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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday:

4:30PM Vigil

Sunday:

8:00AM, 11:00AM, and 6:00PM

Weekdays:

(Monday – Friday) 8:00AM

Saturdays:

8:30AM

Holy Days:

8:00AM & 7:00PM

Third Sunday of Advent • December 17, 2017

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 3:00 - 4:00 PM

MARRIAGES:

Couples contemplating marriage should contact the rectory a minimum of six months before the date of the wedding.

BAPTISMS:

Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sundays of each month after the 11AM Mass. Parents are required to attend Pre-Jordan classes in preparation for Baptism. The class is held on the fourth Monday of the month at 7:30PM in the Church. Please call the rectory to make arrangements for the Baptism and to attend class.

APPOINTMENTS:

The pastor is most willing to be of service to our parishioners. If you wish to meet with him, please call the rectory in advance to arrange an appointment.

R.C.I.A.:

The RCIA prepares adults for Baptism and full communion in the Church. If you're interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your initiation into the Catholic Church, please contact Mrs. Mary Carney, Director of Faith Formation.

RECTORY OFFICE:

The secretaries are available for business matters from Monday to Friday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

VISITS TO THE SICK AND ELDERLY:

The clergy and extraordinary ministers of the Holy Eucharist visit the homebound sick and elderly on a regular scheduled basis. Please call the Rectory to report a needed visit.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

If you are scheduled for surgery or a hospital stay, receive the Sacrament of the Sick before you go to the hospital. Call the rectory or ask the priest on Sunday to administer the Anointing of the Sick after Mass.

HOSPITAL VISITS:

Due to the Pennsylvania Privacy Act you must tell the hospital that you would like to be visited by a priest who serves the hospital as Catholic Chaplain.

PARISH REGISTRATION:

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH PARISH!

We invite all Catholics living within parish boundaries to become registered members of St. Joseph Parish as soon as possible. If you have recently changed your status, married, moved out of your parents home or graduated from college, you need to re-register. If you move, we would also appreciate a phone call to the rectory so that our records will be in order.

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BULLETIN DEADLINE - TUESDAY, 12:00 NOON

Sunday, December 17, 2017
Third Sunday of Advent

Mass  for the
Intentions  for the
Week

Sun, 12/17 Third Sunday of Advent

8AM Joseph Petrella

11AM Joe Kelly

6PM Pro Populo

Mon, 12/18 8AM Anthony & Edith Abate

Tues, 12/19 8AM William Coppock

**Wed, 12/20 8AM Deceased Members of St. Joseph
Memorial Fund**

**Thu, 12/21 St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of
the Church**

8AM Dan Powell

Fri, 12/22 8AM Stanley Sikorski

Sat, 12/23 St. John of Kanty, Priest

8:30AM Anthony, Sr. & Rita DeLuca &
Anthony DeLuca, Jr.

4:30PM Merna Yadevia



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In Memory of Tom Scott
Donated by Eleanor Scott



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Jackson Roche - Linda Holmes - Mary Pat Hee -
Cheryl McKee - Gina Swentner - Marie Watson -
Claire Burt - Mia Zarzycki - Jordan Dougherty - Claire
Reyburn - Sandra Reilly - Baby Lacey Mae McElkenney
- Brandon Davis - Peg Conway - Adele Klein - Rob
Grande - Daniel & Helen Switliski - Alice Benzing -
Helene Schultheis - Judith Holmes - Baby Jackson & his
mother Leah - Chelsea Marie Davis - Richard Lacombe -
Jacob Rohs - Bill Gilmore - Frank Hagan - Susan
Kershaw. *Either you or a family member should call to be
put on this list. Names are listed for one month.*

SCRIP SALES: Rectory Basement:

New Hours = Sunday 10:00am - 11:00am

Monday 10am - 12pm from the rectory front door

Tuesday 6:30pm - 7:30pm **Friday** 9am - 10am

NO SALES DEC. 24, 25, 26 or JAN. 1.

This week at St. Joseph's Parish †

Sunday 12/17/17

10:00 - 11:00AM Scrip sales in rectory basement

Monday 12/18/17

6:15PM Holy Hour in church

7PM Parish Advent Penance Service in church

7PM Narcotics Anonymous in rectory basement

Tuesday 12/19/17

10AM Low impact exercise in convent

10AM Knit Crochet Pray Ministry in rectory basement

6:30PM PREP in Parish Hall Classrooms

7PM Nativity Play in church

6:30 - 7:30PM Scrip sales in rectory basement

Wednesday, 12/20/17

7:30PM Bible Study in rectory basement

Thursday 12/21/17

7:30PM Legion of Mary in rectory basement

Friday 12/22/17

9AM - 10AM Scrip sales in rectory basement

8:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous in rectory basement

Saturday 12/23/17

3PM - 4PM Confessions

† **Parish Organizations and Activities**

† **Pre-Jordan class for Baptism:** Monday, December 18, 2017 at 7:30pm in the church.

† **The Legion of Mary** meets every Thursday at 7:30pm in the rectory basement.

† **The Knights of Columbus** are always looking for new members! To join, please call the rectory.

† **Divine Mercy Cenacle mtgs:** 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month in the rectory basement at 10am.

† **Pro Life Committee** meets 3rd Thursday of the month at 7pm in rectory basement. **NO** meeting in December.

† **Knit, Crochet & Pray Ministry** is held on Tuesdays at 10am in rectory basement.

† **Padre Pio Prayer Group** meets the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month at 7pm in the rectory.

† **Flame of Love Group** meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month in the rectory at 7pm.

† **Holy Hour:** 1st and 3rd Mondays at 6:15pm

† **Zumba: December 2017 classes cancelled**

† **Low impact exercise:** Tuesdays 10am in convent

† **St. Joseph Novena** Thursdays after 8am Mass.

WEEKLY COLLECTION - THANK YOU!

December 9/10, 2017: \$6,143.59

December 10/11, 2016: \$6,793.00



On line giving: Parish Pay has switched to LPI.

If you give on line, go to www.saintjoseph-collingdale.churchgiving.com to verify your email and activate your new account. Call the rectory for assistance.



REFLECTIONS FROM A CARPENTER'S ANGLE

A VOICE IN THE DESERT

St. John the Baptist is a mysterious figure in the Bible. One of the local pastors recently asked if anyone had a Christmas tree ornament with John the Baptist. I guess no one does. But he is the one chosen by God to announce the presence of the Messiah. He is the new Elijah as was foretold by the prophet Isaiah. He calls us to repentance as a way to make straight the way of the Lord. Living in a desert and asking people to repent from their sins is not a way to gain a lot of friends. I guess that is why St. John the Baptist is a lone figure in our faith. Remember that our faith still encourages us to go to confession in this season of Advent. We will have confession this Monday, Dec. 18th at 7 P.M. in Church immediately following the regular Holy Hour. There will be four priests available for confession.

Why anyone would go into the desert to hear St. John preach is a real mystery. But the greater mystery is why anyone would care enough to have him arrested. You would think that the one place you could say whatever you wanted would be a desert. But the greater mystery is that a young lady would want this strange lonely figure's head on a platter. After two thousand years the world is beginning to realize that his words were not just dust in the wind.

St. Joseph foster our love for Jesus,
Father Sodano



Holy Hour will be held this Monday, Dec. 18 at 6:15pm in church.



***Parish Advent Penance Service
Monday, December 18 at 7pm in church.
Prepare for Christmas!***



Keep Christ in Christmas!



Due to the Christmas holiday, the rectory will be closed Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26.



St. Joseph Christmas Schedule 2017

Parish Advent Penance Service
Monday, December 18 at 7pm



Christmas Nativity Play
Tuesday, December 19 at 7pm in church



Christmas Vigil Masses in Church
Sunday, December 24, 2017
4PM • 7PM



Christmas Day Masses
Monday, December 25, 2017
8AM • 11AM



Solemnity of Mary – New Year's Day
Monday, January 1, 2018 at 9AM only

Altar Server Schedule:

Saturday, December 23

4:30PM Xavier & Rogue Crowe, Logan Getty

Sunday, December 24

8AM Cris Romanelli

11AM Thomas Ohrt, Liam & Aislynn Dougherty

Sunday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Masses

4PM Maura Clay, Emily & Gavin Dawson

7PM Madison Turner, Xavier Crowe & Logan Getty

Monday, December 25 – Christmas Day

8AM Charlie Cronmiller & Thomas Ohrt

11AM Diallo & Taylor Families



St. Joseph Annual Nativity Play
Tuesday, December 19 at 7pm in church
~ Play practice: Sunday December 17 at 7pm

PREP (CCD) (Levels K - 6)
Tuesdays at 6:30pm in Parish Hall classrooms
Dec. 19: Class at 6:30pm, Nativity Play at 7pm
Dec. 26: No class
Jan. 2: Regular class with Christmas Mass at 7pm



***We Mourn Those Who
Have Gone Before Us in Faith:***
John Seefeldt, Sr.
George E. Craig



The St. Joseph Knights of Columbus also provide GIFT CARDS for families over the Christmas holiday and any donations are appreciated. If you care to donate please drop your donation in the Sunday collection or the rectory, in an envelope addressed to the Knights. As always, thank you for your support.



Please note ~~~ Food will be distributed today, Sunday, December 17 instead of December 24.

A great Christmas gift idea for you or someone special on your list ~ Still a few available!
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The 2018 calendars are here and available for pick up at the doors of the church. We again thank Trish Garrity of McCausland-Garrity-Marchesani Funeral Home for sponsoring the beautiful calendars!



We extend a special 'thank you' to all who participated in our Giving Tree this year. Your generosity helped make Christmas wishes come true! A more detailed report will be published at a later date.



Our Knights of Columbus sell Captain Chucky's seafood throughout the year! Crab cakes, soup, fritters, etc! Orders are taken throughout the month and the pick-up date will be the last Sunday of the month. Order forms with options and prices are in the back of church.

St. Eugene Parish with Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital present: **Preparing your Advance Directive**
 Please join us on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 9:30 AM in St. Eugene Parish Hall. Rev. Peter A. Clark, S.J., Ph.D., Professor of Medical Ethics and Director of the Institute of Clinical Bioethics at St. Joseph University along with Sister Donna M. Watto, R.S.M., Vice President, Mission Integration Mercy Fitzgerald and Mercy Philadelphia Hospitals, will speak on Advance Directives and what you need to know to prepare your Living Will and Durable Healthcare Power of Attorney. This presentation will answer your questions about palliative care, spiritual care, hospice care, nutrition and hydration and spiritual care. To find out more about these very important issues, please RSVP to Sr. Betty Burke, Parish Nurse at steugenenurse@rcn.com or call the rectory at 610-626-2866.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ REJOICE!
The shepherds heard and saw and then shared the news of Christ, the Savior and Lord.

As still today, we do too.

“When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds.” – Luke 2: 17 - 18.

Reflect: As Christmas draws nearer and we wrap presents, remember the words of St. Teresa of Calcutta: “It’s not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.”

Act: We must not let this season become about commercialism and material gifts. This season is about preparing our hearts to allow Jesus to touch us more profoundly in the experience of Christmas. Maybe our acts of kindness and generosity will help someone else’s heart soften for Jesus.

Sacred symbols of Advent:

Water: We recall our Baptism and are born anew in Jesus

Angels: Witness to the Good News.

Star: The cosmic sign: King of Kings has been born.

Candlelight : Christ is the light of the world!

Evergreen : In Jesus, we are given the gift of eternal life.



Family Perspective: As you gather as a family, consider some of the signs of Jesus’ presence that you have experienced. During Advent, we remember how John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus. Discuss the signs of Jesus’ presence in our world that you named and explain what these signs tell us about God and God’s love for us. Pray together that your family will be led to recognize that Jesus is present among us. Read and pray together the psalm for today’s Mass, the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55).



Christmas Flowers & Trees

It is a long standing tradition of St. Joseph Parish to remember our deceased loved ones in a special way through your donations towards our Christmas flowers. We will again have live trees to enhance our beautiful poinsettias. Please fill out the cut off below and drop off at the rectory, place in the collection basket or mail in. You may also use your Christmas flowers envelope that is sent with the Christmas mailing. Your generosity is truly a blessing to our Parish. We will publish the names of your beloved deceased in a separate bulletin insert.

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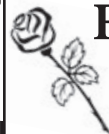
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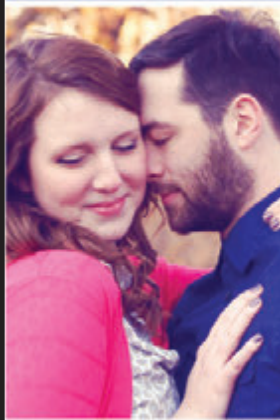
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Matthew 17:20

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