



December 2016

Dear St. John Fisher parish community:

I started this letter a week ago and since then the weather forecast has changed many times. I have a weather app on my phone and check it often, including in the middle of the night. The forecast for Christmas Eve / Christmas has changed many times. Several days ago it was freezing temperatures and snow Saturday & Sunday. Then it was rain, with temperatures in the 40's. Today it shows snow on Christmas Eve. As we know from this past couple weeks, the snow is more manageable than the ice. However, the snow gets packed down and becomes ice.

Mass attendance has been somewhat lower due to the weather. We have had Mass every day as scheduled since I just have to walk a few steps from my residence to the church. Someone has showed up for every Mass but sometimes only 2 or 3. Several years ago there was a severe storm over Christmas. The offertory income was down significantly. Fr. Forbes sent out an appeal to cover for the lost income from the 'Arctic Blast.'

I am launching 'Arctic Blast II' with this letter. Hopefully the weather will change for the better by the weekend but I would prefer to be pre-emptive. Please consider making an end of the year contribution to the parish. It will help us make up lost revenue from these past weeks.

Stay safe and may you have a Blessed Christmas Season.

Fr. Richard B. Thompson

Fr. Richard



HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday, December 24

**Christmas Eve/
Night Masses:**
4pm, 6pm, 10pm

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day Masses:
9am, 11am
(no 5:30pm Mass)

Friday, December 30

**The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary & Joseph**
(not a Holy Day of Obligation)
Masses as usual at
7:15am only

Saturday, December 31

**Feast of Mary
the Mother of God**
Saturday Mass as usual at
4:30pm

Sunday, January 1

**Feast of Mary
the Mother of God**
Sunday Masses as usual at
9:00am, 11:00am, 5:30pm

