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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM 10:30 AM 7:00 PM

Monday – Friday: 7:30 AM

Saturday: 8:00 AM

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM, also by appointment

Parish Center: 108 N.Highland Ave, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004

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The Second Sunday of Advent
December 04, 2022



Week of December 03-December 10, 2022

Saturday, December 03

5:00 PM For the Intentions of the Buccino, Talarico & Mollinedo Families

Sunday, December 04– Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM For the Deceased Members of the Lawler & Maguire Families
 10:30 AM Deceased Members of the Wilson-Gleason Families
 7:00 PM All Parishioners of Saint Matthias Parish

Monday, December 05

Advent Weekday

7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, December 06

Saint Nicholas, Bishop

7:30 AM John J. Hughes

Wednesday, December 07

St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:30 AM Mark Vendeur

Thursday, December 08

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 AM Nicholas Llanes Rosal
 12 Noon Joanne Kovacs
 7:00 PM In Loving Memory of Bernadette Lennon

Friday, December 09

Advent Weekday

7:30 AM Aura Garcia

Saturday, December 10-Advent Weekday

8:00 AM Marty McNicholas

Dear Saint Matthias Parishioners,

I hope that your Advent Season has begun in a positive and spiritually meaningful way. I encourage you to embrace the season of Advent and try to slow down, avoid the temptations of this season to go, go, go. During Advent, we have several opportunities for you grow in this season of Advent. Two more Wednesday evening *Advent Reflections on the Infancy Narratives* will be held on December 7 and 14 in the Parish Center at 7 PM. Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament is available every Wednesday from 8AM to 7 PM with Benediction at 6:45 PM. The *Sacrament of Reconciliation* will be offered to assist you in preparing your soul for the celebration of Christmas on Sunday, December 18 from 9:15 AM –10 AM and Monday, December 17 at 7 PM. If you have not done so, please take a copy of the *Word Among Us* home with you and please feel free to share one with a neighbor or friend.

This year, the *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception* a Holy Day of Obligation will be celebrated on Thursday, December 8th. This is a very important feast for us as Americans, since under this title, Our Lady is honored as the patroness of the United States. On the feast day Masses will be celebrated at 7:30 AM, 12 Noon and 7 PM.

I do hope that all of our families with young children are planning to attend the *Christmas Family Fun Fest* on Friday, December 9. We will begin by gathering on the front lawn of the rectory for the annual Church lighting! Then all the activities begin in the Gym with pizza available. Mrs. Halley is looking for teenagers to volunteer that evening, this is a great opportunity to receive Service Hours. Please contact her at the Parish Center if you are available to volunteer.

A remind to our lectors that your new Workbook for Lectors and Gospel Readers are available in the sacristy. Please stop in after Mass to take yours home with you.

May God continue to bless you,

Father Kean



Thank you for your generous Stewardship to Saint Matthias Parish! Your donations allow us to sustain our parish and continue our good works.

Week of 11/19-20 2022

Envelopes... \$ 3,651.00

E-Giving \$ 2,195.00

Loose cash ..\$ 756.00

Late Donations \$ -0-

Total\$ 6,602.00

Corresponding Sunday a year ago

11/20-21 2021.....\$ 6201.00

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Week of 11/26-27 2022

Envelopes..... \$ 4,106.00

E-Giving \$ 2,022.00

Loose cash\$ 522.00

Late Donations... \$ 200.00

Total\$ 6,850.00

Corresponding Sunday a year ago

11/27-28 2021..... \$ 6,139.00



12/05 Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich drop – off at the Parish Center

12/07 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament—8:00 AM-7:00 PM; Benediction 6:45 PM

12/08 Immaculate Conception - Holy Day of Obligation—Masses: 7:30AM, Noon, 7:00 PM

12/08 No Senior Bingo

12/08 Parish Offices CLOSED

12/09 Christmas Fun Fest-6-8:30PM-Gym



ADVENT EVENINGS OF REFLECTION

Join Father Kean and Deacon Ernie on Wednesday evenings in Advent for a presentation on the Infancy Narratives. Each evening will begin at 7 PM in the Parish Center.

Wednesday, December 7

Wednesday, December 14

The Infancy narratives take you on a journey from the foreshadowing of the Messiah from John the Baptist, to the Annunciation and Visitation, the Nativity of the Christ Child and the various visitors who greet the Blessed Mother and Joseph on the birth of their child.

Please consider joining us!

Living Lights



Living Lights Candles are burning this week: ***For a special intention.***

If you would like to have a candle burn for a loved one please call the Parish Center 610-664-0207.

Our Faithfully Departed



Please join us in praying for **Tom Barth** & the happy repose of the souls of all of our faithfully departed parishioners.



WEEKLY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday December 7

Every Wednesday following the 7:30 AM daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration will take place in Church until 7 PM. Benediction will take place at 6:45 PM.

Please remember in your prayers:

**Charles Daniel
Kristin Haley
Louise Vesci
Teresa Kocudac
Juanita Harmon
Helen Calafut
Alice Mitrano
Ed Kiefski
Gerald Tran
Maureen Burdo
Michael Cajigas-Loyola
Ektor Scamaroni-Loyola
Johnny Hughes**

You are invited to submit the names of loved ones who are in need of prayers. Please contact Eileen Keenan at the Parish Center or secretarymatthias@outlook.com



If you are homebound or anticipating surgery and would like Father Kean to visit you, please contact Peggy Haley, Director of Parish Outreach at the Parish Center 610-664-0207 to schedule a visit to receive the Sacrament of the Sick and Holy Communion.

Save the Date

Senior Christmas Lunch

**Sunday December 18, 2022 following the
10:30AM Mass.**

Lunch will be served in the Parish Center for all Seniors of the Parish.

Come spend some time with your fellow parishioners and catch up on the happenings around the parish and the neighborhood.

Meet old friends and make new friends and share a relaxing time over lunch with others.

**Please call the Parish Center or email
secretarymatthias@outlook.com with your
RSVP.**

FAMILY FUN FEST



**FRIDAY December
9th**

**Starting at 6:00PM
in the gym**

**All students
interested in participating in
the Bell Choir or the Christmas
Pageant please contact Mrs.
Haley at the Parish Center.**

**Pizza and cold drinks will be
served.**

**All families are invited to join
the festivities.**

**We request that you make or
buy a dessert for the Family
Fun Fest Bake Sale.**

**Santa will arrive at the Festival
to greet all the children.**

HO HO HO

Merry Christmas

Adult Bible Study FORMING NOW for 2023!

If you interested in participating in a Bible Study Group for adults in the New Year please contact Eileen Keenan at the Parish Center to register your participation.

We are looking to find out when the majority of participants would be available, Wednesday afternoons or Wednesday evenings?

We are planning to begin Ascension Press study on *Exodus - Called to Freedom*.

Look for the Boy Scout Troop outside on Sunday.
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DEC. 4TH and DEC. 11TH

Our best wishes for a joyous holiday season!



Timeline

June 19, 2022—June 11, 2023

Archdiocesan Year of Eucharistic Revival

September 30, 2023

Archdiocesan Eucharistic Congress

Doylestown

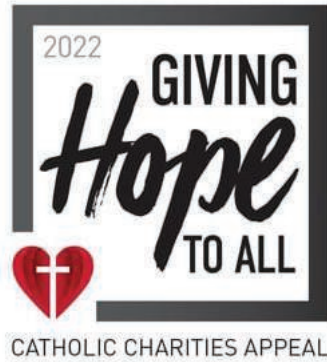


SAVE THE DATE

March 4, 2023

Cardinal O'Hara High School

<https://manupphilly.com>



The annual **Catholic Charities Appeal (CCA)** touches over 180 beneficiary organizations, touching the lives of hundreds of thousands of lives in our local

community. Saint Matthias Parish has reached about 40% toward our parish goal of \$50,536. If you have not made your contribution to the annual Catholic Charities Appeal (CCA) please do so as soon as possible. During the current economic climate, if the CCA appeal struggles to reach its goal, many of our brothers and sisters who depend on the services provided by Catholic Social Services which is the largest single social service provider in our area will struggle to meet their numerous needs. Please visit the Catholic Charities Appeal website and watch a powerful video on the many recipients of this annual appeal.

www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org



Please return all Giving Tree items by Sunday, December 11, 2022 with the tag attached.

All gifts benefit the students of LaSalle Academy. Thank you for your generosity and support!

The Season of Advent



The Advent wreath is part of our long-standing Catholic tradition. However, the actual origins are uncertain. There is evidence of pre-Christian Germanic peoples using wreaths with lit candles during the cold and dark December days as a sign of hope in the future warm and extended-sunlight days of Spring. In Scandinavia during Winter, lighted candles were placed around a wheel, and prayers were offered to the god of light to turn “the wheel of the earth” back toward the sun to lengthen the days and restore warmth.

By the Middle Ages, the Christians adapted this tradition and used Advent wreaths as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas. After all, Christ is “the Light that came into the world” to dispel the darkness of sin and to radiate the truth and love of God (cf. John 3:19-21). By 1600, both Catholics and Lutherans had more formal practices surrounding the Advent wreath.

The symbolism of the Advent wreath is beautiful. The wreath is made of various evergreens, signifying continuous life. Even these evergreens have a traditional meaning which can be adapted to our faith: The laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering; pine, holly, and yew, immortality; and cedar, strength and healing. Holly also has a special Christian symbolism: The prickly leaves remind us of the crown of thorns, and one English legend tells of how the cross was made of holly. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ. Any pine cones, nuts, or seedpods used to decorate the wreath also symbolize life and resurrection. All together, the wreath of evergreens depicts the immortality of our soul and the new, everlasting life promised to us through Christ, the eternal Word of the Father, who entered our world becoming true man and who was victorious over sin and death through His own passion, death, and resurrection.

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. A tradition is that each week represents one thousand years, to sum to the 4,000 years from Adam and Eve until the Birth of the Savior. Three candles are purple and one is rose. The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord’s first coming into the world and the anticipation of His second coming to judge the living and the dead.

The light again signifies Christ, the Light of the world. Some modern day adaptations include a white candle placed in the middle of the wreath, which represents Christ and is lit on Christmas Eve. Another tradition is to replace the three purple and one rose candles with four white candles, which will be lit throughout Christmas season.

In family practice, the Advent wreath is most appropriately lit at dinner time after the blessing of the food. A traditional prayer service using the Advent wreath proceeds as follows: On the First Sunday of Advent, the father of the family blesses the wreath, praying: O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.” During the second week of Advent, the father prays: O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.” The youngest child then lights two purple candle.

Since Advent is a time to stir-up our faith in the Lord, the wreath and its prayers provide us a way to augment this special preparation for Christmas. Moreover, this good tradition helps us to remain vigilant in our homes and not lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas.

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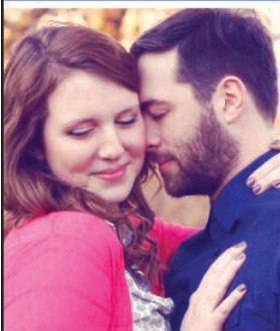
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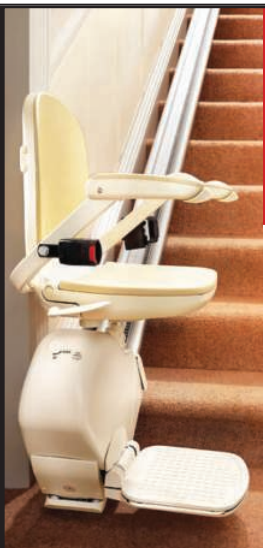
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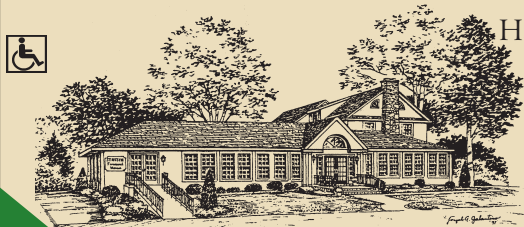
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