES THAT DAY AND ATTENDANCE WILL BE TAKEN.

13th of the Month Prayer Group at St. Mary's. All are invited to join us each month on the 13th at 12 noon at St. Mary's Church in Ware for bi-lingual (English /Polish) prayer of the Holy Rosary and singing to our Holy Mother Mary.

A note from Fr. Fitzgerald & Sr. Angela: Dear Friends, How thoughtful! Thank you! We of course, did not need the Thanksgiving cards to remind us how kind and considerate- what a great bunch of people you are – for we have known that forever! But, thank you. Please keep us in your prayers and in your hearts as you are in ours.

**Christmas in France**

In France, a **Nativity** crib is often used to help decorate the house. French cribs have clay figures in them. During December some towns and cities, such as Marseilles, have fairs that sell Nativity figures. As well as having the normal Nativity figures in them, French scenes also have figures such as a Butcher, a Baker, a Policeman and a Priest. In French Happy/Merry Christmas is 'Joyeux Noël'. In Breton (spoken by some people in Brittany, Northern France) it's 'Nedeleg Laouen' and in Corsican it's 'Bon Natale'. **Yule Logs** made out of Cherry Wood are often burned in French homes. The log is carried into the home on Christmas Eve and is sprinkled with red wine to make the log smell nice when it is burning. There is a custom that the log and candles are left burning all night with some food and drinks left out in case Mary and the baby Jesus come past during the night. In France, **Father Christmas / Santa Claus / St. Nicholas** is called Père Noël (Father Christmas). In eastern France he is accompanied by Le Pere Fouettard, a man dressed in black. He might be the same person as Zwarte Piet in The Netherlands. The main Christmas meal, called Réveillon, is eaten on Christmas Eve/early Christmas morning after people have returned from the midnight Church Service. Dishes might include roast turkey with chestnuts or roast goose, oysters, foie gras, lobster, venison and cheeses. For dessert, a chocolate sponge cake log called a bûche de Noël is normally eaten.

Christmas Mass Schedule:

December 24th : 4pm Children's Mass : 6pm Mass : 12 Midnight Mass

December 25th : 10 am Mass: 12pm(noon) Mass, no music

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