

**MAKING CHRIST A REALITY IN THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH WE LIVE**

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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Mass Schedule:**

Daily Mass (Mon.-Sat.) 8:00 AM

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 PM

Sunday Masses 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM

& 11:30 AM

Holy Day Masses 5:30 PM (eve of Holy Day)

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM

*(Christmas and New Year's have special schedules)*

**CONFESSIONS: Saturdays: 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM**

**MASS FOR SHUT-INS:**

TV - Sunday, 5:30 a.m. WPVI Channel 6,

Radio - Sunday, 9:00 a.m. 89.3 FM

**BAPTISMS:** Parents should make arrangements with the Pastor at least one month before the date wanted. Baptism is celebrated on the **FIRST** and **THIRD** Sundays of the month at 12:30 PM. Preparation is held on the **SECOND TUESDAY** of each month, 7:30 PM, in Room 18 of the Church Building. Godparents must be practicing the faith and present a Letter of Eligibility from their parish. No date can be set for baptism until parents have fulfilled these responsibilities.

**MATRIMONY:** To set a date for a wedding, couples must make an appointment at the Rectory at least 6 months prior to the wedding date. Weddings can be scheduled for most Saturdays, at 12:00 Noon or 2:00 PM, or on Friday afternoons.

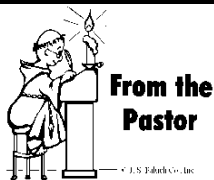
**SICK CALLS:** Phone the Rectory,  
215-672-3020.

**REGISTRATION:** All Catholics who live within the parish boundaries should register. Boundaries: South of Street Road from Lower State Rd., to Norristown Rd., to County Line, to Blair Mill Rd., to Moreland Rd., to Maple Ave., to Horsham Rd., to Limekiln Pike, to Lower State Rd. & back to Street Road.

If you are not registered, we cannot serve you in ways which require us to know you. Please call the Rectory (215-672-3020.) We will welcome you as part of our community of faith.

**PARISH ACTIVITIES:** Catholic Youth Organization, CCD School of Religion, Choir (Adult and Children's), Home & School Association, Men's Group, Miraculous Medal Novena and Rosary, Respect Life Committee, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, Senior Citizens, and Women's Group. (Notices for these groups are posted inside this bulletin.)

## A Note From The Pastor



My Dear Parishioners,  
I hope you all had a very enjoyable Thanksgiving celebration, however you were able to celebrate. My own was very quiet and simple, but enjoyable nonetheless. Hopefully,

next year we will be able to celebrate in a way that we are more familiar with. I also pray that we will be able to resume the distribution of blessed bread at Thanksgiving morning Mass, as this was always one of the highlights of the season.

This is also the week when we would traditionally have the Christmas Bazaar, but unfortunately, that too had to be canceled because of coronavirus concerns. We look forward to resuming this tradition as well.

This Tuesday we celebrate the **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. This feast celebrates that Mary was born without the stain of Original Sin, in anticipation of her giving birth to our Savior Jesus Christ. It is fitting that while we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus in just over 2 and a half weeks, we take to time to consider Mary His mother and how she was prepared to carry Him. This is the patronal feast of our country and while it usually is a Holy Day of obligation, that obligation remains lifted because of the coronavirus. If you do choose to come to Mass, we ask that you wear a mask, and sit in a reasonably, socially distant manner from other households. In addition, as you process up for Holy Communion we ask that you try to keep 2 or three pew lengths between yourself and members of other households, we also recommend that you receive Holy Communion in the hand. Our Masses for the Holy Day will be as follows: **Vigil Monday night at 5:30 p.m. On Tuesday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> Masses will be at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. and also at 7:00 p.m.**

Christmas is one of the most important Holy Days in the church calendar, after Easter. Many people will no doubt want to participate in this significant religious and cultural Holy Day and holiday. As of the publishing of this column, the government is still permitting us up to 75% capacity in our church. I am very concerned that we may exceed that number over Christmas. As of now, the plan is to celebrate **4 Vigil Masses on Christmas Eve: 2:30, 4:30, 6:30 p.m. & 12:00 Midnight**. Please note that the mailing you received at home did not include the 2:30 p.m. vigil because the Archdiocese only granted permission after the mailing was sent. Masses on **Christmas Day would be 7:30, 9:30, & 11:30 a.m.** I am asking for your cooperation in trying to stay socially distant at Mass, and also in working with one another in the parking lot. Consideration for others is always greatly appreciated but this year, more than ever, we should ask God for a generous and loving heart towards all.

May God Bless You,  
Fr. Bordonaro

## Masses For The Week

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec 5, 2020</b>	5:00pm	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec 6, 2020</b>	7:30am	Mary Jane Kilkenny
		9:30am	Raymond Generale
		11:30am	Anthony Chiodo
<b>Monday</b>		8:00am	St. Joseph Mem. Soc.
(vigil)		5:30pm	Mary Ann Dowzicky
<b>Tuesday</b>		8:00am	William McGowan, Sr.
<i>Immaculate</i>		10:00am	People of the Parish
<i>Conception</i>		7:00pm	JoAnn A. Formeller
<b>Wednesday</b>		8:00am	Frank D'Elia
<b>Thursday</b>		8:00am	Joseph A. Gallen, Jr.
<b>Friday</b>		8:00am	Joseph P. Chapman, 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
			Rose & Sam Langetti
<b>Saturday</b>		8:00am	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec 12, 2020</b>	5:00pm	James & Rita Scelsi
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec 13, 2020</b>	7:30am	People of the Parish
		9:30am	Raymond & Clara Young
		11:30am	Timothy Hagan

## Please Pray For



Those who are ill: Cristina D'Onofrio, Louis Cerritelli, Gianna Farris, Sharon Melchiorre, Eric Torpey, Carole Toth, Seth Game, Kim Bell, Frances Bungard, Joy Cataldi, June Faust, Linda Giardetti, Russel Heim, David Jones, Ralph Lawson, Laura Lippincott, Mary Lishman, John Lommock, Dave McKay, Daniel McKinny, baby Eva McNamara, Adeline McNulty, John Montgomery, Rod Nordlin, Mary Jo Pergolin, Ronan Power, Marie Trotter Rickman, Joanne Slouskey, Jack Streisky, and Jack Wilhelm.

## This Week In Our Parish

### Monday, December 7

- \* Adoration – 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Church
- \* Men's Group – 8:00 pm – Downstairs Hall

### Tuesday, December 8

- \* Immaculate Conception Masses 5:30 pm (vigil)
- 8:00am, 10:00am, 7:00pm



### Thursday, December 10

- \* BSA Troop 137 – 7:00 p.m. Rectory Basement

**Readings For The Week**

**Monday:** Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26  
**Tuesday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38  
**Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30  
**Thursday:** Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-13ab; Mt 11:11-15  
**Friday:** Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4; Mt 11:16-19  
**Saturday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47  
*or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712*  
**Sunday:** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**Second Sunday of Advent - December 6, 2020**

*Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low. — Isaiah 40:4*

**Reflect on the Readings: GOD’S DELAY**

In times of great difficulties scoffers taunt us, “Where is God? Why hasn’t your Lord come to save you now?” And we of faith respond much in the same way as Peter did in today’s second reading: the “delay” of the Lord’s second coming is not any type of punishment or failure to keep the divine promise, but a loving sign of God’s patience. God is giving everyone the chance to seek repentance. God does not make life more difficult. Rather, God lessens our burdens as once before for the Jewish exiles returning home to Judea after captivity in Babylon. It was God who personally led them, making a “straight highway” for them across the desert. We join with our ancestors of faith, who hoped that they might see God’s Chosen One before them and who eventually realized that the Lord was also walking with them side by side.

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2. Click on the [ONLINE GIVING] button,
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**Bulletin Submittals**

Please submit your bulletin requests to the Rectory. Requests may be emailed to [sjc18976@verizon.net](mailto:sjc18976@verizon.net). We welcome your bulletin requests; however, all requests are subject to Pastor’s approval and space availability.

**Catholic Social Services** invites you to participate in our **Community Christmas/Adopt a Child/Family Program** providing assistance to those in need this Christmas and throughout the year to help make the season a little brighter for a Bucks County child/family. Because of the Pandemic, we expect that more families than in previous years will reach out on behalf of their children looking for a bit of Christmas Joy. Please call **215-945-2550** and ask for the Community Christmas/Adopt a Child/Family Program. You can also help by making a monetary or gift card donation. Donations can be sent to **100 Levittown Parkway, Levittown, PA 19054**. Gift cards from stores like Giant, Shoprite, Wal-Mart and Target allow us to assist families at Christmas and throughout the year. For those who prefer to shop, items such as diapers, wipes, infant clothing and baby toiletries are always in need. Thank you for your continued support and generosity as we work together to help our neighbors in need, especially during these challenging times.



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**Envelope Collections**

<b>2020</b>	<b>Nov. 15</b>	<b>\$5,069</b>	<b>Nov. 22</b>	<b>\$6,432</b>
2019	Nov. 17	\$9,184	Nov. 24	\$8,472

**St. Joseph Men’s Group**

The Men’s Group meets on the first and third Mondays of the month in the Downstairs Hall at 8:00 p.m. All are welcome. Masks are required and social distancing practices are followed.

**Santa Claus Is Coming To Town!**



Santa is coming to the Madison Avenue Fire House, 300 Madison Avenue, Warminster, on Saturday, December 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for outside pictures. Bring your own camera and take as many pictures as you want. Donations encouraged. Warminster Gratitude is collecting

for local families and organizations to buy gifts during this holiday season. Masks required, social distancing will be in place, and local mandates will be followed. Any questions feel free to e-mail at [warmgrat18974@gmail.com](mailto:warmgrat18974@gmail.com). Donations via Venmo: @warminster-gratitude are greatly appreciated as well. This is a weather permitting event. Rain date scheduled for Sunday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Follow us on FaceBook- Warminster Gratitude.



**CCD School Of Religion**

Please call 215-672-9990 or 215-672-3020 or email [stjosephccd.warrington@yahoo.com](mailto:stjosephccd.warrington@yahoo.com)

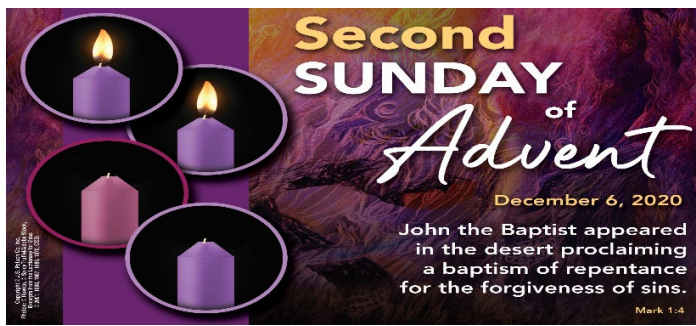
The format for the 2020-2021 CCD program is "Family Homeschooling." The next meeting is **Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.** in the church hall. November/December assignments will be turned in and the next set of assignments will be distributed. We will monitor the COVID situation to see if we can bring the students and the catechists back in-person come February. If not, then we will continue with the meeting style outlined above approximately once a month. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY CHILDREN TO THE PARENTS' MEETINGS DUE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING.** Thank you for your cooperation!



**Treasures from Our Tradition**

From outer space, the United States must seem peculiarly aglow these nights: we have strung lights on every tree within reach. Sometimes, even tie tacks and earrings twinkle with "microlights." Clearly, something is afoot: there is a deep-down yearning for the world to change. Yet, John the Baptist would probably be unplugging most of these lights if he had the chance. In today's Gospel he turns people away from his baptism of repentance. "Give some evidence that you mean to reform!" he cries. What meaning do our holiday lights convey for you? In the deep and dark countryside, a single candle glowing in a window can be seen for miles. It signals welcome and readiness; it is a beacon guiding strangers to the door, a token of a warm hearth, a loving embrace, a sign that those who have placed the candle are awake and waiting. This year, set the timers aside, and each night as you light the candles in your windows, pray: "May Christ find an eager welcome here. May this household be filled with the light of his word." One candle at a time, our faith community can reclaim the meaning of the lights of Advent hope.

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**HOPE Committee**

If you are interested in **RECEIVING** a call from a fellow parishioner, please let me know. I will connect you with someone and you can "get together" over the phone. A friendly voice can brighten your day!  
 Laura DeHennis 215-442-1515

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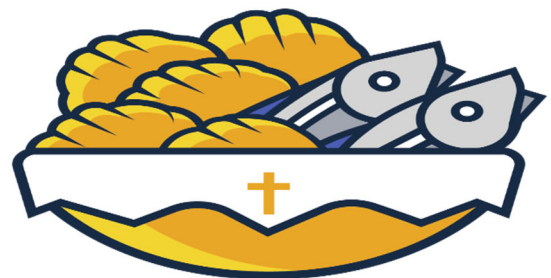
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