



SAINT PETER

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Eucharistic Parish

Merchantville, NJ 08109



Served By

Rev. Timothy E. Byerley, Ph.D., Pastor
Rev. John D. Wasilewski, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Michael F. Scott
Mr. Joseph Saffioti, School Principal
Kathy O'Callaghan, Assistant Principal
Stephanie Vostenak, Coordinator of Religious Education
Bobbie Bradley, Senior Ministry Director
Sr. Philomena Leahy, F.D.N.S.C., Ministry to the Sick & Homebound

A Program for Catholic Living

MASS SCHEDULE	Saturday Evening	5:00pm
	Sunday	7:30, 9:00, 10:30am & 7:00pm
	Weekdays	6:45 & 9:00am
	Saturdays	9:00am
	Holy Days	watch the bulletin for schedules

Miraculous Medal Novena: Monday, 7:30pm - Rosary 7:05pm (except first Monday of the month which is a Mass of Reconciliation at 7:00pm)

Recitation of the Rosary: Monday through Saturday after 9:00am Mass

24 Hours Daily: Chapel of Perpetual Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Sign up for a holy hour. Call 856-665-4833 or 856-662-4338 or 856-304-2261

Information

Rectory: 43 West Maple Ave.
856-663-1373 Fax 856-488-0647
Rel. Educ.: 43 W. Maple Ave., 856-663-4490
Website: www.saintpetermerchantville.com
Senior Apostolate: 856-662-7577
School: 51 W. Maple Ave., 856-665-5879
Website: www.stpeterschool.org
Advancement Director: 856-665-5879

Education

ST. PETER SCHOOL

To register your children, please call the principal at 856-665-5879.
Religious Education: 856-663-4490
Public School CCD Classes
Kindergarten through 8th grade.
Tues. 5:30pm St. Peter School (all grades)

DECEMBER 15, 2019 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sacraments

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday at 12:15pm. Parents are expected to attend a Pre-Jordan Baptism class. Please call the Rectory to register for a class so that we have adequate materials. Godparents and children are welcome to attend.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE - In order to accommodate our own Parishioners, only Parishioners of St. Peter (Bride or Groom) will be able to be married in St. Peter Church. Couples planning to marry at St. Peter are expected to contact the priest to arrange a date and time first. Second, they must attend the Pre-Cana Conferences as mandated by the Bishop. The period of preparation for marriage is a minimum of six months to ensure completion of all arrangements before the wedding date. For Pre-Cana reservations call 663-1373. Only Parish Musicians are permitted for Wedding Masses. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK - The priests may be called at any time day or night for the Sacrament of the Sick. Furthermore, the priests will be happy to visit the Sick with Holy Communion upon request.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - (Confessions) Saturday from 4:00-4:55pm and 7:00-8:00 pm or contact one of the priests.

FUNERALS - The proper form of Church burial for a baptized Catholic is the Mass of Christian Burial, not a service at a funeral home. Viewings in the Church are not permitted. Funeral Masses are scheduled at 10:00am. No eulogies in church, and only Parish Musicians are permitted for Funeral Masses, **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

New Parishioners - ALL ARE WELCOME - Please register with the parish... so we know who you are, so if you ever need a letter, etc., you're on record, so you can be on our mailing list, and most importantly, so we can serve YOU!





Third Sunday of Advent – December 15, 2019



Fr. John Wasilewski

Leaving St. Peter's in early January, 2020



I am sorry to report that Fr. John will be leaving St. Peter's by January 15, 2020. We have come to know and love him and he will be sorely missed. As Fr. John explains below in a personal letter to you, the reason for this is health related. We will host a farewell reception for Father on **Sunday, January 12** in Pastors' Hall after the **9:00 and 10:30 AM Masses**.

When Father has fully recovered, he will be reassigned to another parish in the diocese. We pray that all goes well with Fr. John's treatments and that God would bless him abundantly. I should also mention that we have no information about who might replace him.

God be with you, Fr. John!

Fr. Tim Byerley, Pastor

Dear Friends,

I recently underwent two tests related to a chronic spine and back condition I've been living with for a number of years. The tests revealed that the condition has progressed to a critical stage. So, I will be taking an extended medical leave to undergo treatment beginning January 15, 2020.

Therefore, due to the uncertainty of the timetable and/or the outcome of the treatment, it is best that my time with you here at St. Peter's concludes with the beginning of the medical treatment. My hope is that I can avoid surgery and eventually return to active ministry in the diocese as soon as possible.

Thank you for the many kindnesses you've shown me! I am truly blessed to have been able to serve you as your Priest! This is a very fine parish, made up of truly Good People!

Prayerfully wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Fr. John

Gaudete Sunday

Today, December 15 is Gaudete Sunday, when we shift our reflection from "the Lord is coming" to "the Lord is near." Rejoice as you light the pink candle on your Advent wreath. You are more than half-way to Christmas!

This third Sunday of Advent is called "Gaudete" Sunday based on the first word of the Latin Entrance Antiphon for this day, meaning "Rejoice", taken from Philippians 4:4-5: "Gaudete in Domino semper" ("Rejoice in the Lord always").

Since Advent is a penitential season, the priest normally wears purple vestments, but on Gaudete Sunday, having passed the midpoint of Advent, the Church lightens the mood a little and the priest may wear rose vestments. This is the Church's way of further heightening our expectation as we draw ever nearer the Solemnity of Christmas.

Providing us with encouragement to continue our spiritual preparation is also the reason that the third candle of the Advent wreath, which is lit on Gaudete Sunday, is traditionally rose-colored.

Third Sunday of Advent – Joy



Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. **Amen.**

50th Ordination Anniversary of Pope Francis

The Holy Father celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on December 13. May Jesus the High Priest continue to renew, increase, and strengthen in Pope Francis the graces received at his ordination as he continues to carry his priestly ministry in service to our Holy Church.

Masses For The Week



*Mass Celebrant Code: TB = Fr. Tim Byerley – JW = Fr. John Wasilewski – CT = Fr. Cesar Tolentino – MS = Deacon Mike Scott

Intentions:	Requested by:	*Mass Celebrant
Monday, December 16		
6:45 AM Spiritual/Temporal Welfare/Thomas Duffy	Family	TB
9:00 AM Nancé Bellwoar	Mary Anne	JW
Tuesday, December 17		
6:45 AM Bill Waldron	Page Family	JW
9:00 AM Msgr. John P. Fallon	Estate	TB
Wednesday, December 18		
6:45 AM Diane Leahy	Family	JW
9:00 AM Richard Dunn	Mary Anne	CT
Thursday, December 19		
6:45 AM Georgina Dumlao	Niece & Family	TB
9:00 AM James & Anne Flynn	Estate	CT
Friday, December 20		
6:45 AM Kathleen Pedrick	John & Karen Dunn	CT
9:00 AM Giovanni & Grazia Silvestri	Son, Umberto & Family	TB
Saturday, December 21		
9:00 AM Paul T. Naidas	Son & Family	JW
5:00 PM L/D Mbrs of Badame/Taddeo Family	Family	TB
Sunday, December 22		
7:30 AM Charles & Ida Del Rossi	Family	CT
9:00 AM Joe Catani	His Children	CT/MS
10:30 AM Francis, Rita & Bonnie Walker	Family	TB
Phyllis Mignogna & Family	Estate	TB
Intentions of Eric Migala	Julie German	TB
Raymond Smurlo	Pat & Debbie Moran	TB
David Cappello	Joseph Cappello	TB
7:00 PM Parishioners of St. Peter Parish		JW

Sanctuary Lamp in the Church

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in Memory of
Marie & Thomas Rabbittino
the week of December 15 – December 21
requested by their Brother, Sal.



Sanctuary Lamp in the Convent Chapel

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in Memory of
Thomas Buono, Sr.
the week of December 15 – December 21
requested by his Wife, Joan.



Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the
Holy Souls in Purgatory
the week of December 15 – December 21
requested by A Parishioner.

*F*ather's *Q*uick *Q*uote: "The safest remedy
against the thousand snares and wiles of the enemy
is spiritual joy."
~ St. Francis of Assisi

2019 Christmas Schedule 2019



SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Friday, December 20

6:00 – 7:00 PM

Saturday, December 21

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Saturday, December 28

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

NO EVENING CONFESSIONS



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Tuesday, December 24, 2019 (Christmas Eve)

4:00 PM

6:00 PM (Children's Mass with Nativity Pageant)

8:00 PM

11:30 PM (Christmas Music and Carols)

Solemn Mass at Midnight

Wednesday, December 25, 2019 (Christmas Day)

7:30 AM

9:00 AM

10:30 AM

NO 7:00 PM MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY



2020 New Year's Schedule 2020

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

MASSES

Tuesday, December 31, 2019

4:00 PM (Vigil)

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

9:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Bambinelli Blessing



God our Father,
You loved us so much
You sent your only Son, Jesus,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
To save us and lead us back to you.
We pray that, with your blessing,
These images of Jesus might be
A sign of your presence and love
In our homes.
Good Father,
Give your blessing
To all who gather with us this Christmas,
Family and friends.
Open our hearts
That we might receive Jesus in joy,
Always do what He asks of us,
And see Him in those who need our love.
~ Pope Benedict XVI ~

**Latin Chants to be introduced at
10:30 am Mass in Advent**

In keeping with the directives of the Second Vatican Council, we at St. Peter's intend to preserve an appreciation for the timeless sacred music of the Church. Every Catholic should be able to chant the ordinary of the Mass (Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus, etc.) in Latin. Starting the First Sunday of Advent, our 10:30 am choir will lead us in these chants, which may be found on Pages 10 - 12 in this bulletin. With time we will all feel comfortable singing the great hymnody of the "Missa De Angelis" under the leadership of our choir. You will find that these chants will add a special solemnity and reverence to the Mass.

Mondays in December Schedule

December 16

NO Novena – Decorating Church for Christmas

December 23

Miraculous Medal Novena – 7:00 PM

December 30

Miraculous Medal Novena – 7:00 PM

Parish Weekly Offerings

First Collection for the weekend of December 7 – 8 was **\$14,036.00**. Second Collection (Religious Retirement which is sent directly to the Diocese) was **\$3,520.00**.

Thank you for building up God's Kingdom in our Parish!

Readings for the Week

Sunday, December 15

Third Sunday of Advent

First: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
 Second: James 5:7-10
 Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

Monday, December 16

First: Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a
 Gospel: Matthew 21:23-27

Tuesday, December 17

First: Genesis 49:2, 8-10
 Gospel: Matthew 1:1-17

Wednesday, December 18

First: Jeremiah 23:5-8
 Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

Thursday, December 19

First: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a
 Gospel: Luke 1:5-25

Friday, December 20

First: Isaiah 7:10-14
 Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Saturday, December 21

St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church

First: Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a
 Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Sunday, December 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent

First: Isaiah 7:10-14
 Second: Romans 1:1-7
 Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

Parish Sick List

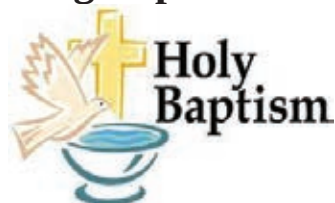


Please contact the Rectory @ 856-663-1373 to add a loved one to the list. ***You are kindly asked to inform the person that their name will appear in the Bulletin.***

Please pray for: Fr. Ronan Murphy, Thomas Abate, Sr., Steve Bagocius, Joseph Blahut, Theresa Brown, Mike Burgo, Anthony Ciarroccki, Barbara DeFranco, Joseph DelRossi, Ray Dick, Rose Marie Finnegan, Vijay Gambhi, Matthew Herb, Bridget Hopkins, Bob Jamison, Ellen Jamison, Thaddeus Kanigowski, Lori Kauffmann, Tony Leahy, Joseph Lesniak, Mary Moran, Matthew Moran, Joan Mikulewicz, Mary Narleski, Marilyn Ott, Frank Pedano, Bob Piekarski, James Poulson, Elsie Schatzle, Anna Marie Schickling, Fred Schwartz, James Shue, Theresa Smurlo, Rose Smyth, Mark Stevens, Frank Tarantini, Joe Teti, Michael Uricheck, Matthew Valentine, Joseph Vena, IV, Bob Walker. ***May God heal them in mind, body and spirit! Thank you for your prayers for our sick and shut-ins.***

IMPORTANT: PLEASE call the Rectory @ 856-663-1373 when your loved one has recovered!

Upcoming Baptismal Classes



TOMORROW

Monday, December 16, 2019

Monday, January 20, 2020

Class begins at 8:00 PM in the Senior Center.

You may schedule the Baptismal date at the class.

Please call the Rectory @ 856-663-1373 to register for a class so that we have adequate materials. Godparents are welcome, if able to attend. Both parents are encouraged to attend the class and children are welcome.

Adoration Chapel



You are invited to spend an hour with Jesus.

Will you accept the invitation?

Please consider signing up for a Holy Hour.

All hours are available most especially:

Sundays ~ 4:00 AM – 5:00 AM

Sundays ~ 5:00 AM – 6:00 AM

Sundays ~ Noon – 1:00 PM

Sundays ~ 11:00 PM – Midnight

Mondays ~ 10:00 PM – 11:00 PM

Tuesdays ~ Midnight – 1:00 AM

Wednesdays ~ Noon – 1:00 PM

Saturdays ~ 4:00 AM – 5:00 AM

Saturdays ~ 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Saturdays ~ 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Call Flora @ 665-4833 or Stacey @ 856-304-2261 or

Ben @ 662-4338 to schedule your hour.

Intercessory Rosary Group

Meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month
 @ 3:00 PM in the Convent Chapel.

All are welcome!

Oplatki Available in Sacristy



Again, this year, we are happy to offer oplatki (oh-pwah-key) (wafers) to our Parishioners who may want to incorporate this Polish custom into their Christmas Eve Dinner (Wigilia).

Please stop in the Sacristy after Mass for your packet of oplatki and an explanation of the tradition.

Oplatki will also be available at the Rectory.



Monday, December 16

Guest Speaker: Sheriff Macauley

Topic: Home Security & Scams

Wednesday, December 18

Stretch & Flex with Rossana

Intercessory Rosary led by the Legion of Mary

Friday, December 20, 2019

to

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

Center Closed

"May the Blessings of Christmas be with you,
May the Christ Child light your way,
May God's holy angels guide you,
And keep you safe each day."

Irish Christmas Blessing

Merry Christmas!



WEDNESDAY EVENINGS!

Doors open at 5:30 PM. BINGO starts at 7:00 PM.

Food available for purchase beginning at 5:30 PM.

NO admission allowed after 7:05 PM.

Admission is \$3 & includes cards for 7 regular games.

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BINGO at Saint Peter's

Thank you for supporting our Bingo!



Service Schedule

Dec. 18 – Team C ~ Dec. 25 – NO BINGO

Merry Christmas!

Adoration Chapel Testimony

"After going to adoration one time, I visited my friend and she remarked that my face was glowing! I knew I was more serene, but a verse from the Bible came to me about Moses' face being illuminated after being face to face with the Lord!"

~ *Anonymous*

"Have You Received a Favor from Eucharistic Adoration?"



The next time you visit the Adoration Chapel you will find a red box on the table

FAVORS RECEIVED WITNESS BOX

As God meets your need would you consider briefly describing (on the form provided) the blessing you have received as a result of Eucharistic Adoration and prayer? This report may be read aloud or printed in the bulletin as a record of what God is doing among us.

You may choose to be anonymous.

You may also share your favor received by sending an email to adorationchapel24@gmail.com. You will be sent a reply with a google document where you can share your favor received.

Thank you for your testimony!



TODAY

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting "Cookies with Santa" today after the 9 AM Mass. Children are invited to have cookies and beverages with Santa and get their picture taken with him. This event is free, but please remember to bring a phone or camera so you can get pictures with Santa.

*Merry Christmas to all
from the Knights of Columbus!*

St. Vincent dePaul Society



We all know this is the busiest time of the year, and it is even more so for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We will be collecting turkeys, chickens and hams every weekend from now until December 20. Our

Giving Tree is up so please consider taking a tag and buying a gift for a needy child. Please wrap the gift and firmly attach the tag and bring back no later than **THIS** weekend of December 14 and 15.

We are also currently in the process of making our Food Baskets for Christmas and are in need of the following items: canned yams, cereal, pasta sauce, pasta, mac and cheese, tuna, canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly, canned beans, canned soup, boxed mashed potatoes, brownie mix, cookies, canned corn and green beans, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. Any donation you make will be appreciated. Our pantry is also very low this time of year and we are trying to feed around 60 families with some having anywhere from 2 to 15 members. We have many children on our pantry list.

If you cannot purchase food, you can make a financial donation in our poor boxes located around the church and we can buy what we need. If you, or someone you know is in need of assistance, please don't hesitate to call our hotline at 856-904-7397.

Thank you for all your generosity to our Ministry.



Vocational Discernment Group for Catholic Women

Every woman is called to make a gift of herself in love. Discovering the form the gift will take is the art of discernment. Avow is a small group for unmarried Catholic women, ages 18 to 35, who gather for heart-to-heart conversation and study as they embark on the journey of discernment together. Avow is not a program to recruit or convince you of your vocation; rather it is designed to create an atmosphere of freedom and openness for the authentic pursuit of the Father's Will. Groups are guided by the discernment principles of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

Structure, Frequency and Content of the Meetings

- ◆ Meet twice per month for six months at St. Peter's Convent
 - ❖ Dates are determined by majority's schedule
 - ❖ Two hours each session
- ◆ Begin with prayer (30 minutes of Adoration in St. Peter's Chapel)
 - ❖ Discussion one hour each session
 - ❖ Meal/snacks

Call Fr. Tim @ 856-663-1373 for more information.



The St. Peter School PTA would like to thank everyone who came to the Christmas Bazaar. Once again it was a great success! We wish to thank all those who work so hard to make this event happen:

The Knights of Columbus for the delicious food especially Tony Presenza and Reese DeFeo, Our Silent Auction Coordinator – Tina Deiwert, Our Secret Santa Elves – Jenn Hak and Melanie O'Connor, Our Bake Sale Coordinators – Nancy Granroth and Melissa Delp, Our Kiddie Carnival Coordinators – Marci Abate and Natalie Walker, Our Vendor/Craft Table Coordinator – Jeannine Voll and Megan Frombach, Our Fabulous Photographer-Kathy O'Callaghan and her elf; Gen Kane, Christmas Bazaar Chairs – Roe Napoli and Tina Deiwert. We would also like to thank Mrs. Young for making all the beautiful ribbons for our auction baskets, Mike O'Callaghan for donating wine for our wine wheel, Christine Wabs for the fantastic decorations and Chad Holliday and his special guest appearance! Special thanks to **everyone** who donated his or her time to this event – without you the Bazaar would not happen! We also want to thank all the parents who so generously donated to the Silent Auction making each class basket a great success. Thanks also to all of the businesses and parishioners who donated. Once again, the Silent Auction was fabulous! Please remember to patronize the local establishments who donated to our Silent Auction.

Christmas Bazaar Donors Companies

Academy of Natural Sciences, Adventure Aquarium, Amy's Omlette House, Applebees, Bobby Ray's, Bounce U, Camden Catholic HS, Carl's Shoes, Cherry Hill Skating Center, CoCo Keys, Community Sports Shop, Crayola Factory, Custom Travel, Denim BYOB, Eclipse Brewing, Elite Climbing, Flyers Skate Zone, Flynn and O'Hara Uniform Co., Garden State Discovery Museum, Gfit of Cherry Hill, Grand Lux Café, International Sports Center, J&J Snack Foods, Johnson's Corner Farm, Kaminski's Bar and Grill, Kids Kuts, L&M Bakery, Longwood Gardens, Montegrillo's, Mystical Blossoms, Nunzio Ristorante Rustico, Oriental Trading, Panera Bread, Paws Farm, Pennsauken Country Club, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia Phillies, Picaboo Photos, Pinsetters, PJ Whelihan's, Robert Hensler LLC, Sesame Place, Shop Rite Garden State, Shop Rite Union Mill, Speed Raceway, St. Clair CPAs, Steak 38, The 45th St. Pub, The Big Event, The Cheesecake Factory, The Pop Shop, The Pub, The Turning Point, Wegmans

Individuals

Annette Marinelli, Cindy Raleigh, David Zwalinski, Deiwert Family, Dorothy Deiwert, Dot Chamberlain, Jeannine Voll, Kathy Zwalinski, Knights of Columbus, Mrs. Young, Napoli Family, Theresa Hinchman

St. Peter Development Team

Invites you to attend the showing of



A film that follows the nationwide manhunt for Fr. Rene Robert amid a series of shocking revelations and the discovery of a 20-year-old letter in which Fr. Rene seemed to foretell his own fate.

Date: **Thursday, January 16, 2020**

Time: **7 PM**

Place: **Regal Moorestown Mall & RPX Theater**

Location: **400 NJ-38, Moorestown, NJ 08057**

Ticket Cost: **\$20/Person**

This event will support St. Peter Parish
Tickets will be on sale beginning **THIS Saturday, December 14, 2019 after the 5 PM Mass** and will be sold after all weekend Masses up to and including **Sunday, January 12, 2020**

For further information or questions,
please contact Bobbie @ (856) 662-7577.



St. Peter's Upcoming Youth Group Events

December 14 – 18, 2019



(See previous email for times)

Sunday, December 22, 2019 @ 6:30 PM



Antner Residence
174 Westover Drive ~ Delran ~ 08075

Service Schedule

Extraordinary Ministers for December 21 - 22

5:00 PM	K. Burns, D. Montes, F. Sass, F. Sinatra
7:30 AM	T. Fisher, K. Fisher, N. Perry, T. Presenza
9:00 AM	R. Curley, T. Curley, E. Kradzinski, A. Lipenta
10:30 AM	C. Aghaji, K. Bailey, S. Joseph, M. Pascale, C. Petrowsky
7:00 PM	M. Carlino, A. Naidas, M. O'Callaghan, K. O'Callaghan

Lectors for December 21 - 22

5:00 PM	C. Zia-Sass & A. Schiavo
7:30 AM	P. Leone & C. Leone
9:00 AM	D. Mannella & J. Chevere
10:30 AM	M. DeFranco & A. DeFranco
7:00 PM	C. Engine

Altar Servers for December 21 - 22

5:00 PM	Oliver Goldwasser, Anthony Marinelli, Giovanni Marinelli
7:30 AM	Michael Esimio, John Paul Dunphy, Michael Ricci
9:00 AM	Margaret Frombach, Peter Frombach, Salvatore Leone, Sonny Leone
10:30 AM	Justin Schiavo, Nicholas Schiavo, Shane Wood-Embry
7:00 PM	Bonaventure McWilliams, Ignatius McWilliams, Dominic Saffioti, Jason Saffioti

Altar Servers for the Week of December 23

Monday – Tuesday – Wednesday*

9:00 AM	Margaret Frombach & Peter Frombach
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*See Special Christmas Schedule

Miraculous Medal Novena – Monday – 7 PM

John Paul Dunphy & Oliver Goldwasser

Thursday – Friday – Saturday

9:00 AM	Sebastian DeFeo
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Please be reminded that germs are often spread by shaking hands. During this upcoming flu season, at the Sign of Peace, you may simply opt to say to those around you, "Peace be with you" **without** shaking hands.

May God bless you and keep you healthy!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



If you would like to donate for Christmas flowers for the altar in memory of a deceased loved one, please fill out the form below, place it in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers" and drop it in the Collection Basket. Envelopes are also located at the entrances to Church.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS DONATION IN MEMORY OF:

REQUESTED BY: _____

AMOUNT: _____

New Jersey Independent Victims Compensation Program

The Diocese of Camden – along with the other Roman Catholic dioceses in New Jersey – has established an Independent Victim Compensation Program (IVCP) to compensate those, who as children or young adults, were sexually abused by a priest of the Diocese.

The IVCP is independently administered by experienced victim compensation experts Kenneth R. Feinberg and Camille S. Biros.

The IVCP will handle the submission, evaluation and resolution of individual claims, and operates independently of the Diocese or any church-affiliated institution. The administrators of the IVCP have complete autonomy to determine the eligibility of a claim with the guidelines of the established Protocol. The amount of the compensation for those who make a claim will be independently determined by the IVCP administrators. All victims – no matter when the abuse occurred – are eligible to participate, and all matters will be handled confidentially.

Victims of clergy sexual abuse of a minor can begin the process of utilizing the program by going to www.njdiocesesisivcp.com and reviewing the protocol for submitting a claim.

Bishop Sullivan strongly encourages anyone who was sexually victimized by a priest of the Diocese to participate in the IVCP, and has asked that anyone who knows of someone who was abused to contact them so that they are aware of the IVCP and can participate in it.

REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE

An independent, toll-free number has been established by the Diocese of Camden to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, deacons, religious, employees and/or volunteers. Calls are handled by a licensed clinical social worker. In accord with state law, cases of child sexual abuse are reported to the N.J. Division of Child Protection and Permanency and law enforcement.

For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, call
1-800-964-6588

"BIG BUCKS" RAFFLE



Raffle tickets will be available for purchase in Pastors' Hall after all weekend Masses!

Tickets are \$50.00

Grand Prize is \$50,000

(if all 2,000 tickets are sold)

100 cash prizes in all!

Your odds of winning a prize are 20:1

***They make great stocking stuffers
and/or hostess gifts!***



Thank you for your support of our Parish!

SECULAR ORDER OF DISCALCED CARMELTIES DAY OF RECOLLECTION



January 4, 2020 ~ 9:00 AM – 3:15 PM

Parish of the Holy Cross

St. Teresa of Avila Church

46 Central Avenue ~ Bridgeton, NJ 08302

The Retreat Master: **Father Ronan Murphy**

Theme:

***"Our Lady Star of the Sea and Immaculate Heart,
Our Light in These Times"***

Please send your registration fee of \$20.00 along with your name, address and telephone phone number to:

Frances Woolbert, OCDS ~ President

St. Teresa of Jesus Community

470 Franklin Drive ~ Mays Landing, NJ 08330

For more information, please call 609-287-0223.

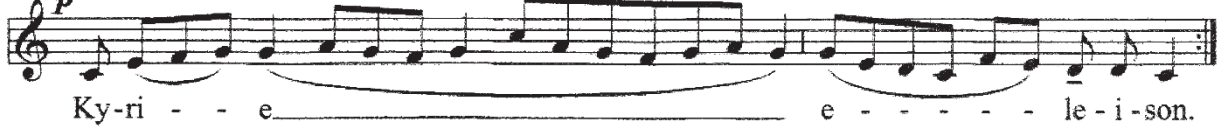
Missa (VIII) "De Angelis"

In festis duplicibus

Kyrie

Tonus V

p Cantor/Chorus



2 mp Cantor/Chorus



3 mf Cantor



4 f Chorus

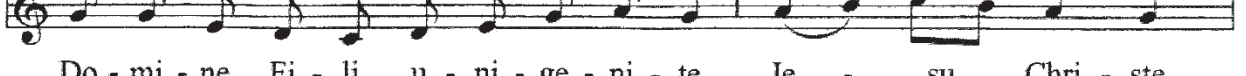
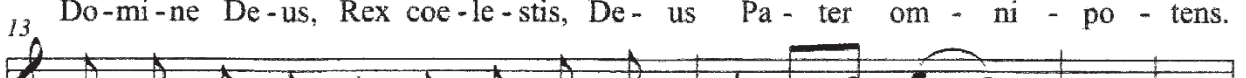
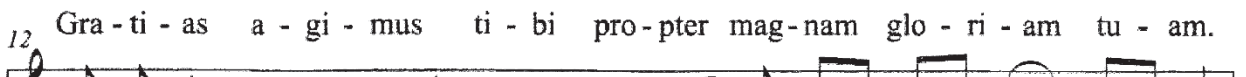
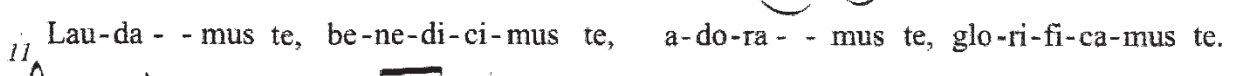
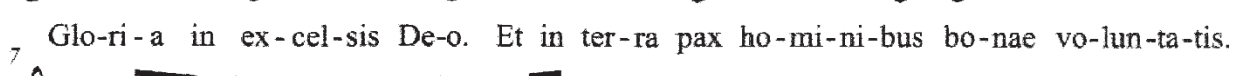


Gloria

Tonus V

5 Celebrans

mf Chorus



15 Qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - - - di: mi - se - re - - re no - bis.

16 Qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di: su - sci - pe de - pre - ca - ti - o - nem no - - - stram.

17 Qui se - des ad dex - te - ram Pa - tris: mi - se - re - re no - bis. Quo - ni - am tu so - lus san - ctus.

19 Tu so - lus Do - mi - nus. Tu so - lus Al - tis - si - mus, Je - su Chri - ste.

21 Cum San - cto Spi - ri - tu, in glo - ri - a De - i Pa - - - tris. A - - - - - men.

4 *Tonus VI* **Sanctus**

47 *mp* San - - - - ctus, San - ctus, San - - - - ctus

48 *mf* Do - - - - mi - nus De - us Sa - - - - ba - oth.

49 *f* Ple - ni sunt coe - - li et ter - - - ra glo - ri - a tu - - a.

50 Ho - san - na in ex - cel - - - sis.

Tonus VI **Benedictus**

51 *mf* Be - ne - dic - - - tus qui ve - - - nit in no - mi - ne Do - mi - ni.

52 *f* Ho - san - na in ex - cel - - - sis.

Mysterium Fidei

IV. Priest All

Mys-té - ri - um fi - de - i, Mor-tem tu - am an-nun-ti -
The mystery of faith, Your death we announce

á - mus, Dó - mi - ne, et tu - am re - sur - re - cti -
O Lord, and Your resurrection

ó - nem con - fi - té - mur do - nec vé - ni - as.
we profess until You may come.

Agnus Dei

Tonus VI

53 *mp* ^

A - - gnus De - - i, qui tol - lis pec-ca - ta mun - - di: mi-se - re-re_____ no - - bis.

54 *mf*

A-gnus De - - i, qui tol - - lis pec-ca - ta mun - - di: mi-se - re-re_____ no - - bis.

55 *mp* ^ *p*

A - - gnus De - - i, qui tol - lis pec-ca - ta mun - - di: do-na no-bis_____ pa - - cem.



Readings for the Third Sunday of Advent – December 15, 2019

Reading I – Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song. The glory of Lebanon will be given to them, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God. Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak, say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing.

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

***R.* Lord, come and save us.**

The LORD God keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets captives free.

***R.* Lord, come and save us.**

The LORD gives sight to the blind; the LORD raises up those who were bowed down. The LORD loves the just; the LORD protects strangers.

***R.* Lord, come and save us.**

The fatherless and the widow he sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. The LORD shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations.

***R.* Lord, come and save us.**

Reading II – James 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged. Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates. Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers and sisters, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Gospel – Matthew 11:2-11

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?” Jesus said to them in reply, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me.” As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, “What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written:

Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.

Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”



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