



**Sacred Heart Parish
Third Sunday of Advent
December 12, 2021**

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Saturday Vigil: 4:15 PM
Sunday: 8 AM and 10 AM
Daily Mass: 8 AM
Rosary Recitation: 7:30am (M-F)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Monday - Saturday, at 7:30 AM
Saturday at 3 PM and by
appointment by calling
(610) 948-5915.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

This year we do not celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe because it falls on the third Sunday of Advent, but I would like to share with you a little story.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, in Spanish, Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, also called the Virgin of Guadalupe, the Virgin Mary in her appearance before St. Juan Diego in a vision in 1531. The name also refers to the Marian apparition itself. Our Lady of Guadalupe holds a special place in the religious life of Mexico and is one of the most popular religious devotions. Her image has played an important role as a national symbol of Mexico.

According to tradition, Mary appeared to Juan Diego, who was an Aztec convert to Christianity, on December 9 and again on December 12, 1531. During her first apparition she requested that a shrine to her be built on the spot where she appeared, Tepeyac Hill (now in a suburb of Mexico City). The bishop demanded a sign before he would approve construction of a church, however. Mary then appeared a second time to Juan Diego and ordered him to collect roses. In a second audience with the bishop, Juan Diego opened his cloak, letting dozens of roses fall to the floor and revealing the image of Mary imprinted on the inside of the cloak - the image that is now venerated in the Basilica of Guadalupe.



Pope John Paul II, canonized Juan Diego and declared Our Lady of Guadalupe the patroness of the Americas. His actions were only the latest in a series of developments affirming the importance of Our Lady of Guadalupe. A shrine to the Virgin has existed on the site since at least 1556, when the archbishop of New Spain promoted devotion to the image of Mary at a chapel in Tepeyac.

Our Lady of Guadalupe's role in Mexican history is not limited to religious matters; she has played an important role in Mexican nationalism and identity. Her continuing significance as a religious and national symbol is attested by the hundreds of thousands of pilgrims who visit her shrine every year.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pray for us!

This second part of Advent - beginning December 17 - is another period of intense training, but this time the focus is more directly on preparing our hearts and minds to celebrate Christmas. Only nine days long, the second part of Advent is the Church's novena of preparation for Christmas.

O Come, Emmanuel!

Rev. Tadeusz Gorka

Saint of the Day

Dec 13 - St. Lucy

Lucy's history has mostly been lost and all we really know for certain is that this brave woman who lived in Syracuse, Sicily, lost her life during the persecution of Christians in the early fourth century. Her veneration spread to Rome so that by the sixth century the whole Church recognized her courage in defense of the faith. Though details of her life remain unknown, it is widely known that during her lifetime Christians were persecuted for their faith. They were forced to endure horrific torture and often met painful ends during Diocletian's reign. Though the details surrounding her death remain only as legends, it is all modern-day Christians can rely on. St. Lucy, whose name can mean "light" or "lucid," is the patron saint of the blind.

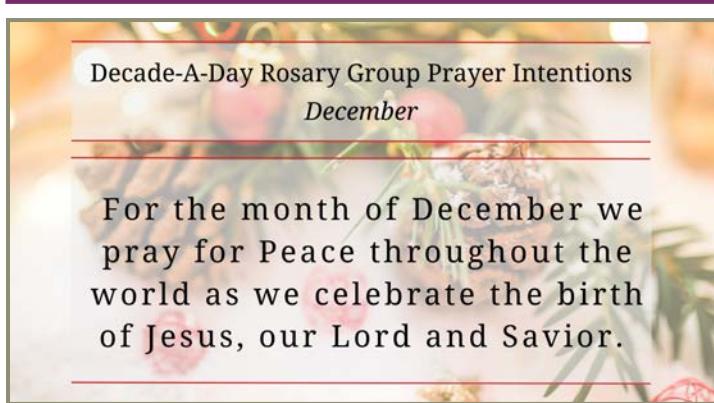
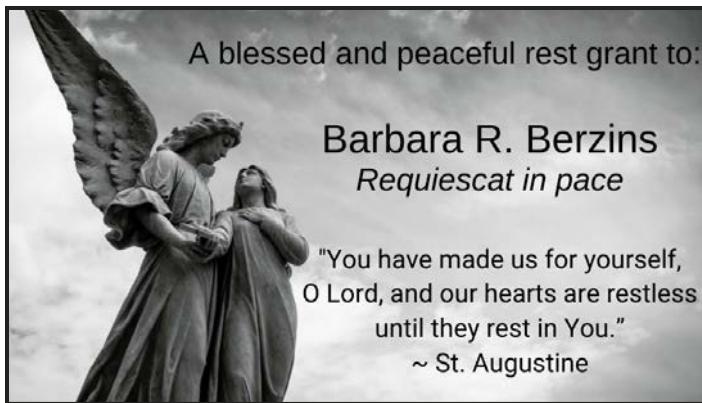
Dec 7 - St. John of the Cross

Born John Yepez in Spain in 1542. He was chosen by God to bring a new spirit of fervor among religious and at age twenty-one he entered the Carmelite Order. St. Teresa of Avila enlisted his help in reforming the Order and his life was full of trials. He asked God to accept his daily sufferings for the love of Jesus and was able to over come life's obstacles by remaining closely united to God. He died in 1591 and was canonized in 1726 by Pope Benedict XIII. He is famous for his spiritual books and is known in the Church as one of the great contemplatives and teachers of Mystical Theology. He was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius XI in 1926.

Prayer of Peace

O blessed Jesus, give me stillness of soul in You. Let Your mighty calmness reign in me. Rule me, O King of Gentleness, King of Peace. ~By: Saint John of the Cross

Mass Intentions	
MON Dec 13	Saint Lucy - Virgin and Martyr
8:00 AM	Mary Koob Requested by The Haffey Family
TUES, Dec 14	Saint John of the Cross - Priest and Doctor of the Church
8:00 AM	Teresa Bokoski Requested by the MDP Charismatics
WED, Dec 15	Alberta Hozyash
8:00 AM	Requested by The Children of Martin and Anne DePaoli
THUR, Dec 16	John O'Rourke
8:00 AM	Requested by Albert and Carole Hritz
FRI, Dec 17	Frank Bradley
8:00 AM	Requested by Steve and Sandy Aldinger
SAT, Dec 18	Frank Magee
8:00 AM	Requested by The Magee Family
4:15 PM	The Kashmere Family
	Requested by Edward and Kim Kashmere
SUN, Dec 19	Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:00 AM	John O'Rourke Requested by Anne Metz
10:00 AM	Pro Populo



 Please pray for the sick of our parish and those that care for them.
Kevin Schurr, Steven DiGuiseppe, Dan Dordea, William Good, Garrett Rogers, John Slanga, Kitty Heebner, Baby Briana, Elizabeth, Caroline, and Tommy Cummings, Brian Szalabofka, Aria Gessner, Alex Stadelmaier, Ed and Johanna McLaughlin, David Hritz, Chris Chrisman, Lauri Ronan, Alyson Layser, Keith Garnett, Orville Otis, John Breslawski, Faye West, John Sowell, Madison D'Annunzio, Nancy McNamara, Patricia Berner, Charles Crowder, Elena Craft, Patricia McMinn, Tara Clarke, Susan Kelly, Walt and Pat Kalil, John Hoff, the Gonzalez Family, Steve Curll, Ed Reynolds, Mary Jimick, Annalies Frisco, Ann Boyle, James McManus, Dex Volpe, Casey Glennon, Helen Gallagher, Taylor O'Neill, Rosemary Buchanan, Kate Baker, Patti DeVincenzo, Jim Bob and Barbara McEwen, Marissa and Enzo Fuentes, Robert Fry, Jr., Max Good, Deirdre Magolon, Claire Phelen, Kevin Grainer, Grace Giuffre, Adrienne Eisenhauer, and all the sick and suffering of the parish.

We pray that God will bless you all with His healing hand.
When your loved one recovers, please notify the Parish Office so we can offer a prayer of thanks!



**Please Pray For Those
Serving In The
Military**

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Captain Dan Cummings

2nd Lt. Nicholas Gardocki

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2nd Lt. Michael McCormick

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Sergeant Justin Solorio



December's prayer intentions are for
Father Gorka.



A candle burns this week next to
the Blessed Virgin Mary statue
for **John and Eleanor Slanga**

Requested by Vince Slanga



A candle burns this week next to
the Saint Joseph statue

for **John and Eleanor Slanga**

Requested by Vince Slanga



A candle burns this week next to
the Divine Mercy image

for **John and Eleanor Slanga**

Requested by Vince Slanga

St. Andrew Christmas Novena

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born Of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.



The Novena is traditionally recited fifteen times a day until Christmas. This meditative prayer helps us increase our awareness of the real focus of Christmas and prepare ourselves spiritually for His coming.



*Congratulations
to The Hinkle Family
on the Baptism of their Daughter,
Emily Joan Hinkle*



**PLEASE JOIN US IN DECORATING OUR
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**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23RD AT 6PM.
ALL ARE WELCOME!**



Bring a Friend!

Silver Liners Senior Circle Christmas Luncheon

December 13th, 11am in the Church Café

Join us to Celebrate the Season

\$5 for Members

\$10 for Non-Members



Our Raffle Drawing will be held at the luncheon!

*You do not need to be present to win

Silver Liner's Senior Circle



LAST DAY TO PURCHASE AFTER MASS

**ALL DONATIONS FOR THE VETERANS ARE DUE TODAY
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12**

Please place them in the box labeled VETERANS in the Caf .

The Silver Liners Senior Circle

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DECEMBER 19TH

SPECIAL MENU ITEMS*

ANNAMARIE'S PANCAKES

includes a side of sausage or bacon

6.00



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8.00

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February 11-13 and April 22-24 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown.

For more info visit: <https://www.wwme-philly.org/>.



St. Martin de Porres Collection

Food and gifts drop off is this FRIDAY, December 17th in the gym.

LOAD THE TRUCK!

We need help loading the truck with all the generous donations we received!



Meet us in the Church parking lot

Dec 18th, 8 am.

We will gladly accept all help.

30-45 minutes time commitment



THE GIVING TREE

**Ornaments still remain on our
Giving Tree in the Fellowship Caf !**

Gift cards will allow us to assist St. Mary's Shelter, Birthright, My Brother's Place, and the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Any denomination is accepted.

Gift cards may either be placed in the collection basket at Mass or dropped off or mailed to the parish office.

The deadline for donations is next Sunday, December 19th.

Questions? contact Theresa McKeon at 484-343-3637.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Gift cards to any of the following stores are needed:

Target, Walmart, Acme, Giant, Redners, Wawa, The Home Depot, Lowes, Staples, CVS, Walgreens.



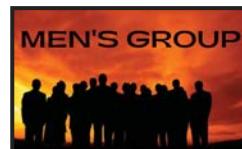
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Pound cake: \$17 each
Plain with vanilla icing
OR marble with chocolate icing

Kielbasa (Zwyczajna): \$7/link
(approx 1 pound)

**Pick up will be
Wed 12/15 (evening) and all day Thurs 12/16.**



**Wednesdays at 9am in the
Katherine Drexel Room**

Meet to discuss different topics on our
Faith and Church history.

Please consider sharing your insight and joining our group.

Contact Jon Nall @ gwtao1@verizon.net
or Joe Getley @ majoget@gmail.com

Other News

Immacul  Ilibagiza: Finding Forgiveness in God's Mercy: Wednesday, 12/15 at 7 PM (Doors open 5:30pm/close at 6:30pm)
An evening reflection on forgiveness from the perspective of a Rwandan genocide survivor. St. David Church, 316 Easton Road, Willow Grove. Tickets are required: <https://stdavidparish.org/advent-2021/>

Virtual Career Fair Event: Archdiocese of Phila Secondary Schools. Thursday, 12/16, 3:30 - 5 pm. Register with QR Code

Drive - Thru Living Nativity: 12/18, 7-9 pm. Free. Nativity of Our Lord Parish, 605 West Street Road, Warminster, PA.
More information at <https://www.noopl.org/>

Calling all Retired Military: We request all Veterans to submit their name, rank, branch, & years of service so we can acknowledge them next year on Veteran's Day. Email carab@sacredheartroyersford.org, or call/stop in the Parish Office.

March for Life: Mark your calendars for Friday January 21, 2022. 8:30am - 10:30am at historic Constitution Hall in Washington, DC.



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MONTH OF JANUARY

Purchase tickets online:
<https://www.sacredheartroyersford.org/lottery>

- Your number is good for the ENTIRE month of January and is based on the PA evening daily number drawing.

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Pay-Out Schedule
If your ticket # is drawn on the Pennsylvania evening lottery drawing, you win!

Weekday Winners (Mon-Fri): \$40
Weekend Winners (Sat/Sun): \$50
BIG Payout - Father's Choice (1/6): \$200
Holiday Big Winner - Martin Luther King Day (1/17): \$100
Celebration of Life Day (1/22): \$100

Attention all Sunday, 8am Mass Regulars

Our volunteer, Louise, has been tirelessly helping us with running the video screen teleprompter every Sunday morning at 8am. Every once in a while, we like to give her a break!

If you are able to help, we (and Louise) will greatly appreciate it!
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If you can follow along with Mass, this job is for you!

Contact Sue in the Office if you can help!

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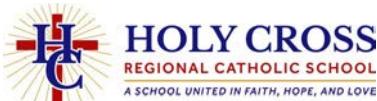
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On Thursday, December 2nd, the Connelly Foundation held a virtual meeting to announce the **2021-22 Neumann Scholarship Award** recipients. Holy Cross Regional Catholic School was honored to have 16 students qualify to take the exam this year. This competitive award provides a 4-year, full tuition scholarship to an Archdiocesan High School of a student's choice. This year Holy Cross Regional Catholic School is pleased to announce that we have **2** winners, Miller Finkelmeier and Zachary Philipp were awarded this prestigious scholarship. Miller also achieved the highest score among all the students in Montgomery County, who took the test. We are incredibly proud of Miller and Zach for their hard work and commitment to their Catholic education.

Holy Cross Regional Catholic School celebrates having **11 winners in the last 10 years!**

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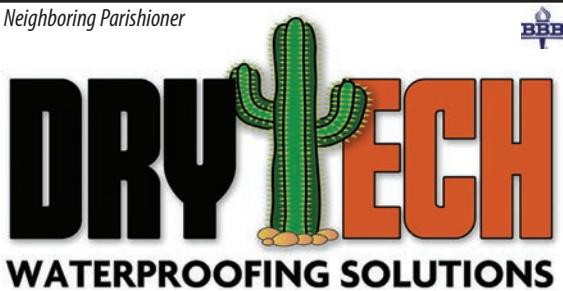
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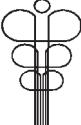
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