

A D V E N T

St. Stanislaus Roman Catholic Church • The First Sunday of Advent: December 2, 2018



“Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.”

--Luke 21:34-36

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Today: Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-36
Monday: Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6 (6)

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

The First Sunday of Advent, December 2, 2018

No Community Events Scheduled in the Parish Center

Monday, December 3

1:00pm Blood Drive @ Lobby Rm

Tuesday, December 4

9:45am Play Group @ Lobby Rm

7:00pm Hispanic Prayer Group @ Chapel

8:00pm Respect Life Group @ Murray Rm

Wednesday, December 5

No Community Events Scheduled in the Parish Center

Thursday, December 6

1:30pm Legion of Mary @ Cahill Rm

Friday, December 7

7:00pm Vigil Mass IC @ Church

Saturday, December 8

Holy Day of Obligation: Feast of the Immaculate Conception — Masses at 9am, 12:05pm. Vigil for First Day of Advent at 5:15pm

8:30am Confessions @ Church

4:00pm Confessions @ Church

5:30pm Stocks Pound cake Pick-up @ Lobby Rm

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. Tracy
Pastor

Rev. Msgr. Joseph W. Murray
Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Charles J. Ravert
Parochial Vicar

In Residence

Rev. Zachary W. Navit
Permanent Deacons

Deacon Anthony J. Bellitto, Jr.

Deacon Charles G. Lewis

Deacon Juan E. Valentín

Miss Diane E. McCaughan
Principal, Mater Dei Catholic
School

Mrs. Leona Russell
Coordinator of Religious
Education

Mrs. Penny Mitchell
Business Manager

Mrs. Trish Cunningham
Records Coordinator

Mrs. Catherine Mattingly
Communication Coordinator

Sr. Barbara A. McGahan, RSM
Director of Parish Social
Ministry

Sr. Dolora Curley, OSF
Hospital Ministry

Mrs. Mary Gaus
Director of Music Ministry

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

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.*

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

The First Sunday of Advent, December 2, 2018

7:00am Memorial Fund Mass
 9:00am Michael Maiorano
Requested by Roseann, Bea, Michael, and Marla

11:00am Joanne Virgilio
Requested by a friend of her family
St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Monday
 6:30am William J. Ambs (birthday remembrance)
Requested by Charles and Caroline Niesley

8:00am Father's Day Remembrance
Tuesday
 6:30am Debbie Field
Requested by a friend

8:00am Joseph Fornari
Requested by Maryanne Fornari

Wednesday
 6:30am James V. O'Brien
Requested by his family

8:00am Shirley Millar
Requested by Bob and Carol Witt
St. Nicholas, Bishop

Thursday
 6:30am Mary Huttanus
Requested by Joe and Janice Burns

8:00am Peter Mattero
Requested by Mary Anne Mattero
St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Friday
 6:30am The Intentions of Andrew Best and Family
Requested by John and Sharon Best

8:00am Manuel Migliaccio
Requested by his wife, Dottie, and Family

7:00pm Vigil Mass: *No Intentions*

Saturday
 9:00am Miriam C. Burns (bequest)
 12:05pm Sophia Tecce
Requested by the Tecce Family

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



Please pray for the sick who carry the cross of illness especially: **Laura Davis, James DePaul, Bobby DiNenna, Anthony DiTroia, Terri Gurecki, Thomas Kelly, 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. Scullo, Barbara Smiley, Marianne Stockert, Joyce Thomas, Mary Veneziale, Marilyn Wagner, 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: sstan@comcast.net



The Sanctuary Candle in the Church burns this week **in memory of Eva Hrycenko at the request of her family.**

The Sanctuary Candle in the Parish Center Chapel burns this week in memory of **Kenneth, at the request of his wife, Gerri Holmes, in remembrance of the 12th anniversary of his death.**

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:

Helen McCullagh and Claire Bailey

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! Go to www.dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever or find the link on www.ststanislaus.com to sign up today!



DECEMBER 8-9: 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.



If you would like to remember a loved one in a special way, consider placing flowers at the Blessed Mother or St. Joseph Altar. Call the Parish Center for pricing and available dates.

Dear friends / Estimados amigos,

Are you ready for a new year? The liturgy for the first Sunday of Advent summons us to enter into a new liturgical year, which this year will highlight readings from Luke's gospel as the Church begins reading from the C Cycle on Sundays and Cycle I during the week. Advent is the liturgical season in the West that kicks off the year on the Sunday closest to November 30th, which is the feast day of the first-called apostle, St. Andrew. It includes the four Sundays before Christmas.

Advent is all about waiting for Jesus Christ. The very word comes from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning coming or arrival. It is a period of anticipatory joy as all of us prepare for the celebration of Jesus' coming among us. The next four weeks are often thought of as symbolizing the different ways that Jesus comes into the world: (1) His birth in history as a helpless infant at Bethlehem; (2) His arrival in the hearts of believers; (3) His Passion and death; and (4) his coming on the Day of Judgment. The last of these comings will be a time of fulfillment of the mystery initiated in the first coming at Bethlehem. Unlike the Scriptural accounts in the weeks before the celebration of Christ the King, the arrival of Jesus at the end of time in the Advent Scriptures is an arrival not to be feared, but desired. The Lord will come in glory as king, vindicating the just at the Last Judgment and offering salvation to the just and the faithful. The Advent scriptures make us mindful of the ways we wait for the Savior – past, present and future.

Have you ever noticed that because Christmas falls on a different day of the week each year, the fourth week of Advent is never finished? It is abruptly but solemnly bumped by the annual celebration of the coming of Jesus at Christmas. Similarly, His second coming will abruptly interrupt our days on Earth at a time in the future we cannot know. The coming of Jesus within us, nurtured by the reception of His body and blood, a healthy prayer life, and a conscious attempt to live the Gospel in our current circumstances, is a deeply personal experience of Christ growing within us. That makes this time we start today a season of personal hope and potential, of blessed spiritual beginnings. The English word adventure is also rooted in the Latin word for the season.

The Advent Scriptures have a certain character of their own. They are selected and arranged to develop this character by way of themes which are essential to the unfolding of the liturgical season, the life of the Church, and the lives of its members. These themes are:

- Week 1:** the announcement of the coming of the Lord at the end of time, and the establishment of God's Kingdom. The stress is on the "joyful hope" as we await the period when all things will be one in God through Jesus Christ. We will see God in all God's fullness.
- Weeks 2 and 3:** readings are primarily a concentration on the life of John the Baptist, particularly his witness to Jesus as the anointed one of God. His witness is a model for Christians of today to testify to the Word made flesh in all that we say and do.
- Week 4:** These days treat the events that led directly to Jesus' birth. They detail our spiritual "family tree," reminding us that God concretely acts in human history. Not only does God intervene, but in the Incarnation God actually chooses to become human and share in the human condition.

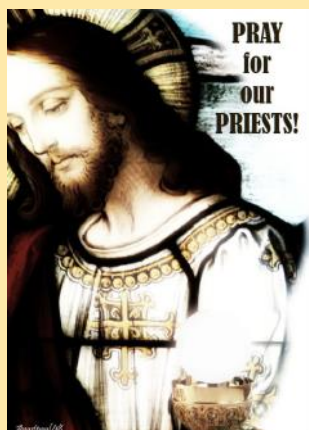
Our supernatural life, i.e., the art of us that will endure, has its beginnings in Bethlehem. Advent tells us that it is not only Jesus who is born, but each of us who bear His name as well.

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In baseball terminology, a "reserve player" is a "benchwarmer" of the highest order. Even as he sits on the bench, he is always in the game. Constantly alert and attentive to the situation on the field, he is ready to be called into the game. That is what Jesus wants His disciples to be like in today's gospel passage. Some commentators would use this passage as a warning to be ready for the final judgment at the end of time, but let us not focus solely on that as Advent begins. Jesus' words are a wake-up call to heighten our spiritual consciousness and become more aware of God's love for us. This was a love so great that He was willing to join His divine nature to our human one in the birth of Jesus. Act fast! Only three weeks until Christmas! Now can be a time of wonder of the Incarnation, rather than a distraction from it as the holy day draws near.

HAVE A GOOD WEEK EVERYONE – AND A GREAT ADVENT,

Thero. Joseph Tracy



2018 Day of Sanctification for Priests: December 3

The priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia assemble each year for a day of prayer and reflection on the Sacred Priesthood. This year our priests will gather with Archbishop Chaput at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary on Monday, December 3, for the *2018 Day of Sanctification for Priests*. Please pray for all priests of the Archdiocese, especially this weekend and Monday, with the following prayer from the *Roman Missal*:

Lord our God, who in governing your people make use of the ministry of Priests, grant to these men a preserving obedience to your will, so that by their ministry and life they may gain glory for you in Christ. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever, and ever. Amen.

Parish Religious Education Program

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



THE FIRST CHRISTMAS – Our PREP students will reflect on the events of the First 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 will be bringing baby gifts, which they will place near the manger. The gifts will be donated to *Pregnancy Resource Clinic of North Penn in Lansdale*. This collection has been a PREP tradition for the past several years...enjoyed by the givers and much appreciated by the recipients!

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



Merry Christmas

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!



Merry Christmas

Give the Gift of Life at the Blood Drive!



American Red Cross

It’s time again for another of our parish Blood Drives for the American Red Cross. The date for this caring response to such a great need is: **Monday, December 3 from 1pm to 6pm in our Parish Center**. Appointments are preferred. For an appointment, please call 1-800-REDCROSS or sign up online at: www.redcrossblood.org The American Red Cross is so grateful for the wonderful responses we usually receive for our Blood Drives. Come out and support their efforts to keep us all safe!

Attention Seniors! Don't Forget: The Senior Club Christmas luncheon is Tuesday, December 4 at 1pm at the William Penn Inn. The next **Senior Group Meeting** is Tuesday, December 11 at 1pm in the Parish Center.



Charismatic Prayer Group: 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, they will be 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



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. This is a wonderful day to spend with like minded pro-life people and it is a very family friendly event. 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.



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



Mater Dei's Blue Ribbon Celebration
 Saturday, November 17, 2018
 Celebrating Faith, Excellence, Service,
 and Community with our Mater Dei
 Family...we are so grateful for all of
 you. Blessings to All!
 Happy Thanksgiving!

A Blue Ribbon Thank You! For all those who celebrated with us on Saturday, November 17, whether in person or in spirit, thank you! The day recognized the achievement of the 2018 National Blue Ribbon for Mater Dei Catholic School. From the parade to the “family tailgate” to a beautiful mass at St. Stanislaus Parish, the day brought all of us together in celebration of this honored accomplishment!



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!

Mater Dei BINGO: Need a few **BINGO** hours to unwind and socialize with adults? Come play Mater Dei Bingo! Gym doors open at 5pm; games begin at 6:45pm every Thursday. 25 games of Bingo plus specials are offered all night! Admission prices start at \$8 and all proceeds support Mater Dei Catholic School.

Saint Stanislaus Play Group is Back! 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.

Advent Candle Lighting at Mass
 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 the weekends of Advent: December 2, 9, 16 or 23. Share in the anticipation of the joy of this beautiful season. You may sign up via the link on the Parish website, www.ststanislaus.com. For more information, contact Cat Mattingly at ststan@comcast.net or 215.855.3133, ext. 107. Please leave your name and phone number, and the date and Mass time at which you would like to assist. Thank you in advance for considering this opportunity!

Join us for the next St. Stanislaus Parish Movie: “It’s a Wonderful Life” 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!**



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Parish Social Ministry: Giving Trees Gifts Due December 9! Gifts received later cannot be included. Earlier returns will be most appreciated! Gifts will also assist children supported by Catholic Social Services in Norristown.

Remember to please:

- Adhere the gift tag directly on the gift, in a very visible place.
- Keep gifts unwrapped. We need to give them to the parents unwrapped.
- Do not put gifts in plastic bags; this makes it difficult to find tags and sort
- We do not give out any violent or inappropriate toys, especially toy guns, boxing gloves, or other toys like those.
- If you do not know what gift to get, a gift card to a local store, such as Walmart or Target, is a good alternative, especially for older children.



Monetary gifts are also welcomed! One of the most important ways to help the needy families and individuals in our area is to keep help coming throughout the year. This is another way that the generous people of St. Stanislaus can reach out to our less fortunate brothers and sisters. Thank you in advance for your wonderful generosity! Blessings to you and your family as we approach the holy season of Advent. Gratefully, Sister Barbara

Holy Day and Holiday Mass Schedule: December 1, 2018 - January 1, 2019

Feast of the Immaculate Conception: December 7/8:
Vigil Mass, December 7 at 7pm (English)
December 8: 9am, 12:05pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration, December 12:
7pm (procession, 7:30pm Mass)

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas), December 24/25: NO 6:30 am or 8am Mass on December 24.
Vigil Masses, December 24: 4pm, 6pm, 8pm, 10pm (Spanish). Christmas Day, December 25: 9am, 11am.

December 31 and January 1: NO 6:30am or 8am daily Mass on New Year's Eve, December 31. **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation):** Vigil Mass, December 31 at 7pm (English). January 1: 9am, 12:05pm, 7pm (Spanish)

This information is also available on our website, www.ststanislaus.com under the *HOME* tab.

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



"It's not just the stores gearing up for the holidays, I feel like I am gearing up too. Except I am not excited; I am dreading it." — Bereavement Group attendee

For those who are grieving, the holidays can be very difficult occasions. Old traditions and memories of happy family gathering serve as bitter reminders of what is lost forever. On **Thursday December 13, 2018**, the Bereavement Ministries of 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 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



Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration: St. Katharine Drexel Adoration Chapel

"Blessed are the eyes that see what you see.
For I say to you, many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, but did not see it,
and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it."
—Luke 10: 23-24

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

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!

Treasure Information: November 11, 18 and 25

November 11: *Contributed by 386 envelopes and 6 loose checks (non parishioner).*

November 18: *Contributed by 372 envelopes and 7 loose checks (non parishioner).*

November 25: *Contributed by 311 envelopes and 7 loose checks (non parishioner).*

Weekly Parish Collections:

Nov. 11, 2018: \$12,816 Nov. 12, 2017: \$16,147

Nov. 18, 2018: \$15,223 Nov. 19, 2017: \$13,084

Nov. 25, 2018: \$12,145 Nov. 26, 2017: \$13,084

Electronic and Other Contributions:

Nov. 11, 2018: \$3,352 Nov. 12, 2017: \$6,122

Nov. 18, 2018: \$4,006 Nov. 19, 2017: \$2,233

Nov. 25, 2018: \$3,523 Nov. 26, 2017: \$9,236

Parish Building Improvements:

Nov. 11, 2018: \$1,908 Nov. 12, 2017: \$1,883

Nov. 18, 2018: \$1,358 Nov. 19, 2017: \$1,791

Nov. 25, 2018: \$1,800 Nov. 26, 2017: \$1,472

Major Bills Paid Since November 11, 2018:

Priest health, auto, pension, general insurance, w/ comp, disability and assessment: \$22,667

Payroll and related: \$35,757

Envelopes and printing: \$1,339

Leaf and lawn: \$1,857

Maintenance: \$12,944

Utilities: \$7,784

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

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

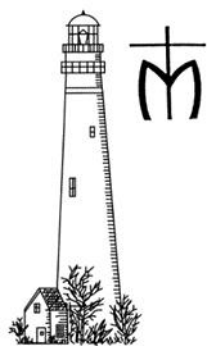
Tuesday January 15: Theology on Tap @ Appalachian Brewing Co., Collegeville; Doors open at 7:00pm, talk Starts at 7:30pm.

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) ****

Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary Open House and Christmas Concert: Sunday, December 9:

The day includes a open house and campus tour, refreshments, and concert! For more information, go to www.scs.edu.



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,

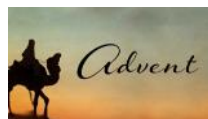
peer group discussions, Eucharist and lots of fun! **Cost:** \$135 per person, double occ. **Register at:** www.capemaymarianists.org or call 609-884-3829. **Some financial aid is available and high school seniors are also welcomed!**

“Sacraments,” A Spiritual Enrichment Program Offered by St. Philip Neri Catholic Family Life Center in Pennsburg, PA.

We learned the Sacraments as children, now Rev. Louis Bellopede helps us gain a deeper understanding of these Sacraments instituted by Jesus in His early teachings. Friday, December 12 (Matrimony) and January 4 (Holy Orders) from 7 to 8:30pm and they are free!



Let this year’s Advent journey take on new meaning for you and your family as you grow in appreciation for mankind’s greatest gift – Our Lord Jesus Christ. **FORMED.org** makes it easy and enjoyable!



Advent
In **STUDY:** Current Topics/
Augustine Institute Originals



Prepare the Way of the King
In **LISTEN:** Talks/Seasonal

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.

Al Adviento lo llamamos “tiempo fuerte”, tiempo de contrastes. Con él comienza el año litúrgico pero nos está hablando ya del fin de los tiempos. Nos preparamos para el nacimiento de Cristo en su primera venida, pero escuchamos también el anuncio que profetiza su segunda venida como Juez. Debemos vivir este período con los ojos bien abiertos esperando nuestra liberación definitiva. La predicación de Jesús a sus discípulos nos pone en guardia para no dejarnos impresionar por los cataclismos que vendrán, y nos invita a esperar la venida del Hijo de Dios en oración y vigilancia.

Nos toca vivir tiempos difíciles. Hay señales de desesperanza como las guerras, el hambre en el mundo, el subdesarrollo, la pobreza, el terrorismo. Pero también hay señales para la esperanza. Gestos de solidaridad, de preocupación por la justicia y la paz. Podemos esperar con ilusión el alumbramiento de un nuevo mundo, más justo, más humano, más hermoso y en paz para todos, como todos deseamos. Nos asustan los signos de la segunda venida de Cristo, por eso Él ahora nos consuela con la ternura de su primera venida. Navidad es cercanía e intimidad. Cristo sigue viniendo a nuestro corazón a través de la Eucaristía.

Jesús nos llama a vivir despiertos para recibirlo cuando llegue; y luego debemos anunciarlo a todas las gentes para que la Iglesia de Cristo se extienda por toda la tierra, se consolide y siga suplicando: “Ven, Señor Jesús”. Esta vigilancia exige tener la mente despejada. Como centinelas que vigilan por la noche, los cristianos debemos tener la mirada fija en el horizonte por donde se asomará el sol de un nuevo día. Esta fuerza nos mantiene en estado de conversión.

Es un tiempo de esperanza, de alegría, y de salvación. También de espera, de preparación y esfuerzo. Desde la fe nos queda claro que viene Dios. Tener esperanza es síntoma de vida. Sólo los muertos no esperan y cuando alguien no espera, es que ha decidido que su vida no merece la pena. Cuando muere la esperanza, muere en el corazón del hombre el mismo impulso vital. Ya no vive sino que “se deja vivir”. Nada hay más angustiante que la desesperanza y nada más positivo y rejuvenecedor que esperar con ilusión un acontecimiento, todavía más si lo sabemos cercano y extraordinario. La esperanza no es una ilusión engañosa. El que vive con esperanza, quiere tomar en serio la vida en su totalidad porque quiere descubrir todas las posibilidades que en ella se encierran para el futuro del hombre.

Adviento es tiempo de esperanza, tiempo de remoción de obstáculos tiempo para ganar en madurez, para desterrar la modorra, para aprender a vivir de pie, con la cabeza levantada, mirando atentamente la salvación que se acerca. No existe mejor preparación que la de vivir con una fe grande y segura que nos lleve, a ejemplo de María, a ver en cada acontecimiento la voluntad de Dios.

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 hispcah@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.

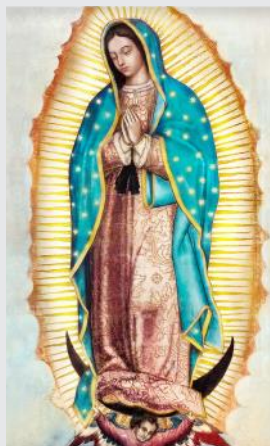
Quince Años - esta bendición al cumplir quince años de una joven da testimonio de su acción de gracias y de compromiso de vivir una vida cristiana. Por eso, la joven ya debe ser confirmada o debe estar inscrita en un programa de educación religiosa en preparación para recibir el sacramento de confirmación 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!



**Oración
 de San Miguel**

San Miguel Arcángel, defiéndenos en la batalla. Sé nuestro amparo contra las perversidad y asechanzas del demonio. Reprímale Dios, pedimos suplicantes, y tu príncipe de la milicia celestial arroja al infierno con el divino poder a Satanás y a los otros espíritus malignos que andan dispersos por el mundo para la perdición de las almas. Amén.

¿Cómo le devolveré al Señor todo el bien que me ha hecho? (Sal. 116:2)

11 noviembre: \$601.57
 18 noviembre: \$432.47

¡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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