



“...They were overjoyed at seeing the star & on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.

They prostrated themselves & did him homage.

Then they opened their treasures & offered him gifts...”

Epiphany of Our Lord

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sundays: 9:00 AM (SETON)
and 11:00 AM (St. Thomas)

Monday-Friday: 8:30 AM
(Chapel at 126 Walnut Ave.)

Holydays: 8:30 AM, 12 noon
AND 7:00 PM
(St. Thomas)



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**CONFESSION
SCHEDULE**

Saturday: 3:30-4:00 PM
(St. Thomas)

Served By:

Rev. David A. Fernandes, Pastor

Rev. Michael J. Lonergan, Pastor Emeritus, (Former St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)

Deacon John J. Gallagher

MARRIAGES

By Diocesan policy, a six month advance notice is required to allow sufficient time for the necessary marriage paper work and preparation. Deacons are permitted to witness marriages which are not celebrated during Mass.

BAPTISMS

First and Third Sundays of the month after 11:00 AM Mass. Attendance at Pre-Jordan class, on the 3rd Tuesday each month at 7:30PM, in the Cares Meeting Room (enter by rear door) at 121 Belmont Avenue, is a requirement. You must pre-register by calling the Parish Office at (215)788-2989.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

In order to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation and Matrimony, and/or to receive a Letter of Eligibility to be a Godparent or Sponsor it is necessary for you to be registered in our parish and practice the Catholic Faith. Contact the Parish Office as soon as you move into our parish to schedule a registration meeting. Please call the Parish Office if you move, or change your address or phone number.

PARISH DEVOTIONS

Miraculous Medal Novena: Saturdays after 9:00 AM Mass (Chapel)
Rosary: Weekdays before 8:30 AM Mass (Chapel) and Sundays before each Mass
Christian Prayer: Monday-Saturday before 8:30 AM Mass
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Mondays 9:00 AM -3:30PM with Benediction at 3:30 PM (Chapel)

January 8, 2017

*Mass Intentions
for the Week*

Monday January 9, 2017
8:30 AM Thomas P Whitworth req by Gallagher Family

Tuesday January 10, 2017
8:30 AM Fred Lang req by Tony & Lois Cinkutis

Wednesday January 11, 2017
8:30 AM Anita Fratantaro req by Tom

Thursday January 12, 2017
8:30 AM Helen Dwornitski req by Ida, Tricia & Bern

Friday January 13, 2017
8:30 AM Dolores Feeley req by Feeley Family

Saturday January 14, 2017
4:30 PM Brian Akers req by Schulz Family

Sunday January 15, 2017
9:00 AM Brigido Castano req by Jet Jabla
11:00 AM Bill Baltrusaitis req by Betty

Weekend Offerings

12/24	4:00 PM	\$5,606.00
12/24	7:00 PM	\$2,699.00
12/25	10:00 AM	\$3,522.00
Mail Ins		\$ 366.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 35.00
Winter Maintenance		\$ 30.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$3,649.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 5.00
Candles		\$ 24.00
Poor Box		\$ 4.00
TOTAL for Parish for December 25, 2016		\$15,935.00
TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan)		\$5.00

*Thank you for your generosity.
May the Lord bless you.*

Lectors

January 14, 2017
4:30 PM C Ryan & J Wallover

January 15, 2017
9:00 AM R Gutherman & T Marion
11:00 AM A Scheck & D DiTommaso

Extraordinary Ministers

January 14, 2017
4:30 PM J Berna & T Litz

January 15, 2017
9:00 AM B Gutherman & E Ryan
11:00 AM C Mehaffey & J Shirley

Altar Servers

January 14, 2017
4:30 PM Lawrence Gabriel, Chastity Gabriel

January 15, 2017
11:00 AM Erin Moyer, Kelly Moyer,
Bailey McCormick

Sunday Scriptures January 15, 2017

Reading I: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 (64A)
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3
Gospel: John 1:29-34

Remember In Your Prayers



Our men and women in the military:

Many of our parishioners have family members serving in dangerous assignments around the world. **Please keep them in your prayers.**

Our Sick: Helen Amato, Ynes Bruno, Stephanie Burris, Bill Campanelli, Francis Clark, Joe Cochran, Florence Colantuono, Dolores DeBeaumont, Linda DeLuccia, George Doran Jr., Dolores Doran, Richard Fieramosca, Marcella Ghost, John Gilbert, Barbara Golden, Ray Haag, Joseph Hailstone, Jean Hennessey, Luisa Jabla, Gail Kotlarek, Ruth Lang, Duncan Lewis, David Lovett, Noden Masisak, Margaret McGrory, Dawn Marie Rogers, Donna Scallon, Jimmy Simon, Nicholas Simon, Sarah Simpson, Amanda Tees, John Tobar, Andres Torres, Jermaine Williams, Denise Wilson, Elaine Wilson, Eleanor Winstanley, Erin Wright, Robert Wyatt, and all their relatives and friends.

Our Deceased: All the deceased members of our parish and their relatives and friends.

Thank You.....

The STA/SEAS Giving Tree 2016

I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot;
together we can do great things. Saint Mother Teresa

Our Giving Tree families would like to thank everyone for their generosity. They now can enjoy the Blessing of Christmas!! The Giving Tree Committee would like to thank The Father's Association of Holy Ghost Prep (Host Families), The Ladies of the Knights of Columbus, The Office of Dr Leslie Madnick and Matt's Pharmacy for their continued support. We would like to **thank you our parishioners** who gave and then gave again. Our hearts are overwhelmed. This was the most trying year for us. We had more families looking to us for help than ever before. A special Thank You to Father David who week after week kept reminding us to "take a tag and return it". Father, we're here to tell you—your parishioners do listen to you when you speak!! You did help make our tree great again! A Merry Christmas to you and your family. Have a safe and healthy 2017.

God Bless
The Giving Tree Committee
Donna, Janice and Father David

**The 2017 Mass Book
will open on January 9, 2017
for June to December 2017**



Memorial Fund.....

We would like to thank
The Bradbury Family and
Debra & Lee Dittmar
for their donations

In Memory of Richard Brown

We would like to thank
William & Janice McElroy
for their donation

In Memory of Margaret Flannery



Congratulations....

Theresa Fusaro and Connor Ferry
for receiving Second Honors
from Conwell-Egan Catholic High School
for the First Quarter Report.

A Message from the St Vincent de Paul Society

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

**In the spirit of the Magi,
please put your gift in the
St Vincent de Paul Poor Box
so that comfort and peace can once again
be given to a newborn child.**

Parish Calendar of Events

The **Croydon Civic Association** will hold their next meeting on **Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. New members are welcome!

We will be removing the Christmas Decorations in the Church on **Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 7:00 PM**. *Volunteers are needed and welcome!* For information, contact the Parish Office at (215) 788-2989.

There will be a **Food and Clothing Drive** on **Saturday, January 21, 2017, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall to help support those in need in our Community. *All are Welcome!* For questions, contact Mark Kolesar at (215) 208-2997.

The **STA Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society** will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, please call (267) 554-7109.

The *STA Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society* will be hosting a **Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop** on **Saturday, January 14, 2017 - 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. The day will be a combination of oral presentations, viewing videos, group discussions, and Q&A Sessions. This is a free workshop. Registration is required. To register, please visit: www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084dafaf2eaafa7-bridges1

The next **Pre-Jordan Class** will be held on **Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 7:30 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. Parents and Godparents must attend. For information or to confirm your attendance, please contact the Parish Office at (215) 788-2989.

Separated/Divorced Support Group will meet on **Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For more information, contact Peg Duffy at (215) 788-1947.

Please join the **Knights of Columbus #4765** as we once again participate in the **5th Sunday Rosary Program**. The program is open to all parish members and will be held in the Church **following the 11:00 AM Mass on January 29, 2017**. Rosary guides and Rosary rings will be available for beginners or those who don't have one. So please join us in prayer and strengthen your faith. Any questions, please contact Wayne Freer at (215) 266-6423.

*The Knights of Columbus #4765 have **Discount Cards** available again this year. There are 13 businesses that are participating this year to help us save money. Local and chain restaurants are offering discounts/free appetizers when you present the card while visiting their establishment. Other businesses are also offering discount pricing. If you are interested, please ask a Knight or you may purchase them through the Parish Office. The cost is \$10.00 but the savings go beyond that.*

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you require a statement for your 2016 contributions, you may contact the Parish Office at (215) 788-2989 or complete the form below and return it to the Parish Office via the collection basket, US Mail or drop off at the Parish Office.

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January 8, 2017

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Father Judge High School invites you to visit and experience all we have to offer at our **Winter Open House** on Thursday, **January 19, 2017** from 6-8:30 PM. Pre-register your son to receive a free Father Judge gift at www.fatherjudge.com

Christ the King Parish, Morrell Park, is offering its annual **Pre-Cana Program** for engaged couples of CTK and neighboring parishes for whom the winter dates may be helpful. Pre-Cana will be held in CTK Convent on the evening of **Friday, January 27, 2017** and all day **Saturday, January 28th**. For information, please email rgreen@christthekingparish.net.

Vendor Alert—St Hubert Catholic High School Indoor Flea Market on Saturday, **January 28, 2017**, 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Spaces are \$20.00 (with table \$25.00). For reservation form or information, contact Terese Lewis at shfleamarket@gmail.com or call (215) 624-6840 Ext 243.

St Ephrem's Senior Group in Bensalem, PA has scheduled the following trips for 2017:

"Cruising to Bermuda" on the Norwegian Breakaway from **April 30th to May 7, 2017**. In addition to the normal cruise amenities, included in the cruise cost are the following: round trip transportation between St Ephrems and the New York pier, all taxes and port charges, all gratuities including pre-paid on board gratuities.

"The Ark Encounter" and "The Creator Museum", **September 24th to September 29, 2017**. Visit a full sized replica of Noah's Ark in Williamstown, Kentucky. Journey through breath taking exhibits inside the ark and experience the pages of the Bible as never before. Visit the state-of-the-art 75,000 square foot Creation Museum which brings the pages of the Bible to life. For pricing, flyers, or additional information, please contact Ray at (215) 757-3473.

Daily Adoration at St Frances Cabrini Parish.

St Frances Cabrini Parish is blessed to now have daily adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our St Joseph Chapel which is located in our newly-renovated Parish Center. The Chapel is open to everyone throughout the day. Our Chapel provides a wonderful setting for prayer before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Our St Joseph Chapel, which is located on Goble Court just around the corner from our church, is open at the following times: Monday through Saturday from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM and Sunday from 12:30 PM to 6:00 PM. Our St Joseph Chapel is located on the first floor of our Parish Center and it is handicap accessible. For more information, please contact St Frances Cabrini Rectory at (215) 946-4040.

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