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Saint Joseph Catholic Church
Church: 400 East Simpson Street
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-6507
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MISSION STATEMENT: Saint Joseph Parish, Mechanicsburg PA

Like our Patron, Saint Joseph, the Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we are called to foster the presence of Christ in all that we say and do. Our mission is to grow disciples for the Lord Jesus Christ.



Reverend Thomas J. Rozman, Pastor
Reverend Timothy J. Sahd, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Jack Paruso
Deacon Steven Auchey
Seminarian Andrew Kappenhagen
Rudy Geisler, Parish Manager
Rebecca A. Bamberger, School Principal
Mark Rebuck, Coordinator of Religious Education
Mary Vukelich, Adult Education Coordinator
Justin Myers, Pastoral Musician
Suzanne Bruzga, Evangelization Coordinator
Parish Advisory Council, pac@stjosephmech.org

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Please notify the parish office when you or a family member has been admitted to the hospital or healthcare facility.

Sacrament of Baptism: Usually, the last Sunday of the month at 12:45 PM Arrangements must be made in advance by calling the Parish Office.

Common Policy for Baptism: Parents are encouraged to call the Parish Office to receive a copy of the Parish Baptism Policy containing essential information regarding the required instruction workshop and requirements for sponsors.

Sponsor Certificates: Letters of recommendation for sponsors of the Sacraments can be issued only to active members of the Parish who are registered in the Parish and receiving the Sacraments.

Sacrament of Matrimony (Marriage)

Common Policy: It is necessary for a couple to contact the priests NINE TO TWELVE MONTHS prior to the anticipated time of the wedding. (It is recommended to contact the parish priest as soon as a formal engagement is decided.)

Sacrament of Anointing: Call any parish priest as soon as there is any serious illness.

Holy Communion to the Sick: When a parishioner is confined to home because of illness, advanced age, or infirmity, please call the office and arrangements will be made to take Holy Communion to the person.

Masses: Saturday: 4:00 PM (fulfills Sunday Obligation)
 Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:45 AM, 11:30 AM
 Weekday: See inside; Masses for the Week

Parish Office: 410 E. Simpson St.
 Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-6507
Parish Office Hours: Monday-Thursday: 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM,
 Friday: 9:00 AM - noon

Telephone Numbers:

Parish Office:	717-766-9433
Video Phone for the Deaf:	717-610-0326
Mass & Confession Times:	717-766-8032
Parish Office FAX:	717-795-9123
School:	717-766-2564
School FAX:	717-766-1226
Religious Education:	717-766-2472
Trinity High School:	717-761-1116

Masses & Events for the Week

VIGIL - OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

4:00 PM ☩ Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus
4:15 PM Gazebo Mass – Special Intention

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 - OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

(Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46)

8:00 AM People of the Parish Living and Deceased
+9:45 AM ☩ Joseph Jordan, Jr. (Bianca)
9:45 AM Gazebo Mass - Special Intention
11:30 PM ☩ All Souls
After Masses New Coats for Kids Collection (Portico)
1:00 PM Baptism (Sanctuary)
1:00 PM Harrisburg Young Adults Picnic (Gazebo)
2:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Outside Brindle Hall)
Religious Education Program: Pre-school and Kindergarten (Online)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23 - WEEKDAY; SAINT CLEMENT I, POPE AND MARTYR; SAINT COLUMBAN, ABBOT; BLESSED MIGUEL AGUSTIN PRO, PRIEST AND MARTYR

(Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5; Luke 21:1-4)

9:00 AM ☩ All Souls
Religious Education Program: Grades 1-8 (Online)
7:00 PM Finance Council Meeting (Zoom and John Paull II Rm.)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24 - SAINT ANDREW DUNG-LAC, PRIEST AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

(Revelation 14:14-19; Luke 21:5-11)

9:00 AM ☩ Theodore and Joan Romanko (Cline)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 - WEEKDAY; SAINT CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

(Revelation 15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19)

9:00 AM ☩ Shawn Reed (Reed)
7:00 PM Hymn Sing Livestreamed from Choir Loft

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26 - WEEKDAY; THANKSGIVING DAY

(Sirach 50:22-24; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; John 15:9-17)

9:00 AM People of the Parish Living and Deceased
9:00 AM ☩ Gazebo - All Souls

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27 - WEEKDAY

(Revelation 20:1-4, 11—21:2; Luke 21:29-33)

9:00 AM ☩ All Souls (Nguyen)
7:30 PM Holy Hour with Prayers, Night Prayer, Benediction
8:30 PM Candlelight Procession & Prayers to Our Blessed Mother
Public and Livestreamed (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28 - WEEKDAY; BVM

(Revelation 22:1-7; Luke 21:34-36)

2:30 PM Confessions (Parish Life & Ed. Ctr.)

VIGIL - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37)

4:00 PM ☩ Deceased members of the Legion of Mary
4:15 PM ☩ Gazebo Mass – Father Thomas Sinnott (Harris)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37)

8:00 AM People of the Parish Living and Deceased
+9:45 AM ☩ Special Intention of Robin Schade (Brennan)
9:45 AM Gazebo Mass - Special Intention
11:30 PM ☩ Gordon Jahn
2:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Outside Brindle Hall)

+ Mass in American Sign Language (ASL)

PREPARE FOR
ADVENT

WELCOME

All of our Masses are open to the public! Join us in Church or at the Gazebo for an outdoor Mass. Join us virtually from our Church via livestream. It is available on our website: www.stjosephmech.org, Facebook Page, MyParishApp and our YouTube Channel! Our Weekend Masses can also be heard from our campus parking lot on your car radio: **FM 95.5**. All are welcome!!!

We Remember

ALTAR FLOWERS: For the Living and Deceased members of the Simon and Staub Family.

TABERNACLE FLOWERS: For the Living and Deceased members of the Simon and Staub Family.

DIVINE MERCY FLOWERS: Special Intention.

PRO-LIFE ROSES: Special Intention.

RED SANCTUARY CANDLE: Special Intention.

TABERNACLE CANDLES: Special Intention.

ALTAR CANDLES: In memory of Helen and Joseph Eichholzer from Tom and Tina Middleton.

\$140 Donation for Tabernacle, \$70 Altar, Ambo, & Divine Mercy Flowers, \$10 Donation for candles, \$5 Donation for Pro-Life Rose
Information on our website: www.stjosephmech.org or call the parish office: 717-766-9433.



Thanksgiving Day, November 26, we will celebrate Mass in the Church at 9:00 AM and outside at the Gazebo at 9:00 AM!!! Please join us - all are welcome as we gather to give thanks to God for all of His blessings. The Mass from the Church will also be livestreamed on our Facebook and YouTube pages. Join us!!!

Our Angel Tree is Virtual This Year! We are working with New Hope Ministries and Catholic Charities to provide Christmas gifts for those in need. You can place monetary donations only in the weekend collection basket, drop them off in the mail box at the parish office, on-line at www.stjosephmech.org/give or you can mail them in as well (see address on bulletin front cover). Please note "Angel Tree" on the envelope. Angel Tree donations are being accepted now until **November 29**. Your generosity and giving hearts during the Christmas season is always such a blessing. Thank you for helping to make this Christmas a little brighter for so many during these challenging times. May God continue to richly bless you and your families.

Rest in Peace

Please pray for those who have recently died, may they rest in peace. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let thy perpetual light shine upon them. And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

WE REMEMBER:

James Brell, brother of Constance Beckett

Betty Jane Gall, mother of Michele Warren, grandmother of Adam Warren

Webb Holtz, uncle of Judy Holtz

Bernadette Roeder, mother of Doug Roeder

PARISH TRANSFORMATION:

"Parish Excellence" is an organization recently established to "recognize parishes who have exemplified mission-driven innovation during the COVID-19 Pandemic." For more information, please go to <https://aleteia.org/2020/10/03/parish-excellence-award-honors-the-evangelical-efforts-of-churches-during-pandemic/>

OUR PARISH WAS NOMINATED FOR THESE CATEGORIES:

Broadcasting Mass (Technical Excellence)

Parish demonstrated excellence in implementing livestream technology during COVID

Broadcasting Mass (Participation & Engagement)

Livestreamed Masses achieved strong viewership and engagement rates

Broadcasting Mass (Multi-Cultural & Multi-Lingual)

Livestreamed Masses served multiple cultural and language groups well

Parish Outreach to Families

Parishioners felt supported and connected to the parish during the shutdown as a result of the efforts of the parish's communications and messages

Pastor's Outreach to Parishioners

Parishioners felt supported and connected to the parish during the shutdown as a result of the pastor's outreach efforts

Reopening of Mass

Procedures for resuming public Masses and other parish activities were well-organized and well-communicated

Offertory Retention/Recovery

Parish executed effective initiatives to encourage generosity and to make it easier for parishioners to give in new ways to allow offertory levels to be maintained or to minimize decreases

Service Ministry Continuation

Excellence in continuing pre-existing ministries in new ways during COVID

New Service Ministries

Parish added ministries to serve those significantly impacted by the pandemic

Adult Faith Formation via Technology

Parish executed strong faith formation programs for adults during COVID

Small Groups via Technology

Parish held impactful virtual small groups during COVID

Faith Formation for Youth via Technology

Parish executed strong sacramental preparation and faith formation programs for youth during COVID

Community Prayer via Technology

Parish offered virtual gatherings for parishioners to pray together

Website

Parishes implemented significant upgrades and/or new content to their website to improve parishioner experience during COVID

Email

Parishes implemented significant improvement to their emails and/or increased email frequency to keep parishioners up-to-date during COVID

Social Media

Parishes increased their social media presence to keep parishioners up-to-date during COVID

Among the winners and honorable mentions nationwide are Saint Patrick Cathedral, New York City, NY; Church of the Nativity in Timonium, MD; Saint Jude Cathedral, St. Petersburg, FL; Saint Matthew, Philadelphia, PA.

Saint Joseph Parish was honored a number of times among the 16 categories presented. We received honorable mentions in the following 7 categories (there was one award, and up to 3 honorable mentions for each category):

- Reopening of Mass
- Service Ministry Continuation
- Offertory Retention / Recovery
- Adult Faith Formation via Technology
- Faith Formation for Youth via Technology
- Community Prayer via Technology
- Social Media Innovations/ Excellence During COVID

We received the Parish Excellence Award for Email Innovations / Excellence During COVID! Such recognition is a blessing to ALL of us. None of the work of our parish community during these unprecedented times could be continued and enhanced without the loving support of our parish family, the continuing efforts to fulfill our mission to foster the presence of Christ and grow disciples for our Lord, and the rock-solid commitment of the staff (parish, religious education and school) that, together, make us the parish that we are. It is with sincere and humble thanks that we give praise and glory to God for the gifts that He has given us. The Holy Spirit continues to transform our parish into the Mystical Body of Christ, as expressed in our Stewardship Prayer:

My parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is.
It will be friendly, if I am. It will be holy, if I am.
Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.
It will do great work, if I work. It will be prayerful, if I pray.
It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.
It will bring others into worship, if I invite and bring them in.
It will be a place of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith,
of compassion, charity and mercy, if I, who make it what it is,
am filled with these same things.
Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to the task
of being all the things that I want my parish to be. Amen.

Order of Worship – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Entrance Chant • Crown Him With Many Crowns

† INTRODUCTORY RITES

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord, Jesus Christ, only begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Singing at public Masses: We are told that singing is one of the easiest ways for transmission of the Corona Virus, since more air is pushed from our lungs in this action. We are asked to limit singing to only the Cantor, who is in the choir loft for the entire Mass, at a substantial distance from the congregation. Music is an integral part of the celebration of Mass and we know how much you look forward to participating in our sung worship. However, prudence demands that we limit the role of congregational singing for the present time. Instead, please sing with your heart, and enjoy the fine musical leadership that always comes from the choir loft!

† THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading • *Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17*

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord God. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly. As for you, my sheep, says the Lord God, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm • *Psalm 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6*

R/. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading • *1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28*

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must

reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation • *Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

Gospel • *Matthew 25:31-46*

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them from one another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, *(at the words that follow, up to and including "and became man," all bow)* and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Universal Prayer • Lord, Receive Our Prayer

† THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Hymn • TO JESUS CHRIST, OUR SOVEREIGN KING

† COMMUNION RITE

Communion Hymn • BREAD FOR THE WORLD

Spiritual Communion Prayer: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

† CONCLUDING RITE

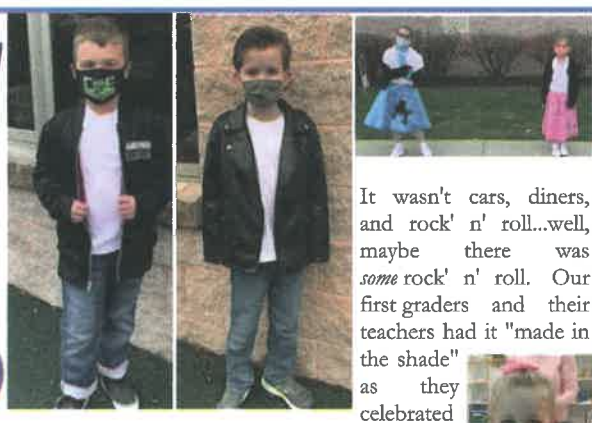
Prayer to Saint Michael: Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Closing Hymn • REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING

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ACT OF THANKSGIVING - AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

O good Jesus, We thank You with all our hearts for giving us Yourself, the Source of all graces, in Holy Communion. We thank You for all the blessings that we have received from You, especially through the Holy Eucharist, in which You are ever present to console us and to help us in our needs. In thanksgiving of all Your favors, we offer You all that we are and have. May Your Will be done in our family and through each of us now and forever. Jesus, receive this poor offering. What can I give you? I give myself to You, that I may always serve You. I give You my body, that it may be chaste and pure. I give You my soul, that it may be free from sin. I give You my heart, that it may always love You. I give You every breath that I shall breathe, and especially my last; I give You myself in life and in death, that I may be Yours forever and glorify You eternally. AMEN.



It wasn't cars, diners, and rock' n' roll...well, maybe there was some rock' n' roll. Our first graders and their teachers had it "made in the shade" as they celebrated

the 50th day of school last week by carrying on the tradition of dressing in Fabulous Fifties-style clothing. There were cardigan sweaters, scarves, and poodle skirts for the girls and jeans, white t-shirts, leather jackets, and slick-backed hair for the boys. They enjoyed root beer floats and had so much fun!! It was "the bee's knees"!

Saint Joseph School has the following employment opportunities available. Candidates are expected to uphold the values of the Catholic Church and our Saint Joseph School.

Substitute Teachers: An interested candidate must be a practicing Catholic and must possess at minimum a bachelor's degree. Candidates must be at least 21 years of age and will need to complete all diocesan clearances.

Instructional Aides: Qualified candidates must possess at minimum a high school diploma and some aide experience and preferably an associate's degree or bachelor's degree in education or a related field. Candidates must be at least 21 years of age and will need to complete all diocesan clearances.

If interested in the substitute teacher or instructional aide positions, please send a cover letter and resume to Mrs. Rebecca Bamberger at rbamberger@stjosephmech.org.



Trinity High School Calendar Raffle - Try your luck this holiday season and purchase a raffle ticket to Trinity High School's Merry Little Christmas Holiday Raffle. Each day in December (and on New Year's Day), we will pull a ticket for a gift card or cash prize. Winners are added back into the pot, so there's many chances to win! Proceeds benefit the Faith in Our Future Capital Campaign, and all contributions to the raffle will be doubled due to the generous matching gift funds! To see the calendar or order tickets, see the event on Trinity's Facebook page or email communications@thshocks.us.

Weekly Stewardship Report - November 15, 2020

Regular Sunday Offerings:

Weekly Goal	\$ 26,731.00
Actual Basket Offerings -	
Weekend Offerings (envelopes & loose)	\$ 12,624.00
Electronic Check - Bill Payer	\$ 3,550.00
Online Thru WeShare	\$ 4,195.00
Total Offering	\$ 20,369.00

Comparison Prior Year - November 17, 2019 \$ 28,728.00

Additional Offerings:

Feast of All Saints	\$ 95.00
Eucharistic Devotion (40 Hours)	\$ 70.00
All Souls	\$ 142.00
Capital Improvements (PLEC Roof Savings Account)	\$ 505.00

"Building Disciples, Sharing Gifts"

Thank you for your continued generosity.

2020 Diocesan Annual Campaign As of November 15, 2020

2020 Assessment	\$234,456.00
Paid to date (Gifts & Pledges):	\$ 198,140.00
Open Pledges:	\$ 10,446.00
Total Commitment	\$ 208,586.00
Remaining Goal	\$ 25,870.00
Number of Donors	445

As we enter this holy season of Advent & Christmas, please take some time to prayerfully consider a gift to the 2020 Annual Diocesan Annual Campaign (DAC). The campaign will conclude on January 31, 2021 and as you can see by the report above, we are moving closer to our goal (**thank you to all who participated**). This annual fund is used to assist a wide variety of people & groups who are in need, support missionary functions of the Diocese, and provides a multitude of spiritual/administrative/operational support to the parishes, missions, and religious communities. We are truly thankful for the financial stewardship that all of our faithful provide, and may Our Lord bless and watch over our parish family.

That Man Is You is taking the weekend off. Enjoy Thanksgiving with your families, get those Christmas decorations out and join us again next week for more Dr. John Bergsma! Contact Tony Devlin at thedeclinfamily@yahoo.com for information.

MARCH FOR LIFE, JANUARY 29, 2021: Good Shepherd Parish, Camp Hill will be sponsoring a deluxe coach bus for the March for Life on January 29, 2021. The bus departs Good Shepherd at 8am and returns by 6pm. Cost is \$25 per passenger. Contact Deb at: 717-761-1167 x 138 or dsalldin@thegoodshep.org

WE THANK OUR SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

Bangs Law Office

for sponsoring an advertisement in our parish bulletin.
Please patronize the businesses that underwrite all of the publishing expenses of our weekly bulletin.

The Spirit and Bride say, "Come!"

THE LITANY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.

Father all-powerful, *have mercy on us.*
Jesus, Eternal Son of the Father,
Redeemer of the world, *save us.*
Spirit of the Father and the Son, boundless
life of both, *sanctify us.*
Holy Trinity, *hear us.*
Holy Spirit, Who proceedest from the
Father and the Son, *enter our hearts.*
Holy Spirit, Who art equal to the Father
and the Son, *enter our hearts.*

Promise of God the Father,
* *have mercy on us.*
Ray of heavenly light, *
Author of all good, *
Source of heavenly water Consuming
fire*
Ardent charity,*
Spiritual unction,*
Spirit of love and truth,*
Spirit of wisdom and understanding,*
Spirit of counsel and fortitude,*
Spirit of knowledge and piety,*
Spirit of the fear of the Lord,*
Spirit of grace and prayer,*
Spirit of peace and meekness,*
Spirit of modesty and innocence,*
Holy Spirit, the Comforter,*
Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier,*
Holy Spirit, Who governest the Church
Gift of God, the Most High,*
Spirit Who fillest the universe,*
Spirit of the adoption of the children of
God,*

Holy Spirit, *inspire us with horror of sin.*
Holy Spirit, *come and renew the face of
the earth.*
Holy Spirit, *shed Thy light in our souls.*
Holy Spirit, *engrave Thy law in our
hearts.*
Holy Spirit, *in flame us with the flame of
Thy love.*
Holy Spirit, *open to us the treasures of
Thy graces.*
Holy Spirit, *teach us to pray well.*
Holy Spirit, *enlighten us with Thy
heavenly inspirations.*

Holy Spirit, *lead us in the way of
salvation.*
Holy Spirit, *grant us the only necessary
knowledge.*
Holy Spirit, *inspire in us the practice of
good.*
Holy Spirit, *grant us the merits of all
virtues.*
Holy Spirit, *make us persevere in justice.*
Holy Spirit, *be Thou our everlasting
reward.*



Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins
of the world, *Send us Thy Holy Spirit.*
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins
of the world, *pour down into our souls
the gifts of the Holy Spirit.*
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins
of the world, *grant us the Spirit of
wisdom and piety.*

V. Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of
Thy faithful,
R. And enkindle in them the fire of Thy
love.

Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful Father,
that Thy Divine Spirit may enlighten,
in flame and purify us,
that He may penetrate us with His

heavenly dew and make us fruitful in good
works, through Our Lord Jesus Christ,
Thy Son, Who with Thee, in the unity of
the same Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one
God, forever and ever.

R. Amen.

CALLED TO LIVE THE FREEDOM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN ADVENT ~GALATIANS 5:13-26

For you were called for freedom, brothers
and sisters. But do not use this freedom as
an opportunity for the flesh; rather,
serve one another through love.
For the whole law is fulfilled in one
statement, namely, "You shall love your
neighbor as yourself." But if you go on
biting and devouring one another, beware
that you are not consumed by one another.

I say, then: live by the Spirit and you will
certainly not gratify the desire of the flesh.
For the flesh has desires against the Spirit,
and the Spirit against the flesh; these are
opposed to each other, so that you may not
do what you want. But if you are guided
by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Now the works of the flesh are obvious:
immorality, impurity, licentiousness,
idolatry, sorcery, hatreds, rivalry,
jealousy, outbursts of fury, acts of selfish-
ness, dissensions, factions, occasions of
envy, drinking bouts, orgies, and the like.
I warn you, as I warned you before, that
those who do such things will not inherit
the kingdom of God.

In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love,
joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.
Against such there is no law.

Now those who belong to Christ [Jesus]
have crucified their flesh with its passions
and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us
also follow the Spirit. Let us not be con-
ceited, provoking one another, envious of
one another.

"The Holy Spirit teaches us to see with the eyes of Christ, to live life as Christ lived, to understand life as Christ understood it. That is why the living water, who is the Holy Spirit, quenches our life, why he tells us that we are loved by God as children, that we can love God as his children and that by his grace we can live as children of God, like Jesus. And we, do we listen to the Holy Spirit? What does the Holy Spirit tell us? He says: God loves you. He tells us this. God loves you, God likes you. Do we truly love God and others, as Jesus does? Let us allow ourselves to be guided by the Holy Spirit, let us allow him to speak to our heart and say this to us: God is love, God is waiting for us, God is Father, he loves us as a true father loves, he loves us truly and only the Holy Spirit can tell us this in our hearts. Let us hear the Holy Spirit, let us listen to the Holy Spirit and may we move forward on this path of love, mercy and forgiveness."

- Pope Francis, General Audience, May 8, 2013

*Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful,
and enkindle in us the fire of
Your love.*

ADVENT WREATH TABLE PRAYER

As we make the Sign of the Cross, the leader says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.
R/. Who made heaven and earth.

A song may be sung as someone lights the candle(s). The rose candle is lighted during the Third Week of Advent.

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

R./ Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high
And order all things, far and nigh
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in her ways to go. R./

Opening Prayer .

Open our minds and our hearts, O Lord, to hear your word of promise! Send us the Holy Spirit to guide us through these holy days. Quiet our worries and anxieties and help us to wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ who is Lord for ever and ever. R/. Amen.

Scripture Reading (chosen from the daily readings or from below).

The First Week: Isaiah 9:1-6

The Second Week: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

The Third Week: Luke 1:39-45

The Fourth Week: John 1:1-5, 9-14

A reflection may be shared about the Reading.

Concluding Prayer

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:
He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us, He is the Savior of every nation.
Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May He come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. R/. Amen.

To conclude, we make the Sign of the Cross, saying:

May the Lord bless us,
protect us from all evil,
and bring us everlasting life. R/. Amen.

DAILY READINGS FOR ADVENT

*"Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path."
- Psalm 119:105*

FIRST WEEK

Sunday	Luke 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday	Isaiah 2:1-5
Tuesday	Psalm 72
Wednesday	Isaiah 25:6-10
Thursday	Matthew 7:21-27
Friday	Psalm 27
Saturday	Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26

SECOND WEEK

Sunday	Philippians 1:4-11
Monday	Psalm 85
Tuesday	Luke 1:26-38
Wednesday	Zechariah 2:14-17
Thursday	Psalm 145
Friday	Matthew 11:16-19
Saturday	Sirach 48:1-11

THIRD WEEK

Sunday	Zephaniah 3:14-18
Monday	Genesis 49:2, 8-10
Tuesday	Jeremiah 23:5-8
Wednesday	Judges 13:2-7, 24-25
Thursday	Isaiah 7:10-14
Friday	Luke 1:5-25
Saturday	Luke 1:26-38

FOURTH WEEK

Sunday	Micah 5:1-4
Monday	Song of Songs 2:8-14
Tuesday	Luke 1:57-66
Wednesday	Luke 1:67-79

ADVENT TRADITIONS

HOW OUR STAFF PREPARES FOR ADVENT
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FOR INSPIRATION... (WEBSITES, APPS, ETC.)

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Rudy Geisler (Parish Manager) has been using this program for years to prepare for the holidays. There is also a BEST LENT EVER program!
<https://dynamiccatholic.com/advent/best-advent-ever.html>

My Catholic Life

Father Rozman finds this website helpful as he prepares for the celebration of Advent. <https://mycatholic.life/daily-reflections/>



Saint of the Day

Rudy Geisler (Parish Manager) finds this email / app helpful when he's preparing for Advent. The rest of the staff enjoys the readings from it, as well, at our morning stand-up meetings.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day>

FOR YOU TO READ... (BOOKS)



Advent of the Heart: Seasonal Sermons and Prison Writings 1911-1944

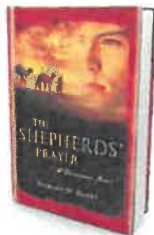
Father Sahd recommends this book for Advent. It is a collection of Advent homilies and writings by a priest who was in a concentration camp. His approach to Advent is a spiritual program, a way of life. He proclaimed that our personal, social and historical circumstances, even suffering, offer us entry into the true Advent, our personal journey toward a meeting and dialogue with God.

For more information : <https://rb.gy/8bcuoj>

Three Days: The Search for the Boy Messiah

Rudy Geisler (Parish Manager) recommends this book by Chris Stepiens. It is a fictional story about the 5th Joyful mystery -- it's a great read!

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/three-days/SFBM.html>



The Shepherd's Prayer, A Christmas Novel

Rudy Geisler (Parish Manager) also recommends this book by Richard M. Barry. It is a Christmas-themed book from Dynamic Catholic that tells a fictional story of a young man who was spared from Herod's killing of innocents as a child, due to his mother's heroic efforts. He eventually meets Jesus as an adult and becomes his disciple one year at Christmastime.

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/the-shepherd's-prayer/TSPY-5-HC-ENG.html>

FOR YOU TO LISTEN TO... (MUSIC & PODCASTS)

These recommendations come from Suzanne Bruzga (Evangelization Coordinator)

Abiding Together



Suzanne also suggests checking out this podcast. Hosted by Sister Miriam, Michelle Benzinger, and Heather Khym, Abiding Together provides a place of connection, rest and encouragement for people who are on the journey of living out their passion and purpose in Jesus Christ. They are even hosting an Advent series called "Under Her Mantle." www.abidingtogetherpodcast.com

Vigil, Series 2: Watch & Pray

Suzanne recommends this Advent-themed album of contemporary Catholic music by The Vigil Project.

It's available on Spotify & Apple Music.



Poco a Poco

Suzanne Bruzga also recommends this podcast as well. Join Fr. Innocent, Fr. Angelus and Fr. Mark-Mary, members of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, for their weekly podcast which offers "Practical Spirituality; and breaks open the Gospel in light of their years of prayer, communal life, and work with the poor.

<https://www.franciscanfriars.com/poco-a-poco-podcast>

FOR THE FAMILY... (TRADITIONS)

Homemade Pierogies

David Maceiko (Finance Manager) enjoys making homemade pierogies with butter and onions with his family.

<https://feelslikehomeblog.com/2017/11/traditional-pierogies-butter-onions/>



Family Advent Calendar

Mary Vukelich (Adult Formation Coordinator) and her family make an Advent calendar for the whole family. They fill the boxes with coupons for small favors they will do for each other.

For example, "I'll walk the dog," "I'll get you a slushie," "free hug."

Preparing a Space for Jesus

Mary Vukelich (Adult Formation Coordinator) and her family also "prepare a space for Jesus" by placing a small "manger" and a glass of straw on their kitchen table, and every time we do something kind or thoughtful, we place a little straw in the manger. We place baby Jesus in the manger Christmas morning, so we try to make it super comfy for Him by then!

(Straw goes in for Advent calendar favors too!) For example, "I'll walk the dog," "I'll get you a slushie," "free hug."



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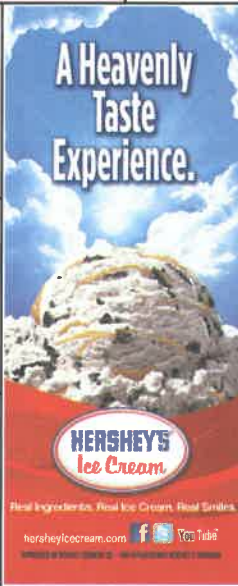
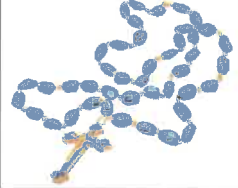
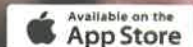
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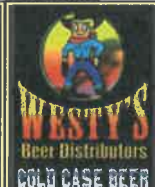


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