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JANUARY 26, 2025

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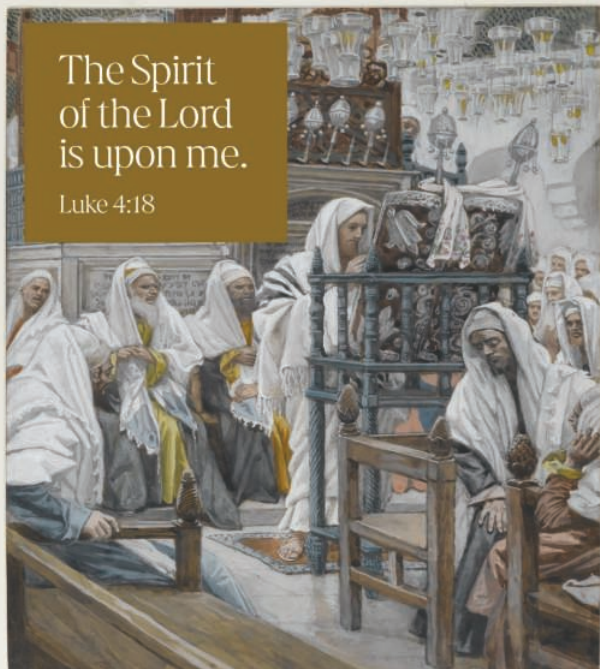
## MASSES

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



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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:

Malachi 3: 1-4

Psalm

24: 7, 8, 9, 10

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:

Hebrews 2: 14-18

Gospel:

Luke 2: 22-40

## 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)***

Andrea Jackowski, Director

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### ***Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)***

Anne Pulsifer, Formation Leader

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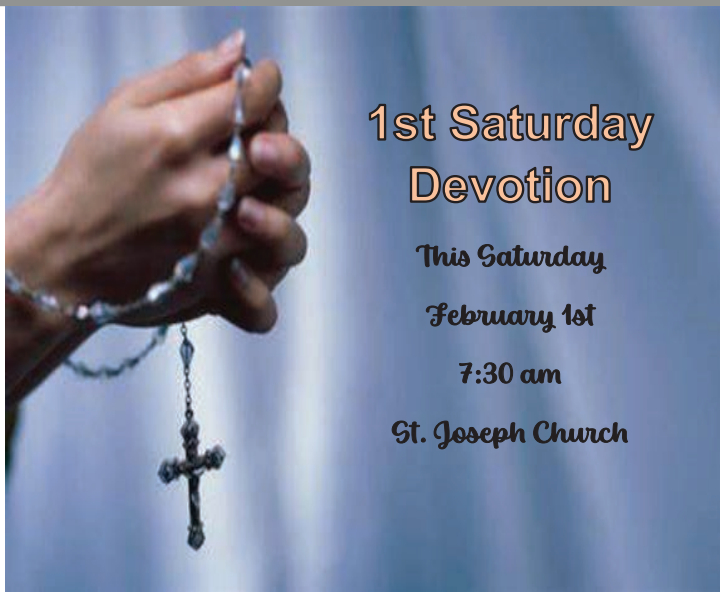
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# January 26, 2025 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



## 1st Saturday Devotion

This Saturday

February 1st

7:30 am

St. Joseph Church



|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| Monday<br>January 27    | <i>Deanna Pristash</i><br><i>Req. by Peggy Yokemick</i>                 |
| Tuesday<br>January 28   | <i>Sister Fidelis</i><br><i>Req. by The Lederer Family</i>              |
| Wednesday<br>January 29 | <i>Ann Kutty</i><br><i>Req. by Soma Jose</i>                            |
| Thursday<br>January 30  | <i>Mario R. DiNardo Jr.</i><br><i>Req. by Jack &amp; Eleanor Slanga</i> |
| Friday<br>January 31    | <i>Edward Pulaski</i><br><i>Req. by Daughter Ceal &amp; Lorry</i>       |

We at St. Joe's Parish would like to invite all our parishioners to consider joining our hands together in **caring for the poor** in our community. **Current Needs:**

**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

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <u>January 25</u><br>4:30 - H Coggins                                      | <u>February 1</u><br>4:30 - E Slanga  |
| <u>January 26</u><br>7:30 - C Staab<br>9:00 - B Keeley<br>11:00 - M Benton | <u>February 2</u><br>7:30 - J Kelly<br>9:00 - J Michael<br>11:00 - M Arnold |

| Bulletin Date | Date Due    |
|---------------|-------------|
| February 9-   | January 30  |
| February 16-  | February 6  |
| February 23-  | February 13 |

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



### Eucharistic Minister Schedule

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|--|--|
| <u>January 25</u><br>4:30 - K Cabot  | <u>February 1</u><br>4:30 - C Mungin   |
| <u>January 26</u><br>7:30 - W Rigsby<br>9:00 - S Prestia<br>11:00 - C or G Reece | <u>February 2</u><br>7:30 - J Schilval<br>9:00 - R Zeleski<br>11:00 - M Arnold |

**Leslie Staab**  
**Mike Culver**  
**Megan Flynn**  
**Joe Leaf**  
**Marianne Quinty**

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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

### SUNDAY, January 26

\*\*\* Be sure to order your **SUPER BOWL HOAGIES** \*\*\*  
(order forms are in the narthex)

### MONDAY, January 27

7:00 pm - Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting - Trailer 1

### TUESDAY, January 28

6:00 pm - Holy Hour Devotion- Those who Suffer Addictions - Church

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

7:00 pm - Women's Group - Narthex

### SATURDAY, February 1

7:30 am - First Saturday Devotion - Church



## The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.

Did you know that "birds of the air" or "birds of the sky" is a common biblical expression? It is found throughout the Psalms and the book of Genesis. (Psalm 8:8, 79:2, 104:12, and in Genesis 1:28, 30; 2:19; and 6:7) With the children in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atrium, we ponder what Jesus wants us to know about his Kingdom by sharing this parable with us? He proposed another parable to them. "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown, it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.'" – Matthew 13:31-32

For more information contact Anne Pulsifer  
484-431-5156 or [cgsstjoseph@comcast.net](mailto:cgsstjoseph@comcast.net)



**TAX TIME**  
JUST AHEAD

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### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK JANUARY 26-FEBRUARY 1

The week is an opportunity for Catholic schools to showcase their commitment to academic excellence, spiritual development, and community involvement.

If you are interested in learning more about our school, please contact us today at [advancement@myholyschool.org](mailto:advancement@myholyschool.org)

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PRESENTS  
**Trivia Night**  
BEER/WINE  
INCLUDED  
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SUPER BOWL BLOCK POOL  
1 FEB | 6-9 PM  
TRIVIA STARTS @7 TEAMS OF 8  
[HTTPS://MYEVENT.COM/HFCYOWINTERSOCIAL25](https://myevent.com/hfcyowintersocial25)

**National Centre for Padre Pio**  
111 Barto Road Barto PA 19504  
February 7, 2025

**Event: First Friday Mass** is celebrated at 10:30 AM every month in Our Lady of Grace Chapel which adjoins the Spirituality Centre of the National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto, PA. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus follow morning Mass. Eucharistic Adoration concludes with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction at 3:00 PM. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available prior to Mass from 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM and Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio follows the 11:30 AM Rosary.



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**RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE** Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held **February 14 - 16, 2025 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.** For more information, or to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



### St Ann's Cana Date Night Mass and Dinner

**When:** February 7, 2025 Mass will begin at 6pm (doors open by 530pm)

**Where:** Holy Trinity Church, 219 Dayton Street, Phoenixville Note - Holy Trinity Church is part of Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish.

Married couples, please come out on Friday, February 7th for a special mass with renewal of our sacramental marriage vows, to be followed by a delicious catered meal.

**RSVP** - at your earliest convenience, no later than Jan 31. Please leave the name and artist of your wedding song (or other special song) in the comment field to be included in a playlist for the evening! *To learn more and to RSVP: view link ( <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4DA4AA28A4F58-54214628-february> )*

Contact - Monica & Dave Ryan with questions or for more info: [monica.paddock@gmail.com](mailto:monica.paddock@gmail.com) / 845-649-8640

**ProLife Service Project**  
Wednesday, January 29th | 7:00pm  
Sts. Peter and Paul | West Chester, PA  
A ministry for young adults 20-35



## The Sunday of the Word of God

In 2019 Pope Francis wrote an Apostolic Letter which established the Third Sunday of Ordinary

Time as *The Sunday of the Word of God*.

The title of the letter *Aperuit illis* (Latin meaning - *Opened to them*) is taken from Luke 24:45, where Luke recounts how the two disciples met the Risen Jesus on the road to Emmaus. They recognized Him only later, but on the way, Jesus “opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.” They later proclaimed that as He did so “their hearts were burning within them.”

**Last Sunday** we spoke of a Christian tradition of older generations: Long Christmas - which began on Christmas Day and lasted until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - February 2<sup>nd</sup> - which is Next Sunday!

### The WORD became flesh and dwelt among us -

It seems as if this Celebration of The Word of God Sunday certainly fits into a slow paced pondering of Christmas. The WORD made flesh at the Annunciation, hidden for nine months in the womb of Mary, is made visible at the Birth of Christ on Christmas Day.



**The WORD became flesh...** In a way, isn't that the goal of The Word of God Sunday, that we, through Christ, in Christ, with Christ, become God's Word, in our very flesh?

## WORDS, WORDS, WORDS!

Nate Bargatze, a very popular comedian, often shares his frustration with reading, even though he realizes the great worth of reading: *You open a book and there they are: Words, Words, Words. Open anywhere, there they are - no relief! Why not put in a blank page here and there - so you can at least come up for air!*

## COMING UP FOR AIR ...

Well, there may not be a lot of blank pages in our Bibles, but the secret of allowing the Word to become flesh in us is to *come up for air*. When something strikes us, we need to stop reading. We need to ask for a bit of Air, the Air that is the Breath of the Spirit: the Spirit that will plant that Word deep within us: that precious seed of Truth, of Wisdom, of Healing, of Love.



## TAKE OUR BREATH AWAY

Remember this Sunday that God's WORD comes to us in so many ways. Let's be READY for IT, allow IT to take OUR breath away and fill us with God's breath, HIS HOLY SPIRIT.

*Lord, take our Breath Away in the Word of Nature, in the Word of Scripture, in the Word of the Liturgy, and in the Word that we are to be for one another.*

S. Mary Ann



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