

SAINT JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
DECEMBER 24, 2023 • FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 25 • THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. Upon His shoulder dominion rests.



And he will be called:
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:5-6

Merry Christmas !

*May the Blessings of
the Christ Child be
yours this Christmas
& throughout the
New Year.*



5:00 p.m. **Evelyn Sior** † by Philis McCloskey

Sunday, December 24: Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. **The Corton & Lawler Families,**
Living & Deceased

9:30 a.m. **Gloria Martinez** † by St. Joseph's Religious Ed.

11:30 a.m. **The Olson & McCoach Families,**
Living & Deceased by Di McCoach

Sunday, December 24: Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. **Vincent Werling** † by Anna Marie Werling

6:00 p.m. **Ida & Paul Werner & Karen Parkes** †
by Pat Russell

10:00 p.m. **David A. Blakely** † by Diane Blakely

Monday, December 25: The Nativity of the Lord

7:30 a.m. **Buenafe & Balderama Families,**
Living & Deceased by Ursula Bacarra

9:30 a.m. **Anna May Gibbons** † by Chris Gibbons

11:30 a.m. **Josephine, Nick & Frank Roudis** †
by Irene Roudis

Tuesday, December 26: St. Stephen, The First Martyr

7:00 a.m. **Living & Deceased Parishioners**

9:00 a.m. **Michael, Frances & Michael, Jr. Altamari** †
by Amelia Altamari

Wednesday, December 27: St. John

7:00 a.m. **Helen Wojciehowski** † by
Estate of Carol-Lee Wojciehowski

9:00 a.m. **Patricia Bruhn** † by Mary & Bob Netter

Thursday, December 28: The Holy Innocents

7:00 a.m. **Cornelius & Margaret Rahilly** †
by Maureen & Rose Rahilly

9:00 a.m. **Maria, Andres & Rosaura Rodriguez & All**
Poor Souls in Purgatory † by Margarita Davin

Friday, December 29: St. Thomas Becket

7:00 a.m. **David Groat** † by Ginny DiMuccio

9:00 a.m. **Nancy Napoleon** † by Barbara Withall

Saturday, December 30: 6th Day within the Octave
of the Nativity of the Lord

8:00 a.m. **Andrew Perpetua** † by
Howard & Margie Whitaker

5:00 p.m. **Pat Burns (L)**

Sunday, December 31: The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph

7:30 a.m. **John Duxtader** † by Kathy Duxtader

9:30 a.m. **Philip & Evelyn Sior & Thomas Sior** †
by Philis McCloskey

11:30 a.m. **Therese Donnelly** † by Rosemary &
Joe Mitchell

5:00 p.m. **The Smith & Donnelly Families, Living &**
Deceased † by Mary Smith

THE LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS



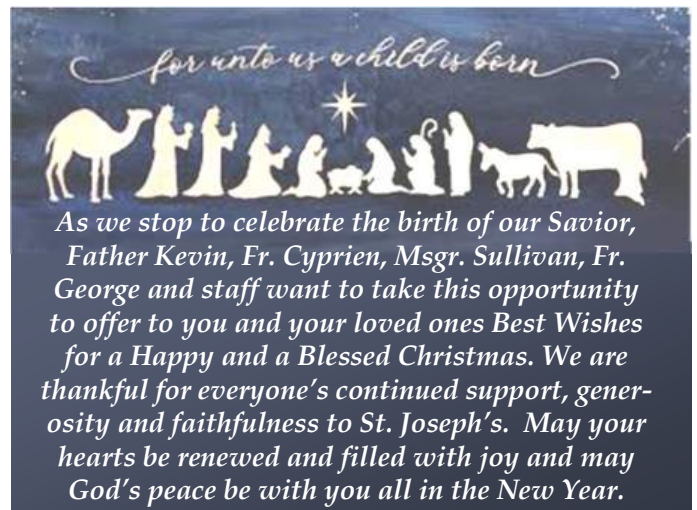
*"The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light! Upon those
who dwelt in the land of gloom a
light has shone!"*

May the Lord Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary, bring to all of you the love of God, wellspring of confidence and hope, together with the gift of the peace proclaimed by the angels to the shepherds of Bethlehem: "Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth peace to those whom he favours" (Lk 2:14)

On this festive day, we turn our gaze to Bethlehem. The Lord comes to the world in a stable and is laid in a manger for animals, since his parents could find no room in the inn, even though the time had come for Mary to give birth. He comes among us in silence and in the dark of night, because the word of God needs no spotlights or loud human voices. He is himself the Word that gives life its meaning, he is the Light that brightens our path. "The true light, which enlightens everyone" – the Gospel tells us – "was coming into the world" (Jn 1:9).

Jesus is born in our midst; he is God with us. He comes to accompany our daily lives, to share with us in all things: our joys and sorrows, our hopes and fears. He comes as a helpless child. He is born in the cold night, poor among the poor. In need of everything, he knocks at the door of our heart to find warmth and shelter.

Like the shepherds of Bethlehem, surrounded by light, may we set out to see the sign that God has given us. May we overcome our spiritual drowsiness and the shallow holiday glitter that makes us forget the One whose birth we are celebrating. Let us leave behind the hue and din that deadens our hearts and makes us spend more time in preparing decorations and gifts than in contemplating the great event: the Son of God born for us. ...- Pope Francis



*As we stop to celebrate the birth of our Savior,
Father Kevin, Fr. Cyprien, Msgr. Sullivan, Fr.
George and staff want to take this opportunity
to offer to you and your loved ones Best Wishes
for a Happy and a Blessed Christmas. We are
thankful for everyone's continued support, gener-
osity and faithfulness to St. Joseph's. May your
hearts be renewed and filled with joy and may
God's peace be with you all in the New Year.*

Chapel Main Church Gym Parish Center Meeting Room

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
25 CHRISTMAS 7:30AM MASS 9:30AM MASS 11:30AM MASS  <i>Blessed Christmas</i>	26 7:00AM MASS 9:00AM MASS PICKLEBALL 9AM-1PM GYM  6PM PICKLEBALL 7-9PM GYM	27 7:00AM MASS 9:00AM MASS NO RELIGIOUS ED. CHRISTMAS BREAK	28 7:00AM MASS 9:00AM MASS PICKLEBALL 9-1 G CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00-8:30PM Chapel	29 7:00AM MASS 9:00AM MASS PICKLEBALL 9AM 1PM GYM	30 8:00AM MASS 4-4:45PM RECONCILIATION 5:00PM VIGIL MASS	31 7:30AM MASS 9:30AM MASS 11:30AM MASS HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH  5:00PM MASS

DECEMBER 25, 30 & 31, 2023 LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Mass	Celebrant	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
<i>Christmas 7:30 a.m.</i>	Fr. Cyprien	Patrick Hickey	Daniel Hickey/ Bill Van Allen	Hickey Family
<i>Christmas 9:30 a.m.</i>	Msgr. Sullivan	Anna Brett	Philis McCloskey/ Ginny DiMuccio	Ashley Duran/ Felix Sanchez
<i>Christmas 11:30 a.m.</i>	Fr. George	Kevin McHugh	Dorothy McHugh/ Nicholas Mazzola	
<i>DECEMBER 30 Saturday 5:00 p.m.</i>	Fr. George	Kathleen Klein	Emily & Phil Sinagra	Abigail Klein
<i>DECEMBER 31 Sunday 7:30 a.m.</i>	Fr. George	Al Gruner	Rose Rahilly/ Nan Gruner	
<i>Sunday 9:30 a.m.</i>	Msgr. Sullivan	Kin Chee	Philis McCloskey/ Nora Gagnon	
<i>Sunday 11:30 a.m.</i>	Msgr. Sullivan	Diane Sutkowski	Ginny DiMuccio	
<i>Sunday 5:00 p.m.</i>	Fr. George	Kevin McHugh	Dorothy McHugh	

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Dec. 27th, Wednesday: No Religious Education Classes

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Christmas means CHRIST'S MASS, for Christians always believed the same Jesus born in Bethlehem is present when we celebrate the Mass. What better way to celebrate than actually being with Jesus!!

Jan. 3, 2024: Religious Education Returns Grades 1-8

Jan. 10, 2024: 1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting
in the Church. 6:30pm - 7:30pm



WARM WISHES FROM

ST. JOSEPH'S RELIGIOUS ED STUDENTS



St. Joseph's 5th and 6th grade Religious Education students recently made blanket throws. The throws were donated to the Kingston warming center, which is sponsored by Catholic Charities.

ADVENT CANDLES ~ WEEK FOUR ~

The candle for the fourth Sunday of Advent is the Love candle. Love is at the very core of the Christmas story—Mary's love for her son, Zechariah and Elizabeth's love for each other and for John, the love and respect of the Magi and Shepherds for Jesus, and God's love for all the world. Also known as the Angel's candle, the fourth Advent candle picks up where the Shepherd's candle often leaves off—with the angel's declaration of the Good News of love.



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Each **Monday** morning, the **Blessed Sacrament** is **exposed after the 7:00AM and 9:00AM Masses until 3:00PM**. The Miraculous Medal Novena is said at the close of each of those Masses. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed at 2:30PM with Benediction. ***Especially this season, please join us as we grow in faith together.***



OUR LADY OF LOURDES HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAM

There will be a 9th Grade Entrance Exam on Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 3 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes High School.

This exam is for current 8th graders who are applying to Lourdes for Fall 2024 and did not take the November 2023 TACHS exam. Registration is required. Contact Kathleen Powers at powers.kathleen@ollchs.org.



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CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE

2023

RECONCILIATION RECONCILIATION MONDAY

December 18th

2:00 - 4:00 PM & 6:00 - 8:00 PM

SATURDAY, December 23rd

4:00 - 4:45 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday, December 24th

Mass: 4:00, 6:00 & 10:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Monday, December 25th

Mass: 7:30, 9:30, & 11:30 AM

(No 5:00 PM Mass)

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Saturday, December 30th

5:00 PM Vigil Mass

NEW YEARS EVE

Sunday, December 31st

Mass: 7:30, 9:30, & 11:30 AM & 5:00 PM

2024

FEAST OF MARY HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Monday, January 1st, New Years Day

Mass: 8:00 AM

Saturday, January 6th

THE EPIPHANY - Vigil Mass

Mass: 5:30 PM

Sunday, January 7th

The Feast of the EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Mass: 7:30, 10:30 AM & 5:00 PM

MUSIC NOTES...

Our annual **Epiphany Concert** is set for **Sunday, January 7th, 2:30 pm** at St. Joseph's church. This year's joyous holiday performance will not disappoint! The Hudson River Bells, a group of English handbell ringers from the First Reformed Church of Athens, will be our featured guest performers as well as a massed choir of 50+ singers. Bob Gaus is the director, and Andrew Hoben is our accompanist and soloist. The first half of the performance consists of congregational singing of Christmas Carols, the massed choir will then gather in the front of the church to sing several holiday classics such as "Do You Hear What I Hear", "Ring, Christmas Bells", and Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus." Rehearsals for singers will be Thurs., Dec. 28th and Jan. 4th from 7:00 - 8:15 pm in the Parish Center Chapel. The final rehearsal is Jan. 7th from 12:30 - 2:00 pm. If you are interested in joining us, please call Bob Gaus at 845-389-1503 or music.saintjoseph@gmail.com. If you are coming to the performance, arrive early and celebrate the closing of the Christmas season!

SAME MASS - NEW MASS TIMES FOR 2024

Beginning January 6th, our weekly
Saturday evening Mass will be at **5:30 PM**
Sunday Masses will be offered at
7:30 AM, 10:30 AM and 5:00 PM.
Daily Mass times remain the same.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES THANK YOU !

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