

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

15 DECEMBER 2024

Readings for Sunday, December 15: Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18.

Rejoice in the Lord always! Great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel, a mighty savior. It is he whom John foretold; it is he who will baptize in the Holy Spirit.

Readings for Sunday, December 22: Micah 5:1-4a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45.



St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Special Day of Prayer is Wednesday. Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday after 9:00 A.M. Mass to 5:00 PM in the Church. Benediction at 5:00 PM.



<u>Date</u>		<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
16 Dec.	MON. 9:00 AM	Margaret Bucciaglia	Jack & Lori Carr
17 Dec.	TUE. 9:00 AM	James Daily	Jack & Lori Carr
18 Dec.	WED. 9:00 AM	Ken Conrad	Ron & Carol Fry
19 Dec.	THU. 9:00 AM	Pearl Dori	John & Allen
21 Dec.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Frank Gambino	Wife & family
22 Dec.	SUN. 9:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	



ETERNAL REST grant unto them, O Lord. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.
PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING of the parish especially those in homes and hospitals.
REMEMBER OUR TROOPS: Pray that God will bless and protect our young men and women in the military.



NOVENA IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL on Mondays after the 9:00 AM Mass. All are welcome to join in this special Marian Devotion.



THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Friday, December 20.



THE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP leads the recitation of the Rosary every Sunday before the 9:00 AM Mass. They also pray the Rosary before the 9:00 AM weekday Masses. All are welcome to join in these Marian Devotions.



2025 MASS BOOK - Requests for Masses to be offered in 2025 can be made at the Parish Office. There is a limit of one Mass on weekends per person requesting the Mass Intention. This is necessary due to the limited number of weekend Masses available.

LOST WEEK

Collections at PPC *thank you*

DEPOSIT FOR DECEMBER 8, 2024..... \$3,798
2024-2025 Year to Date Collections..... \$96,220

MASS ATTENDANCE for December 7/8:

4:00 PM Mass - 116
9:00 AM Mass - 118
Total Attendance - 234

CONSIDER REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.
Call the Parish Office for more details.

“ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK”

MEMORIES ‘N’ MORE
610-326-1911



APPAREL ALERT! Orders are being accepted for our parish apparel. Items available are: T-Shirt - \$10; Sweatshirt with hood - \$25; Men’s and Women’s Polo Shirts - \$25. Colors available are Kelly Green and Sunburst Yellow. 1/4 Zip - \$35; Full

Zip hoodies - \$30 - color is Forest Green. Logo on all apparel is in the upper left corner. Sizes: S to XL - larger sizes are available (just add \$2) and we have youth sizes too! PROMOTE YOUR PARISH!!! Complete the order form in the vestibule of Church and return to the parish office along with payment or contact Maria Boyer (mboyer@sgsm62.org).



CHURCH MAGNETS are available at the Parish Office. They can be placed on your car or refrigerator. Cost is \$5.00 each.



PARISH LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET based on the PA Pick 3 Evening Number. Winning ticket number must be the exact number drawn for the PA Pick 3 Evening Number. Tickets are \$5.00 each and are sold on a monthly basis.

The prize for the winning ticket is \$50.00 on weekdays and \$100.00 on Sundays and one specially-designated weekday. **This is our major fund raiser for the parish. We encourage each family to purchase at least one ticket each month. Your support is greatly appreciated.**

LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

- December 2 - #315 - unsold
- December 3 - #740 - unsold
- December 4 - #091 - unsold
- December 5 - #453 - unsold
- December 6 - #222 - unsold
- December 7 - #314 - unsold
- December 8 - #329 - unsold



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES on December 16 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. The American Red Cross faces challenges during the winter holidays because donors are taking time away to enjoy the holiday.

Call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit www.RedCross.org to donate blood.

WOMEN’S SOCIETY NEWS



Bake Sale on December 14 and 15 after Masses. Anyone contributing baked goods, please label and price all items.

Santina Kitchen Gift Certificates will be available the entire month of December. Certificates at \$15 and aside with helping with dinner, will make great Christmas or exchange gifts and last minute stocking stuffers. They are also available in the Parish Office daily.

These fund raisers help us to do great things for our church. Thank you always for your support.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - DECEMBER 21/22

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Vitacco

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Tammaro & Tammaro; Choir, Bracaglia

Altar Server - Pomponio

Greeter - Bell

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, George & Gerasimowicz

Altar Servers - Miller & Griffin

Greeter - Carr



The Corner

Let's remember the silent person of the Holy Family, Blessed Saint Joseph. He said "yes" to God by adopting Jesus, the Incarnate Son of God, as his own Child. Joseph's "yes" is very similar to the "yes" of Mary; just as it demonstrated her humility and obedience, so it also demonstrates his.



OUR ADVENT GIVING TREE will be in the vestibule of Church beginning Saturday, November 30 until Sunday, January 5. We are collecting items for Birthright of Pottstown. Items most needed are:

Diapers size 2 and 3; Wipes; Bottles; Neutral pants sizes 0-3 and 3-6 months; Winter clothes sizes 6-9, 12 months and 18 months; Footie PJs sizes newborn through 18 month; Diaper rash cream; Receiving blankets; Crib sheets; Bibs; Burp cloths; Small soft infant toys; Socks size 6-12 and 12-24; Maternity leggings all sizes; Nursing tops; Giant and Redner's Gift cards (denominations \$25 or less). Decorate our Giving Tree by placing an ornament on the tree for each gift you donate. Ornaments are in a box next to the tree.



VOLUNTEERS needed to help decorate the Church on Sunday, December 22 after the 9:00 AM Mass.



CHRISTMAS WAFERS are available at the Parish Office. Five wafers per pack. A donation of \$3.00 per pack or \$5.00 for 2 packs is requested.



ARCHDIOCESAN OPENING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR is December 29, Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul at the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass. Archbishop Nelson J. Perez - Celebrant and Homilist. All will gather for this Mass in Sister Cities Park across the street from the main entrance to the Cathedral Basilica. A ceremonial cross will lead the "Pilgrims of Hope" to the main entrance of the Cathedral Basilica at which point the Archbishop will invite all to venerate it. The ceremonial cross will be placed in the Cathedral Basilica all throughout the Jubilee Year.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Confessions:

Saturday, December 14 from 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM

Saturday, December 21 from 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM

Saturday, December 28 from 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Tuesday, December 24 - Mass at 4:00 PM

Wednesday, December 25 - Mass at 9:00 AM

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Mass Schedule:

Tuesday, December 31 - Mass at 4:00 PM

Wednesday, January 1 - Mass at 9:00 AM

Local Confessions:

Advent Confessions at St. Columbkil Parish on Sunday, December 22 at 7:00 PM

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible
JEFF CAVINS and SARAH CHRISTMYER

A QUICK JOURNEY THROUGH SALVATION HISTORY

The Bible is at the heart of our faith and our relationship with God. But where do we start in reading it? This program will guide participants through Jeff Cavins' "The Bible Timeline" learning system. This study seeks to draw us into God's plan of salvation, and thus in a deeper relationship with Jesus.

MONDAYS 7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. JANUARY 6 - FEBRUARY 24

Register at QR code or contact
Sophie Schneible
SSchneible@saintalloysius.net
610-326-5877 x 426

Cost: \$30 for workbook
St. Aloysius Parish
Lower Level of Gathering Center
223 Beech St. Pottstown

Saint Eleanore Catholic Church
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Christmas
around the world

December 14, 7:00pm

POPE JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL PAWS PROGRAM - The PAWS (Panthers Achieving Worthwhile Success) Program at Pope John Paul II High School supports the individual needs of students with learning differences through instruction and academic accommodations within our academic support hub, the Panthers' Learning Center. We will be hosting an information session about the program on Thursday, January 9 at 6:00 PM in the Panther's Learning Center at PJP to outline the program objectives and support structure, enrollment process, fee, and financial aid opportunities. To register and for more information, please contact Mr. Joseph Rogers, Director of Academic Support at jrogers@pjphs.org.

ST. PIUS X CLASS OF 1975 50TH REUNION is being planned for June 2025 and we need your current information. Please contact Pam (Segnere) Linderman on facebook, email-pplpam@comcast.net or Cell/Text 610-310-5246.

EVENTS AT PADRE PIO CENTRE

First Friday Mass is celebrated at 10:30 AM every month in Our Lady of Grace Chapel which adjoins the Spirituality Centre of the National Centre of Padre Pio, Barto. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus follow morning Mass. Eucharistic Adoration concludes with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction at 3:00 PM. Sacrament of Reconciliation is available prior to Mass from 9:30 AM to 10:15AM. Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio follows the 11:30 AM Rosary.

"Looking Ahead" Monthly Livestream Segments - First Friday of every month at 8:30 AM. Facebook: <https://www.Facebook.com/PadrePioInc> or You Tube: <https://YouTube.com/@PadrePioInc>.

First Saturday of Every Month Devotions - At the National Centre for Padre Pio, Barto. First Saturday Devotions consist of the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass, the blessing of religious articles, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, devotional prayers, Benediction, Rosary, and veneration of the relic glove of Padre Pio. Devotions begin at 9:30 AM.

Novena to Our Lady of Hope - Wednesday, January 8 to Thursday, January 16 following the 3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet. Pray this novena along with us either in person at the National Centre for Padre Pio, Barto or via livestream on Facebook or You Tube.

For more information about these events, contact angela@padrepio.org, visit www.padrepio.org or call 610-845-3000.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CASEY SERVICE CLUB

Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 22 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Sausage breakfast with Santa. Please call and register your child with Franco so we can award them with a proper present. Reserve your spot by calling Franco (484-433-9160).

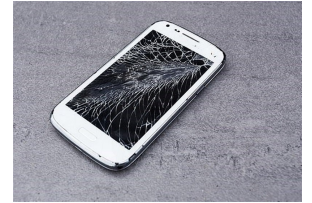
*A Message
From The
Pastor*

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Don't put your glass there! What?!? That's not a coaster! I must admit. I've only relatively recently discovered Qi (pronounced "chee"). No, it's not a card game. Qi is currently the industry standard for wireless



charging otherwise known as inductive charging. It uses electromagnetic induction to provide electricity to portable devices without the need of cables or plugs. I guess that I had heard of it, but I was at a friend's house inadvertently attempting to destroy his wireless charging pad with my cold, sweaty glass containing a most lovely adult beverage, when I really discovered Qi. He explained how his cell phone had wireless charging capability. I thought that was great and I wished that my phone had that. "It probably does," he said. "What model phone do you have?" I had recently gotten a new



used phone out of necessity, the old one having made impact with the driveway while getting out of the car. It shattered and had to be laid to rest. My friend invited me to place my phone on his "coaster." Like magic, it began to charge! *Voila!* It was a "chee" moment for me for sure! *I gotta get one of these.* It was just a "cheapy" one from some left over stock that *Best Buys* wanted



to clear – but it worked. In fact, it was cheap enough that I bought two. They're still working fine and I no longer have to plug my phone in for a charge. Unlike me, most folks were probably well aware of wireless charging technology and making use of it well before me – especially younger folks. However, most folks are probably unaware – especially younger folks – that the Church has already had this technology for



centuries. On this Third Sunday know as *Gaudete (Rejoice)* as we continue our Advent Journey, we may feel at this point, that our batteries need a bit of recharging. There has simply been so much to do and there is still so much to be done before our celebration of Christmas. We all have our "to do"

qi

list. Our Advent Journey, like any journey, can be draining. We need a moment to recharge. This is where the centuries old Church's Qi comes into play. Coming before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament has long been the Church's technology of inductive charging. Eucharistic Adoration recharges our Spiritual Batteries. When the hustle and bustle of the holiday season begins to drain us, it is time for us to rest upon the Divine Charging Pad. In fact, don't let the batteries get too low – or you



might miss making or receiving an important SMS advising of a Child to be born in Bethlehem! This Advent and beyond take time and make time to recharge your batteries. Make use of the Qi technology that Mother Church has had for centuries and feel the current of the Most Holy One recharging you and giving strength to continue and complete the Advent Journey enabling a fully charged Christmas celebration!

Peace,
Fr. Wilson