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Reflections from Father Michael+

Dear Friends in Christ,

As a child, I remember going to K-Mart with my parents. During our walk up and down the aisles, we'd hear the store manager say, "Attention K-Mart shoppers. Look for the flashing blue light in our housewares department. _____ is now on sale."

I remember my mom and dad looking around the store for the flashing blue light. Often, we'd search out the light to find a bargain. We'd head there before the items were sold out.

Two thousand years ago, there was no store manager announcing a sale in the car parts aisle. No rushing crowds clamoring to save money. No flashing blue light.

There was only a solitary star - positioned over the manger in Bethlehem. This star shone through the darkness, announcing the birth of Jesus Christ.

Through the Light of Christ, we have hope. On December 24th, we'll gather together to rejoice in the Incarnation of Christ - through our lively worship, singing our favorite Christmas hymns, and ending the service by candlelight.

Live into the Light. During this month that is filled with darkness, know that Christ is present to warm your heart and to light your path. Live into the Light of Christ - now and forever.

*Yours In Christ,
Father Michael+*

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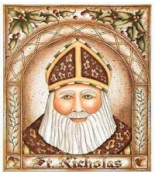
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It's Rite I Time

During the season of Advent, we'll use Rite I during our Eucharistic worships. Advent is an important and significant season of our liturgical year. It calls us to stop and prepare for the coming of Christ. Using the beautiful words of Rite I will cause us to pay closer attention to our worship. We can use that same refocused attention in our prayer life as we look toward the Incarnation of Christ.

Special Parish Event - Coach Gerry Faust on December 7th

Please join us on Saturday - December 7th - for a very special parish event. Coach Gerry Faust (former Head Football Coach of Notre Dame University & the University of Akron) will be our featured speaker. Coach Faust's topic will be "Faith, Family, Friends, and Football." We'll gather in our undercroft at 12:00 Noon for a potluck lunch, with Coach's speech to follow. Please invite your family and friends to this very special parish event. He has a wonderful message. This will be wonderful way to kick-off our Advent season. Look for a sign-up sheet in the back of church - so we can plan for how many will attend. See you all on December 7th!



Remembering Saint Nicholas on December 8th

Please join us at both services on December 8th to remember Saint Nicholas. The sermon that day will chronicle this important saint's life and ministry.

Free Little Library

Dedication — On Sunday -- December 8th -- we'll dedicate the Free Little Library after the 10:00 AM service. The library has been installed on the lawn, in between the church and parish house. The library will be stocked with children's books for our neighborhood. We're the only library on church grounds in the area.

Donate Books or Funds for the Free Little Library — We are looking for donations of new or slightly-used children's books to place into our Free Little Library. While children are welcome to return them, we'd them like to feel free to keep them. As such, we'll need a regular supply of books to keep the library well-stocked. If you have children's books, please bring into to church -- look for the donation bin at the back of church. Or, please feel to make a monetary donation. Mark "Free Little Library" in the memo line. We'll buy books with the donations. Thank you all for your generosity!

Christmas Poinsettias

As we have done in the past, we will have poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas Eve. They can be purchased in memory of or in honor of someone. The cost is \$8.75. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church or you may call Tsiarina to order. The deadline to order is Sunday, December 8th. You may take your plants home after the Christmas Eve service. Thank you for your continued support.



Just Desserts is December 15th

On Sunday - December 15th - we'll have a version of our Jell-O Sunday tradition called "Just Desserts." If you like, you may still bring a purple or blue oriented Jell-O dessert. Or, please feel free to bring another type of dessert. Feel free to use your creativity - cookies, pie, muffins, etc., are all welcome. We'll enjoy these tasty treats after the 10 am service.

Bell Ringing for Salvation Army *from Al Arkett*

We have reserved Friday, December 20th for the St. Andrew's saints to ring the bell for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle at Giant Eagle, Barberton, from 10 am to 8 pm. Please see the sign-up sheet at the back of the church. If you have any questions? See or call Al or Phyllis Arkett at 330-753-8316

Christmas Eve Festal Eucharist

Please join us on Christmas Eve for a Festal Eucharist to celebrate the Birth of Christ. Our service will begin at 7:00 PM. It will include a prelude of beautiful Christmas music. Near the end of the service, we'll all light our candles as we sing "Silent Night." It's a beautiful and moving service. We hope that you can worship with us that evening. Oh, and invite your friends and family too!



Need a Ride on Christmas Eve?

Do you need a ride to church on Christmas Eve? We'll be glad to come and pick you up! Please leave your name with an usher after any Sunday service, speak with Father Michael, or call the church office at (330) 753-9026.

Service of Lessons and Carols on December 29th

On Sunday, December 29th, we'll again celebrate the Christmas season with the Service of Nine Lessons & Carols at the 10 am service. The service includes Bible readings and familiar hymns. It's a beautiful service. If you love Christmas carols, we're likely to sing many of your favorites. Please invite your family and friends to the church on that Sunday!

Please note that there will be no 8 am service on December 29th.

White Liturgical Color during Epiphanytide

As you know, we change the colors of altar hangings throughout the year (green, red, white, purple, etc.) to match the liturgical season. This year, we'll again use the color white during the season of Epiphanytide. The Church of England keeps the color of white from Christmas through the Presentation of Our Lord holy day (on February 2). This year, we'll do the same at Saint Andrew's.

To describe this approach, the Church House Publishing (from the Church of England) commented, "The season of joyful celebration that begins at Christmas now continues through the successive Sundays of Epiphany, and the festal cycle ends only with the Feast of the Presentation. The [Christ] child who has been manifested to the magi at his birth is now recognized by Simeon and Anna, when he comes to be presented in the Temple according to the Law of Israel."

As such, this entire time is a time of celebration. And the color white is the celebratory liturgical color. We hope that this time of Epiphanytide will be enhanced and more meaningful to you.

Stewardship Campaign – 2020

Thank you to all of those that submitted pledge cards on Loyalty Sunday (November 10th). If you haven't returned your pledge card, please pick one up at the table in the back of church or call the church office. We rely on the faithful generosity of our church family to support the missions and ministry of Saint Andrew's.



Vestry Highlights *from Shirley Fister, Clerk*

November Meeting

Final figures for the 2020 Pledge Drive are coming in. Work on the 2020 budget will start after the November financials are available.

The Diocesan Convention held in Sandusky had a good turnout. Delegates to the 2021 National Convention were elected. The Bishop gave a good message.

The “Little Free Library” unit has been put in place. Several donors have given money to help defray the cost. Stickers stating the books are from St. Andrew’s will be placed on all donated books. One person is being confirmed and two people are renewing their Baptismal vows when Bishop Hollingsworth visits on Sunday, December 1st. There will be only one service (10 am) that Sunday.

Choir singers from local schools will again be recruited to sing for our Christmas service.

The Vestry approved making some holiday charitable donations again this year.

Two new Vestry members are needed to replace the two present members who rotate off in January 2020.

The next Vestry meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10th at 6 pm.

Mark Your Calendar - Annual Meeting

It’s a way off, but our church’s Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 19th. We’ll have only one service at 9 am. It will be followed by our Annual Meeting. If you’re a committee chair and/or regularly submit a report, please begin working on your report. We’ll identify a deadline shortly to submit your reports to Tsiarina for inclusion in the Annual Report.

Interested to Serve on Vestry?

This year, we’ll recognize two vestry members for their loyal service as they complete their term. At the annual meeting, we’ll elect two more Saint Andrew’s members to serve on the vestry - the board of the church. If you’re interested, please speak with Father Michael. He’d be glad to discuss this important ministry in the church and your hopeful service on it.

Donating Your IRA Distribution to a Charity

This information is for those of us over age 70 1/2 and have a traditional IRA or Roth IRA account.

Individuals can donate up to \$100,000 per year directly from their IRA to qualifying charities. Saint Andrew’s is such a charity. Other charities include religious institutions, veterans' organizations, fraternal societies, and community foundations that provide scholarships.

Why is this newsworthy? Because the individual's donation will not be taxed when it is taken from the IRA. Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) are tax exempt. This is not the case if one wrote checks from their bank account.

For parishioners, gifts to Saint Andrew’s would not be federally taxed when taken directly from an IRA. More money would remain in the IRA and less taxes would be paid. Donations from your IRA also count towards your Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs). There are other benefits as well. You should consult with your IRA administrator to verify your eligibility and set up withdrawals.



Prayer List

Pray:

FOR all who are plagued by natural or human caused disasters.

FOR all who are unemployed, especially those who have recently lost their jobs.

FOR peace on Earth, brotherhood and reason among mankind.

FOR our military members stationed throughout the world especially Doug Dunwald, Jr., Candace Esquivel, Dustin Lauterbacher, Nikolas Halter, Sam Radanof and James George, Andrew Kollar, Jeffrey Canterbury, Jan Almasy and Colleen Margaret Grace .

FOR Christians throughout the world who are persecuted for their beliefs.

THAT all people would come to know the resurrected Jesus as Savior, Lord and God.

FOR our denomination, our parish and our members.

FOR Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, Presiding Bishop, Mark our Bishop and Michael our priest.

FOR all who are troubled in mind, body, or spirit.

FOR all who are in need of healing, especially: Monica H., Kenny M., Richard F., Karen M., Nikki C., Steven M., Phil P., Sue, Bill K., Beverly S., Bob H., Gary W., Debbie, Karin L., Joseph K., Chuck C., Brynne L., Margie, Ralph H., Sandy Y., Janet B., Robyn W., Sophia L., Jimmy A., Grant L., Chuck, Megan H., Kathy F., Harlan P., Jeff S., Richard R., Mitchell, James C., Steve B., Jean Fe., Marissa, Jake K., Jean Fa., Laura M., Jim D., Darin, Cathy N., Matt B., Ellen, Kathy M., Carol H., Brian J., Dave F., Lena F., Donnie R., Mike S., Spencer K., Averyl V., Molly O., John M., Hannah F., Cindy, Vicky, Nolan, Kathy B., Rudy S., Jason H., Mr. Barth, Spencer D., Bobbie S., Ed & Carol H., Vanessa A., Fr. George T., Jim S., Kathy F., Darl P., Sarah B., Bill H., Charlotte H., Sandy H., Bob Q., Mary Ann K., Beth P., Debbie D., Emma, Julie M., Nolan W., Kay K.

FOR those who have died and those who mourn their passing especially Susan Duncan, Sue Larson and Martha Cosby

Do You Know a Shut-In?

We have a trained group of Eucharistic visitors that are willing and ready to visit Saint Andrew's parish family members that cannot regularly attend services. If you know anyone that would like a visit, please call the church office at (330) 753-9026. Either Father Michael or one of our Eucharistic visitors will develop a schedule to visit this person regularly.



ECW News *from Pat Miller*

A reception for Bishop Hollingsworth will follow the 10 am service on Sunday, December 1st. We continue to need people to sign up to bring food. The sign-up sheet is at the back of the church.

Thanks to all who donated to the United Thank Offering and Church Periodical Club Ingathering. The total as of November 15th is \$450 and we are still counting.

Advent Tree Donations — The deadline for donations is Sunday ,m December 15th so deliveries can be made the next day. Christmas break for students will be Friday 20th. Suggestions are listed below:

Barberton Schools — all the school supplies that we have been collecting all year. In addition, they can use socks, undies, t-shirts, sweatpants and tops (any size for boys and girls) kindergarten through fourth grade.

BACM and Salvation Army - food items, cleaning and laundry supplies, paper items. feminine products, travel size and large size shampoo and conditioner.

HOSPICE - regular size shampoo and conditioner, combs, brushes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soaps, pencils, pens, puzzle books, notepads, 2020 calendars.

Jesus' Birthday Party will be held during coffee hour after the 10 am service December 22nd.

St. Nicholas' Life

Very little is known about the life of Nicholas, except that he suffered torture and imprisonment during the persecution of Emperor Diocletian. It is possible that he was one of the bishops attending the First Ecumenical Council of Nicea in 325. He was honored as a saint in Constantinople in the sixth century by the Emperor Justinian. His veneration became immensely popular in the West after the supposed removal of his body to Bari, Italy, in the late eleventh century. In England, almost 300 churches were dedicated to him.

Nicholas is famed as the traditional patron of seafarers and sailors, and more especially, of children. As a bearer of gifts to children, his name was brought to America by the Dutch colonists in New York, from whom he is popularly known as Santa Claus. *[The above passage is quoted from Holy Men & Holy Women: Celebrating the Saint, 2010]*



Readings for Holy Days in December

On these days, please pause and say a special prayer for their lives and ministries. We also pray that their examples will bless our lives too!

Feast Day	Date	Old Testament Reading	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
Saint Nicholas	December 1	Proverbs 19:17, 20-23	Psalm 145	1 John 4:7-14	Mark 10:13-16
Saint Ambrose	December 7	Sirach 2:7-11, 16-18	Psalm 25	Acts 4:23-31	Luke 12:35-37, 42-44
Saint Thomas	December 21	Habakkuk 2:1-4	Psalm 126	Hebrews 10:35-11:1	John 20:24-29
Saint Stephen	December 26	Jerimiah 26:1-9, 12-15	Psalm 31	Acts 6:8-7, 51c-60	Matthew 23:34-39
Saint John	December 27	Exodus 33:18-23	Psalm 92	1 John 1:1-9	John 21:19b-24
Holy Innocents	December 28	Jerimiah 31: 15-17	Psalm 124	Revelations 21:1-7	Matthew 2:13-18
Thomas Becket	December 30	2 Esdras 2:42-48	Psalm 125	1 John 2:3-6, 15-17	Mark 11:24-33



Prayers for Advent Week 1 (Diocese of Ohio Children's Division Advent Booklet 1961)

For a young child: Thank you God, for sending Jesus to the world. Amen.

Almighty God, give use grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son, Jesus Christ to visit us in great humility. Amen.

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Altar Guild:

November 29th through December 20th – Kathy Dana, Shirley Fister, Anne Horvath, Shirley Muffet
December 21st through January 10th – Kay Kern, Pat Miller, Sherrie Petrochuk, Joan Rhoades

Acolytes

- 1 10 am Scott Demko
- 8 Allen May
- 15 Robyn Williams
- 22 Scott Demko
- 24 7 pm Allen May
- 29 10 am Robyn Williams

Ushers

- 1 Bob Demko / Allen May
- 8 Scott Demko / Michael Hanshaw
- 15 Al Arkett / Don Horvath
- 22 Scott Demko / Michael Hanshaw
- 24 7 pm Bill Kern / Andy McLeod / Bob Demko / Don Horvath
- 29 Bill Kern / Andy McLeod

Chalicers

- 1 10 am Deidre Bullock
- 8 8 am Gib Radanof
10 am Robyn Williams
- 15 8 am Gib Radanof
10 am Scott Demko
- 22 8 am Gib Radanof
10 am Deidre Bullock
- 24 7 pm Robyn Williams
- 29 10 am Lessons and Carols

Lectors

- 1 10 am Megan Shaw
- 8 8 am Gib Radanof
10 am Lynn Smart
- 15 8 am Gib Radanof
10 am Robyn Williams
- 22 8 am Gib Radanof
10 am Al Arkett
- 24 7 pm Deidre Bullock
- 29 10 am Maxanna Demko

Birthdays

- 2 Al Arkett
Mike Centea
Bill Muffet
- 4 Allen May
- 15 John Hutchinson
- 19 Shirley Muffet
- 21 Joan Rhoades
- 27 Judy Gibson
- 30 Tom Maybin

Editor's note—there are no anniversaries this month

Parish Register

Burial – November 15th
Martha Cosbey

Altar Flowers

- 1 Fister
- 8 Fister
- 15 Arkett
- 22 Poinsettias
- 29 OPEN



Cleaning Teams:

- 4 Heavenly Touch
- 14 Kern
- 21 Demko
- 28 McLeod





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1st Sunday of Advent Bishop's Visitation 10 am Holy Eucharist (C)	2	3 4:30 pm Free Meal (Presbyterian Church)	4	5	6 Saint Nicholas, Bishop of Myra	7 12 pm Special Parish Event with Coach Gerry Faust
8 2 nd Sunday of Advent Celebrate St Nicholas Day 8 am Holy Eucharist (Ch) 10 am Holy Eucharist (C) After Church—Dedication of Free Little Library Deadline to Order Poinsettias	9	10 6 pm Vestry	11	12	13 December Newsletter Deadline	14
15 3 rd Sunday of Advent 8 am Holy Eucharist (Ch) 10 am Holy Eucharist (C) Just Desserts Deadline -Advent Tree Donations	16	17	18	19	20 10 am to 8 pm Salvation Army Bell Ringing (Barberton Giant Eagle)	21 Saint Thomas, the Apostle
22 4 th Sunday of Advent 8 am Holy Eucharist (Ch) 10 am Holy Eucharist (C) Jesus' Birthday Party	23	24 7 pm Festal Eucharist	25	26 Office Closed	27 Feast Day of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist	28 Feast Day of the Holy Innocents End Acme Cash Back
29 1 st Sunday after Christmas Day 10 am Lessons and Carols (C) NO Sunday School	30 Thomas Beckett	31	The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Locations: C – Church Ch – Chapel P – Parlor U –Undercroft	Feast Day of Saint Stephen, Deacon & Martyr BACM Food Item: Canned Ravioli, Beef Stew, Chili with Meat Bags of Love Items: Soap/ Body Wash		

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