

Rev. Charles R. O'Hara, Pastor & Rev. Donato P. Silveri, In Residence

DECEMBER 1, 2024

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

MASSES

Daily Monday - Friday at 8:00 AM

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM, Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00 (streamed) & 11:00 AM

Confession

Saturday, 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM



The readings for next Sunday are shared here to give you a chance to meditate on them in preparation for Mass.

1st Reading:

Baruch 5: 1-9

Psalm

93: 1, 1-2, 5

2nd Reading:

Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11

Gospel:

Luke 3: 1-6

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

1ST SATURDAY DEVOTION & MASS

7:20 AM Rosary followed by Mass

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Daily from 8 AM until 7 PM

BAPTISMS

Sundays at 12:15 PM by appointment

Baptismal Prep by appointment

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Those unable to attend Mass due to illness should call the Rectory to make arrangements to receive Holy Communion.

Hospitalization

If a family member is hospitalized, please inform the Rectory so that we may remember them in our prayers.

MARRIAGE

Couples contemplating marriage must contact the priest **at least 6 months in advance** to make an appointment to discuss marriage preparations.

EDUCATION

Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

Andrea Jackowski, Director

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stjosephprep@comcast.net

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)

Anne Pulsifer, Formation Leader

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December 1, 2024 - 1st Sunday of Advent



1st Saturday Devotion

This Saturday
December 7th

7:30 am

St. Joseph Church



Monday
December 2

*Forine Mungin
Req. by his Daughters*

Tuesday
December 3

*Lu Nguyen
Req. by Brandon & Thuy Dinh*

Wednesday
December 4

*Our Lady, Mother Mary
Req. by Anonymous*

Thursday
December 5

*Roseanne Fulmer
Req. by Anonymous*

Friday
December 6

*John Slangs, Sr., Father of John Slanga
Req. by John & Eleanor Slanga*



The St. Joseph Giving Tree Donations are due **Sunday December 15th**. This is to allow the items to be distributed in time for **Christmas!**



Caring for the Poor in our Community

We will be accepting donations for both PACS (Phoenixville Area Community Services) and Project Outreach located in Spring City that help contribute the necessary items to struggling families in our area.

The following donations are needed:

- Soups
- Ready to Eat Canned Goods
- Chef Boyardee Items
- Cereals
- Canned Tuna & Chicken
- Pasta Sauce

You may place the donated items in the large cabinet in the Narthex. We are very grateful to all of you for your support in the mission to Care for the Poor!



Lector Schedule

November 30

4:30 - E Slanga

December 7

4:30 - H Coggins

December 1

7:30 - C Staab
9:00 - R Keeley
11:00 - M Arnold

December 8

7:30 - J Kelly
9:00 - R Keeley
11:00 - S Lorenca

Bulletin Date	Date Due
December 15-	December 5
December 22-	December 12
December 29-	December 19

Bulletin Submission
Schedule
Please submit any
items for the bulletin to
St.Joes@comcast.net

Eucharistic Minister Schedule

November 30

4:30- A Jackowski

December 7

4:30- E Slanga

December 1

7:30 - J Schival
9:00 - R Zeleski
11:00 - T Duffy

December 8

7:30 - K Thum
9:00 - N Horning
11:00 - M Arnold



Leslie	Mike
Megan	Caroline
Joe	Gianna
Jacob	Kathy
Rich	

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WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

Masses 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am
CGS Level I 8:45 am
PREP every other Sunday 8:45 am
PREP Confirmation Class 6:00 pm

MONDAY

Mass 8:00 am

TUESDAY

Mass 8:00 am
CGS Level I - 9:00 am
CGS Level II - 4:30 pm
CGS Level III - 4:30 pm
Holy Hour & Devotion - 6:00 pm

WEDNESDAY

Mass 8:00 am

THURSDAY

Mass 8:00 am

FRIDAY

Mass 8:00 am

SATURDAY

Confession 2:30 - 4:00 pm
Vigil Mass 4:30 pm

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE:

Vigil Mass 7:00 pm

Holy Day:

8:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

EVENTS & PROGRAMS

SUNDAY, December 1

After ALL Masses - Christmas Cookie and Coffee - Narthex
2:00 pm - Pageant Practice - Church

MONDAY, December 2

6:30 pm - Knights of Columbus - Narthex

WEDNESDAY, December 4

7:00 pm - Advent Adoration, Sacred Music & Reconciliation - Church

SATURDAY, December 7

9:00am - CGS Family Advent Retreat - Trailers 1,2,3 + Prep Bldg.

SUNDAY, December 8

2:00 pm - Pageant Practice - Church
Crab Cake orders are due today



The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Nazareth

In Matthew 2:23, Jesus' family settled in Nazareth to fulfill a prophecy that he would be called a Nazarene. This prophecy is based on a wordplay between the words "Nazareth" and "Nazarene" and the Hebrew word netzer, which means "branch" or "shoot". The word netzer appears in Isaiah 11:1, where it is used to refer to a descendant of Jesse, the father of King David. In the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atrium, the children will hear about the town of Nazareth and the Prophecy of the Shoot of Jesse.

For more information contact Anne Pulsifer
484-431-5156 or cgsstjoseph@comcast.net



PROJECT OUTREACH PRESENTS

Adopt-A-Family

You can be a blessing to a local family this holiday season

1. Select a family
2. Shop for the child(ren) with the provided wish list
3. Deliver gifts to an agreed upon meeting place in our community!

Family selections begin November 1
Gifts should be delivered no later than December 16

Contact us for more details!
410 Washington Street
Royersford, PA 19468
610-948-5111

December 1, 2024 - 1st Sunday of Advent



Please Joins in the Narthex
After ALL Masses
Nov 30th & Dec 1st
Christmas cookies & Coffee

Roses for Life

The Knights of Columbus Say THANK YOU!

Thanks to the generosity of our fellow parishioners in this church and the other three other churches that the Knights of Columbus Phoenixville Council #1374 serves, a total of \$2,245 was collected at Masses on Respect Life Sunday (and Saturday). All of your donations will go to local Pro-Life charities to help vulnerable mothers and to save the lives of their babies. We humbly and gratefully say "Thank You" for making this effort a tremendous success!

ALL St. Joseph Parish children in grades K-3 are welcome to be a part of our annual Christmas Pageant. Practices begins Sunday November 24th at 2:00 pm in church. For more information or to sign up, please contact stjosephprep@comcast.net



The professional musical ensemble, **GAUDEAMUS**, will be presenting three Christmas concerts at local churches.

- Sunday, December 1st at 4 PM at Our Lady of Gaudalupe; (Buckingham)
- Sunday, December 8th at 4 PM at St. Patrick (Malvern)
- Sunday, December 15th at 7 PM at Epiphany of Our Lord (Plymouth Meeting)

The program will include sacred, classical, and traditional music of the season. Concerts are free and open to the public. A free-will donation will benefit the charitable works of Gaudeamus. For more information, please visit www.letusrejoice.org

Save the Date

ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SATURDAY DECEMBER 7TH 9AM-3PM

60+Vendors, Festival of Trees Raffle*,
50/50 Cash Raffle, Homemade Food, Bake Table,
Soup Sale, Christmas Cookie Contest,
Poinsettia Sale & so much more!

*FESTIVAL OF TREES RAFFLE WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY NIGHT
6PM-8PM, SATURDAY 9AM-3PM,
AND AFTER ALL MORNING MASSES

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The Schuylkill Valley Regional Dance Company Presents its 53rd Edition of The Nutcracker

Gather friends and family and let the magic of The Nutcracker and the iconic music of Tchaikovsky sweep you off your feet! Featuring 60 dancers and professional guest artists. Clara and her friend the Nutcracker await to take you on this captivating adventure to battle the mighty Mouse King and into the enchanted Land of Sweets where the Sugar Plum Fairy reigns over a colorful realm of dazzling dancers from around the world! A spectacular way to usher in the Christmas season and create unforgettable memories!

Time: Saturday December 14th @ 1pm & 5pm and Sunday December 15th @ at 1pm.

Venue: Phoenixville Middle School Theatre at 1000 Purple Pride Parkway, Phoenixville, Pa

Information & Online Ticket Purchases (Prices:\$17-\$25) visit SVRDC.org: <https://www.svrdc.org/>

Advent Holy Hour - 7pm - Wednesdays of Advent

- December 4, 11, 18 - starting at 7pm -

Come, refresh your spirit in a time of Eucharistic Adoration, quiet prayer, and sacred music. Encounter the forgiveness, mercy, and love of the Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation which will be available during each of our Holy Hours.





**ST. JOSEPH'S
ADVENT 2024**

**AT THE MEDITATION
CORNER**

The Stable's Tale

Well – here I am. It seems really early for me to be set up. I'm a bit confused. Usually everybody's fussing, putting things here and there, all around, and here I am – empty except for some straw.

I have to admit that it's kind of nice just sitting here, just being quiet by myself, yet there seems to be a Presence in this place.

I'm glad they, whoever they are, put me out early. In the past men and women, even children, come up to me. Some even kneel. I think they pray. I think it's because of those figures they put inside me. They must be very special. Maybe I'm special too, because I, their Stable, shelter them.

I never really thought about being special. Never really thought much before. Maybe it's The Quiet, no hustle and bustle: this extra time that's been given to me this year.

How about that! I'm a shelter, a place to come out of the storm, out of the cold, out of the darkness, away from fear. I bet this bigger place where I am must be a shelter too, and that Presence that I feel – that Presence, is that something, that Someone, a Shelter too?

I wonder about those people who come here. I wonder if they take time to be still, to be quiet, to find out who they truly are. Are they Shelters for each other, too?



**The
First
Candle**

Today we light our First Advent Candle. This is known as the Candle of Hope, of Trust. Also known as the Prophet's Candle, it reminds us that the Prophets called the People to Trust in God: to believe He would fulfill His Promises: that in God we find life's true Sturdy Shelter.

May we place ourselves in quiet prayer this First Week of Advent, placing our Trust and Hope in the Lord.

He who dwells in the Shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, My Refuge and my Fortress, my God, in whom I trust.

Psalm 91: 1-2

The Lord is good, a Stronghold in the day of trouble; He knows those who take refuge in him.

Nahum 1:7

God is a Shelter in the times of a storm.

Psalm 119: 114



S. Mary Ann

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Candle Prayers.*

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