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4th Sunday of Advent December 22, 2019



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Rectory Office Hours: M-F 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Masses: Monday - Saturday 8:30 am
Saturday: 5:15 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:15 am, 11:30 am

Confessions: Saturday 4:30 to 5:00 pm



Marriages: This wonderful sacrament is a joyous time, but also a rewarding spiritual journey. While many focus on the day of the wedding, we seek that you both flourish the second day and beyond. We are happy to accompany you on your journey. The Bishops of NJ have adopted a policy to assist in this preparation. Engaged Encounter, Pre-Cana, or another approved marriage prep program, are required and individual visits with your priest or deacon will also assist you in your preparation. Couples should contact the Rectory one year in advance of the intended marriage, and before finalizing other details particularly reception facilities.

Baptisms: The Church shares the joy of families in the birth of children, and, with their parents takes seriously the responsibility of bringing them up in the faith. Parents seeking baptism for their children are to attend a Baptismal Prep Class. This can be arranged by calling the parish office. Godparents, those who represent the church in the life of the child, must be practicing Catholics, if they are married, they must have been married in the Church, practice the faith regularly, and must obtain a sponsor certificate from their home parish. Please choose Godparents with these criteria in mind.

Anointing of the Sick: This sacrament is given for those facing serious illness or surgery, and for those of advanced years. If you or a family member is planning to enter the hospital, please see one of the priests following Mass or call the rectory if you would like to receive this sacrament.

Funerals: Please call the Rectory

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 22, 2019



Saturday, December 21st, Vigil Mass

5:15 PM Tommy Ricca
 From Luke Arnone
 Bill Harrison
 From the Hoffman Family

Sunday, December 22nd, Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Mary Alice Githens
 From Barbara Guttenberger
 Deceased Members of the Sauers Family
 From Tom and Roberta Uber

9:15 AM Deceased Members of the Hanus Family
 From Frank Hanus III
 Frank Dockery
 From his wife, Fran

11:30 AM Matthew Powell
 From Bet Cassel
 Ed Zimny
 Rosemary and John Golombos

Monday, December 23rd, Saint John of Kanty, Priest

8:30 AM Edward Cupoli
 From Eileen Rinaldi

Tuesday, December 24th,

8:30 AM Edward Cupoli
 From the Divine Mercy Prayer Group
 Louis Rinaldi
 From his Wife, Eileen

Christmas Eve Masses

4:00 PM Tom Vanderspurt
 From his Family

6:00 PM Bryan Broschart
 From the Mielnicki Family

December 25th, The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

9:15 AM Thomas Ricca
 From Chris and Jennifer Bredin

11:30 AM Joseph Byrne
 From Connie Byrne

Thursday, December 26th, Saint Stephen, The First Martyr

8:30 AM Colleen Caufield
 From Connie Byrne

Friday, December 27th, Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

8:30 AM Jean Turro
 From Tracy R. Miller

Saturday, December 28th, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:30 AM Jean Turro
 From Emily Cupoli
 Ed Cupoli
 From Anna Gerard



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSION

The next Baptismal Preparation session will be January 6th at 7PM in the Parish Hall. To register, please call the parish office at 732-899-1398. All families who have not attended a prior class are requested to attend and are asked to invite god-parents.



NEXT WEEKEND-DECEMBER 29, 2019

Saturday, December 28th, Vigil Mass

5:15 Charlie Mielnicki
 From his Family

Sunday, December 29th, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00 AM Joseph Byrne
 From Connie White

9:15 AM Phillip Duffy
 From Betty Ziegler
 Deborah Gogler
 From Ronnie Bakunas and Family

11:30 AM Matthew A Powell
 From Pat Kincaid Wojcik
 MacCurley Crane
 From the Tawgin Family



SACRED HEART CHURCH

Daily Mass:	Monday—Saturday	8:30 AM
Rosary:	Before the 8:30 AM Daily Mass	
Vigil Mass:	Saturday	5:15 PM
Sunday Mass:	8:00 AM, 9:15 AM, 11:30 AM	
Eucharistic Adoration:	First Friday of month	9:00 AM
Confession:	Saturday	4:30 PM
Prayer Group:	Tuesday	9:00 AM
Divine Mercy		
AA Meeting	Wednesdays (Parish Hall)	7:00 PM
Breakfast Club	2nd & 4th Saturday of each month after	
	8:30 AM Mass	
Respect Life	2nd Thursday of each month	3:30 PM
Rosary Altar/Holy Name	3rd Tuesday of each month	7:10 AM

“Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.”

- Teresa of Avila
Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

DUE TO HOLIDAY EARLY SUBMISSION OF BULLETIN LAST WEEK'S DONATIONS WERE NOT AVAILABLE

“Remember this, whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.”

2 Corinthians 9:6





HAVE A BLESSED, HAPPY, HOLY CHRISTMAS!

*Fr. Doug, Fr. Joe, Fr. Ashe, Fr. Fred, Msgr. Phil,
Msgr. Zaccardo and Msgr. Lew*

Our prayer for each of you...

*May the Christ Child Jesus, in the Holy Eucharist, fill you
With His most joyful peace and love, and strengthen your
Faith and courage to share these Christmas blessings with
others.
Amen.*



MASSES OF CHRISTMAS

SACRED HEART
Vigil of Christmas Eve-December 24th
4:00 pm & 6:00 pm
Christmas Day-December 25th
9:15 am & 11:30 am
Solemnity of Mary-January 1, 2020
(Holy Day of Obligation)
Vigil 12/31 -5:15 pm
1/1/2020—8:30 am



ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA
Vigil of Christmas Eve-December 24th
5:00 pm
Christmas Day-December 25th
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1/1/2020-9:30 am

GOD OF LOVE AND LIFE , FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT

CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION

JESUS CHRIST, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father, desiring to consecrate the world by his most loving presence, was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and when nine months had passed since his conception, was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judah, and was made man.

May you be blessed with a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Your comments are requested! Please Email the Respect Life Committee at shrcbh@comcast.net fax us at 732-899-2233.



*For Unto Us
a Child is Born*

AND HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED
WONDERFUL COUNSELLOR.

The Mighty God,
The Everlasting Father,
The Prince of Peace.

— ISAIAH 9:6



*Fr. Doug, Fr. Joe and all the staff of
Sacred Heart Church
Wish you all the blessings of Christmas!*

**NATIONAL MEMORIAL FOR THE PREBORN
AND THEIR MOTHERS & FATHERS**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2020

8:30AM—10:30AM

DAR CONSTITUTION HALL-WASHINGTON DC

Catholic Mass at 7:30 am
Homilist: Fr. Frank Pavone,
National Director, Priests for Life



Visit: www.NationalPrayerService.com

Free admission

Also see www.PriestsForLife.or/MarchForLife

WEDDING BLESSINGS!

May God bless...

*David Jalette
&
Laura Bonavita*

*Married at
Sacred Heart
on
December 14th*



*“And over all these
Virtues put on love, which binds them all together in
perfect unity.”
-Colossians 3:14*

***The Legend of the
Christmas Pickle***

*In the 1880's it was
claimed that the
Christmas Pickle was a
very old German
Tradition where the
pickle was the last
ornament to be hung and
hidden in the Christmas
Tree. The first child to
find the pickle got an
extra present from Santa
and had a extra good coming year.*



*There is also a story that a soldier in the American Civil War
who was born in Bavaria, was taken prisoner. Starving, he
begged a guard for one last pickle before he died. The guard
took pity on him and gave him a pickle. The pickle gave him
the mental and physical strength to live on!*

*Another story is linked to St. Nicholas. It's a medieval tale
of two boys traveling home from a boarding school for the
holidays. When they stopped at an inn for the night, the evil
innkeeper robbed the boys, killed them and hid them in a
pickle barrel. That evening, St. Nicholas stooped at the inn,
and found the boys in the barrel. St. Nicholas prayed hard
and the boys were, through God's mercy brought back to
life!*

*So, no one is quite sure how this tradition really got started
but it encourages the children to appreciate all the beautiful
ornaments on the tree, rather than rushing to see what Santa
has left for them!*

***Bring a Friend to Church this
Christmas Season!***

*God's love penetrates
hearts and transforms
lives*

*Calls sinners to
Repentance*

*Encourages the
Downtrodden*

*Inspires the Lord's
servants to love and
serve Christ and one another*

Lights the way God would have you go





FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Father, all-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ANIMALS



O loving Saviour, you were sheltered in the manger with these very creatures of yours, you taught us how to pray to your heavenly Father.

As we gather together this day, we ask you to bless our various animals, let us see in them the goodness and beauty which you endowed to all your creatures.

Teach us to never abuse them or take them for granted, help us to provide shelter and protection for them, let us open our hearts to them.

Help us to be open to your divine love so that, together with every living being, we may all sing your praises, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY INNOCENTS

We remember this day, O God, the slaughter of the holy Innocents of Bethlehem by the order of King Herod. Receive, we beseech thee, into the arms of thy mercy all innocent victims; and by thy great might frustrate the designs of evil tyrants and establish thy rule of justice, love, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



*Feast of The Holy Innocents
December 28th*

ST. STEPHEN



Chosen by the Apostles, Stephen became the first Deacon. Stephen was full of grace and courage, and worked great wonders among the people. After being falsely accused by some of the Jews of talking against God and Moses he was brought to the court of the Jews. People said there was a halo around his head and his face looked like an angel as he spoke bravely of Jesus.

Stephen was dragged outside the city and stoned to death, but Stephen forgave his murderers. He was the first martyr.

**Feast Day, December 26th
Patron of Deacons, Altar Servers, Horses, casket makers**

HOLY NAME MONTHLY 50/50 CLUB

Sponsored by Sacred Heart Church is open to all parishioners and visitors. The monthly drawing is held the 3rd Tuesday of each month. \$60.00 gives you (12) chances to win. Make your check payable to Sacred Heart 200 Club and return to the parish office. **November** winner is John Griggs #141-**\$430.00** Congratulations!

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

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NEED A LAST MINUTE GIFT FOR SOME WHO HAS EVERYTHING??



Give an entry into the Holy Name Society 50/50 \$60.00 for 12 months.

"The Gift that Keeps on Giving"
12 chances to win!
Help us support local charities in our area!
See above for entry form

ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP DINNER

JANUARY 1st
1:00PM-4:00PM
Msgr. Casey Hall

If you can donate a cooked Turkey Breast or Spiral Ham or can volunteer time or monetary donation it is greatly appreciated!

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SAINT PETER SCHOOL

6th Grade Robotics!

The sixth grade enjoyed creating robots from cardboard and programing them. Some had spinning heads, changing eye color and some even quacked like ducks!



Consider making A donation in a Loved one's name!



Please donate to St. Peter School this holiday season! Help needy children have access to a Catholic Education!

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Welcome

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE



With prayers, we warmly welcome Brian, Kelly and Owen Marcoux

ALTAR CANDLE *Burns in memory of:*

Paul Vasaturo

From John & Helene DeFilippis

"Your sun will never set or your moon go down. I the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your day of sorrow will come to an end." Isaiah 60:18



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 22, 2019

TRUST IN GOD

On this final Sunday of Advent our scriptures focus on the historical birth of Jesus, who is son of David and Son of God, child and king, Jesus and Emmanuel.

Isaiah the prophet begs Ahaz to ask for a sign, to allow God to offer him reassurance of the survival of the Davidic dynasty. The king hypocritically refuses to “tempt the LORD” in that way (Isaiah 7:12), but the prophet foretells the birth of a son, an heir to the throne, who will prove the Lord’s enduring protection of God’s chosen lineage on the throne of David. The child will be called Emmanuel.

Matthew’s reference to this history in his description of the birth of Jesus highlights the contrast between the faithless refusal of trust shown by Ahaz, and the complete trust in God shown by Mary and Joseph in bringing about the birth of Jesus Christ.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We are experiencing the darkest, longest nights of the year. For centuries, people in the Northern Hemisphere have kindled fires against the dying of the light, turning away the dark of the winter solstice, and leading the imagination to hope and new beginnings. It is thus easy to understand why these solstice celebrations of non-Christian Europe attracted the annual remembrance of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

In time the solstice migrated away from December 25, but the Christmas feast remained in place. From this day, a whole season of celebration developed, stretching from Advent through the days of Christmas, and even beyond to the February 2 blessing of the candles, and beyond that to March 25, the Annunciation, nine months before the next Christmas. Centuries ago, this was New Year’s Day, and many reasoned that it was the date of Adam and Eve’s fall, and the date of the Crucifixion. The message is clear: don’t let your Christmas be over too soon. Keep the lights blazing into January, and savor the meaning of the feast!



TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — You will be given this sign: The virgin shall conceive and bear a son (Isaiah 7:10-14).

Psalm - Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

Gospel — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:18-24).



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent
- Monday: St. John of Kanty; Hanukkah begins
- Tuesday: Vigil of Christmas
- Wednesday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
- Thursday: St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins; Boxing Day (Canada)
- Friday: St. John
- Saturday: The Holy Innocents

CHRISTMAS

A young mother, her eyes shining with fatigue, who is arranging her hair; a father who finds himself alone with his pretty wife and baby, straightening the stable to make himself useful in some way; shepherds who bring cheese and perhaps also some curdled milk; sheep who look at their shepherds while bleating; a donkey who is eyeing his manger changed into a cradle; an adorable swaddled baby whom one calls Savior, Christ and Lord: This is the manifestation of the goodness and the tenderness of God. This is the most fantastic birth in the history of humanity, the one which changed the face of the world! This is how far God humbled and compromised himself with us!

This is Emmanuel!



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