

2nd Sunday of Advent

At that time Jerusalem,
all Judea, and the whole
region around the
Jordan were going out to
him and were being
baptized by him in the
Jordan River as they
acknowledged their sins.
—Mt 3:5-6



Church of the Beloved Disciple

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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 Father Mike

Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Advent! We are now already at the second of four Advent Sundays. There's a bit of irony in all of this. The Incarnation is the primary moment in our lives as believers and we take only four weeks to prepare for this event. Seems a little brief, doesn't it? But, in reality, it's probably not. We try as best we can to appropriate all those things that are necessary for us to engage in this preparatory time. By that I mean that our lives as believers are in reality an opening of ourselves up to the holy and awesome mystery of God.

So, I think the real clue here is that we take advantage of this privileged time in the Church year to remind ourselves of that horizon to which we always look: God. And as we do so we allow all of the Advent images that Sacred Scripture gives us to become part of our awareness of how we have a share in God's own life.

The Sacred books are a means of privileged access to God. There are stories of God's mighty deeds, of hopes and horizons, sin and redemption, compassion, mercy, and peace. That's why the Bible is so important to us.

As a means of observing Advent, may I remind us all to bring our Bibles to Church: not Give Us This day, not Magnificat, not the hymnals with the readings, but The Holy Bible. This is the book of the Church, and I think we ought to take a lesson from our Protestant sisters and brothers who bring their Bibles with them. The holy books need to become a part of us and who we are, just as we ought to make the same thing of Eucharist. The readings for the following Sunday are published in the bulletin for your use so you can prepare your Bibles.

So, remember..... **BRING YOUR BIBLES TO CHURCH.**

Lots of hope,

Fr. Mike

Mass Schedule for the Week

Monday, December 9

8:00am (A) Richard Perry —

Ada Perry

GN 3: 9-20, EPH 1: 3-6; 1-12, LK 1: 26-38

The Immaculate Conception of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, December 10

8:00am James Rushe —

The Meyer Family

IS 40: 1-11, MT 18: 12-14

Wednesday, December 11

8:00am The Deceased Members of the Joseph Sepik family — Dorothy Constantine

IS 40: 25-31, MT 11: 25-30

Saint Damascus I, pope

Thursday, December 12

8:00am No Morning Mass

ZEC 2: 14-17, LK 1: 26-38

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Friday, December 13

8:00am No Morning Mass

IS 48: 17-19, MT 11: 16-19

Saint Lucy, virgin and martyr

Saturday, December 14

Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent

4:30pm (MM) Jennine "Dolly" Wilson — Mike and Dianne Schleigh

SIR 48: 1-4; 9-11, MT 17: 9; 10-13

Saint John of the Cross,

priest and doctor of the church

Sunday, December 15; Third Sunday of Advent

IS 35: 1-6; 10, JAS 5: 7-10, MT 11: 2-11

8:00am For the Living and Deceased

Members of Our Parish

11:00am (MM) Ardis R. Miner —

Joseph Bandi

Parish News Bits:

Food Pantry Thank You

The food pantry wishes to extend a very special thank you to all who donated food for our Thanksgiving meal donations. Your generosity is much appreciated. Traci Gerard

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.

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.

December Eat Alone Meal

The Eat Alone meal will be held Thursday, December 19th. If you eat alone and would like to enjoy a meal and fellowship, please join us at 3:45. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Gathering space Dec. 14th and 15th. This will be the last Eat Alone meal until March.

Celebrating our Lady of Guadeloupe

Thursday, December 12th at 11:30AM a Prayer Service will be held in the Chapel in celebration of Our Lady of Guadeloupe. Please join us as we celebrate this Marian visitation at a time when it was most needed.

December Rosary Altar Society Event

The December meeting of the Rosary Altar Society will be a luncheon to be held at MY BROTHER'S PLACE on December 11, 2019 at 11:30am. Please RSVP to Lucy with a message at 724-372-5793.

Oplatki

Oplatki, a Christmas wafer, a legacy from the past is available for \$4.00 a packet. The Oplatki wafers are embossed with Christmas-related religious images, varying from the nativity scene, especially Virgin Mary with baby Jesus, to the Star of Bethlehem.

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.

Date Change: this has been moved to Wednesday Dec. 18!



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 18, 6:30-8:30 PM

The Rectory

Please RSVP by December 17:

khoover@beloveddiscipleparish.org



YOUTH SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

All youth in **grades 6-12** are invited to join us for a local service opportunity, bringing a little bit of **JOY** to the residents at Grove Manor. We will depart Beloved Disciple together at 4:00 PM and will return by 5:15.

**Tuesday: Dec. 10
4-5:15 PM**

Permission Forms can be found outside the Youth Room or by e-mailing Kate Hoover.

**"IF WE HAVE NO PEACE, IT IS BECAUSE WE HAVE
FORGOTTEN THAT WE BELONG TO EACH OTHER."
-ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA**



Christmas Environment

Please see the Liturgical Room door for dates you may sign up to help prepare the church for Christmas. There is much to do in setting up trees, preparing wreaths, the nativity scene and much more. Contact Dianne Schleigh if you are able to help.

Beloved Disciple Youth Corner
Grades 6-12

Adoration Night • Thursday, January 2 • 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, Jan. 3 • Place and Time TBA
Outing TBA!

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!

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

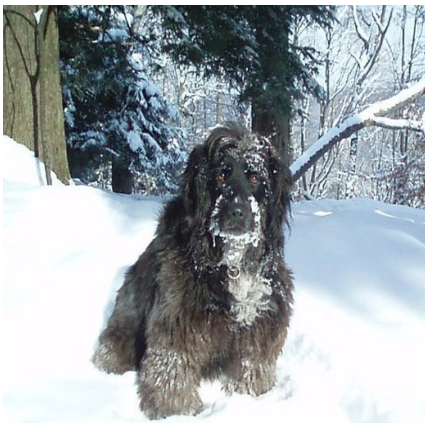
Take a break in the middle of your week and come hang out! Have some snacks, play some games and strengthen your relationship with Christ and each other through discussion, prayer and community! Meet in the Youth Room (classroom 101). (December Meetings: 4, 11 and 18)

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



Farewell to Charlotte, My Loyal and Faithful Companion

We say a very sad farewell to Charlotte, one of our church mascots. Charlotte had surgery in June then suffered a stroke in the beginning of July. She rebounded from her stroke and was doing quite well but unfortunately she passed away in November. I was blessed to be able to bring her to work with me and she brought comfort to many visitors, young and old alike. She was always by my feet and was usually very quiet, until she started snoring! Charlotte was a good dog and gave the staff much amusement throughout the years. Charlotte was not one to ever turn down food and many times she helped herself to the staff lunches! Father Mike was always willing to supply her with dog treats and sometimes Arby's sandwiches! Charlotte died at home surrounded by her family who loved her deeply and miss her tremendously. Well done, good and faithful servant.



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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**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: \$125,772.65 Due: \$12,248.00

Catholic Service Appeal 138 Families

Pledged: \$88,139.00 Paid: \$75,952.92 Due: \$12,186.08

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 December 1, 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: 107

Online Givers: 32

Yearly Budget: 535,176.00**Weekly Budget: 11,149.50****Our Total: 7224.25**

Only 65% of our budget has been met!

Weekly----- 4613.00

Monthly-----2353.00

Loose-----258.25

Sister Parish-----280.00

**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

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Tina Greig, ext 113, Director of Liturgical Music

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Little Disciples Pre School

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