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JANUARY 5, 2025

# 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



Epiphany of the Lord

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:

Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

Psalm

104: 1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:

Titus 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7

Gospel:

Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

## 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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# January 5, 2025 - Epiphany of the Lord

## PREP

### 1st Reconciliation

Thursday January 9th

7:00 pm in Church



### 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!

Bulletin Date	Date Due
January 19-	January 9
January 26-	January 16
February 2-	January 23

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



## 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.

## Mass Intentions

Monday  
January 6

*Josephine & Forine Mungin  
Req. by their Daughters*

Tuesday  
January 7

*Mario R DiNardo Jr.  
Req. by The Men of Saint Joseph*

Wednesday  
January 8

*Thomas Flynn  
Req. by Marguerite Flynn*

Thursday  
January 9

*Kevin J Sliman  
Req. by Ed & Marci Sudol*

Friday  
January 10

*Susan Puleo  
Req. by Peg Patrick & Jim Patrick Jr.*



## Lector Schedule

### January 4

4:30 - E Slanga

### January 5

7:30 - J Kelly  
9:00 - J Michael  
11:00 - M Benton

### January 11

4:30 - H Coggins

### January 12

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

## Eucharistic Minister Schedule

### January 4

4:30 pm - K Martorano

### January 5

7:30 am - J Schival  
9:00 am - N Horning  
11:00 am - T Duffy

### January 11

4:30 - C Narducci

### January 12

7:30 - K Thum  
9:00 - Sr Mary Ann  
11:00 - M Arnold

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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 5

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

### MONDAY, January 6

6:30 pm - Knights of Columbus - Narthex

### TUESDAY, January 7

6:00 pm - Holy Hour Devotion- People with Cancer & the Infirm - Church

### THURSDAY, January 9

7:00 pm - Prep 1st Reconciliation - Church

### MONDAY, January 13

7:00 pm - Knights of Columbus - Trailer 3



## The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

### The Parable of the Mustard Seed

The parable of the Mustard Seed speaks of the Kingdom in terms of something very small, so small that it probably escapes our notice. And yet it grows and changes into something new and very great. In the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atrium, we wonder with the children over whose great strength within that seed must cause this to happen. 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



**For full information** about our Archdiocese of Philadelphia observance of the Jubilee and how you can participate, visit [archphila.org/holyyear](http://archphila.org/holyyear).



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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.

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.

## Around the Archdiocese

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**Every Wednesday and Second Saturday, 12-1 PM**

### Event: Lunch in the Park with Christ in the City

Join Christ in the City missionaries as we serve over 50+ men and women experiencing homelessness, building relationships while enjoying lunch.

- Every Wednesday, 12-1 PM on the lawn next to the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia (required training for new volunteers begins at 11:15 AM)

Second Saturdays, 12-1 PM on Logan Square (required training for new volunteers begins at 10 AM)

**More info:** Registration is required and all new volunteers must attend a training prior to the event. Full details and registration available at: <https://christinthecity.org/philadelphia-lunch-in-the-park/>

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**Mondays, January 6 through February 24 @7:00p.m.**

### Event: Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible: An 8-Part Bible Study Featuring Jeff Cavins

Many people want to read the Bible because they know it is God's Word, but they give up because it seems so complicated. Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible helps you to get the 'big picture' of the Bible by showing how fourteen narrative books of the Bible tell the complete story from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church.

**Location:** Saint Aloysius Church, Lower Level of Gathering

Center 223 Beech Street, Pottstown.

**More Information:** Cost- \$30 for workbook. Register at <https://forms.gle/mwTvMEm8GZV5L8d69> OR contact Sophie Schneible, Adult Faith Formation Coordinator 610-326-5877 ext. 426, [SSchneible@saintalloysius.net](mailto:SSchneible@saintalloysius.net)

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**Saturday, January 11, 2025 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

### Event: Retreat- Mothers Be Still and Know That I Am God.

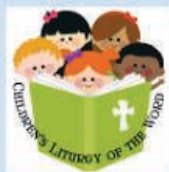
This retreat offers a space for faith sharing and reflection with other mothers. Come as you are and let God delight in you. It's a meditative retreat designed for mothers to slow down, be present to God, breathe, relax, and start the New Year with a spiritual reset. The retreat costs \$55 and includes continental breakfast and lunch.

**Location:** Mother Boniface Spirituality Center (3501 Solly Avenue, Phila, PA 19136)

**More info:** For more information and to register, [click here](#). Any questions, or to register by phone, please call 267-350-1830.



**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  
- Epiphany -

Today, I believe, is what they call Epiphany Sunday. I heard someone explain the meaning of the word "epiphany". (It's been interesting to overhear people's conversation, but I don't think I should make a habit of it!). Anyway, "epiphany" is defined as a sudden understanding that seems to come from beyond oneself, that touches something deep inside: a revelation that could change your view of the world, change your very life.

It seems this particular day celebrates an Epiphany involving three people. These three have been beside me for a while. I could see them outside my walls for the past few weeks. They look like they're travelers, but not from around here.



Their clothes are not the simple garments of the other figures. They bear gifts and are headed for the Child.

From what I hear about them, they really aren't supposed to be here. The word is that they found the Child and His Mother dwelling in a house in town. I guess the people who keep filling me with figures didn't have a house, so I got to see these Three inside of me!

That got me thinking (I'm getting used to this thing called thinking. I like it, but it can get tiring!)


This Child seems to gather everyone, even these Three, who, in the song I hear about, have traveled

far to see Him. Was that Star above me the start of their Epiphany?

They come bearing Gifts but I think they've really come offering themselves. Over the years, I've seen many come before this Scene. I think they're doing just the same.



I sense these weeks of being "Alive" are coming to an end. All of this has been an "Epiphany" for me.

I hope these Advent weeks have been a time of Epiphany for all who have come before this Stable Scene. This year the Scene was built gently, slowly, piece by piece. Each piece could be cherished, just as each piece of Life is meant to be. 

*In the stillness of night, Shepherds watching their flocks heard the song of angels and The Three watching, wondering, beheld a Star and found themselves bowing before The Light of Light.*

*In stillness, may we listen each day for angels' song. Let us be watchful for our own Epiphanies that call us to come in Wonder, in Joy, to offer the Gift of Ourselves to the Child and to one another.*

*S. Mary Ann*



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