

January 7, 2024

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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.

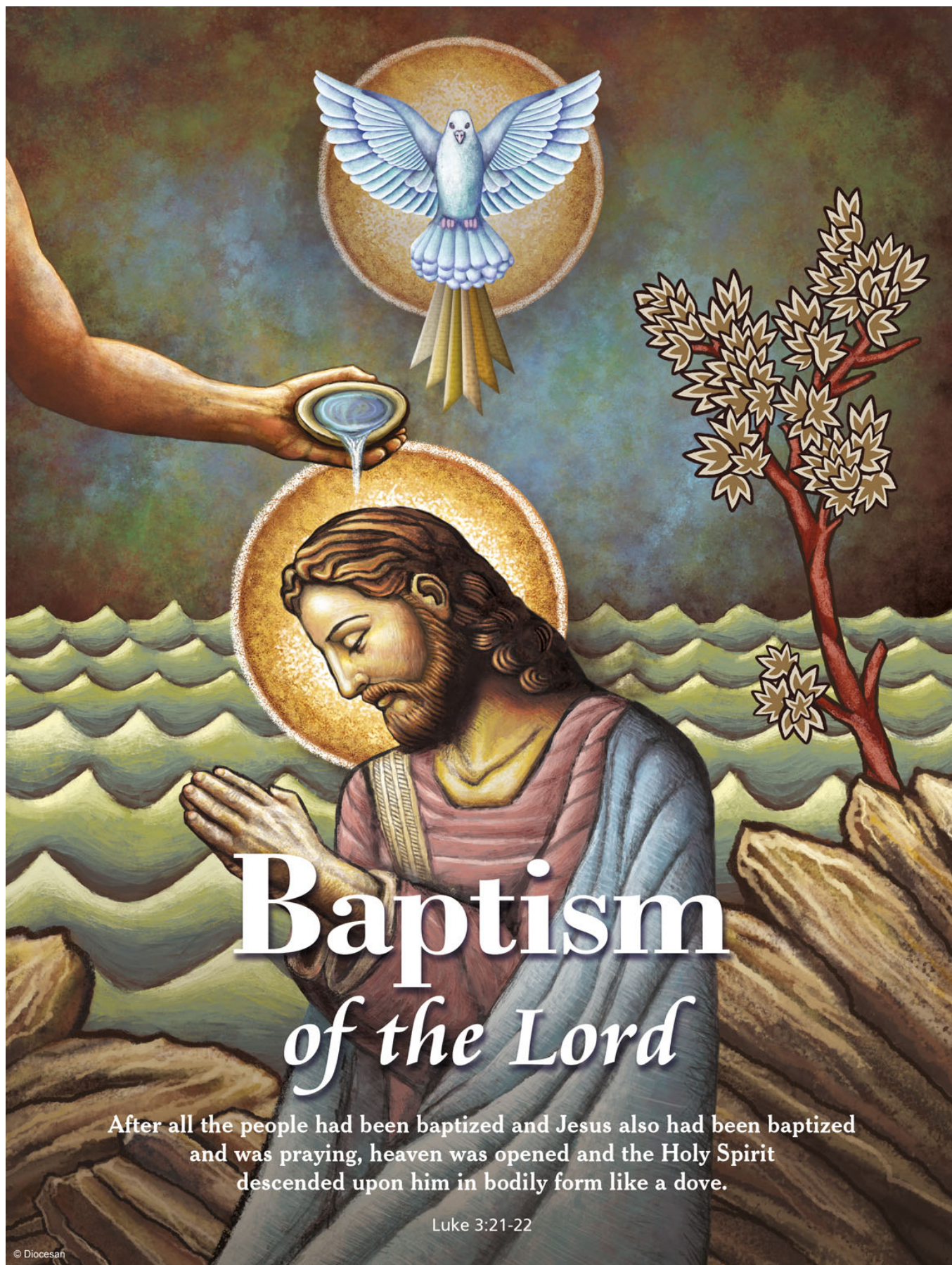
MATRIMONY: To set a date for a wedding, couples must make an appointment at the Rectory at least 6 months prior to the wedding date. Weddings can be scheduled for most Saturdays, at 12:00 Noon or 2:00 PM, or on Friday afternoons.

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.)



Baptism *of the Lord*

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.

Luke 3:21-22

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A Note From The Pastor



From the Pastor

My Dear Parishioners,

The Christmas season ends this week. Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, which is the manifestation of the Lord's glory to all the nations, and then on Monday we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord and then Tuesday we begin the period known as Ordinary Time. While we have to say goodbye to the Christmas decorations and the Nativity scene, we will try to keep the poinsettias going for as long as possible. By the way, I want to thank Carla Venditti and Karen Baranowski for watering and maintaining the flowers. They truly made our celebrations a fitting tribute to the Glory of God. Your "Christmas Flower envelopes" with your intentions written on them have been in our Nativity scene since Christmas. Thank you for supporting the Christmas decorations through these donations. As part of the light of Christ's glory shining out to all the nations, we celebrate 2 members of our community who look forward to joining us in a sacramental way this Easter. Mr. Joseph Sciscio and Mr. Mike Farley will be completing their initiation in our faith. Please pray for them.

Next week our young people will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the very first time. Please keep them in your prayers as they come to experience the love and mercy of the Lord Jesus. Hopefully, we will see this as a reminder that we all need to stay close to the Lord, and that whenever we have placed an obstacle in our relationship with God, He gives us the opportunity to have that obstacle removed.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Cathy Cain who has served as our Parish Director of Religious Education for the past 20 years. She has asked to step back from her responsibilities in this area. While we are certainly grateful for her long service and acknowledge a much deserved rest, we are also happy that she is not going anywhere and is willing to help out when needed. I also want to let you know that we have hired Mr. James Ness as our Coordinator of Religious Education. Most of our CCD parents have already met him and he is excited to pass on the faith.

Archbishop Pérez has asked that the following letter be communicated this weekend.

May God Bless You in the New Year, Fr. Bordonaro

January 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Fulfilling the Church's mission of mercy and the Gospel's call to be instruments of God's pure love, The Catholic Relief Services (CRS) collection funds Catholic agencies working to assist our brothers and sisters around the world who suffer from extreme hardships. (Continued on page 4)

Masses For The Week

Saturday	Jan. 6	
	5:00 p.m.	Raymond Generale
Sunday	Jan. 7	
	7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	9:30 a.m.	Margaret Babst
	11:30 a.m.	Maryann McDermott Mitchell
Monday	8:00 a.m.	John F. Hayes & Family
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Maryann McDermott Mitchell
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	William J. Holman, 8 th Anniversary
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Helene Burns
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Marilyn Higgins
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Deceased members of the Sansoni & DiTore Fams.
	Jan. 13	
	5:00 p.m.	Miss Kitty Casey
Sunday	Jan. 14	
	7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	9:30 a.m.	David Dziedzic, 12 th Anniversary
	11:30 a.m.	William G. Nelson 10 th Anniversary

Please Pray For Those Who Are Ill:

Steve Becker, Michelle Bird, Kristina Crawford, Peter Evans, Sr., Luke Gallo, Sr., John Hesser, Rachel Higgins, Wendy Jacobs, Joyce Kelly, Enoch Kroutch, Andy Landmesser, Irene Lennon, Mary Lishman, Annabelle Long, Dana Madden, Paul Malachowski, James Martin, Patricia McCloskey, Dave McKay, Peggy McKay, John Merritt, Gertrude Nelson, Clifford Patton, Michael Pham, Albinka Potocka, Ronan Power, Joseph Ranweiler, James Ritsick, Gino Romaniello, Theresa Romaniello, Joanne Slouskey, George Snyder, Brian Stec, Stanley Travis, III, Patricia True, Jack Wilhelm, Joan Winterborne, John Zerbe.

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, January 8

- *Adoration – 8:30 a.m.
- *Rosary – 7:30 p.m.
- *Men's Group – 7:45 pm – Room 18

Tuesday, January 9

- *Mass at Pathways – 2:00 p.m.
- *Rosary & Communion Service – Christ Home 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 10

- *Rosary & Communion Service – Luther Woods 1:30 p.m.
- *RCIA – Room 18 – 7:00 p.m.
- *Adult Choir Practice – 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 11

- *Children's Choir Practice – 5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

Readings For The Week

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; PS 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

A Note From The Pastor (continued...)

In providing humanitarian aid, resettling displaced individuals and families, and advocating on behalf of victims of atrocities like human trafficking, the organizations supported by the CRS collection, serve based on the core belief that every individual is an equal heir of Christ's love and care.

The annual Catholic Relief Services collection challenges American Catholics to put their faith into action and to see "Jesus in disguise" in the faces of the poor, the marginalized, and the stranger by supporting ongoing efforts to respond to their needs. The funds collected are essential to the sustainability of vital Catholic charitable ministries that save lives and promote their sacred dignity.

The collection will be taken up in the parishes throughout our local Church during the weekend of January 13-14, 2024. We have always responded very generously to this annual collection, and I ask you to do so again this year.

I am grateful to you for recognizing the face of Christ in those who cannot help themselves and for your compassion. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your intentions. May God bless you abundantly.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.

Archbishop of Philadelphia

Novena to Three American Saints for Life

Sunday, January 14 to Monday, January 22, 2024

(Following the 3:00 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy)

Saints Elizabeth Ann Seton, Frances Cabrini, and John Neumann are powerful witnesses to the Gospel of Life, each in their own time. This novena suggests three days of prayer to each of the saints for the promotion of life in our country and our Church today. Pray this novena along with us either in person at the National Centre for Padre Pio or via livestream on Facebook or YouTube.

Facebook: www.Facebook.com/PadrePioInc

YouTube: <https://YouTube.com/@PadrePioInc>

National Centre for Padre Pio, 111 Barto Road, Barto, PA

Mass and Healing Service @ the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa

First Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

Following Mass, there will be Praise & Worship, Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, and a Healing Prayer Service. This is a special opportunity to encounter Jesus and invite the Holy Spirit to touch you deeply and heal those emotional, mental, physical, relational, or spiritual places that are in need of God's healing graces. All are welcome! Questions: Email rafal@czestochowa.us or 215-345-0600.

Come and See Weekends for Men Discerning a Call to the Priesthood

January - March 2024

Come & See events offer men (high school and post-high school) considering a vocation the opportunity to visit the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary to see what seminary life is like and explore a possible call to the priesthood.

Location: St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood

More info: Visit <https://heedthecall.org/comeandsee/> or contact Fr. David Friel, Vocations Director, fr.dfriel@archphila.org.

Weekly Collections

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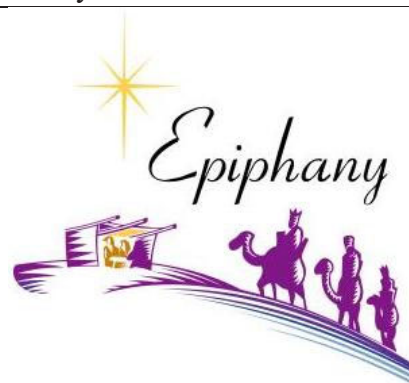
	2023	2022
	December 24	December 25
Envelopes	\$ 9,862.00	\$6,158.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,272.60	\$2,058.43
Total	\$12,134.60	\$8,216.43

Thank You

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Bulletin Submittals

Requests may be emailed to sjc18976@verizon.net. All requests are subject to Pastor's approval and space availability.



Be Encouraged:

Catholic Support for Mental Health

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has launched a website with resources to support those who are experiencing mental health struggles and those who love them. The website offers links to find Catholic clinicians, local crisis response phone numbers and ministries that can assist with recovery and healing. In addition, there are tools to help parishes, schools and institutions cultivate a deeper awareness of and responsiveness to these realities, suffered by so many. Visit the Be Encouraged website at archphila.org/support.

Workshop: You are Not Alone:

Supporting Those with Mental Health Struggles

Saturday, January 27, 2024 – 9:15 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

St. Cecilia Parish Auditorium, Philadelphia

It is estimated that one in five adults in the U.S. lives with a mental illness. Among children and teens, the numbers are increasing dramatically. This means that every parish and church institution has many members who suffer in this way, and often in silence. This workshop is designed to give parish leaders, as well as family members and friends, practical tools to help you support those who experience mental health struggles. See the flyer for workshop topics.

Speaker: Dave Eckert, Intersect Network. Register at <https://archphila.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Event-Jan-2024-flyer.pdf>

Sponsored by: Office for the New Evangelization and Office for Persons with Disabilities of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Christmas Choral Concert

To close out the Christmas season, the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, 654 Ferry Road in Doylestown, PA, will host its annual Christmas Choral Concert Sunday, January 7, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. in the main church following the 2:30 p.m. Holy Mass. Admission is free. Classical and familiar music will be performed in several languages by the Shrine Choir, children of the Polish School and vocal groups from other Shrine ministries, accompanied by the church's formidable pipe organ and other instruments. Open during your visit will be the Shrine's gift shop (until 4:30 p.m.), candle chapel and Nativity animal display. For information about other upcoming events at the Shrine, visit czestochowa.us.

Choir News



The Contemporary Music Group will sing at the 11:30 a.m. mass on February 19th

Job Opportunity

Full-time Cook/Dining Assistant

Regina Coeli Residence for Retired Priests

685 York Road, Warminster PA

Tuesday-Saturday 10:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Responsibilities: Kitchen/Dining Prepare meals, set-up and clean up dining room for 8 -10 resident Priests, Cleaning and organizing of kitchen area, Stock pantry, as needed, Maintain list of pantry needs for supervisor, Ability to work flexible hours, if needed, Light Housekeeping and Laundry assistance as needed. Skills Required: Ability to work independently, Ability to lift, bend, and stand for long periods, Ability to lift 25 lbs., Experience with dining and serving multi-resident community, Knowledge and experience.

Regina Coeli is a private retirement home for retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia located in Warminster, Pa. All resumes can be sent to Sharon Gibbs email address: SGibbs@chs-adphila.org. Villa Saint Joseph is an EOE, M/F/V/D



The 16th Annual Archdiocesan Catholic Men's Conference will be held on **Saturday March 2, 2024** at St John Vianney Hall Theater at Cardinal O'Hara High School. The Man Up Philly volunteer team is finalizing our plans for the 2024 Conference, and we have a fantastic line-up of speakers confirmed. We are excited to bring this great day to you to help all of us focus on our faith and reliance on Our Lord. Our speakers this year include:

Mike Schmidt - National Baseball and Philadelphia Phillies Hall of Fame

Danny Bader - Best-selling author whose life was transformed by a near death experience

Mark Hartfiel - Vice-President of Paradisus Dei

Deacon Nathan Gunn - serves as the Initiatives Coordinator for the Young Life Northeast Division

We welcome back acclaimed Irish tenor, **Mark Forrest**, who will again provide inspirational accompaniment during a special Eucharistic Adoration.

The Conference will conclude with Saturday Mass (not the Sunday Vigil) celebrated by **Archbishop Nelson J. Perez**. <https://manupphilly.com/registration>

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Tuesday, January 9 Grades 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7 in session. 3rd grade students report directly to Church for Reconciliation practice. Pick up at church for SJR and Family Home Schooling students at 6:45 p.m. CCD students will be walked back to classrooms for regular pick up at 7:15 p.m. Family Home Schooling drop off and pick up assignments in the CCD office.

Thursday, January 11 Sacrament of First Penance for 3rd Grade students in Church – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 16 All grades in session. “Kids Talk” classes presented to all grades.

Tuesday, January 23 All grades in session. (Snow date for “Kids Talk” classes)

Tuesday, January 30 All grades in session. End of First Semester.

Tuesday, February 6 All grades in session. First Semester Progress Reports distributed.

Tuesday, February 13 All grades in session. Signed Progress Reports to be returned to teachers.

Monday, February 19 Confirmation retreat 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. for students receiving the sacrament of confirmation 2024. Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. Bus departs and returns to CCD school parking lot.

Tuesday, February 20 All grades in session. Stations of the Cross will be held in the Church for all students (Family Home Schooling and In-Person) at 6:15 p.m. Families are welcome. In-Person students will report and be dismissed from the CCD Building.

Tuesday, February 27 All grades in session.

Mrs. Jennifer Durkin, Principal
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215-343-5100 www.stjstr.org

It's hard to believe it is January! The faculty came back from our break a day early for some professional development. In the morning, our discussion focused on literacy and reading. In the afternoon, as part of our ongoing health and safety training, the faculty and staff learned how to take some basic actions to stop life threatening bleeding in the event of an everyday emergency or man-made or natural disasters.



It was great to welcome the students back after Christmas break! Just because the holidays are behind us doesn't mean that we're done celebrating! We're looking

forward to our Bingo Night on March 19th. And the school community is really looking forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week at the end of the month! It's one of the things I love about working in a school – there is always something fun and exciting just around the corner! I hope your Christmas was lovely and that your new year is full of blessings.

Gratefully, Mrs. Durkin

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New parishioners are always welcome!

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Safe Environment Program

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

CLEARANCES:

PA State Police Criminal Record Check

<https://epatch.pa.gov/home>

PA Dept. of Public Welfare Child Abuse Clearance Ck.

<https://www.compass.state.pa.us>

Federal History Fingerprint Clearance*

<https://uenroll.identogo.com>

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

Disclosure Statement Application for Volunteers

CLEARANCES MUST BE RENEWED EVERY 5 YEARS

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.

Catholics believe that all people are made in the image and likeness of God, and that all the Baptized share in the life and mission of the Church. This includes people with disabilities. A **"Sensory Friendly Mass"** is one way that a parish can assist in destigmatizing the experience of attending Mass for individuals and families with members with Autism and other disabilities. Across the Archdiocese there are a number of Sensory Friendly Masses that are taking place. To find a Sensory Friendly Mass near you, visit <https://opdarchphilly.org/sfm/>.

Reminder

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- Go to <https://signup.formed.org/>
- Enter our parish's zip code 18976 then click on St. Joseph
- Enter your name and your email address

That's it! You're in. Now you can get the free FORMED app for your phone by searching *FORMED Catholic* in your app store.

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