

# CHURCH OF THE BELOVED DISCIPLE

1310 S. CENTER ST. EXT. GROVE CITY PA 16127

*A parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie since 1925*

## 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.



**DECEMBER 24, 2017**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY**  
**OF ADVENT**

## **STAFF**

Rev. Michael P. Allison, *Pastor, ext. 111*

Rev. Mr. Owen Wagner, *Deacon, ext. 110*

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## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

*Weekend Masses:*

4:30pm *Saturday Evening*

8:00am *Sunday Morning*

11:00am *Sunday Morning*

*Daily Masses: Monday & Tuesday — 8:00am*

*Thursday & Friday — 7:30am*

*Morning Prayer:*

*Monday & Tuesday — 7:40am*

*Thursday & Friday — 7:10am*

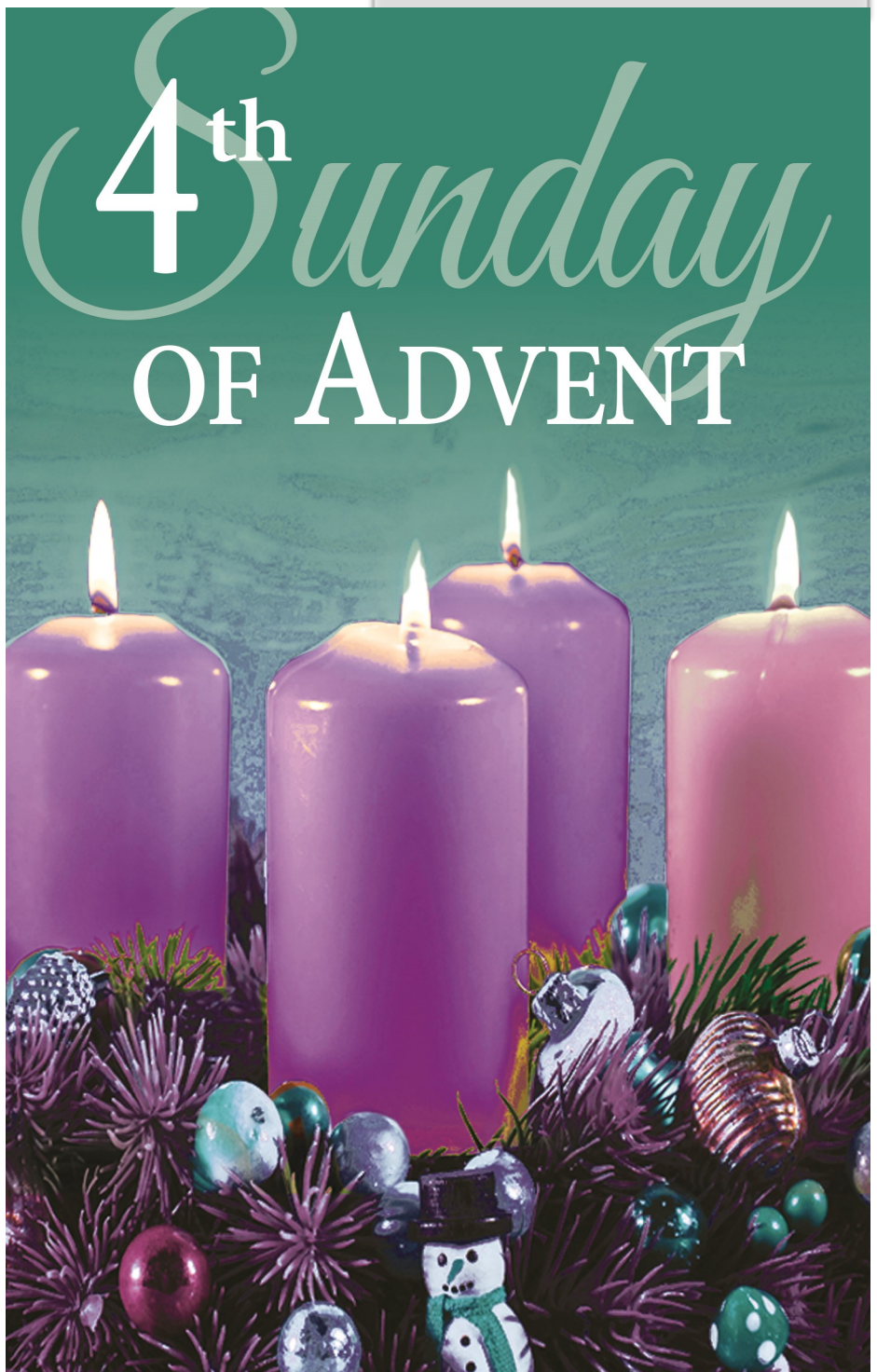
*Monthly Adoration: Thursday following*

*Morning Mass preceding First Friday*

*Holy Day Masses: As scheduled in the bulletin*

*Reconciliation: 3:30pm—4:15pm Saturday*

*Afternoon or by appointment*



**A Message from Father Mike**

Brothers and Sisters,

On behalf of all of us who serve this parish community, I want to wish you all the blessings that Christmas brings. Our prayer for you is that you and all those dear to you revel in the remembrance of the coming of God in the flesh.

Jean Danielou, an eminent theologian of the later 20<sup>th</sup> century wrote: “Since the coming of Christ goes on forever-he is always he who is to come in the world and in the church-there is always an advent going on.”

As we once again tell the ancient story of God, and our eyes move toward in the Nativity scene in the Church, we are reminded at once of a number of things: first, the birth of Christ, while once in history, is a birth that we celebrate in ourselves every day. Each time we choose to be the compassion and love of God, Christ comes to those who need to hear the joyful message that God has visited them. Second, the birth of Christ reminds us that God has, in fact, done what God promised, namely to come and be with us. Finally, while the Reign of God has been established by the presence of God in Christ, it is also something that is not finished; its fullness has not yet been realized.

And, there’s always something to be done:

- There’s someone without a home;
- there’s someone who yearns to be understood;
- there’s someone living with the curse of addiction;
- there’s someone who’s lost their job;
- there’s someone victimized by prejudice, racism, or some other sinful bias;
- there’s always someone who is the victim of some sort of violence;
- there are communities fractured and divided;
- there is always some sort of selfishness that needs to be confronted?

I suppose it’s a good question to ask who needs a Savior? Well, we do. We need to be reminded that we participate with God in building a reign of justice, love, and peace.

While we celebrate the great gift of Godself, we are reminded that there is still work to do. As we retell once again that wonderful story of God’s presence, we also recommit ourselves to God’s dream – it’s no accident that God came to us in the manner in which God did. Because of those crude circumstances, we know that God knows and invites us into a wonderful companionship where we bring Christ to birth as often as we’d like.

Lots of hope,

Fr. Mike

**OFFICE HOURS FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON:**

**DECEMBER 22ND—DECEMBER 26TH—CLOSED**

**DECEMBER 27TH AND 28TH: 9:00AM—NOON**

**DECEMBER 29TH—JANUARY 2ND: CLOSED**

# Advent– Christmas– New Year's Schedule

## ***REGULARLY SCHEDULED CONFESSIONS***

**EVERY SATURDAY FROM 3:30PM–4:15PM  
(LAST CHANCE CONFESSION DECEMBER 23RD)**

***FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 24TH MASS***

***FOR YOUR WEEKEND OBLIGATION IS:  
SATURDAY, 4:30PM AND SUNDAY, 10:00AM ONLY***

## ***CHRISTMAS LITURGIES 2017***

***CHRISTMAS EVE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>***

***5:00PM MASS VIGIL OF THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD***

***10:00PM MASS VIGIL OF THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD***

***CHRISTMAS DAY: MONDAY, DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>***

***10:00AM MASS SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD***

## ***NEW YEAR LITURGIES 2018***

***DECEMBER 31ST, 2017***

***REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE 8:00AM & 11:00AM***

***NO VIGIL MASS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY***

***NEW YEARS DAY, JANUARY 1ST, 2018***

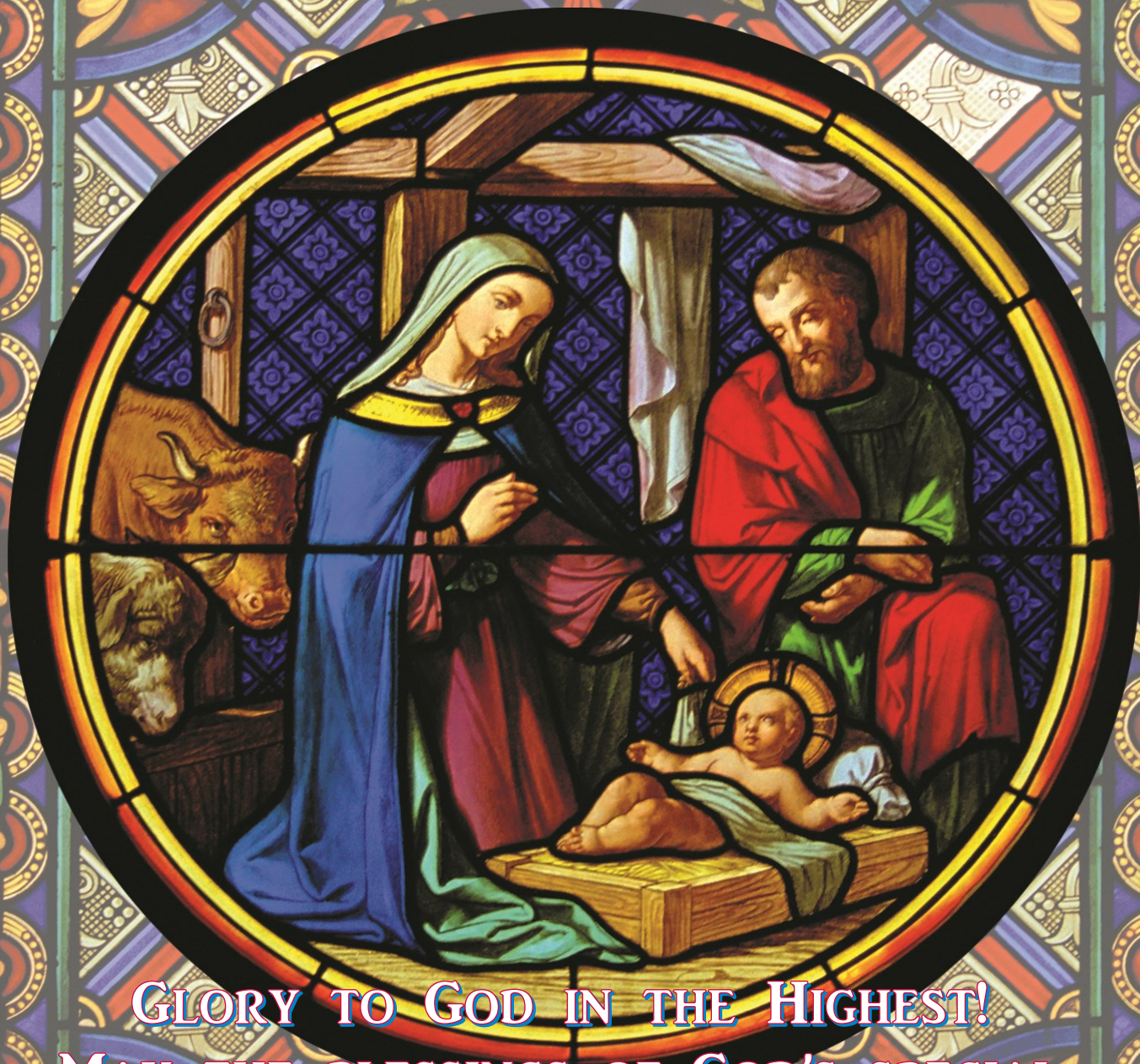
***9:00AM MASS (NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)***

### ***Reflecting on the Word***

Promises made are empty words unless there is evidence that they are kept. When we say: "I'll call you," do we? When we say, "I'll visit you," do we? It's only after the call is made or the visit takes place that it is clear our words had meaning. The same is true for marriage or religious vows, priestly promises, and the other commitments we make. When we see that vows and promises are kept and commitments are lived, we know that the words were true and not empty.

David wants to build a house for the LORD, but God has other plans. God will establish a house, a lineage that will last longer than any house David could build. God will be a father to David. David will be a son to God. When Gabriel visits Mary, the angel announces the fulfillment of that promise: "You will conceive in your womb and bear a son ... the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father ... and of his kingdom there will be no end" (Luke 1:31a, 326, 336). The letter to the Romans affirms this: The mystery that was kept secret, God's promise to David, is made manifest through Jesus Christ.

Advent reminds us of God's promise to share this everlasting reign with us. All we need to do is reflect on Mary's "yes" and say with her, "May it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38)-then fulfill those words by how we give birth to Jesus each and every day. Our tongues are powerful. They can speak truth or empty promises. Will our actions make clear that we are the servants of the Lord, who live in ways that continue to fulfill God's promises by how we live our faith in Jesus every day?



GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST!  
MAY THE BLESSINGS OF GOD'S SPECIAL  
GIFTS BE YOURS THIS CHRISTMAS  
AND IN THE NEW YEAR.

# Nativity of the Lord

**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.

**Parish News Bits:****March for Life Bus Trip Fundraiser**

Ma & Pa's Kettle Corn will be selling bags of delicious kettle popcorn the weekend of January 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> after all the Masses. The proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards the bus we will be taking to the March for Life Rally in Washington DC. Please consider buying some popcorn to help with the cost of the bus.

**"Save Time and Donate Online!"**

Online Giving is coming soon for parishioners with WeShare, an easy and convenient way to save time and support the church. Donating is simple, safe, and completely secure. With WeShare, you can set up a recurring weekly or monthly transaction using your checking, savings, or credit card account. You can decide how much to give to any collection and make changes any time, day or night. Plus, you can leave your checkbook at home on Sundays. WeShare will be available by mid-January.

"Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." --Luke 6:38

**Nar-Anon Meeting at Beloved Disciple**

Are you affected by someone else's addiction? Nar-Anon offers hope. Nar-Anon family groups are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. Beloved Disciple's Nar-Anon group, Help-Healing-Hope meets on Wednesdays at 6:00pm in the library. Please enter through the Faith Formation entrance. All are welcome! Any questions call Mikey, 724-992-2856.

# March for Life

**Beloved Disciple Catholic Church will once again be hosting a bus trip to the *March for Life*, Friday, January 19, 2018, in Washington D.C.**

- **January 18, 2018:** We will leave Beloved Disciple parking lot at 11:30pm (the building will be open at 11pm) The bus will be stopping for a short break in Breezewood.
- **January 19, 2018:** We will stop for breakfast before arriving at the Basilica, the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at approximately 6 am and have time to tour the Basilica.
- After Mass we will have time for a quick brown bag lunch (you provide your own) and join the rally and March.
- We will gather at the Museum of the American Indian to board the bus for home at 4:15pm
- The bus will stop at Hagerstown Prime Outlet's food court to have a variety of selections for dinner on the way home.
- We will arrive back at Beloved Disciple at approximately 11pm.

**RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY****PLEASE CONTACT**

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Office Hours: Mon.—Thurs. 8:30am — 12 Noon, 1:00pm — 3:00pm

Fri. 8:30am — 12 Noon

Our facilities are  
entirely handicap  
accessible.



### 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

### Y-Disciple 2018 Calendar

January 16th and 30th

February 6th and 20th

March 20th and 27th

April 3rd and 17th

We meet from 6:30 to 9:00 at the Felicetty's. Please contact Angie at (724) 748-6700 ext. 112 for more information.



### Mikey Bancroft

*Parish Secretary, Outreach Contact, ext. 100*

### Michelle Boarts

*Religious Education Facilitator PK-5, ext. 116*

*Angie Felicetty, Director of Parish Services,*

*Director of Religious Education 6-11, ext. 112*

*Tina Greig, Director of Liturgical Music, ext. 113*

*Rachael Luther, RE Secretary, ext. 115*

### Dianne Schleigh

*Director of RCIA/Liturgical Environment*

*Victoria Wagner, Coordinator of Outreach, ext. 117*

### Lorie Wizorek

*Director of Catholic School, 724-748-6868*

*Tony Bancroft, Custodian*

## Mass Schedule for the Week

### Monday, December 25, The Nativity of the Lord

10:00am

**For Those we Honor and Remember in Our**

**Christmas Memorials**

IS 52: 7-10, HEB 1: 1-6, JN 1: 1-18

### Tuesday, December 26

8:00am

**No Morning Mass**

ACTS 6: 8-10; 7: 54-59, MT 10: 17-22

Saint Stephen, the first martyr

### Wednesday, December 27

1 JN 1: 1-4, JN 20: 1-8

Saint John, apostle and evangelist

### Thursday, December 28

7:30am

**(A) Dr. Antonio Cavalli —**

**Ferdinando and Anna Maria Saglio**

1 JN 1: 5—2: 2, MT 2: 13-18

The Holy Innocents, martyrs

### Friday, December 29

7:30am

**Adolph A. Appel, Sr. — Gail Jane Puntureri**

1 JN 2: 3-11, LK 2: 22-35

Saint Thomas Becket, bishop and martyr

### Saturday, December 30;

4:30pm

**Vigil: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**Anthony and James Gregory — From the Family**

1 JN 2: 12-1, LK 2: 36-40

### Sunday, December 31; The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

SIR 3: 2-6; 12-14, COL 3: 12-21, LK 2: 22-40

8:00am

**Susie Allison — Mark, Thea and Steven Nixon**

11:00am

**For the Living and Deceased Members of Our Parish**

## Sacrificial Giving the Weekend of December 17, 2017

**Coming Soon— Online Giving!**

Families in Parish: 525 Envelopes Mailed: 454  
Envelopes Used: 151

**29% of our parishioners financially  
support 100% of our parish needs**

**Yearly Budget: 585,991.00**

**Weekly Budget: 11,269.00**

**Our Total: 10,266.30**

**We met only 91% of our weekly budget.**

Weekly.....	9275.00
Monthly.....	590.00
Loose.....	401.30
Sister Parish.....	415.00
Building Fund.....	851.00
CSA.....	535.00

**Thank you so much for your  
continued generous support!**