

Mass Intentions

- Monday December 4, 2017**
 6:30 Berenice Bojanowski req. by Husband
 8:00 Ronald Butterworth req. by Renee Weiss
- Tuesday December 5, 2017**
 6:30 Francis Broscius req. by Alice Cecilia Broscius
 8:00 Jane Patterson req. by Weikel Family
- Wednesday December 6, 2017**
 6:30 James Winters req. by Joe & Mary Coleman
 8:00 Rosary Group req. by Louise Parkhill
- Thursday December 7, 2017**
 6:30 Robert Hensel req. by Dolores Snell
 8:00 Louis DeLisi req. by Pat & Bill Jann
 5:00PM Fr. Lawrence Kozak req. by Julie Teson
- Friday December 8, 2017**
 6:30 Edna Pasquarella req. by Theresa Snock
 8:00 Bill McTague req. by Janine Jennings
 12:00 Timothy Kuhn req. by Bell Family
 7:00PM Louis DeLisi req. by Spear Family
- Saturday December 9, 2017**
 8:00 James Knox req. by Family
 5:00PM Victoria Witkowski req. by M/M Joe Witkowski
- Sunday December 10, 2017**
 6:30 Rose Kartachak req. by Duxbury Family
 8:00 Deborah Clewell req. by Joyce Riccihini
 10:00 Dec'd Mem of Lasota Fam req. by Makowiecki Fam
 12:00 Wilmer Glaser req. by Gilmore family
 6:00PM Louis DeLisi req. by Patricia Gill

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 10, 2017

Mass	Communion	Lector	Altar Server
5:00PM	L. DeLisi	V. Haggerty	
	R. Gola	E. Turzanski	
	T. Gola		
	D. Haggerty		
	V. Haggerty		
6:30AM	J. Graham	A.M. Coyle	
8:00AM	A. Sysol	F. Pfeiffer	
	R. Juliano	A. Sysol	
	J. Sweeten		
	M. Stanish		
	M. Hatfield		
10:00AM	M. Weiss	P. Cullen	
	TJ Fluehr	C. Comly	
	C. Gonzaga		
	P. Cummings		
	B. Wagner		
12:00PM	B. Richmond	B. Gibbons	
	M. Costello	J. Spear	
	D. Bores		
	C. Pfeiffer		
	L. Arpino		
6:00PM	J. O'Malley	R. D'Arcangelo	
	D. Fox		
	L. Bernstein		

PRIEST MASS SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017

- 5:00PM Fr. Kirk
 6:30AM Fr. John
 8:00AM Fr. John
 10:00AM Fr. Kirk
 12:00PM Fr. Kirk
 6:00PM Fr. Jacob John



On Sunday, November 26, 2017, two girls and two boys received the sacrament of Baptism by which they were incorporated into the Body of Christ:
Emilia Concepcion Jhinis – daughter of M/M John Jhinis
Quinn Mackenzie Graham – daughter of George Graham and Julie Verrall
Benjamin Casey Snyder – son of M/M Casey Snyder
Gabriel Gentile – son of M/M Christopher Gentile



All sick parishioners, their relatives and friends:
Agnes Walker – mother of Meg Walker
Ronald Pressley – friend of Theresa White
Lena Kober – parishioner
Marge Carter – friend of Maryann Zegarski
Elizabeth Turzanski – mother of Linda Dzwoniarek

All deceased parishioners, their relatives and friends:
Edward Barr – friend of Frank & Lillian Daley
Darlene Rybicki – niece of Lillian & Frank Daley
Earl & Carol Grow – parents of Ken Grow

For those in the armed forces: Joseph Erbrick, III –Marines; Joseph Costick-Coast Guard; Brad Matz –Army; Tyler Jernigan-Army; Liam Herron-Navy; Christopher Smith-Navy; Alex Mcaneney-Air Force; Brian McGinty-Marines, Dan O'Brien-Air Force; Ashley O'Brien-Air Force; Daniel Patty-Navy, Michael Sheppard- Air Force, Hoku Teson – Army, John McFillin-Navy, Trevor O'Malley-Army, Daniel DiGiuseppe-Marines, Daniel Taylor-Air Force, Stephen Winther-Marines, Bobby Winther-Navy, Amanda Smith-Navy, Joseph Patti-Army, Christian Curtis-Marines, Thomas Campbell-Marines, Michael Bones, Jr-Navy, Brandon Fox-Navy



ADVENT The **Advent Wreath** is part of our long-standing Catholic tradition. The symbolism of the Advent wreath is beautiful. The wreath is made of various evergreens, signifying continuous life. 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. 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. 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 and deacon 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.

PLEASE NOTE – NO 6:00PM MASS on Sunday, January 7 and January 14, 2018.

Hospital Visits - If you are in the hospital and would like a visit from a priest, please call the rectory office at 215-637-7515. Due to HIPPA laws we are unable to get information from the hospital, therefore, we must hear directly from the patient.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to decorate Our Lady of Calvary Church for Christmas. If you are able to help put up the Nativity Set, Christmas Tree and decorate our Church on Thursday, December 21 at 6:30PM, please call or text Mary Hatfield at 215-410-9383.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – December 8 – is a Holyday of Obligation. The Mass Schedule is as follows: Thursday, December 7 – 5:00PM Vigil Mass; Friday, December 8 – 6:30AM, 8:00AM, 12:00 Noon and 7:00PM.

GIVING TREE THANK YOU – Although this year's Giving Tree was held a bit earlier, it again was a huge success due to the kindness and generosity of our OLC parishioners. We were able to distribute many wonderful gifts and gift cards, including over 70 coats, to more than 50 needy families within the Northeast Catholic community and OLC. You have helped to fill the hearts of many less fortunate children with Christmas love and Joy.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your wonderful response to our giving Tree. May God bless you for your generosity with a Holy, Healthy Christmas and New Year.

Sometime in the near future, please look for a Thank You poster from St. Martin's Church, which will be located in the vestibule of the upper church.

MEMORIAL FUND

Thank you to Nancy Ruiz Garcia and Jeanmarie Burns for the donation in memory of *Kathleen Hatfield*.

Maternity B.V.M. Pre-Cana Session – is required for all engage couples preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony. Maternity B.V.M. Parish, located at 9220 Old Bustleton Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19115 will be holding their Spring Pre-Cana Day on Saturday, February 24, 2018. Advance registration is necessary. To register, call 215-673-8127.

Christ the King Parish is offering the Pre-Cana Program on Friday, January 26, 2018 and all day Saturday, January 27, 2018. Engaged couples of neighboring parishes, who are planning to celebrate the sacrament of Matrimony are welcome. For information, please contact rgreen@christthekingparish.net

PARISH EVENTS

Monday, December 4, 2017

8:30AM	Rosary Prayer Group (M-F)	LC
7:30PM	Legion of Mary	LC

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

10:00AM	Calvary Seniors II	AA
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Saturday, December 9, 2017

7:00PM	AA Meeting	Rectory
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Sunday, December 10, 2017

1:15PM	Baptism	UC
7:00PM	Al Anon Meeting	LC

THE SCRIP OFFICE is open 7 days a week - Monday through Thursday from 9:00AM to 12:00 Noon; 1:00PM to 3:00PM and 6:00PM to 8:00PM. Friday, Saturday/Sunday from 9:00AM to 12:00PM.

ELIZABETH MINISTRY

Elizabeth Ministry responds to the needs of women during their childbearing years by offering like to like ministry through personal visits. Follow-up contacts are made in person, by phone, and by mail. Please feel free to take a rose for your personal intentions that are in the Adoration Chapel.

PRE-JORDAN BAPTISM CLASS

All parents are required to attend this class in order to have their child baptized. The next ***December 3, 2017 at 1:15PM*** in the lower church. Thank you for registering in advance to this class by calling the rectory at 215-637-7515.

Men of Calvary Night – The Men of Calvary will meet at 7:00PM in the rectory meeting room on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. The next meetings are December 5th, 12th and 26th, 2017. All men of the parish are welcome.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP “Community of Hope” invites you to Rejoice in your Baptismal Gifts from the Giver of All Good Gifts on Tuesdays at 7:00PM. All are welcome in the lower church at Our Lady of Calvary.

PRAYER LIST – If you are calling in prayers for the sick/deceased for Sunday, please do so by Friday Noon. Requests received after Friday Noon will be prayed for the following Sunday.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS – we have Divine Mercy Prayers every third Sunday after the 10AM Mass in the Adoration Chapel.

Happenings Around the Parish

Visconto Blanket Drive – Please support the Visconto Family’s 12th Annual St. Francis Inn Blanket Drive. With the help of our family, friends and neighbors we have been able to spread warmth around the Philadelphia area and we sincerely thank you. You may drop off all blankets to the Visconto Funeral Home, 2031 Vista Street or to 3910 Fairdale Road. You are also welcome to call us at 215-637-8184 and we will be happy to pick your blankets up. Drop off dates and times are: December 10th and December 17th from 1-3 PM. Thank You.

OLC Mercy Ministry Group

In Support of Young Women Who Have Chosen Life You can become a part of this life-changing OLC Mercy Ministry by donating monthly Scrip gift cards purchased only for the following Stores: Acme, Burlington Coat Factory, CVS, Kmart, ShopRite, Target, Walmart. SEPTA token packs also can be donated. If you need more info or would consider volunteering, please contact Barbara Janiszewski 215-219-1430 or John Robbins 215-637-3876.

St. Katherine of Siena – 9700 Frankford Avenue will have *Wednesday Prayer* at 7:00 PM. Rosary. Chaplet and Divine Office by Deacon Robert H. Hall.

24th Annual National Memorial for the Preborn and their Mothers and Fathers –the morning of the March for Life in Washington, DC. Sponsored by the National ProLife Religious Council on Friday, January 18, 2018 at historic DAR Constitution Hall from 8:30-10:30AM. Free admission, no tickets required. Homilist: Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director, Priests for Life. Special Guests: The Benham Brothers. Email Christ@nprcouncil.org

COME JOIN – Consider becoming a member of the **Northeast Serra Club**. The group meets on the second Saturday of the month beginning at 9AM at Our Lady of Ransom. Refreshments are served. For more details call Joann at 215-941-4583. All are welcome!

Retrouvaille....a lifeline for Marriages – Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal. The next program is February 16 at the Family Life Center in Malvern. For information call 1-800-470-2230 or go to www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

Parents Association of St. Hubert High School is hosting their annual *Holiday Vendor Fair* on Thursday, December 7, 2017 from 6:30-9:00PM. Please come out and help support the Parents Association Scholarships for the girls of St. Hubert. We will have crafters, vendors, selling 5050's, raffles, and the school store will be open during this time. If you are interested in becoming a crafter/vendor please contact Beth Stocklin, bethstocklin@gmail.com or Trisha Kinney at tkinney1@gmail.com

The Path of Discipleship: Orienting Everything in You Parish to the Formation of Disciples of Jesus Christ. This workshop is designed to help parish leaders put order and purpose into the activities and events in a parish so that everything has a common goal and direction: the formation of authentic disciples of Jesus Christ. Friday, February 2, 2018 from 9:30AM to 2:30PM (Snow date – February 16). Speakers: Jason Simon, Executive Director, Evangelical Catholic; Fr. Stephen DeLacy, Director, Vocations Office; Meghan Cokely, Director, Office for the New Evangelization. The event will be at St. Charles Seminary College Auditorium – to register - \$25 per person at phillyevang.org/events.

Little Flower Alumnae Association's Annual Christmas Luncheon will be held on Saturday, December 9 at 12:30PM at Brookside Manor located at 50 Bustleton Pike, Feasterville, PA. Whether you are an alumna or not you are invited to attend this event. Your husband, boyfriend or significant other is also welcome to attend. There is a one hour open bar with a cash bar after that – choice of entrée is Prime Rob of Bee, Broiled Salmon or Mushroom risotto. The cost is \$35 per person. Make your check payable to "The Alumnae Association of Little Flower" sent to Joan Siburkis Schott, PO Box 21174, Philadelphia, PA 19114. For more info go to Grandmomqueenie@aol.com or call 215-637-6930

CONGRATULATIONS to the following parishioners who received honors at their high school for the first quarter.

Little Flower

First Honors: *Grace Matthews and Sophia Rosa*
Second Honors: *Samantha Olenski and Julia Vuillermet*

Saint Basil Academy

First Honors: *Cathryn Zimmerman and Hannah Hesson*

Breakfast with Santa – sponsored by St. Hubert Alumnae on Saturday, December 9, 2017 from 10:00AM – 12:30PM at the cafeteria. Adults \$15; Children \$12 (2 and younger – free). This includes: full breakfast, fun activities and visit from Santa and more!!!
Email: SHAABreakfastWithSanta@gmail.com for tickets and information.

Father Judge HS Winter Open House – Thursday, January 25, 2018 from 6:30-8:30PM. Pre-register @fatherjudge.com for a free gift. *Mandatory 8th grade placement test* – All students applying for Father Judge must take the Placement test – pre register at fatherjudge.com Test dates are January 13 or January 20 at 8:00AM.

Archbishop Ryan Music Theatre presents "A Christmas Carol – The Musical" on Friday December 8th and Saturday, December 9th at 7:00PM and Sunday, December 10th at 1:00PM. Tickets \$12, \$8 for seniors/children. Come support the arts in our schools.

This Week with the Saints

Sunday, December 3 – St. Francis Xavier, Priest – One of the first members of the Society of Jesus, Francis Xavier traveled to India, Indonesia, and Japan to preach the Gospel and bring people to the Catholic faith.

Monday, December 4 – St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church – Born in Damascus, John spent much of his life in a monastery. He wrote many hymns as well as theological works about the Assumption of Mary and defending the use of holy images.

Wednesday, December 6 – St. Nicholas, Bishop – This bishop of Myra in Turkey was renowned for his abundant generosity to the poor. His generosity was typically expressed through the giving of gifts.

Friday, December 8 – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – This solemnity celebrates Mary’s conception in her mother’s womb without the stain of Original Sin. As such, it speaks to God’s plan for salvation, preparing the one who would become the Mother of his only-Begotten Son.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS

Willing to Begin Again

Advent is my favorite liturgical season, as its readings encompass so much of both the Old and New Testaments. In order to prepare to celebrate the birth of the infant Jesus, we revisit the whole of salvation history. With Isaiah as our guide, we can’t go wrong. We journey forth on a highway where even fools can’t go astray.

But Advent is also a challenge, as it requires us to begin again. We go to great lengths to attain status as experts, and not beginners. We regard repetition, going back to stories we’ve heard a thousand times over, as a waste of our precious time. The familiarity of the readings of Advent and Christmas can deaden our hearts.

Maybe that’s why today’s readings insist that we wake up from our self-absorbed stupor. The Collect asks us to “run forth” towards Christ; Isaiah asks God to return to us with awesome deeds. The psalmist prays to God: “rouse your power, and come to save us.” St. Paul reminds us that our job is to wait, not only for the incarnation of Jesus but for his second coming. And in the Gospel Jesus says: “Be watchful! Be Alert!”

Advent reminds us that God’s ways are not our own. It asks us to take a realistic look at who we are, people in need of God’s grace, beginners who must start all over again in this season to be reminded of the good news that is our salvation in Jesus Christ.

Kathleen Norris is an oblate of St. Benedict and the author of many books, including The Cloister Walk and Acedia and Me.