

A D V E N T

St. Stanislaus Roman Catholic Church • The Second Sunday of Advent: December 9, 2018



“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight
his paths.”

--Luke 3:4

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Today: Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6 (6)
Monday: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. Tracy
Pastor
Rev. Msgr. Joseph W. Murray
Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Charles J. Ravert
Parochial Vicar
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Rev. Zachary W. Navit
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Deacon Juan E. Valentín

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Mrs. Leona Russell Coordinator of Religious Education	Sr. Dolora Curley, OSF Hospital Ministry
Mrs. Penny Mitchell Business Manager	Mrs. Mary Gaus Director of Music Ministry
Mrs. Trish Cunningham Records Coordinator	
Mrs. Catherine Mattingly Communication Coordinator	

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday Vigil 5:15pm

Sunday 7am, 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish

Daily

Monday through Friday 6:30am & 8am

Saturday 8am,

followed by Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers

Holy Days

Vigil: 7pm

Holy Day: 6:30am, 9am, 12:05pm, 7pm (Spanish)

Catholic Mass in Sign Language

4th Sunday of the month, Parish Center Chapel

Mass Interpreted in ASL

1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays, 9am Mass in the Church

Children's Liturgy of the Word

During 11am Mass, September through June

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8:30am to 9am; 4pm to 4:45pm

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Katharine Drexel Chapel

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

The Second Sunday of Advent, December 9, 2018

Stocks Pound Cake Pick-up @ Lobby Rm after all Masses
12:00pm Secular Franciscans @ Cahill Rm

Monday, December 10

7:00pm Legion of Mary Curia @ Murray Rm

Tuesday, December 11

7:00pm Hispanic Prayer Group @ Chapel

7:00pm MDCS Pageant @ Church

Wednesday, December 12

9:30am Food Cupboard @ Lobby Rm

2:00pm Charismatic Prayer Group @ Chapel

7:00pm Guadalupe Celebration @ Church

Thursday, December 13

1:30pm Legion of Mary @ Cahill Rm

6:30pm Evangelization Committee @ Cahill Rm

Friday, December 14

7:00pm Parish Movie Night @ Lobby Rm

Saturday, December 15

8:30am/4pm Confessions @ Church

9:00am Spanish Retreat @ Church

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated Sundays after the 11am Mass. To ensure that parents and godparents understand the meaning of the sacrament of Baptism, what to expect on the day of Baptism, and to reflect on the responsibilities that accompany their roles, we require that all new parents and godparents attend a Baptism preparation session known as Pre-Jordan. For information about this program and more, please contact the Parish Office or visit our website, www.ststanislaus.com.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Couples planning to be married should contact the Church at least 6 months in advance of the planned wedding date. No other arrangements should be made until the couple meets with a parish priest and the date and time are reserved. Attendance at a Marriage Preparation program is required in accord with Archdiocesan policy. Further information will be provided at the time of the meeting with a priest.

Annulments: *Contact the Parish Center to speak to a priest for more information on the annulment process. Directives of Pope Francis have eased the process of obtaining annulments.*



PARISH CENTER HOURS

Monday through Thursday: 9am to 9pm

Friday: 9am to 6pm

Saturday: 8:30am to Noon

Sunday: 8:30am to 1pm

*Priests are available after office hours
for the pastoral care of the dying by calling 215.368.0220.*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

The Second Sunday of Advent, December 9, 2018

7:00am Gregory DiBetta
Requested by Rose and Nick, his wife and son

9:00am Deceased members of the Begley Family
Requested by Peg and Joe Flaherty

11:00am Robert Arzberger
Requested by Jeanne Arzberger

Monday

6:30am Deacon Ray Wellbank
Requested by Joe and Eileen Holmes

8:00am Henry Babilon (birthday remembrance)
Requested by Marie Wilson

Tuesday

6:30am Miriam C. Burns
St. Damasus I, Pope

8:00am James and Helen Corrado
Requested by Jim, Carol, and Family

Wednesday

6:30am The Brophy Sisters
Requested by their family

8:00am The intentions of Kate Best and Family
Requested by John and Sharon Best

Thursday

6:30am Mother's Day Remembrance
St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

8:00am Deceased members of the Pietrangelo Family
Requested by the family

Friday

6:30am Finnegan Ward
Requested by Lori O'Donnell

8:00am Florence Migliaccio
Requested by Neil and family

Saturday

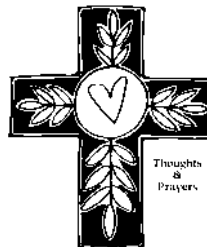
8:00am Caroline Frate
Requested by Mecandro Poccio

Third Sunday of Advent, December 16, 2018

7:00am Darlene Keterer
Requested by her family and friends

9:00am Leo J. Lorenz, Jr.
Requested by Bob and Carol Witt

11:00am Raymond Tomczak
Requested by Donna and Rebecca Brandolph



Please pray for the sick who carry the cross of illness especially: **Laura Davis, James DePaul, Bobby DiNenna, Anthony DiTroia, Joseph Flaherty, Terri Gurecki, Thomas Kelly, Carol Kerr, Bernadette Kubej, Greg Lipschultz, Ann Loeffler, Pat Lynch, John**

McCullagh, Shirley McGillicuddy, Meghan Melcher, Trisha Miller, Stella Molettiere, Kristin O'Connor Zeigler, Jillian Preet, Kira Poccia, Donald Raymond, Ava Reese, Lydia Rey, Antonio Romano, Donald J. Romano, Lawrence A. Romano, Lucille C. Romano, Mary Ann Rota Lewis, John R. Sciullo, Barbara Smiley, Marianne Stockert, Joyce Thomas, Mary Veneziale, Marilyn Wagner, Steven Wyourl, William Wyoul, and Anne Zimmerman. If you wish to place a family member or friend on the Bulletin list for three weeks, or to continue a name on the list, please call the Parish Center, ext. 107, the Communication Coordinator. If you wish to place a name on our Prayer Line, call the Parish Center or email your request to: ststan@comcast.net



The Sanctuary Candle in the Church burns this week **for all members of the military, requested by the Niece Family.**

The Sanctuary Candle in the Parish Center Chapel burns this week in memory of **Peter Mattero at the request of Mary Anne Mattero.**

If you wish to have the Sanctuary Candle burn in the Church or Chapel in 2019 in memory of a loved one or for a special intention, please come to the Parish Center during operating hours to make arrangements. An offering of \$10 is requested.



We Remember our Deceased:

Our parish family expresses prayerful condolences to the loved ones of: **Bill Kraynak, Pauline Marsaglia, and Patricia Harding-Thomason**

THIS WEEKEND: STOCK'S POUNDCAKE PICK-UP

Stock's Pound Cake orders will be available for pick-up at 5:30pm on Saturday, December 8 and after all Masses on Sunday, December 9 in the Parish Center.



Never forget an envelope again!
Parish Giving
Online: Sign up

online to electronically submit parish donations! Go to our webpage, www.ststanislaus.com, and scroll to the bottom of the homepage and click on "Parish Giving."

Advent Candle Lighting at Mass

Spots are still available! Please consider participating in the celebration of the Mass in a special way this Advent. Parishioners are invited to sign up to light the Advent Candle at Masses on **December 16 or 23.** Share in the anticipation of the joy of this beautiful season. You may sign up at the link on the Parish website, www.ststanislaus.com. Questions? Contact Cat Mattingly at ststan@comcast.net or 215.855.3133, ext. 107.



For a solid month, the Sunday Scriptures have offered their own insights into the End Times and the ways in which events will occur. *Preparedness* was the persistent posture that many of the sacred authors advocated in our approach to the final coming of the Lord in glory and power. Such preparedness is best cultivated through the whole-hearted gift of oneself to God and others, without holding back. Our surrender, in that place of vulnerability where fear threatens to choke off faith, allows God to become the sure and secure foothold from which the End Times and the forever future can be faced with a trusting hope.

In the beginning days of the Advent season, the Mass texts and their authors continue the drumbeat of making ready for the different comings of God into the lives of believers. Against the historic backdrop of the Hebrew Exile and the devastating loss of all they had loved and valued, today the prophet Baruch creates a wondrous vision of joy and renewal that would accompany the coming of the Savior. The time for misery and mourning has passed; what God has ready for them is glory and splendor. God will bring the exiles back to a better tomorrow, making travel easier by leveling every hill, valley and any other topological impediment on the way to Jerusalem.

Our ancestors in the faith needed that encouragement to rejoice in the benevolent dominion of God. They were encouraged to grow the gifts of peace and justice that reflected the goodness of the Almighty. In addition to the divine gifts of peace and justice, believers were challenged to tend and cultivate those gifts among their contemporaries as a means of preparing to welcome the Messiah. St. Paul picks up that idea that we are “works-in-progress” as he wishes an increase in love and purity of intention in the desire to be as perfect as possible even when times are bumpy. It is both a privilege and a responsibility to move forward in the relationship each has with Christ.

Enter the figure of John the Baptist. Today he is introduced by Luke as a key player in advancing the desire for discipleship that will daily express itself by continuing the ministry of Jesus. John prepares himself to rouse the anticipation of those who followed his message of repentance and service. The beauty of John the Baptist's message was that he confronted wrong doing, excuses, and self-deceit or half-truths. His persistent outcry urged others to fill in the valleys of fear, to confront openly the evils of the world by name, and to smooth the rough edges of selfishness and ambition. Be who you are, not a copy of someone better or holier than another.

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Things certainly move fast this time of year. Advent preparation for the birth of the Messiah is rushing by! It ought to include celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Next weekend, we will try to assemble and publish in this bulletin a list of the dates that other local parishes (including the one here) of when they will hold their last, large gathering for confessions. We are lucky to have many Catholic parishes within a short driving distance from us. Please try to go to confession if you need to in preparation for the birth of Jesus at Christmas!

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This week, I end with a poem I found – (no author listed) - but striking in insight:

INCARNATION

Fog greeted Kansas in August
Speaking a lesson of caution,
Even of fear, in crossing over;
in starting something new, perhaps.

The view reminded me of a movie,
 “The Soloist,” and of the effort we make
 To help any person in difficulty,
 hoping for clarity amid confusion.

Like columnist Steve Lopez in "Soloist,"
We recognize talent in the wounded,
We want to cross the bridge with them,
gaining clarity and sure footing.

Nathaniel Anthony Ayers was gifted. a Julliard student, his mind, once filled with great joy, now shadowed, driving him to be with the homeless in L.A.

Christ recognized good in everyone, wanted to walk with us through fog, uncertainty, separation and fear, assuring us of His friendship.

So, God became human in Jesus, in Mary,
so that God could restore strength,
mainly through friendship,
lasting and assured.

Major Joseph Tracy



How will you prepare for Christmas this year? This Advent, enrich your daily prayer by walking with **Dr. Tim Gray** on a journey of renewal. Ready your heart for the coming of Christ.

Watch, Read, and Reflect each day: Watch an inspiring video reflection from Dr. Tim Gray; Read a passage from the Word of God; Reflect on how you can prepare for Christ's coming. It's FREE on Formed.org!

Want to include the whole family?

Add children's reflections to your daily reflection email! Herald Entertainment's beloved Brother Francis will help your children prepare for Christmas with joyful songs and valuable lessons.



Register today: Go to formed.org & enter our parish code ZR6M2C(case specific). You'll be asked to enter a user name for yourself and create a password. In the future, just log in with your user name & password. Enjoy!



Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration: St. Katharine Drexel Adoration Chapel

Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; With divine recompense he comes to save you. -Isaiah 35: 4

Immediate Urgent Needs: Sunday 4am

Friday: 12am, 1am, 2am, 3am, 8am, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm, 7pm, 8pm, 10pm

Saturday: 12am, 3am, 4am, 8am, 9am, 12pm, 2pm, 3pm, 6pm, 7pm, 10pm

All hours of need are available at www.ststanislaus.com under the *Perpetual Adoration* tab. Sign up today!

We are always in need of committed adorers and substitutes. For more information contact Sue Gillen: 215.362.8643 or scgwindows@gmail.com

The Bereavement Ministry of St. Stans and Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parishes:



Sometimes the season is not all merry and bright. Sometimes it is a minefield of triggers for tears and feelings of emptiness. If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, it is important to get some support at this very difficult time of year. Join us to talk about your experience at the MMR/St. Stan's Bereavement Support Group on **Thursday, December 13, 2018**. There will be a morning session at MMR from 10-11:30am in the Parish Conference room. There will be an evening session at St. Stanislaus from 7-8:30pm in the Parish center. No registration is necessary, just come if you can. Our next two meetings are:

January 10, 2019: Moving Ahead in the New Year when You Don't Want to Move at all

February 14, 2019: Surviving Stress and Loneliness

Divine Mercy "Minute" — Diary 1777

"My daughter, I desire that your heart be an abiding place of My mercy. I desire that this mercy flow out upon the whole world through your heart."

-Words of Jesus to St. Faustina

Charismatic Prayer Group Meets this Week! The next and final Charismatic Prayer Meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday, December 12 at 2pm in the Chapel. Beginning in January 2019, we will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 2pm in the St. Stans Chapel. Bring a friend!

Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.

—St. Catherine of Siena



Rosary Service December 10: The next rosary service is Monday, December 10 at **Lansdale Care and Rehab**. All are welcome to join us in prayer.



Attention Seniors! No meeting this month.

See you in 2019!



Merry Christmas

Make A Joyful Noise!
St. Stans Music Ministry
Christmas Concert

TODAY!

December 9th, at 3pm
St. Stanislaus Church

Come and enjoy a Christmas Concert performed by our own St. Stanislaus Music Ministry! There will be performances by all of our talented cantors, choirs, accompanists and instrumentalists. It will jump-start your Christmas Spirit!

Find us on Facebook! Saint Stanislaus Lansdale is the OFFICIAL Facebook page for the parish. "Like" us today for updates on events and more!

Parish Religious Education Program

Coordinator of Religious Education (PREP): Mrs. Leona Russell
Office Phone Number: 215.855.9893; Email: ststansprep@yahoo.com



Christmas on Sunday, December 16 and Wednesday, December 19. We will tell the story of Jesus' first coming as it is portrayed through scripture, song and imagery. Just as the wise men brought gifts to Jesus, the children have been asked to bring baby gifts, which they will place in front of the crib. The gifts will be donated to the North Penn Pregnancy Resource Clinic. *This collection has been a PREP tradition for the past six years...enjoyed by the givers and a great blessing for the recipients!*

WINTER is just around the corner! Our PREP families are collecting *new* and *like-new* hats, scarves, gloves and mittens to donate to families in need. In addition to sharing the warmth within our own community, we have partnered with St. Veronica's Parish in Philadelphia to assist their families in need with these winter necessities! If you would like to join our effort, please leave your donations in the PREP mailbox at the Parish Center or contact Leona Russell to make arrangements to drop them off at the PREP office in the school. *Thank you!*



The March for Life in Washington DC will be on Friday, January 18. Our Respect Life Group will again be hosting a 55 passenger bus. Thanks to the continued generosity of our fellow parishioners, the cost will be only **\$15 for adults and \$10 for children** 8th grade and under. The "out of parish" cost is \$35. **This includes the bus, Metro ticket and dinner. Sister Barbara will again be offering a day long retreat at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for those who wish to attend but are unable to fully participate in the march.** The bus will depart from the Church parking lot at 7:15-7:30am, following the 6:30am Mass, and return by 9:30pm. For reservations or questions please contact Jeanne-Marie Motley at 215.393.1709. Checks should be written to St. Stanislaus Respect Life Group and dropped off at the Parish Center.

Lost and Found! There are some valuable items in our Lost and Found at the front desk of the Parish Center. If you think you have lost something in the Church or Adoration Chapel, please visit the receptionist. We may have your lost item!

Letters of Eligibility? Planning a Baptism? Need to Register? *We can do that!* The Deacons are available after the 9am and 11am masses on Sundays to assist with: letters of eligibility; to register a baptism; to register a new parishioner

Weekly appointments can still be made by calling the Parish Center at 215.855.3133 for availability. No appointments are necessary on Sundays.





MDCS: 215.368.0995
 Email info@materdeicatholic.com
 Website: www.materdeicatholic.com
 Child Care Center: 215.799.2211
 Email info: childcare@materdeicatholic.com



Elf on a Shelf? ... No, Elf in a Classroom!
 Pre-K and Kindergarten students enjoyed looking for “elves in classrooms” and taking pictures with their iPads when they found one at a special event hosted by Mater Dei Catholic School. A fun evening for all!

Save the Date: Mater Dei Christmas Pageant: Celebrate the Christmas Spirit with the Mater Dei Catholic School community on Tuesday, December 11, at 7pm in St. Stanislaus Church. All are welcome!

Saint Stanislaus Play Group: The group meets most Tuesdays from 9:45 to 11:30am in the Parish Center — all are welcome to bring their little ones and meet other St. Stanislaus parents during this fun, free, playdate! For more information please contact the Parish Center at 215.885.3133 and Linda Augustine will be in touch!



Starting on January 9, 2019 the Playgroup will meet on **Wednesdays!** Please note that the third Wednesday of each month, Playgroup will not meet due to a conflicting monthly event. We will continue to post reminders about this in the Bulletin.



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What would it take for you to have the best **Christmas of your life?** Sign up for **BEST ADVENT EVER** -- its a **free email program** that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during this busy season. You'll experience Advent in a whole new way-- leading to the best Christmas of your life! Don't wait — start receiving this great content today. Go to www.dynamiccatholic.com or find the link on www.ststanislaus.com to sign up!

Join us for the next St. Stanislaus Parish Movie: “It’s a Wonderful Life” this Friday, December 14 at 7:00pm in the Parish Center

“It’s a Wonderful Life” is a movie classic that is just perfect for the Christmas season. This movie was produced and directed by Frank Capra in 1946 and has come to be regarded as one of the most beloved films ever made. Starring Jimmy Stewart and Donna Reed, this is the story of George Bailey who dreams of moving away to strike it rich in far away places, but instead finds the most important of life’s lessons right in his own small town of Bedford Falls, where he runs his family’s banking business.

With help from his guardian angel Clarence, George is shown what would have happened to his family and his community if he had never been born. Despite falling on hard times, George comes to realize how blessed he really is and how his life has positively impacted so many other people in critically important ways. This story is an inspiring tale that explores the timeless themes of love, family, self-sacrifice, and personal integrity. It’s a heart-warming reminder that every human life has great value. **Popcorn, other snacks and drinks will be provided! Admission is free!**



Treasure Information: December 2

Contributed by 408 envelopes and 6 loose checks (non parishioner).

Weekly Parish Collections:

Dec. 2, 2018: \$13,678 Dec. 3, 2017: \$16,228

Electronic and Other Contributions:

Dec. 2, 2018: \$9,374 Dec. 3, 2017: \$8,075

Parish Building Improvements:

Dec. 2, 2018: \$1,712 Dec. 3, 2017: \$2,084

Major Bills Paid Since November 25, 2018:

Maintenance: \$9,692

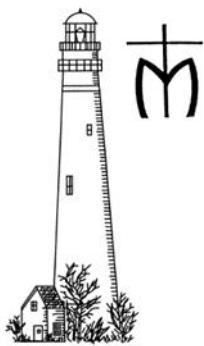
Payroll and related: \$2,275

Financial Commitment to Mater Dei Catholic School
(Year-to-date payments): \$55,000

Holy Martyrs Church in Oreland, Traditional

Latin Mass: Wednesday, December 5 at 7pm, come join us for a traditional Latin Mass for Advent. Enjoy the ancient Gregorian chants sung by *Schola Cantorum Philadelphiensis*. The Celebrant will be Fr. Jason V. Kulczynski.

January 1 at 12AM - Mass for New Year's and the Solemnity of Mary: The Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul invites you to celebrate the New Year and the feast of Our Lady at Midnight Mass in the Cathedral Chapel at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia.



College-Age Retreat: January 4 to 6, 2019. To be held at the Marianist Family Retreat Center in Cape May Point, NJ. This retreat is designed to bring young people together of college-age (17-22). So whether you are in college or working come join us to renew your spiritual life, deepen your relationship with God and to meet new friends. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences,

peer group discussions, Eucharist and lots of fun! **Cost:** \$135 per person, double occ. **Register at:** www.capemaymarianists.org or call 609.884.3829. **Some financial aid is available and high school seniors are also welcomed!**

“Letting Love In” — A Spiritual Enrichment Program Offered by St. Philip Neri Catholic Family Life Center in Pennsburg, PA. Nina Marie Corona, Founder of AFIRE® explores acceptance as one of the keys to spiritual freedom and inner peace. Accepting ourselves, others, and accepting how God loves us. Fri. December 14 and January 25 from 7 to 8pm. No cost! Questions? Call 215.679.2237.

For Young Adults — Metanoia is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County, supporting Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. The ministry includes Theology on Tap, faith-based meetings, community service, retreats, and outdoor events. For more information, contact metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/users/metanoiayoungadults.

Upcoming events are below:

December 2018

Tuesday, December 11: Bible Study @ St. Rose of Lima, North Wales, 7pm

Tuesday, December 18: Christmas Party @ Appalachian Brewing Co., Collegeville; Doors open at 7:00pm, talk Starts at 7:30pm

January 2019

Tuesday, January 8: Bible Study at St. Rose of Lima, North Wales, 7pm

Tuesday January 15: Theology on Tap @ Appalachian Brewing Co., Collegeville; Doors open at 7:00pm, talk Starts at 7:30pm.

Tuesday January 22: Holy Hour @ Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, North Wales, 7pm

Saturday, January 26: Service Project @ Cradles to Crayons, Conshohocken ****(Pre-registration required)****

Society of Catholic Scientists

Did you know about this new Catholic organization? The Society of Catholic Scientists is an international lay organization founded in June of 2016 to foster fellowship among Catholic scientists and to witness to the harmony of faith and reason. The Society hopes to answer the call of Pope St. John Paul II that 'members of the Church who are active scientists' be of service to those who are attempting to 'integrate the worlds of science and religion in their own intellectual and spiritual lives.' In its first two years, the SCS grew to over 800 members. Over 120 scientists attended its 2018 conference, along with dozens of theologians, philosophers, and historians. To learn more about this new organization in the Church, visit: <https://www.catholicscientists.org/>

Christmas Concert at St. Helena's: Come to “Christmas Songs to Remember, Honor, and Celebrate” on Sunday, December 16-2018 at 4 PM in St. Helena Church at 1489 DeKalb Pike. The concert is free. A free will offering will be graciously accepted. There will be a dinner following in the Empress Room at a cost of \$15.00. Any question, please feel free to call Theresa Smith at 215.646.7636.

Lo anticipamos todo: durante el adviento, nos damos regalos, los abrimos, comemos pavo, dulces, etc. No sabemos esperar. Esta anticipación del festejo nos ha "robado" el tiempo de preparación espiritual propuesto por la Iglesia para una celebración profunda de la Navidad, que tendría que ser para cada cristiano, un encuentro "de corazón a corazón" con el Dios-niño, tan sencillo y pequeño, que se encuentra al alcance de todos. Actualmente hay muchos festejos "navideños" que nada tienen que ver con el misterio de la Navidad y muchas veces para el 24 de diciembre, ya nos encontramos cansados y agobiados; incluso "saturados" de tantos compromisos; agotados por la prisa y el estrés. La forma en la que solemos vivir el adviento, en lugar de prepararnos para celebrar la Fe en un clima de paz y gozo espiritual, muy probablemente nos acelera, dispersa y distrae para lo esencial.

María, la Madre que supo esperar con verdadera esperanza y gran amor, es el gran personaje del Adviento que nos enseña a vivir este tiempo como camino hacia el portal de Belén, lugar de encuentro y adoración del Dios-niño.

Tres actitudes muy hermosas de María que nos pueden ayudar a vivir este adviento son: la espera, la preparación del corazón y la acogida sincera.

1. **María espera con gozo**, con profunda esperanza, la llegada de Jesús a su vida.
2. **María prepara su corazón** con vivos sentimientos de ternura para con el Niño Jesús que viene y de gratitud profunda para con Dios que cumple sus promesas.
3. **María cultiva en su corazón una acogida generosa**, abriéndolo de par en par para que realmente entre Jesús a su vida. Ella lo esperaba sinceramente, no lo acoge sólo de palabra, sino que le ofrece su corazón.

Que María nos enseñe a vivir este adviento en una espera gozosa; a aprovechar este tiempo para preparar nuestro corazón para que Jesús realmente encuentre en él un lugar donde quedarse y desde el cual podamos descubrirlo como verdadero Salvador: como el Dios que viene a iluminar lo que en nuestra vida está oscuro; a sanar lo que en nuestra vida está enfermo; y a liberarnos de todo lo que nos impide vivir en el gozo de su Amor.

Pax et Bonum+Paz y Todo lo Bueno
Padre Carlos

¿Cómo te estás preparando para la Navidad?

Este Adviento, enriquece tu oración diaria caminando con el P. Luis Granados en un viaje de renovación, para preparar tu corazón a la venida de Cristo.

Vea, lea y reflexione cada día

- Vea una reflexión inspiradora de el P. Luis Granados
 - Lea un pasaje de la Palabra de Dios
- Reflexiona sobre cómo puedes tú prepararte para Cristo

¿Te gustaría incluir a toda la familia?

¡Puedes agregar las reflexiones para niños (disponibles en inglés), a tu correo electrónico de reflexión diaria!. Nuestro querido amigo Brother Francis, ayudará a tus hijos a prepararse para la Navidad con canciones alegres y valiosas lecciones.

Vaya a <https://formed.org/promo/advent-reflections-registration-spanish> y escriba el código parroquial ZR6M2C, regístrese, y podrá acceder a este gran recurso.

LOS SACRAMENTOS

Bautismos – Se celebran los bautismos durante la misa del segundo y cuarto Domingo del mes. Clases bautismales serán el primer Domingo de cada mes después de la misa. **La próxima clase bautismal será el 1 de julio después de la misa.** Contactos Diácono Juan, 727.247.7391 o juan_valentin2@aol.com.

El Sacramento de Reconciliación - se ofrece los sábados a las 8am y 4pm.

El Matrimonio – Hable con Padre Charles más que 6 meses antes de la fecha anticipada. Un clase de preparación - “Pre-Cana” es un requisito antes de casarse. El Instituto Católico Móvil ofrece el taller “Pre-Cana” 3 veces durante el año en la Parroquia de San Martin de Tours, Roosevelt Blvd. & Cheltenham Ave., Filadelfia. Para inscribirse o informarse 215.667.2820/2824 o bherrer@archphila.org o hispacath@archphila.org.

Clases en preparación para los sacramentos – Las personas que necesitan preparación para recibir cualquier sacramento y que tienen dificultad con el idioma inglés, pueden recibir su preparación para los sacramentos en español. Tienen que comunicarse con el Diacono Juan Valentín, para empezar en Septiembre, 2018 (adultos y jóvenes). Solicite su planilla de registro por Diácono Juan, 727. 247.7391 o juan_valentin2@aol.com

“La Virgen Peregrina” Un retablo de la Virgen de Guadalupe está viajando por los hogares de la comunidad. Es una oportunidad maravillosa para acercarnos a ella en familia. Para registrar su familia por una semana, llamar a Nelis Romero, 267.498.8979.

Quince Años - esta bendición al cumplir quince años de una joven da testimonio de su acción de gracias y de compromiso de vivir una vida cristiana. Por eso, la joven ya debe ser confirmada o debe estar inscrita en un programa de educación religiosa en preparación para recibir el sacramento de confirmación el año de su Quinceañera. Una clase de preparación es un requisito antes de la celebración. Hable con Padre Charles con un mínimo de seis meses por anticipado para fijar una fecha. **Favor contactar Olivia Tavera 267.498.8610 o Marta Escobar 215.767.8694 para inscribirse en la próxima clase.**



Misas de Navidad de San Estanislao

Nochebuena 24 de diciembre
a las 4, 6 y 8 en inglés
a las 10 de la noche en español
Día de navidad 25 de diciembre
a las 9 y 11 de la mañana en inglés

Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe



Miercoles 12 de diciembre
Las mananitas a las 5 de la mañana.

Procesión solemne a las 7 de la tarde.

Santa Misa con las Mariachis al 7:30

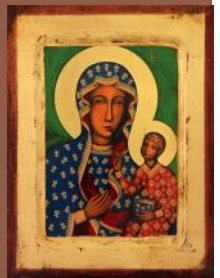
Padre Obispo Edward Deliman, celebrante y homilista
Después de la misa, comida y bebida servidas en el auditorio de la escuela.



Adviento Dia de reflexión

Sábado 15 de diciembre a las 9 a 12 de la tarde
¡Ven y únete a nosotros!

Una misa en la forma extraordinaria (misa en latín tradicional) se celebra el segundo domingo de cada mes a las 11:15am, en el Santuario Nacional de Nuestra Señora de Czestochowa. Esta misa se lleva a cabo con la aprobación de la Arquidiócesis y cumple con su obligación de misa dominical. Todos nuestros invitados a asistir.



¡Únete a nosotros!
¡El grupo de oración hispana se reúne los martes a las 7 pm!



¿Cómo le devolveré al Señor todo el bien que me ha hecho? (Sal. 116:2)
2 de diciembre de 2018: \$426.37
¡Que Dios les bendiga! Gracias por su generosidad y oraciones.

Contactos Padre Carlos 215.855.3133 ext. 111 al Centro Parroquial de San Estanislao.
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