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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.)



# Advent

*~ a time for preparation ~*



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**A Note From The Pastor**

My Dear Parishioners,

Congratulations to our St. Joseph/St. Robert student thespians! Last Sunday they put on a production of Frozen Jr. at Archbishop Wood High School and they did an amazing job! Many people were in attendance. Our children were involved from Pre-Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade in making and arranging the sets, producing the professional style Playbill, acting, singing, dancing and more. They put on such an entertaining, enjoyable, and funny show; I loved every minute of it. Our principal, Mrs. Durkin and I agree that the children exhibited such amazing bravery getting up in front of the crowd. We certainly have a lot to be proud of at SJR.

The Christmas Bazaar was a great success; thank you to all our vendors and volunteers. A special thank you goes to Mrs. Rita Roley and her fantastic team of helpers. They planned and executed a great event for the parish. A job well done! Christmas cards and St. Joseph 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary mugs can still be purchased at the rectory.

We are asking that the gift cards for the Advent Giving Tree be returned no later than Monday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> to the box at the base of the tree, or to the rectory. We want to be able to get them in the hands of those who need them as soon as possible so that they will be able to use them. Thank you for your generous support.

The schedule for the remaining days of Advent is as follows: Our **Parish Penance** opportunity will be **Thursday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** Additional priests will be on hand to hear confessions. Remember, there will be no actual penance service, but rather confessions will start being heard at 7:00 p.m. In addition, to our regular Saturday confessions from 3:30 to 4:30 we will hear them on Wednesday evening Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Please note that there will be no confessions scheduled on Sat. Dec., 24<sup>th</sup>. The best opportunity will be December 15<sup>th</sup> with several additional confessors.

This year, because Christmas falls on a Sunday, I am asking that you consider submitting your regular weekly Sunday envelope in the Second Collection as well as your Christmas envelope in the offertory on Dec. 24/25. While the Christmas donations help us quite a bit, we also rely on the regular weekly contributions throughout the year. If we lose that Sunday collection, it seriously affects our regular operating expenses.

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**Masses For The Week**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b><u>Dec 10, 2022</u></b>	5:00 p.m. Rose and Sam Langetti
<b>Sunday</b>	<b><u>Dec 11, 2022</u></b>	7:30 a.m. Marilyn Higgins 9:30 a.m. People of the Parish 11:30 a.m. Gaetano Borghi
<b>Monday</b>	8:00 a.m. John F. Hayes & family	
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 a.m. Joseph P. Chapman, 51 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary	
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00 a.m. Missy Sichler	
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 a.m. David Dziedzic	
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 a.m. William Moran	
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 a.m. Susan & Alfred Denofa	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b><u>Dec 17, 2022</u></b>	5:00 p.m. Clara & Raymond Young
<b>Sunday</b>	<b><u>Dec 18, 2022</u></b>	7:30 a.m. Robert Werthman 9:30 a.m. John Montgomery 11:30 a.m. People of the Parish

**Please Pray For Those Who Are Ill:**

Peter Evans, Kristina Crawford, Mary Ellen Flood, Louis Cerritelli, Robert Sautner, Rachel Higgins, Paul Hand, Brinda Robin, Steve Becker, John Hesser, James Ritsick, John Merritt, Anna Quartucci, Annabelle Long, Stanley Travis, III, James Martin, Theresa Romaniello, Gino Romaniello, Michael Pham, Brian Stec, Kim Bell, Ralph Lawson, Mary Lishman, Dave McKay, Ronan Power, Marie Trotter Rickman, Jack Wilhelm.

**This Week In Our Parish****Monday, December 12**

- \*Adoration – 8:30 a.m.
- \*Rosary – 7:30 p.m.
- \*Men's Group – 7:45 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 14**

- \*Adult Choir – 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, December 15**

- \*Children's Choir – 5:30 p.m.
- \*Parish Advent Penance – 7:00 p.m.

**Bulletin Submittals**

Requests may be emailed to [sjc18976@verizon.net](mailto:sjc18976@verizon.net). All requests are subject to Pastor's approval and space availability.



## Readings For The Week

### ***Monday***

Zec 2:14-17; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38

### ***Tuesday***

Zep 3:1-2,9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

### ***Wednesday***

Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 7:18b-23

### ***Thursday***

Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2 & 4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b; Lk 7:24-30

### ***Friday***

Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36

### ***Saturday***

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

### ***Sunday***

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

## A Note From The Pastor (continued...)

It is time to put the yearly reminder in the bulletin about parking in the near lot and leaving large gaps in the middle. I ask your assistance once again with this issue especially during the Christmas Masses. When parking in the lot closest to the Church, please pull all the way up to the preceding car. If everyone parks in an end spot, we prevent others from getting a space. Also some of our guests may not be familiar with our parking routines and so I ask your help and patience in keeping it as orderly as possible.

May God Bless You,

Fr. Bordonaro



## Drive-Thru Living Nativity

Experience the miracle of Christmas!

Saturday, December 17, 2022

7:00-9:00 p.m.

Nativity of Our Lord Parish

605 West Street Rd.

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This is a free event. All are welcome.

## Reflect on the Reading

### ***THE ONE FOR WHOM OUR HEARTS LONG***

Put yourself in the scene of today's Gospel passage. John the Baptist is in prison. He has heard stories of what Jesus is doing, and wants reassurance that Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah. John's disciples and those who surrounded Jesus were faithful Jews who would have known Isaiah's prophecies by heart. God would send One who would bring sight to the blind, healing to those who were ill, salvation to all who longed to know God's mercy and peace. Jesus' response to the disciples' question rings as powerfully in our ears today as it surely did for the people who were with him that day. His actions are precisely those that the people had been told to expect. Jesus is the One for whom the people have been patiently yet anxiously waiting, like the farmer who waits for the fruits of his labor. Jesus is the One for whom our hearts long. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

## St. Joseph Music Ministry

*It's not too late for you to offer your musical gifts for Christmas!!*

Needed for Christmas Masses: **SINGERS, FLUTISTS, TRUMPETERS, VIOLINISTS, OBOISTS**

**Children's Choir, Christmas Mass: 4:30 p.m.**

Practices: Thursday, December 15th & 22nd from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**Adult Choir, Christmas Mass: 9:30 a.m.**

Practices: Wednesday, December 7th & 14th 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and Dec. 21st 8:00 to 9:30 p.m.

**Groups for 6:30 p.m. & 11:30 a.m. Christmas masses**

Practice times TBD based on availability of those interested. If you are interested or you would like to help out with the singing, but these practice times are inconvenient for you, please contact Mrs. Maria Lennon at 215-896-9484 or email her at [mariaalennon@comcast.net](mailto:mariaalennon@comcast.net).

We can work out a flexible schedule convenient for you!

*No prior singing experience* is necessary to *sing praise to the Lord!*

## CONGRATULATIONS!!

Archbishop Wood High School is pleased to announce that the following students have achieved Academic Honors for the First Quarter of the 2022-2023 school year.

### FIRST HONORS

*Maura Yoos '24*

*Alexa Corey '25*

*Emma Jacobsen '25*

### SECOND HONORS

*Luke Shaeffer '23*

*Patrick Gozdan '24*

*Ean Waltrich '24*

## Treasures from Our Tradition

We make transitions along life's journey, and search for meaning. Watch an infant take those first wobbly steps. Inevitably they are toward the arms of a dear one, and the gleeful smile and wordless laughter let us know that the baby understands that the whole world is renewed in an instant. Parents may see that wide-eyed smile again some years later as they flip car keys in the teenager's direction, and by God's grace at in-between moments of forgiveness and affirmation.

Sacraments open a window to the blessings of everyday life and help us claim their deep meaning. A voice from a fiery bush warned Moses to take off his shoes because he stood on "holy ground." Your first steps, your first word, taking your place at the family table, stirring to new love, forgiving and being forgiven: all of this is holy, laden with meaning, full of possibilities. Sacraments are not escape pods from the realities of the everyday; rather they invest us ever more deeply in life and recruit us for the kingdom inaugurated by Jesus. We take baby steps all our life long. In the world of sacrament, they are always directed toward the arms of a loving God, and always on the common holy ground of a community's life. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Music Concert

The musical ensemble, Gaudeamus, is presenting a Christmas concert on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Epiphany of Our Lord Church in Plymouth Meeting. Gaudeamus is a Catholic faith-based ensemble of professional musicians with a passion for sharing our God-given talent through concerts and recordings to help those in need. Concert is free and open to the public. Free-will donations will be collected to benefit charities chosen by Gaudeamus. For more information, please visit their website at [www.letusrejoice.org](http://www.letusrejoice.org).

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Find out how by signing up for an informational webinar:

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Wednesday, Dec. 14th at 7:00p.m.  
Monday, Dec. 19th at 2:00p.m.

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## Volunteer Opportunities

Advocates for Homeless & Those in Need (AHTN) is a Bucks County interfaith nonprofit that serves the homeless and those in need by providing year-long access to emergency shelter, food and other life-sustaining services, with dignity and compassion. Are you looking for ways in which you can give back to the community? The following opportunities are available:



Advocates for Homeless  
& Those in Need

### **AHTN Volunteer Opportunities:**

- Code Blue Driver & Attendant (evening & morning runs)
- Code Blue Overnight Staff (2 shifts: 10:30 p.m. – 2:30 a.m. or 2:30 a.m. – 7:00 a.m.)
- Meal delivery or pick up guests for houses of worship that are hosting a dine-in community meal
- Those in Need Drivers for those needing rides to Shower Mission, Drug Court (Thursdays) or any other day to go to food pantries, laundromat, grocery stores, appointments, etc. when requested.

### **Volunteer Information:**

For individuals who are interested in becoming AHTN volunteers, visit [AHTN.org/Get Involved/Volunteer with AHTN](http://AHTN.org/Get Involved/Volunteer with AHTN) or <https://www.ahtn.org/volunteer-with-ahtn> to register in our Volunteer HUB and complete our online training. A background check is required once the training has been completed.

## Wreaths Across America Ceremony

St. John Neumann Cemetery is holding a ceremonial Wreaths Across America presentation, Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon. Prayer service immediately following wreath ceremony. Please come join us during this very special time of year to embrace the precious memories of our loved ones and to honor our Veterans.



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## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **DECEMBER**

**Tuesday, December 13** – Family Advent Gathering (Family Home Schooling and In-Person) Last CCD class until January 3.

### **JANUARY**

**Tuesday, January 3** – All grades in session.

**Thursday, January 5** – Teachers' Meeting, Valley Road School Building – 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, January 10** – Grades 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7 in session Reconciliation Practice for 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade students – Church Family Home School Drop Off/Pick Assignments – CCD office.

**Wednesday, January 11** – First Penance – 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, January 17** – All grades in session.

“Kids Talk” presentation.

**Tuesday, January 24** – All grades in session.

**Tuesday, January 31** – All grades in session.

### **FEBRUARY**

**Tuesday, February 7** – All grades in session. First semester Progress Reports distributed.

**Tuesday, February 14** – All grades in session. Signed Progress Reports due.

**Monday, February 20** – Confirmation Retreat for Confirmation students – 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, February 21** – All grades in session

**Tuesday, February 28** – Stations of the Cross for **all** students (Family Home Schooling and In-Person) - 6:15 p.m. in Church. Families are welcome.

Advent is a time of preparation. As we prepare our hearts and homes for Christmas, we have also been busy preparing for other things at SJR, too.

The students who are in our Thespian Club brought Frozen, Jr. to the stage at Archbishop Wood. There were over six hundred people in attendance! The stage was set with the help of the stage crew and art crew and the performers did a wonderful job. It was a beautiful production that showcased the fruits of the students' hard work and preparation.

Preparation has paid off for another group of students in an even more important way this Advent. We are able to congratulate Jude, one of our seventh-graders who received the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Catherine's last week, as well as the students in third grade who made their First Penance at St. Robert's yesterday. Please keep them and all the students preparing for their sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist this year in your prayers. What an exciting time for them, their families, and our school!

Over the next two weeks, we will continue to pray, rejoice with our community, and get our hearts ready for Christmas. Blessings as you prepare your heart and home, too!

Sincerely, Mrs. Durkin





### Parish Registration

New parishioners are always welcome!

To register see Fr. Bordonaro after Mass. Please help us keep our records updated by notifying the office if you are moving from the Parish or have changed your address, phone number, email address, etc., at 215-672-3020 or [sjc18976@verizon.net](mailto:sjc18976@verizon.net).

### American Sign Language Masses

**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel** will have a Sign Language Interpreter on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th (when applicable) Sundays of the Month at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

**St. Stanislaus Church** in Lansdale has a "Deaf Community Mass" at 11:45 a.m. on the 4th Sunday of each month.

### Safe Environment Program

All people who **volunteer** for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are **required** to fulfill the following obligations:

#### CLEARANCES:

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- Federal History Fingerprint Clearance\*

*\*ONLY if you lived outside of PA within the last 10 years*

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**CLEARANCES MUST BE RENEWED EVERY 5 YEARS**

### Reminder

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