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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil

5 p.m.

Daily

Monday to Saturday

8:30 a.m.

Sunday

8 a.m.

10 a.m.

Holydays

7 p.m. Vigil, 8:30 a.m.
& 12:05 p.m.

Confessions

Saturday

3:30-4:30 p.m. & by appointment

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday

8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. & by appointment

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

Saturday: By appointment only

Sunday: By appointment only

*A mail slot is located in the
front door of the rectory.*

First Sunday of Advent

Nov. 27, 2022



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Upcoming Parish Activities & Events

The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree will be on display in the church vestibule beginning this weekend, **Nov. 26-27**. Gifts will be for Project H.O.M.E.'s After School program in North Philadelphia and Target gift cards for Project H.O.M.E. clients. Gifts should be placed in gift bags with the tag attached. Target gift cards should be placed in small gift bags with the tag attached. Return gifts no later than **Sunday, Dec. 11** at the 10 a.m. Mass.

Any questions, please call Kathie at (610) 279-3504.

Knights of Columbus Meeting

Thursday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m., in the Rectory Meeting Room.

Live Nativity and Tree Lighting

Saturday, Dec. 10, at 6 p.m. See the flyer on pg. 4 for details.

Gaudeamus Concert

Sunday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m. See the flyer on pg. 5 for details.

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

The St. Vincent de Paul conference will meet on **Monday, Dec. 12**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Rectory Meeting Room.

Pancake Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus will be having a Pancake Breakfast on **Sunday, Dec. 18**, 8:30-11:30 a.m. in Grady Hall. Cost is \$5/person or \$15/family. Tickets will be on sale after the Masses leading up to this event. No takeout. Walk-ins are welcome but it is very much appreciated if you purchase tickets in advance so we can plan on the amount of guests we will have.

While at the breakfast, you will be able to view the Keep Christ in Christmas posters Holy Rosary students created.

Bernie Toth Memorial Blood Drive

The next Bernie Toth Memorial Blood drive will take place on **Wednesday, Dec. 21**, 2-7 p.m. in Grady Hall. Sign ups are available on the Red Cross website (redcross.org).

Parish Activities for the Week

Tuesday, Nov. 29—Parish Life Committee at 7 p.m., PC.

Wednesday, Nov. 30—Legion of Mary at 10 a.m., RMR; Young Women's Bible Study at 6:30 p.m., RMR; Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m., PC.

Thursday, Dec. 1—Women's Bible Study at 7 p.m., PC; Knights of Columbus at 7 p.m., RMR; Boy Scouts at 7 p.m., UFCW Hall (3031 Walton Rd.).

Location Key

C=Church S=School PC=Parish Center GH=Grady Hall

RMR=Rector Meeting Room

Second Collection

The second collection this weekend, **Nov. 26-27**, is for the annual Seminary Appeal.

Dine for Donation

Donate to the Make-A-Wish toy drive at Sunrise Senior Living, 795 Penllyn Blue Bell Pike, Blue Bell, by **Tuesday, Nov. 29**, and receive a free home-cooked meal for two (to be picked up from Sunrise on **Friday, Dec. 2**, 2:30-4:30 p.m.).

Contact Sunrise at (215) 619-2777.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer, service, and works of mercy. Most ministered for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection next weekend, **Dec. 3-4**, helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities.

Holy Rosary Craft Fair

Saturday, Dec. 3, 9 a.m.—4 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 4, 8 a.m.—2 p.m.

There will be a variety of hand-made items from over 100 vendors.

Enjoy breakfast or lunch from our kitchen. Santa will make an appearance on Saturday

from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.



Eucharistic Day

Blessed Carlo Acutis compiled a photographic exhibit of over a hundred Eucharistic miracles. View this display on **Saturday, Dec. 3** at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Bridgeport. The day will begin with a 9 a.m. sung Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in church while the Eucharistic Miracles display will be open to the public in the hall. The day will conclude with Benediction at 2:00 p.m. and homily by Fr. Peter DiMaria, pastor of Sacred Heart parish.

For details email r.edel.lukens@gmail.com or call (610) 256-7125.

A Baby's Breath Dinner and Silent Auction

A Baby's Breath is an all-volunteer organization providing free services to pregnant women and their families who experience the impacts of a crisis pregnancy.

The Silent Auction will be held **Saturday, Dec. 3**, 6:30 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in King of Prussia. Special Guest: Rev. Stephen DeLacy. Tickets are \$75/person (includes dinner and drinks).

To register to attend and/or make a donation, visit A Baby's Breath website at ababysbreath.org/auctions.

Metanoia Young Adults

Metanoia Young Adults group will meet for a Christmas Karaoke on **Tuesday, Dec. 6**, at 7:30 p.m. at Local Tap in Lansdale. Free food and Ugly Sweater contest will round off the evening.

Contact metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com for more information.

Adult Mental Health First Aid

Abington-Jefferson Health, in conjunction with county Health Departments, is offering an Adult Mental Health First Aid class will be held via Zoom on two consecutive evenings, **Tuesday, Dec. 6, and Wednesday, Dec. 7**, (must attend both days), 5:30-8:30 p.m. both evenings. Registration is required and limited to 30 participants. Learn more and register at www.FiveCountyMH.org.

Immaculate Conception

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation, is **Thursday, Dec. 8**. Masses will be Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. and Thursday, Dec. 8 at 8:30 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

Exposition of Sacred Relics

Holy Martyrs Parish, Oreland, will offer the exposition of more than 150 relics on **Thursday, Dec. 8**, immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass until 6 p.m.

Visit holymartyrschurch.org for details.

Main Line Singles (Ages 52-67)

Catholic men and women are invited to a Christmas Dinner on **Sunday, Dec. 11**, at 5:15 p.m. at Jin Ding Restaurant, 1051 Conestoga Rd., Bryn Mawr.

For details, call Barb at (610) 896-6542.

St. Mary Polish Society Raffle

Purchase a raffle ticket to support restoration of St. Mary's Church in Conshohocken! The raffle will feature \$10,000 in prizes. Tickets are \$50 each. The drawing will be held on **Sunday, Dec. 11**, at St. Mary Hall.

To purchase tickets, contact Dorothy at (610) 630-0861 or email smpas@stmarypolish.org.

Decorating the Church for Christmas

Volunteers are needed to assist in decorating the church for Christmas on **Friday, Dec. 23**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Contact Nancy at (215) 264-5862.

Traditional Men's Retreat

The Holy Spirit Group at the Malvern Retreat House invites men for a retreat titled *Finding Peace, Healing and Hope in Today's World*, the weekend of **January 27-29**.

Email or call Carlo Borgia at CGB58@verizon.net or (610) 544-6369.



Christmas Schedule



Confessions

Wednesday, Dec. 21, 7-8 p.m.
(No Confession on Saturday, Dec. 24)

Masses

The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Eve, Saturday, Dec. 24
Vigil Masses: 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec. 25
8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

**6th Annual EOL
Family Tree Lighting
+
Nativity Night**

Saturday, December 10th

5pm Vigil Mass

Live Nativity

Christmas Tree Lighting

Meet + Greet Santa

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Christmas Carols



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Constance Steuer, Piano

Sarah Agnew, Soprano

Andy Fei, Tenor

Paige Ciplione, Harp

Gaudamus String Quintet

Kelly Jones, Soprano

David Hobbs, Tenor

Alan Lurty, Keyboards

and joined by
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Holy Rosary Review

We celebrated our feast day by reciting the Rosary together every Friday. In addition, we decorated a Rosary Tree with our rosary intentions. The tree is outside of Grady Hall on the church side of our school.

It is great to be back to school and we are always welcoming volunteers. The only requirements are that you love kids and that you have your clearances.



We at Holy Rosary are launching the #iGiveCatholic campaign for our school and students on #GivingTuesday, November 29. Please go to our website to support our school. With your generosity, funds raised will be used to replace or update 10 of our school building's doors. As with last year's goal of updating our fire alarm system, we are continuing to create an even safer environment for our students.

Martha's Choice Marketplace

Martha's Choice Marketplace, a part of Catholic Social Services, operates a food pantry on Johnson Highway in Norristown. Food and personal care items are distributed to those in our area who are in need.

Donations of the following would be greatly appreciated at this time: size 6 diapers, dish soap, single toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant and sanitary pads.

There is a bin in the back of church to leave your donations. Everything is appreciated. Thank you!



Please Remember in Prayer

Elaine Notaro, Who died Nov. 15

Wife of the late Stephen. Mother of Stephen and Megan.

In Loving Memory



Weekly Tithing Report—Nov. 13, 2022

Sunday In-Pew Collections: \$ 6,993

Sunday Mailed in Envelopes: \$ 525

Sunday E-Giving: \$ 1,797

TOTAL: \$ 9,315

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Nov. 28

8:30 a.m.

Armando A. Moral

Tuesday, Nov. 29

8:30 a.m.

Mary Sienko

Wednesday, Nov. 30

8:30 a.m.

Rosemary Barton

Thursday, Dec. 1

8:30 a.m.

Bernie Toth

Friday, Dec. 2

8:30 a.m.

Janet Levitt

Saturday, Dec. 3

8:30 a.m.

Jason, Joseph & Martin Addario

Adoration Chapel Votive Candles are Dedicated for:

Dante Parenti

Anthony Vigna

Joe DeChristopher

Jeff Weld



From Father:

Happy New Year! While a month yet remains in the civil year, the Church is celebrating the beginning of a new Liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent on November 27. Advent — from the Latin *ad venio*, “to come” — is the liturgical season anticipating the *Adventus Domini*, the “coming of the Lord.” While the days grow shorter and colder, we prepare for the “Sun of Justice” who comes to kindle our hearts with his light and his love. The Advent season is filled with preparation and expectation. Everyone is getting ready for Christmas — shopping and decorating, baking and cleaning. Too often, however, we are so busy with the material preparations that we lose sight of the real reason for our activity: the Word made flesh coming to dwell among us. Christians are urged to preserve the spiritual focus of Christmas amidst the prevalently secular and consumer-driven society. In the midst of the hustle and bustle of the season, let us strive to keep Advent a season of waiting and longing, of conversion and hope, meditating often on the incredible love and humility of our God in taking on flesh of the Virgin Mary. In our shopping and baking, let us remember to purchase and prepare something for the poor. When we clean our homes, let us distribute some of our possessions to those who lack many necessities. While we are decking the halls of our homes, let us not forget to prepare a peaceful place in our hearts wherein our Savior may come to dwell. — from Catholic Culture

Oremus pro invicem, Fr. O'Donald

Please Pray for the Sick

Parishioners listed in bold.

Frank Campolongo

Joan Coscia

Joe DeChristopher

Evelyn Douglass

Marion Fair

Bernadette Harwick

Mary Kane

Mary Keating

Catherine Rush

Virginia Sherbert

Beverly Taylor

Chad Caparo

Betsy Curran

David Dougherty

Nicholas Esposito

Susan Grodzan

Kelly Hixson

Norene Miller

Josephine Paoletta

Bill & Theresa Sherwin

Albert Sinopoli

Josie Vardakas

Contact the Parish Office to update the list.

USCCB Prayer for an end to the Pandemic

Almighty and merciful God, source of all life, health and healing, look with compassion on our world, brought low by disease; protect us in the midst of the grave challenges that assail us and in your fatherly providence grant recovery to the stricken, strength to those who care for them, and success to those working to eradicate this scourge. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Parish Office Requests

To register in the parish, arrange for a baptism, or request a Certificate of Eligibility for sponsorship at Baptism or Confirmation, contact the Parish Office during office hours at eol@epiphanyofourlord.com.

Also, please advise our office staff of any change of address, telephone number or family status.

Anointing of the Sick

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

Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated after the 10 a.m. Mass on Sundays upon request. Both first-time parents need to attend a Pre-Jordan class, which is held the first Wednesday of every month.

Pre-Registration for the class is required by contacting the Parish Office. Sponsors not from Epiphany are required to submit a Certificate of Eligibility from their parish two weeks prior to the Baptism.

Matrimony

Notify the Parish Office 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 sessions.

Miraculous Medal—Perpetual Novena

After 8:30 a.m. Mass every Saturday.

Holy Communion for the Sick and Homebound

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available to bring Communion to the sick and homebound. Call the Parish Office at (610) 828-8634 to provide the office staff with the name, address and phone number of the sick or homebound parishioner.

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