

A D V E N T

St. Stanislaus Roman Catholic Church • The Fourth Sunday of Advent: December 23, 2018



“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.”

--Luke 1:42

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Today: Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; kmlaLk 1:39-45
Monday: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25
Tuesday: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18
Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20: 1a, 2-8
Friday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:41-52

PASTORAL STAFF

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Pastor Emeritus
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Deacon Charles G. Lewis
Deacon Juan E. Valentín

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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

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

The Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 23, 2018

7:00pm Los Pasadas @ Chapel and Lobby Rm
No additional community events scheduled this week in the Parish Center. Mass times for the Christmas Vigil and Christmas Day are below.

Monday, December 24

4:00pm Mass @ Church
6:00pm Mass @ Church
8:00pm Mass @ Church
10:00pm Mass @ Church (Spanish)

Tuesday, December 25

9:00am Mass @ Church
11:00am Mass @ Church

The Parish Center will close at noon on December 24. As always, the Adoration Chapel will remain open throughout the week. We hope that you stop in for peaceful time with Christ.

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.
Parish Center Phone: 215.855.3133*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

The Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 23, 2018

7:00am Howard B. Spofford, Jr.
Requested by Howard B. Spofford, III and Family

9:00am Ernie Williams
Requested by his wife, Roseann and Family

11:00am Manantonia Izzi
Requested by The Schroding Family

Monday
4:00pm Geraldine Burns
Requested by Joe and Eileen Holmes

6:00pm Intentions of those in the Military
Requested by the Parish

8:00pm Amelia Vare
Requested by Carmen Vare

10:00pm Vigil Mass in Spanish: No Intentions
The Nativity of Our Lord

Tuesday
9:00am Mildred and Nicola Florentino
Requested by Carmen Vare

11:00am Soledad Almeyda
Requested by Dolly Alzona

Wednesday
6:30am Little Flower Class of 1958
Requested by a member of the class

8:00am Sally Hendricks
Requested by John and Mary McNulty

Thursday
6:30am Sally Hendricks
Requested by Mary Ann Korpicz

8:00am Deceased members of the McNulty and O'Brien Family
Requested by John and Mary McNulty

Friday
6:30am Sally Hendricks
Requested by Penny and Richard Mitchell

8:00am Sr. Martha. R.A.
Requested by the Assumption Sisters

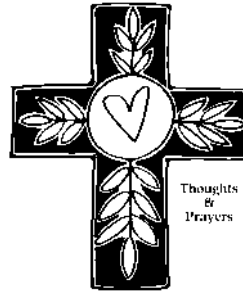
Saturday
8:00am Maria Rosa Rocco
Requested by the Rocco Family

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, Dec. 30

7:00am Ben and Gabrielle Novia (anniv. rem.)
Requested by the Miller Family

9:00am Hank Grusser
Requested by his wife, Bea and grand daughter, Amber

11:00am Theresa Scherer
Requested by the Derescavage Family



Please pray for the sick who carry the cross of illness especially: Angelo Cancelliere, Laura Davis, James DePaul, Bobby DiNenna, Anthony DiTroia, Joseph Flaherty, Betty Gilbert, Terri Gurecki, Thomas Kelly, Carol Kerr, Bernadette Kubej, Greg Lipschultz, Ann Loeffler, Pat Lynch, Denise McCoy, 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. Sciuillo, Barbara Smiley, Anne Stasheff, Marianne Stockert, Joyce Thomas, Mary Veneziale, Marilyn Wagner, Steven Wyourl, William Wyourl, 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 **Celena Rodriguez Guarna**, at the request of her mother, **Barbara Rodriguez**.

The Sanctuary Candle in the Parish Center Chapel burns this week in memory of **Roth Family** at the request of the family.

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.

Advent Penance Services in the Local Area:

In case you were unable to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Stanislaus last week, listed below are the dates and times of pre-Christmas confessions at neighboring parishes:

Monday, December 24, 2018: Mary, Mother of the Redeemer, Montgomeryville – 11am to 12 noon

Saturday, December 22, 2018: Mary, Mother of the Redeemer, Montgomeryville – 4pm to 4:45pm and 7pm to 8pm

Monday, December 24, 2018: Mary, Mother of the Redeemer, Montgomeryville – 11am to 12 noon



“10-Minute Catechism” Program

The next session will be held THIS WEEK, December 23, after the 9am Mass. We will begin right after Mass is over, and the session will be completed in only 10 minutes! Join Fr. Ravert and learn something new about our faith!



Dear friends / Estimados amigos,

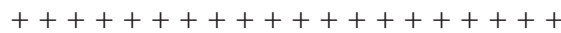
The gift of faith is what makes the Scriptures for this last Sunday in Advent enlightening and important for you and me. Indeed, for the whole season of Advent which we will conclude shortly, the rich scriptural traditions and individuals who have become synonymous with these days would be insignificant without the grace of believing. Their stories would have little impact on real life, reduced to the level of Rudolph, Frosty, or Santa. Bethlehem itself would be just a little village about nine miles from Jerusalem where pilgrims could buy animals to offer as sacrifices in the temple. The town would be a good place for a shepherd to make a good, decent living. Aside from that, Jesus’ “hometown” had nothing much else going for itself.

Without the responsiveness to the grace of believing, Mary seems like just another unfortunate, unwed mother about to bring a child into an unsympathetic world. Her story about her mysterious conception was almost too much for her husband, Joseph, to bear . . . so much that he decided to divorce her quietly. Non-believers would see the practicality in that decision. Mary’s visit to Elizabeth was simply a matter of a young woman reaching out to a pregnant older relative. The leaping of the child in her womb would have little significance for those with no faith.

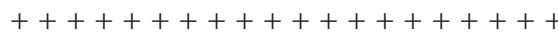
Thankfully we who live lives under the blessing of believing find ourselves most fortunate in celebrating this holy season. Faith gives us eyes to see and appreciate the Christ-event as the moment for which all of human history has prepared and from which we can find a meaningful, hopeful and purposeful future. We can look to lesser known prophets like Micah and listen with eagerness at the now-familiar story of God’s love for His people, which is repeated in our day. Now we appreciate Bethlehem (which means “house of bred” in its seemingly take notice of those taking part in God’s plan. There in that humble town of David would be born the One who would be peace for the world and a healer for the physical and spiritual wounded.

God’s peace would only be established at a precious cost. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews in the second reading not as the victim of Jewish rejection or Roman tyranny, but as one whose utter surrender to God and God’s will included the offering of His very self. That self offering makes the former covenant pale in comparison. The Hebrews’ author keeps us mindful that it is an adult Christ whose return we await. Good Friday’s laments are always within earshot of Christmas’ joyous Glorias.

With the gift of faith to enlighten us, we can look also to today’s Gospel, where the meeting of the mother of Jesus and the mother of John represents the coalescence of the two testaments. All that has been promised in the Hebrew Scripture finds its fulfillment in the Good News of Jesus. Leaping in Elizabeth’s womb, John expresses the job of all who await the birth of Christ and the redemption Jesus will accomplish. With God, all things are possible . . . thank goodness for that.



It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas. With your help, we can say the same thing about the sanctuary and Church of St. Stanislaus. Once again, we entreat your help, especially by those men and young men of the Parish who can assist with the heavy lifting tasks associated with Christmas decorating. The plan is to stage things in the outside courtyard between parish center and Church and in the Parish Center meeting room so that they can be placed out in the sanctuary starting immediately on Sunday after the Spanish-language Mass (around 2:15 – 2:30 **If you are able, please consider lending a hand for a part or all of the decorating Sunday.** Many hands make for light work! Thanks in advance for your consideration.



All of us at St. Stanislaus wish you and your families the very best in these upcoming days. We look forward to celebrating Christmas with you at Mass on Tuesday night and Wednesday. The holy day schedule is included in this week’s bulletin and in the Christmas letter you should have received at your home. With joyful anticipation we await the birth of the Lord!

HAVE A GOOD WEEK EVERYONE. MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Need a Last Minute Christmas Stocking Stuffer?
This weekend, December 22 and 23, the Knights of Columbus, Pius IX Council, will be selling their lucky Number Club 2019 lottery calendars after all Masses at both St. Maria Goretti and St. Stanislaus Church. Please look for us at the Narthex at St. Maria Goretti and outside of the Adoration Chapel at St. Stanislaus. Tickets are \$15 and are good for the entire 2019 year. These make great last minute holiday gifts and stocking stuffers. Further information available at *Events* section of www.koc4396.org or contact Info@koc4396.org.

Saint Stanislaus Play Group: 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!
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. Questions? Contact us at 215-855-3133 and Linda Augustine will be in touch!



Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration: St. Katharine Drexel Adoration Chapel

Restore us,
 O Lord God of hosts;
 let your face shine,
 that we may be saved.
 -Psalm 80:19

**Immediate Urgent Needs:
 Sunday 4am, Saturday at 3am and 2pm**

Thursday: 12am, 1am, 2am, 3am, 6am, 7am, 9am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 9pm
 Friday: 12am, 1am, 2am, 3am, 8am, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm, 7pm, 8pm, 10pm

All hours of need are available at www.stanislaus.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

**Christmas In Heaven
 By Wanda Bencke**



I see the countless Christmas trees
 around the world below
 With tiny lights, like Heaven's stars,
 reflecting on the snow
 The sight is so spectacular,
 please wipe away the tear
 For I am spending Christmas
 with Jesus Christ this year.

I hear the many Christmas songs
 that people hold so dear
 But the sounds of music can't compare
 with the Christmas choir up here.
 I have no words to tell you,
 the joy their voices bring,
 For it is beyond description,
 to hear the angels sing.

I know how much you miss me,
 I see the pain inside your heart
 But I am not so far away,
 we really aren't apart.
 So be happy for me, dear ones,
 you know I hold you dear.
 And be glad I'm spending Christmas
 with Jesus Christ this year.

**The Bereavement Ministry of St. Stans and Mary,
 Mother of the Redeemer Parishes**
 Next Bereavement Support Group: **January 10, 2019**,
 10am at MMR, 7pm at St. Stanislaus

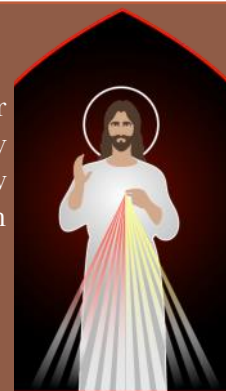
Children's Liturgy of the Word: At the 11am Mass, we offer Kindergarten through 2nd grade children the week's readings and an age-appropriate reflection in the Parish Center Chapel, led by trained catechists and assistants. Children will be called to the front of the Church prior to the first reading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



Diary 1777

"My daughter, I desire that your heart be an abiding place of My mercy. I desire that this mercy flow out upon the whole world through your heart."

-Words of Jesus to St. Faustina



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.

Charismatic Prayer Group Begins Again! Starting January 9, 2019, we'll meet at 2pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in the Parish Center Chapel. "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans...to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you." -Jeremiah 29: 11,12 NRSV



Intellectual Disabilities and Autism Help-Line: Do you need help accessing services and supports for someone with an intellectual disability or Autism? A collaboration of Catholic Social Services-Developmental Programs, The Office for Persons with Disabilities and the Schools of Special Education of the Archdiocese is offering this convenient help-line to assist families connect to disabilities services provided by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. **To reach the Help-Line call: 484.472.5041**

Spiritual Support for Addiction: Hope in Christ
Seeking spiritual support in the journey towards recovery? Many parishes around the Archdiocese are extending God's merciful and loving hand to those who have an addiction as well as their families and loved ones. The Hope in Christ: Spiritual Support for Addiction webpage provides a central location for resources, ongoing support, events, and testimonies that are happening throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Visit archphila.org/hope for new postings for Catholic resources available to you or a loved one.

Save the Date! Vocation Office 2019 Events:
Cassock Classic (Young Adults): April 6 @ St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
BBVC (Middle School): June 20 @ St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
Quo Vadis (High School): June 24-27 @ Black Rock Retreat Center
Catholic Scholars (High School): July 8-18 @ St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
Interested in any of these events? Contact smatour@archphila.org

St. Stanislaus Parish "GIFT" Program
Growing In Faith Together

Tuesday, January 8, at 7:00 pm
St. Stanislaus Parish Center



Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus In the Holy Land
Presented by: Deacon Tony Bellitto

Join Deacon Tony Bellitto as he describes his Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in Israel. Come experience a virtual tour through pictures, as Deacon Tony shares what it was like to visit the holiest places in our Catholic faith. You'll see the site of Christ's crucifixion and the empty tomb, the Garden of Gethsemane, and the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem, the place of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, the baptism site in the Jordan River, Peter's house in Capernaum, the site of the first miracle at Cana, the Sea of Galilee, the Mount of Beatitudes, Caesarea Philippi, the site of the Annunciation in Nazareth, as well as Jericho, and the Dead Sea. Watch the Bible scenes come to life through a travelogue of photos from this unforgettable pilgrimage experience.



The Spanish Community paid homage to Our Lady of Guadalupe on her Feast Day: December 12. The beautiful presentation of Our Lady (pictured left) was erected and the Church opened for visitors. Special thanks to Bishop Deliman who presided over the solemn procession and the concluding Mass.



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 Child Care Center: 215.799.2211
 Email info: childcare@materdeicatholic.com

Academic Congrats! Congratulations to Mater Dei's **Rose Mazzeo** for her earned acceptance and scholarship to Gwynedd-Mercy Academy! Rose demonstrated a commitment to academic excellence, the service of others, and deepening of her Catholic faith. Congratulations Rose! Mater Dei Pride!

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, feel free to reach out to us via email at childcare@materdeicatholic.com or call us at 215.799.2211.



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.



Academic All Stars! Lansdale Catholic High School is pleased to announce that the following St. Stanislaus parishioners students have achieved Academic honors for the First Quarter of the school year. Great job!

First Honors

Daniel Fitzgerald, Matthew Harryn,
 Aidan Moore, Iris Young

Second Honors

Taylor Brauning, Sydney Campbell, Daniel Clark,
 Erin Clark, Autumn DeBoer, Gretchen DeBoer,
 Allison Dougherty, Brendan Keyser, Dana Pezzuti,
 Caitlin Quinn, Benjamin Schimony, Jenna Stubbs,
 Sean Sweeney, and Julia Ussai.



A Big "Thank You" to all who came out to listen on December 9 when the St. Stanislaus Music Ministry performed their Christmas Concert, "Make a Joyful Noise!" Santa even took a break from his busy schedule to stop by! All who attended enjoyed the beautiful seasonal selections, voices, and accompaniments.

Event for Women: A Day of Healing with *You are Made New Ministry* — **Saturday, January 12, 9am - 8pm.** Do you struggle with anxiety, feeling overwhelmed, self-doubt, self-criticism? Come! Let the Lord meet you right where you are and guide you forward. Retreat activities include inspiring talks, community-building, healing prayer, personal reflection, music and more. This is a wonderful opportunity for any woman seeking healing and freedom from adverse patterns or habits - of body, mind, and emotion – in order to live fully in the love and freedom that the Lord desires for us. Facilitated by De Yarrison, CPCC and Fr. Stephen Del. To be held at Pope John Paul II High School in Royersford, PA. To learn more and to register, go to: <https://youaremadenew.com/healing-retreats/>

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.

St. Genevieve Parish Pro-Life Lecture: January 10 at 7pm. Join us as we welcome **Marie Joseph, Founding Executive Director of Legacy of Life Foundation & Women's Crisis Pregnancy Centers.** The pro-life community rightfully focuses on Roe v. Wade. But whether Roe is reversed or not, our pro-life goal won't be achieved unless we convert the culture, the work primarily of the laity. This lecture will focus on the role of the laity & offer suggestions on the ways we can best work to convert the culture, especially on life issues.

St. Genevieve Parish Church is located in Flourtown. If you have questions about this session, please call the rectory at 215.836.2828.

Spiritual Enrichment Programs Offered by St. Philip Neri Catholic Family Life Center in Pennsburg, PA. Free programs on various topics! No registration necessary. Questions? Call 215.679.2237.

Jan 4, 7 to 8:30pm - **Sacraments Series** (Holy Orders)
Jan 8, 7 to 8pm - **American Saints: Blessed Stanley Francis Rother**

Series: True Reformers of the Catholic Reformation. All sessions begin at 7pm.

Jan 15: **St. Ignatius of Loyola**

Jan 22: **St. Thomas More**

Jan 29: **St. Philip Neri**

January 25, 7pm: **Letting Love In.** Nina Marie Corona, Founder of AFIRE® explores acceptance as one of the keys to spiritual freedom and inner peace. Accepting ourselves, others, and accepting how God loves us. January 25 from 7 to 8pm.

Join us for a Catholic Comedy Show ~ "Bible Bingo," A Comedy of God, Games & Goofy Prizes. Saturday, January 26 at 7pm. Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Gym, in Hilltown. Tickets \$25 per person. Online tickets are available for purchase at www.olsh-hilltown.com/parish100biblebingo/ If you have questions, please call the OLSH Rectory at (215) 822-9224 or olsh@comcast.net.

Pre-Cana Workshop at St. Jude Parish: St. Jude Parish offers a fun, engaging and instructional Marriage Preparation day for engaged couples. Our day is designed to assist couples prepare for a strong, successful, lifelong marriage in a joy-filled, welcoming, environment. The sessions are held at St. Jude School located at 323 West Butler Avenue, Chalfont, PA 18914. **Our next session is scheduled for Saturday, February 16.** Please contact the Rectory with questions or to register at: 215.822.0179 office@stjudechalfont.org



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:

January 2019

Tuesday, January 8: Bible Study at St. Rose of Lima, North Wales, 7pm

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

Tuesday January 22: Holy Hour @ Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, North Wales, 7pm

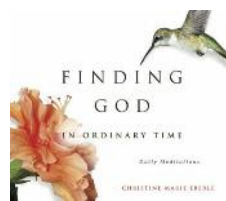
Saturday, January 26: Service Project @ Cradles to Crayons, Conshohocken **** (Pre-registration required)****



Retrouvaille for Stressed or Troubled Marriages, February 8-10: Join us for

a healing program that offers a welcoming and loving space to married couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope that it is not too late for a different and better marriage. For more information, visit the Malvern Retreat House website:

www.malvernretreat.com/events/retrouvaille-married-couples/



Local Author Publishes Timely Book: Are you looking for a meaningful Christmas present to give? Something that feeds the spirit, even for those who do not come to Church? *Finding God in Ordinary Time* is a new book by Christine Eberle, Director of Campus Ministry at Gwynedd Mercy University. It contains four weeks of daily meditations based on true stories, guiding readers across four "terrains" where the presence of God may be spotted in everyday life. Each chapter includes questions for personal reflection and a Scripture quote to hold onto throughout the day. Featuring endorsements by Fr. James Martin, SJ, and Bro. Mickey McGrath, OSFS, this lovely gift book feeds the faithful while offering spiritual nourishment to those skeptical or weary of religion. It retails for \$19.95. To learn more, visit christine-marie-eberle.com or any online bookseller.



MINISTERIO HISPANO
El cuarto domingo de Adviento:
23 de diciembre de 2018

¡Aquí está! El último domingo de Adviento. Mañana por la noche, daremos la bienvenida al nacimiento del niño con alegría y devoción. Pero ¿qué pasa hoy? Muchos padres y familias probablemente se estén preguntando qué preparativos de último momento deben hacer antes de Navidad. Hoy puede significar correr a la tienda de comestibles, a la juguetería o limpiar la casa, decorar el árbol o un millón de otras cosas. Pero ¿qué pasa con nuestra preparación espiritual? ¿Están nuestros corazones listos para abrazar el amor del niño cristo este año? Hemos tenido cuatro semanas para prepararnos, pero como muchas otras cosas durante las vacaciones, es posible que hayamos suspendido esa preparación hasta el último momento. No te preocupes. Todavía hay tiempo para hacer alguna preparación. Un simple ejercicio espiritual que puede abrir nuestros corazones a Cristo, la familia y los amigos para la Navidad es contar nuestras bendiciones. En lugar de preocuparnos por lo que queremos para Navidad o lo que otros quieren, hoy puede ser un día en el que le demos gracias a Dios por los regalos más importantes que ya hemos recibido. ¡Gracias Señor por mi fe! ¡Gracias Señor por mi familia, mi salud, mi trabajo! La lista podría durar días. Pero no tiene que hacerlo. Hoy, entre esos viajes de último minuto a la tienda o limpiar la casa, tome un breve momento y agradezca a Dios en silencio por algunos de los regalos que le ha dado. Cuando compre comida para la cena, agrádezcalle por proporcionarle la comida a su familia. Cuando envuelve un regalo para su hijo, agradezca a Dios por el regalo que su hijo tiene en su vida. Cuando esté limpiando la casa, ¡gracias a Dios que tienes un lugar para vivir! La preparación de último minuto, y tal vez la preparación más importante para la Navidad es la gratitud. ¡Feliz Navidad!

Pax et Bonum+Paz y Todo lo Bueno,
Padre Carlos

Contactos Padre Carlos 215.855.3133 ext. 111 al
Centro Parroquial de San Estanislao.

¿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

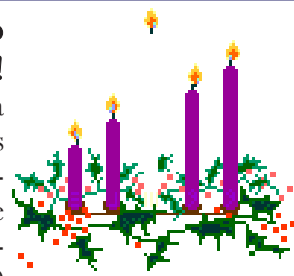
¿Te gustaría incluir a toda la familia?

¡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.

Adviento, Navidad y Año Nuevo - ¡Oh Dios mío!

Tenga en cuenta que, debido a los plazos anticipados de los días feriados, cierta información no estará disponible para las publicaciones del Boletín del 23 de diciembre, 30 de diciembre y 6 de enero. La información del tesoro, los recuerdos y las solicitudes de línea de oración se publicarán en el Boletín del 13 de enero. ¡Gracias por su comprensión!



El Centro Parroquial estará cerrado el lunes 24 de diciembre al mediodía y para el día de Navidad. También estaremos cerrados antes de las 12 del mediodía del 31 de diciembre y el día de Año Nuevo. ¡Oremos para que todos nuestros feligreses y sus familias tengan una fiesta bendecida y hermosa! Si está de viaje, ore para que llegue a su destino de vacaciones de manera segura.

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 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

“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.**

Gran oportunidad de servicio y de trabajo: Servicios Sociales Católicos está buscando Foster Care Families (Familias de acogida) que hablen español y empleados bilingües para un nuevo programa de servicio a los niños no acompañados Servicios Sociales Católicos (CSS por sus siglas en inglés) está lanzando un nuevo programa para atender a niños no acompañados que han cruzado nuestras fronteras sureñas con México y América Central. Estos niños han viajado solos o con «coyotes» pagados y han sido aprehendidos por agentes de frontera de Estados Unidos y luego colocados en la custodia de la Oficina de Reasentamiento de Refugiados de Estados Unidos (U.S. Office of Refugee Resettlement).

A través de un contrato con la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos, CSS proporcionará la colocación en hogares de acogida a corto plazo, educación y servicios de apoyo a estos niños hispanohablantes de 5 a 12 años. El programa estará ubicado en un sitio CSS en Northeast Philadelphia y proporcionará transporte diario a los niños a la casa de las familias de acogida dentro de una distancia razonable. Los niños vivirán con una familia durante aproximadamente 45 días, y durante el cual se organizará una ubicación más permanente. CSS está buscando familias bilingüe o de habla hispana dispuestas a acoger un nuevo niño cada cierta cantidad de meses durante uno o dos años. Se suministra ayuda económica para cubrir el costo de la atención que estas familias de acogida proporcionan a estos niños.

Servicios Sociales Católicos también estará contratando nuevos empleados para trabajar con estos niños cuya mayoría ha experimentado trauma significativo en su jornada. Los puestos de trabajo incluyen administradores de casos, terapeutas, maestros, y maestros de ESL inglés como segunda lengua), así como varias posiciones de apoyo. Capacidad bilingüe (español-inglés) requerida o preferida para la mayoría de las posiciones.

Si usted está interesado en solicitar para una de estas posiciones de trabajo o de obtener la certificación para cuidar niños (foster care provider), por favor póngase en contacto con Robert Montoro en rmontoro@chs-adphila.org o 267-331-2443 para obtener más información.

La información del tesoro no estará disponible hasta el 6 de enero debido a la temporada de vacaciones



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