



Church of the Beloved Disciple

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December 1, 2019

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Office Hours: Mon.—Thurs.

9:00am — 12 Noon, 1:00pm — 4:00pm

Friday: Closed

MISSION STATEMENT

We, The Church of the Beloved Disciple, Are Called By Our
Baptism to Worship God through Liturgy and the Sacraments,
to Serve Others by Ministering to the Community
and to Actively Spread the Gospel.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses:

4:30pm Saturday Evening

8:00am Sunday Morning

11:00am Sunday Morning

Daily Masses: Monday - Friday — 8:00am

Morning Prayer:

Monday—Friday — 7:40am

Monthly Adoration: Thursday following Morning Mass
preceding First Friday

Holy Day Masses: As scheduled in the bulletin

Reconciliation: 3:30pm—4:15pm Saturday Afternoon
or by appointment

Our facilities are entirely handicap accessible.



A Message from Deacon Owen

Advent is the start of a new liturgical year for the Catholic Church. It is a period of four Sundays and weeks before Christmas Day. Many Christians use the four Sundays and weeks of Advent to prepare and remember the real meaning of the Incarnation.

Advent means 'Coming' in Latin. This is an opportunity to think about the coming of Jesus into the world. There are three meanings of 'coming' that Christians describe in Advent. The first, and most thought of, happened about 2000 years ago when Jesus came into the world as a baby to live as a man and die for us. The second can happen when Jesus comes into our lives now. And the third will happen when Jesus comes back to the world to establish His Kingdom. No one is sure when Advent was first celebrated but it dates back to at least 567 when monks were ordered to fast during December leading up to Christmas.

There are some Christmas Carols that are really Advent Carols! These include 'People Look East', 'Lo! He comes, with clouds descending' and perhaps the most popular Advent song 'O Come, O Come Emmanuel!'

I can suggest a few nontraditional Advent approaches that might expand your Advent preparation. Some people fast during Advent to help them concentrate on preparing to celebrate Jesus's coming. Fasting is normally a Lenten concept and obviously, anyone who does this particular preparation are holier than I am. There are just too many Christmas cookies being baked and they seem to pop up everywhere. But if you feel inclined to fast and are healthy enough to do so, give it a try. I also suggest that this Advent, make some spiritual resolution(s) of how you intend to get closer to Jesus this new liturgical year. Write the resolution down and revisit it every few weeks to see how your progress is in attaining the resolution. Setting goals can be a very positive part of our spiritual life. Enjoy this time of the year. Reach out, help others and let the Spirit of Advent enter into your life.

Peace,

Deacon Owen

Mass Schedule for the Week

Monday, December 2; Offices Closed

8:00am ***Teresa Forese —***
The Eleanor Leone Family
IS 4: 2-6, MT 8: 5-11

Tuesday, December 3

8:00am ***Ted Geibel —***
Tuesday Craft Group

IS 11: 1-10, LK 10: 21-24
Saint Francis Xavier, priest

Wednesday, December 4

5:30pm ***(B) Theresa Romeo Verga —***
Mikey and Jo Anne

IS 25: 6-10, MT 15: 29-37
Saint John Damascene, priest and doctor of church

Thursday, December 5; Adoration begins

8:00am ***Richard Trindle — Joy Gallagher***
IS 26: 1-6, MT 7: 21; 24-27

Friday, December 6

8:00am ***In Reparation to the Sacred***
Heart— Maureen Walsh
IS 29: 17-24, MT 9: 27-31
Saint Nicholas, bishop

Saturday, December 7

Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent
4:30pm ***For the Living and Deceased***
Members of Our Parish
IS 30: 19-21; 23-26, MT 9: 35-10: 1, 5-8
Saint Ambrose, bishop and doctor of the church

Sunday, December 8; Second Sunday of Advent

IS 11: 1-10, ROM 15: 4-9, MT 3: 1-12
8:00am ***Edward Dietrich —***
Carolyn Patterson
11:00am ***Freida Gaugler — Marilyn Blatt***



YOU'RE INVITED!

Family Advent Celebration at Beloved Disciple Parish December 3rd

Join us for our annual *Parish Family Advent* event. *Festival of Lessons and Carols* will begin with dinner at 5 PM with *St. Nicholas!* Then we will offer family activities and crafts. Later, we will gather in the church for Lessons and Carols, 6:00pm. This is a service of Scripture and song that dates to the late 19th century. In this service, we listen to nine Scripture lessons which recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News. Each lesson is followed by a carol or other song that reflects on the lesson's message and a brief prayer. We hope that all parish families will come and enjoy this event! There is a signup sheet in the gathering area for readers. Please **RSVP** to Lisa Bablak at 724-748-6700, ext. 115 or lbablak@beloveddiscipleparish.org by **Tuesday, November 26th**.



ALL HIGH SCHOOLS STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO AN *Advent Morning of Service*

- Morning Reflection and Prayer for Advent (with Donuts and Hot Chocolate)
- Decorating the Downtown Christmas Tree at the Gazebo
- Singing Christmas Carols for Grove Manor Nursing Home Residents
- Delivering Christmas Cards to and visiting with the Residents

DECEMBER 07, 2019 | 7:00 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.

MEET IN THE BELOVED DISCIPLE YOUTH ROOM

PLEASE CONTACT KATE HOOVER FOR A PERMISSION FORM:

KHOOVER@BELOVEDDISCIPLEPARISH.ORG

FORMS DUE NLT TUES. DEC. 3, 2019

Parish News Bits:

Wednesday Evening Mass during Advent

Beginning December 4th, the first Wednesday of Advent, Father Mike will have a 5:30pm Mass on Wednesdays.

Christmas Flower Memorials

Please return your Christmas flower envelope with the names of those you wish to be remembered or honored to the office by Sunday, December 15th to be included in our Christmas flower memorial insert. For online givers: I have added the Christmas Flower Fund however you will need to turn your names in via collection basket or to the office. Thank you!

Angel Tree

It is that time of year when our Beloved Disciple comes together to make Christmas a little more special for our children in our community. Our Angel Tree will be up with tags listing the wishes of children in school from infant to high school. Also, included will be boys from George Junior Republic ages 8-18. If you have any questions please contact Victoria Wagner at extension 117. All items must be turned in by December 12th.

Little Disciples Annual RADA Fundraiser

Little Disciples will be holding their annual RADA fundraiser. Catalogs are available in the church Lobby or you can order on line by logging into <http://bit.ly/2D4mZFr>. If you order online your order will be shipped directed to your door. We have been informed that the Anthem Wave knives located in the catalog on pages 10 and 11 are on back order. If you would like to wait for them to become available you can order them. They will be shipped when they become available. All other items are currently available. Thank you so much for supporting Little Disciples.

REMINDERS.....Basket Raffle

For those of who have signed up for basket donations to help offset the cost of the bus to Washington, DC for the Pro Life March, all items need to be turned in to Victoria Wagner by Sunday, November 24th. If you signed up to help put together the raffle baskets, we will meet on December 2nd at 4:30pm in the triple classroom. Bring your creative side with you as we decorate a beautiful collection of baskets. As the saying goes...Many hands lighten the load.

RESERVE YOUR SEATS EARLY— March for Life Bus Trip



We are currently taking reservations for the Pro Life March, January 23/24. The cost for parishioners of Beloved Disciple is \$15. In order to hold your spot on the bus, all paperwork and fees are due by December 15th. We are inviting individuals from the Catholic churches in the Shenango Valley. By inviting other parishes to join us our plan is to fill the bus so we don't have to cancel the trip at the last minute. We are holding thirty seats

for Beloved Disciple so make your reservation as soon as possible. Forms are available at the Faith Formation office. You can also call Lisa Bablak at extension 115.

Book Club:

Our next book to read is "The River King" by Alice Hoffman. The book will be available in the Church Office after December 4th. The next Book Club meeting is January 8th at 11:00 AM and 6:30 PM in the Faith Formation Building. The free copies of this book are available, but you do need to sign one out and return the book the day of the Book Club meeting on January 8th. If you have questions contact deacon Owen or Vicki in the Church Office. Join us if you like to read and discuss books.

Exercise Class— Free

Join Susan Kengor for FREE exercise classes every Saturday through the fall and winter at 7am beginning October 5th at the Knights of Columbus. Class will include exercises for full-body strength, deep stretching and balance exercises. All you need is a mat! She will try to accommodate all fitness levels. Call or text 724-372-1185 for more details.

Beloved Disciple Youth Corner
Grades 6-12

Adoration Night • Thursday, Dec. 5 • 7-8 PM • Grades 6-12

Join us for a lesson in how to pray at a guided Holy Hour in the side Chapel. If you can't come for the whole hour, that's okay, just pop in for 10 minutes or so and see what great things our LORD has in store for you! We will have time for music, silence and prayer together.

First Friday Night! • Friday, Dec. 6 • 6:30-10:00 PM

We will be going roller skating and playing Laser Tag at the Olympic Fun Center in Hermitage. Transportation will be provided to and from this event. The cost is \$7 and permission forms are due on Monday, December 2. Permission forms are outside the youth office, or e-mail Kate!

Bible Study: Prior to all of our First Friday outings, we will have a one hour Bible Study and free pizza dinner in the Youth Room! This month's Bible Study will be from 5:30-6:30 PM

Wednesday Nights! • Wednesdays • 6:45-8:30 • Grades 9-12

Take a break in the middle of your week and come hang out! Have some snacks, play some games and strengthen your relationship with Christ and each other through discussion, prayer and community! Meet in the Youth Room (classroom 101). (There is no Youth Group on November 27th- we will meet again on December 4th!)

Heart @ Home • Tuesday, Dec. 10 • 4-5:15 PM • Nursing Home • Grades 6-12

It is so important that we take care of those in our own community. St. Teresa of Calcutta once described the American nursing home as one of the poorest places she had ever visited because so many there were forgotten. So, once a month we will go to spend time with the residents at Grove Manor and make them feel loved! Transportation will be provided to and from Beloved Disciple. Permission forms can be found outside the youth room.

Please remember that all youth are welcome, and our program is ongoing so you may join us at any time during the year! For more information, please keep an eye on the bulletin, go to our website or contact our Coordinator of Youth Outreach:

Kate Hoover at khoover@beloveddiscipleparish.org

Follow us on Instagram @BelovedDiscipleYouth



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS NEEDED FOR: RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS NIGHT!



In November for our **R.A.K. NIGHT!** our kids baked and delivered treats to our local first responders. In December we will decorate the Rectory for Christmas and make Christmas Cards for the home bound of the parish. **Pizza and dessert will be provided!** We will not be meeting at Beloved Disciple this evening but at the rectory. Please RSVP so we can make sure we have enough food!

December 11, 6:30-8:30 PM

The Rectory

Please RSVP by December 10:

khoover@beloveddiscipleparish.org



PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____

STREET _____

CITY/STATE _____

ZIP _____ PHONE _____

E-Mail _____

Please check one: _____

I am new in the parish and wish to register _____

Change of Address _____

Moving out of Parish _____



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Go to App Store or Google Store...search "LIFT Church" and download...make sure to turn on notifications on both Apps.

NEW BELOVED DISCIPLE PARISH APP

***Please note...if you currently have our Parish App, you will need to download the new one and delete the old one.

**Capital Campaign News:** 151 Families

Pledged: \$135,755.00 Paid: \$124,472.65 Due: \$13,298.00

Catholic Service Appeal 138 Families

Pledged: \$88,139.00 Paid: \$73,497.92 Due: \$14,641.08

You can pay on your pledges through online giving. Please do not combine your weekly offering with your pledge payments.

Please be sure to put your name on your envelope when making a payment. Some payments have been made with cash and no name on the envelope. If you could have possibly done this, please call the office.

**New to our Community? Join our Parish!**

Welcome to our parish! Please contact the parish office for an appointment to register. We hope you will become a part of our parish family!

Mission of Friendship/Sister Parish For over thirty years, the Church of the Beloved Disciple has shared its resources with Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Colonia, Mexico, which is located within the Archdiocese of Yucatan. We continue to offer them our heartfelt prayers and affection.

Sacramental Preparation For all Sacraments: Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Penance, Marriage and Holy Orders; or the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), please call the parish office for information and assistance.

Pastoral Care of the Sick We are pleased to visit the sick or home-bound and administer the sacraments. Please contact the parish office to make the staff aware of your need. NOTE: Due to privacy laws effecting hospitals and care facilities families are asked to make our parish office aware of an admission so we don't miss visiting the sick.

Stewardship We ask that all families commit to sharing their time, talent and treasure to express their love of the Lord and His Church. All parishioners have something to offer to our Church; every gift is valued and appreciated.

Sacrificial Giving the Weekends of November 24, 2019

Online Giving is Available
Call the office, we can help to set up your online contributions.

Families in Parish: 466 Envelopes Mailed: 339

Envelopes Used:

Online Givers:

Yearly Budget: 535,176.00**Weekly Budget: 11,149.50****Our Total:**

Only % of our budget has been met!

Weekly _____ Early
 Monthly _____ Bulletin
 Loose _____ Submission
 Sister Parish _____ Data not Available

Thank you so much for your continued generous support!

Mikey Bancroft, ext 100*Parish Secretary, Outreach Contact***Michelle Boarts, 1st Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist****Angie Felicetty, ext 112***LIFT Team, Confirmation, Website Administrator***Tina Greig, ext 113, Director of Liturgical Music****Kate Hoover, ext. 116,***Coordinator of Youth Outreach***Lisa Bablak, 115, LIFT Secretary****Dianne Schleigh, Liturgical Environment****Victoria Wagner, 117, LIFT Team, Outreach****Lorie Wizorek, 724-748-6868***Little Disciples Pre School***Tony Bancroft, Custodian**