



SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

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

NOVEMBER 21, 2021

MASSES

Daily Monday - Friday at 8:00 AM

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Confession

Saturday, 3:00 - 4:00 PM

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Friday: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

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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Holy Family Catholic School

221 Third Avenue, Phoenixville
Mrs. Jennifer D'Amelio, Principal
610-933-7562
www.myholyfamilyschool.org

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

Please check the website for updates

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION & MASS

7:20 AM Rosary followed by Mass

BAPTISMS

Sundays at 12:30 PM by appointment
Baptismal Prep cancelled at this time

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Those unable to attend Mass due to illness should call the Rectory to make arrangements to receive Holy Communion.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Daily from 8 AM until 7 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday evenings during Lent at 7:00 pm

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56;
Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61;
Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28;
Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72,
73, 74; Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81;
Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86,
87; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8;
Jn 18:33b-37



Masses For The Week



Monday November 22	Angela Chevalier <i>Req. By Joseph Chevalier</i>
Tuesday November 23	Barbara Fizzano Vebier <i>Req. By The Bravek Family Jay, Anita, Melissa & Jason</i>
Wednesday November 24	Edward Wooten <i>Req. by Tim & Sue McDermott</i>
Thursday November 25	Kenny Staab <i>Req. by the Staab Family</i>
Friday November 26	The Parishioners of St. Joseph

Date, Time & Location	Meeting/Event
Sunday evenings 6:30 pm Trailer 3	PREP Confirmation
November 23 7:00 pm, Trailer 1	Men's Spirituality Group
November 28 2:00 pm, In Church	Pageant Practice
December 1 7:00 pm, Trailer 1	Young Adult Ministry
December 4 7:30 am	First Saturday Rosary & Devotion
Dec. 12 2:00 pm, In Church	Pageant Practice
Dec. 12 4:00 pm	Dedication of Grotto



In Thanksgiving to All who made our **Blankets of Love Project** A Sign of St. Joseph's Love and Care to so many!

*From March 2020 to August 2021— 182 Blankets were collected
 Monetary donations were \$640 which purchased 68 additional Blankets*

Blankets were distributed during September and October 2021

List of Recipients

*St. Mary's Franciscan Shelter, Phoenixville —20 Blankets · Daily Bread, Collegetown—50 Blankets
 Good Samaritan Services, Phoenixville—30 Blankets · St. John's Hospice, Philadelphia—100 Blankets
 Friends Association for Care and Protection of Children, West Chester—50 Blankets*

Bulletin Date	Date Due	Bulletin Date	Date Due	Bulletin Date	Date Due
Dec. 12.....	Dec. 1	Jan. 2	Dec. 17	Jan. 23	Jan. 13
Dec. 19.....	Dec. 6	Jan. 9	Dec. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 24
Dec. 26.....	Dec. 10	Jan. 16	Jan. 7	Feb. 6	Jan. 31

Holiday Bulletin Deadlines



Dedication of Our Lady of Grace Grotto
Conclusion of our Nine Month Novena to St. Joseph
December 12th – 4pm
Reflection and Rosary in Church
Procession and Dedication of Grotto
Blessing and Prayer for Your Personal Intentions

Holy Family School News

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday the staff and students of Holy Family School extend the warmest wishes to our parish families. We have much for which to be grateful. Our dedicated faculty, our supportive parents, our spirited and hard-working students all contribute to the success of our academically excellent and spiritually charged school. Be assured of a remembrance in our daily prayers as we move toward the holy season of Advent! For more information, contact us at advancement@myholymfamilyschool.org or 610-933- 7562.



RECONCILIATION

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

7:00PM - 8:30 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

2:00PM - 4:00 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

*4:00 PM, 6:00 PM, 8:00 PM
MIDNIGHT*

CHRISTMAS DAY

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

NEW YEAR'S EVE

7:00 PM

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, JAN. 1

8:00 AM, 12:00 PM & 7:00 PM

THERE WILL BE A 4:30 VIGIL MASS



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus are conducting a Coats for Kids drive for new and like-new coats for children ages 1-17. We will have a drop box placed in the vestibule of the church. **The last date of collection will be Sunday, November 21.** 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. Thank you.



The Knights of Columbus are looking to grow through a New Membership Drive being conducted through the month of November. If you a Catholic man 18 years old or older and would like to join a fraternity of men who share your Catholic faith and values, and would like to help in their charitable efforts and spiritual growth, please contact Grand Knight Brian Pickell at 484-686-4413 or go the kofc.org/joinus for more information or to

KEEP BRINGING YOUR REDNER'S RECEIPTS IN! THEY DO ADD UP!!! THANK YOU!



St. Joe's Care for the Poor

With Project Outreach **SHOPPING LIST**

Canned Tomatoes—Canned Yams —Packaged Stuffing—Jelly—Other Canned Veggies

Collection Bins are in the Narthex
May the spirit of St. Joseph as
Protector and Provider
bless us and all those
in the need of care.



Adopt-A-Family

You can be a blessing to a family in need this holiday season by helping them have a better Christmas. Each family is from our local community and is struggling to make ends meet.
Please help us make sure everyone has a wonderful holiday!

1. Select a family.
2. Shop for the child(ren). A "wish-list" will be provided to you.
3. Provide a Christmas meal or include a gift card to a local grocery store for the family.
4. Deliver the wrapped gifts to the parents or we will arrange for pickup from our office no later than 12/17/21.

Call, email or stop by Project Outreach for more details.

Project Outreach
410 Washington Street, Royersford Pa
610-948-5111 – rofoprojectoutreach@verizon.net

You are invited to

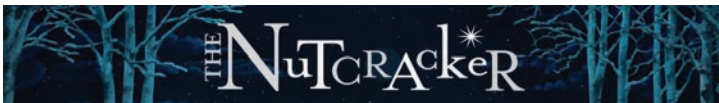
Project Outreach's Annual Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner

at **Royersford United Methodist Church**
380 Church Street, Royersford.

Meals will be served in house, "sit-down" style, (not take-out).

Food to be served at **Noon** on Thanksgiving Day.
Doors open at 11:30am.

Call for reservations:
610-948-5111 (by 11/18/21)



Schuylkill Valley Regional Dance Company's 50th Anniversary Performance

Warm your hearts and ignite your spirits in this treasured holiday classic for the whole family featuring over 50 dancers and professional guest artists.

Saturday, Dec. 18th: 2:00 & 7:30 pm ~ Bryn Mawr College
- Goodhart Theater

150 N Merion Ave, Bryn Mawr

Please note: Masks are required at the venue
Online ticket purchases begin in mid-November
<https://www.svrdc.org>





EMPTY

A few weeks ago I asked if you had noticed the Liturgical Calendar that hangs on the wall outside the Adoration Chapel. Well, what about today? Did you notice anything? Now, that's really an unfair question. I know the answer *only* because I made up the question and I'm the one who caused the answer.

The answer is: there's no calendar there today—the frame is empty. I removed the calendar a week early. On this Feast of Christ the King, the last Sunday of the Church Year, I thought it would be good for us to reflect upon that empty frame....

Even if you didn't get a chance to study the liturgical calendar a few weeks ago, you might have noticed how full it was: circles, colors, art, etc. All of those things represented just *some* of the riches of our Faith: the Feasts of Redemption, the truth and wisdom of Scripture, the living presence of the Saints, etc. etc.

So let's imagine life, your life, the life of your family, without those "things" - as a Blank, as empty as our frame. Imagine all of these "things" *never* having been passed on to you, *never* having entered you, *never* giving meaning to the way you think, or act, or love.

Now, imagine *filling in* that empty calendar. What would *you* place there? What colors, what lights does Faith give to your life? What truths, what prayers, what holy feasts touch your heart, your relationships, your innermost being?

Now, think of all the many men and women, families, children, teens, young adults, in this world of ours, whose lives are EMPTY of Faith.

How can you help fill that emptiness? How can you share that Faith? How will you introduce someone to the God you love and open *them* to His Love? Certainly, there are many ways, especially if your life finds its meaning, its strength, its Everything in that Faith.

One pastor suggested a very simple way to start that kind of conversation (I'll paraphrase to fit our parish): *When someone asks about your weekend, let them know the best part of your weekend was spent here at St. Joseph's. Then, let them ask you: Why?*



Next week there will be a limited number of smaller Liturgical Calendars (NOT EMPTY) available for home use. Use sign-up sheets in the Narthex if you'd like one.

~S. Mary Ann

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