

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

DECEMBER 8, 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.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

Zephaniah 3: 14-18a

Isaiah

12: 2-3, 4, 5-6

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:

Philippians 4: 4-7

Gospel:

Luke 3: 10-18

## OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

## 1<sup>ST</sup> 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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# December 8, 2024 - 2nd Sunday of Advent



## Advent Holy Hour - 7pm - Wednesdays of Advent

- December 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.



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

## Congratulations To the Newly Baptized:

**Clara Elizabeth Portzer**

Daughter of William & Jennifer Portzer

Baptized October 13, 2024

AND

**Theodore Joseph Clark**

Alexander & Samantha Clark

Baptized October 27, 2024



Monday  
December 9

*Sophia Glowacki*  
Req. by *The Lederer Family*

Tuesday  
December 10

*Thieu Nguyen*  
Req. by *Brandon & Thuy Dinh*

Wednesday  
December 11

*Helen Pulaski*  
Req. by *The Family*

Thursday  
December 12

*Millie Coburn*  
Req. by *Ruth Coburn*

Friday  
December 13

*Betty Tuscai*  
Req. by *her husband James*



## Lector Schedule

### December 7

4:30 - H Coggins

### December 14

4:30 - K Martorana

### December 8

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

### December 15

7:30 - C Staab  
9:00 - J Michael  
11:00 - M Benton

### Bulletin Date Date Due

December 22- December 12

December 29- December 19

January 5- December 26

Bulletin Submission  
Schedule  
Please submit any  
items for the bulletin to  
[St.Joes@comcast.net](mailto:St.Joes@comcast.net)

## Eucharistic Minister Schedule

### December 7

4:30- E Slanga

### December 8

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

### December 14

4:30- K Cabot

### December 15

7:30 - J Zona  
9:00 - S Winters  
11:00 - C or G Reece



## 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.

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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 8

- 2:00 pm - Pageant Practice - Church

### MONDAY, December 9

6:30 pm - Knights of Columbus - Trailer 3

### TUESDAY, December 10

7:00 pm - Men's Spirituality Group Meeting - Trailer 1

7:00 pm - Servants of Mary - Narthex

### WEDNESDAY, December 11

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

### THURSDAY, December 12

6:00 - 7:00 pm - Crab Cake Pre ordered Pick up - Rectory



## St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation Celebration Supper 2024

Join the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation as we honor the recipient(s) of our "Family Life Award 2024" from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

- **Date:** Thursday, December 12, 2024
- **Time:** 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- **Place:** Ivy Hall, 6331 Lancaster Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19151
- **Speakers:** Fr. Matthew Phelan, O.deM.
  - Anne DeSantis, Executive Director of SRNF
  - Mickey Kelly, Board President of SRNF
- **Cost:** \$75/per person includes appetizers, dinner, dessert, and complimentary wine
- **Free on-street parking**
- **Join us for great food and fellowship!**

To Register: visit [www.Nonnatus.org](http://www.Nonnatus.org). Questions: Email [director.srnf@gmail.com](mailto:director.srnf@gmail.com)

## The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Bethlehem

Jesus was born in Bethlehem, Judea. In the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atrium, the aim of the Land of Israel map is to render the event of Jesus' life more concrete and real. When the child is able to locate Bethlehem on a map and learn more about the location, it makes the event of Jesus' birth more alive.

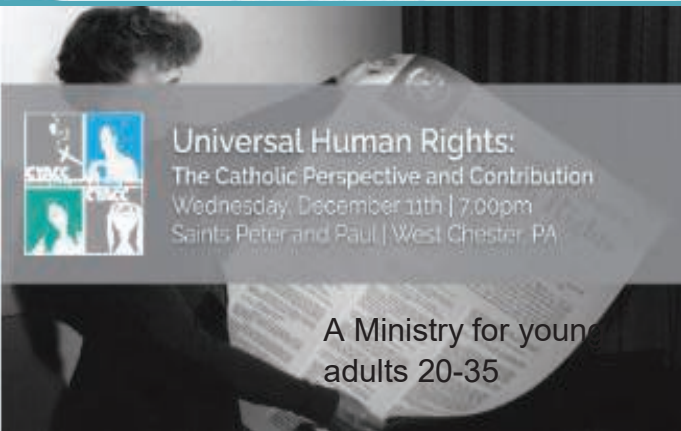
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**ALL St. Joseph Parish children in grades K-3** are welcome to be a part of our annual Christmas Pageant. Practices begins Sunday November 24th at 2:00 pm in church. For more information or to sign up, please contact [stjosephprep@comcast.net](mailto:stjosephprep@comcast.net)

Friday December 20th  
at 7pm



**Universal Human Rights:**  
The Catholic Perspective and Contribution  
Wednesday, December 11th | 7:00pm  
Saints Peter and Paul | West Chester, PA

A Ministry for young  
adults 20-35

**The Knights of Columbus** would like to thank you all for a very successful Kids Coat Drive.

With your wonderful generosity, we collected over 250 very nice coats that will benefit kids going into this winter. In fact, we delivered these coats to Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity on Tuesday, November 25th for their immediate distribution to needy children in Montgomery County.

Again, your local Knights Council is proud to serve our faith community and the needs of our parishes.

## BLESSING OF MANGER FIGURES THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- at each of the Masses - December 14 and 15 -

St. Joseph Church will join in the Vatican's Tradition of Blessing Manger figures on the Third Sunday of Advent.

Bring your Baby Jesus or any Manger Figure to Mass on the weekend of December 14 and 15 for this special Blessing.



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

- 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](http://www.letusrejoice.org)

## 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 @ 1pm.

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

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

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!  
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610-948-5111



William Demski Jr.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



## The Stable's Tale

### The second week

You might be wondering about my first week of Advent. I was still a bit confused about why I was set up so early, why I was sitting here empty, (well there was the straw!). Yet somehow, I must admit, I didn't really *feel* empty.

The Presence that I sense here filled me, permeated me. I pondered. Who would ever think I could ponder!

I thought about what I had learned in that first week: that I was a special Place. I, Stable, was a Shelter: a place of Hope: a Welcome for travelers to come out of the storm, out of the darkness. Yet, I still thought, here I am, just me and straw. Just what kind of shelter would I be this year?

Then, at the end of the week, just a couple of days ago, those figures that usually fill me were placed inside of me: without the hurry, the bustle of previous years. Yet, not all the figures, just the animals....



My first thought was: where are the others? Then I realized (still getting used to realizing anything!) that I've missed these creatures. Really I've *always* missed them, because I never really paid attention to them. After all, what are the animals compared to the other figures?

Yet, here they are, and I am meant to shelter them. I am meant to have my sturdy, Stable walls protect them, guard them. It seems I am meant to be with them, to know them, in a way I never have before.

It seems that Presence, that Someone, knows them. It seems to me that He loves them: the cow, the goose, the donkey, and I think, for some reason, especially the sheep!

It seems to me that the people who come to see the figures, who stand and look, who kneel and pray, are also called to love and guard them, in fact, to love and guard all that has been created, especially each other.

This week, I'll ponder them – the wonder and awe of each of them, the wonder and awe of all Creation – however small.

I think that Presence, that Someone, will like that.

### Today we Light our

Second Advent Candle, Candle of Peace, Candle of Bethlehem.



*And thou, Bethlehem Ephrata, art a little one among the thousands of Judah, out of thee shall come forth ... the Ruler in Israel, ... His going forth is from the beginning, from the days of eternity. Micah 5:2*

This week, may we, in quiet, in stillness, in Peace, ponder all the *little things of life*: the *little blessings* given for us to Shelter and to Love.

S. Mary Ann

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