

**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.

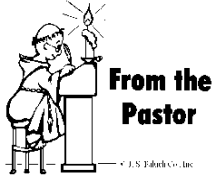
**SICK CALLS:** Phone the Rectory,  
215-672-3020.

**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,  
We hope to have the images for review of the dedication and memorial plaques for the church renovation posted in back hallway this weekend. Please take the time to

review the wording and the spelling. This is the final opportunity for edits. All changes must be submitted to me in writing. I will also post images of the plaques on our website for those who are not local, or are not back to church yet.

As we continue to make adjustments to our schedule because of the coronavirus, please note the following: confessions are offered on **Saturday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.** and later that same evening from **7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** We will not have a communal penance opportunity this year. I am however adding two additional evenings for confession. I will be in the sacristy hearing **confessions on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** As of this printing, it will only be myself as the Regina Coeli priests are not permitted to assist yet. We will celebrate **4 Vigil Masses on Thursday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 **Friday, Christmas Day will 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.

The US Bishops have prepared a brief examination of conscience. I have copied it below from their website. The first reflection is based on the 10 Commandments.

**#I - I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange Gods before me:** Have I treated people, events, or things as more important than God? **#II. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.** Have my words, actively or passively, put down God, the Church, or people? **#III Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.** Do I go to Mass every Sunday (or Saturday Vigil) and on Holy Days of Obligation? Do I avoid, when possible, work that impedes worship to God, joy for the Lord's Day, and proper relaxation of mind and body? Do I look for ways to spend time with family or in service on Sunday? **#IV Honor your father and your mother.** Do I show my parents due respect? Do I seek to maintain good communication with my parents where possible? Do I criticize them for lacking skills I think they should have? **#V. You shall not kill.** Have I harmed another through physical, verbal, or emotional means, including gossip or manipulation of any kind? **#VI. You shall not commit adultery.** Have I respected the physical and sexual dignity of others and of myself? **#VII. You shall not steal.** Have I taken or wasted time or resources that belonged to another? **#VIII. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.** Have I gossiped, told lies, or embellished stories at the expense of another?

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## Masses For The Week

<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
<b>Monday</b>		8:00am	John F. Hayes & family
<b>Tuesday</b>		8:00am	Dec'd mems of the Dzedzic & Dundas fams.
<b>Wednesday</b>		8:00am	Linda Generale
<b>Thursday</b>		8:00am	Beverly McPoyle
<b>Friday</b>		8:00am	Alfred & Susan Denofa
<b>Saturday</b>		8:00am	Dec'd mems of the Sansoni family
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec 19, 2020</b>	5:00pm	For the Intentions of Claire Brooks
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec 20, 2020</b>	7:30am	Mary Jane Kilkenny
		9:30am	People of the Parish
		11:30am	Thomas Williams

## Please Pray For



Those who are ill: Rich Koebert, Joe Murray, 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 14

\* Adoration – 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Church

### Thursday, December 17

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



## 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.

## Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.

— 1 Thessalonians 5:16

**Readings For The Week**

- Monday:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
- Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
- Wednesday:** Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23
- Thursday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
- Friday:** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
- Saturday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
- Sunday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

**A Note From the Pastor Continued...**

**#IX. You shall not covet your neighbor’s spouse.** Have I honored my spouse with my full affection and exclusive love?

**#X. You shall not covet your neighbor’s goods.** Am I content with my own means and needs, or do I compare myself to others unnecessarily?

This second examination comes from Jesus’ identification of the two greatest commandments.

How well do we love God and others? Do we love as Christ calls us to? In the Gospel of Matthew, Christ gives us Two Commandments: “He said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments’” (Mt 22:37-40).

Not sure what love is? St. Paul describes it for us in his Letter to the Corinthians. Is this how you love God and others? “Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quicktempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails” (1 Cor 13:4-8). Copyright © 2013, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC.

May God Bless You,  
Fr. Bordonaro

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**Reflect on the Readings:**

The readings this week bear a certain similarity to those of last week—we hear a prophecy from Isaiah that is reiterated by John the Baptist in Mark’s Gospel—but today the focus is different. Last week John told us to repent. Today he is the light leading us to God. Today is also known as “Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday,” as the reading from First Thessalonians commands us to “Rejoice in the Lord always.” We are to rejoice. Right now. Combined with last Sunday, this seems like a mixed message. “Which is it? Repenting or Rejoicing?” But John is telling us that one leads to the other. As we prepare for the coming of our Savior we must first repent and then rejoice.

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**Financial Report**

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**November 2020**

<b>E-Giving:</b>	\$ 12,275.59
<b>Sunday Collections:</b>	\$33,141.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$45,416.59</b>

**Monthly Report November 2020**

School Subsidy	\$ 5,125.00
Archdiocese Assessment	\$ 8,316.67
Disability Insurance	\$ 73.92
Liability Insurance	\$ 1,724.17
Property Insurance	\$ 835.92
Worker’s Comp Insurance	\$ 130.08
Priest Auto Insurance	\$ 218.75
Priest Health Insurance	\$ 1,283.00
Employees Health Insurance	\$ 1,379.40
Priest Retirement Debt Service	\$ 208.33
Visiting Priest Honorarium	\$ 695.00
Employee Pay	\$ 26,656.30
Payroll Service	\$ 190.80
Music Ministry	\$ 329.70
PECO	\$ 1,590.94
Verizon	\$ 661.72
Church Cleaning	\$ 455.00
Trash Removal	\$ 504.88
Comcast Cable	\$ 130.53
Computer Support	\$ 514.60
Supplies	\$ 2,091.91
Repairs	\$ 200.00
Services	\$ 375.00
Water & Sewer	\$ 436.79
Copier Maintenance	\$ 348.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 54,476.41</b>

**CCD School Of Religion**

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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**

Today there is an abrupt shift in the season of Advent. From here on the tone is more joyful and expectant and the tug of the Christmas message is irresistible. At daily Mass on December 17 we begin to unfold the story of Jesus' birth. Who can resist the beauty of the first reading today—deserts aflame with flowers, arthritics set to dancing, the tone-deaf singing hymns? So we don't miss the change, the parish may take rose-colored vestments out of mothballs, we may light rose-colored candles on the wreath, or fill in our wreaths with desert flowers, pink seashells, seed pods, cones and berries. The seeds of God's kingdom have been sown in us. In these shining days of Advent they are sprouting in many ways. How do we bring the promise to light? This is the week to prepare gifts for the poor. It is the week to invite a lonely neighbor to your Christmas dinner, the week to write a note forgiving a lost friend, the week to shatter a family grudge so that even in the desert places of your heart, Christ's life may blossom.

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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

**Saint Basil Academy** is looking for male teens (ages 13 - 18) to audition for High School Musical with performance dates in April - *basketball skills a plus* - Auditions will begin in December and rehearsals will start in January. The Academy Theater department will follow all COVID protocols. For more information please contact Terry Dillinger @ [tdillinger@stbasilacademy.org](mailto:tdillinger@stbasilacademy.org) .

**Angels of Peace**

*Let us not be justices of the peace, but angels of peace.*

—St. Thérèse of Lisieux

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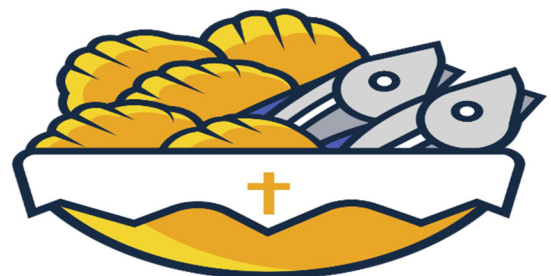
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