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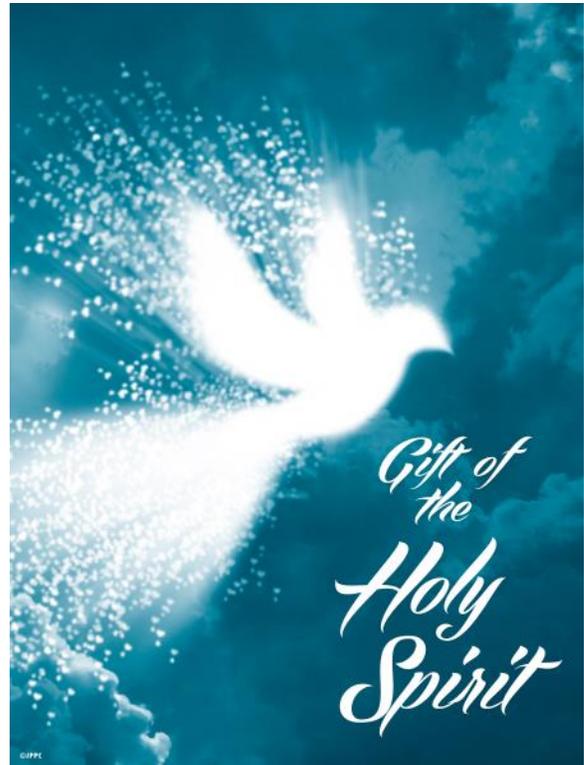
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January 13, 2019 The Baptism of the Lord

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

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.

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*¡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

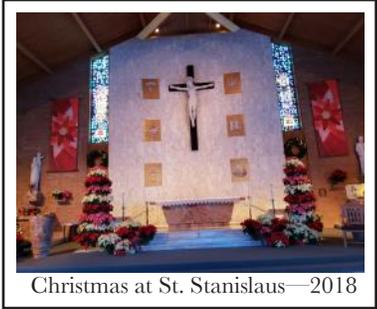
Sunday: 8:30am to 1pm

*Priests are available after office hours for the pastoral care of the dying by calling 215.368.0220.*

Dear friends / Estimados amigos,

As this is the first pastor note that I have written “on schedule” for quite awhile (they had to be done in advance due to Christmas and New Year’s holidays), I want to express best wishes to you all for a HAPPY AND BLESSED 2019! May it be filled with God’s blessings for you and your family!

Additionally, I thank *everyone* who had a hand in preparing the Church for Christmas and for dis-assembling things last week. Everything looked great, and since I had not seen last year’s decorations, it was all new to me. The two shepherd banners on the sides of the sanctuary were new this year, but everything else was practically a repeat from last year (except for the addition of the pink poinsettias). Set-up went very smoothly and we averted a major catastrophe by repairing the head of one of the Nativity pieces. Next year I will check into whether the manufacturer has introduced any new statues to the Nativity scene. None of those decorations would be possible without the generous support of parishioners who used the “Flower Envelope” in the Christmas mailing. Thanks to you, the sanctuary was beautiful!



Christmas at St. Stanislaus—2018

There will be some new things added *back* to the Church very soon. We have had the unfortunate experience of having several people trip on their way up or down the bottom step on their way to doing a reading, particularly at weddings, funerals, and with people unfamiliar with the parish. Although there is a thick dark band on the floor just before the step, more than a few have stumbled, causing major panic with the presiders and those in Church when it happens. To better accentuate the fact that there is a step, we will be re-installing portions of the *original* altar rail on the bottom step near the side altars. Luckily we still have the railing when it extended across the whole sanctuary. We are only adding about 6’ on both sides, in front of the St. Joseph and the Blessed Mother altars. This should stop the stumbles.

Demolition for the new bathrooms started this past Wednesday. It is an exciting time; hopefully things will go without surprises and we can have new facilities before Lent begins. There will be some new, notable appointments that were donated to the Parish about a year ago which we will be able to highlight in the new lobby. Two prints by Jacob Landau, a renowned artist have been waiting to be hung! More about them and the artist will be forthcoming when the time approaches for their placement. We appreciate your cooperation in using the Parish Center bathrooms if needed during this brief construction phase. You will have to exit to the parking lot and enter through the parish center front doors. It will be a trek, so try not to drink too much before Masses, or use before or after Mass begins/ends. (Jeez, I sound like my mother on that little piece of advice!)

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### ***A Message from the Archbishop of Philadelphia: Catholic Relief Services Collection***

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Fulfilling the Church’s mission of mercy and the gospel call to love others as we love God, The Catholic Relief Services (CRS) collection funds Catholic agencies that work for the benefit of our brothers and sisters around the world. In providing humanitarian aid, resettling displaced individuals and families, and advocating on behalf of victims of atrocities such as human trafficking, the organizations supported by the CRS collection act from their belief that every individual is an equal heir of Christ’s love and care.



The annual Catholic Relief Services collection challenges American Catholics to put their faith into action and to see “Jesus in disguise” in the faces of the poor, and to support ongoing efforts to respond to their needs. The funds collected support vital Catholic programs that share in the Catholic mission of promoting the sacredness of human life. A small amount from the collection is retained by the Archdiocese to help cover local efforts to promote the collection.

The collection will be taken up in the parishes of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia the weekend of January 19 and 20. The American Catholic community, and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia on particular, have always responded very generously to this annual collection.

I am grateful to you for your compassionate response. May you be blessed for your faithfulness to living the Gospel and recognizing Jesus in those in need.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

***+ Most Revered Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.***  
Archbishop of Philadelphia

# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Today: Is 40:1-11; Ti 2:11-14/3:4-7; Lk 3:15-22  
Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20  
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; 1:21-28  
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39  
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45  
Friday: Heb 4:1-5. 11; Mk 2:1-12  
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17  
Sunday: Is 62:1-5; 1Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

## SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

### The Baptism of the Lord: January 13, 2019

10:00am First Communicants Hospitality  
@Lobby Rm  
12:00pm Secular Franciscans @ Cahill Rm

### Monday, January 14

7:00pm Legion of Mary Curia @ Murray Rm  
7:30pm Altar and Rosary @ Lobby Rm

### Tuesday, January 15

7:00pm Hispanic Prayer Group @ Chapel

### Wednesday, January 16

9:30am Food Cupboard @ Lobby Rm  
6:30pm Boy Scouts Adults @ Cahill Rm  
7:30pm Cub Scouts @ Shade Rm

### Thursday, January 17

1:30pm Legion of Mary @ Cahill Rm  
6:45pm BINGO @ MDCS Gym  
7:00pm New Beginnings @ Lobby Rm

### Friday, January 18

*No Community Events Scheduled in the Parish Center*

### Saturday, January 19

8:30am Confessions @ Church  
4:00pm Confessions @ Church

### The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: Jan 20, 2019

*No Community Events Scheduled in the Parish Center*

Do you have questions about the information above?  
Contact the Parish Center at 215-855-3133 and press  
"0" to speak with the Receptionist.

**2018 Record of Contribution Letters:** We will send your 2018 Record of Contribution Letter via email this year. If you do not receive the letter by January 16, please call the Parish Center at 215.855.3133 and dial extension 108 for Trish Cunningham, our Records Coordinator.

**Treasure Information:** Due to early Bulletin deadlines over the holidays, treasure information was not updated.

### **Weekly Parish Collections:**

|                          |                         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Dec. 1, 2018: \$12,440   | Dec. 17, 2017: \$16,332 |
| Dec. 23, 2018: \$12,823  | Dec. 24, 2017: \$11,966 |
| Dec. 30, 2018: \$10,998  | Dec. 30, 2017: \$13,852 |
| Christmas 2018: \$37,824 | 2017: \$45,852          |
| Jan. 6, 2019: \$12,475   | Jan. 7, 2018: \$13,054  |

### **Electronic and Other Contributions:**

|                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Dec. 16, 2018: \$8,426   | Dec. 17, 2017: \$3,272   |
| Dec. 23, 2018: \$6,131   | Dec. 24, 2017: \$10,149  |
| Dec. 30, 2018: \$5,957   | Dec. 30, 2017: \$4,567   |
| Christmas 2018: \$13,837 | 2017: \$13,412           |
| January 6, 2019: \$7,257 | January 7, 2018: \$3,135 |

### **Envelope and loose check donations:**

December 16: *Contributed by 366 envelopes and 5 loose checks (non parishioner).*  
December 23: *Contributed by 382 envelopes and 5 loose checks (non parishioner).*  
Christmas: *Contributed by 519 envelopes and 11 loose checks (non parishioner).*  
December 30: *Contributed by 350 envelopes and 5 loose checks (non parishioner).*  
January 6: *Contributed by 388 envelopes and 9 loose checks (non parishioner).*

### **Parish Building Improvements:**

|                        |                        |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| Dec. 16, 2018: 1,573   | Dec. 17, 2017: 1,864   |
| Dec. 23, 2018: 2,215   | Dec. 24, 2017: 1,803   |
| Dec. 30, 2018: 1,494   | Dec. 30, 2017: 1,521   |
| January 6, 2019: 1,905 | January 7, 2018: 1,521 |

### **Major Bills Paid Since December 2, 2018:**

|                                                                                      |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Payroll & Related                                                                    | \$31,894 |
| Altar Supplies :                                                                     | \$1,514  |
| <b>Financial Commitment to Mater Dei Catholic School</b><br>(Year-to-date payments): | \$55,000 |

## 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](http://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.*



# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### The Baptism of the Lord: January 13, 2019

7:00am Patricia Gehris  
*Requested by the Marrone Family*

9:00am Marie Mastromatto  
*Requested by Michael, Marla, Roseann, and Bea*

11:00am Luis Borlando  
*Requested by the Husson Family*

### Monday

6:30am Margaret Shuster  
*Requested by Cathy and Jack DeFusco*

8:00am Edward J. Ceglia (*first anniv*)  
*Requested by his daughter, Nicole Kovacs*

### Tuesday

6:30am Margaret Shuster  
*Requested by Jeanette Sickel*

8:00am France and Mary Gribbin  
*Requested by Jack Kling*

### Wednesday

6:30am Thomas Koneski  
*Requested by Susan and Charles Koneski*

8:00am James McDonald  
*Requested by his wife, Catherine*

### Thursday

6:30am Regina Volpe  
*Requested by Jeannette Sickel*

8:00am Rudolf Berger  
*Requested by Norm Berger*

### Friday

6:30am Nancy Mahon  
*Requested by Nancy Bergey and Family*

8:00am Richard Wilson (*Memorial anniv*)  
*Requested by his wife, Marie*

### Saturday

8:00am Intentions of the Religious of the Assumption in the United States  
*Requested by a the Assumption Sisters in honor of their 100th Jubilee Year*

### The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 20, 2019

7:00am Deceased members of the Rooney Family  
*Requested by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Niesley, Jr.*

9:00am Peter Aton  
*Requested by Judy Souders*

11:00am Maria Goretti Trang Nguyen  
*Requested by the Parents of Trang Nguyen*



Please pray for the sick who carry the cross of illness especially: Alice Jane Bell, Angelo Cancelliere, William C. Cherry, Sr., James DePaul, Anthony DiTroia, Terri Gurecki, Tom Hammer, Karen Haynie, Len Jakaitis, Thomas Kelly, Carol Kerr, Jamie Lynn Kline, Ann Loeffler, Pat Lynch,

Denise McCoy, John McCullagh, Shirley McGillicuddy, Tricia Miller, Michael Nacarella, Kristin O'Connor Zeigler, Jillian Preet, Donald Raymond, Ava Reese, Lydia Rey, Antonio Romano, Donald J. Romano, Lawrence A. Romano, Lucille C. Romano, Mary Ann Rota Lewis, John R. Sciallo, Barbara Smiley, Anne Stasheff, Joyce Thomas, Mary Venezia, 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](mailto:sstan@comcast.net)



The Sanctuary Candle in the Church burns this week in memory of **Gertrude Zimmerman** at the request of Anne and Karen Zimmerman on the 41st anniversary of her death.

The Sanctuary Candle in the Parish Center Chapel burns this week in memory of **Maureen Prokipchak** at the request of Ann Loeffler.

*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.*

**Rosary Service January 14:** The next rosary service is at **Lansdale Care and Rehab** Monday, January 14 at 2pm. All are welcome to join us in prayer.



**"10-Minute Catechism" Program** The next session will be held January 27, after the 9am Mass. We will begin right after Mass is over, and the session will be completed in only 10 minutes!

**We Remember our Deceased:**



Our parish family expresses prayerful condolences to the loved ones of: **Frank Bowser, Eileen Cross, Tara Lynn Noonan, and Shannon Ryan.**

**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.



**Start the New Year on a HIGH NOTE — Join the Choir!**

The Adult Choir is in need of your voice — particularly sopranos and basses. If you enjoy singing, contact Mary Gaus today at [tgm8@yahoo.com](mailto:tgm8@yahoo.com) or call 215.813.7448. Mary will be happy to answer your questions — if you are worried about the time commitment, fear not! We work very hard to accommodate difficult schedules. Prayerfully consider participation in this ministry.



**CYO Spring Sport Registration is Now Live!!**

Registration for CYO Spring Sports is now available at [www.wagdogs.com](http://www.wagdogs.com).



Spring Sports includes Track, Softball, Baseball and High School Volleyball. The deadline to register is February 15th after which a late fee will be assessed. Registration is only \$75! Avoid the late fee penalty and sign up now! For questions about CYO Spring Sports (or CYO in general) please contact Spring Sports Commissioner Joe Campbell: [joccampbell22@verizon.net](mailto:joccampbell22@verizon.net) or 267.337.2332.

**On-line LIVE Support Group for Adult Children of Divorce (Must be 18 or Older):**

Starts Thursday, January 31 at 8pm-9pm. Join us monthly on the Last Thursday of Every Month for a LIVE support group for adult children of divorce. Participants must be 18 years or older. Use your laptop or call-in! Presented by the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for Freedom, Family, and Faith. Prayer, Reflection, Sharing in a Safe Setting. Guided by the teachings of the Catholic Church. To learn more or to sign-up, email [director.srnf@gmail.com](mailto:director.srnf@gmail.com) and type THURSDAY in the title to receive sign-in link. Call/Text 215.870.9913 for more info.



**Coronas and Christ: 7pm Wednesday, January 16:**

Join us at Borghis Restaurant in Chalfont for *Coronas and Christ*, with faith, food, fun and friends! Attendance is free and food/drink are available for purchase. Adults of all ages are welcome. Come and learn about the Five Keys of Unbound, a simple process of prayer that can help you find freedom from the things that bind you! **Location:** Borghis Restaurant, 4 N Main Street, Chalfont, PA. **Presenter:** Meghan Cokeley, Director for the Office for the New Evangelization Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Contact Fr. Jeff Rott at St. Jude 215.822.0179 or [frjeffrott@stjudechalfont.org](mailto:frjeffrott@stjudechalfont.org) with questions.

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Today's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the "official" end of the Christmas season in the Church's liturgical year. The descent of the Holy Spirit onto Jesus and the voice of God from heaven mark the final epiphanies of the Christmas season. After all the work of putting up/taking down, throwing and attending parties, perhaps a visit to a long-distance family member or friend, some might feel that this is the time to settle down for that "long winter's nap" that Clement Moore immortalized in one of our favorite Christmas poems. The northern hemisphere is at its darkest. Lent comes in a few weeks. The Eagles cause us heart palpitations every January playoff game. Maybe it is time for a break (and another Vince Lombardi trophy!)

But today Isaiah, the prophet of Advent, reappears and wakes us up with the affirmation that all is NOT dark. Should not our hearts be filled with energy? The energy of God's promise to do the seemingly impossible: that "every valley shall be exalted; every mountain and hill made low?" National politics and world news will probably fill 2019 with rough country. But Isaiah is the prophet of hope. He tells his audience that **God** rules by a strong arm.

John the Baptist, the great saint of Advent, also makes a return appearance in today's readings. In the gospel account Jesus is no long the babe of Bethlehem. The Magi's visit is a dim memory. Now the adult Jesus is, by all casual glances, an average Jewish male, a blue-collar worker, living in an occupied country with high taxes, trying to make a living for himself and his widowed mother. When Jesus stands at the banks of the Jordan before John the Baptist, however, the air is shimmering with excitement and a spark of expectation, lit by John. Could Jesus be the One they have awaited?

Jesus reflects on what His baptism means for Him without us ever knowing His thoughts. Does He ponder going down into the water a symbolic death and his rising from it a forecasting of new life for him leading to His resurrection? We could ask the same questions of ourselves. Our baptism was not a "one time only" celebration. It stays with us throughout our lives. It carries the shadow of the Cross, along with the promise of new life leading to a share in Jesus' resurrection. Baptismal grace carries with us on our life journey. The heavens may not open for us, but our God is a God who is involved with us and close. We are never left alone in pain or suffering. God loves us with an unconditional love. Even in the darkest of times, God is there. Resurrection is always on the horizon.

HAVE A GOOD WEEK EVERYONE!

# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

## COMING IN FEBRUARY!

WANT TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT FOR THE UPCOMING LENTEN SEASON?

WANT TO LEARN AND UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE TO JEWS AND CHRISTIANS OF AN ANCIENT STORY OF VARIOUS GROUPS BECOMING A NATION?

WANT TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF SABBATH/SUNDAY WORSHIP?

If you answered “yes” to any of the above, consider signing up for the Parish’s next exploration of the Scriptures entitled *Exodus: Called to Freedom*. This remarkable study will take place over 11 weekly sessions beginning on February 3 and concluding on Palm Sunday (April 14). Each session except the first lasts 90 minutes. (The first session is an introduction and concludes earlier than the others.)

The sessions are scheduled for **Sunday mornings from 11am – 12:30pm**. Due to heavy usage of the Parish Center Meeting Room, the best day available was Sunday. Recognizing that this may require some would-be participants to change the Mass they usually attend, hopefully the different time will entice people who have difficult evening schedules to be able to participate. Watch the bulletin for further details of how to sign up for this study.

Do not worry if you have never gone to a Bible Study before! These sessions encourage involvement but at your own pace. The participant guidebook is an invaluable resource for the study and costs \$25. Do not let cost be an obstacle to your participation if you cannot afford it. See Msgr. Tracy for a reduced rate if there is a need.

**THINK ABOUT IT! BETTER UNDERSTANDING THE WORD OF GOD WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE!**

### Montgomery County Stand Up for Life Rally:

Sunday, January 27! Join us at 2pm at Epiphany of Our Lord Church in Plymouth Meeting. This rally will conclude by 3pm, followed by hospitality in the Church Narthex. Please attend, renew your pro-life commitment, and hear messages from local young adult leaders in the pro-life movement. Questions? Contact 215.393.3610 or email paprolifecoalition@gmail.com.

**Just in Time for New Year’s Resolutions! Girl Scout Cookies are BACK!** The Girl Scouts will be selling their famous cookies outside of Church starting NEXT WEEK! Be sure to check out their new flavors and gluten free options!



### Married couples -A Dinner to Celebrate Your Marriage

Come *celebrate your marriage* with a **catered dinner** followed by a *spiritually enriching talk led by Fr. Charles Ravert!* This event will be fun & inspiring, sure to be a blessing for your marriage! Make it an early Valentine for your valentine! **Last year sold out! So, don’t delay! Seating is limited. We expect it to be a sell out again!**

**Register by Jan 28<sup>th</sup>**

**When:** Friday, February 8, 2019

**Where:** Mater Dei School Cafeteria/Gym

**Time:** 6:30 pm – 9:00pm

**Cost:** \$35.00 per couple / **Dinner is B.Y.O.B.**

Questions, call: (215) 939-6732



To register please use the form provided below. Drop your completed form and payment to the Parish Center desk, or mail it to the Parish office at: 51 Lansdale Ave., Lansdale PA 19446 - **Attention: “Marriage Dinner Date Night”**

**Make checks payable to:** St. Stanislaus Parish/Please register by **Jan 28!**

Detach and return to Parish Center

**Attention: “Marriage Dinner & Reflection Date Night”**

Name of couple: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number years married: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Reminders:** \*Doors open at 6:00pm. Dinner served at 6:30pm – The event is **BYOB!**  
Sponsored by Saint Stanislaus Parish Evangelization Committee.



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Email [info@materdeicatholic.com](mailto:info@materdeicatholic.com)  
Website: [www.materdeicatholic.com](http://www.materdeicatholic.com)  
Child Care Center: 215.799.2211  
Email info: [childcare@materdeicatholic.com](mailto:childcare@materdeicatholic.com)

**“The sacredness of Christmas ... glory to God in the highest holy heavens, peace on earth and goodwill to all people.”**

Lailah Gifty Akita, Pearls of Wisdom: Great mind

The Christmas spirit is in the air all around us at Mater Dei ...

The story of the Nativity came to life in the most beautiful way as many students shared their gifts of song, dance, and prayer at our annual Christmas Pageant. Our Preschool and Kindergarten Children shared their gifts at their Happy Birthday Jesus Celebration while our older students showcased their musical talent at our Christmas Concert. Behind the scenes at Mater Dei, our Fifth Graders are shopping for a few families who need a little extra help this Christmas, many students have written letters for the Believe Campaign for Make-A-Wish Foundation, Mrs.

Claus and her elves visited our Childcare Center, and other students caroled at Manna on Main Street.

### Schedule a Tour at Mater Dei Catholic School and Enroll for the 2019-20 School Year!

All families with **Preschool to Grade 8** children are welcome to visit Mater Dei. **Preschool will fill up by January, so register now while space is available!** Tours are available and the Advancement Office can accommodate your schedule. Our Preschool and Kindergarten Programs have both Half and Full Day options! **Learn more about giving your child the gift of an exceptional Catholic education from a 2018 National Blue Ribbon School.** For more information, please contact the Advancement Office at 215-368-9787 or [gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com](mailto:gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com)



### Save the Date... “Super Heroes’ Breakfast”

On Sunday, February 3, Mater Dei will be hosting a “Super Heroes Breakfast” at St. Maria Goretti Parish. More details to follow!

### Parish Religious Education Program

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



We extend a special welcome to our **First Communion Candidates** and their families at the 9am Mass this weekend! The First Communion Candidates will receive a special blessing to assist them as they prepare to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. There are **74 children** who will receive their First Holy Communion on **Saturday, May 4 here at St. Stanislaus.** *Please continue to keep these children in your prayers, asking God to bless and guide them on their journey.*

*When are the Communicants receiving their sacraments this year? **Glad you asked!***

**First Reconciliation**, Thursday, February 7 @ 7 p.m.

**First Holy Communion**, Saturday, May 4 @ 10 a.m.

### Other important dates:

**January 30 and February 3** – Protecting God’s Children lessons in classrooms

**February 10** – 2020 Confirmation Candidates’ – meeting in the school after the 9am Mass (*Parents to attend with the candidates – letters will be coming home this week*)

**March 10** – First Communion Parent Reflection Morning at 10a.m. in the Chapel

(*Communicants will have a “behind the scenes” church tour while parents meet in the Chapel after the 9a.m. Mass.*)

### **Congratulations!**

The annual Catechist Awards’ Mass was celebrated at the Cathedral of Ss. Peter & Paul in Philadelphia this Saturday.

The following volunteers are receiving awards this year: **St. Pius X Award** – 10 years of Service: Kimberly Henning &

Tricia McLaughlin; **St. John Neumann Award** – 5 years of Service: Deacon Anthony Bellitto, Ruth Lastra, Amy Lyons, Susan McCoe, Christy Pope, Diza Ranile, Susan Scott, Alison Thomas-Steele

We express sincere gratitude to our award recipients and to all of our volunteers for the gift of faith that they are sharing with the children and their families!

*The Bereavement Ministry of MMR and St. Stanislaus:* The death of someone important to you—whether it is a spouse, a parent, a sibling, a friend, or a child—is a difficult and highly emotional experience. Your grief journey can be overwhelming or even confusing at times. The Bereavement Ministry of Mary, Mother of the Redeemer, in conjunction with St. Stanislaus Parish, is here to help you, guide you, and prayerfully support you as you heal. *The only people who think there is a time limit to grief, have never lost a piece of their heart. Take all the time you need.*



Mark your calendar for **Thursday, February 14, 2019**, when the MMR/St. Stan's Bereavement Support Group will meet to discuss "Surviving Stress and Loneliness." 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. Call Mary at 215.646.4192 for more information.

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**Saturday**  
**February 2, 2019**  
**Flame of Love**  
**Feast Day /Retreat**  
**at St. Mary Magdalen Parish**  
**Media, PA**

**Begins with :**  
**Holy Mass at 8:30 am**  
**First Saturday Devotions**  
**Teachings**  
**Bring your own Lunch**  
**Bring a Friend**  
**Concludes at 2:30 pm**



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

"O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!"

Opening Prayer to the Divine Mercy Chaplet

**Prayerfully consider committing to these hours of need in the adoration chapel:**

*Currently, no committed adorers serve these hours:*

*Sunday 4am Sunday 11pm*  
*Saturday 3pm Saturday 2pm*

Sunday: 12am, 1am, 2am, 3am, 4am, 6am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 7pm, 11pm

Saturday: 12am, 3am, 4am, 8am, 9am, 11am, 12pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 6pm, 7pm, 10pm

All hours of need are available at [www.ststanislaus.com](http://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](mailto:scgwindows@gmail.com)

**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, life-long marriage in a joy-filled, welcoming, environment. The sessions are held at St. Jude School located in Chalfont, PA. **Our next session is scheduled for Saturday, February 16.** Please contact the Rectory with questions or to register at: 215.822.0179 or email [office@stjudechalfont.org](mailto:office@stjudechalfont.org)

**Final Chance to Register! The March for Life in Washington DC** will be on Friday, January 18. Only \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 8th grade and under. The "out of parish" cost is \$35. The bus will depart from the Church parking lot at 7:15-7:30am and return by 9:30pm. For reservations or questions please contact Jeanne-Marie Motley at 215.393.1709. Checks made out to Respect Life Group. See you Friday!

**Attention Seniors: Check out these trips for 2019!** Contact Rosemary at 215.380.5382.

**Friday, March 15:** Doolans, Spring Lake, N.J. — St. Patrick Irish Festival. \$76/pp which includes bus transportation, a sit down lunch, open bar for 1 hour, and a show. Gratuities are also included! The bus leaves the Church lot at 8:45am.

**Wednesday, April 24:** Mt. Airy Resort Casino, Pocomos — \$56/pp which includes bus transportation, buffet lunch, a show, *Tribute to Bette Midler and Barry Manilow*, and a casino package. Gratuities are included! The bus leaves the Church lot at 8:45am.

**Wednesday, May 15:** Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre, Lancaster. \$78/pp includes the show *Camelot*, bus transportation, a buffet lunch, and gratuities. The bus leaves the Church lot at 9am.

**Thursday, June 20:** Smithville Inn, N.J. and Resorts Casino. \$58/pp includes bus transportation, lunch at the Inn, a casino package, and gratuities. The bus leaves Church lot at 9am.

*For casino trips, you must be over 21 and have a photo ID to obtain the casino package.*

**Saint Basil Academy 7th Grade Practice Exam:**

Saint Basil Academy will offer the 7th grade practice exam on Saturday, March 2 at 8am. Register online at [www.stbasilacademy.org](http://www.stbasilacademy.org). Visit our website to schedule a Shadow Day as well! For more information, please contact the Admissions Office at 215.649.9083.

**Low-cost Dental Exams!** Even without insurance!

We are dental hygiene students at Montgomery County Community College looking for patients for our final semester of the program. *Appointments are a bit longer than in a dentist office as all work is checked by the school's dentist or instructor.* On average patients will be in for 2 to 4 3.5 hour appointments — a time commitment, but prices are very competitive: Adults and children, \$20. Adults +55, \$15. MC3 students, \$10. Sealants are \$5 a tooth. X-rays \$15, alginate impressions and study models, \$10. Located in Blue Bell, please call Katherine Muscatello at 601.715.5969 or email at [kmuscatello.swim@gmail.com](mailto:kmuscatello.swim@gmail.com) to make an appointment!

**St. William is 100!** Please join us on Sunday, January 20th for the opening of St. William Parish's 100th anniversary year. Bishop Nelson Perez will be the celebrant at the 11:30am Mass in the Upper Church (6200 Rising Sun Avenue). This Mass will also be televised in the Lower Church and Communion will be distributed to those unable to go to the Upper Church.



**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](mailto:metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com) or visit [www.facebook.com/users/metanoiayoungadults](http://www.facebook.com/users/metanoiayoungadults). Upcoming events are below:

January 2019

**Tuesday January 15:** Theology on Tap @ Appalachian Brewing Co., Colledgeville; 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)\*\***

**Discernment Retreat on January 18, 6pm and January 20 at 1pm, Villa Maria House of Studies:**

Experience a weekend retreat at the IHM Motherhouse with the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary sisters and novices. Single young women ages 18-35 are invited to come for a weekend of prayer, spiritual conferences, meals, and times of recreation with the sisters. Daily Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, and Eucharistic adoration are included in our weekend retreat. Questions? Contact: 610.889.1553 or [ihmvoc@gmail.com](mailto:ihmvoc@gmail.com)

**Arcadia University Recycling and Repurposing Event:**

On Monday, January 21 from 10am to 3pm, Arcadia University in Glenside will hold their annual event that provides an opportunity for the community to clean up your house, apartment, or condo! **And it is ALL FREE!**



There will be secure shredding for hard drives and documents, e-waste disposal of electronics with a wall chord, and repurposing for unwanted items, clothes, etc. Take a look at our non-profit wish list so that we may collect as much as possible to benefit the local organizations giving back to our community.

Post holiday is always a wonderful time to clean out, and we are happy to take what you no longer need! More information and a detailed wish list for each organization, along side information about what can and can not be shred and collected can be found at: [arcadia.edu/MLKday](http://arcadia.edu/MLKday)

MINISTERIO HISPANO  
El Bautismo del Señor, 13 de enero de 2019

Desde hoy celebramos el Bautismo del Señor, pensé que sería útil compartir con ustedes la guía de la Ley Canónica que rige a los padrinos. Muy a menudo, las personas son rechazadas y no pueden ser padrinos porque no cumplen con los requisitos básicos. Una persona debe ser un católico practicante. Deben estar en matrimonio sacramental, si están casados. Soltero también está bien. Deben haber recibido los tres sacramentos de iniciación: bautismo, confirmación y eucaristía. Además, deben estar registrados oficialmente en la parroquia donde viven o asisten con frecuencia a la misa del domingo. Esto significa que se reúnen con el sacerdote o diácono y se convierten formalmente en miembros de la parroquia y reciben sobres para las contribuciones. A continuación se encuentra la sección citada del Código de Canon Ley. Espero que esto te sea de utilidad. Comparta esta información con amigos o familiares que quieran ser padrinos o personas que puedan elegir padrinos. Esto no solo ayudará al personal de la parroquia y al clero, sino que también ayudará a los futuros padrinos a conocer los requisitos con anticipación.

CAPÍTULO IV

DE LOS PADRINOS

872 En la medida de lo posible, a quien va a recibir el bautismo se le ha de dar un padrino, cuya función es asistir en su iniciación cristiana al adulto que se bautiza, y, juntamente con los padres, presentar al niño que va a recibir el bautismo y procurar que después lleve una vida cristiana congruente con el bautismo y cumpla fielmente las obligaciones inherentes al mismo.

873 Téngase un solo padrino o una sola madrina, o uno y una.

874 § 1. Para que alguien sea admitido como padrino, es necesario que:

- 1 haya sido elegido por quien va a bautizarse o por sus padres o por quienes ocupan su lugar o, faltando éstos, por el párroco o ministro; y que tenga capacidad para esta misión e intención de desempeñarla;
- 2 haya cumplido dieciséis años, a no ser que el Obispo diocesano establezca otra edad, o que, por justa causa, el párroco o el ministro consideren admisible una excepción;
- 3 sea católico, esté confirmado, haya recibido ya el santísimo sacramento de la Eucaristía y lleve, al mismo tiempo, una vida congruente con la fe y con la misión que va a asumir;
- 4 no esté afectado por una pena canónica, legítimamente impuesta o declarada;
- 5 no sea el padre o la madre de quien se ha de bautizar.

§ 2. El bautizado que pertenece a una comunidad eclesial no católica sólo puede ser admitido junto con un padrino católico, y exclusivamente en calidad de testigo del bautismo.

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

**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](mailto: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](mailto:bherrer@archphila.org) o [hispacath@archphila.org](mailto:hispacath@archphila.org).

Contactos Padre Carlos 215.855.3133 ext. 111 al  
Centro Parroquial de San Estanislao.  
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[juan\\_valentin2@aol.com](mailto:juan_valentin2@aol.com).

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

12/16/18: \$372.15

12/23/18: \$423.00

12/30/18: \$399.75

1/1/19: \$215.00

1/6/19: \$796.00

*¡Que Dios les bendiga! Gracias por su generosidad y oraciones.*