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NOVEMBER 17, 2024

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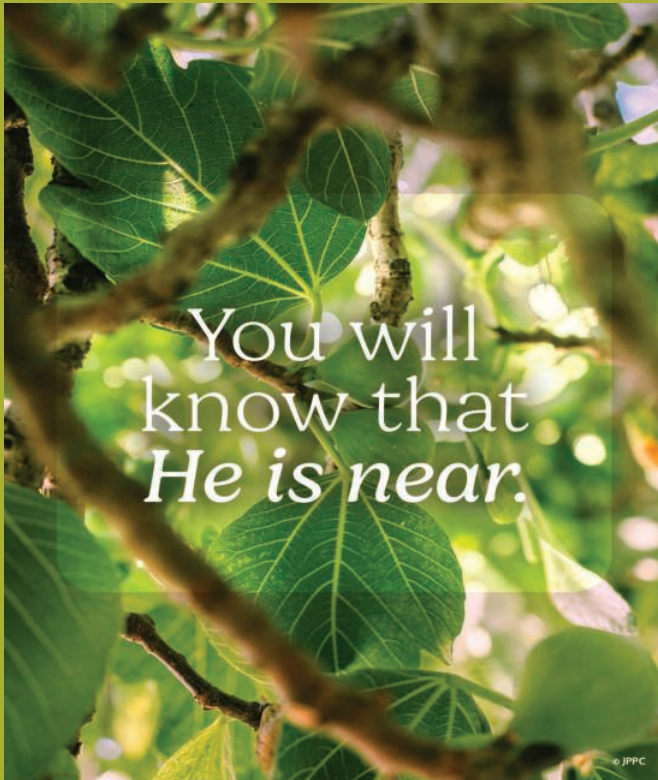
MASSES

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



You will
know that
He is near.

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

1st Reading:

Daniel 7: 13-14

Psalm

93: 1, 1-2, 5

2nd Reading:

Revelation 1: 5-8

Gospel:

John 18: 33b-37

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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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!



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| Monday November 18 | <i>Dawn Bradley Req. by Brandon & Thuy Dinh</i> |
| Tuesday November 19 | <i>Barbara Wynne Req. by Kevin Thompson</i> |
| Wednesday November 20 | <i>Farino Family Req. by JoAnne & Judy Zona</i> |
| Thursday November 21 | <i>Joseph Byrne Req. by Kathryn Ziemba</i> |
| Friday November 22 | <i>Ann Lightman Req. by Brandon & Thuy Dinh</i> |



In Remembrance of Them

During November our church remembers in a special way all those who have gone before us: our beloved family members, dear friends, and neighbors. We invite you to bring in photos of those you wish to be remembered during our November liturgies and in our private prayer. Place photos at our Meditation corner in the front of church on the Blessed Mother side.



Lector Schedule

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| <u>November 16</u> 4:30 - H Coggins | <u>November 23</u> 4:30 - K Martorana |
| <u>November 17</u> 7:30 - C Staab 9:00 - B Keeley 11:00 - S Lorenca | <u>November 24</u> 7:30 - J Kelly 9:00 - J Michael 11:00 - M Benton |

| Bulletin Date | Date Due |
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| December 1- November 21 | |
| December 8- November 28 | |
| December 15- December 5 | |

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

Eucharistic Minister Schedule



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| Leslie | Mike |
| Megan | Caroline |
| Joe | Gianna |
| Jacob | Kathy |
| Rich | |

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| <u>November 16</u> 4:30- C Narducci | <u>November 23</u> 4:30- H Coggins |
| <u>November 17</u> 7:30 - J Zona 9:00 - Sr Mary Ann 11:00 - C or G Reece | <u>November 24</u> 7:30 - P Power 9:00 - S Prestia 11:00 - T Duffy |

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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

MONDAY, November 18

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

7:00 pm - Pastoral Council Meeting - Trailer 3

TUESDAY, November 19

7:00 pm - MOJO: Men of St. Joseph Meeting - Trailer 1

8:30 pm - Building Committee Meeting - Trailer 1

WEDNESDAY, November 20

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

THURSDAY, November 21

7:00 pm - St. Vincent dePaul Meeting - Narthex

SATURDAY, November 23

4:30 pm Mass - Seminarian Speaker Benjamin Braun - Church

SUNDAY, November 24

ALL Masses - Seminarian Speaker Benjamin Braun - Church

2:00 pm - Pageant Practice - Church

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Please mark your calendars for our 2nd Annual *Keep Christ in Christmas* Advent celebration on **Nov 24th (12-2pm)** at St. Basil the Great parish. This event will feature:

- Nativity displays
- Poster contest for different ages
- Arts & crafts for younger children
- Nativity play by our "littlest angels" performers
- Musical accompaniment and Christmas caroling
- Raffles and prizes
- Baked goods for all!



We will commence our activities at the conclusion of the 11am Mass. New this year is the opportunity to **showcase your own nativity display, blessing of baby Jesus for your home nativity sets and enhanced raffles and prizes to celebrate the Advent season.** If you are interested in participating or volunteering, please contact either Mike Briglia (mbriglia@comcast.net) or Mike Boylan (michaelboylanjr@gmail.com). We look forward to having you participate in this wonderful event!

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

The Colors in Church and on our Prayer Table

The Church changes the color of the priest's or pastor's vestments according to the liturgical time. In the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atrium, the prayer table is draped in the same-colored cloth according to the liturgical season. Changing the cloth becomes a ritual for the child, a way of focusing on and honoring the same change that occurs in church.

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



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Church Projects

Here is a listing of projects completed around our St. Joseph Church Complex (2024): As you may or may not have noticed we have been making some improvements around the property this year as follows:

- Turf under the playground equipment
- Added cement slab at the pavilion for events
- Paving the parking area at the PREP/Modular building
- Safety Railing between the PREP/Modulars and the Rectory Parking with added lights
- Church Carpet Replacement
- Concrete the Grotto pathway to make it more accessible
- Concreted the side walkway from the new paved area to the PREP building front porch
- Rectory Kitchen flooring replaced
- Exterior window for Fr. O'Hara's Confessional room window replaced.
- Added a walkway from the Front side porch of the PREP Building to the new paved area for the teachers.

Future Projects: We are working on tinting the Narthex windows to reduce the morning mass glare, along with replacing the Rectory garage doors and adding some lighting to the PREP driveway area in the fall/winter.



The Knights of Columbus are conducting Coats for Kids drive for new and like-new coats for children ages 1-17. We will have a drop box placed in the narthex of the church. The last date of collection will be Sunday, November 17th. Coats will be distributed to children via Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity in Norristown. Please drop off a coat for a child in need as winter weather approaches! Reach out to Brian Pickell at 484-686-4413 with any questions.

For your information, here is how the schedule will work:

- We will place the boxes in all four parishes that we serve in the week of October 28th.
- Coats will be collected in those boxes at the weekends of Nov 2nd & 3rd, Nov 9th & 10th, and Nov 16th & 17th.- The Knights will then deliver the coats to Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity in Norristown prior to Thanksgiving.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR DECEASED CHILDREN

In recognition of November being the Month of the Holy Souls and in anticipation of the holiday season, Saint Teresa of Calcutta Parish will host a special Mass in memory of deceased children, pre-born to adult. This liturgy will take place on Wednesday, November 20th at 7:00 PM at 256 Swamp Pike, Limerick (may come up as Schwenksville). All loved ones who have lost a child are invited to be part of this Memorial Mass. Anyone who plans to attend is asked to respond to Shawn Marie Brown, Director of Parish Services at dps@stteresacalcutta.com or (610) 287-2525 ext. 100 with the name of the deceased child (if named) and the number of family members attending. A light reception in the Parish Ministry Center Hall will follow the



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



Christmas Wreath Sale

The scouts of Troop 4 (Spring City) are selling wreaths at Ridge Fire Company Stop by from 29-30 Nov 8AM-2PM or 1 Dec 9AM-1PM.

Wreaths are 22" in size and cost \$30 each.

For questions or to reserve a wreath ahead of time, contact Rich Pomager (rcpomager@comcast.net)



The WORD

Well! We've taken a long journey just to get ourselves into the Main Part of Church!



If our timing was right, we've gotten to church a bit early, genuflected or given the Lord our best bow, and come, at last, to our chosen pew.

Father has gotten himself together and has taken his seat in the sanctuary. Maybe the organist or pianist is right on schedule with some music to calm our body and soul.

Now what?

Now –before Mass begins, is a time to prepare for that Active Participation we talked about last week. It is time to make ready our minds, our hearts, our attention, to experience God's Presence, to realize that God has a Word for us today. What word do we have for Him?



The Word Enthroned -

As we sit or kneel in this preparation time our eyes might gaze at some of the sacred objects in front of us.

Today we focus on those that pertain to God's Word.

Over to our right, the Bible is usually enthroned. This month we remember our parishioners who have died during this year, praying that they be fully united to the Word.

In front of the altar is the Book of the Gospels and to the left of the Altar is the Ambo where the Word is proclaimed.

The Word at Work -

1 Thessalonians 2:13

When you received the Word of God...you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the Word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe. 1 Thessalonians 2:13

Being a bit short, I go up on my toes when I lector at the Ambo so I can see the words I need to read. I think I could manage another way, but I like to do this: my whole body seems to be stretching, aching, to "get the Word out". As the Word gets OUT, may we be ready to welcome it IN, to do its work within us.

The Living Word -

What is this Work? The Work is that the Word be eagerly welcomed so it can root in our very being and we ourselves *become Living Words*.

As Thanksgiving approaches may God's Word take root and blossom as Awe for Creation, Gratitude for our Blessings, and Heartfelt Love for the Gift of children, youth, family, and friends... (And oh! Good Food!)

What Word will the Living God plant in you and in me today?

S. Mary Ann

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