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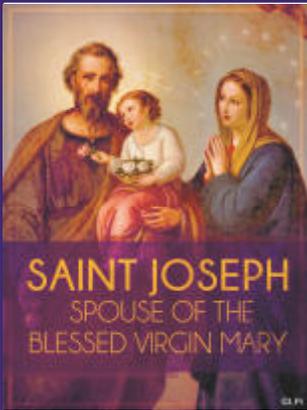
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Mission Statement

We are an urban parish of Pittsburgh's East End dedicated to serving one another both within and outside our parish, but especially to the poor and marginalized of our community. Empowered by Christ to spread the good news of salvation, we are committed to forming intentional disciples of every age and accompanying them in their faith journey, with the goal of fostering an encounter with and deepening our relationship to Jesus Christ. We do this joyfully rooted in the Eucharist and our Catholic faith, employing our diversity and talents to support one another and build the Kingdom of God in love, mercy, and justice.



Grateful for the Blessings of the Year of Saint Joseph

On Dec. 8, 2021, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the Year of St. Joseph will come to a close — but the challenge of living like St. Joseph will have only just begun.

After all, St. Joseph's role was not one of self-satisfaction, of ease and plenty, of comfort and luxury. He wasn't even center stage. Saint Joseph is famously silent in the Gospels. He's not the star of the show; that would be his adopted Son, the Babe welcomed by Joseph when the angel comes to reassure him that to marry Mary is to do the will of God, and to raise this Son, the Son of God, is to do the will of God.

And so Joseph, quietly, did exactly that. He did all of that, in fact — that whole, staggering, impossible task. He raised God.

The silence of St. Joseph resembles the silence of God the Father — each is known to us only through the Son, the Word of God, the revelation of the Father and the father. Want to see the faith of Joseph? Look at the life and teachings of His Son. Want to hear the silent Joseph speak? Listen to his Son, for sonship essentially means being made in the image, after the likeness, of one's parents (see Gen 5:3).

So the Year of St. Joseph was really a mere foretaste of what it really means to be a Christian steeped in Scripture and the life of faith, for Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, is also, after some fashion, the image and likeness of St. Joseph.

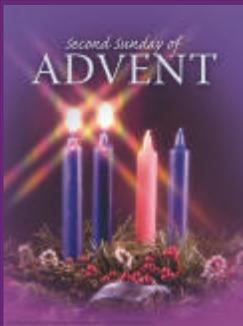
Saint Joseph was such a strong man that he could also be a silent one, remembered because of his faith, his righteous obedience to the divine will, and his love of God, which allowed God to safely be obedient to him. Joseph could have the docility and prudent wisdom to discern when an angel summoned him to go, and when to return. He could be chastely married to a woman infinitely greater than himself. He could be merciful to a Son who'd given His parents a scare, who'd disappeared from the family party and was found three days later in the Temple.

So as the Year of St. Joseph comes to an end, let us learn from St. Joseph what it means to be someone who loves Jesus and Mary. Let us learn the lessons of restraint, of gentility, of self-mastery and self-gift. And let us follow St. Joseph in serving Jesus and Mary faithfully, whole-heartedly, with generous love and righteousness, and loving our neighbor as ourselves.

Living and Loving Like St. Joseph

- *Make (or renew) your consecration to St. Joseph.*
- *Be faithful to the duties of your state in life.*
- *Put God first, family second, self third.*
- *Know and love the Word of God. Spend half an hour reading the Bible every day.*
- *Make (or renew) your consecration to Jesus through Mary with 33 Days to Morning Glory.*
- *Be faithful to prayer and the works of mercy.*
- *Receive the Sacraments according to the precepts of the Church. If you can, go to daily Mass and make a weekly Confession.*
- *Be quick to listen and slow to speak.*
- *Love God and neighbor.*
- *Know your faith. Study the Catechism.*

- By Chris Sparks, TheDivineMercy.org



Today's readings for the second Sunday of Advent invite us to ponder the ways prophecy has been fulfilled and what the future holds. Just as John the Baptist prepared the way for Christ, we are invited during this Advent season to prepare for Jesus' coming. "The 'voice' of the great prophet asks us to prepare the way for the coming Lord in the deserts of today, internal and external deserts, thirsting for the water of life which is Christ." (Benedict XVI).

Where are the valleys in your life that need to be filled? Where has the road diverted away from God and life's path become too rough? Those ruts and detours in the road have their source in pride, gluttony, anger, and lust. Advent is the perfect time to examine where you have allowed the things of this world to take priority over God, to repent, and turn back to Him.

John the Baptist and the prophet Isaiah remind us that no matter how much we may stumble and suffer in this journey, God fills us with everlasting love, mercy, and joy. As we await His Coming Son, we must stay open to the work God is doing in us, we must choose daily to follow Christ, and like John, let our lives be an example to others of God's great glory.

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On December 8, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which references Mary's conception in her mother's womb without the stain of Original Sin. An essential part of God's plan for the mother of his Son was that she be conceived free from Original Sin. "Through the centuries the Church became ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception" (CCC, no. 491). In anticipation that she was to bear the Son of God, Mary was preserved from the time of her conception from Original Sin. We call this the Immaculate Conception. No sin would touch her, so that she would be a fitting and worthy vessel of the Son of God. The Immaculate Conception does not refer to the virginal conception and birth of Christ, but rather to Mary's being conceived without inheriting Original Sin. (United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, 142-143)

This is a holy day of obligation this year. Please see Mass times on page 9.

Your Special Christmas Gift to our Wonderful Parish

Christmas is a wonderful time for all of us to show our generosity and appreciation to our own parish with an extra special gift for all the ways our parish has served everyone this past year.

Your extra generous support is important to the continuation of our ministries that carry on the *Mission of Jesus Christ* at our local parish level.

Your help HAS BEEN VITAL as we have gone through the unprecedented COVID- 19 Pandemic.

Without your extra generosity we would have never made it through that difficult time the way we did. Thank you.

PLEASE CONSIDER AN EXTRA SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFT OR END OF THE YEAR GIFT TO SAINT JUDE PARISH. THINK OF ALL THE WAYS OUR PARISH HAS BEEN HERE FOR YOU AND ALL THE GOOD WE ARE DOING FOR EACH OTHER BY WAY OF OUR PARISH. WE ARE COUNTING ON ALL OUR WONDERFUL PARISHIONERS TO HELP US AGAIN THIS CHRISTMAS.





Adoration Before Our Eucharistic Lord

Let's talk about intimacy with Our Lord.

When we receive Holy Communion, we assume into our bodies and souls the Body and Blood of Jesus and become fully one with him; it is the most "intimate" experience for us as believers to encounter the Son of God.

Now that "intimacy" with Jesus does not end when we disperse after Holy Mass. We enjoy many opportunities that extend this heightened oneness with Jesus in our prayers, in our meditations, our visits before the tabernacle and throughout the day.

The Church provides us with a special opportunity to better focus on our unity with the Eucharistic Lord with scheduled times of Eucharistic Adoration. Jesus, in His Eucharistic presence, is visually exposed on the altar in a monstrance to highlight His presence with us and to welcome us to adore Him as the Son of God and the King of Kings. Our eyes focus our gaze on Him and make our hearts and souls one with Him.

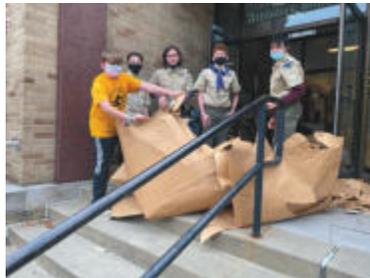
Our parish will soon invite all the faithful to take advantage of sharing intimate visits with Our Lord in scheduled expositions of the Blessed Sacrament, which we refer to as Eucharistic Adoration. This is perhaps the most heightened opportunity for intimacy with Jesus, except for receiving Him in Holy Communion.

Make this intimacy with Jesus the priority of your spiritual life and join us for quality time in adoring Him in His Eucharistic presence on the altar as we initiate these adoration opportunities in the very near future. The invitation comes from Jesus Christ himself.

- Mgrs. John Kozar



We're pleased to report that the Amen to Action event on November 26th was a great success! Over 100 volunteers from Saint Jude Parish, along with many other good Christians from the Pittsburgh area, packed 120,000 meals in 3 hours, exceeding the 100,000 goal. It was a wonderful morning of fellowship with volunteers working together around a common goal of helping those suffering from food insecurity. Bishop Zubik gave the opening prayer, and Rev. Liddy Barlow, Executive Director of Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania, and Rev. Jensen from neighboring Calvary Episcopal were also in attendance. Thank you to all who helped out and made the event run so smoothly.





Advent Wreaths

Thank you to Chris Johnson and Jerry Maloney for constructing the beautiful Advent wreaths on the lawns of Sacred Heart and St. Raphael Churches. Come see the candles lit up at night!

St. Nicholas Toy Drive

This Advent St. Jude Parish is supporting the St. Nicholas Toy Drive, organized by Play It Forward and Missionary Childhood Association. The St. Nicholas Drive provides new and gently used toys for children in the Pittsburgh Area from baby to 12 years old. There is an Advent tree in the vestibule of **Sacred Heart Church**; please take a tag, or visit our website at <https://saintjudepgh.org/toy-drive> to learn about online options for donating. Unwrapped toys can be placed in the marked location in the vestibule of Sacred Heart, and **all donations must be delivered by Sunday, December 12th**.

Questions? Email youngadults@saintjudepgh.org. Thank you for helping to spread the Spirit of St. Nicholas to local children this Christmas!

Giving Tree

Thank you for your participation in the Giving Tree, and a big thanks to the Ladies of Charity for organizing it. **Gifts should be returned by December 8. Gift cards can be placed in the collection baskets.**



This year's gifts will be distributed to residents of Vincentian de Marillac, shut-ins of our parish, children in need, and teens in Vagabond Ministries.

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The giver of every good and perfect gift has called us to mimic his giving.

St. Nicholas of Myra

4th-century Greek bishop known for putting coins in the shoes of the poor

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December 6

Music At Mass Today

The music for today's Mass can be found in the Worship Hymnal (W) or the Breaking Bread Missalette (BB).

Entrance Hymn: W #388 Savior of the Nations, Come

Psalm: BB pg. 34

Offertory Hymn: W #392 On Jordan's Bank

Sanctus: BB #927

Memorial Acclamation: BB #928

Amen: BB #931

Agnus Dei: BB #932

Communion Hymn: W #584 Christ Be Our Light

Recessional Hymn: W #402 Comfort, Comfort, O My People

In Memoriam Sister Mary Eileen Cook, CSJ

Sister Mary Eileen (Mary Immaculate) Cook, CSJ, 91, died Friday, November 19, 2021, in the 73rd year of her religious life as a Sister of St. Joseph. The daughter of Clarence and Mary Griffin Cook, **she entered the Congregation from St. Raphael parish in Pittsburgh.** Sister Mary Eileen served 17 years as an elementary teacher in Pittsburgh and Greensburg diocesan schools and as principal at St. Mary (1966-72) in Freeport and St. James (1983-93) in Sewickley. Sister Mary Eileen also served as Director of Religious Education at Sacred Heart-St. Peter in Tarentum, staff member of Crosspoint Communications, and Administrator of Friendship House in Sewickley.

“March for Life”- January 21

The annual national “March for Life” will be held on Friday, January 21, 2022 in Washington DC. This prayerful, peaceful witness to the sacredness of life in the womb has been held every year in our nation’s capital for the past 58 years since the deadly “Roe v Wade” decision by the Supreme Court in 1973, legalizing abortion. You are invited to join with hundreds of thousands of your fellow Americans in witnessing to the fact that abortion is the evil taking of innocent human life, and damages the lives of the mother and father involved. If you would like to make this one day bus trip to Washington – St. Jude Parish will be joining with St. Matthew Parish in Shaler for the March. Prayerfully consider joining us, and if you would like more information, call Fr. John Sweeney at the Parish office.

Young Adult Christmas Party

Wednesday, Dec. 15, 8:00 - 10:00pm

Save the date for our annual Young Adult Christmas Party! Visit saintjudepgh.org/young-adults for details.

Sing for Christmas

A great way to celebrate Advent and Christmas is by singing. Please consider joining our parish choir for just the Christmas Season. Rehearsals are on Thursdays. Our choir will be singing the traditional carols as well as two contemporary anthems - "Strangers in the Streets" by David Chase and "Ass, Stable, Angel, Oxen, Bell" by Peter Foggitt. If you cannot commit to singing for the entire liturgical year, you might want to join us for Advent and Christmas.



Saint Jude Young Adults!

Wednesday Mass & Social | St. Raphael Church - Join us for Wednesday evening Mass at St. Raphael Church followed by a social meetup with either a bonfire or outing. Rosary starts at 6:30 p.m. followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m.

2nd & 4th Sunday Brunch | Sacred Heart Church - Following 9:00 a.m. Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, meet up with other young adults to walk to S. Highland Ave. for brunch at The Urban Tap at 10 a.m.

RCIA at Saint Jude Parish

If God has been calling you or someone you know to join the Catholic Church or receive the sacraments of Christian initiation, then please email Father John Sweeney at frjohn@saintjudepgh.org, Father Joe Mele at frjoe@saintjudepgh.org, or Deacon Hahn at deaconbill@saintjudepgh.org for more information on the RCIA program at our parish! We customize the program to individuals if group meetings don't fit your schedule.

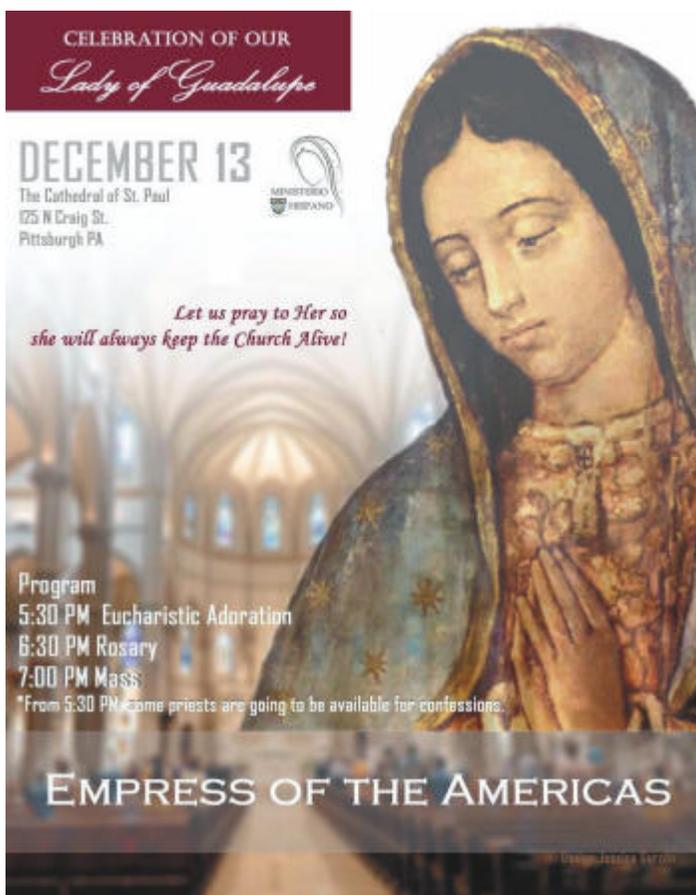
The Light Is On For You

On **Wednesday, December 15 from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM**, churches around the diocese will be open for Confessions as part of the Light is On for You. Bishop Zubik will be available to hear Confessions at the Cathedral. Our priests will hear Confessions at both Sacred Heart and St. Raphael. There will be 7 PM Mass at St. Raphael with Confessions before and after.

As we prepare for Christmas, it is important that we remove the barriers that stand in the way of receiving Jesus fully with a clean heart. In the sacrament of Reconciliation, the priest's absolution not only frees us from that sin that burdens us, but it transforms us into more perfect receptacles of the hope, joy, and peace of the Christmas season. We are reborn and ready to welcome Jesus.

During Advent, we not only reflect on Christ's coming 2,000 years ago, but we meditate on His Second Coming. If you were to meet Jesus today, would you be ready? Confession helps us wipe the slate clean, and recommit to growing in virtue and living as Jesus asks.

Please plan on attending Confession during Advent. Make the choice to strengthen your relationship with Jesus, stepping out of the darkness of sin and into the light of God's mercy. Spend some time thinking about your life. Ask the Holy Spirit in prayer to guide you to see those moments when you have not lived according to Christ's commands—whether that was in your thoughts, words, or actions. There are many guides online to help you make a thorough examination of conscience. You have nothing to fear—and only God's grace to receive.



CELEBRATION OF OUR
Lady of Guadalupe

DECEMBER 13

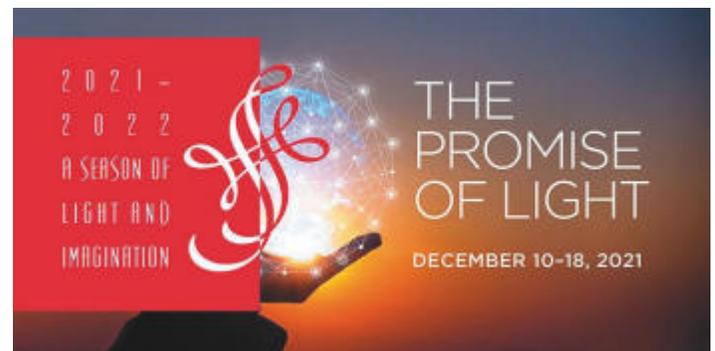
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she will always keep the Church Alive!*

Program
5:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration
6:30 PM Rosary
7:00 PM Mass
*From 5:30 PM some priests are going to be available for confessions.

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THE
PROMISE
OF LIGHT

DECEMBER 10-18, 2021

Mendelssohn Choir at Sacred Heart December 17 | 7:30 | FREE

The Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh presents its first concert since February 2020, The Promise of Light!

Drawing from the wealth of music and poetry about winter, the solstice, the holidays, and why we celebrate at the darkest time of the year, this concert will feature dynamic choral arrangements of popular songs by beloved pop artists, alongside breathtaking music from well-known choral composers, and new voices in choral music.

Proof of vaccination is required for entry. Masks will be required of all patrons.

**Saint Jude Parish Time, Talent & Treasure:
Financial Stewardship**

11/21/2021

Offerings \$8,437
Other Non- Diocesan Donations \$309

Faith Direct (received 4th and 15th of month)
Total Weekly Offering \$8,746

Needed per budget - FYTD ave. as of 6/30/21 \$ 15,723
over / (under) budget \$(6,977)

Parish Share - 2021

Goal (less 5% discount if paid in full) \$159,787

Received \$337,648

EXCEEDED GOAL! \$177,861

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24 (Christmas Vigil)

4:00 pm (SH and SR),
6:00 pm (SR), 10:00 pm (SH)

December 25

9:00 am (SR)
11:00 am (SH)

There will NOT be a Vigil Mass on Saturday (Christmas Day) for Sunday the 26th

December 26

usual Sunday Mass schedule

January 1

9:00 am (SR)

There will NOT be a Vigil Mass on Saturday (New Year's Day) for Sunday, January 2nd.

January 2

Usual Sunday Mass schedule

Baptism

Congratulations to the family of

***Eloise Klock
Jay and Nicholas Sciulli***

*who were recently baptized! May God bless family
and friends as they share faith over the years!*



*Please pray for our recently deceased &
their beloved families:*

Patricia Tierney

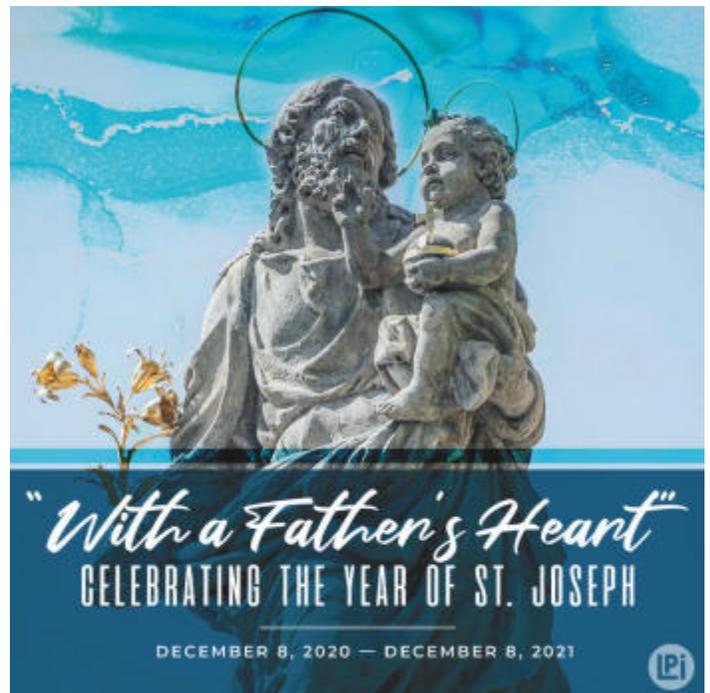
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It's that time of year again!

Jancey Street Trees will open on the Saturday
after Thanksgiving. Visit their website
www.janceystreettrees.weebly.com for more
information and hours.



Please let us know if you know someone
who would love to **receive the bulletin by mail!**

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

The Diocese requires a 6-month preparation period; a pre-marriage course is also required for each couple.

To schedule a wedding, please email weddings@saintjudepgh.org.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(One baptism at a time)

For information or appointment, please call Barb Melick at 412-661-0187 ext 200.

Note that a **baptism preparation program** is required for parents who are presenting their first child for baptism.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

For those seriously ill, preparing for surgery, or the elderly: Please call Fr. Steven Palsa - Parish Chaplain at 412-720-3554

For all in need of anointing (non-emergency), the Anointing of the Sick will be offered on the last weekend of each month after all Masses at both churches.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesdays, following the 7:00 pm Mass at Saint Raphael Church; Saturdays, at both churches, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. Individual appointments for Confession available upon request..

Please note: any parishioners who wish to attend the 8:30 AM Friday Sacred Heart Elementary School Masses at Sacred Heart church are welcome to do so; however, out of respect for the students who are too young to be vaccinated against Covid-19, all in attendance are required to follow Covid-19 protocol. Thank you!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4 SAINT JOHN DAMASCENE, PRIEST AND**DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

- 9:00AM C Benefactors of the Sisters of the Merciful Jesus
4:00PM SR Mary Sweeney by Family
6:00PM SH George A. and Millie Linnelli by John and Mary Krauland

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 9:00AM SR Timothy Antoszewski by Parents
9:00AM SH Kenneth Francis (Birth) by Family
11:00AM SR Arthur Fatalino by Wife, Theresa and Family
11:30AM SH For the living and deceased members of the Tonzig and Coraluppi Families By Luisa Coraluppi
7:45PM SH For the People

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6 SAINT NICHOLAS, BISHOP

- 9:00AM SR William Medica by Sandra and James McCardle
12:05PM SH Concetta Costa and Palma DeRenzo by Agostino Costa Pasquale D. Fusca (Month's Mind) by Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7 SAINT AMBROSE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

- 9:00AM SR Rosa P. and Francesco Barbieri by Ralph and Rosa Barbieri
12:05PM SH Ruth Findlan by Ellen and Jack Gunnell
7:00 PM SH Vigil Mass

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8 THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF**THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

- 8:30 AM SH School Mass
12:05 PM SH Betty and Rudy Schrei by Family
7:00PM SR Joseph Paravati (Month's Mind) by Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9 SAINT SAINT JUAN DIEGO**CUAHTLATOATZIN**

- 9:00AM SR Filippo Didomenico by Mr. and Mrs. Giuseppe Pietropaolo
12:05 PM SH Francescoantonio Greco (Birth) by Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

- 9:00AM SR Domenico, Annunziata, and Giuseppe Labate by Elizabeth Febbraro
12:05PM SH Thomas Mullen by Marian and Helen Golob

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11 SAINT DAMASUS I, POPE

- 9:00AM SR Rose Ford (Month's Mind) by Family
4:00PM SR Paolo Liberto by Vittoria and Concettina Liberto
6:00PM SH Spiritual and Physical well-being of Tony Pais (anonymous)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 9:00AM SR Mariangela and Paolo Liberto by Family
9:00AM SH For the Benefactors of the Parish
11:00AM SR For the People
11:30AM SH Deceased members of the Carroll and Ryan Families by Sally Ryan
7:45PM SH George A. and Millie Linnelli by John and Mary Krauland

**SANCTUARY CANDLES**

December 5 -11

Saint Raphael:

Timothy Antoszewski by Parents

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December 5 -11

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