

December 2025

Plases note: Every weekend we collect 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 PM – 3:30 PM

St. John Fisher Roman Catholic Church
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
PLEASE SEE DETAILED ADVENT CALENDAR ON THE BACK OF THE DECEMBER CALENDAR	1	2 Christmas Pageant Practice Church 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM (Children) Faith Formation 2nd Grade 4:45 PM – 6:00 PM Hall 860-930-6849 NO MORNING MASS	3 Adult Choir Practice 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM Church 860-267-4667 Bible Study w/ Dcn. Bill 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM 860-805-5826 Hall	4 Bible Study w/ Dcn. Bill 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM Hall 860-805-5826 Christmas Pageant Practice Church 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM (Children) Men's Prayer Group 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM NO MORNING MASS	5 Communion for the Home and Facility Bound Begins at 10:00 AM 860-463-8672 9th Grade Adoration 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	6 Weekly Food Drive Marlborough Food Bank Christmas Giving Program Please Take a Tag from the Giving Trees Parish Christmas Gift Book is Distributed
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28 Family Mass at 8:30 Coffee Hour Following: 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM Masses	29 8:30 AM Online Rosary (link on church website) 9:00 AM Adoration of the Eucharist Church	30 Adult Choir Practice 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM Church 860-267-4667	31/1 January 1 Happy New Year 2026 Holy Day of Obligation The Solemnity of Mary 10:00 AM Mass	Pastor Rev. George Mukuka Rectory: 860-295-0067 Pastorsjfmrlb@gmail.com	Deacon Bill Gilles Cell: 860-805-5826 dcnbill@yahoo.com	Sr. Deacon Retired John W. McKaig Cell: 860-942-7961 Dcnjohn77@gmail.com

St. John Fisher Parish Advent Calendar 2025



Welcome to Advent: the beginning of a new liturgical year and the sacred season filled with preparation and hope. Each of the four weeks has their own specific focus – Watchful Expectation, Preparing the Way, Rejoicing in the Lord and Welcoming Christ. We hope that by participating in the Advent offerings below, you will experience the blessed and peace-filled nature of Advent, amidst all the demands of the season.

Celebrating Our Faith: Enjoying the Sounds of the Season

- ***Lighting Our Outdoor Christmas Tree*** – join Father in blessing our outdoor tree, singing a few carols and enjoying hot cocoa and cookies. Following 4:00 Mass on Saturday, November 29th.
- ***Children's Christmas Pageant*** – join the Faith Formation families and our music ministry is a glorious Christmas Pageant on Friday, December 12th at 7:00 pm in our church. A free will offering is accepted to support Catholic Worker in Hartford.
- ***Christmas Caroling at Marlborough Healthcare*** – on Sunday, December 14th please join us at 85 Stage Harbor Road as we spread the sound of the season. Caroling begins at 2:00 pm, please arrive by 1:50 pm with festive attire.
- ***Children's Choir*** – we are excited to have a new Children's choir that is busy practicing and will sing at the 4:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass.
- ***Adult Worship Choir*** – just take a look at ALL the practices during this month and you'll get a sense for what is instore! We remain so grateful for the glorious liturgy-in-song offered by our choir throughout this Advent and Christmas season!

Deepening Our Faith: Various Learning and Reflection Opportunities

- ***Our Parish-wide Christmas Gift*** - during the weekend of December 6th and 7th, the book **The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality** by Matthew Kelly will be given to parishioners. This is a beautiful and transformational book about our faith. We will plan a book discussion during the month of February to experience it further as a community growing and learning together.
- ***Advent Scripture Reflection*** – please join Deacon Bill for three Tuesdays following 8:30 am Mass. He is offering a scripture reflection on December 9th, 16th and 23rd.
- ***SJF Book Club*** – join the book club in reading, ***Small Things Like These*** by Claire Keegan – it's a short read so you still have time! The book club meets on Wednesday, December 10th at 10:00 am in our church hall.

Acting on Our Faith: Our Christmas Giving Program

Our giving program this year is about sharing hope, supporting the dignity for all and enhancing the lives of our brothers and sisters in Christ – ALL in the name of Jesus.

The six (6) organizations included are:

- ***By-the-River*** and ***Marlborough Health Care & Rehabilitation*** (support to seniors, those recovering and the infirmed),
- ***St. Vincent dePaul*** and ***House of Bread*** (addressing food, clothing and housing insecurity),
- ***A Sacred Place*** (support to incarcerated and recently released women from York Correctional), and
- ***Catholic Worker*** (working to end violence, poverty and support those in need).

Beginning the first weekend of Advent (Nov. 29th and Nov. 30th), please take a gift tag from the display at church and **return your unwrapped gift no later than the weekend of Dec. 13th and 14th.**

Gift cards in your choice of denomination to Walmart, Target or Amazon are also excepted and will be distributed among the various organizations.

Experiencing Our Faith: The Celebration of Sacraments:

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 20th** 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM
- **Monday, December 22nd** 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Mass Schedule - Holy Days of Obligation and Christmas Mass Schedule:

- **Monday, December 8** – Holy Day of Obligation - Celebration of the Immaculate Conception of Mary: 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM
- **Wednesday, December 24** – Christmas Vigil 4:00 PM & Evening Vigil 9:30 PM
- **Thursday, December 25** – Christmas Day 9:30 AM
- **Thursday, January 1** – Holy Day of Obligation – Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God: 10:00 AM