

# Third Sunday of Advent - December 17, 2017

## Baptism & Marriage

Arrangements are made by appointment - call for details.

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We are the first Parish to continuously host an Annual Forty Hours Devotion.

Adoration at St. Philip Neri Church:  
Friday - 2:00—7:00 p.m.

## Our Mission

Saint Philip Neri Parish is a welcoming Roman Catholic Parish of believers that is rich in faith and history.

We celebrate the Eucharist and the Liturgy as the center of our Parish life.

**Our focus** is to set, by example, Christian principles and the need to bring Christ into our everyday lives.

We engage our neighborhood, the Archdiocese and the entire world by promoting social justice, offering service and spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

## Please Pray For The Deceased

Especially Tom King, Edward Clark, John Zakrzewski, Kathleen Madeksiak, John Zimmer, and All Deceased Members of the Parish.

## Please Pray For The Sick

Especially Joseph Suarez, Ikey, Robert Levi, Francis Casper, Pat Grosso, Jennifer, Dee M., Katherine Chavis, Tina Marchitelli, Kim W., Jessica Paley, Dianne Kane, Mary Huet, Joe Prusinowski, Kathy Brinn, Sandra Kelly, Patrick, Paul Scheb, Lillian Drozdowski, Fran Chupka, Linda Lessor, George Shelton, Jessica, Evelyn Norris, John Pracilio, Carolyn & Richard McLeer, Baby Isabella Grace, Edward Allen, Steven Stanton, Tina, Peggy R., Diana, Elizabeth Steel, Margaret Dailey, Joey Oliver, Tom Sweeney, Joe C., Isabella, Ella D'Angelo, Justin Crede, Richard Wardle, Mark Scherer, Pat C., Martin Fahy, Denise K., Kelly, Fran, Peggy McAllister, Andy Batavick, Chris Smith, Mae Palmer, Walt M., Mike G., Glenda L. Wrenn, Regina Tresoikas, Renette Metkowski, Dawn Penrose, Dionne, Anita, Kay, Barb Heinze, Nick S., Billy P., Anna Otto, Jean D'Amico, & All Sick Parishioners.

Please pray for an end to abortion.

## Masses for the Week

### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2017**

4:30 Vigil SPN +Kay Smith  
by Lynda Eckes

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017**

8:30 AM SS +Veronica & Maximillian Figurski  
by son Joe Figurski

11:00 AM SPN +John & Norma Olszewski  
by daughter Janet Bonsera

### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2017**

7:30AM SS +Thomas Homka  
by Matilda Garczynski

### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2017**

7:30 AM SS +Frank & Frances Williams  
by Rich & Linda Williams

### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2017**

7:30 AM SS +Edward & Franciszek  
Tadeusz Ryba & Julian Kosiba  
by Joanne & Leon Plocha

### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2017**

9:00 AM SPN +Brian Zwaan  
by Paul & Conny Lockwood

### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2017**

7:30 AM SPN +White-Eckes Family  
by Lynda Eckes

### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2017**

8:00 AM SPN For All Parishioners  
4:30 Vigil SPN +Christopher Arnold  
by Family

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017**

8:30 AM SS +Joseph & Jennie Dabovich &  
son Joseph  
by Dabovich Family  
11:00 AM SPN +Michael & Mary Subotich  
by Denise & Tina Kane

## Sanctuary Lamps

The Sanctuary Candle is burning in the St. John Neumann Chapel:  
**+Edward Clark**

The Candle is burning in the outside Sacred Heart Shrine for:  
**Peace on Earth**

The Candle is burning in the outside Blessed Mother Shrine for:  
**+Benjamin Stuski**

Please pray for the intentions of our sick & deceased and their families and loved ones.

# Ministry Schedule

## **LECTORS THIS WEEK (12/16-17)**

Saturday 4:30 Vigil  
Sunday 8:30 AM Dominic Colaizzo  
11:00 AM Jeff Omana

## **LECTORS THIS WEEK (12/23-24)**

Saturday 4:30 Vigil Lynda Eckes  
Sunday 8:30 AM Mark & Monique Coval  
11:00 AM

## **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS WEEK (12/16-17)**

Saturday 4:30 Vigil Rachael Colaizzo  
Sarah Owens  
Sunday 8:30 AM Conny Lockwood  
Kathleen Cieplinski  
11:00 AM Lynda Eckes  
Kathy Tully

## **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS WEEK (12/23-24)**

Saturday 4:30 Vigil Tom Derago  
Fran Derago  
Sunday 8:30 AM Laura Drake  
Conny Lockwood  
11:00 AM Theresa Burke  
Laura Drake

## **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND DECEMBER 24, 2017**

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

#### **READING I**

2 SAMUEL 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

PSALM 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29

"FOREVER I WILL SING THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD."

#### **READING II**

ROMANS 16:25-27

#### **GOSPEL**

JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28



READ THE PASSAGES ONLINE @

[HTTP://USCCB.ORG/BIBLE/BOOKS-OF-THE-BIBLE/INDEX.CFM](http://usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/index.cfm)

## **2018 Sacraments**

### **FIRST RECONCILIATION**

Tuesday - February 20

### **CONFIRMATION**

Sunday - March 4

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Sunday - May 6

# Offerings

The Collection for December 10 and December 17 will be listed in next week's bulletin.

Thank you very much for your generosity throughout the year. When we tithe we are telling God that we trust in Him more than our money.

## Lampki

1. +Deceased Members of Kupiec & Heys Family.
2. +Jennie & Joseph Dabovich of. son John.
3. +Jennie & Joseph Dabovich of. daughter Maryann.
4. +Frank Karvell of. Wife.
5. +Mr. & Mrs. Frank Zalewski of. Daughter.
6. +Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Nevaline of. Niece.
7. +Frank & Leon Morris of. Niece.
8. +Joseph Zalewski of. Sister.
9. +Henry & Jean Cieplinski & Edward & Anna Donnelly of. Henry & Kathleen Cieplinski.
10. +Alfreda & Zygmunt Plocha of. Joanne & Leon Plocha.
11. +Frances & Henry Jaworski of. Joanne & Leon Plocha.
12. +The Barczak Family of. Bernard Barczak.
13. +My sons Joey & Bobby Chupka of. Mom.
14. IMO Irene & James Krouse of. Daughter & Family.



## **DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS TODAY**

**Sunday, December 17 at 11:45 a.m.**

*(after the 11:00 a.m. Mass)*

Today after the 11:00 a.m. Mass we need volunteers to help bring boxes with decorations downstairs from the choir loft and to begin putting up our Christmas decorations. Please join us!



## Pope Francis Quote:

“today we are invited to rejoice in the imminent coming of our Redeemer; and we are called to share this joy with others, giving comfort and hope to the poor, the sick, the lonely and the unhappy.”

Pope Francis 12.11.2016

## PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

2017-18

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

DECORATING THE CHURCH  
FOR CHRISTMAS  
AFTER 11:00 A.M. MASS

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

ADORATION  
OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
2:00-7:00 P.M.

### FIRST RECONCILIATION

TUESDAY-FEBRUARY 20  
11:00 A.M. MASS-SPN

### CONFIRMATION

SUNDAY - MARCH 4  
11:00 A.M. MASS-SPN

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY - MAY 6

### FORTY HOURS

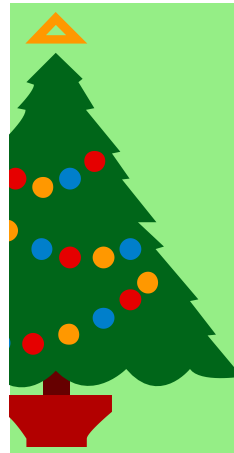
SATURDAY - MAY 19  
THRU MONDAY-MAY 21

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**THANK YOU  
TO ALL WHO  
PARTICIPATED  
IN THE  
GIVING TREE  
PROGRAMS**

“God has a mighty, awesome, wonderful transformation in mind for you.”

Matthew Kelly  
*Rediscover Jesus*



Check out our new parish website at  
[www.queenvillagecatholic.org](http://www.queenvillagecatholic.org)

And see our Parish Giving button to register to make donations online.

# Pastor's Letter

Dear Parishioners,

"I know my God is a powerful one with a perfect plan. Time to just lean in to him and trust whatever the circumstances! Proverbs 3:5-6" These words tweeted by Carson Wentz after the bitter sweet game in Los Angeles.

#11's words of faith in God are a good encouragement for us. During this season of Advent we remember Bible characters like Mary and John the Baptist. I believe that they both knew the scriptures and knew the same words quoted by QB Wentz on Sunday.

Mary herself was deeply troubled by the message of the angel and she wondered how the angel's announcement would be accomplished. John the Baptist spoke directly to some who came out to be baptized. He called them a brood of vipers. It must not always have been an easy place for him as the last prophet before the Messiah.



Yet both Mary and John had faith. They trusted in God and God's plan. Even though they found themselves in difficult circumstances they knew that their God is powerful and that what was needed was for them to trust whatever the circumstances. We remember the *tough guy's* tweet, "I know my God is a powerful one with a perfect plan. Time to just lean in to him and trust whatever the circumstances! Proverbs 3:5-6".

Whatever our circumstances, our God is powerful. Let us decide and lean in to Him and trust. Happy third week of Advent.





**Christmas Eve Vigil Masses:**

**7:00 p.m.—St. Philip Neri Church**

**9:00 p.m.—St. Stanislaus Church**

**Christmas Morning Masses:**

**8:30 a.m.—St. Stanislaus Church**

**11:00 a.m.—St. Philip Neri Church**

By Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap. • Posted December 11, 2017

Advent is a wonderful time of year. It's that special season when families huddle together around the TV (or alone, on their various devices) to watch hundreds of greed-inspiring ads and listen to Xmas carols with rewritten lyrics that sell lottery tickets, and cars, and smartphones.

That's Option A. Option B is this: We can make Advent 2017 something much deeper and much better. We can live it as the season was meant to be lived.

C.S. Lewis, the great Christian scholar and storyteller of the last century, had a particular dislike for the yearly pagan blowout called "Xmas" (now "the holidays" – even Xmas was too religious for mass marketing purposes). Lewis wasn't a Scrooge, and he certainly knew the beauty and joy of gift-giving rooted in love. But he always led his readers to remember what Advent and Christmas are actually about.

In his novel *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, Lewis describes the fear and sadness of an imaginary world (Narnia) ruled by an evil witch; a world where it's "always winter and never Christmas." And in that world, when Father Christmas finally does arrive, he's the sign of an even greater arrival: the coming of the lion Aslan, son of the Great King over the water, and Narnia's savior and liberator. A more vivid Christian allegory is hard to imagine.

The joy in Christmas ("Christ-Mass") has its source in the birth of Jesus Christ, redeemer of man. Advent, the start of the new Church year, is the preface or prequel to that world-changing event. It readies our hearts to receive the Child Jesus at Bethlehem, and also Jesus the Son of God and Lord of history at the end of time. It's a season to reflect, repent, put aside our sins and failures, and begin again in hope as true disciples.

How do we do that? Christian life involves a balance of contemplation (prayer, worship, and the sacraments) and action (the practical works of discipleship that flow from our faith). Thus, there's no such thing as authentically Christian action unmoored from a personal faith in, and relationship with, Jesus Christ.

This is why putting ourselves in God's presence through daily prayer, frequent Mass and Confession, and regular reading of Scripture are so important: These things are life-giving waters in the desert of our daily challenges and distractions. Reading and praying over the first and second chapters of Luke's Gospel each day during Advent are a great way to experience the richness of the season.

But the seed of faith is meant to grow into a life of apostleship. That means engaging the needs of others. Mary and Joseph were strangers to Bethlehem, travelers, poor, and without shelter the first Christmas. Recalling that is a good way to direct our thoughts away from ourselves to the hopes and worries of others this season. And plenty of people do need our help.

To take just one example: Despite the kindness of so many Philadelphians, and the great work of our Catholic Social Services and other organizations, our city ranks among the 10 most distressed large cities in the United States on issues like unemployment, median income, poverty, housing and education.

Hunger – astonishingly, for a nation as wealthy as the United States – is also a major problem. *One in five* Philadelphians can't afford enough food, according to the group Hunger Free America. This makes the work of our archdiocesan Nutritional Development Services (NDS) – especially the NDS Child Nutrition Programs and NDS Community Food Program – doubly vital.

Meanwhile, our metro area is home to thousands of young adults living in limbo this Advent due to the shutdown of the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. These persons arrived as children with parents who illegally immigrated. They've grown up in the United States knowing no other nation or home.

To put it more bluntly, America is their home but they're not citizens. And starting in March 2018, up to 1,400 DACA recipients a day of the 800,000 countrywide will become subject to deportation.

Both of our political parties, as well as the White House, sympathize with the plight of these young people. But the devil (or God) is in the details. Good intentions in Washington often founder on partisan bickering.

Among the greatest acts of kindness we can do this Christmas is to write our U.S. senators and congresspersons. We need to urge our federal representatives to pass the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act without delay. The DREAM Act is a good solution to this significant problem, and it has my strong support and the support of America's bishops.

In the end, we'll be judged by the depth of our faith and how it shaped our lives – or didn't. It's a simple truth, but a good one to keep in mind in the remaining days of Advent.

## St. Stanislaus Christmas Bazaar & Polish Food Festival



More Pictures and Profit will be in next week's bulletin.

## Today's First Reading:

"The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me because the LORD has annointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God."

Isaiah 61:1-2a



# Thank You

## To All Who Helped Decorate the OUTSIDE Manger Scenes



# WELCOME FR. ED KUCZYNSKI

*All Come Let us Adore Him*



*The Festival of Carols—What a great time!*

*More photos in next week's bulletin!*