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Sunday, December 21, 2025 **Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year A**

Served By

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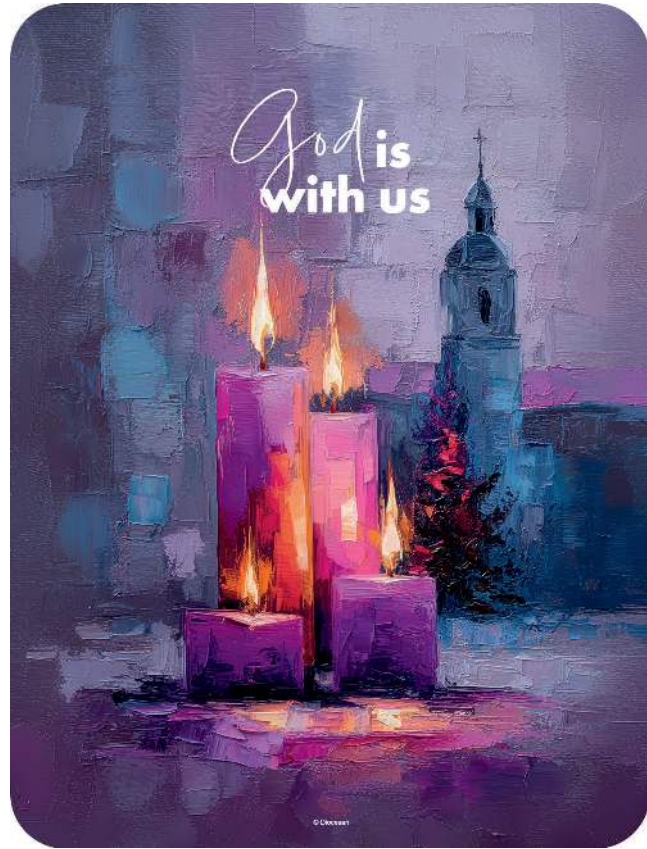
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Sister Lisa Ann Golden, I.H.M., *Principal*
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Parish Religious Education Program

www.StJosephRC.org/PREP
610-873-8798
Kathleen Greco,
Director of Religious Education

Mass Schedule

Daily Mass (M-F): 7AM & 9AM
Saturday: 8AM & 5:00PM Vigil Mass
Sunday: 6AM, 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:30AM, 12:00PM, and 4:00PM



Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30PM-4:30PM
Wednesdays: 6:30AM, 8:30AM, 6:30PM

Baptism

Sundays after Noon Mass. Please visit www.StJosephRC.org/Baptism for details.

Matrimony

Engaged couples are asked to meet with their parish priest as soon as possible to enroll in a marriage-prep program at least 6 months prior to the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the Parish Office.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Available 24/7 in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel, located in the Parish Office building.

Daily Devotions

The Holy Rosary: Daily before 9AM Mass.
Miraculous Medal: Tues after 9AM Mass.
Novena to St. Joseph: Weds after 9AM Mass.
Divine Mercy Chaplet: Thurs after 9AM Mass.
Sacred Heart Litany: First Fridays after 9AM Mass.
First Saturday: First Saturdays at 830AM.

Parish Mission Statement

Motivated by our belief in Jesus Christ and bound together by our Roman Catholic faith, we are a parish that seeks to respond to the Gospel invitation by living as God's people. Baptized into Christ Jesus, confirmed by the gift of the Holy Spirit, and nourished by the Eucharist, we are a community that gives glory to God and proclaims His message of love and salvation.

Weekly Stewardship Report

Due to advance printing deadlines, collection information for Dec. 14 will appear in a future bulletin.

HOPE Transportation Ministry

For the week of Dec. 22 & Dec. 29

Debbie Hastings
610-304-0631

Janet Schramm
484-631-8875

For the week of Jan. 5

Helen Lyons
484-402-8407

Debbie Hastings
610-304-0631

Women of Hope Casserole Schedule

Group 3:

Old Fashion Beef Stew

Group 4:

American Chop Suey

Join the Parish

Welcome to St. Joseph Parish! We are happy that you have chosen us as your parish family and we look forward to meeting you.

Registration can be completed online by visiting:

www.stjosephrc.org/join-the-parish

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 20	8:00 a.m. - William & Helen Nelson 5:00 p.m. Vigil - Robert Graham
Sunday, December 21	6:00 a.m. - For All Parishioners 7:30am - Carol Rodgers 9:00 a.m. - Mary & Al Viscusi 10:30 a.m. - Joseph Batten 12:00 p.m. - Tony & Mary Ursini 4:00 p.m. - Mr. & Mrs. Paul Moyer
Monday, December 22	7:00 a.m. - Francis (Frank) Francella 9:00 a.m. - John Cuddy
Tuesday, December 23	7:00 a.m. - Julius Nagy Family 9:00 a.m. - Theresa DiToma
Wednesday, December 24	7:00 a.m. - Puglisi Family 9:00 a.m. - Aidan Kelly Christmas Eve Masses - 4pm, 6pm, 8pm & Midnight
Thursday, December 25	Christmas Day Masses - 8am, 10am & Noon
Friday, December 26	7:00 a.m. - Donald Brogna 9:00 a.m. - Stanley & Erlene & Jim & Ann Chrupcala
Saturday, December 27	8:00 a.m. - Ed Cosden, 12th Anniversary 5:00 p.m. Vigil - Theresa DiToma
Sunday, December 28	6:00 a.m. - For All Parishioners 7:30am - Jimmy Leavens 9:00 a.m. - Joseph Povey 10:30 a.m. - Peter M. Bruno 12:00 p.m. - Edward Taylor 4:00 p.m. - Megan Delio

The Sanctuary Candle burns in loving memory of: Joseph Batten
The Chapel Sanctuary Candle burns in loving memory of: Edward Kane

Please Keep in Your Prayers

For those that are serving our country:

GySgt Steve & GySgt Shaina Anderson, 1 Lt. Mitch Byers, Specialist, Major Joseph S. DiBerardinis, Ensign Jude DiMedio, USN, Airman First Class, James G. DiSantis, SFC Peter Karol, Alexis Mary Linkins, USN, Timothy Linkins, USAF, Col. J. Kevin McKittrick, Cpt. Joseph Rule, Capt. Elizabeth Scheivert and LtCdr. Sean Sweeney

For those who are sick:

John Alexander, Baby Botero, Jean Brinzer, Ashlyn Brown, Sandy Cabbott, Donita Considine, Mary Connors, Eva Connor, Edward Cooney, James Curley, Mary Ellen Curran, Gerry Daney, Kari D'Amore, Baby Kai D'Amore, Alice DePompeo, Robin DiMattei, Tommy DiOttavio, Anne Eversman, Carol Gray, Anne Grosso, Jen Francis, Liam Hawk, Joanne Stevens Hoetz, Doug Jordan, Frank Keane, Matthew Keenan, Carolyn Lauver, Kiki Lauver, David LeFever, James & Elizabeth Leisse, Mark Lisney, Jack and Maryann Logan, Kimberly Lomeli, John Lyons, Laura Mandarano, Anna Mae Marklay, Sandy McCarraher, Mary McDonald, Josh Mellinger, James Mento Jr, Abigail Miller, De Anna Ousey, Angelica & Melissa Peluso, Jane Press, Stephen, Bernadette Sardella, Valerie Schaffer, Tracey Shaw, Jaxon Sirhal, Donald Stewart, Monda Spool, Don Sundstrom, Douglas Thomas, Christian Toner, Joshua Tripp, Karen Valentino, Donna Geary Walsh, and Thomas Watson.

Please call the parish office to add names. Names are removed after 3 months.

My Dear Parishioners,

Praise be Jesus Christ! In this week when we celebrate the Birthday of our Savior, I share the words of Pope St. Leo the Great who reminds us to REJOICE for our Savior is born! May the reality of Jesus' Birth, bring to birth new Life, Hope and all good things!

Peace
Fr. Rogers

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From a sermon by Saint Leo the Great, pope. (Sermo 1 in Nativitate Domini, 1-3: PI, 54, 190-193)

Christian, remember your dignity.

Dearly beloved, today our Saviour is born; let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. The fear of death has been swallowed up; life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness.

No one is shut out from this joy; all share the same reason for rejoicing. Our Lord, victor over sin and death, finding no man free from sin, came to free us all. Let the saint rejoice as he sees the palm of victory at hand. Let the sinner be glad as he receives the offer of forgiveness. Let the pagan take courage as he is summoned to life.

In the fullness of time, chosen in the unfathomable depths of God's wisdom, the Son of God took for himself our common humanity in order to reconcile it with its creator. He came to overthrow the devil, the origin of death, in that very nature by which he had overthrown mankind.

And so at the birth of our Lord the angels sing in joy: *Glory to God in the highest*, and they proclaim *peace to men of good will* as they see the heavenly Jerusalem being built from all the nations of the world. When the angels on high are so exultant at this marvelous work of God's goodness, what joy should it not bring to the lowly hearts of men?

Beloved, let us give thanks to God the Father, through his Son, in the Holy Spirit, because in his great love for us he took pity on us, and *when we were dead in our sins he brought us to life with Christ*, so that in him we might be a new creation. Let us throw off our old nature and all its ways and, as we have come to birth in Christ, let us renounce the works of the flesh.

Christian, remember your dignity, and now that you share in God's own nature, do not return by sin to your former base condition. Bear in mind who is your head and of whose body you are a member. Do not forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of God's kingdom.

Through the sacrament of baptism you have become a temple of the Holy Spirit. Do not drive away so great a guest by evil conduct and become again a slave to the devil, for your liberty was bought by the blood of Christ.

Our Beautiful Christmas Flowers

Clem & Sylvia Adamitus, William & Jo Ann Allan & Daughter, Jo Ann, Susan Allison, Joseph Amato, Martha Amato, James & Josephine Anderson, Glorianne Angiulo, Pat P. Angiulo, Michael & Susan Antos, Gail Ashby, Mary Jane (Bird) & Joe Augustin, Liam Austin, Helen Bajek, Frank E. Baker, Matilda & Earl Baker, Deceased Members of Baker & Threlfall Families, Clancy & Bella Barc, Deceased Members of the Barc Family, Daniel J. Bartus, L.F. Basso, Jim Battenfelder, Linda Beaver, Bently Parker, Kevin Bilder, Joseph F. Bilder, Helen & Maurice Bird, Wilma Bird, George Bird, Molly Dowd Bird, Harry & Kathleen Birmingham, Deacon Frank Bizal, John Black, Lisa Borman, Borrell Family, Baby Kayley Marie Borrell-Neel, Cathrine P. Bowman, Paul C. Bowman, Louis A. Bowman, Sr., Arlene & John & Thomas Boyle, Ann Bratic, Dottie & Jack Braun, David Brill, Jonathan Browning, Kathy Bruton, Robert & Kathy Byrne, Stephan Calabro, Bonnie Calvey, Mary Ann Cardelli, Dominic "Coogs" Castaldi, Dominic "Coogs" Castaldi, Castaldi Family, Deceased Members of the Castaldi Family, Deceased Members of the Cellini Family, Deceased Members of the Chanoski Family, Barbara Christopher, Matthew Ciarlone, Richard Ciarlone, Bernice & Jules Sr. Ciesielka, Christopher Clemens, Nancy Coccetti, Deceased Members of the Coccio Family, Dorothy M. Colburn, Joseph T. Colburn, Robert Colburn, Tammy Jo Conforti, Robert Cook, Jack Cooper, Eugene Corish, Margaret & Ed Cosden, Frannie & Dick Cosgrove, Andrew A. Cozzone, Andrew J. Cozzone, Lucy Q. Cozzone, Deceased Members of the Cozzone & Quici Families, Ann Trolio Cross, Dorothy & Richard Czenszak, Grace (Fiducia) D'Agostino, Maria Pia D'Anzi, Giuseppe D'Anzi, Floyd D'Ginto, Unborn Souls of the D'Angelo Family, Richard DeKleine, Fred DeMarco, Caroline DeMarco, James DePompeo, James & Andrea DeRosa, Becky & Parry Desmond, Victor DiAntonio, Lou DiJiacomo, Jim and Julia DiMartin, Deceased Members of the DiMartin, Menna and Maskalick Families, Fritz DiOttavio, The DiPuppo Family, William DiRita, John Dolan, William Dolan, Jr., Regina Domsohn, Jack Doyle, Marion & John Dunn, Antoinetta D'Urso, Carmelo D'Urso, Mario D'Urso, Sharon M. Egleston, Jack Elwell, Adam C. Erdman, Lillian M. Esposito, Frank P. Esposito, Pasquale & Elizabeth Fabrizio, The Fagan Family, Perella Family, McCue Family, Mascuilli & Baker Families, Mary Farbotko, Garrett Vincent Fasano, Joseph Louis Fasano, II, Feeser Family, Mr. & Mrs. David Fenimore, Mary Carbo Fleck, Deceased Members of the Formica Family, Jim & Kay Franz, Dominick A. Frederick, Nancy Fults, Steven Fults, Sue & Gus Gagliardi, Gallo Family, Anthony George, William George, Elieen Gilbert, Deceased Members of the Ginnelly, Julian & Josephine Girafalco, Everett & Betty Groff, Leo Golembiewski, Peter Gorski, Richie Grant, Richard Grant, Orlando, Margaret & Rose Graveno, Deceased Members of the Graveno Family, Elizabeth Green, Lee & Julio Grilli, Deceased Members of Gringer Family, Marie A. Griste, Tom Gross, Carol & Ed Halbert, Janet & Ron Hargarten, Baby Joey Harrison, Gina Harrison, Art Harshbarger, Hartmann Family, Hatcher Family, Florence & Charlie Heim, Mr. & Mrs. Joaquin Hernandez & Family, Mina & Larry Hoopes, Horner Family, Natale Anthony Isabella, Joseph & Catherine Ivanowicz, Jackson Family, Betty M. James, Peter T. James, Family of Maurice & Hilda Jones, Donald Kaiser, Frank Kapral, Frank Kapral, Peter & Maria Karahalias, Mr. & Mrs. Emmanuel Karahalis, George, Josephine & Pete Karahalis, Sr., Paul R. Karl, Sr., Paul R. Karl, Jr., Sadie Keane, Rev. Michael F. Keane, Deceased Members of the Keane Family, Harry Keleshian, Francis Kelly, Julia Kelly, Kelly Family, Mr. & Mrs. John Killen, Deceased Members of the Kissall & McComsey Family, Michael Kneisly, William & Janet Kneisly, Nick Kolokithas, Bill & Mary Koskinen, Andrew & Frances Kozel,



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Dear Parishioners, Visitors, Friends and Family,

Thank you for choosing to celebrate Christmas at St. Joseph Parish! Our community is rich with meaningful ways to live the message of Christ's birth. If you are seeking a deeper connection, a stronger sense of belonging, or opportunities to share your gifts with others, we invite you to explore the ministries below.

Make an Impact Locally

Caring for Friends: Prepare meals for the homebound in the area. Pickup a meal container from the parish office or the St. Katharine Drexel room in church, then return to the Caring for Friends freezer located in the parish office. **Contact:** Debby O'Keefe (dokeefe19@hotmail.com)

Women of HOPE: Make casseroles to help feed women and their children who are homeless or involved in a recovery or life management program. Recipes and pans can be found in the parish office. Bring casseroles back to the parish office to the Women of HOPE freezer. **Contact:** Gail Hoekzema (gahoekz@msn.com)

Loaves & Fishes: Donate non-perishable food and personal hygiene supplies to the Loaves and Fishes closet in church. Items are donated to the Lord's Pantry. **Contact:** Nancy Farrington (nmfarrington@gmail.com)

St. Vincent de Paul: Accepts monetary donations to serve our neighbors with rental, utility, and food assistance. Funded solely by parishioner donations. Checks made payable to St. Vincent de Paul can be mailed to the parish office.

Festival Committee: Join a great group of people who organize and execute our week-long parish festival. The festival has become a Downingtown summer tradition and it takes many hands and a lot of talent to make it a great time for everyone.

Contact: Teri Jenkins (ktjenkins@verizon.net).

Strengthen Family Bonds

Marriage Encounter: Join this monthly experience for any couple—whether you're running the kids to soccer practice or enjoying your empty nest. It's not a retreat or a seminar, and there's no circle time or sharing—just you, your spouse, and a better marriage. **Contact:** Rich and Phyllis Fasano (thefasanos@comcast.net)

FIAT Families: A group specifically for married couples with young children, this group meets twice a month - once for husbands, once for wives. Each gathering takes place in the evening after kids' bedtimes. The alternating format removes the barrier of childcare costs; spouses take turns staying home, ensuring both partners get a night out for connection and renewal. **Contact:** fiatfamily25@gmail.com



Learn More About Our Faith

Adult Faith Formation: This group provides faith formation opportunities throughout the year. Speakers, video series, and bible studies are just some of the events offered. **Contact:** Christ Grove (grolc@aol.com)

Church Documents Reading Group: Join our discussion as we read through Vatican II documents, papal encyclicals, and other church documents throughout history. **Contact:** Mark Samoylo (msamoylo@gmail.com)

Divine Will: An ongoing study of the Gift of Living in the Divine Will of God as revealed to Luisa Piccarreta, Servant of God, in the *Book of Heaven*. **Contact:** Jane Desiderio (jane.desiderio@icloud.com)

Divine Mercy Cenacle: is an opportunity for people to gather and become more familiar with Jesus as Divine Mercy. The group studies the *Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowaska*. The Diary is Sister Faustina's writings which include years of personal conversations with Jesus. **Contact:** Meigan Kelly (meigankelly@yahoo.com.)

Parish Library: Contains a collection of print, audio and video materials for children, teens and adults. Materials may be checked out for three weeks. The library is open during parish office hours.

Serve Our Parish

Catholic Relief Services - Faith & Justice: We strive to expand St. Joseph Parish's strong commitment to service and action, charity and justice. We seek to bring together parishioners who want to learn more about the Church's social tradition (CST) of protecting life, promoting justice, lifting up the poor, and caring for our global home. **Contact:** Suzi Wentzel (smwentzel@outlook.com)

Faith Community Health Ministry: The faith community health ministry of St. Joseph Church is dedicated to promoting holistic well-being our parish community -- mind, body, and spirit -- in alignment with Catholic values. **Contact:** Lori Kokoszka PhD, RN (FCNStJoesDtown12@gmail.com)

Altar Linens: Volunteers wash and iron the altar cloths on an alternating monthly schedule. **Contact:** Lisa Mattioni (mattionifam@msn.com).

Arts & Environment: This group is responsible for decorations, symbols, banners, and flowers in church. The group is especially busy during Christmas and Easter. **Contact:** Teri Jenkins (ktjenkins@verizon.net)

Lectors: Proclaim the Liturgy of the Word at Mass. **Contact:** Chris Pfindner (christopher.pfindner@sap.com)

Choir: Be part of our Choir, Instrumental Group, Lumen Christi, Schola, or Cantors. **Contact:** Paul Futer (Paul.Futer@gmail.com).

Ushers: Ushers are responsible for seating people, taking up the collection, facilitating the presentation of the gifts and other pre- and post-Mass duties. **Contact:** Trish Reid (et Reid643@verizon.net)



Pray Together

Adoration: Located in the Holy Family Center behind the rectory, the chapel is open 24/7 for you to visit with Jesus. Come spend time with the Lord. **Contact:** Peg Cassidy (ptcassidy1980@gmail.com)

Flame of Love Prayer Cenacle: Meets Thursdays from 1:00-2:00 pm in the Chapel. Meetings consist of a brief teaching, followed by prayer and recitation of the rosary. Zoom access is available. **Contact:** Cathy Moser (mosercathy375@gmail.com)

Men's Gospel Reflection: The group meets from 6:00 am to 7:00 am on Friday mornings to reflect on the Word. **Contact:** Mark Samoylo (msamoylo@gmail.com)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Men's Group: This group discusses the upcoming Sunday Mass readings and how they relate to our daily lives as Catholic men of faith. Group meets on the second Thursday of each month in the St. John Neumann Room of the church. **Contact:** Mike Altschuler (tma4k@aol.com)

Padre Pio Group: This group prays the Rosary and Novenas to the Miraculous Medal and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. A general meeting and a meditation from St. Padre Pio is also held. **Contact:** Diane (dianewatsonreese302@gmail.com)

Share Your Talents

Hospitality: The Hospitality Committee helps with events such as receptions after special Masses. They bake, create centerpieces, and help set up/clean up events. **Contact:** Karen McManus (kwm1488@aol.com)

Prayer Shawl: Volunteers meet on Thursday once a month to knit or crochet shawls (while praying) for those who need comfort and encouragement - due to illness, a death in the family, or other challenge. **Contact:** Carol Grigson (carol.k.grigson@gmail.com)

Photography: Parishioners use their talents to take photos of the parish campus and events for use in the bulletin, parish publications and on the website. **Contact:** Deacon Murtha (deaconmurtha@stjosephrc.org)

Blessed Are the Peacemakers Reading Group: For anyone interested in reading and discussing Catholic literature about peace, including devotional and theological writings, biography, and fiction. **Contact:** stjosephrc.org/blessed-are-the-peacemakers-reading-group

Support Recovery

Catholic in Recovery: Offering hope and healing for those recovering from addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments. **Contact:** Mark L. (mllisney99@gmail.com)

Downingtown Young People's AA: Meets Saturdays at 7pm in the Parish Meeting Center.



Build Community (For Women)

Walking With Purpose: Are you looking for a way to refuel and be refreshed, make authentic connections with other women, and learn more about God? WWP Bible study combines personal study with small group discussion, linking our everyday challenges to the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church. If you desire to grow in your faith in a supportive community of Catholic women, Walking with Purpose is for you! **Contact:** Amy McDonald (WWPStJosephDtown@gmail.com)

Moms Group: A casual gathering where you can meet fellow mothers while your children can play and make new friends! **Contact:** Christine - Saturdays (ce.davis618@gmail.com), or Theresa - Weekdays (tmf1029@gmail.com).

Build Community (For Men)

Knights of Columbus: This fraternal benefit society welcomes Catholic men ages 18 and older who are dedicated to charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. It upholds and promotes Catholic teaching, and sponsors and provides support for various parish and Knights of Columbus activities throughout the year. **Contact:** (comm4kofc7208@gmail.com)

Exodus90: Exodus 90 is a journey of prayer, asceticism, and brotherhood that has helped over 100,000 men break free from bad habits, distractions, and lukewarm prayer. **Contact:** Brian Fila (brianmfila@gmail.com.)

That Man Is You! An interactive men's program focused on the development of male leadership in the modern world. It combines the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of authentic men capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society. **Contact:** Jim Weeks (jim_weeks@verizon.net)

Build Community (For Peers)

Young Adults: A group for young adults ages 21 to 35. Join us for fun, faith and fellowship. **Contact:** Juliet Motyl (jgmotyl4@gmail.com)

Senior Citizens Gathering: The mission of Senior Citizens Gathering is to foster a vibrant and supportive community for seniors, providing opportunities for meaningful social connections, continued learning, personal growth, and shared enjoyment through engaging activities and events. **Contact:** stjosephchurch.seniors@gmail.com

Parish Youth Group - RISE & SOAR: Our goal is to serve the youth of our parish and meet every child where they are in their faith journey. We've planned lots of fun events, scripture studies, service days, and pizza and prayer nights to give youth opportunities to have fun, grow in Christian friendship, learn about God, and develop and strengthen their relationship with Him. **Contact:** Anne Metz (YouthMinistry@stjosephrc.org)



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