



For today in the city of David  
a savior has been born for  
you who is Christ and Lord.

Luke 2:11



**Sacred Heart Parish  
Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord  
December 25, 2022**



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# From the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Once again, together we prepared to celebrate the glories of Christmas. What blessed people we are to know the love of God and to be invited to remain in His midst forever.

The celebration of Christmas encourages us to reflect upon God's greatest gift to us; His Son. A matchless gift prompted by God's great love for us.

The first to adore and bring gifts to the new born Babe were the shepherds. As shepherds of the twenty-first century, I challenge you to think about what gift are we going to offer Him?

To all of you and your families, I extend the greetings of each of us here at Sacred Heart. Know that each of you is in our prayers and thoughts this holy season, and our wish is that your hearts may know the joy of the presence of the new Born King. May the Virgin Mary and her Infant Son, Jesus, the King of Peace, fill your hearts and lives and homes with abundant blessings at Christmas and throughout the New Year!

Merry Christmas and a Happy, Grace-filled New Year!

*Rev. Tadeusz Gorka*



**Blessing of the Wine:**

**Bring Wine to be blessed by Father Gorka after 8am Mass on Tues. 12/27**

St. John the Apostle is the disciple "whom Jesus loved." It is a custom in the old countries to drink of "St. John's Love." According to legend St. John drank a glass of poisoned wine without suffering harm because he had blessed it before he drank. The wine is also a symbol of the great love of Christ that filled St. John's heart with loyalty, courage and enthusiasm for his Master; he alone of all the apostles was not afraid to stay close to Our Lord during the Passion and Crucifixion.



The Church provides a special blessing of wine in honor of the Saint.

**NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE**

New Year's Eve Mass:  
Saturday, Dec 31: 4:15 p.m.

New Year's Day Masses:  
Sunday, Jan 1: 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**  
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## Saint Devotions

### Dec 26 - *St. Stephen*

We give you thanks, O Lord of glory, for the example of the first martyr who looked up to heaven and prayed for his persecutors to Your Son Jesus Christ, who stands at Your right hand, where He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

### Dec 27 - *St. John*

Merciful Lord, we beseech Thee to cast Thy bright beams of light upon Thy Church, that it being enlightened by the doctrine of Thy blessed Apostle and Evangelist Saint John may so walk in the light of Thy truth, that it may at length attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Dec 29 - *St. Thomas Becket*

O God, for the sake of whose Church the glorious Bishop Thomas fell by the sword of ungodly men: grant, we beseech Thee, that all who implore his aid, may obtain the good fruit of his petition. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

### Dec 31 - *St. Sylvester, I*

Come, O Lord, to the help of your people, sustained by the intercession of Pope Saint Sylvester, so that, running the course of this present life under your guidance, we may happily attain life without end.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## Decade-A-Day Rosary Group Prayer Intentions

*December*

For the month of December we pray for Peace throughout the world as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Lord and savior.



*Please pray for the sick of our parish and those that care for them.*

Kevin Schurr, Steven DiGuiseppe, Garrett Rogers, John Slanga, Kitty Heebner, Baby Briana, Tara Clarke, Aria Gessner, Brian Szalabofka, Dan Dordea, John Hoff, Elena Craft, Johanna McLaughlin, David Hritz, Dex Volpe, Faye West, Hank Edleman, Jake Dailey, Alex Stadelmaier, John Sowell, James McManus, Lauri Ronan, Elizabeth, Caroline, and Tommy Cummings, John Breslawski, Alyson Layser, Keith Garnett, Orville Otis, Marie Allabaugh, Madison D'Annunzio, Nancy McNamara, Patricia Berner, Charles Crowder, Ann Boyle, Patricia McMinn, Max Good, Mary Jane Durante, Pat Kalil, Robert Fry, Jr., Casey Glennon, the Gonzalez Family, Steve Cull, Ed Reynolds, Grace Giuffre, Annalies Frisco, Helen Gallagher, Josephine, Taylor O'Neill, Cindy Wozniak, Rosemary Buchanan, Charlie Baker, Deirdre Magolon, Marissa and Enzo Fuentes, Jim Bob and Barbara McEwen, Genevieve Tuski, John Durante, Moira Randazzo, Adrienne Eisenhauer, Christopher DelSole, Jackie Zabicki, Kathleen Rummel, Linda and Charlotte Cody, Mike Mehle, 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!

## Mass Intentions

MON Dec 26	<i>Saint Stephen - The First Martyr</i>
8:00 AM	The DiPaola Family <i>(Living Intentions)</i> Requested by The Campbell Family
TUES, Dec 27	<i>Saint John - Apostle and Evangelist</i>
8:00 AM	Ian (Living Intentions) Requested by Grandfather, Gene Krasley
WED, Dec 28	<i>The Holy Innocents - Martyrs</i>
8:00 AM	Joseph F. Somers, Jr. Requested by Fellowship Café Volunteers
THUR, Dec 29	<i>Saint Thomas Becket - Bishop and Martyr</i>
8:00 AM	Catherine Fleck Requested by The Kelly Family
FRI, Dec 30	<i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph</i>
8:00 AM	Annie (DePietropolo) DePaoli Requested by The Children of Martin and Anne DePaoli
SAT, Dec 31	<i>St. Sylvester, I - Pope</i>
8:00 AM	Pat DeFeo Requested by Regina Golie
4:15 PM	Jerry Collins and Paul Doleva Requested by Loving Wife and Daughter, Cathy Collins
SUN, Jan 1	<i>Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God</i>
8:30 AM	Geraldine "Gerry" Ostrowski Requested by Dean and Beth Magolon
10:30 AM	Private Intention Requested by Gabrielle Cole

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

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Marty Miller; Seabees



December's prayer intentions are for  
Father Tadeusz Gorka.



*A candle burns this week next to the  
Blessed Virgin Mary statue*

*for Our Sons*

*Requested by Cara and Darren Burrell*



## Deacon Thoughts with Dave



The Catholic Church professes that the Mass isn't just a reenactment of the Last Supper, when Jesus took bread and wine and said the words, "This is my body," and "This is my blood." (Matthew 26: 26-29). More than a ceremonial reenactment of an ancient ritual, the Mass combines past, present, and future at the same time.

**Past:** The exact words and elements that Jesus used at the Last Supper on Holy Thursday are used faithfully and precisely.

**Present:** The Mass brings grace, nourishment, and instruction for the people who are present.

**Future:** It foreshadows the sacred banquet in heaven. Jesus often spoke of a heavenly banquet or wedding feast where guests would be well fed, lasting for eternity and surviving well after the world ends.

At this holy time of year, may you feel the spirit of Christmas which is peace, the gladness of Christmas which is hope, and the heart of Christmas which is love.

Merry Christmas,  
Deacon Dave



## Bring Your Burdens

God does not grow faint or weary. Instead, he strengthens those who wait upon him. Today, the Lord invites you to give him your burdens, and he will give you rest.

**Spring CYO Registration is NOW OPEN  
Through December 27th.**



As always, both participants AND coaches are needed in order to field teams. If you'd like to share your time, please email [kregan@gmail.com](mailto:kregan@gmail.com).

For information and to Register:

<https://tinyurl.com/p7cf62vf>

## The Feast of the Holy Innocents

December 28th, 2022

Join us as we come together to reflect on the Feast of the Holy Innocents through music and prayer. There will be a reception to follow the Mass!

When: December 28th at 7 PM

Where: St. Martin of Tours Church - 1 Riverstone Circle, New Hope, PA 18938

Questions? Contact the Bucks County Pro-Life Coalition at [buckscountyprolife@gmail.com](mailto:buckscountyprolife@gmail.com) or call Karly Harney at (267) 337-5060.



## Other News

- Holy Mass & Healing Service:** First Fridays starting Jan 6, 2023. Come for Holy Mass, followed by a healing prayer service. The Mass is said on every first Friday of the month at 7:00 pm followed by the exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, and a prayer for spiritual and physical healing. National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, 654 Ferry Rd, Doylestown.
- Love Never Fails(?). January 24, 2023, 7:00PM – 8:30PM:** Saint Paul's letter to the Corinthians (13:8) may have you a bit confused if you have a loved one who struggles with addiction. Join us for an evening of reflection on this topic. The evening includes a presentation by AFIRE founder and Catholic Speaker, Dr. Nina Marie Corona. There will be time for Q&A, and we will conclude with a prayer service. Malvern Retreat House, Malvern, PA. [apeopleafire.org/events](http://apeopleafire.org/events)
- Monday Evening Prayers (Vespers):** All are invited to pray vespers with the AFIRE community (via Zoom) Monday evenings at 6:30pm (ET). This weekly 20-minute service includes inspiring music, images, and videos for reflection. It's a peaceful way to start the week. <https://www.apeopleafire.org/>
- Walking with Purpose LIVE with Lisa Brenninkmeyer:** Thurs 2/16/2023 @ 7pm. Join Lisa as she shares her talk *Strong Yet Tender: Building Resilience in an Age of Trauma*. Are you tired of feeling untethered and overwhelmed? Most of our families are experiencing anxiety, woundedness, and stress. But that does not need to be your story. Come and see how, through God's help, you can build resilience in an age of trauma. Every woman is welcome! St. Joseph Parish, 340 Manor Ave, Downingtown, PA. Registration opens 6 weeks prior to the event. Info: <https://walkingwithpurpose.com/event/wwp-live-with-lisa-brenninkmeyer-2/>
- The Flame of Love Rosary** was given by Jesus and Mary to Elizabeth Kindlemann of Hungary from 1961 to 1982, for us to pray in these times in which we are living. The special intention of this Rosary is for ALL the sins of mankind. Jesus and Mary have promised that this Rosary will BLIND SATAN and will return society to the ways of God. If you are interested to learn about this Rosary, or join a group to recite it, please call the office at: 610-948-5915.
- The Marianist Family Retreat Center: College-Age Retreat Jan 6-8, 2023** Ages 17-22. Join us to renew your spiritual life, deepen your relationship with God and to meet new friends. Cost: \$145 per person. OR **Young Adult Retreat: Feb 10-12, 2023** Come join other young adults (ages 22-35) married or single, to take a step back from our busy lives to examine your personal relationship with God, your family and you. Cost: \$145 per person. Register for either retreat at: [www.capemaymarianists.org](http://www.capemaymarianists.org) or call 609-884-3829
- Two New Ministries for Catholic Families.** **Springs in the Desert** – Support for Couples Struggling with Infertility: <https://springsinthedesert.org/>. **Springs of Love** – Catholic Foster and Adoption Support: <https://springsoflove.org/>
- Sacred Heart Men's Group:** Wednesdays at 9am in the Katharine Drexel Room at Sacred Heart. Meet to discuss different topics on our Faith and Church History. Contact John Nall: [gwtao1@verizon.net](mailto:gwtao1@verizon.net) or Joe Getley: [majoget@gmail.com](mailto:majoget@gmail.com)

**ST. JOHN NEUMANN**



Pray for Vocations  
January 5, 2023

Adoration will be held at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary Jan 5, 2023 9 am - 5 pm

To sign up, visit [Heedthecall.org/Phillyadores](http://Heedthecall.org/Phillyadores), or contact the Vocation Office at 610-667-5778.

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**Washington, D.C. | January 20, 2023**



## Merry Christmas!

Wishing our Holy Cross families, students, faculty, and staff a Blessed Christmas season and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

We thank our parish family for their continued support. We are grateful for all the love and prayers we have received over the past year. Wishing you the joy and peace that Christmas brings!



**Sunday, January 29th**

Join us for an OPEN HOUSE for **NEW** prospective families. More details to follow.

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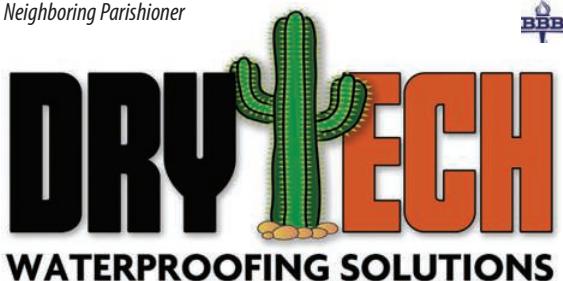
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