



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017

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### Pastoral Care

For any pastoral needs, please call 302-328-3431.

### Our Lady of Fatima Hispanic Ministry Office Hours:

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## Parish Policy/Parroquia Depolitica

**MARRIAGE ARRANGEMENTS:** Arrangements for Marriage must be made at least one year prior to the intended wedding per the policy of the Diocese of Wilmington. The Bride and Groom must have an interview with the parish priest before any date is set. Call the Rectory for an appointment.

**SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO:** Los arreglos para el Matrimonio deben hacerse por lo menos un año antes de la boda prevista de acuerdo con la política de la Diócesis de Wilmington. La novia y el novio deben tener una entrevista con el Diácono antes de preparar cualquier fecha. Llame a la Oficina de Liturgia para una cita o para obtener más información sobre el Sacramento del Matrimonio.

**Convalidation Preparation:** ¿Usted está casado, pero no en la Iglesia Católica? ¿Es su deseo de casarse en la Iglesia Católica? ¿Tienes tiempo para recibir la Eucaristía? Nuestra Señora de Fátima parroquia le está ofreciendo la oportunidad de hacer su deseo realidad. Si desea más información por favor llame a Deacono Soto. Toda la información se mantiene confidencial.

**Quince Años** Si usted está planeando una celebración años del membrillo, la formación comienza en el año 13 de su candidata. Por favor llame a la oficina de la liturgia para obtener información sobre cómo registrarse para la formación o programar su celebración.

### BAPTISM

Arrangements for the Sacrament of Baptism are to be made at the Rectory Office. The Baptismal Formation Program is required for all parents who wish to have their children baptized. You may download our brochure on the website at [www.olfnewcastle.com](http://www.olfnewcastle.com) link and hit the Parish Information link. Our English Baptism Class is held the first Sunday of the month and our English baptisms are held the second Sunday of the month.

**BAUTISMOS:** Los arreglos para el Sacramento del Bautismo son de hecho a través de la Oficina de Liturgia. Se requiere que el Programa de Formación de bautismo para todos los padres que desean que sus hijos sean bautizados. Nuestra clase de bautismo en español se celebra el primer sábado de cada mes de 5-7 PM. Bautismos en español se celebran el Sábado 2 de cada mes a la 1 PM.

### VISITS TO THE SICK

If you or someone you know is sick and would like a visit at home or in the hospital, please call our main office at 302-328-3431.

**First Fridays** of the month is held in the Chapel beginning **after 8:30AM with prayers and rosary.**

**First Saturdays** of the month are held in the Chapel **after 8:30AM Mass with prayers and confession available.**

**Sodality** meets the first Wednesday of the month **after the 8:30AM Mass.**

**Partnered School** – All Saints Catholic School – check us out at [www.ascdsde.org](http://www.ascdsde.org).



**THROUGHOUT THE ADVENT SEASON, WE'RE DYING TO LIGHT IT.**

The specialness of that unique pink candle with the three violet ones fascinates us. It holds our focus. Why is it different? What does it mean for us? Do you feel anticipation? The rose candle symbolizes the joy of Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent when we say rejoice, the Lord is near! The church gives us this special before Christmas because she knows how hard it is to wait. Joy revitalizes us and keeps us focused in pursuing God's promises. Joy arises whenever our will possesses something that leads to authentic happiness. Joylessness happens when we love something that cannot make us happy. During Advent, we are told to rejoice to raise us from our own pessimism. We dare to be



joyful to who we are. St. Thomas Aquinas tells us that "no possession is joyous without a companion." We can't be joyful unless we belong. We are not alone. Jesus is coming. We belong to him. Rejoice!

The message this week once again emphasizes the role of John the Baptist. John's humility is one that we should strive to emulate. He recognized that the Lord has given him gifts and talents, but more importantly that these gifts are the honor and glory of the Lord. Do you utilize your gifts and talents to bring glory to yourself, or to the Lord? This week evaluate your skills and the gifts that Christ has blessed you with. How are you utilizing them to bolster your faith, and bring glory to the Lord? There are numerous parish ministries that can benefit from your participation, join one, and watch how your gifts flourish in serving the one that provided them to you.



**"A two for one Mass" this year?** Because Catholics are obliged to attend Mass for Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, some have asked whether a Sunday evening Mass on Christmas Eve would fulfill both the obligation for a Sunday Mass and the obligation for a Christmas Day Mass. The U.S. Bishop's Committee on Divine Worship has said the faithful should attend two Masses to fulfill their Sunday and Christmas Mass obligations. Since the mid-twentieth century, the Church has allowed for Catholics to attend vigil, or anticipated Masses for Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation as "a convenience for many of the faithful."

Thus, when consecutive obligations occur on Saturday-Sunday or Sunday-Monday, **the faithful must attend Mass twice to fulfill two separate obligations.** According to the bishop's the question of whether such obligations could be fulfilled in one Mass has been raised before by bishops in what is called a "dubium" which was answered in the negative by the Sacred Congregation for the Clergy and approved by St. Pope Paul VI in 1970.



*Our Lady of Fatima*

***Welcomes you this Christmas Season to join us as a Catholic Community of Faith***

***Come Home for Christmas***

*Celebrate the Birth of Christ this Christmas Season with family, friends, new parish family members, those returning home from college, those we welcome home from the military, those together for their 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas as a couple, and especially those celebrating the birth of a newborn child.*

**Christmas Eve Masses:**

*5:00PM; 7:00PM; 9:00PM (Spanish) and our beautiful solemn Night Mass at Midnight featuring a pre-Mass program of Christmas Choral music beginning at 11:30PM.*

*Our Midnight Mass begins as the bells of Christmas pierce the midnight clear and includes our special Christmas choir, instruments and beautiful choral arrangements of traditional Christmas carols and a memorable solo rendition of O Holy Night.*

*This year come celebrate the child born on that Silent Night so long ago and find the peace of that **Little Town of Bethlehem**. Com be with us here at Our Lady of Fatima as we sing with all **the Angels We Have Heard on High** – "Glory to the newborn King!"*

**Christmas Day Masses: 8AM & 10AM**

**Marriage Moments:** Don't let the busyness of Christmas preparations blind you to the gift of your relationship. Don't let shopping or decorating or worries keep you from treasuring the presence of your beloved.

**Parenting Pointers:** Where does God live? Ask your child. Perhaps each of you can draw a picture of God's home. Is God in the sky, in nature, inside you, even in your enemy? YES. Help your children recognize God as an omnipresent Holy Spirit who makes everything they see, hear, and touch sacred.



### **Christmas Novena of Masses**

We will be celebrating a Christmas Novena of Masses this year from December 24<sup>th</sup> to January 1, 2018. If you would like to have a loved one remembered in this Novena of Masses, please fill out one of the Christmas Novena Envelopes which are located at the exits of Church and drop it into the Offertory basket or bring/mail to the rectory.

### **Christmas Flowers and Decorations**

A special envelope to make donations to the collection for Flowers & Decorations for Christmas is included in the offertory packet mailed to you. Additional envelopes are available at the exits of church. We appreciate your sacrifice to help us provide suitable decorations for our church at Christmastime.



### **Pray for the sick of the parish:**

*Frances Grecco, Eugene Smallwood, Connie McElwee, Donald Yanick, Carmelita Kutch, George Dzarnik, Cindy Johnstone, Leslie Hampton, Anna Brown, Matthew Gray, Richard Woerner, Joseph DiMartino, Donna and Bill Thomas, Rev. Robert Hoban, Hayden Godwin, Gerard Pelletier, Francis Pelletier, Pat Donohue, William Hoops, Tony NeCastro, Irene Suigne, Silva Lopez, Robert Evanousky, Mary Harrison, Meta Caserta, Scott Baker, Tyler Messinger, Ben Saffer, Joan Carilli, Joe Ellis, Len & Margaret Earl, Fred Hagerty, Helena Miller, Tommy Martone, Samuel Watts, Frank Yarrusso, Marianne Geier, Betsy Tong, Tony Arcaro, Anna McDonald, Christopher White, Maureen Monaghan, Darlene Bargelski, Donna Hagan, Dr. Marion Panyan, Kansas Collins, Frank Pecoraro, Mary Querey, Rosa Santos, Kay Jarman-McElwee, Gina Coburn, Helen Toto, Mary Allen VanAken, Angeline DiRienzo, Meghan Ward, Linda Murphy, Donna Cronk, John Haller, Elizabeth Keenan, Raul & Juanita Lopez.*



## Gratitude

### **LITTLE THINGS MEAN A LOT**

Reading St. Paul's instructions in today's second reading sounds a little like "Mission Impossible," not to mention a wee bit Pollyannaish. "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing." The reality is more like this: Rejoice when something good happens. Pray when we need something. (I'm assuming I'm not the only one who falls into those bad habits.) So how do we incorporate these somewhat challenging practices into completely challenging lives? It's not complicated or time intensive. It can begin with one simple practice: gratitude.

You've probably heard spiritual gurus and self-help experts touting the power of a gratitude journal. There's a reason. It works. Writing down a few things for which we are grateful every day begins to change our perspective and our lives, and it's just a short leap from daily gratitude to ceaseless prayer. When we begin to count our blessings, we become more thankful for what we have and ore aware of what others don't have. Suddenly our ordinary moments are ripe for prayer. In line at the grocery store, in the waiting room at the doctor's office, sitting in traffic – all of it is an opportunity for grace to enter in and for our lives to become a prayer. We don't have to say nonstop Our Fathers, although that is an option. What we need to do is recognize the miracles in the mundane, the divine in the everyday, and realize there is always a reason to rejoice and give thanks.

**Through** the ministry of priests, deacons and religious women and men, the Lord brings glad tidings to the poor, proclaims liberty to captives and announces His favor to all who would follow His ways. Is God calling you to serve His people through a religious vocation? If you think so, please call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or [vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org).)

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

**Monday, December 18**

6:30AM Jack & Tina McElroy  
8:30AM Rev. Joseph Narimattam

**Tuesday, December 19**

6:30AM Sr. Helena Joseph, OSF  
8:30AM Brother John Dochkus

**Wednesday, December 20**

6:30AM Irene Garlick (Godchildren)  
8:30AM Lt. John Hudson, Jr. (Sister, Bess)

**Thursday, December 21 (St. Peter Canisius)**

**Winter Begins Today**

6:30AM Amy Hagopian  
8:30AM Gilda Romano (10<sup>TH</sup> Annv.)

**Friday, December 22**

6:30AM Carol Bailey  
8:30AM Josephine Morales

**Saturday, December 23 (St. John Kanty)**

**No 8:30AM Mass**

5:00PM Vince LeNoir (Wife, Bess)  
7:00PM Souls in Purgatory

**Sunday, December 24 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent)**

8:00AM Rev. Joseph Narimattam  
10:00AM Charles King

**No Noon Mass**

**Holy Day of Obligation Masses: Vigil Masses**

5:00PM Fagioli & Leonard Family (Fam)  
7:00PM Nicoletta Luzzo, Charles A & Esther  
Tigue Families  
9:00PM Spanish Intentions  
Midnight Novena/People of the Parish

**Monday, December 25: Christmas Day Masses**

8:00AM Mom, Dad, Bob, Tim, Bob  
(Myers Family)  
10:00AM Novena

**Sanctuary Candles**

In memory of Katherine Tyrrell (Requested by the Tyrrell Family)



**Congratulations:** Job well done. Because of work completed during the first marking quarter at Padua Academy, the following students from our parish merited honors: High Honors: Danielle DuBois, Mackenzie McCall and Rachel Tomlinson. Congratulations from the parish community.

**WEEKLY EVENTS:**

**Sunday, December 17 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent)**

PREP – 8:30AM – School  
Youth Group – 2:00PM – Board Room  
Spanish AA – 6:30PM – McDonough  
Christmas Choir – 7:00PM – Church

**Monday, December 18**

Spanish AA – 6:30PM – McDonough  
Sp Parish Choir – 7:00PM – Chapel

**Tuesday, December 19**

Spanish AA – 7:00PM – McDonough  
Parish Choir – 7:30PM – Church

**Wednesday, December 20**

Spanish AA – 6:30PM – McDonough  
Spanish RCIA – 6:30PM – Room #1  
PREP – 6:30PM – School

**Thursday, December 21**

Spanish Choir – 6:00PM – Chapel  
Knights of Columbus – 6:30PM – Board Room  
Spanish Marriage Prep - 6:30PM – Conf Rm. #1

**Friday, December 22**

Spanish Choir – 5:00PM – Chapel  
Spanish Retreat – Msgr. Dwyer Hall

**Saturday, December 23**

Spanish Choir – 4:00PM – Chapel  
Neo-catechumen – 8:00PM – Middle Room



**Scrip Raffle:** Don't forget to visit the scrip table for their once a year raffle for the Christmas Season. It's only \$1 a chance to win a gift card

of \$100 of your choice. Good luck!

**St. Mary of the Assumption**

**Early Education**

**Open House**

**Sunday, January 21, 2018**

**10am-12noon**

**Registration: January 1st-February 9th**

**For More Information please call**

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