

*Epiphany of Our Lord Church*  
*December 18, 2011*



*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

## Christmas Schedule

### Confessions

Saturday, Dec. 24, No Confessions

### Masses

Christmas Eve, Saturday, Dec. 24

Vigils 4 p.m. & 6 p.m.

No 5 p.m. Vigil

Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec. 25

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

## New Year's Schedule

### Confessions

Saturday, Dec. 31, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

### Masses

New Year's Eve, Saturday, Dec. 31

5 p.m. Vigil

New Year's Day, Sunday, Jan 1

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

### GAUDEAMUS

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

### Parish Office Closed

Our parish office will be closed from Friday, Dec. 23 at 11:30 a.m. until Tuesday Jan. 2 at 8:30 a.m.

### Our Christmas Offering

Since Christmas occurs on a Sunday this year, *Our Christmas Offering* will be the second collection on Dec. 25. The first collection on Dec. 25 will be the fourth Sunday of December.



### Morning Prayer During Advent

*The Liturgy of the Hours is recited daily at 8:15 a.m.*

### Collection Counters

We are in immediate need of a collection counter for the third Monday of each month. Please contact JoAnn O'Connor at (610) 828-8634 if you would like to volunteer.

### Parish Youth Ministry

Movie Night, The Human Experience, this Sunday, Dec. 18, from 7-9 p.m. All High School students (Grades 9-12) are welcome!

Three Kings Party, Sunday, Jan. 8, 2012 from 7 – 9 p.m. Open to all High School students (Grades 9-12). Bring your friends!

For further information, contact Gail Toto, Parish Youth Minister, at (610) 943-6627.

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Needed



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 Suburban 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.).

Any parishioner who would like to become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please contact Mary Sheehan at (610) 828-8103 or Toni Rochow at (610) 292-9572.

### Drivers Needed

Our 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.

### EOL Playgroup

Join us for informal playtime, conversation, and coffee on Tuesdays from 10:30–11:30 a.m. in the Pre-K 3 classroom. All are welcome and there is no charge. Contact Marion Dinofa at (610) 914-1144 at marion.dinofa@gmail.com or Nina Brooks at (215) 518-1500 at nbrooks324@yahoo.com.

### St. Joseph Villa



Is currently in need of volunteers to provide in house transport to Physical Therapy on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Please contact Sister Frances Hart, S.S.J., at (215) 248-7844 or email franceshartssj@yahoo.com if you can assist.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, Dec. 19

8:30 A.M. – Connie & Anthony Manifesta

### Tuesday, Dec. 20

8:30 A.M. – Len Giangiallo

### Wednesday, Dec. 21

8:30 A.M. – Lillian Macrina

### Thursday, Dec. 22

8:30 A.M. – Dr. Albert D'Alonzo,  
8th Anniversary

### Friday, Dec. 23

8:30 A.M. – William Meehan

### Saturday, Dec. 24

8:30 A.M. – Deceased Members of  
Kuntz & Ference Families

4:00 P.M. – Celebrant's Intention

5:00 P.M. – NO VIGIL MASS

6:00 P.M. – Celebrant's Intention

## Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary of our parish continues to visit all the homes within our parish boundaries, both Catholic and non-Catholic, as part of our Evangelization Program. When they call on your family, please receive them kindly into your homes, as you would receive Christ. Epiphany Parish's Legion of Mary meets every Thursday from 6-7:30 p.m. in Room 3 of the Parish Center. All are welcome! Visit a junior Legion of Mary meeting any Wednesday at 4:45 p.m. at the Legion building, 510 Green St., Norristown. Meet Catholic kids, pray the rosary, visit the sick and elderly.

## Frozen Casserole Ministry

The Frozen Casserole Ministry collects casseroles on the first Sunday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Center and delivers them to the Missionaries of Charity in Norristown to feed the needy of this area. Casseroles can also be placed in the Rectory Meeting Room freezer anytime. The tins are graciously provided by the Knights of Columbus and will be available at the collection, with some limited supplies also at the freezer. If you have any questions, please call Suzanne Antonello at (215) 643-0599.

## Please Pray For The Sick

Helen Brady\*  
Lily Gallagher\*  
Louis Hines\*  
Helen Miller\*  
Mary Pizzico\*

John Purcell\*  
Maureen Ryan\*  
Ray Vozzo  
\*Parishioner



## Respect Life Rose

In Loving Wishes to

### Wayne Hayward

This rose will remain on  
the Altar in front of

**The Blessed Mother**



## Baptism

We welcome to our  
Parish Family

**Alexander John Kelly**

Baptized Dec. 11



## Memorial Altar Flowers

If you wish to place flowers in memory of a loved one or for a special occasion, call Gerry Venonsky at (610) 630-0406 or call Lydia Hayward at the rectory (610) 828-8634.



Suggested donation is \$50.

## Stewardship is a way of life.

### Tithing is God's Plan for Giving.

This Week's Tithe	\$18,239
Last Year's Tithe	\$ 16,858
Children's Tithe	\$ 22.05

### From the Pastor:

Congratulations and prayerful best wishes to Connie Cannon Steuer, Director of Music, and the professional musicians of the Gaudeamus music ensemble on the occasion of their 21st anniversary candlelight Christmas Concert last Sunday!

### From the Pews:

Glad to do tithing but I think a lot of people do not understand just how much it costs to run a church and school.

### From the Children:

Wrapping gifts. I served Mass. I made cards for friends. I cleaned my playroom. I helped a classmate on the computer. I helped with a math problem. Caring for Daddy. Wrapped presents.

<b>Immaculate Conception B.V.M</b>	<b>\$ 2,450</b>
<b>Retirement Fund for Religious</b>	<b>\$ 4,165</b>
<b>Stewardship Sunday Appeal:</b>	<b>\$ 60,250</b>

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December 9, 2011

Steve Idzik  
622 Apache Lane  
Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

Dear Steve,

Thank you for participating in our Respect Life Sunday activities. With your help, over 35,000 Bulletins, along with pins, bumper stickers and other pro-life materials, were distributed throughout the Diocese.

We appreciate the time you give to this work, as we are sure you have many other commitments. Your gift of time inspires us more than you know.

The parishioners of Epiphany of Our Lord donated \$90 to the Pro-Life Union. How wonderful that your parish is filled with people for Life!

Thank you again.

God bless,

Edel Finnegan  
Director

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cc: Father Joseph Quindlen

# 2012 March for Life



## **Monday, Jan. 23 Washington, D.C.**

Epiphany Respect Life Committee cordially invites you to attend our annual March for Life bus trip to Washington, D.C., on Monday, Jan. 23.

The bus will leave our parking lot promptly at 6:55 a.m. and return at approximately 9:30 p.m. The cost is \$16 for parishioners and \$20 for non-parishioners.

Archbishop Chaput will celebrate Mass at 10 a.m. at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception this year (where we park), and we should be able to attend, if we leave at 6:55 a.m. Light refreshments will be provided on the bus, but for lunch we recommend that marchers bring a bag lunch.

We will stop for a buffet dinner on the way home. The cost for dinner will be approximately \$14 for adults.

Sign-up sheets are available in our church vestibule. Please sign up early so we can properly complete our planning, and fill the bus. During the Christmas holidays, the sign-up sheet may be on the "food certificate" table.

For further information, call Steve Idzik at (610) 834-1922 or Elaine Thorpe at (610) 828 6925.



Archdiocese of Philadelphia  
Office of the Cardinal  
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**December 8, 2011**  
**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**

Dear friends in Christ,

Exactly three months ago, on September 8, I was installed as Archbishop of Philadelphia. In the weeks since, traveling the archdiocese, I've been struck by two things I encounter again and again: the reservoir of good will in our people, and the fidelity of our priests.

The Church in southeastern Pennsylvania has deep roots and an extraordinary legacy of saints, service and public witness. These are profound strengths, built by the faith of generations of Catholic families. But all of these good facts depend on our willingness to sustain them by our actions in the present. Advent is a season of self-examination in the light of God's word; a season of conversion and looking forward in hope to the birth of a Savior at Christmas. There is no better time to speak frankly about the conditions we now face as a community of believers.

Complacency is the enemy of faith. To whatever degree complacency and pride once had a home in our local Church, events in the coming year will burn them out. The process will be painful. But going through it is the only way to renew the witness of the Church; to clear away the debris of human failure from the beauty of God's word and to restore the joy and zeal of our Catholic discipleship.

In the year ahead, we have a grave and continuing obligation to help victims of clergy sex abuse to heal; to create Church environments that protect our young people; and to cooperate appropriately with civil authorities in pursuing justice for both the victims of sexual abuse and those accused.

At the same time, we need to remember that many hundreds of our priests -- the overwhelming majority -- have served our people with exceptional lives of sacrifice and character. Since arriving in September, I have pressed for a rapid resolution of the cases of those priests placed on administrative leave earlier this year. The first months of 2012 will finally see those cases concluded. Whatever the results, the confidence of our people and the morale of our priests have suffered. The hard truth is that many innocent priests have borne the brunt of the Church's public humiliation and our people's anger. The harsh media environment likely to surround the

criminal trial which begins next March will further burden our lay people and our clergy. But it cannot be avoided.

Finally, the resources of the Church do not belong to the bishops or the clergy; they belong to the entire Catholic people, including the faithful generations who came before us. The Church is a community of faith alive in the present but also connected across the years through time. The Church holds her resources in stewardship for the whole Catholic community, to carry out our shared apostolic mission as believers in Jesus Christ. This means that as archbishop, I have the duty not just to defend those limited resources, but also to ensure that the Church uses them with maximum care and prudence; to maximum effect; and with proper reporting and accountability.

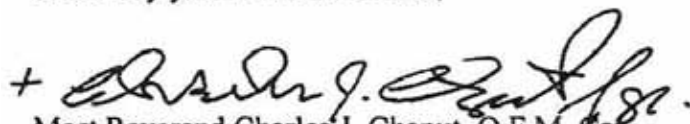
In the coming year we will face very serious financial and organizational issues that cannot be delayed. They must be addressed. These are not simply business issues; they go to the heart of our ability to carry out our Catholic ministries. The archdiocese remains strongly committed to the work of Catholic education. But that mission is badly served by trying to sustain unsustainable schools. In January, the archdiocesan Blue Ribbon Commission will provide me with its recommendations on Catholic education. The Commission has worked for months on this difficult issue with extraordinary sensitivity and skill. It will likely counsel that some, and perhaps many, schools must close or combine. It will also offer a framework for strengthening our schools going forward.

Over the next 18 months the same careful scrutiny must be applied to every aspect of our common life as a Church, from the number and location of our parishes, to every one of our archdiocesan operational budgets. This honest scrutiny can be painful, because real change is rarely easy; but it also restores life and health, and serves the work of God's people. We cannot call ourselves good stewards if we do otherwise.

These words may sound sobering, but they are spoken with love as a father and a brother. They are a plea to take our baptism seriously; and to renew our local Church with Christian charity, justice and zeal. As Scripture reminds us so frequently: *Do not be afraid*. God uses poor clay to create grandeur and beauty. He can certainly use us to renew and advance the work of his Church -- and he will.

On this great feast of Mary's Immaculate Conception, may God grant you and those you love a holy Advent; and lift your hearts; and make you ready for the joy of Christ's birth. And please pray for me, as I pray for all of you and your families every day.

Gratefully yours in Jesus Christ,

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

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### Pastoral Staff

Rev. Joseph J. Quindlen, Pastor

Rev. James J. Kelly, In Residence (Retired)

### Permanent Deacons

Kenneth P. Clancy, Emil J. Wernert

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

### School Staff

Miriam A. Havey: Principal, (610) 825-0160.

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, 3-4PM, 8-9PM, 12:30-2AM
MONDAY:	10-11AM, 3-4PM, 11PM-12:30AM
TUESDAY:	10-11AM, 1-2PM, 4-5PM, 12:30-2AM, 2-3:30AM, 3:30-5AM
WEDNESDAY:	5-6 AM, 4-5PM, 7-8PM, 10-11PM, 11PM-12:30AM, 12:30-2AM, 2-3:30AM, 3:30-5AM, 11AM-NOON
THURSDAY:	5-6 AM, 1-2PM, 4-5PM, 7-8PM, 10-11PM, 12:30-2AM, 2-3:30AM
FRIDAY:	5-6AM, 8-9AM, 9-10 AM, 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

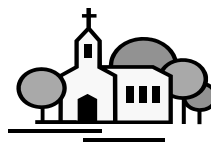
Saturday: 3:30-4:30 p.m. and by appointment.

## 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

Now that Nita Dawidzuik's children have graduated and are gainfully employed, I can no longer pass off her cookies as mine. My friends all want to know why I no longer bake like I used to. Who knows? I did manage to bake an assortment during the week. The funniest thing is I bake them but I don't want anyone to eat them. I cringe every time my sister goes near the tins. I would like to have a few cookies for Christmas, but at the rate she's eating them, we'll be lucky if we have them until the first day of winter.

Love is the reason for this season. At Christmas time, we are asked to reach into ourselves and bring out only what is kind, generous, and loving. To help, remember that an unimaginable love is the reason for this season. God loves us so much that He denies us nothing that will draw us to Him in Heaven, not even His only Son. And Jesus' love is so great that He became one of us so we can share more fully in our Father's love. At Christmas we celebrate the moment when God chose to share our experience in the world. We are asked to reach beyond our friends and family to share God's love with the world. This year, your gift to Jesus can be a heart ready to receive and spread His love. Growing in Faith, December 2011

## School News

**KINDERGARTEN: MRS. KONESKI:** The kindergarten were busy making Christmas decorations for their classroom. They ended their week by going to the North Pole (Keenan's Valley View Inn) to have lunch with Santa. He read them a Christmas story and everyone told them what they wanted for Christmas. Everyone had a wonderful time!

**1ST GRADE: MRS. DUNSMORE:** First grade received letters from the North Pole. The children pulled ribbons which were attached to a box in the art room. Fancy letters written by the children's elves drifted to the floor. The clever elves knew the children's favorite foods, the colors of their bedrooms, and the toys which are near and dear to them. Santa's elves told the children that they are definitely on Santa's "good list." Then, the little ones enjoyed chocolate chip cookies, cheese sticks and juice with their eighth grade "Prayer Partners."

**2ND GRADE: MRS. MORASCO:** We will learn about the fourth week of Advent. We will celebrate Jesus' birthday with fun activities and a small party. We will review single and double-digit subtraction holiday style.

**3RD GRADE: Ms. PALCKO:** The class was busy painting crafts for Christmas gifts and making stockings to hang up. In English, we are learning all about verbs.

**4TH GRADE: Ms. CATANIA:** The young geographers in fourth grade will continue their study of a variety of map skills including locating sites while reading longitudinal and latitudinal lines, reading elevations keys, and using a scale of miles. The artistic students will dabble in cartography while creating maps reviewing many important features they studied about the great state of Pennsylvania. My soon to be Biblical scholars have read and illustrated the Joyful Mysteries of the Bible from the Book of Luke and will have an impromptu puppet play on the Nativity of Jesus including events leading to our Savior's birth and ending with Epiphany.

**5TH GRADE: Ms. MILLER:** Fifth grade made paper Santas in Art, and are now learning about verbs in Grammar and the Rocky Mt. states in Soc. St. As sixth grade studies sunny Italy, seventh grade finds out why the Articles of Confederation failed as a government. Eighth grade starts its chapter on the spirit of reform between 1868-1917.

**ART: MRS. CRAWFORD: GRADES 6,7,8:** Creating a sunset winter scene with watercolors and placing our crafty Penguins on the painting. They will be in the hallway outside the art room before the next snow.....

**COMPUTERS: MRS. CRAWFORD:** Grade Pre-K K,1,2,3,4- Christmas fun on Portaportal, Grade 4, 5 and 6 have finished writing to Santa and when they drop their letters in Macy's Santa mailbox Macy's will donate \$1.00 to make a Wish Foundation for each letter. Grade 7 & 8 Santa's Secret went over BIG again this year.

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS: Ms. CRAWFORD: ELA GRADE 6,7,8:** Our English class received 20 free books from the Sunny D Book Spree! We received 20 hard back and paperback books from Scholastic books! What a treat! Congratulations on our hard work to get this book. It paid off!

**GYM: MRS. GILMAN:** As a special Christmas treat, the children choose the game their class will play. They may choose from any game or activity we have played so far this year. They discuss their options and vote. They love having control of the game to be played!

**HONORS MATH: MRS. O'HAGAN: GRADES 4,5,6,7,8:** 5th - *Multiplying and Dividing Fractions and Mixed Numbers* 6th, 7th, and 8th - *Stared working on the Math Moves You Project in which the students must answer the question "How Does Math Put the Action in Your Passion?"* Winners of this contest win a \$1000 scholarship towards College and the school also receives \$1000 to put towards anything Math related.

**MATH: Ms. MARIANI: GRADES 5-8:** We are learning about graphs and how to read data. We are also working on our First in Math program!

**MUSIC: Sr. REGINA DOUGHERTY, SSJ-** Students in Grades 1-8 have been busy preparing for their Christmas presentation which will be held on Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. in Grady Hall. They are doing a wonderful job and it should be a delightful evening. Please join us!

## SCIENCE:

**Mr. ANTONELLO: GRADES 5,6,7,8:** 5th Grade is transitioning from the mysteries of outer space to the inner workings of force and energy. 6th Grade is finished studying the movement of Earth's plates and is ready to discover the forces behind motion. 7th Grade has great aspirations to learn all about respiration. 8th Grade has gone the full geologic circle now that they understand the rock cycle.

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