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We welcome all to join us for worship and invite you to become a part of our parish family. New members are asked to call the Parish Center to schedule an appointment for registration. Registration is required for admission to our programs of Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation for Baptism, First Eucharist, Reconciliation, Confirmation and Marriage. Eligibility certificates for Sponsorship for Baptism and Confirmation are issued to registered parishioners who are practicing Catholics. Couples planning to be married, or those desiring to schedule a Baptism are asked to call the Parish Center to schedule an appointment.

¡BIENVENIDOS! Ayúdenos a conocerlos y servirles mejor. Comuníquese con uno de los sacerdotes de la parroquia. Hágase miembro de las Parroquia de San Estanislao. Inscríbese en el centro parroquial.

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.

November 18, 2018
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

THE THIRTY– THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear friends / Estimados amigos,

Each November, the Church, in its wisdom, reminds believers that our life on this Earth is transient, and that the world as we know it will be no more at a moment known only to God. While ours is far from a perfect world (couldn't we all produce a lengthy list of problems, persons, failures and situations we could do without?), no one is particularly eager for it to end. On the contrary, there are many among us tending to go about as if there was all the time in the world. We fail to recognize that life is a fragile gift we borrow for only a short time before offering it back to God. Or, we waste our time on senseless worry about where, when, or how the end will come. But when we get to November on the calendar, the month brings with it a challenge to focus on our present, our commitment to God, to the Church, and to one another.

Clearly the 1st reading from the prophet Daniel and the Gospel of Mark are connected. In fact, it is practically impossible to understand them without an appreciation of a type of biblical writing called apocalyptic. The pages of a bible contain many different types of writing – letters, songs, gospels, legal norms, social critiques – as well as varying forms or genres. Knowing the genre of a biblical book is vital to understanding the author's focus in writing it. For example, understanding the genre of the book of Jonah would preclude a reader from trying to find an explanation of how a person could live in the belly of a gigantic fish for a three-day period. Interpretation of a biblical book is dependent on the genre as well. The meanings and truths of some biblical literature are easily conveyed in a work that resembles fiction.

Consider this: in a poll taken in the early part of 1998 after the release of the movie *Saving Private Ryan*, veterans of D-Day were asked whether *Saving Private Ryan* or *The Longest Day* (a film produced in the 1960s which was promoted as *the* historical record of what happened on those Normandy beaches during the Allied invasion) more meaningfully conveyed their experience of the events of June 6, 1944. Almost every person, male and female vets who lived through those days answered *Saving Private Ryan* resonated with their experience of Omaha Beach. Interestingly however, there never was a historical Captain Miller (Tom Hanks) or a Private James Ryan (Matt Damon). It was a fictional account of an event. Based on that poll, fiction was apparently more meaningful and mirrored personal experiences better than history.

This is very important to remember when reading any type of apocalyptic literature, which is more an escape from history than actual history. That is not to say that the genre is not inspired by God. Symbols often take the place of many words in conveying truths. The most common trigger for such literature was persecution. Things are getting so bad for the Jews or Christians that they can only look for relief in the distant future. Authors frequently speak of that future in symbolic terms or use exotic images that only a few can understand, let alone interpret. Not trying to inspire optimism or false hope, they often casually mention things readers may know nothing about to convey the idea that things are going to get a lot worse before they get better again. The Christian Scriptures contain only two apocalyptic books: *Daniel* in the Old Testament, and *Revelation* in the New. Each of the three Synoptic Gospels contains apocalyptic *sections*, but they do not dominate. Christians seemed to have avoided conveying their faith in the genre. Rather, Christian writers seemed more interested to make certain their readers were familiar with the fundamental issues around which Jesus' ministry revolved.

It is easy to get spooked by apocalyptic literature. Prophecies of coming persecutions, celestial battles, scourges inflicted on the people who remain, and the dead rising from their graves have a tendency to do that! Hope still exists for those who have died before that glorious day arrives, as long as their names are "written in the book." If one wants to realize this promise of eternal life and "shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament," the author says one must be just; i.e., he/she must have developed proper relationships with God and those around them. They will be safe in a liberated world.

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From the Archbishop of Philadelphia:

As we review the history of the Catholic Church in the United States, we are aware of the example and contribution of outstanding men and women in consecrated religious life. Here in our own Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Saint John Neumann and Saint Katharine Drexel stand out prominently and we revere their memory. These two notable figures invite us to reflect upon the ministry and service of those unsung consecrated religious, so very many throughout the decades, that have built up our local Church.

These consecrated persons, men and women, have lived out their sacred calling in exemplary fashion. By their service in education, health ministry, caring for the most needy, and in contemplative life they have been visible instruments of God's grace. Living out daily their faithful commitment, they have enabled persons of every background to accept and rejoice in the Gospel.

With gratitude for their dedicated service and yet recognizing the situations confronting so many congregations with declining vocations and caring for their senior members, each year our Archdiocese participates in the national Retirement Fund for Religious Collection. This collection provides and opportunity for us to demonstrate gratitude and personal concern for how they have affected each of us.

As Archbishop and as a religious, I ask prayers for our consecrated persons who strive to live out their special calling. Likewise, I encourage your generous support for this national collection scheduled for December 1-2, 2018. May the Lord reward your generosity and may His peace fill your hearts.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Today: Dn 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-18; Mk 13:24-32
 Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43
 Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10
 Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28
 Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44
 Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48
 Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40
 Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Nov 18
 9:00am New Parishioner Brunch @ Lobby Rm
Monday, November 19
 6:30pm Welcoming Com. @ McDonough Rm
 7:30pm Altar and Rosary @ Murray Rm
 8:00pm Knights of Columbus @ Shade Rm
Tuesday, November 20
 9:45am Play Group @ Lobby Rm
 7:00pm Hispanic Prayer Group @ Chapel
Wednesday, November 21
No Community Events Scheduled in the Parish Center
 9:30am MDCS Liturgy @ Church
Thursday, November 22
Parish Center Closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday
 9:00am Thanksgiving Mass
Friday, November 23
Parish Center Closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday
No Community Events in the Parish Center
Saturday, November 24
 8:30am Confessions @ Church
 4:00pm Confessions @ Church

Thanksgiving Week Announcements:



Please note, due to early holiday deadlines, some information will not be available for the Bulletin's November 25 publication. Treasure information, remembrances, and prayer line requests will be published in the December 2 Bulletin. Thank you for your understanding!

The Parish Center will be closed on **Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.** We pray that all of our parishioners and their families have a blessed and beautiful holiday! If you are traveling, prayers to you for a safe arrival to your holiday destination!

It's HERE! Wreath Sale! Next weekend, on November 24 and 25, Scout Troop 414 will hold their annual wreath sale! Save some space in your holiday decorating plans for our beautiful 25 inch wreath for \$25. Reservations may be taken by Thea Davey at thea4177@hotmail.com or 267.222.0413.



Welcome!

We are glad you are here!

The **New Friends Brunch** is **THIS SUNDAY**, November 18th after the 9am Mass. Please come enjoy some good food and company. We are so happy you are part of our parish family.

—The Welcoming Committee of St. Stanislaus Parish

Divine Mercy "Minute" — Diary 1022

I do not fear at all being abandoned by creatures because, even if all abandoned me, I would not be alone, for the Lord is with me. And even if the Lord were to hide, love will know how to find Him. For love knows no gates or guards — Words of St. Faustina



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.

Altar and Rosary Society Meeting: The next Altar & Rosary Society Meeting is 7:30pm on November 19 in the Murray Room. *This meeting was rescheduled from last week due to the 40 Hours Devotion.*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Nov 18, 2018

7:00am Mother's Day Remembrance
 9:00am Helen Conrad (*birthday remembrance*)
Requested by Marie Wilson
 11:00am Patricia R. Hendricks
Requested by the Hendricks Family

Monday

6:30am Deceased members of the Falco Family
Requested by Joe and Ann Falco
 8:00am James McDonald (*birthday rem.*)
Requested by his wife, Catherine

Tuesday

6:30am Eileen Schultz
Requested by Elaine Walker
 8:00am Martin Grouke
Requested by Marty and Betty Grouke

Wednesday

6:30am **The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
 Francis A. Norrett III
Requested by Kathryn and Francis Norrett
 8:00am Eileen Kling
Requested by Jack Kling

Thursday

9:00am **St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr**
Thanksgiving Day—no intentions

Friday

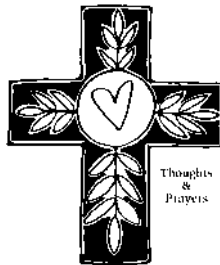
St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr, St. Columbian, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr
 8:00am Miriam C. Burns (*bequest*)

Saturday

St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs
 8:00am Bridget McCullagh
Requested by John and Henry McCullagh

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, November 25, 2018

7:00am George Griffin
Requested by the Doyle Family
 9:00am Deceased members of the Pietrangelo Family
Requested by the family
 11:00am Deceased Members of the Ortwein Family
Requested by Helen Ortwein



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, Helen & John McCullagh, Shirley McGillicuddy, Meghan Melcher, Trisha Miller, Stella Molettiere, Kristin O'Connor Zeigler, Jillian Preet, Donald Raymond, Lydia Rey, Antonio Romano, Donald J. Romano, Lawrence A. Romano, Lucille C. Romano, Mary Ann Rota Lewis, John R. Sciuillo, Barbara Smiley, Marianne Stockert, Joyce Thomas, Mary Venezia, 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 for **the intentions of all members of the military at the request of the Niece Family.**

The Sanctuary Candle in the Parish Center Chapel burns this week in memory of **Celena Rodriguez Guarna at the request of her mother, Barbara Rodriguez.**

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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: At the 11am Mass, we offer Kindergarten through 2nd grade children the week's readings and an age-appropriate reflection in the Parish Center Chapel, led by trained catechists and assistants. Children will be called to the front of the Church prior to the first reading and escorted to the Chapel.



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!



Help Me: A Thanksgiving Day Prayer

O God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry; When I have work, help me to remember the jobless; When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all; When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer, And remembering, help me to destroy my complacency; bestir my compassion, and be concerned enough to help; By word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted. Amen. — *Samuel F. Pugh*



Parish Religious Education Program
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PREP & SSLP Holiday Closures:

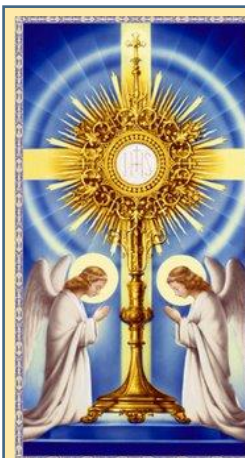
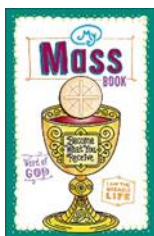
There will be **NO** classes on **Wednesday, November 21** and **Sunday, November 25**.
Enjoy this time with your family!

We extend our prayers to all parish families for a blessed Thanksgiving!

We would also like to extend a sincere **THANK YOU** for the tremendous generosity shown by our Mater Dei and St. Stanislaus PREP students and families in our **Thanksgiving Food Drive!** We collected enough food to fill all of the boxes needed, and a few extra boxes for any last minute requests that may come in! The remaining extra donations will be used by our Food Cupboard, and will especially come in handy for the upcoming Christmas holiday, which is just around the corner. *May God bless you for reaching out to others in need in our local community!*

NEW! Children's Mass Booklets available to borrow or purchase!

Is your child still learning the prayers for the Mass? Does your child have trouble following along in the *Breaking Bread* book? A child-friendly Mass booklet is now available for them to use! The books are located in baskets at the church entrances. Take one on the way in and return it as you leave! If you would like your child to have his/her own copy, please contact Leona Russell in the PREP office. The cost is \$4 each. *We hope that this will help the children to more actively participate in the Mass to make it more meaningful for them.*



**Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration:
 St. Katharine Drexel Adoration Chapel**

"All you peoples, clap your hands; shout to God with joyful cries. For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, the great king over all the earth."

—Psalm 46: 2-3

Immediate Urgent Needs:

Sunday 4am

Tuesday: 12am, 1am, 2am, 3am, 4am, 7am, 9am, 11am, 12pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm

Wednesday: 12am, 1am, 2am, 3am, 4am, 5am, 11am, 2pm, 5pm, 7pm

All hours of need are available at www.ststanislaus.com under the *Perpetual Adoration* tab. Sign up today!

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

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

A Musical Note: Make A Joyful Noise! Come and enjoy a musical event performed by our own St. Stanislaus Music Ministry on Sunday, December 9th at 3pm. There will be performances by all of our talented cantors, choirs, accompanists and instrumentalists. It will jumpstart your Christmas Spirit!




Letters of Eligibility? Planning a Baptism? Need to Register? We can do that! The Deacons are available after the 9am and 11am masses on Sundays to assist with letters of eligibility, to register a baptism, or to register a new parishioner. Weekly appointments can still be made by calling the Parish Center at 215.855.3133 for availability. No appointments are necessary on Sundays.





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Thank you for helping us to spread the word about your parish's Catholic school! Please continue to share with your fellow parishioners, family, friends, and neighbors!




Veterans ... thank you! To all of the veterans who attended Mater Dei's Veteran's Day Celebration on November 9 and those who could not be in attendance ... thank you! We respect, admire, and appreciate each and every one of you for your service to our country. Remember to check out Mater Dei's Facebook page to see pictures of this special celebration. Blessings from the Mater Dei School community!

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 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.



Reconsecration to Jesus through Mary: On December 1st we will be having a reunion for all those who participated in *33 Days to Morning Glory... Marian Consecration*. We will meet in the Lobby Meeting Room in the Parish Center after the 8am mass. Please join us for a short video, fellowship and light refreshments. We will recite the Consecration prayer at the end of the meeting. Please RSVP to Eileen at emckeron@gmail.com.




Looking for more to do? If you are seeking more opportunities for spiritual enrichment or ways to engage with the Parish and surrounding communities, check out www.ststanislaus.com and click on the *Get Involved* tab today!

The Mater Dei Childcare Center, located at St. Maria Goretti Parish in Hatfield, has **immediate part time openings for infants and full time openings for children ranging in age from 1 to 2 years old**. Your child is welcome to participate in an amazing program where he or she will learn and develop socially, emotionally, academically, and spiritually in a nurturing environment. Mater Dei Child Care Center is open Monday through Friday from 6:30am to 6pm to accommodate the working parent. If you would like information or would like to schedule a visit, please contact us at childcare@materdeicatholic.com or 215.799.2211. Space is limited!

Schedule a Tour at Mater Dei School!

All families with preschool to Grade 8 children are welcome to visit Mater Dei. Tours are available and the Advancement Office can accommodate your schedule. **Learn more about giving your child the gift of an exceptional Catholic education from a 2018 National Blue Ribbon School.** Contact us today at 215-368-9787 to set up a tour!

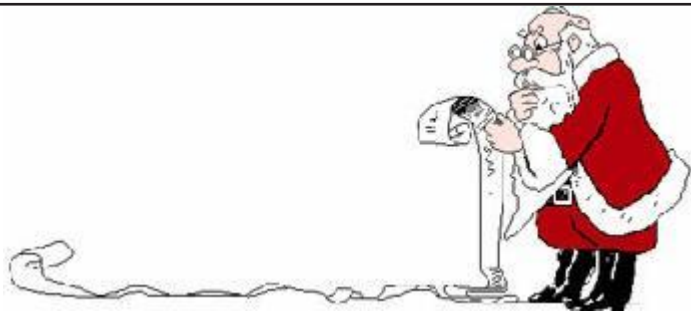


Alumni of St. Maria Goretti, St. Rose, and St. Stan's:
 Thank you to all who attended our Alumni Breakfast on Saturday, November 10th. It was great to see all of you at Mater Dei!

Register Soon! Breakfast with Santa Sunday, December 2 at St. Maria Goretti Church! Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Pius IX Council with seating at 8:30am and 10:30am. Tickets are \$9 and include an **all you can eat buffet and a picture with Santa**. Reservations are required by November 26—simply complete the reservation form available under the *Events* section of www.koc4396.org. All proceeds will provide winter coats for children and food baskets for families in the North Penn & Souderton area. Call Linda at 215.361.7650 or email LansdaleBWS@gmail.com if you have questions!



Parish Social Ministry: Giving Trees! Our parish Christmas Gift Giving Trees are set up with gift tags for you to take and help those in need in our area! Families in need will be able to “shop” among the gifts we gather for their children, according to gender and age; therefore, there are no specific gifts listed on the tags. We hope this makes the process easier and more effective for all. **We will need all gifts returned by the morning of December 9, at the latest.** 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. So we will place some tags on our Christmas Gift tree marked “Donation to Parish Social Ministry”. These donations will enable our Parish Social Ministry to respond to needs in the coming year, such as request for help with overdue utility and rent bills and other expenses that come up and are outside peoples’ ability to pay them with their meager incomes. 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

Attention Seniors! Reminders: The Senior Club Christmas luncheon is Tuesday, December 4 at 1pm at the William Penn Inn. **Updates to Senior Club**



Events: Wait-list only: **Sight & Sound, production of *Jesus* & lunch at Fulton’s Inn,** Lancaster — Wednesday, November 28th, 8:45am departure. Questions about trips? Contact Rosemary Pickersgill at 215.380.5382.

Treasure Information: Nov 4, 2018

Contributed by 433 envelopes and 6 loose checks (non parishioner).

Weekly Parish Collections:

Nov 4, 2018: \$13,838

Nov. 5, 2017: \$15,654

Electronic and Other Contributions:

Nov. 4, 2018: \$4,761

Nov. 5, 2017: \$6,357

Parish Building Improvements:

Nov. 4, 2018: \$1,927

Nov. 5, 2017: \$2,211

Major Bills Paid Since October 28, 2018:

None

Financial Commitment to Mater Dei Catholic School

(Year-to-date payments): \$55,000



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



Dear Father who art in Heaven....

Please join our family on this Thanksgiving Day
And bless each one as we sit down to pray
As we remember those who have joined You above
So dearly missed and deeply loved.

Please provide us strength on this Thanksgiving Day
Bless us with memories of those faraway
Please grant patience to family and friends as we grieve
And help us reach out to others who are bereaved.

We give thanks to You on this Thanksgiving Day...
For Your presence in our lives each and everyday.
For Your comfort, guidance, and never ending love.
And for taking care of our loved ones....in Heaven above.

Our next two meetings are:

December 13, 2018: Coping with the Holidays when You Are Grieving

January 10, 2019: Moving Ahead in the New Year when You Don’t Want to Move at all

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As we approach the end of the liturgical year, the readings ask us to put our trust in God and not fear what may lie ahead. Much of the bible's apocalyptic literature was written to encourage believers, especially in times of persecution and difficulties. Stripped down to its most basic, the message could be: "You're on the winning side. Don't switch sides now, no matter how bad things get."

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING to all of the St. Stanislaus faith community! This Thursday's holiday liturgy will be the only one for the day. It is always one of my favorites, because it ties in so perfectly with the meaning of the holiday we celebrate. The word *Eucharist* means *Thanksgiving*. We gather at every Mass to praise and convey our gratitude to God for all the people, places and things God has given us in life. Please come and join in responding to God's love for us at the Thanksgiving Day Mass which begins at 9 am. (There will still be time to get all the chores done!)

HAVE A GOOD WEEK EVERYONE, AND ENJOY THE HOLIDAY WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS,

Msgr. Joseph Tracy

Charlie Zahm's "Celtic" Christmas Concert: Sunday, December 2, 2018 at 7pm. The concert is being held in the St. Maria Goretti Church for the benefit of Society of St. Vincent de Paul, SMG conference. Cost is \$10 per ticket, \$5 children 12 or under. Please bring a canned food item for the December Food Pantry drive. Light refreshments served and basket raffle held at intermission.



Holy Hour of Reparation and Petition for the Scandals of the Catholic Church: Monthly on Sundays continuing December 16, from 5:30 to 6:30pm. All Catholics of the greater Philadelphia area are invited to attend a monthly holy hour of prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to ask for His mercy upon His Church in this moment of profound crisis. We come to make reparation for our own sins and those of our bishops and priests. We come also in confident hope that from Christ's abounding mercy will come the purification, healing and restoration of holiness for which we long. Held at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia. For more info, visit archphila.org/vigil

Pregnancy Loss Support Group: Meetings are the 3rd Thursday of every month at 7pm in room 209 at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish Education Center, Schwenksville, PA. This group provides support for women who have experienced a loss of a child during pregnancy. For additional information, contact Melissa at Melissa.haines86@gmail.com.

Mass for those who Suffer: Join us for a Mass in support of those suffering from addiction. All are invited. St. Thomas More Catholic Church, South Coventry Township in Pottstown. Saturday, December 1 at 12:00 noon. The celebrant is Rev. Edward Brady, Pastor, and a healing blessing will be offered after Mass. Addiction has touched far too many families and taken far too many of our loved ones. Join us that we may draw strength from one another in the power of our faith. *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. — Philippians 4:13*

Looking to be nourished this Advent?

Join us for an Advent Prayer Service: Our Call to Welcome Mary, Joseph, and Other Immigrants. This journey takes place on Wednesday, December 5, from 7pm to 8:30pm at Mount Saint Joseph Academy in the Auditorium. Refreshments will be provided. Please register before Monday, December 3 by calling Sue 215.348.9584 or via <http://adventservice.rsvpify.com> so we can plan accordingly for refreshments. We hope you can join us! This event is sponsored by the Sisters of Saint Joseph Commission for Justice.



Philadelphia Catholic Mamas Group - open to all mothers in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia of all backgrounds and ages who seek fellowship and community with one another through weekly prayer meetups, monthly city-based activities, pro-life ministry, and retreats. For more information about upcoming events check out or e-mail Gosia Sanchez at philadelphiacatholicmamas@gmail.com

MINISTERIO HISPANO

Trigésimo tercer domingo del tiempo ordinario:
18 de noviembre de 2018

Para la mayoría de los norteamericanos, el Día de Acción de Gracias es un día especial, donde ante todo se celebra la unidad familiar. En efecto, las familias se reúnen en Thanksgiving con más frecuencia que en cualquier otra fiesta, incluyendo la Navidad, y según estadísticas de las tiendas, este es el día en que más comida se consume en el país.

Pero además de estos aspectos tradicionales del encuentro familiar y de la gran cena, está también el sentido religioso de esta fiesta, muy presente desde sus orígenes. Según la tradición, los peregrinos celebraron la primera cena de agradecimiento en 1621, junto a un grupo de nativos. El evento quería ante todo dar gracias a Dios por la abundancia de las cosechas en el nuevo mundo.

Con el paso de los años, esta celebración se convirtió en un evento nacional, finalmente sancionado por el mismo Presidente George Washington. Hoy, los católicos celebramos el Día de Acción de Gracias no sólo como una fiesta nacional, sino también como una fiesta auténticamente católica.

Digo que es una celebración verdaderamente católica porque incluso antes de la “primera” celebración de Thanksgiving en 1621 en suelo norteamericano, el 30 de abril de 1598, en Texas, Don Juan de Oñate ya había declarado oficialmente un “Día de Acción de Gracias”, que fue conmemorado con el santo sacrificio de la Misa.

Oñate hizo lo más propiamente católico: celebrar la Eucaristía, una palabra que viene del término griega Eukaristein, y que significa, precisamente “acción de gracias”.

En efecto el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica nos recuerda que “Creer en Dios, el Único, y amarlo con todo el ser tiene consecuencias inmensas para toda nuestra vida”, (CCC 222); y luego agrega que esto implica, “vivir en acción de gracias: Si Dios es el Único, todo lo que somos y todo lo que poseemos viene de él: ‘¿Qué tienes que no hayas recibido?’ (1 Co 4:7) ‘¿Cómo pagaré al Señor todo el bien que me ha hecho?’” (Sal 116:12) (CCC 224)

Por eso, los católicos no sólo debemos celebrar el Día de Acción de Gracias con profundo espíritu de oración, agradecimiento y alegría, sino que la celebración de este día nos debe llevar a recordar que nuestra vida como católicos es una constante acción de gracias, a través de nuestros actos de la vida cotidiana, que deben todos ellos dar gloria a Dios, y de manera especial a través de la celebración de la Eucaristía, que como nos dice el Catecismo: “La Eucaristía es un sacrificio de acción de gracias al Padre, una bendición por la cual la Iglesia expresa su reconocimiento a Dios por todos sus beneficios, por todo lo que ha realizado mediante la creación, la redención y la santificación. ‘Eucaristía’ significa, ante todo, acción de gracias”. (CCC 1360)

Pax et Bonum+Paz y Todo lo Bueno
Padre Carlos

Ayúdame en la oración del día de acción de gracias:

Oh Dios, cuando tenga comida, ayúdame a recordar al hambriento; Cuando tenga trabajo, ayúdame a recordar a los desempleados; Cuando tenga un hogar, ayúdame a recordar a aquellos que no tienen ningún hogar; Cuando esté sin dolor, ayúdame a recordar a los que sufren, y recordando, ayúdame a destruir mi complacencia; mi compasión es mejor, y estar lo suficientemente preocupado para ayudar; Con palabras y hechos, aquellos que claman por lo que damos por sentado. Amén.

- Samuel F. Pugh



Oración de San Miguel

San Miguel Arcángel, defiéndenos en la batalla. Sé nuestro amparo contra las perversidades 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.

Una misa en la forma extraordinaria (misa en latín tradicional) se celebra el segundo domingo de cada mes a las 11:15 am, en el Santuario Nacional de Nuestra Señora de Czestochowa. Esta misa se lleva a cabo con la aprobación de la Arquidiócesis y cumple con su obligación de misa dominical. Todos nuestros invitados a asistir.



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 y los domingos, 12:30 - 12:50pm

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 bherrerera@archphila.org o hispcath@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

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“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.

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ACTIVIDADES Y FORMACIÓN EN LA FE

Catecismo para Niños Todos los niños que son estudiantes en la escuela pública y no han recibido el sacramento de Confirmación necesitan registrarse en el programa de educación religiosa para continuar su formación en la fe católica. Cada parroquia ofrece un programa de educación religiosa continua desde el primer nivel hasta el octavo. Cada año, cada estudiante necesita registrarse otra vez para la próxima clase. Para más información o ayuda con el registro, favor contactar a la directora de educación religiosa de San Estanislao, Sra. Leona Russell, a 215.855.9893 o ststansprep@yahoo.com. **Registren ahora para prepararse por las clases que empezarán en Septiembre.**

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¿Cómo le devolveré al Señor todo el bien que me ha hecho? (Sal. 116:2)
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¡Que Dios les bendiga!
Gracias por su generosidad y oraciones.

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