

Epiphany of Our Lord Church

34th or Last Sunday of Ordinary Time



November 20, 2011

Our Lord Jesus Christ The King



Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Office of the Cardinal
222 North 17th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-1299

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My brother priests and deacons,
My brothers and sisters of the lay faithful,

Next Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent, is an historic occasion for Catholics throughout the United States. After forty-some years, we will celebrate Mass with a revised English translation. This is a translation of the 2002 third edition of the *Roman Missal* and the fruit of many years of intense work to provide a more faithful rendering of the Latin prayers into English. Here in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, we have prepared for more than two years to receive this new translation focusing not only on new words but on the Mystery the Liturgy celebrates, the Mystery of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

The use of this revised English translation gives us—clergy and the faithful—many new opportunities to reconsider the centrality of the Mass in our lives, to learn more about our Faith from the Mass prayers, to evaluate our preparation and our manner of celebration. These are on-going opportunities that each of us, over the months and years ahead, must take seriously so that our celebration of the Eucharist will be more fully directed to the glory of the Triune God and to our growth in holiness of life.

The next few weeks will require careful attention as we sing and say new responses and prayers, and there may be some awkwardness and confusion. However, in a short time there will be again an ease to our participation in the celebration of Mass with the new translation. I encourage the use of worship aids and even some instruction at Mass for a reasonable and smooth transition. Even though the new texts will be in use, providing catechesis and information on the translation must also continue.

I hope that this historic event, the use of a revised English translation of the *Roman Missal*, will also signal a renewed commitment to the Sunday Eucharist, to celebrate it with greater beauty and dignity and to live from it more profoundly and intently.

May God give you peace and every blessing.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
Archbishop of Philadelphia



THIS IS THE DAY THAT THE LORD HAS MADE

Parents/guardians, there is no greater gift that you could offer your children than bringing them to Mass on Sunday.

For a Catholic, Sunday Mass is the most important event of each week. We make Sunday holy by participating in the Eucharist and refraining from unnecessary work.

Keeping Sunday holy has its origin in Easter Sunday, the day of Christ's Resurrection. During Mass we offer praise and thanks to God as we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus. By these sacred events, Jesus frees us from sin, guides our journey on earth and opens the way to heaven.

While Sunday is the time for worship, it is also an occasion for rest and relaxation. Too many people's lives are marked by constant activity. They are just as busy and exhausted on Sundays as they are on weekdays. For them, Sunday is neither a day of rest nor a time for worship. For six days, we work and use our talents and abilities to supply for our needs and the needs of others. By resting on the Sabbath, we make a public statement that, ultimately, we

depend on God for everything. We can be tempted to believe that our accomplishments are done independently of God. We are misled to think that through our own efforts, we achieve success. In reality, any measure of achievement or success is the fruit of God's grace. Our participation at Mass is the supreme act of thanks and praise we offer to God for his goodness to us throughout the week.

Sunday is a day for worship of God and setting time aside for leisure. Join with others in meals, conversation and activities that deepen family life. The Eucharistic celebration does not stop at the church door. Those who participate at Mass carry their joy, faith, and concern for others from the Mass into the rest of the day, and indeed into the week that follows.

For Discussion

What pressures make it a challenge for you to keep Sunday holy?

November 6, 2011 Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Matthew 25:1-13	What can you do to make yourself ready to meet God?
November 13, 2011 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Matthew 25:14-30	What is the special talent that God has given you and how do you use it for good?
November 20, 2011 Christ the King	Matthew 25:31-46	What acts of charity have you done as a family to help those in need?
November 27, 2011 First Sunday of Advent	Mark 13:33-37	What are the ways in which Jesus comes to you?

From the Pastor

Thank you to Connie Cannon Steuer, Director of Music, who has accepted my invitation to teach us the musical settings for the revised translation of the Roman Missal (third edition) at the 5 p.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses this weekend in preparation for their use next weekend, Nov. 26-27, the First Sunday of Advent.

Guest Speaker

Gail Toto, our new Parish Youth Minister will speak at all Masses this weekend concerning our ministry to the youth of our parish.

Our High School Youth Group will serve the homeless at the Coordinated Homeless Outreach Center (CHOC) in Norristown this Sunday, Nov. 20, at 4:30 p.m. We will serve a meal, listen to a presentation and participate in recreational time. We will leave Epiphany parking lot no later than 4 p.m. Please contact Gail Toto, Parish Youth Minister, at (610) 943-6627 or youth.ministry@eols.org. All high school youth of the parish in grades 9-12 are invited to join.

Annual SON Turkey Drive



You buy the turkeys from Genuardis (Germantown Pike store only) or SuperFresh (Center Square store only) at the customer service desk. They hold all the turkeys for SON to pick up. You purchase the rest of the items above yourself and pay for them at check-out. Drop off the turkey receipt at the rectory ASAP and drop off the rest of the food goods at the Parish Center before or after any of the Masses this weekend, Nov. 19-20.

It is ok if you wish to donate a turkey purchased at another store, but call me about where and when to drop it off. We do not have freezer space. If you have any questions, call Jim O'Connor (215-283-2447).

Little Blue Books

Complimentary copies of The Little Blue Book, for the Advent and Christmas Seasons, will be distributed next weekend, Nov. 26-27, until supplies are exhausted. The Little Blue Book, published by the Diocese of Saginaw, offers six-minute reflections on the Sunday Gospels of Year B.

For further information, contact Joan Purcell at (610) 279-3221.

Sanctification Day for Priests

The priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia assemble each year for a day of prayer and reflection on the Sacred Priesthood. This year our priests will gather with Archbishop Chaput at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary on Monday, Nov. 21, for the 2011 Day of Sanctification for priests.

Please pray for all priests of the Archdiocese, especially this weekend and Monday, with the following prayer from the Roman Missal: Lord our God, you guide your people by the ministry priests. Keep them faithful in obedient service to you that by their life and ministry they may bring you glory in Christ. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thanksgiving Eve Prayer Service

The annual Thanksgiving Eve Interfaith Ecumenical Prayer Service, will be held Wednesday, Nov. 23, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Jude and the Nativity Episcopal Church, 203 Germantown Pike in Lafayette Hill. Father Quindlen will preach the homily. A combined choir from many faith traditions will participate. Refreshments will be served after the service. All are invited to attend.

The Prayer Service is sponsored by the Plymouth-Withemarsch Ministerium, a fellowship of 11 faith communities from the two townships.

For further information, contact host pastor Rev. Kathleen Walter at (610) 941-6666.

Welcome, RCIA Candidates!

The Rite of Welcoming the Candidates, Linda Long and Ken Smith, will take place next Sunday, Nov. 27, at the 9:30 a.m. Mass

Serve Our Neighbor Christmas Giving Tree



The Giving Tree will be on display in the Church vestibule beginning next weekend, Nov. 26-27. The tags on the tree will be gifts for the After School Program at Project H.O.M.E. and gifts for St. Elizabeth's Shelter for homeless men.

Gifts purchased should be placed in gift bags (with the tag attached) and placed under the tree no later than the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Dec. 11. For more information, call Kathy at (610) 279-3504 or e-mail Olivia at O.selinger@comcast.net.



**Ushers/Service Ministries
Christmas Party**

**Thursday, Dec. 1
Plymouth Country Club
\$38.00 pp.**

Cash bar 6 p.m. Dinner at 7 p.m.
Choose your meal by number.

Meal Number: Prime Rib (1) Salmon (2)
Chicken Cordon Blue (3).

Please list number attending _____
and meal number

Name: _____ Meal # _____

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Contact one of the ushers if you are interested in attending. There is a sign up sheet in the ushers' room. Cash or checks payable to Debbie Bacino, along with your dinner selections, should be returned no later than this Sunday, Nov. 20, at 12 noon if you are planning to attend.

Contact either Jim Keating (215) 646-5046 or Debbie Bacino (610) 278-0561 if you have any questions. All are invited.

Drivers Needed

Our older parishioners who live at Sunrise on Blue Bell Penllyn Pike are able to attend the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday due to the generosity and kindness of our volunteer drivers. Would you consider being an occasional substitute driver, if needed? Contact Noel Gallagher at (215) 643-4302.

**Extraordinary Ministers
of Holy Communion Needed**

Any parishioner who would like to become an extraordinary minister of holy communion, please contact the parish office.

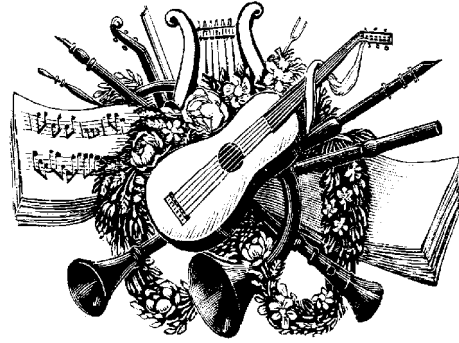
We need volunteers to bring Holy Communion to the sick who are homebound, at Sunrise of Blue Bell, Arista Care at Meadow Springs and Mercy Sub-



urban Hospital.

We also need volunteers to help distribute Holy Communion at four Masses on weekends and Holy Days of Obligation, and daily Mass (Mon.-Sat.).

**21st Anniversary
Christmas Candlelight Concert**



On Sunday, Dec. 11, at 7:30 p. m. **Gaudeamus** will celebrate its **21st anniversary** of concerts, fundraising and community service with its annual Candlelight Christmas Concert at Epiphany of Our Lord Church.

The program will feature *Connie Cannon Steuer*, Pianist; *Sarah Agnew and Kelly Brobson*, Vocalists; and, an ensemble of professional musicians performing traditional, sacred and classical Christmas favorites.

Since its inception, Gaudeamus has raised nearly \$500,000 through concert performances, CD sales, private contributions and foundations grants. This past year, Gaudeamus funded scholarships for three parishioners, outstanding college students who have performed outstanding community service. The organization also paid the school tuition for two parishioners at our parish elementary school.

This year, we are offering our supporters a special gift giving opportunity. Make a gift of \$50 or more on behalf of a relative, friend, child or spouse, and Gaudeamus will send a Christmas acknowledgement and one of our Christmas CD's to the recipient on your behalf. Contribution forms may be picked up from Connie at the piano. Please stop by after Mass.

For addition information, please visit the Gaudeamus web-site at www.letusrejoice.net or call Connie Cannon Steuer at (610) 291-4255.

GAUDEAMUS

Will also be performing their annual candlelight Christmas concert on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 3 p. m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Norristown. Free and open to the public.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Nov. 21

8:30 A.M. – Charles Flanagan

Tuesday, Nov. 22

8:30 A.M. – The O'Brien & The Hayes Family

Wednesday, Nov. 23

8:30 A.M. – Joseph Ramaize

Thursday, Nov. 24

8:30 A.M. – Baby John Shapiro

Friday, Nov. 25

8:30 A.M. – John Gray

Saturday, Nov. 26

8:30 A.M. – Lynn M. Cahill

Flooded Basements Repair Update

Two wood panels in the Adoration Chapel door were removed and replaced with semi-transparent, temper-treated glass. This facility upgrade was installed for the safety and security of both the Chapel and its adorers.

The new carpeting for the Rectory Meeting Room, the Adoration Chapel, and the stairways was installed by Roy Lomas Carpet Contractors. After the baseboards are cleaned and the carpeting is vacuumed, the furniture will also be cleaned and reset.

A re-opening date will be announced to allow occupancy of both the Adoration Chapel and the Rectory Meeting Room. All the adorers will be contacted by phone by the Coordinator. And, other organizations who gather in the Rectory Meeting Room will be contacted by phone as well.

Thank you, once again, for your patience and understanding.

Respect Life Rose

In Loving Memory of

Mary Mack

1st year Anniversary

*This rose will remain on
the Altar in front of*

The Blessed Mother



Please Pray For The Sick

Helen Brady*
Lily Gallagher*
Louis Hines*
John Purcell*

Maureen Ryan*
Ray Vozzo
*Parishioner



*Please Remember in your Prayers
Those Who Have Died*

Grace W. Mayfield

Who died Nov. 13

Wife of Harold J. Mayfield

*Mother of Kathleen, John, Eileen,
Coleen, Michael, and Maureen*

Sister of Carmel, Kathleen, John & Mary

Helen Swartz

Who died Nov. 15

Mother of Betty Jean Swartz

Baptism

*We welcome to our
Parish Family*

**Sophia Grace Bilardo
Adelaide Katharine Elliott**
Baptized Nov. 6

Tyler Joseph Kane
Baptized Nov. 13



Stewardship is a way of life. Tithing is God's Plan for Giving.

This Week's Tithes	\$16,449
Last Year's Tithes	\$17,057
Children's Tithes	\$ 14

From the Pastor:

Next week's implementation of the revised English translation of the Roman Missal (third edition) is an opportune time for us to reflect internally and express externally what we believe about the Mass—a sacrifice, a memorial and a meal.

From the Pews:

I cannot stop tithing! God is good and God is faithful—take the leap!

From the Children:

Tried to keep peace and order with a friend on the playground. I helped others. I handed out turkey flyers for the food drive. I helped a person who fell on the pavement.

Stewardship Sunday Appeal \$ 40,739

You are cordially invited to shop during our Annual



2011 Craft\$how

Saturday, December 3rd 9:30 – 4:00 PM
Sunday, December 4th 8:00 – 2:00 PM

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AND
LUNCH!**

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- * Donate a GIANT or SHOPRITE Script Card after Mass to help cover associated costs
- * Join us for a few hours each day for a fun, relaxed shopping experience
- * **SPONSOR our SHOW!** Sponsorship levels available for all businesses and individuals who believe in a quality Catholic education. 215.654.5224 or craftshow@eols.org for details
- * Donate a home-made baked good for our Bake Table (drop off either morning at the Show)

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Phone Number: _____

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____ Golden Inn Getaway Package _____ Laptop Computer

____ Godiva® Gift Basket _____ Dinner for 2: BlueBell Inn

To enter, complete ticket, include cash or check (payable to: EOL Home & School)

Mail to: Amy Fruncillo, 861 Valley Rd., Blue Bell, PA 19422

Feel free to call/email with Questions: 215.654.5224. craftshow@eols.org

Thank You for your Support!

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William R. Radetzky (Retired), Joel M. Ziff, (Retired)

Parish Staff

Paris A. DiPietro: Business Manager, Constance M. Steuer: Music

Minister, Lydia Hayward: Business Secretary,

Anthony R. Mashaintonio: Maintenance Supervisor,

John F. Phipps: Church Sacristan, Cecilia T. Dadario &

JoAnn O'Connor: Administrative Assistants

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Dolores Strittmatter, Secretary

Tour/Info: (610)-943-6666

Office of Religious Education

www.epiphanyrep.webs.com (610) 825-6790.

Stephanie Quigley, Coordinator, part-time

Nicole Zimmerman, Adm. Assistant, part-time

Office of Youth Ministry

Gail Toto, part-time, (610) 943-6627



Perpetual Adoration Chapel

In order to keep our Perpetual Adoration Chapel open 24/7, we need your help. Please ASK a family member or friend to consider spending time with our Eucharistic Lord Jesus. He is our companion, our divine physician and Good Shepherd. You can come to HIM, to praise and adore HIM or to pour out one's heart to HIM, to ask for inspiration, to be consoled and comforted, to ask for favors and guidance, and to give thanks. If you can commit to any of these times, please call Elaine Thorpe at (610) 828-6925.

OPEN HOURS

SUNDAY: 12-1PM, 1-2PM, 8-9PM, 12:30-2AM

MONDAY: 10-11AM, 3-4PM, 11PM-12:30AM

TUESDAY: 12-1PM, 4-5PM, 12:30-2AM,
2-3:30AM, 3:30-5AM

WEDNESDAY: 5-6 AM, 2-3 PM, 4-5PM, 7-8PM,
11PM-12:30AM, 12:30-2AM,
2-3:30AM, 3:30-5AM

THURSDAY: 5-6 AM, 3-4PM, 7-8PM, 12:30-2AM

FRIDAY: 5-6AM, 9-10 AM, 6-7PM, 7-8PM,
2-3:30AM, 3:30-5AM

SATURDAY: 11-12PM, 12-1PM, 1-2PM, 3-4PM,
6-7PM, 9-10PM, 2-3:30AM,
3:30-5AM

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 5 p.m. Vigil (fulfills the Sunday Obligation)

SUNDAY: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., & 11:30 a.m.

DAILY: 8:30 a.m. Monday to Saturday

HOLIDAYS: Vigil at 7 p.m., 8:30 a.m., 12 & 7 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:30-4:30 p.m. and by appointment.

RECTORY HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY 8:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Closed for lunch: 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

SATURDAY 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

SUNDAY Closed July-August

A mail slot is located in the rectory front door.

OFFICE REQUESTS



To register in the parish, arrange for a baptism, or request a Certificate of Eligibility for sponsorship at baptism or confirmation, you may contact the rectory. You may come in person to the rectory to meet with one of the deacons on any Sunday of the month (except July and August) after the 9:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. Masses. Also, please advise our office of any change of address, telephone number or family status.

Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday after the 11:30 a.m. Mass, except on the fifth Sunday of the month when Baptism is celebrated during the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Both parents must attend a Pre-Jordan class, which is held the first Wednesday of every month. Pre-Registration for the class is required by coming to the Rectory office after the 9:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. Masses on any Sunday (except July and August) and seeing a Priest or Deacon. Sponsors are required to obtain a letter from their church stating they are members in good standing.

Marriage

Notify the Priest of your intention to marry at least six months before the date of the wedding to assure sufficient preparation and to arrange for Pre-Cana instruction and Natural Family Planning sessions. Pre-Cana Days are held in April and October.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

First Saturday of the month during 8:30 a.m. Mass or by special request. Please notify the rectory as soon as possible when any parishioner becomes seriously ill or is admitted to the hospital.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL—PERPETUAL NOVENA

After 8:30 am Mass every Saturday

Epiphany of Our Lord School News

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A Note from the Principal

We've done it again! Each year the Attorney General's Office sponsors a contest for drug awareness and prevention. Erin Mahady's entry was selected to be featured in next year's calendar. Her entry is slated for September. She and her parents will be invited to Harrisburg for an award ceremony. Erin is thrilled as is Miss Miller. She almost did a cartwheel! Way to go, Erin! Each year the Student Council joins SON in preparing a Thanksgiving Basket for those in need. They purchase the turkey from their funds and the members all bring in the different foodstuffs that are needed. The Student Council is also sponsoring a Dress Down Day this week for diabetes awareness. We will be concluding the week by having a Thanksgiving Prayer Service. We will remember you, the parishioners, in our prayers. During this Thanksgiving Season we thank you for all the support that you have shown to the school.

School News

Alumni News: Elizabeth McAndrew, Class of 2011, made All Catholic Jazz Band and will be playing for the new Archbishop.

KINDERGARTEN: MRS. KONESKI: The Kindergarten celebrated Thanksgiving with a beautiful Prayer Service followed by their very own Thanksgiving Feast. They dressed like Pilgrims and Native Americans and enjoyed turkey and all the trimmings prepared by the wonderful kindergarten parents.

1ST GRADE: MRS. DUNSMORE: First grade would like to share a couple of Thanksgiving chuckles with you. When asked how the children would get their Thanksgiving turkeys, these are a couple of adorable responses: One child mentioned that he would take his bow and arrow and shoot the turkey. Then, he would cook it over an open fire for 2 hours. Other children suggested going to Genuardi's. Turkeys could be cooked anywhere from 5 minutes to 30 hours at 100 degrees. Count your blessings that you are going to grandma's house! Happy Thanksgiving!

2ND GRADE: MRS. MORASCO: The second grade will enjoy the week with crafts and activities for Thanksgiving. The children will read about and watch a movie about the Mayflower.

3RD GRADE: MS. PALCKO: The children are learning about the 4 Marks of the Church in Religion. The 3rd grade just finished reading their first chapter book in class, THE BOX CAR CHILDREN. In Science, we are learning about the 3 layers of soil.

4TH GRADE: MS. CATANIA: My fourth grade artists are learning to create depth using various techniques while designing Native American landscapes. These curious young minds will soon be reciting the scientific names of the bones in the human body. My cordial class will be introduced to friendly letter writing this week!

5TH GRADE: MS. MILLER: Grade 5: Social Studies: Ms. Miller: Our class wrote expository paragraphs explaining how to do something. Fifth grade completed its study of Southern states as

sixth grade finished its unit on France. Seventh grade was busy finding out about pre-Revolutionary activities while eighth grade examined US technology breakthroughs of the late 1800s.

ART: MRS. CRAWFORD: GRADE 6,7,8: Thanksgiving project with Prayer partners.

COMPUTERS: MRS. CRAWFORD: Pre- K 4, K, 1- all having fun with Thanksgiving sites. -Grade 3 typing practice with Dance - Grade 4 working with the network and files. - Grades 5 through 8 finishing up their vocabulary file. Grades 5 & 6 are writing a letter to Santa. - Grades 7 & 8 are in the Secret Santa Shop.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS: MS. JENNIFER CRAWFORD: ELA GRADE 6,7,8: Working on final projects and book reports.

GYM: MRS. MARYANN GILMAN: Grades Pre-4 thru 3rd will play "Bug Out"-a tag game and "Shuttle Run"- a running game where the children will look for specified colored balls and hoops. Grades 4th-8th will begin practicing their sit-ups for their Presidential Testing in December. They will play "Noodle Hockey" to help develop their endurance and shooting skills.

HONORS MATH: MRS. O'HAGAN: GRADES 4,5,6,7,8: 4th - Balance equations and find and extend patterns 5th - Find the greatest common factor by creating Venn Diagrams 6th and 7th - Heading to the Franklin Institute to take part in CSI: The Experience 8th - Slope, direct variation, and slope intercept form.

MATH: MS. MARIANI: GRADES 5-8: We will be learning how to find the square roots of numbers and the Pythagorean Theorem. Other classes will be learning about inequalities as well as how to add and subtract decimal numbers.

MUSIC: SR. REGINA DOUGHERTY, SSSJ- Students enjoy singing their Thanksgiving Turkey songs as warm-ups in music class. Students in Grades 1-3 are learning about the form or pattern of songs. Students in Grades 4-8 are learning how to notate various rhythm patterns. Students in Pre-K and K enjoy coming to the music room to sing songs, move around and play instruments.

SCIENCE:

MR. GABE ANTONELLO: GRADES 5,6,7,8: Grade 5 is trying to see the bigger cosmic picture by learning about the theory of the Big Bang. Grade 6 is hot on the trail of understanding Volcanoes. Grade 7 has 206 bones to pick as they study the Skeletal System. Grade 8 is scratching the surface, looking at Sedimentary Rocks.

SPANISH:

MRS. CRAWFORD: GRADES 5,6,7,8: Will continue with Rosetta Stone.