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Joy
I BRING YOU
GOOD TIDINGS
OF
GREAT JOY
LUKE 2:10

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Now & Next

This Weekend: Advent Ministries Conclude

Today is Gaudete Sunday, the Sunday of Advent when we pause in our solemnity to rejoice in anticipation of the birth of the Lord. This is the perfect weekend to joyfully conclude our Advent ministries — the St. Nicholas Project, Advent Angels and Adopt A Family (see page 3) — which lift the spirits and circumstances of literally hundreds of families and individuals across our community. These ministries serve our elderly, disabled and low-income neighbors as well as our homebound, ill and bereaved. On behalf of all those served, we offer our deepest gratitude for your generosity and care.

Please note these deadlines:  
Advent Angels pickup (9-1 Sunday, Dec. 15)  
St. Nicholas Project gift return (Noon Sunday, Dec. 15)

Help Us Decorate for Christmas

Please help us get our church ready for Christmas! All hands are welcome.
Contact Jerriann DeCaro at (610) 639-5209 or jdecaro@comcast.net.

12:30 pm Sunday, Dec. 22: Strong men are needed to set up trees and hang wreaths.
1 pm Sunday, Dec. 22: Help is needed to receive and condition flowers.
9-2 Monday, Dec. 23: Volunteers are needed to make flower arrangements, decorate trees, and arrange poinsettias.

Catholic Charities Appeal Needs Your Support

Thank you to those who have supported the 2019 Catholic Charities Appeal (CCA), which funds 180 organizations and programs serving tens of thousands of vulnerable, at-risk and low-income area residents, regardless of faith or background.

St. John’s has raised just 70 percent of its 2019 goal of $70,531. At this time last year, we had exceeded a similar goal and ultimately raised $75,217. Our parish has a faithful tradition of meeting the fundraising needs of Catholic Charities each year. We ask your prayerful consideration in supporting these vulnerable programs and individuals.

Please note: CCA is an independent nonprofit with its own Employer Identification Number (EIN) and receives a separate financial audit. Funds support CCA programs only. No funds may be used for the Archdiocesan independent reconciliation and reparations program or associated expenses. More: www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org.

Basketball Signups Underway for Grades 1-4

SJC’s CYO Intramural basketball registration is open at http://stjohnchrysostom.website.sportssignup.com/ for boys and girls in grade 1-4. The season begins in early January and runs through February. Please contact Chris McGee: ndmcgee01@hotmail.com.

Beginning Jan. 1: Earlier Saturday Vigil Mass, Confessions

In response to longstanding requests by many parishioners, St. John’s will change our Saturday Vigil Mass to 4 pm (instead of 5 pm), beginning Jan. 1. Confessions will be heard from 3:15 to 3:45 pm or, as always, by appointment at the Parish House: (610) 874-3418. These new times will continue on a trial basis for the rest of the winter, when we will determine whether to make the change seasonal or permanent. For questions, please contact Mary at mchollet@sjcparish.org or (610) 874-3418 x 106.
Help Us Serve Others This Christmas

‘Whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me’

Our holiday ministries are nearly complete! Thank you for helping to bring light, love and support to hundreds of families and individuals who are ill, lonely, homeless or in crisis. There are always opportunities to lift up someone in need. Please consider where you may be called to help... this season and all year long. May God bless you and your families for your generosity and care.

This Weekend! Adopt a Family. St. John’s Adopt-A-Family Ministry lightens the load of needy families during the holidays by bringing together families, friends, co-workers and other groups to adopt the needs of a referred family. Our list of recipients grows every year. Gifts will be delivered Saturday, Dec. 14. We also appreciate financial donations or Target gift cards to help defray our costs. Contact: Linda Elser (610-613-3083 or Linda_Elser@verizon.net).

This Weekend! St. Nicholas Project. A parish tradition, our St. Nicholas Project serves hundreds of individuals each year by placing their needs on tags in trees in church. Please take a tag by Dec. 8 and follow the instructions carefully. All items MUST be returned by noon Sunday, Dec. 15, for immediate delivery. Tagged items indicate:

- Toys for children served by CityTeam and others;
- Individually requested gifts for low-income, elderly and disabled residents of Kinder Park in Woodlyn (these gifts are delivered by our Youth Group at a Christmas Party they host); and
- Tea and treats for our homebound and bereaved.

Contact: Mary Chollet (mchollet@sjcparish.org or 610-874-3418 x 106).

This Weekend! Advent Angels. Angels help us remember our homebound, ill and bereaved at Christmas. Volunteers are needed to deliver poinsettias and small treats (all provided) to homes beginning Dec. 15. Pick up flowers and gifts from 9 to 1 Sunday, Dec. 15, in the Lower Church Hall and deliver that week on your own schedule. Contact Theresa White (twhite@sjcparish.org or 610-874-3418 x 110).

Jan. 4-12. Winter Coat Drive. Our annual after-Christmas drive seeks clean, gently used men’s, women’s and children’s coats, hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, boots and other warm outerwear (no indoor clothing items, please). Please empty pockets, and fasten pairs of gloves. Drop off items in donation barrels in church. No donations accepted before Jan. 4. Contact: Mary Chollet (mchollet@sjcparish.org or 610-874-3418 x 106).

Now & Always. Meals Needed. Our Aid for Friends and St. John’s Hospice ministries need individual meals and simple casseroles every day of the year to support needy, ill, homeless and homebound families and individuals in Chester and Philadelphia. Contributing is so easy, and so needed. Pick up instructions and supplies at the church exits and Parish House. Contacts: SJH: Ellie Murray (610-566-7626 or emurr29@gmail.com) AFF: Lou Bachetti (610-416-6068 or LouBachetti@comcast.net)

Now & Always. Toiletry Drive. All of those travel-size and spare toiletries piling up in your closet are in tremendous demand by local charities that serve people in need. Please drop them off at the Parish House or send them to PREP class with your child. Please, sealed and unopened items only. Thank you!

Register Now! Tuesday, Dec. 31. Red Cross Blood Drive. Close the year on a life-saving note. Donate blood from 8 am to 1 pm in the Lower Church Hall. Reservations recommended. Sign up at www.redcrossblood.org (sponsor code st. john).
Our Sick
Susan Anderson
Tracy Archibald
Ray Baum III
Catherine Baer
Mary Jane Beadle
Susan Beers-Mosakowski
Rita Belliew
Doug Bernard
Rosa Bernard
Daniel Black
Jessie Bonkoski
Jack Brennan
Austin Broce
Mary Buemi
Luca Burgio
Sheila Byrne
Ruth Carroll
Adriana Chalson
Jean Cilurso
Donna Cocco
Ellen Colyer
Jaclyn Corson
Rita Costanzo
Marty Czajor
Gene DeAntonio
Frances Devito
Vivianna DiMaio
Kathleen Dixon
Joseph Dwyer
Mary Dwyer
Andrew Fantozzi
Gavin Farenkiss
Kate Ferrenchick
Marie Gallelli
Nancy Garrett
William Getty
Marita Green
Rita Greene
Lori Gresko
Lauren Hartley
John Hayden
Kaitlyn Henchyl
Larry Henry
Joe Hicks
Michael Hoffman
Charles Houck
Karen Hunter
Ann Imbrenda
Linda Jackson
Larry Johnson
Josephine Jones
Holly Josten
Mary Kehl
Mary Kilrain
Rachael Klein
Ashlie Krejci
Nicholas Papa
Perez-Garcia family
Edith Petillo
George Phillips family
Jason Porter Jr. & Sr.
Lisa Porter
Anne & Bob Quinn
Rebecca Rebstock
Alison Renner
Chrisy Ribble
Hollie Riley
Betty Roselle
Joshua Rudolph
Dr. Ned Russell
Bob Sadwick
Carl Schaff
Theresa Shenandoah
Christine Shiba
Michael Simchock
J.D. Smith
Anne Stanley
Joseph Sutsko Jr.
Sam Thomas
Julie Tierney
Luc H. Tran
Howard Webb
Linda Whittington
Jeremiah Williams
Diane Woyda
In Service
Courtney Arango
Sean Donnelly
Brett Lucci
SMJ Patrick McNally
Ryan Murphy
Capt. Alex Reeves
Drew Resweber
Mark Shiiba
Thomas Shiiba
Jared Stump
Stephen Clark Talbot
Our Deceased
James J. Brennan
cousin of Nancy Grogan
Jessica Brown
niece of Maureen Culbert
Mary Ellen Costa
mother of Nick Costa
Frank Kolimago
father of Alicia Buxton
Ann McGarrigle
mother of Tina O’Rourke
Tate Roderick
son of Luke & Robyn
Roderick
Joaquim “Jack” Silva
husband of Arlene Silva
Sounds of the Season
Congratulations to all of our recorder, violin
and band students for a wonderful perfor-
mance in this week’s Christmas Concert.
All are invited to our annual Christ-
mas Pageant at 7 pm this Thursday,
Dec. 19, in St. John’s church. Enjoy
the sounds of Christmas with a song
by each grade, the first perfor-
mance of this year’s Bell Choir, and
a Nativity tableau by our fifth grade!
Now Enrolling for 2020-21
Mother of Providence, a 2019 Archdiocesan School of
Distinction, offers a challenging curricu-
um where students in pre-K3 to 8th
grade develop a love of learning and a
strong moral conscience in a disciplined,
caring environment by teachers who are
degreed and certified. Reserve your child’s space now!
For a tour or to learn more, please contact Katie Kinuthia
at (610) 876-7110 or kkinuthia@mpregional.org.
Our Parish Giving
Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 2019: $17,604.00
2018: $18,895.00
Dec. 7-8, 2019: $27,085.00
2018: $21,027.00
Thank you for your support!
Keep Sundays Simple
Haven’t signed up for Parish Giving? Please do (http://
bit.ly/givesjc)! Online giving
is an easy and secure way to
manage your giving (no
more checks or cash to re-
member!), lets you tailor
your support, and helps us with budgeting. Thank you!
Join Us for Mass Anytime, Anywhere
Our weekend Mass airs at 7 pm Tuesday
and noon Thursday on Comcast Channel
190. Or you may view Mass any time at
www.sjcparish.org/televised-mass.
**Faith Life**


Support ~ No Charge

AA. 8:30 pm Thursdays, St. John Chrysostom Parish, Stevenson Center (Parish House rear entrance, lower level). Al-Anon. 7 pm & 8 pm Mondays, Reformation Lutheran Church, 102 W. Rose Tree Rd., Media 19063.

**Bereavement.** SJC Bereavement Support. 7 pm 4th Tues resuming in Jan. Call Jeanne Musewicz: (610) 328-5127.

**Caregivers.** Nourish for Caregivers Support Group. 10 am 2nd Thurs, St. Anastasia, Newtown Square; 10am 3rd Sat, Nativity BVM, Media; 10 am 4th Sat, Epiphany of Our Lord, Plymouth Meeting.

**Divorced/Separated Catholics.** Online group, 8 pm first Tues. Email director.srnf@gmail.com, call (215) 870-9913, or visit www.nonnatus.org.

**Domestic Violence.** The National Domestic Violence Hotline offers assessment resources and a live chat option: 800-SAFE (7233).

**Families of Incarcerated.** Mary Mother of Captives Support Group: 7pm 2nd Thursdays, St. Charles Borromeo Church Hall, 3422 Dennison Ave., Drexel Hill.

**School & Youth Safety Tip Line.** Anonymously report concerns, tips about violence, suicide, more via Safe2Say app, www.safe2saypa.org, or (844) SAF2SAY (723-2729).

**Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services National Helpline:** 1-800-662-HELP (4357)

**Suicide Prevention Lifeline:** 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

**Part-Time Classroom Aide Needed**

Mother of Providence Regional Catholic School is seeking a Pre-Kindergarten Classroom Aide five mornings a week. Please submit resume and updated clearances to Mrs. Therese Waters at twaters@mpregional.org or 610-876-7110.

**Parish Clergy & Staff**

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**Mass & Confession Schedule**

*Beginning Jan. 1, 2020, our Saturday Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 4 pm. Confessions will be heard from 3:15 to 3:45 pm.*

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<td>Sunday Masses</td>
<td>8, 9:30, 11:30 am</td>
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<td>Communion Service</td>
<td>8 am Tuesday</td>
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<td>Daily Mass</td>
<td>8 am Wednesday - Friday</td>
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<td>Mass of Welcoming &amp; Inclusion</td>
<td>11:30 am 1st Sunday</td>
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<td>American Sign Language Masses</td>
<td>11:30 am 1st &amp; 3rd Sun</td>
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<td>Confession</td>
<td>4:4-5:00 pm Saturday or by appointment</td>
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<td>Holy Days</td>
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**Accommodations:** Assistive listening devices, low-gluten Hosts, and Braille worship aids are always available in the sacristy. Please inquire before any Mass for assistance.
## Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions

*The Sanctuary Candle this week is in memory of Gene Rullo.*

*The Bread and Wine this week are in memory of Elizabeth & Vincent Mariniello.*

### Sunday, December 15

**3rd Sunday of Advent**

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<td>8 am-Noon</td>
<td>St. Nicholas Project gifts due in church by noon</td>
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<td>8 am</td>
<td>Bobby Webb, Jr.</td>
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<td>9am-1pm</td>
<td>Advent Angels pickup (Lower Church Hall)</td>
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<td>9:30 am Mass</td>
<td>† Deceased members of the Webb &amp; Grauer Families ~ Faithful Band</td>
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<td>11:30 am Mass</td>
<td>American Sign Language Interpreter († For the deceased of our parish)</td>
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<td>9:30-Noon</td>
<td>PREP (Lower Church Hall &amp; School)</td>
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<td>10:40-Noon</td>
<td>Drop-In Bible Study / RCIA (Parish House Dining Room)</td>
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<td>12:45-10 pm</td>
<td>CYO Basketball (Gym)</td>
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<td>2:30-4:30 pm</td>
<td>Youth Group gift delivery and Christmas Party at Kinder Park</td>
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### Monday, December 16

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<td>4:30-10 pm</td>
<td>CYO Basketball (Gym)</td>
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<td>6:30-7:30 pm</td>
<td>Drop-in Faith Sharing - All are welcome (Stevenson Center)</td>
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<td>7-8 pm</td>
<td>RCIA (Parish House Dining Room)</td>
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<td>7:30-8:30 pm</td>
<td>Weekly Rosary - All are welcome (Blessed Sacrament Chapel)</td>
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### Tuesday, December 17

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<td>Adult Choir Rehearsal (Church)</td>
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<td>St. Vincent DePaul Society (Stevenson Center)</td>
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<td>† Walter A. Manchin</td>
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<td>4:30-10 pm</td>
<td>CYO Basketball (Gym)</td>
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<td>6-7 pm</td>
<td>Youth Choir Rehearsal (Church)</td>
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<td>7:30-9 pm</td>
<td>Faithful Band Rehearsal (Church)</td>
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<td>CYO Basketball (Gym)</td>
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<td>7-8:30 pm</td>
<td>Justice &amp; Peace (School Library)</td>
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<td>7-9 pm</td>
<td>MPRCS Christmas Pageant (Church)</td>
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<td>7:30-9 pm</td>
<td>Boy Scout Troop 605 (Lower Church Hall)</td>
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<td>8:30-9:30 pm</td>
<td>AA (Stevenson Center)</td>
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<td>9 pm</td>
<td>Men’s Basketball (Gym)</td>
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### Friday, December 20

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<td>4:30-10 pm</td>
<td>CYO Basketball (Gym)</td>
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### Saturday, December 21

**Vigil**

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### Sunday, December 22

**4th Sunday of Advent**

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<td>† Blake Alan Pitts ~ Faithful Band</td>
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<td>† David Broome</td>
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<td>12:45-10 pm</td>
<td>CYO Basketball (Gym)</td>
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**Christmas Mass Schedule**

_**Christmas Eve:** 4 pm, 4:15 pm (gym), 7 pm (American Sign Language), 9 pm_  
_**Christmas Day:** 9 am and 11 am only_  
_**No 8 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am Mass on Christmas Day*