

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK 

Monday, December 25th
7:00AM - 9:00AM and 11:00AM

Tuesday, December 26th
6:30AM Frances Tasker
8:30AM Catherine Harkins

Wednesday, December 27th
6:30AM Adamek Family
8:30AM Joseph Lichota

Thursday, December 28th
6:30AM Bernard Seiss
8:30AM John McGowan

Friday, December 29th
6:30AM Fusco & Tucker Families
8:30AM Therese Barilo

Saturday, December 30th
8:30AM Tom Morgan
5:00PM Saturday Evening Vigil

Sunday, December 31st
Sunday Masses: 6:30, 8:00, 10:00AM and 12:00Noon

Saturday, December 30th & Sunday, December 31st

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



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 especially:
Erna Murray

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, December 26th
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

Thursday, December 28th
1:00PM - Marion Movement of Priests - Mary's Chapel

SUNDAY COLLECTION

The collection for last Sunday amounted to: **\$17,066.**

Thank you for your generosity to your parish



RECTORY CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY HOURS

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.



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>



Dear Friends,

I wish to express to all of you and your families my best wishes for a very holy and happy Christmas. We celebrate the entrance of Jesus Christ into human history to express His love for us.

We have been blessed with the Church that Jesus gave to us. It is a sign of His love while giving us a clear presentation of the truth and the direction that leads to eternal happiness. For over 2000 years His presence has had a moving and dynamic effect on culture, history, art, music and all aspects of human life

As we gather around the Eucharistic table this Christmas we give thanks in a special way for God's gift to us. For so many this is the gift that has given us strength and an inner peace. At this time, I ask you to encourage those who have fallen away from the practice of their faith to join you at mass – not just on Christmas, but every weekend. Your example, faith and encouragement might make a difference.

On behalf of Father Pawelko, Deacon Betzal and our entire staff we wish everyone a Happy and Blessed Christmas!

Father Wojan



Our readings on this final Sunday of Advent remind us that we need to imitate Mary, to be open to God's work in our lives, and to have a place for Christ in our hearts. Mary's acquiescence and acceptance of her role is such a great example of trust in God. Mary saw her role as fulfilling the purpose of God. There are similarities between God's work in Mary and His work in us. Like Mary, we should do everything we can to fulfill God's Word.

The entire letter to the Romans is a casing for the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: His purpose, His work, and His glory. One of the reasons St. Paul's letters are so powerful is that he is always reflecting on the wisdom of God's plan, and he reminds us regularly that God's wisdom is beyond us. His plan may not be ours; in fact it cannot be ours.



Anyone requesting the transportation services of H.O.P.E. Tuesday, December 26th through Friday, December 29th should call team captain: Team 7: Jerry Wilkins 610-459-2058. This number is for THIS WEEK ONLY.

Please give 24-48 hours notice!

ONE ride per week – No rides 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 begins
NEXT Sunday, January 7, 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



2019 ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTION BOOK

The 2019 Mass Intention Book will be opened on Saturday, January 27th at 2:00PM in the lower church. The donations is \$15.00 per mass.

On Sunday, January 28th the book will be open after the 6:30AM Mass until 12:30PM.



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.



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!





CHRISTMAS IS HERE

WE HAVE CARDS FOR LAST MINUTE GIFTS!

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 – CHILI’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



ADVENT GIVING TREE

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Advent Giving Tree. Your generosity helped to make the Christmas Holiday joyful for several families in the parish. Your generosity to your fellow parishioners is a true blessing.



Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the parish in their Christmas Flower envelope. Your generosity provided the beautiful fresh flowers in the church this Christmas.



Thank you to Janet Troxel, Julie Owsley and all those who volunteered to help decorate our church this Christmas. We thank them for their talents and their time, especially during this busy holiday.

2018 SAVE THE DATE



**Saturday, February 17th
COMEDY NIGHT**



MILITARY PRAYER TREE

The lower church tree features “A Soldiers Prayer” ornaments with the names of loved ones presently serving for Our Country. The ornaments are by the tree for you to fill out if you have a friend or loved one that you wish remembered in prayer. The children of the school and PREP will remember these men and women in their daily prayers.



PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY

As we gather with our families this Christmas, we remember those who are serving our country who will not spend Christmas with their families. We ask that you remember them today in prayer:

“Lord, please hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord and Savior, Amen.”



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus donated toys, toiletries and school supplies that was given to kids around the world that need them the most. Through Operation Christmas Child, the Knights were able to donate 100 shoeboxes filled with toys and supplies that children in poor and war torn countries do not have access to. Visit our Facebook page for pictures and information about the Knights of Columbus Father Donnelly Council.



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 : _____