

# ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST CHURCH



EASTON ROAD & FAIRHILL AVENUE ❖ GLENSIDE, PENNSYLVANIA

NOVEMBER 29, 2009

## MISSION STATEMENT

*We, the parish family of St. Luke the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, respecting our tradition, affirming our strong family ties, and valuing our diverse community, are called by Baptism to commit ourselves to:*

- *Give glory to God by liturgy which unites and strengthens the community of faith;*
- *Build a church community that welcomes all, encouraging each home to be a domestic church;*
- *Listen to the Gospel of Jesus, live it in our daily lives, and share it with one another; and*
- *Serve others as Jesus did, especially the poor and those in need.*

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 6:30, 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM

Daily (Monday - Saturday): 6:30 & 8:30 AM

Holy Day: varies; Holiday: varies

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 PM & 7:30 - 8:00 PM

Eve of First Friday: 7:30 - 8:00 PM

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

*"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars."*

Luke 21:25a

**Are you able to read the signs of the times?**

**What is God asking of you?**

## PARISH RETREAT

**MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY**

## CHURCH AND RECTORY OFFICE

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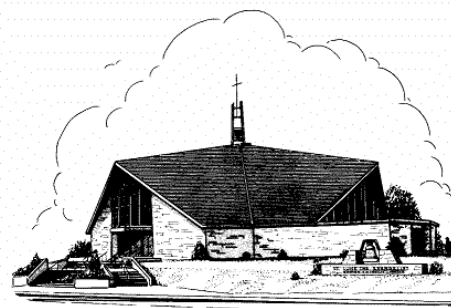
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9:00 AM - 8:00 PM, TUESDAY-THURSDAY

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, FRIDAY



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# ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST CHURCH, GLENSIDE, PENNSYLVANIA

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29, 2009

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Jeremiah 33:14-16 ; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2  
Luke 21:25-28,34-36  
Mon Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22  
Tues Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24  
Wed Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37  
Thurs Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21,24-27  
Fri Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31  
Sat Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26;  
Matthew 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8  
Sun Baruch 5:1-9, Philippians 1:4-6,8-11;  
Luke 3:1-6

## WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, November 30 – Andrew, apostle

6:30 am Maria Manzi (*her sister, Lydia*)  
8:30 am Steve Seweryn

### Tuesday, December 1 – Advent Weekday

6:30 am Terrence McGillian (*Bart & Ora Mae Brigidi*)  
8:30 am Kathleen McNamara

### Wednesday, December 2 – Advent Weekday

6:30 am Catherine Westcott  
8:30 am Lewis Dominick

### Thursday, December 3 – Francis Xavier, priest

6:30 am John & Nancy Clancy  
8:30 am Theresa Rausch (*Alekna Family*)

### Friday, December 4 – Advent Weekday / John of Damascus, priest, doctor of the Church

6:30 am Linda Miller  
8:30 am Mr. and Mrs. John Del Rossi  
10:30 am Special Intention

### Saturday, December 5 – Advent Weekday

6:30 am Marguerite Dibble  
8:30 am Dan Ferry

**The Pro-Life Rose,**  
placed before the statue of Mary,  
and  
**the St. Vincent de Paul Carnations,**  
placed before the statue of St. Joseph,  
are in loving memory of  
Edward Shillington  
donated by a friend.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE

### Sunday, November 29 – First Sunday of Advent

Christmas Wreath Sale  
9:00 am Eucharistic Ministry at Abington Hospital  
1:00 pm One Act Play Auditions, FFH  
1:00 pm Baptisms

### Monday, November 30

3:15 pm One Act Play Rehearsal, FFH  
4:15 pm PREP  
7:15 pm PREP  
7:30 pm **Parish Retreat**, Church  
8:30 pm Refreshments, FFH

### Tuesday, December 1

7:30 pm **Parish Retreat**, Church  
7:30 pm Boy Scouts, Gym  
8:30 pm Refreshments, FFH

### Wednesday, December 2

12:30 pm Over 50's Christmas Luncheon  
3:15 pm One Act Play Rehearsal, FFH  
7:00 pm Cub Scouts, FFH  
7:00 pm PREP, Rectory  
7:30 pm **Parish Retreat**, Church  
7:30 pm Venture Crew, FFH  
8:30 pm Refreshments, FFH

### Thursday, December 3

10:00 am Moms and Tots, FFH  
6:30 pm Camp Fire Christmas Ceremonial, FFH  
7:30 pm Choir, MMR  
7:30 pm CYO Board, Lyons Den

### Friday, December 4

10:30 am First Friday Mass

### Saturday, December 5

Sale of Celtic Blues Quilt raffle tickets  
4:30 pm Anointing of the Sick

### Sunday, December 6 – Second Sunday of Advent

Sale of Celtic Blues Quilt raffle tickets  
9:30 am Baptisms  
9:30 am CYO Mass

*Keep our sister parish,  
Notre Dame de la Presentation,  
in Los-Palis, Haiti in your prayers.*

## WEB SITE OF THE WEEK

The USCCB has Advent resources at

[www.usccb.org/advent/](http://www.usccb.org/advent/)

The site includes an Advent calendar. The entry for today has this suggestion:

Begin the Advent season with a commitment to reading the Bible every day. (The links to the daily readings for each day in Advent and the Christmas season are provided on the page.) Learn the ancient practice of *lectio divina* or “divine reading.”

*Lectio divina* was developed by the early monks to make reading the Bible an attractive experience. A common method is:

- Read the Scripture passage out loud (or read it silently if done individually).
- Highlight any words or phrases that strike you.
- Read the passage again and expand your reflection from focus on a word or phrase to an idea that you find in the passage.
- Read the passage a third time. Briefly describe how the passage speaks to you and how it throws light on some aspect of your life.

## SODALITY AND MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA DEVOTIONS

On Tuesday, December 1, Sodality is cancelled. The Parish Retreat with Msgr. Sullivan starts on Monday. It will end on Wednesday. Please participate in these devotions. Sodality resumes on Tuesday, **December 15**, at 7pm.

## ADVENT PARISH RETREAT

We warmly welcome Monsignor Dan Sullivan from New Jersey to our Church of St. Luke the Evangelist. Father Dan will be the guest homilist at all of our Masses this weekend. He will be encouraging all of us to attend our Parish Retreat which begins on **Monday night, November 30**, at 7:30 pm. The theme for our Parish Retreat will be *Faces of Jesus*. Each of the three nights will last about an hour and within that hour all of us will be touched by the Lord, feel forgiven, be blessed and healed and become a better person in the eyes of the Lord. Please plan to attend our three-night Parish Retreat and bring your family and friends with you.

### ADVENT PRAYER GROUP

Please join us on Tuesday evenings during Advent for an Advent Scripture Prayer Group. We will meet on Tuesdays, **December 8, 15, and 22** in the Lyons Den in Father Fitzpatrick Hall at 7:30 pm. (Tuesday, December 1 is the Parish Retreat.) Info call Mary Lou at 215-887-6484 or just join us.

### HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULES

#### Immaculate Conception

**Monday, December 7**  
6:00 pm

**Tuesday, December 8**  
6:30 am, 8:30 am, 7 pm

#### Christmas

**Thursday, December 24**  
4 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm

**Friday, December 25**  
6:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am

#### Mary, Mother of God

**Thursday, December 31**  
5 pm

**Friday, January 1**  
6:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

As we begin Advent we are called to “await” in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Wherever you live in our parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

**Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor celebrate the grace of God’s love this Christmas.**

**THE POOR BOXES ARE THE  
BREAD BOXES OF THE NEEDY**

### VOCATION VIEWS

The Lord is near!

Am I able to read the signs of the times? What is God asking of me?  
(*Luke 21:25-36*)

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

We celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick on the first Saturday of the month. The next Anointing is **December 5** at 4:30 pm, just before the 5 pm Vigil Mass.

## LETTERS FROM CARDINAL RIGALI

November 26, 2009

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During this time of Thanksgiving, many of us will take a moment to reflect on the blessings in our lives.

As I look back on the past year, I am thankful for the tireless effort and generosity of those who have supported *Heritage of Faith ~ Vision of Hope*. This historic effort, which began a little more than 15 months ago, is enabling the Church of Philadelphia to respond to the needs of its people now and in the future.

Through the dedication and prayers of pastors, volunteers and donors, over 21,000 families already have made pledges and gifts totaling \$110 million toward our goal of \$200 million. Many more parishes will introduce this extraordinary endeavor in the coming months, which encourages us that our goal will be met.

On behalf of the people, parishes and programs that will benefit from your sacrificial pledge, I extend my gratitude.

Sincerely in Christ,

**+Justin Card. Rigali**

Cardinal Justin Rigali  
Archbishop of Philadelphia

Throughout the Bible, God uses names to signify an individual's role and purpose in His plan for salvation. In the same way, the name Jesus tells us a great deal about His character, purpose and love for humanity.

In Matthew 1 (20, 21), an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, telling him not to be afraid, that Mary would conceive of the Holy Spirit, bring forth a Son and call him Jesus, who would save His people from their sins. Thus, the meaning of the name "Jesus" – God saves. *The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches us that it is through Jesus that God saves humanity.

It is important to remember that Jesus Christ became man to reconcile sinners with God, to be our model of holiness and to make us partakers of the divine nature. - Cardinal Justin Rigali



November 29, 2009

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May the grace and peace of the Lord Jesus be with you!

During Advent the Church throughout the world waits in joyful expectation for the return of her Savior in glory. The prayer of the Church reminds us that "...we watch for the day, hoping that the salvation promised us will be ours when Christ our Lord will come again in his glory" (Preface for Advent).

In his first Letter to the Thessalonians Saint Paul says to us: "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing" (1 Thes 5: 16-17). Prayer is truly essential to the Christian life and the key to observing this holy season of Advent in a worthy manner. The saintly Curé of Ars, John Marie Vianney, wrote in his *Catechism on Prayer*: "Prayer is the source of all graces, the mother of all virtues and the universal way by which God wills that we should come to Him."

I encourage you to maintain a spirit of prayer during the days of Advent. Amidst the many responsibilities, anxieties and concerns which you face each day, turn to the Lord in prayer and ask Him to fill you with His strength and peace. I assure all of you, dear friends, of my own prayerful support in Christ Jesus.

Sincerely yours,

**+Justin Card. Rigali**

Cardinal Justin Rigali  
Archbishop of Philadelphia

## OPERATION SANTA CLAUS

St. Luke CYO volunteers have filled trees in the back of Church with tags - each of which has a gender and age range on it. Parishioners are invited to get a tag (or tags) then purchase gifts appropriate for the tags they have chosen. The gifts are then returned to Church by the third Sunday of Advent (**December 13** this year) and will be given to children in needy families. Wrapping is optional but encouraged. Gifts should be new and unopened.

**Gift suggestions follow.** Monetary donations are also welcome.



### ***Toddler & Pre -School***

#### ***Boys & Girls***

Little People Toys  
Fisher Price Toys  
Lincoln Logs  
Building Blocks  
Doctors Kits  
Play Food Sets  
Mr. Potato Head  
Candy Land  
Chutes & Ladders  
Play Dough & Accessories  
Stuffed Animals  
Puzzles & Books  
Art Supplies

#### ***Toddler & Pre-School Girls***

Baby Dolls  
Dora the Explorer Themed Items  
Disney Princess Toys

#### ***Toddler & Pre-School Boys***

Tonka Trucks  
Power Rangers  
Spiderman Themed Toys  
Batman Themed Toys  
Thomas the Train Toys

#### ***Gifts for 2 Year Olds***

*OSC serves many 2 year olds and can not give them toys if the label says "3 and up," due to choking hazard. Please check that the product is for 18 mos or 2 plus.*

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#### ***Grade School Boys & Girls***

Sports Balls  
Arts & Crafts Kits  
Clay  
Spin Brush Kits  
Board Games (Sorry, Uno, Monopoly)  
Books  
Backpack & School Supplies  
Club Penguin Toys

Webkins  
Sponge Bob Themed Items  
Skate boards, Scooters & Helmets  
Snow Toys (Sled, Snow Board)  
CD Players  
MP3 Players  
Jonas Brother CD's  
Demi Lovato CD's  
Goosebumps Books & Movies

#### ***Grade School Girls***

Dolls (Baby Alive, Majic Hair)  
Doll Houses & Strollers  
Littlest Pet Shop Toys  
Bratz & Accessories  
Disney Princess Toys  
Barbies & Accessories  
Hannah Montana Toys & Games  
High School Musical Toys  
Cheetah Girls Toys  
Dora the Explorer Toys  
Play Make Up, Nail Polish, Jewelry  
Jewelry Making Kits  
Build-a-Bear Kits  
Glitter Pens, Scented Markers  
Stuffed Animals  
Jump Rope  
Easy Bake Oven

#### ***Grade School Boys***

Sports Balls  
Baseball Glove, Bat & Caps  
Hotwheels & Accessories  
Cars, Trucks, Planes, Trains  
Remote Control Cars  
Action Figures  
Bakugan Toys & Cards  
Spiderman and Batman Themed Items  
Power Rangers  
Transformers & Robots  
Ben 10 Toys & Games  
Tech Deck (skateboards, ramps, bikes)  
WWE Wrestling Figures & Ring  
Pokemon Cards & Themed Items

Yu-gi-oh Cards  
Legos & Bioncles  
Dinosaurs  
X-Men Toys

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#### ***Middle School Girls***

Jewelry Making Kits  
Make Up: Nail Polish, Lip Gloss etc.  
Bath & Body Supplies  
Perfume, Jewelry, Fashion Socks  
Headbands & Hair Accessories  
Journals, Gel Pens  
Purses & Bags  
Hannah Montana Themed Items  
High School Musical Themed Items  
Bratz Dolls

#### ***Middle School Boys***

Sports Balls & Sports Gear  
Tech Deck (skateboards, ramps, bikes)  
Handheld Video Games  
Bakugan Toys & Themed Items  
Pokemon Toys & Themed Items  
Ben 10 Toys & Themed Items  
Dragon BallZ Toys  
Sketch Pads  
Bionicles  
WWE Wrestling Themed Items  
X-Men DVD & Themed Items

#### ***Middle School Boys & Girls***

Art Kits & Supplies  
Sports Balls & Sports Gear  
Board Games (Life, Clue, Monopoly, etc.)  
Chess, Checkers, Dominoes  
CD's  
CD Players  
MP3 Players  
Ear Buds  
School Bag & Supplies  
Books (Harry Potter, Twighlight)  
Club Penguin Themes Items  
Hats, Gloves, Scarves

## OVER 50'S CLUB

The Over 50's Club is holding their annual Christmas luncheon on Wednesday, **December 2** at the Sandy Run Country Club at 12:30 pm. The cost is \$25.00 and includes a delicious sit-down luncheon and entertainment, but most of all, a time for socializing. A great time is always had by all. For reservations, please call Marie Winstanley at 215-886-3863.

## SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO SEMINARY ANNUAL APPEAL

Please send your donation to:  
Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary  
Office for Development  
100 East Wynnewood Road  
Wynnewood, PA 19096  
or if you would like to make your donation online, please visit:  
[www.scs.edu](http://www.scs.edu).

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP FOR FRIENDS & FAMILY

This group will meet on Tuesday at St. Luke Chapel House, 2330 Fairhill Ave, from **7:30 to 9:00pm (revised time due to Holyday)**. Sponsored by William R. May Funeral Home (no fee), meetings are facilitated by Deborah K. Gawthrop, who has her Master's Degree in Counseling Psychology and is a certified Grief Management Specialist. The last meeting of the year will be **Tuesday, December 8, 2009**. The topic is *New Relationships with Family & Friends*.

**The driveway connecting the parking lot to Easton Road is now One Way: from the parking lot to Easton Road. Do not enter from Easton Road.**

## BULLETIN DEADLINES

<i>Issue</i>	<i>Deadline</i>
12/06/09	12/01/09
12/13/09	12/08/09
12/20/09	12/11/09
12/27/09	12/16/09
1/03/10	12/21/09
1/10/10	1/05/10

*Please submit bulletins items by noon of deadline date.*

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

St. Luke's Choir is currently selling the *Entertainment 2010* edition. These books make wonderful gifts for birthdays, anniversaries, or the holidays. The price is \$30. The new edition can be used immediately upon receipt. The funds generated from this sale are used to help the choir purchase new music or new equipment. If you are interested in purchasing a book, please contact any choir member or Carol Matula at 215-885-7393. The books will be available for sale until December 15. Please place your order to support the choir as early as possible.

**ROMAN CATHOLIC HS RCHS Scholarship Entrance Test Dates** (Testing time is 9 am to noon): **Saturday, Dec. 12**. For more information, please contact [admissions@cahillite.com](mailto:admissions@cahillite.com) or (215)-627-1270

**St Luke's CYO ONE ACT PLAY** It's time -Open to all 6th, 7th and 8th graders. Auditions/Meeting will be held in Father Fitzpatrick Hall on Sunday **November 29** from 1 to 3 pm. If you have any questions or are unable to come please email Mrs. Dillinger at [dillinger4@aol.com](mailto:dillinger4@aol.com). Show dates are January 8 and 10.

## 6:30 AM MASS

Beginning **Saturday, January 2, 2010**, we will not have a 6:30 am Mass on Saturday mornings.

**LASALLE COLLEGE HS Scholarship and Entrance Exam** for 8th grade boys will be held Saturday, **Dec. 5**, at 8:30 am. **Practice test** for 7th grade boys is **March 6, 2010**. For more info, contact Admissions Office at [admissions@lschs.org](mailto:admissions@lschs.org) or 215-233-2911 or [www.lschs.org](http://www.lschs.org).

## NOVEMBER

### ADOPTION PROJECT

We remind all Parishioners to pray for *Chad* especially that he will find a family to adopt him and also that many more families will be open to considering adoption. Please join in this effort.

### Villa Chances

to Benefit of Retired Sisters of Saint Joseph  
Grand Prize: \$10,000  
10 Prizes: \$500 each  
\$1 per chance or 6 for \$5  
**Chances are available in the rectory**

### 2010 CHURCH CALENDARS

Church calendars, courtesy of William R. May Funeral Home, are available in the back of Church. Pick one up for a handy reference for fasts and feasts, parish phone numbers, and Mass times.

### CHARITY IN TRUTH STUDY GROUP

We will have the 2nd session of this study group exploring Pope Benedict's encyclical, *Caritas in Veritate* in January.

## FEED THE HUNGRY

All are invited to participate in the parish work to feed the hungry.

### *Aid for Friends*

Share your dinner with someone who is homebound. Cook a little extra and fill an 'Aid for Friends' tray. Freeze and place in the freezer (located in room just beyond chain linked fence in parking lot). For more information call Kathy Cassidy, 215-884-7971.

### *St. John's Hospice*

St. John's feeds a large number of homeless people each day. They are extremely thankful for the generous support that they receive from St. Luke's each month. Easy casserole recipes are located at the rear of the church and on our web-site (<http://www.stlukerc.org/casseroles.htm>). Pans are located in church. Please bring frozen casseroles to 213 Cliveden Ave. prior to 9 am on our Donation Days, the third Monday of each month. For more information call Mary Fran McNamara, 215-886-9649. **The next Donation Day is Monday, December 21.**

### *St. Malachy's Food Cupboard*

There are bins by the church doors where you can place your non-perishable food donations for distribution to St. Malachy's Church in North Philadelphia and our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

### *St. Vincent de Paul Society*

Contributions can be made in our Poor Boxes near the doors of Church to assist in the Society's work with the poor.

## COME STAY WITH ME

Reminder that **Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament** is (almost) every Tuesday from 9 am until 7 pm in the Church (excepting funerals and other services). We are looking for **½ hour time commitments** from parishioners in order that Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is not left alone. A sign up sheet is available in the vestibule of the church, as well as sign up sheets for substitutes. Please come and stay with HIM for ½ hour a week.

## CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Kick your Christmas spirit into high gear at the annual sale of Christmas wreaths sponsored by the Right-to Life Committee. Wreaths will be available before and after all Masses on **this weekend**. The price remains the same: \$25.



## SIGNS AND WONDERS

Signs in the heavens, nations in agony and the powers of the skies shaken are not mere tabloid scenarios: they are the markers of our liberation by the Son of Man, who will come with all the saints to gather up his own on the last day. He calls us to holiness and blamelessness in the sight of God. Are we ready to meet the Son of Man face to face?

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## CELTIC BLUES QUILT RAFFLE

*Hearts and Hands*, an ecumenical charity quilting group, has given St. Luke Church a high-quality quilt, in gratitude for the welcoming space provided in Father Fitzpatrick Hall, where the group has been meeting since the Kosovo crisis 10 years ago.

The quilt, "Celtic Blues," measures 68" x 78" with a centerpiece of a framed Celtic knot on point inside framed rectangles and five borders. It comes with a pillow sham and throw pillow. The quilt carries an appraisal value of \$975. The appraisal was made by a certified appraiser of the American

Quilter's Society in Paducah, KY, who awarded an "excellent" rating for both the quilting and condition. Her embossed documentary papers will accompany the quilt. We are raffling the quilt to raise money for our sister parish in Haiti. The quilt is now hanging from the choir loft in church. Tickets are \$1 each, six for \$5. They may be returned in the offering basket. Tickets may be purchased at the rectory. They will also be sold by members of the Peace and Justice Committee after all the Masses, **December 5 & 6**, the weekend before the drawing.

**BISHOP MCDEVITT HS  
ROYAL MASQUE PRESENTS  
“Honk”**

Friday, December 4 at 7:30pm  
Saturday, December 5 at 7:30pm  
Sunday, December 6 at 7:30pm

Senior Citizen Matinee  
Thursday, December 3  
(reduced ticket prices for this show only)

Tickets are \$12. Order early for best seats. Call 215-884-3773.

**CONWELL / EGAN 1966??**

Are you, or do you know, a member of the Class of 1966 at Bishop Egan or Bishop Conwell? Planning has begun for a reunion to be held for their 45th and 50th reunions to be held in 2011 and 2016. Organizers need addresses, phone numbers or e-mail addresses. If a family member was a part of their class, and you can pass this along, they would appreciate it. The organizers plan to remember deceased classmates as a part of our reunion as well. Please contact PatriciaKelly@Egan66.com or 215-869-4429, or you can access the reunion web site at <http://egan66.com/index.htm>.

**ST. DAVID, WILLOW GROVE  
HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR**

Friday, **Dec. 4**, 6:30-9:30 pm and Saturday, **Dec. 5**, 9 am- 3 pm in school auditorium. Over 30 crafters, food, and fun for the kids. Call Peg (215-658-0146) for info.

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**Our Lady Help of Christians**, 1500 Marion Rd. in Abington, will host their annual Christmas Bazaar on Fri. **Dec. 11** from 6-9 pm and again on Sat. **Dec. 12** from 9 am-1 pm. The event will include Crafter Booths, Tree Sales, White Elephant, Tom-bola, and a visit from Santa at noon on Sat. Vendors: \$25./Table or \$20. if you bring your own. For details, call Sue Hercher (215) 669-1727.

**CHRISTMAS HOUSE TOUR**

Visit six beautifully-decorated homes located in the Chestnut Hill, Lafayette Hill, Fort Washington and Blue Bell Areas. Thursday, **December 10**, 12 noon to 8 pm. Ticket price \$25.00. Sponsored Mount Saint Joseph Academy. Limited number of tickets available. No children under age 14. Purchase tickets online at [www.msacad.org/Christmas](http://www.msacad.org/Christmas) or contact Mollie Menapace at [morm520@comcast.net](mailto:morm520@comcast.net) or 215-653-0270.

**THEOLOGY CLASSES**

Is God calling you to a deeper knowledge of Himself? Take a theology class at one of the best seminaries in the country, right here in our own Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Consider a class on the *Theology of Liturgical Music and its Pastoral Applications*, *John Paul II and the New Evangelization*, *Johannine Literature*, or the *Catechism of the Catholic Church: Pillars II and IV*.

Can't travel to the Seminary each week? Consider an online course on *Catholics and the Economy: A Study of 'Caritas in Veritate,' the Synoptic Gospels*, or the *Catechism of the Catholic Church: Pillars II and IV*.

Registration deadline is January 11. Classes start **January 25**. Register today at

[www.StudyCatholicTheology.com](http://www.StudyCatholicTheology.com)

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

The Fine Arts Department at Mount Saint Joseph Academy presents: "A Concert of Christmas Gifts" **Dec. 9 & 10**, 7:30 pm. \$5 General Admission, \$3 Senior Citizens and Children. Mount Saint Joseph Academy, Fournier Auditorium, 120 W. Wissahickon Ave., Flourtown, PA. 215-233-3177.

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*Support our organizations for children and teens—purchase Food Certificates or use Genuardi's Club Card.*

**BLESS THE BABY JESUS  
DEVOTION**

The Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent Sunday, **December 6**, 2009, at 11 am, in the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul will be followed by the fifth annual Bless the Baby Jesus devotion, and will be a wonderful opportunity for families to grow in faith as the "domestic church." Pope Benedict XVI has said, "May all families strive to imitate [the Holy Family's] faith, hope and charity, so as to bear greater witness to the singular importance of the 'domestic church' for the life of the universal Church and for society."

The Family Life Office and Catholic Social Services are planning this event with great care, to provide a morning of joyful prayer in the spirit of the Advent season. This year, instead of a prayer service, the event will be celebrated flowing from the Mass at the Cathedral's regular 11 am Mass time. This will allow more people and families to attend and to celebrate the Eucharist together.

At the conclusion of the Mass, Cardinal Rigali will bless the statues and images of the Baby Jesus that families bring. Families can then carry the image of Jesus back home, to inspire their prayers and to contemplate His birth.

This occasion will also be an opportunity for people to assist the less fortunate. There will be baskets available to collect infant clothing for local crisis pregnancy centers and to collect canned food for the poor.

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**Catholic Social Services** is looking for single or married adults to become **foster parents** to children of all ages and races. There is a special need for families who can provide care to teenagers. To learn about becoming a foster parent, please call 215-587-3960!



*Remember those who are serving  
in the Armed Forces*

Sean Biggio	Edward Keller	Daniel Scharle
John Crockett	Dustin Lahiff	John Silvestri
Michael DiCicco	William Leimbach	Brian Starkey, Jr.
Eric Duckworth	Nicholas Lynch	John L. Sullivan
Erin E. Duffy	Randall Main	Marygrace
Colin A. Graham	Sean Maples	Telman
Ronald Green	John Monaghan	Travis Telman
Robert Grimming	Nicholas Nedbal	Calvin Travers
Andy Johnson	Josh Parkes	Tim Tumelty
Michael Johnson	Anthony Ross	Kevin Ward
Charles Keller		Michael Zanetti

**STAFF**

Rev. Msgr. J. Michael Flood .....	Pastor
Rev. John F. McBride (Senior Priest).....	Parochial Vicar
Rev. Joseph T. Murphy .....	Retired
Rev. Msgr. John F. O'Brien .....	Retired
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Sharon D'Amore .....	Director of Religious Education
Jeanne Kyle.....	Director of Parish Services
Molly Mahoney .....	Director of Music Ministries
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Cathy Berry .....	Evening Secretary
John Alekna.....	Maintenance
Dave Daniel .....	Maintenance
Beth Stieritz.....	Development
Cathy Foley.....	Sacristan

**RESPECT LIFE THOUGHT:**

“You matter. That’s why Christ came into your life, cleaned your soul [at baptism], and lit the lamp of faith in your heart. If ever the lamp goes out, he is always there to light it again. And while it shines, it should inspire us to roll back the dark lies of the culture of death and spread the light of Christ’s love to everyone we can, because they matter too.”

- Rev. John Bartunek, LC, “Why You Matter,”  
Respect Life Program (2009-2010)

**RESPECT LIFE PRAYER:**

We pray for all unborn children: that their families will prepare to welcome them with joy and awareness of the many gifts children bring into the world.



Sr. Assumption, acj	Kathy LeQuier
Del Axford	Jennifer Lyons
James Bradley	Joseph Markey
Rob Breen	Ruth McCarthy
Eileen Breslin	Brian McCormick
Fred Calio	Joseph McCormick
Patricia Carter	Michael McDonough
Nancy Cavan	Norva McGrogan
Dick Claudius	Marjorie Miller
Dolores Costanza	Brielle Mooney
Caterina Costanzo	Mary Moran
David Cullman	Rory O’Sullivan
Paula D’Amore	Bertha Peterson
Patricia DeCinque	Scott Rodgers
Rosemarie DeHaven	John Roman
Beatrice DeNinnis	Mike Ryan
Rick DiLanzo	Ralph Siani
Kate Dwyer	Jerry Smith
Joseph Flint	Kevin Smith
Deborah Gormley	Mary Jo Smith
Joseph Granahan	Dorothy Sweeney
John Guarro	&
Elda Ianna	All those who are sick and homebound in the parish, and patients at Abington Memorial Hospital
John Knowles	
Steven Kulp	
Anna Marie Larkin	
Patricia Leahy	

**POPE BENEDICT XVI’S PRAYER INTENTIONS  
FOR NOVEMBER**

**Care of Creation.** That all people of good will, especially those who make political and economic policies, may commit themselves to care for all creation.

**Peace of God.** That believers of every religion may witness through their lives and through dialogue that the Name of God brings peace.

**FOR DECEMBER**

**Children.** That children may be respected, loved, and never exploited.

**Christ, Light of the World.** That during Christmas the peoples of the earth may recognize the Incarnate Word as the light that illuminates every person, and that every nation may open its doors to Christ, the Savior of the world.

## SCHEDULES

### ALTAR SERVERS

#### Saturday 5 pm Vigil, Nov 28

5:00 pm Evan Mascione Michael Ferry

#### Sunday, Nov 29

6:30 am Andrew Ward

8:00 am Jonathan Garcia Stephanie Mahoney

9:30 am Ryan Priole Joseph Kain

11:30 am Patrick Ryan Tommy Joyce

#### Monday & Tuesday, Nov 30 & Dec 1

6:30 AM Andrew Ward

8:30 AM Joseph Krause Sarah Pritz

#### Wednesday & Thursday, Dec 2 & 3

6:30 AM Kyle Donahue

8:30 AM Stephanie Kraynik Anthony Scalfaro

#### Friday & Saturday morning, Dec 4 & 5

6:30 AM Michelle Harbison

8:30 AM Catie Keegan Sarah Sydlowski

### LECTORS

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

##### NOVEMBER 28 & 29

5:00 pm Andria Johnson Helen Watkins

6:30 am Michael Piotrowicz Anthony Rombola

8:00 am Jim Burke Al Dorley

9:30 am Renie O'Meara Larry Woehrle

11:30 am Dave Daniel Bill Edwards

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

##### NOVEMBER 28 & 29

5:00 pm Pat O'Donnell, Pat Sharkey, Jane Turk

8:00 am Jim Burke, Frank Emmerich, Nancy Traister

9:30 am Sr. Mary Elizabeth, Jailer Sanchez, Charlie  
Spencer

11:30 am Jule Hanahan, Michael Shea, Susan Shea

#### COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Do you know that in our parish some of those who are homebound, *long-term and short-term*, are visited regularly by the priests of the parish and are visited weekly by parishioners who bring Communion?

Please spread the word to those who may benefit from these visits. Have them call the rectory (*early in the week, if possible*) to arrange for the visits. The visits are a blessing to those who find it difficult to travel.

**Sacrament of Baptism.** Except during Lent, parish celebrations of Baptism are usually held during the 9:30 am Mass on the first Sunday of the month and at 1:00 pm on the other Sundays. Parents should attend the Pre-Baptismal Program (held once a month) before the day of Baptism. Call the rectory to register.

**Sacrament of Marriage.** All wedding preparations should be made at least 6 months in advance of the expected date of marriage. All engaged couples should attend a Pre-Cana Program early in their engagement. Please call the rectory to make these arrangements.

**New Parishioners.** Welcome to our Parish Family! To register call the rectory to make arrangements. For information on becoming Catholic, call Jeanne Kyle at 215-572-0128.

**Moving?** If you are moving within the parish please let the rectory know of your new address. If you are moving from the parish, please let us know so we can say 'Good bye' & 'God go with you.' We also want to know if you want the parish to keep in touch with you to let you know about various activities. Call the rectory office.

**St. Luke Spiritual Library** is located in the Easton Road vestibule of the Church.

**Chapel House** is the house with the porch between the upper (new) school building and the convent at 2330 Fairhill Avenue.

**Fr. Fitzpatrick Hall (FFH)** is the church auditorium, located beneath the church.

**Music Ministry Room (MMR)** is a room located in FFH.

**Alumni Room (AR) (a/k/a Lyons Den)** is a room located in FFH.

### RCIA

#### *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*

This is a process by which adults prepare for and are initiated into the Catholic Church. As part of the process there are meetings with those on the spiritual journey to become Catholics and those who journey with them as sponsors and RCIA team members. There is also a program for Catholics who wish to be confirmed. Call Jeanne Kyle at the rectory, 215-572-0128, for more information.