

DECEMBER 1, 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL - 4:30PM

SUNDAY - 7:00AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM;

1:00pm (Spanish)

(9AM MASS IS INTERPRETED IN ASL)

DAILY - MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY-8:00AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

MONDAYS - 5:00PM TO 5:45PM **SATURDAYS - 3:30PM TO 4:00PM**

WE WELCOME ALL TO JOIN IN OUR WORSHIP OF GOD AND CELEBRATION OF OUR CATHOLIC FAITH HERE AT ST. STANISLAUS PARISH. OUR COMMUNITY IS CENTERED ON ENCOUNTERING JESUS PRESENT IN THE EUCHARIST AND SERVING HIM THROUGH OUR LOVE OF OUR NEIGHBORS. IF YOU ARE NEW OR VISITING, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR CALL THE PARISH CENTER FOR MORE. INFORMATION ON REGISTRATION, SACRAMENTS, EVENTS AND ALL ASPECTS OF PARISH LIFE.

DAMOS LA BIENVENIDA A TODOS A UNIRSE A NUESTRA ADORACIÓN A DIOS Y LA CELEBRACIÓN DE NUESTRA FE CATÓLICA AQUÍ EN LA Parroquia de San Estanislao. Nuestra comunidad se centra en el encuentro con Jesús presente en la Eucaristía y EN SERVIRLE A TRAVÉS DEL AMOR A NUESTRO PRÓJIMO. SI USTED ES NUEVO O ESTÁ DE VISITA, VISITE NUESTRO SITIO WEB O LLAME AL CENTRO PARROQUIAL PARA OBTENER MÁS INFORMACIÓN SOBRE EL REGISTRO, LOS SACRAMENTOS, LOS EVENTOS Y TODOS LOS ASPECTOS DE LA VIDA PARROQUIAL.

From The MINITE

Dear Friends,

We have a unique situation this year regarding the celebration of the Immaculate Conception, which is always a Holy Day of Obligation, but had the obligation moved to December 9 for this year. Please read Archbishop Nelson's explanation, and Dispensation from the Obligation to attend Mass on December 9:

"The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, celebrated on December 8, is always a Holy Day of Obligation in the United States. In autumn of 2024, the Holy See directed that since the solemnity falls on a Sunday in Advent this year, it is to be observed with obligation on Monday, December 9. Due to the shortness of time to instruct the faithful on the directive and to ease their consciences over properly observing this obligation, I have dispensed the faithful from the obligation to attend Mass on December 9 in the parishes, institutions, and religious communities in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

I'm encouraging the faithful in our Archdiocese to observe the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, patroness of the United States, by attending the celebration of Mass as possible, to pray the rosary or engage in another devotion in honor of the Blessed Mother."

At St. Stanislaus, we will celebrate the Solemnity at the normal 8:00am Mass on Monday, December 9. Please also follow the Archbishop's encouragement to engage in Marian devotions on this day, if not attending Mass.

May God Bless You,

Fr. Sean

Readings for the Week

Sunday Jer 33:14-16 Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 1 Thes 3:12-4:2 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Mt 15:29-37

Thursday Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Mt 9:27-31

Saturday Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday Bar 5:1-9 Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6

Sanctuary Candles

The Sanctuary Candle
in the <u>Church</u>
burns this week
in memory of **Brianna Bailey**at the request of **Debbie & Rex Yannarell**

The Sanctuary Candle
in the <u>Chapel</u>
burns this week
in memory of **Ronald Pulcini**at the request of **Anna Menta**

The Sanctuary Candle in the Adoration Chapel burns this week for

A Special Intention at the request of Marie Wilson

If you wish to have a Sanctuary Candle burn for a loved one, please stop in the Parish Center or call 215-855-3133

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Sunday, December 1, 2024 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:00am All Souls Enrolled in The Memorial Fund

9:00am Stephen McNulty, requested by John & Linda McNulty

11:00am Angela & John Kinneman, requested by the Kinneman Family

1:00pm (Sp) Benjamin Castro, requested by the Mariscal Family

Monday, December 2, 2024 Advent Weekday

8:00am Elma Niesley, requested by Mr. & Mrs. Charles F. Niesley, Jr.

Tuesday, December 3, 2024 Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

8:00am William J. Ambs, requested by Mr. & Mrs. Charles F. Niesley, Jr.

Wednesday, December 4, 2024 Advent Weekday

8:00am Aida De La Paz, requested by the Assumption Sisters

Thursday, December 5, 2024 Advent Weekday

8:00am Zane Berry, requested by Dianne Spotts & family

<u>Friday, December 6, 2024</u> Advent Weekday

8:00am Roy Patteson, requested by the Patteson Family

Saturday, December 7, 2024 Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00am The Deceased Members of the Fisher & McKeron Families, requested by John & Eileen

McKeron

4:30pm The Parishioners of St. Stanislaus Parish

Sunday, December 8, 2024 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:00am Alexandra Nerio, requested by Steven Kushnerik

9:00am Dorothy Koreny, requested by Irene & Steve Dobranski

11:00am Sophie Tecce, requested by the Tecce Family

1:00pm (Sp) Epifanio Figueroa (living), requested by Deacon Juan & Blanca Valentin



We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of

All our St. Stanislaus parishioners who have passed

May they find eternal rest in peace with God our Father

The power of prayer!

William Albright; Carol Ann Altrogge; Maria Bader; Bill Corrado; Susan Corrado; Kinleigh Connelly; Jerry Cruz; Bienvenido and Carmen de la Paz; Veronica Diaz; Nancy Evans; Janet Feliciano; Terri Gurecki; Conor Jankowski; Herb Kaemmer; Diane Kelly; Karen MacLeod; Vincent Martin; Irene Mazurkewitz; Peg McKay; Ellie & Harry Meeks; Catherine Mengini; Baby Cassian Robert Metzger; Chris Milecki; Richard Milecki; Monique Mueller; Marie Leiss Mulvey; Caroline Niesley; Violeta Ortaliza; Zenaida Ortaliza; Carol Peacock; Celene Reavy; Emily Recco; Cesar Rogado; Tony Scalfaro; Ada Scheiblin; Megan Scheiblin; Mary Jane Shepley; David Smiley, Jr.; Joanne Stockert; Barbara Troxel; Sue Wilson: Candace Zemalis; Cathy Zentgraf; Terri Zischang

If you wish to place someone on this list for one month, or to continue a name on the list, please call the Parish Center at 215-855-3133 or email <u>info@ststanislaus.com</u>. If you wish to place a name on our Prayer Line, please use the same procedure above.



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Liturgical Studies

The Second Vatican Council declared that the faithful should participate in the liturgy "fully aware of what they are doing." Elements of the Catholic Mass is designed to help the faithful better appreciate and understand the signs, symbols, gestures, words, and beauty of the Mass. Featuring Fr. Douglas Martis, former director of the Liturgical Institute, the program consists of thirty-one beautifully produced short videos (approximately 4 minutes long). The videos will be accompanied by guided discussion to further enhance understanding and provide answers to participants' questions. The goals of this study group are to lead its members to a more fully conscious and active participation in the liturgy as well as to serve as an introduction to deeper studies on the Eucharist as we complete the final year of the National Eucharistic Revival.

Elements of the Catholic Mass Study Series

First & Third Thursdays of the month, 7:00–8:15pm, in the Parish Center. Join us on <u>December 5th</u>. Contact Daniel Mintz for more information: <u>liturgyDM@protonmail.com</u>.

Flame of Love Rosary

The Flame of Love Rosary will be offered on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>December 7th</u>, at 3:30pm, the same time Confessions are being heard. This Rosary is offered on the 1st Saturday of each month in gratitude and reparation.



"And the Word became Flesh. Penetrate and live this sublime Mystery, which signifies the Redemption of the World...I humbly hid Myself under a common appearance, to be more accessible to you and not feared. I hid Myself in the white HOST like a child wrapped up in swaddling clothes." (Jesus, 1962)

Altar Flowers

If you would like to remember a loved one who has passed, or honor a special person in your life, by having flowers placed on the Blessed Mother and/or the St. Joseph Altar, please call the Parish Center at 215-855-3133.

St. Stanislaus Parish Center

215-855-3133
Parish Center Hours
Monday - Thursday 10am-4pm
Friday 10am-1pm

Moms In Prayer is a group of everyday mothers who come together to pray for their



children, grandchildren and schools they attend. This includes all levels of education in public, Catholic and private schools.

Our children have many concerns and needs. We welcome you to come and join us as together we lighten that burden by praying with you for your children.

For where two or three are gathered in my name there am I in the midst of them (Matthew 18:20)

Come experience the power of prayer which is magnified as we join together and pray for our children. Due to the holiday, we will meet the 2nd Monday of this month, December 9th, at 7pm, in the Parish Center Chapel.

ALL you need is an open heart, all we need is **you.** If you have any questions, please call or text Mrs. Sharon Bellitto at 267-446-1365.

The prayer warriors from The Mater Dei Moms In Prayer wish everyone a blessed Christmas and New Year.

"GIFT" Program **Growing In Faith Together** Tuesday, December 10th, 7:00pm Parish Center Lobby Meeting Room

This month's topic is Our Lady of Guadalupe, Her Message, and The Tilma of Saint Juan Diego.

Displaying a life-size replica of the cloth of Our Lady of Guadalupe, our guest presenter, Mr. Massimo Paris, researcher and lecturer, will share the results of his studies and the history and symbolism of the miraculous image, with its many amazing details. The tilma was the cloak of Saint Juan Diego in Mexico on which the Blessed Virgin Mary imprinted



representation of herself. The image and the cloth are still miraculously intact almost 500 years later. As we acknowledge this important feast day upcoming in December, this topic is very timely. Please join us to learn more.

Bereavement Ministry of Mary Mother of the Redeemer (MMR) and St. Stanislaus

For those who've recently lost someone they love, the holidays can seem more like something to survive than to enjoy. The traditions and events that can add so much joy and meaning to the season are punctuated with painful reminders of the person you love who is not here to share in it. You may wish you could find a quiet place to hide until January. On Thursday December 12th, the bereavement ministries of Mary Mother of the Redeemer (MMR) and St. Stanislaus will meet to discuss ways of preparing for and coping with the upcoming holiday season. There will be a morning session at MMR from 10-11:30am in the Matthew Walsh room. There will be an evening session at St. Stanislaus from 7-8:30pm in the Parish center. Any questions, email Mary at mary_coakley@yahoo.com.

Our next two meetings are:

January 9th: Moving Ahead in the New Year When You Don't Want to Move at All

February 13th: Surviving Stress and Loneliness

PREPARE YOURSELF FOR THE COMING OF OUR

Parish Advent Service Project

The 1st event for our new Parish Service Projects will take place on Saturday, December 14th, from 9am-11am in the Parish Center Lobby Meeting Room. The activity will be producing PLYARN (plastic-yarn) that will be delivered to "Integrate for Good", a training center for challenged young adults. They will weave the PLYARN into mats to be distributed to organizations and agencies that gift the mats to homeless persons, providing them with insulation from the cold and/or wet ground.

We will be recycling plastic shopping bags by cutting them into loops, linking the loops into a chain, then rolling the chain into a yarn-like ball. If you can join us, please bring a pair of long-bladed scissors (shears) and any plastic shopping bags you may have. If you do not have these items, please come anyway to help loop and roll the PLYARN.



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Website: <u>www.materdeicatholic.com</u>



Mater Dei's Home & School is hosting "Mater Dei Mingle" on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>January 11th</u>, at 6pm at Pinecrest Country Club

The evening includes live music, dinner, and an Open Bar during cocktail hour. For more information and to purchase tickets, please contact Mater Dei at 215-368-0995 or visit our homepage at materdeicatholic.com and select H&S Mater Dei Mingle.

New Students Can Register NOW

for the 25-26 School Year

New Students Entering Pre-K 3 or Pre-K 4 in the 2025-26 school year can apply now.

New students entering Kindergarten through Grade 8 can register now.

Please contact Grace Samanns in the Advancement Office of Mater Dei at 215-368-9787 or gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com for more information about enrollment at Mater Dei.

Food Cupboard

We will again be distributing Christmas Gift Cards this year and ask that any donations you wish to make be in \$10 Gift Cards for Target or Walmart. These are very popular as our recipients can shop affordably and also get groceries at the same store. Denominations of \$10 gives us flexibility in distribution. You may drop off gift cards to the Parish Center or in the collection baskets at Mass, marked Food Cupboard.

We so appreciate all you have done for this outreach ministry over our many, many years of service to our less fortunate brothers and sisters in the Lansdale area. They often express their gratitude for the many ways you have helped them.

Thank you in advance for your wonderful generosity!

Parish Religious Education Program

Director of Religious Education (PREP): Mrs. Leona Russell Office Phone Number: 215-855-9893; Email: ststansprep@yahoo.com

PREP CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY SERVICE - Our children look forward to recalling the birth of Christ each year, reminding us of the real reason we celebrate the Christmas season! In conjunction with our Christmas programs, we are taking up a collection of baby items as our *gifts to Baby Jesus*. This year's donations will be given to the *Legacy of Life Foundation*. We are also extending our generosity outside of our local area by taking up a coin collection for the *Missionary Childhood Association* (MCA) to support missionaries who work abroad with children. "Children helping children."





The PREP office will be closed from Monday, December 23rd, until Friday, January 3rd

There are no classes on December 22nd, 25th, 29th & January 1st.

Enjoy this special time of year with your family. The office will reopen on Friday, January 3rd. PREP is back in session on Sunday, January 5th and Wednesday, January 8th.

LOOKING AHEAD...

January 26 - Blessing of the First Communion candidates at the 9am Mass

February 6 – First Reconciliation at 7pm in the Church

February 9 - First Communion families - Morning of Reflection

February 16 - Confirmation Prayer Partner postcards due back

March 16 - Confirmation Retreat

March 29 - First Communion Retreat

March 30 - 2026 Confirmation Meeting

April 26 - First Holy Communion Mass at 10am

May 7 - Confirmation at 4:30pm



"Wherever children are accepted, loved, cared for, and protected, family and society are healthier, and the world is more human."

- Pope Francis



Music Ministry

St. Stan's Music Ministry is in need of cantors for the weekend Masses. The ability to read music is helpful, but not a must. Please consider joining our Music Ministry if you enjoy singing and can give your time for an hour once a month. If you would like to be a cantor or learn to be a cantor, please contact Mary Gaus at tgmg8@yahoo.com or call 215-813-7448.

Join Us!

St. Nicholas will be visiting St. Stan's on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>December 8th</u>, after the 9am and 11am Masses. Please join us for hot chocolate and snacks.

A Gift Bag will be provided for every child

Please join the Legacy Committee as we celebrate this Blessed Season.



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You can sign up for our weekly Parish email that includes the digital version of the bulletin. Just visit our website, <u>ststanislaus.com</u>, scroll down to STAY INFORMED, and enter your information.

Perpetual Adoration Chapel

Come and See!



As the season of Advent approaches are you feeling the hustle and bustle of the season? Feeling overwhelmed by the growing lists of things to do and places to go? As we prepare for the birth of Jesus this Advent, we need to find time to focus on Jesus as He is 'the reason for the season'.

Our Perpetual Adoration Chapel can provide a quiet, peaceful place for you to sit and pray or just sit and spend time with Jesus. Blessed Carlo Acutis (to be canonized in 2025) has said that "holiness was impossible without Mass, the Rosary, and time before the Blessed Sacrament, saying "the Eucharist is the highway to heaven" and "by standing before the Eucharistic Christ, we become holy."

There are several hours that need adorers:
Sunday: 12am, 1am, 3am, 4am, 5am, 10am
Tuesday: 1am, 12pm, 4pm
Thursday: 4pm
Friday: 1am, 11pm
Saturday: 12am, 5am, 11am, 1pm, 7pm, 10pm

Prayerfully consider making a commitment to spend time with Jesus in adoration. There are several hours that need adorers, or you can visit at any time of the day or night. The code to enter the chapel is **1876**#. Please call Eileen McKeron at 215-527-0269 or go directly to <u>adorationpro.org/stanpa</u> to commit or become a sub (password: subpass).

Where is Jesus in **your** life?



This Lent we will be offering a small faith sharing group study for parishioners through a program called "Discovery". Sponsored by the Archdiocese and Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO), this

program has been recommended and used by hundreds of parishes globally to help you discover and build a personal relationship with Jesus.

Did you know that <u>less than 10%</u> of Catholics believe they have a personal relationship with Jesus or that such a relationship is even possible? The "Discovery" faith study will help you look deep inside your heart and discover how much Jesus loves you and wants an intimate, personal relationship with you. Running for 6 weeks (1 session per week), you will be paired up in small groups to help you grow your faith through discussion, and walk with one another.

More information including days and times will be forthcoming. If you have any questions or would like to participate in Discovery contact Eileen @ eileenmckeron@gmail.com.

Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.

Rev 3:20

Lectio Divina (Scripture Sharing)

By reading, listening to, responding to and resting in the Word of God we grow closer to Him. Lectio Divina sessions are held in the Parish Center on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. No registration required. Please BYOBible. Our next session will be December 5th.

Preparing for Sunday Scripture

Want to grow closer to Christ? Would you like to come to Mass prepared for the readings? Join us Tuesdays at 9:15am or Thursdays at 6:45pm in the Parish Center and you will get so much more out of the Sunday readings.

THAT MAN IS YOU!

TMIY is an interactive men's program that meets Fridays from 6:30am-8:00am in the Parish Center. Each session consists of breakfast & fellowship, a presentation and then small groups. For more info and registration, please contact Jon jpatteson625@gmail.com.

Respect Life Corner

If you are pregnant, or know of someone who is, and in need of help, please call Legacy of Life at 215-788-4051 or North Care Women's Clinic at 215-855-2424.

If you are seeking healing from an abortion, or know someone who is, please call Rachel's Vineyard Ministries at 610-354-0555.



The Knights of Columbus Council #4396 Presents

Breakfast With Santa

Sunday December 8, 2024 Drexel Hall – St. Maria Goretti Church 1601 Derstine Road, Hatfield, PA 19440

3 Seatings: 8:30 am, 10:00 am and 12:00 Noon Send in your reservations Today!

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- Buffet Breakfast pancakes, sausage, cereal, donuts, fruit, and beverages
- Picture with Santa

* DEADLINE for Reservations: December 2nd, 2024 *

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Proceeds from the breakfast are used to provide support for children and food for families, as well as other charitable outreach that the Knights of Columbus provide in the North Penn/Souderton area. **PLEASE NOTE: LIMITED SEATING AT EACH TIME **

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(Flease note: Tou will be notified if your first choice is taken)		
Seating Choice (in order of preference) 8:30 AM	10:00 AM	12:00

Email (please print):

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Divine Mercy Minute

You cannot do anything of yourself, but with Me you can do all things (Diary, 429)





Join us for a morning of prayer and creativity that will help us enter into the graces of Advent. The gathering includes a guided Visio Divina meditation (praying with sacred art) and a lesson in brush lettering. You will leave with new friends, a recollected spirit and your own Advent work of art to take home.



Guest Speaker Katie Weiss

Date December 14th, 2024

Optional mass: 8:00 am lime:

9:00 am - noon

Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Hall 1325 Upper State Rd, North Wales, PA

Please scan the QR code below to register or visit phillyevang.org/events









Week of December 01, 2024



30 Minutes BC

30 Minutes BC creatively explores the profound emotions and intimate struggles of Mary and Joseph during the final 30 minutes before the birth of Jesus. As the clock ticks down, the couple navigates a whirkwind of hope, joy, and uncertainty, turning to God



Christmas (Part 1) | What Catholics Believe

Dr. Michael Barber answers some of the Internet's Dr. Michael Barber answers some of the Interfects most asked questions about Christmas. Is Christmas a pagan holiday? Why is Christmas celebrated on December 25? What happened at the "first Christmas"? Find out the answers to these and more!



Nicholas: The Boy Who Became Santa

Here is the fascinating story of the boy whose love for others make him one of the most popular figures of all times. Today, more than sixteen centuries later, the entire world celebrates the kindness and generosity of the man we call Santa Claus.

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7:30pm - Misa Solemne

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