

December 2024

Please note: Every weekend is an opportunity to donate food to support our local food bank

Daily Mass: Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri 8:30 AM

Masses: Sat. Vigil 4:00 PM; Sun. 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 3:00 – 3:30 PM

St. John Fisher Roman Catholic Church
30 Jones Hollow Rd Marlborough, CT 06447
Church Office: 860-295-0001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>Advent Begins</p> <p>Please take a tag from the Christmas Giving Tree</p> <p>Weekly Food Drive Marlborough Food Bank</p> <p>9th Grade Faith Formation 3:45 PM – 5:00 PM Hall 860-930-6849</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>2nd Grade Faith Formation 4:45 PM – 5:45 PM Hall 860-930-6849</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Young People's Choir 4:30 PM – 5:15 PM Church 860-267-4667</p> <p>Adult Choir Practice 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM Church 860-267-4667</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Men's Prayer Group 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM Chapel 860-295-9904 or 860-888-1276</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Communion to MHCC, By the River & the Homebound Begins at 10:30 AM 860-338-1008</p> <p>Christian Outreach 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM Hall 860-614-1282</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Weekly Food Drive Marlborough Food Bank</p> <p>Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:00 AM – 11:30 PM Hall 860-823-8768</p> <p>Parish Italian Night Dinner 5:00 PM Hall 860-558-5566</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Weekly Food Drive Marlborough Food Bank</p> <p>7th & 8th Grade Faith Formation 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM Hall 860-805-5827</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:30 AM Online Rosary (link on church website)</p> <p>Celebration of Mary's Immaculate Conception (not considered a Holy Day of Obligation this year) 8:30 AM Mass</p>	<p>10</p> <p>No Morning Mass</p>	<p>11</p> <p>SJF Book Club <u>The Christmas Train</u> 10:00 AM Hall 860-823-8768</p> <p>Young People's Choir 4:30 PM – 5:15 PM Church 860-267-4667</p> <p>Adult Choir Practice 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM Church 860-267-4667</p>	<p>12</p> <p>No Morning Mass</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Communion to MHCC, By the River & the Homebound Begins at 10:30 AM 860-338-1008</p> <p>No Morning Mass</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Christmas Giving Tree Gifts are Due Back to Church</p> <p>Weekly Food Drive Marlborough Food Bank</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Knights of Columbus Sunday</p> <p>Christmas Giving Tree Gifts are Due Back to Church</p> <p>Weekly Food Drive Marlborough Food Bank</p> <p>9th Grade Faith Formation 3:45 PM – 5:00 PM Hall 860-930-6849</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8:30 AM Online Rosary (link on church website)</p> <p>9:00 AM Adoration of the Eucharist Church</p>	<p>17</p> <p>2nd Grade Faith Formation 4:45 PM – 5:45 PM Hall 860-930-6849</p> <p>Women's Prayer Group 6:30 PM Social 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM Program Hall 860-614-1282</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Young People's Choir 4:30 PM – 5:15 PM Church 860-267-4667</p> <p>Adult Choir Practice 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM Church 860-267-4667</p> <p>Knights of Columbus 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM Hall & Kitchen 860-295-9701</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Communion to MHCC, By the River & the homebound Begins at 10:30 AM 860-338-1008</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Weekly Food Drive Marlborough Food Bank</p> <p>Men's Prayer Group 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM Chapel 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM Kitchen/Hall 860-295-9904 or 860-888-1276</p> <p>Advent Reconciliation 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Weekly Food Drive Marlborough Food Bank</p> <p>Family Mass at 10:30 AM Coffee Hour Social Following 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Masses 860-558-5566</p>	<p>23</p> <p>8:30 AM Online Rosary (link on church website)</p> <p>9:00 AM Adoration of the Eucharist Church</p> <p>Advent Reconciliation 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Christmas Eve</p> <p>Vigil Solemnity of Christmas 4:00 PM Mass 9:00 PM Mass</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Merry Christmas!</p> <p>Happy Birthday Jesus</p> <p>Solemnity of Christmas 9:30 AM Mass</p>	<p>26</p> <p>No Sandwich Making or Collection – back on schedule for the month</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Communion to MHCC, By the River & the homebound Begins at 10:30 AM 860-338-1008</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Weekly Food Drive Marlborough Food Bank</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Weekly Food Drive Marlborough Food Bank</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:30 AM Online Rosary (link on church website)</p> <p>9:00 AM Adoration of the Eucharist Church</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Happy New Year 2025!</p> <p>Holy Day of Obligation</p> <p>Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God 10:00 AM Mass</p>	<p>Pastor Rev. Alvin J. LeBlanc</p> <p>Rectory: 860-295-0067 Fr.LeBlanc@aohct.org</p>	<p>Deacon Bill Gilles</p> <p>Cell: 860-805-5826 dcnbill@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Senior Deacon John W. McKaig</p> <p>Cell: 860-942-7961 Dcnjohn77@gmail.com</p>

Parish Advent Calendar 2024



Christmas Giving Program:

Beginning the first weekend of Advent (Nov. 30th and Dec. 1st), please take a gift tag from the display at church and return your unwrapped gift no later than the weekend of Dec. 14th and 15th. Organizations supported by our giving program include **By-the-River** and **Marlborough Health Care & Rehabilitation** (support to seniors and infirmed), **St. Vincent dePaul** and **Journey Home** (support to those homeless or those transitioning to new housing), **Sacred Sweats** (support to women recently released from prison), **Protectors of Animals** (helping our furry friends in need) and **Caring Families** (support to young moms and dads raising their babies).

Parish-wide Christmas Gift – Celebrating our 2024 Theme of Celebrating the Eucharist:

During the weekend of December 14th and 15th, the book **33 Days to Eucharistic Glory** will be given to parishioners as a Christmas gift. This book provides a 33 day guide to Eucharist consecration by deepening our understanding, connection and faith in the Eucharist – which we joyously celebrate each week at Mass.

Advent Reconciliation:

In addition to the regular Reconciliation offerings each Saturday from 3:00 – 3:30 PM, there will be two additional opportunities for Advent.

- **Saturday, December 21st** 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM
- **Monday, December 23rd** 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM.

Exciting Advent Extras:

- **Young People’s Choir** – we look forward to hearing all the beautiful voices during our Christmas celebration! Please see calendar for dates and times of practice.
- **Parish Italian Night** – please join together with fellow parishioners for a delicious meal on Saturday, December 7th at 5:00 PM. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

Special Mass, Christmas Mass Schedule and Holy Day of Obligation:

Monday, December 9 – Celebration of Mary’s Immaculate Conception (not a Holy Day of Obligation this year) 8:30 AM Mass

Tuesday, December 24 – Christmas Vigil Mass 4:00 PM and Evening Vigil Mass 9:30 PM

Wednesday, December 25 – Christmas Day 9:30 AM Mass

Wednesday, January 1 – Holy Day of Obligation – Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God 10:00 AM Mass

Other December Happenings:

- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** - 12/7 at 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
- **SJF Book Club** – 12/11 at 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
- **Men’s Prayer Group** – 12/5 at 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM and 12/21 at 7:00 AM – 9:30 AM
- **Women’s Prayer Group** – 12/17 at 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
- **Knights of Columbus** – 12/18 at 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM