

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

DECEMBER 29, 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



Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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

1st Reading:

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Psalm

72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

2nd Reading:

Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6

Gospel:

Matthew 2: 1-12

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)

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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)

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December 29, 2024 - Feast of the Holy Family



Monday December 30	<i>Joseph Glowacki</i> <i>Req. by The Lederer Family</i>
Tuesday December 31	<i>Ida Silveri</i> <i>Req. by The Silveri Family</i>
Wednesday January 1	<i>Solemnity of Mary</i>
Thursday January 2	<i>Jack & Eleanor Slanga</i> <i>Req. by The Slanga Family</i>
Friday January 3	<i>Tim Thum</i> <i>Req. by Cheryl DiNardo</i>

New Year's Eve December 31, 2023
7:00 pm
Solemnity of Mary January 1, 2024
8:00 am

Eucharistic Minister Schedule

<u>December 28</u> 4:30 pm - K Martorano	
<u>December 29</u> 7:30 am - P Power 9:00 am - S Prestia 11:00 am - K Cabot	<u>January 4</u> 4:30 pm - K Martorano
<u>New Year Eve Dec 31</u> 7:00 pm - R Zeleski	<u>January 5</u> 7:30 am - J Schival 9:00 am - N Horning 11:00 am - T Duffy
<u>Solemnity of Mary Jan 1</u> 8:00 am - N Horning	

Lector Schedule

<u>December 28</u> 4:30 pm - K Martorana	
<u>December 29</u> 7:30 am - C Staab 9:00 am - J Michael 11:00 am - S Lorenca	<u>January 4</u> 4:30 pm - E Slanga
<u>New Year Eve Dec 31</u> 7:00 pm - M Arnold	<u>January 5</u> 7:30 am - J Kelly 9:00 am - J Michael 11:00 am - M Benton
<u>Solemnity of Mary Jan 1</u> 8:00 am - R Keeley	



Ever think of joining the St Joseph Music Ministry?

We'd love to have you! Instrumentalists, cantors both.

Please see Leslie or Megan after Mass.

Bulletin Date	Date Due
January 12-	January 2
January 19-	January 9
January 19-	January 16

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

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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 -
6:00pm**

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

EVENTS & PROGRAMS

TUESDAY, December 31 New Year's Eve

7:00 pm Mass

10:00 am - Holy Hour - Families of the Parish -Church

WEDNESDAY, January 1 Solemnity of Mary

8:00 am Mass

THURSDAY, January 2

6:30pm - Sing A Long Christmas Carols - Church

SATURDAY, January 4

7:30 am - First Saturday Devotions - Church

8:00 am - Prep Reconciliation Retreat/Practice -
Church , Trailers 1 + 3

SUNDAY, January 5

9:00 am - Prep Inscription Mass 1st Eucharist - Church



1st Saturday Devotion

This Saturday

January 4th

7:30 am

St. Joseph Church

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior." (Luke 1:46-47) This prayer is an expression of the deep joy Mary feels, a joy that is overflowing from her heart and soul. It is a prayer of not just thanking God for what he has done, but it is a prayer that begins with a cry of admiration and praise in the presence of God. In the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atrium, the children hear this prayer, and respond with their own prayers of praise, as they reflect upon the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth.

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



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A QUICK JOURNEY THROUGH SALVATION HISTORY

The Bible is at the heart of our faith and our relationship with God. But where do we start in reading it? This program will guide participants through Jeff Cavins' "The Bible Timeline" learning system. This study seeks to draw us into God's plan of salvation, and thus in a deeper relationship with Jesus.

MONDAYS 7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. JANUARY 6 - FEBRUARY 24

Register at QR code or contact
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610-326-5877 x 426



Cost: \$30 for workbook
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WOW...we did it!!!! We have earned \$2,100 in funds through the Redner's script program.

Everyone give yourselves a pat on your back. Let's see how much more we can put in for!

Keep turning in your REDNER'S Save-A-Tape grocery receipts! There is a container in the Narthex on the credenza under the TV waiting for your receipts—

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St. Joseph's Holy Hour is a time-honored tradition since 2004 started by the Servants of Mary. They are held on Tuesday evenings from 6 pm to 7 pm. We pray the following: Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Devotion Prayers and the Litany of Sacred Heart.

On **December 31st @ 10am** join us for our weekly devotions to include our Families of the Parish.

If you have someone you want to add to our devotions, please feel free to come and make that request. *All are Welcome.* Should you have any questions regarding this opportunity to Pray with Others, please do not hesitate to contact Mary Frank @ 610.310.4675.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Offered each Sunday
during the 9 am Mass
No registration required**



All children ages 3-12 are invited to join us.
(Younger children welcome if accompanied by a parent.)

Teens and adults welcome to help.

Children will be called forward during Mass before the First Reading. The leader will take the group to the designated area. During this special time, the children will be lead through readings, songs, and activities created just for them.

Children will return to Mass in time for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Any questions, please contact Amy Snyder by voice or text at 484-919-8354.





The Stable's Tale

- Holy Family Sunday -

The Man, The Woman, The Child have come. The Center that had been empty, has been filled.

The Star shines. It gleams so much that it seems like tiny stars are bright within me.

All eyes are on the Child. This little One gathers everyone and everything to Itself, even what I cannot see and only hear: voices, music, not only for the Child, but for everyone with ears open to hear.

Within a Heavenly Light, a Heavenly song, sung, they say, by angels: a lullaby for all anxious, fearful Hearts – Be still, be calm, He comes to make all New, to restore What was always meant to be.

And here I am, sheltering all of this within me. Giving all of this a Home: all of this Beauty, all of this Peace, all of this Love.

The figures seem alive to me, just as over these wonderful weeks I have been given the gift of feeling what it is to be alive. I wonder if the people, the truly alive ones: the men, the women, the children, know *How Alive* living is meant to be?

How bound together, how like One Family, all of this is meant to be: the Straw, the Sheep, the Star, the Men, the Women, the Angels, the Heavens, the Earth!

What a Blessing to be Alive to all this Wonder: to Stable, to Shelter, all of this within me. And I have come to understand that this is exactly the peoples' mission – those who come to stand and kneel and pray before this Child.

Within their very selves, within the Blessings of their Life, they are to Shelter, to Nourish, *Through, With, and In this Child*, their own family and *all this* Holy Family of God, that spans, connects, and makes One, the Heavens and the Earth.



And so, we Light our Fifth Candle, the Candle of the Christ – Who came *for us* – that *We might have Life* – and, in Him, have that *Life in Abundance*. (See JOHN 10:10)

S. Mary Ann

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