



Monday, December 23rd

6:30AM Norma Crystle
8:30AM Tom Morgan

Tuesday, December 24th

6:30AM Frances Tasker
8:30AM John McGowan
Masses: 4:00PM, 6:00PM & 8:00PM

Wednesday, December 25th

Masses: 7:00AM, 9:00AM & 11:00AM

Thursday, December 26th

6:30AM Steven T. Ruggieri
8:30AM Lois Totaro

Friday, December 27th

6:30AM Joseph Lichota
8:30AM John McGowan

Saturday, December 28th

8:30AM Adele Grandizio
5:00PM Saturday Evening Vigil

Sunday, December 29th

Sunday Masses: 6:30, 9:30 and 11:30AM

Saturday, December 28th and Sunday, December 29th

5:00PM Fr. Mullan
6:30AM Msgr. Flanigan
9:30AM Msgr. Vogan
11:30AM Fr. Speziale



Please remember in your prayers all our sick:

Brian Allison, Dakota Almeiva, Msgr. Joseph Anderlonis, Leon Arnold, Jim Bakey, Bob Belczyk, Marie Biddle, Bernice Bonsmann, Jack Boyette, Theresa Bucella, Paul Bufano, Sophia Bufano, Virginia Burbage, Dennis Burns, Greyson Burke, Cathy Carrol, Susan Crowley, Anne Davis, Barbara DeLeon, Anthony DiBlasio, Thomas Duggan, Amanda Durkholder, Kelly Eberz, George Edelman, Joseph Eichinger, Sharon Feist, Janice Ford, Laurie Frost, Kim Fry, Daniel Garvin, Krysten Gentile, Joe Glowacki, Karen Gormley, Anne Hagg, Margaret Hardy, Robert Harron, Helena Hart, Conall Harvey, Ilene Haschak, Charles Hee, Tony Iacone, Sylvester Jenifer, John Johnson, Rosemarie Johnson, Regina Johnson, Jennifer Kelly, Lizzy Kelly, Shyla Kelly, Donald Kester, Karen Kester, Josephine Klecko, Ralph King, Danielle Lever, Audris Lichota, Thomas Luke, Debra Mallon, Bob Magolon, Brenda Magolon, Barbara Magozzi, Margaret Mahoney, Robert Malin, Ann Manco, Patricia Marconi, Tom Marley, Thomas Marshall, Mary Mascioli, Deacon Paul McBlain, Cameron McCarthy, Megan McDevitt, Nan McGroary, Dan McKenna, Joey McLaughlin, Cesar Montalvo, James Moran, Susan Mullen, Phyllis Myers, Christina Nesmith, Julia Newell, Anthony Oswald, Louisa Pacubas, Jacqueline Panco, Thom Parker, Charles Piecara, Jr., Edward Piecara, Sr., Eileen Posner, Claire Powers, Ann Pyne, Helen Raftovich, Loretta Ricciardi, Paul Riggs, Bill Robb, Joseph Romasko, Jr. Anita Rossi, Sharon Rowles, Claire Salvi, Christine Samuels, Candy Santos, Patricia Schmidt, Diane Shaefer, Kathy Shiels, John Smith, Rosemary Smith, Thomas Smith, Kathleen Stacklass, Jerry Sullivan, Kayla Taylor, Robert Taylor, Jose Tavarez, Lauren Thomas, Virginia Tracy, John Tully, Mary Walls, Diane Weverling, Nancy Williams, Hana Yago, Michelle & Robert Yanuzzi, Angie Zuccarino

Please pray for our beloved deceased especially:

Albert Baldwin - Patrick Delaney
Joseph DiCamillo - Lillian Nowaczyk

Calendar of Events

Monday, December 23rd

10:00AM - Marion Movement of Priests - Mary's Chapel
6:00PM - CYO Basketball - Hall

Tuesday, December 24th

9:00AM -2:00PM - Adoration - Mary's Chapel
10:00AM - Flame of Love - Mary's Chapel
1:00PM - Holy Hour of Reparation - Mary's Chapel
2:00PM - Divine Mercy Cenacle - Mary's Chapel

Thursday, December 26th

1:00PM - Marion Movement of Priests - Mary's Chapel
1:30PM - Divine Mercy Cenacle - Mary's Chapel

Sunday, December 29th

7:00PM - Scouts Religious Badges - Cabrini Room

SUNDAY COLLECTION

The collection for last Sunday will be published in future bulletin due to the early Christmas deadline.



Family ADVENT Wreath

Advent and Christmas time are wonderful weeks in a family's life, but our focus on the coming of Jesus can get lost beneath the surface glitter of the holiday season.

The Lighting of the Advent wreath before the family meal is a way to focus on the Nativity of Our Lord and not just the coming of the Christmas holiday.

This year make the Advent Wreath a family tradition in your home. As you gather together for your family meal, light the all the candles and pray: *God of Wisdom, You are the source of all truth. Help us to remember to always turn to you first when we are looking for answers. Help us to follow the way of the Christ, whose coming we await. Amen.*

May this Advent draw you closer to each other and to Our Newborn Saviour.



CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 Children's Mass - Fr. Mullan
6:00 Music Ministry - Msgr. Flanigan
8:00PM - Msgr. Vogan

CHRISTMAS DAY

7:00, 9:00 & 11:00AM



THE FEAST OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD

A Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil Mass, Tuesday, December 31st at 5:00PM

Masses Wednesday, January 1st

7:00, 9:00 & 11:00AM



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 Mullan, Msgr. Flanigan, Deacon Betzal and our entire staff we wish everyone a Happy and Blessed Christmas!

Msgr. Vogan



Anyone requesting the transportation services of H.O.P.E. Monday, December 23rd through Friday, December 27th should call the following team captain: Team 7: Jerry Wilkins 610-459-2058.

The above phone number is for THIS WEEK ONLY.

Please give 24-48 hour notice! ONE ride per week.



The Music Ministry NEEDS YOU!

All parishioners are invited to come check out our Music Ministry! Choir rehearsal is Thursdays at 7:30PM in the church. Please join us! No experience needed and commitment is flexible. For more information, please contact Karen Thorpe at karenrose313@gmail.com.



Here is a reflection from one of our fantastic Music Ministry members: "I have sung in school masses since third grade, when I joined my school choir. I want to continue to sing and cantor at mass, because I like being there and I like the environment it has. It brings me to a spiritual presence, because I know that singing is like praying twice."



ADULT ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!

We are looking for ADULT volunteers who would be free to serve weekday/weekend funerals at the parish. Serving availability is flexible to your schedule. Training will be provided. Interested? Please call the rectory.



The Christmas Holiday season represents more than presents, and the Christmas Holyday message of joy and hope can last more than a day. The best gift you can give this coming year is a donation of time or material needs or financial support to a program or organization that helps our brothers and sisters in need. There is huge blessing and great joy when we are able to help someone - to share our gifts we give joy and hope. The best way to spread the message of God's Love for all of us by sharing His love with our fellow man. Let us imitate St. Joseph then as good stewards, giving our very lives to those around us in love and gratitude to God who has given us everything we have, especially His own Son, Jesus Christ.

And now these three remain; faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is Love. 1 Corinthians 13:13



SPRING PRE-CANA CLASS

Classes are on Monday nights:

March 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th 7:00PM-8:45PM.

(Couples must attend all four classes.)

Cost is \$75.00 per couple.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: February 10th

FOCCUS SURVEY

All couples must complete this survey on-line prior to Pre-Cana Classes. Contact the rectory if you are taking the Pre-Cana class at another location. Cost is \$15.00. Please contact the rectory to register: 610-497-3340 or stjoseph256@comcast.net



CARING FOR FRIENDS

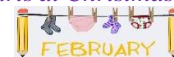
CARING for FRIENDS meals can be placed in the freezers in the lower church kitchen, mark meal with # 42. Supplies are next to the freezer. If anyone knows someone they think could use this service, please contact Ralph at 610-494-4428. Thank you for all you do!



On December 10th and 11th, the PREP students did an amazing job breaking open the bible, reflecting and singing about the birth of Jesus. We had students portraying angels, shepherds, sheep, the Wise Men, Mary, and Joseph. This helped show us the true meaning of Christmas and we are so grateful to the students for that gift. Thank you to Mrs. Karen Thorpe, Miss Cleo Hoey & Mr. John Hoey for leading us with beautiful song. Thank you to Fr. Michael and Msgr. Vogan for all that they do to assist and build up our PREP community. Thank also to our Catechists for the love and care they give to our students and their kindnesses to me. Thank you parents for your positive support.

May your Christmas be filled with love, light, peace and joy! May the birth of the baby Jesus bring warmth and happiness to your heart!

"Mankind is a great and immense family....this is proved by what we feel in our hearts at Christmas." Pope Saint John XXIII



SOCK and UNDERWEAR DRIVE

February 22nd & 23rd



THIS CHRISTMAS: GIVE GIFT CARDS!



TARGET - WALMART - KOHLS

Shopping **ONLINE** you can use our gift card online too!



We have AMAZON GIFT CARDS!

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY, December 23rd 9:00AM until 7:00PM

Tuesday, December 24th 9:00AM to 12:00Noon

CLOSED December 25th and 26th

FRIDAY, December 27th : 9:00AM until 3:00PM

SATURDAY: 9:00AM until 6:00PM

SUNDAY: 8:30AM until 11:30AM



MILITARY PRAYER TREE

The lower church tree again features “A Soldiers Prayer” ornaments with the names of loved ones presently serving for Our Country and Veterans who served our Country. The ornaments will be by the tree for you to fill out. 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 this Christmas with their families. We thank them for their service and 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.”



RECTORY HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Monday, December 23rd 9:00AM to 7:00PM

Tuesday, December 24th

9:00AM to 12:00PM

CHRISTMAS DAY – Rectory CLOSED

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26th - Rectory CLOSED

Friday, December 27th 9:00AM – 3:00PM

Saturday, December 28th 9:00AM to 6:00 PM

Sunday, December 29th 8:30AM to 11:30AM

Monday, December 30th & Tuesday, December 31st

9:00AM to 12:00Noon

NEW YEARS DAY - RECTORY CLOSED

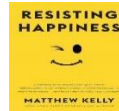


Thank you to everyone who donated to the Christmas Flower Collection. Your generosity provided the beautiful fresh flower in the church this Christmas.



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 our parish. Your generosity to your fellow parishioners is a true blessing.



RESISTING HAPPINESS BOOK CLUB

Feeling overwhelmed or

Sometimes feel like you are your own worst enemy or

Are ignoring your dreams or

Feel your life lacks meaning and purpose

THEN consider joining us on

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 7PM

Resisting Happiness, a deeply personal look at how and why we sabotage our own happiness and what to do about it so that we can become the person God created us to be!

Book will be provided – must register in advance!

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL _____

Registration DEADLINE: January 3rd



COMEDY NIGHT!

Saturday, February 15th



ADULT VOLUNTEER SOCIAL

Saturday, January 11th after the 5:00PM Mass.

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 on the form below or email stjoseph256@comcast.net.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRE TO ATTEND

To ensure we have enough food for everyone. Thank you!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Sunday, January 5th

Name: _____

Phone Number : _____