

THE PARISH OF SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

WORSHIP AID FOR DECEMBER 24, 2023

Welcome!

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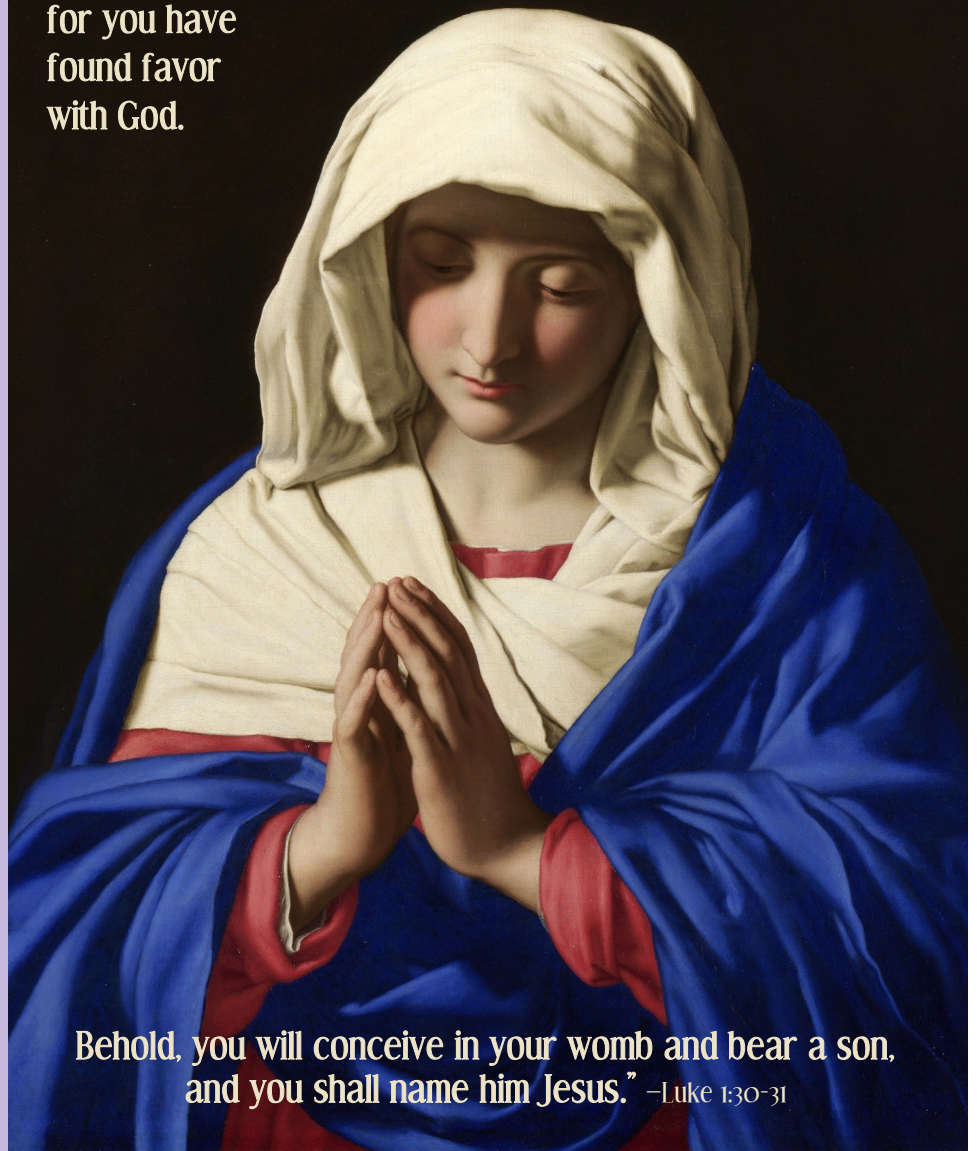
Deacons
Dcn. Kevin Lander
Dcn. Paul Lim
Dcn. Jim Mackin

TEMPORARY MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 4:00 p.m. at SSJ
4:30 p.m. at SMOS
SUNDAY: 8:00 a.m. at SMOS
9:00 a.m. at SSJ
10:00 a.m. at SMOS
11:00 a.m. at SSJ
MONDAY: 8:30 a.m. at SSJ
12:00 p.m. at SMOS
TUESDAY: 8:30 a.m. at SMOS
12:00 p.m. at SSJ
WEDNESDAY: 8:30 a.m. at SSJ
12:00 p.m. at SMOS
THURSDAY: 8:30 a.m. at SSJ
12:00 p.m. at SMOS
FRIDAY: 8:30 a.m. at SMOS
12:00 p.m. at SSJ

*This schedule does not
reflect holidays or Holy Days.*

"Do not be afraid, Mary,
for you have
found favor
with God.



Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,
and you shall name him Jesus." —Luke 1:30-31

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SACRAMENTS



BAPTISM:

For arrangements call
the parish office: 412-857-5356



ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Call the parish office for
arrangements if in danger of death.
If hospitalized or in a skilled nursing
facility, please ask the nursing staff
to contact the Catholic priest on call
for that facility.



MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must be made with
one of the priests at least six months
before the proposed date
of the wedding.



PENANCE:

Saturdays

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
at St. Margaret of Scotland Church

Wednesdays (Not held on Dec. 27)

6:00 to 6:30 p.m.
at Ss. Simon and Jude Church
—Or by appointment.—

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

DECEMBER 24 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*4:00 p.m.	SSJ	Ronald J. Metz by Natalie, Mark, and Justin Metz
*4:30 p.m.	SMOS	Catherine Golinsky by daughter, Frances Popp
6:00 p.m.	SSJ	Joe Woznicki by Denise
8:00 a.m.	SMOS	People of the Parish
9:00 a.m.	SSJ	Ron Ferrie by wife, Lois, and family

DECEMBER 24 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD—CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 p.m.	SSJ	In honor of Anna Marie Kramer by Lynne (Cannoy) & Keith Knecht
4:00 p.m.	SMOS	Albert Turkovich by wife and children
6:00 p.m.	SSJ	Sophia, John, and Jeffrey Moses by Joe and Judy Moses DiSarro
6:00 p.m.	SMOS	Deena Walsh by Joan Ross Severance
10:30 p.m.	SMOS	Mary and Mike Mazur by Ron Mazur and Ed Gaskill

DECEMBER 25 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD—CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00 a.m.	SSJ	People of the Parish
10:00 a.m.	SMOS	Members of the Arcangelo Society
11:00 a.m.	SSJ	Adelaide Crespy by sister, Mary, and family

DECEMBER 26 FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR

12:00 p.m.	SSJ	Douglas Walls by mom, Rose Schultz
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DECEMBER 27 FEAST OF ST. JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Health and welfare of Marissa and Craig Dobransky and family by family
12:00 p.m.	SMOS	Linda Martinez-Gentili by Rita Sassano

DECEMBER 28 FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Joseph V. Krashna by Daniel Meise
12:00 p.m.	SMOS	Regis Walsh by Collette and Dave

DECEMBER 29 THE FIFTH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

8:30 a.m.	SMOS	Rita and Elmer Roth by family
12:00 p.m.	SSJ	Edward George Bittner by Elizabeth Reed

DECEMBER 31 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

*4:00 p.m.	SSJ	Clynich and Anton Caito by family
*4:30 p.m.	SMOS	People of the Parish
8:00 a.m.	SMOS	Emidio Ranalli by Angela and Sam Verbene
9:00 a.m.	SSJ	David C. Lynch by Wednesday Faith Sharing Group
10:00 a.m.	SMOS	Genevieve Lizon by Mary Bostjancic
11:00 a.m.	SSJ	Carol Parris by Cliff Parris and family

JANUARY 1 SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Jasper Provenzano by Barbara and children
12:00 p.m.	SMOS	Health and Spiritual Welfare of John McCaffrey by family

**anticipated Mass on the evening before the obligated Liturgy*

THE ORDER OF MASS

ENTRANCE HYMN | O COME, DIVINE MESSIAH!

O come, Di - vine Mes - si - ah! The world in si - lence waits the day
O come, De - sired of na - tions, whom priest and proph - et long fore - told.
O come in peace and meek - ness, for low - ly will your cra - dle be:
When hope shall sing its tri - umph, and sad - ness flee a - way.
Come break the cap - tive fet - ters, re - deem the long - lost fold.
Though clothed in hu - man weak - ness, we shall your God - head see.
Dear Sav - ior, haste! Come, come to earth. Dis - pel the night and show your face, and bid us
hail the dawn of grace. O come, Di - vine Mes - si - ah! The world in si - lence
waits the day when hope shall sing its tri - umph, and sad - ness flee a - way!

Tune: VENEZ, DIVIN MESSIE; French carol, 16th C.

Text: *Venez, divin Messie*; Abbé Simon-Joseph Pellegrin, 1663–1745; tr. by Mary of St. Philip, SND, 1825–1904, alt

PENITENTIAL RITE / KYRIE

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and what I have failed to do,
(all strike their breast as they say)
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Lord, have mer - cy. Chri - ste e - le - i - son,
Christ, have mer - cy. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Lord, have mer - cy.

FIRST READING | 2 SAMUEL 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

When King David was settled in his palace,
and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on
every side, he said to Nathan the prophet,
"Here I am living in a house of cedar,
while the ark of God dwells in a tent!"
Nathan answered the king,
"Go, do whatever you have in mind,
for the LORD is with you."
But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said:
"Go, tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD:
Should you build me a house to dwell in?'"

"It was I who took you from the pasture
and from the care of the flock
to be commander of my people Israel.
I have been with you wherever you went,
and I have destroyed all your enemies before you.
And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth.
I will fix a place for my people Israel;

I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place
without further disturbance.
Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did
of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my
people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies.
The LORD also reveals to you
that he will establish a house for you.
And when your time comes and you rest with your
ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from
your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm.
I will be a father to him,
and he shall be a son to me.
Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before
me; your throne shall stand firm forever."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 89: 2-5, 27, 29



The promises of the LORD I will sing
forever; through all generations my
mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness.
For you have said, "My kindness is
established forever"; in heaven you have
confirmed your faithfulness.

"I have made a covenant with my chosen
one, I have sworn to David my servant:
Forever will I confirm your posterity
and establish your throne for all
generations."

"He shall say of me, 'You are my father,
my God, the Rock, my savior.'
Forever I will maintain my kindness
toward him, and my covenant with him
stands firm."

SECOND READING | ROMANS 16: 25-27

Brothers and sisters:
To him who can strengthen you,
according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus
Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret
for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic
writings and, according to the command of the eternal God,

made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of
faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ
be glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | LUKE 1:38



Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.

GOSPEL | LUKE 1: 26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent from God
to a town of Galilee called Nazareth,
to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph,
of the house of David,
and the virgin's name was Mary.
And coming to her, he said,
"Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you."
But she was greatly troubled at what was said
and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.
Then the angel said to her,
"Do not be afraid, Mary,
for you have found favor with God.

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,
and you shall name him Jesus.
He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High,
and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his
father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever,

and of his kingdom there will be no end."
But Mary said to the angel,
"How can this be,
since I have no relations with a man?"
And the angel said to her in reply,
"The Holy Spirit will come upon you,
and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.
Therefore the child to be born
will be called holy, the Son of God.
And behold, Elizabeth, your relative,
has also conceived a son in her old age,
and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren;
for nothing will be impossible for God."
Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me according to your word."
Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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.

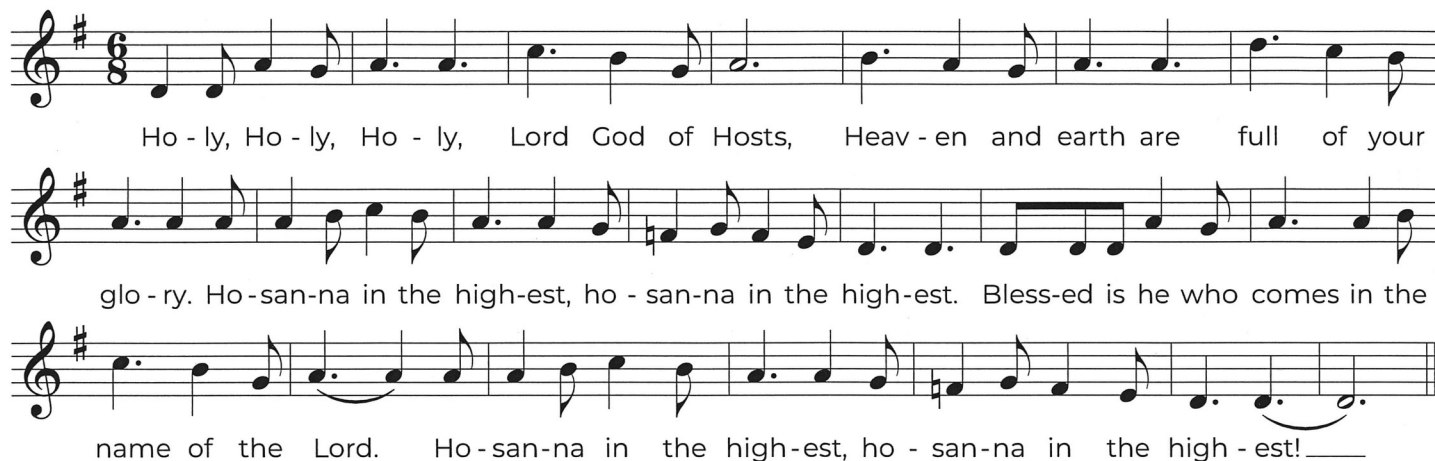
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
(*bow at the following bolder words*)
**and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.**
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was
buried, and rose again on the third day in
accordance 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.

OFFERTORY HYMN | THE ANGEL GABRIEL FROM HEAVEN CAME

The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,____
"How blest a - mong all wo - men you shall be,____
Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head.____
Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born____
With wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame.____
Whom ev - 'ry age will praise con - tin - ual - ly.____
"To me be as it pleas - es God," she said.____
In Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn.____
"All hail," said he, "O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,
Your Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
"My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."
And Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Gló - ri - a!_____

SANCTUS / HOLY



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts, Heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high - est! ____

MYSTERY OF FAITH



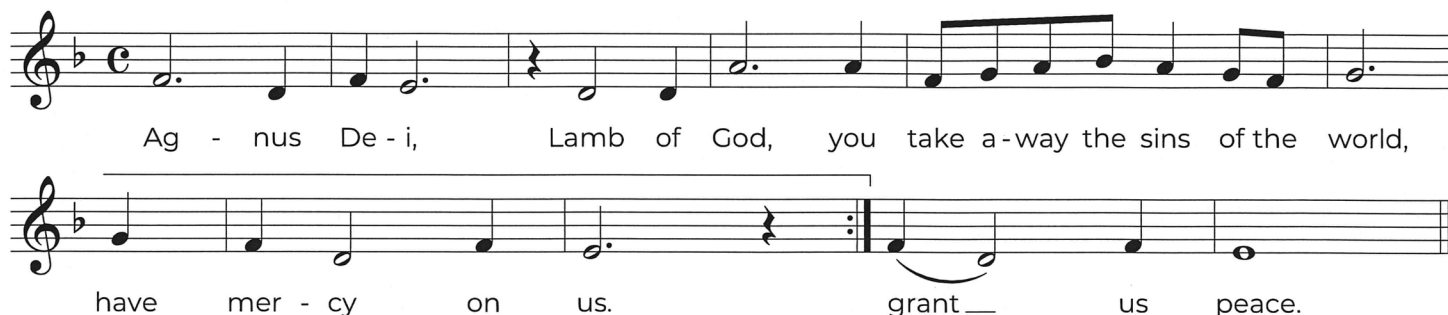
We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro -
fess your Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain!

GREAT AMEN



A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men!

AGNUS DEI / LAMB OF GOD



Ag - nus De - i, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,
have mer - cy on us. grant ____ us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN | MARANTHA, LORD MESSIAH



1. Gracious God of Wisdom, who hear your people's cry,
teach us ways of prudence, O Breath of God Most High.

2. Mighty Voice on Sinai, whom Moses heard in awe,
Adonai, now lead us with holy arm and law.

3. Fragrant Bud of Jesse, whose blooming kings revere,
root your words within us, God's Word for all to hear.

4. David's Key of Heaven, release us from our sins,
Freed from error's prison, our life in you begins.

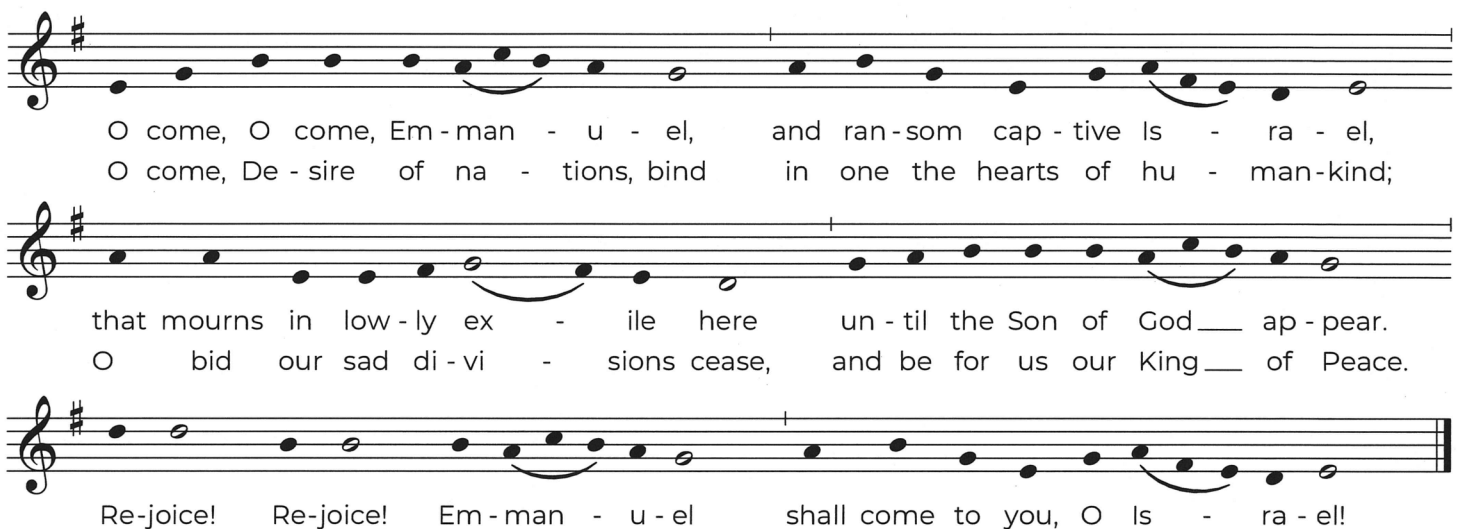
5. Blazing Sun of Justice, the flame of eastern dawn,
scatter clinging shadows, that gloom of death be gone.

6. Sovereign of all nations, our cornerstone of trust,
deliver, in your mercy, your creatures made from dust.

7. Jesus, be God with us, Emmanuel foretold.
Like a shepherd feed us, in safely gathered fold.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN | O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL



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At St. Margaret of Scotland Church
in loving memory of
Charles Matlak
by his wife

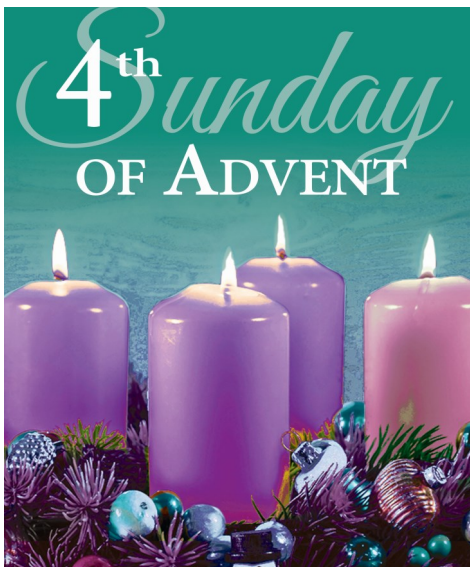
At Ss. Simon and Jude Church
In memory of the
deceased members of the
Shalamon and Kocak Families
requested by
Bob and Joe Shalamon

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The Second Collection on Christmas is the annual Christmas Charities Collection for Children and Youth Services of the Diocese.



The weekly bulletin will be distributed at the Christmas Masses.

— CHRISTMAS EVE MASS SCHEDULE —

- 4:00 p.m. Ss. Simon and Jude Church
with Brass Choir
- 4:00 p.m. St. Margaret of Scotland Church
with the Contemporary Choir
Prelude to begin at 3:30 p.m. with traditional and contemporary songs and carols.
- 6:00 p.m. Ss. Simon and Jude Church
with organ and cantor
- 6:00 p.m. St. Margaret of Scotland Church
with organ and cantor
- 10:30 p.m. St. Margaret of Scotland Church
with the Parish Choir, Brass Choir, and organ
Prelude to begin at 10:00 p.m. with traditional and ethnic carols and hymns.

— CHRISTMAS DAY MASS SCHEDULE —



- 8:00 a.m. Ss. Simon and Jude Church
with organ and cantor
- 10:00 a.m. St. Margaret of Scotland Church
with the Bell Choir
- 11:00 a.m. Ss. Simon and Jude Church
with organ and cantor

Reminder: the parish offices will be closed
from December 25 through January 1.

Coming up in the Christmas bulletin:

- ✱ A Christmas greeting from our pastor
- ✱ Information about the upcoming Baptism class
- ✱ The Caring Corner: Part four of Laura's journey from Advent through Christmas
- ✱ The Christmas flower dedications
- ✱ A reminder about the Christmas Concert on Friday, January 5
- ✱ An invitation for Young Adults to meet in January

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