

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 18th

6:30AM Bill Towlson

8:30AM Rudolph Cerami

Tuesday, December 19th

6:30AM William Van Horn

8:30AM Dorothy Chiponis

Wednesday, December 20th

6:30AM Joseph Wilson

8:30AM Sam R. and Doris A. Sgro

Thursday, December 21st

6:30AM Tom Morgan

8:30AM Thomas McFadden, Sr.

Friday, December 22nd

6:30AM Norma Crystle

8:30AM Margaret Russo

Saturday, December 23rd

8:30AM Adel Grandizio

5:00PM Saturday Evening Vigil

Sunday, December 24th

Sunday Masses: 6:30, 8:00, 10:00AM and 12:00Noon

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

4:00-6:00 & 8:00PM

Saturday, December 23rd & Sunday, December 24th

5:00PM	Msgr. Vogan
6:30AM	Msgr. Vogan
8:00AM	Fr. Pawelko
10:00AM	Fr. Pawelko
12:00PM	Fr. Speziale



Please remember in your prayers all our sick:

Brian Allison, Leon Arnold, Bob Belczyk, Kevin BeVier, Tom Boden, Jack Boyette, Dominic Branca, Theresa Bucella, Paul Bufano, Sophia Bufano, Virginia Burbage, Greyson Burke, Jean Conway, Susan Crowley, Anne Davis, Neil Davis, Thomas Duggan, Greg Dulaney, Amanda Durkholder, Kelly Eberz, George Edelmann, Joseph Eichinger, Sharon Feist, Eugene Fisher, Laurie Frost, Kim Fry, Eleanor Galbraith, Daniel Garvin, Joe Glowacki, Anne Hagg, Helena Hart, Conall Harvey, Ilene Haschak, Charles Hee, Sylvester Jenifer, Rosemarie Johnson, Regina Johnson, Jennifer Kelly, Lizzy Kelly, Shyla Kelly, Robert Kester, Ralph King, Billie Klecko, Joseph Kelcko, Tim Lamanna, Danielle Lever, Audris Lichota, Thomas Luke, Debra Mallon, Bob Magolon, Brenda Magolon, Barbara Magozzi, Margaret Mahoney, Robert Malin, Ann Manco, Patricia Marconi, Mary Marley, Tom Marley, Bob Marriotti, Thomas Marshall, Mary Mascioli, Cameron McCarthy, Nan McGroary, Dan McKenna, Joey McLaughlin, Leonard Middleton, Gina Miller, James Moran, Susan Mullen, Phyllis Myers, Julia Newell, Anthony Oswald, Louisa Pacubas, Richard Parker, Charles Piccara, Jr., Eileen Posner, Anne Powers, Claire Powers, Ann Pyne, Helen Raftovich, Mary Ellen Remaize, Loretta Ricciardi, Paul Riggs, Bob Robertson, Sharon Rowles, Christine Samuels, Candy Santos, Patricia Schmidt, Diane Shaefer, Kathy Shiels, John Smith, Rosemary Smith, Thomas Smith, Kathleen Stacklass, Patricia Starkey, Jerry Sullivan, Kayla Taylor, Robert Taylor, Jose Tavaréz, Lauren Thomas, Virginia Tracy, John Tully, Diane Weverling, Cheryl Allison-Webber, Lynn Weber, Nancy Williams, Hana Yago, Michelle & Robert Yanuzzi, Angie Zuccarino

Please pray for our beloved deceased.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, December 18th

10:00AM - Marian Movement of Priests - Mary's Chapel

6:00-10:00PM - CYO Varsity Basketball - Hall

6:30PM - VIRTUS Training - Donnelly Hall

7:00PM - RCIA - NeumannRoom

Tuesday, December 19th

9:00AM -5:00PM - Adoration - Mary's Chapel

10:00AM - Flame of Love - Mary's Chapel

1:00PM - Holy Hour of Reparation- Mary's Chapel

4:00PM - PREP Advent Prayer Service - Church

7:30-10:00PM - CYO Varsity Basketball - Hall

7:00PM - Scripture Study - Donnelly Hall

Wednesday, December 20th

4:00-5:00PM - Confession - Mary's Chapel

4:00PM - PREP Advent Prayer Service - Church

6:00PM - PREP Advent Prayer Service - Church

7:00PM - Confession - Mary's Chapel

7:00PM - Pack 225 Committee - Neumann Room

8:00PM - CYO Varsity Basketball - Hall

Thursday, December 21st

8:30AM - HF School Prayer Service - Church

1:00PM - Marion Movement of Priests - Mary's Chapel

4:00PM - Music Ministry - Church

6:30PM - Boy Scouts - Hall

Friday, December 22nd

5:30AM - Music Ministry - Church

SUNDAY COLLECTION

The collection for last Sunday amounted to: **\$16,334.**

Thank you for your generosity to your parish



RECTORY CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY HOURS

Friday, December 22nd 9:00AM to 5:00PM

Saturday, December 23rd 9:00AM to 6:00PM

The RECTORY OFFICE will be OPEN until 12:00Noon ONLY on CHRISTMAS EVE for your last minute gift card shopping!

The RECTORY OFFICE will be CLOSED: Monday, December 25th - Tuesday, December 26th Monday, January 1st

No gift cards or mass cards will be available for purchase on December 25th - 26th and January 1st.



FAMILY ADVENT WREATH

Advent and Christmas time are wonderful weeks in a family's life, but our focus on the coming of Jesus can get lost beneath the surface glitter of the season.

As Christians, the lighting of the Advent wreath in our church and homes has become a cherished tradition. Lighting the Advent wreath before the family meal is a way to continue the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist in our homes. As you gather together for your family meal, light the first, second and third candles and pray: *God of Wisdom, You are the source of all truth. Help us remember to always turn to you first when we are looking for answers. Help us to follow the way of the Christ, whose coming we await. Amen.*

May this Advent draw you closer to each other and to God.



In today's readings St. John the Baptist tries to awaken in people a consciousness of sin, the importance of conversion and change, and the need to become more holy in God's eyes. Those are the same goals we should have during this Advent season. The matter of witness is a serious and important thing. It establishes truth and a solid foundation for faith. We cannot be neutral when it comes to our faith. We are called to be disciples, witnesses of and for Christ. We best accomplish that by the ways we live our own lives and how we relate to and treat others.

Jesus can meet our every need. Now is the time for us to accept that and to place our total trust in Him. We can do that best by making our own commitment to be His disciple, a witness to Who He is and what He means to us and all people.



Anyone requesting the transportation services of H.O.P.E. Monday, December 18th through Friday, December 22nd should call team captain: Team 6: Donna Covell 610-497-1834 or Lynne Harrison 610-494-4699.

This number is for **THIS WEEK ONLY**.

Please give 24-48 hours notice! **ONE ride per week**



CALENDARS

The 2017 Magnet and wall calendars are available in the gathering space. We invite each family to take one of each. We thank White-Luttrell and D'Anjolell-Stigale funeral homes for their sponsorship of the calendars.

Christmas Confessions

Confessions in Mary's Chapel

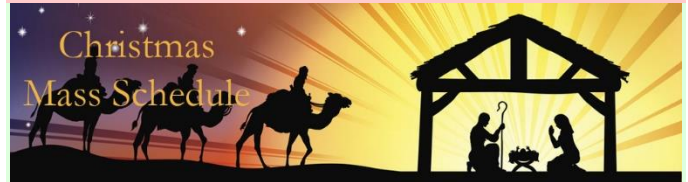
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

4:00-5:00PM and 7:00 – 8:00PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

4:00-4:45pm

No confessions scheduled on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th

4:00 – 6:00 & 8:00PM

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th

7:00 – 9:00 – and 11:00AM

THE FEAST OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD

Not a Holy Day of Obligation.

Monday, January 1st

8:30AM



The new Mass Schedule beginning January 2018:

5:00PM; 6:30AM, 9:30AM and 11:30AM



NEW Confession SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 until 4:45PM

Sunday: 7:15, 9:00-9:15 and 11:00-11:15AM



NEW Baptism SCHEDULE

1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 1:00PM



Holy Family Regional Catholic School:

Academic Excellence Rooted in Faith

Fifth Grade with Mrs. Drager

The Fifth Graders at Holy Family RCS have been studying and learning about animal and plant cells in science. The students even created their very own animal or plant cell! They looked amazing! We also have been working very hard on multiplying and dividing numbers to get us ready for decimals and fractions. Back in September, the Fifth Grade class collected and donated school supplies to 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade classes down in Houston, Texas that were affected by Hurricane Harvey. They collected so many school supplies to help those students in time of need!



HO! HO! MERRY CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Please remember that we carry gift cards of all kinds for Stress Free Shopping!

No need to save receipts for after Christmas returns!

**WALMART – HOME GOODS – TJ MAXX – GAP
MARSHALLS – ULTA – MACY’S – BOSCOV’S
OLD NAVYT - TARGET – AMAZON- REGAL
MICHAELS - KOHL’S – HOME DEPOT – LOWE’S
CABELA’S – WENDY’S – CHILY’S – APPLEBEE’S
BERTUCCI’S – STARBUCKS – DUNKIN DONUTS
PANERA BREAD – OUTBACK – OLIVE GARDEN
LONGHORN STEAKHOUSE - BONEFISH GRILL**

Check out the full list of gift cards on the parish website:
www.stjosephaston.org.

**HOURS: Monday-Thursday 9AM-7PM Friday 9AM-5PM
Sunday: After 6:30AM Mass & 8:30AM until 12:00PM**

ST. JOE’S GIFT CARD *Fundraiser!* PROGRAM

Aid For Friends



St. Joseph’s AFF number is 42, please note on all meals. Please remember to make an extra portion of your evening or Sunday meal for our shut-ins. Trays and soup containers are available in the lower church kitchen. If you have any questions, please call Ralph at 610-494-4428.

2018 SAVE THE DATE



**Saturday, February 17th
COMEDY NIGHT**



PRAYER SERVICE

The children of our PREP (CCD) are celebrating the anticipation of Jesus’ birth with a very special prayer service in the Church on the following dates: Tuesday, December 19th at 5:00pm; Wednesday, December 20th at 5:00pm and 7:00pm.

We invite everyone who likes to see children filled with the joy of Christmas to come and share in that joy.



PARISH SICK LIST

Please take a moment to look at our sick list. If you submitted a name for prayers for a loved one and they are now enjoying good health, please contact the rectory to have their name removed. Thank you!



**Discovering Christ...Ask - Seek – Knock
Tuesdays, February 6 through March 20
6:30PM – 9:00PM**

Join us in the lower church of St. Joseph’s and share a delicious dinner, listen to dynamic teaching, and join in a small discussion group about the meaning of life in Jesus Christ. To register or for more information, send an email to christlife.stjoes@gmail.com.

For heartfelt stories of a few of our parishioners who attended the 2017 program, please check out this short video: <https://youtu.be/4vid6k3djBQ>



ADVENT GIVING TREE

The Advent Giving Tree will be in the gathering space. Please take an ornament from the tree and purchase a gift card in any amount for the store listed. **Please consider buying your gift card at the rectory.** No donation is too small. **Please return them to church by December 18th.** If anyone knows of any family that would be in need this Christmas, please contact the rectory. All calls will be kept confidential.



MILITARY PRAYER TREE

The lower church tree will again feature “A Soldier’s Prayer” ornaments with the names of loved ones presently serving for Our Country. The ornaments will be by the tree for you to fill out. The children of the school and PREP will remember these men and women in their daily prayers.



ADULT VOLUNTEER SOCIAL

Saturday, January 20th from 6:00 to 9:00PM

The Stewardship Committee invites all *adults* who have given their time and talents in any way throughout the year to a social event to **THANK YOU** for what you give to your parish. Please join us for an evening of good friends, food, music and fun!

If you plan on attending, **PLEASE RSVP** complete and return the form below by Sunday, January 14th or email us stjoseph256@comcast.net.

Name: _____

Phone Number : _____