



DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> 2022



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>- 4:00pm**

Paul Hallinger, requested by his daughter

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00am**

Our Parishioners

**11:00am**

Doris Janson, Maryann Long, Eileen Mullen, David Thummel, requested by Betty Thummel and family

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup> - 8:00am**

Wasily Ribaczonok, requested by Alice McLaughlin

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>th</sup> - 8:00am**

Margaret O'Harra

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>th</sup> - 8:00am**

Linda Brown, requested by Geri Deluca

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15<sup>th</sup> - 8:00am**

John Censi, requested by the Censi Family

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> - 8:00am**

Special Intention, requested by Monsignor Sweeney

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>- 4:00pm**

McNabb and Capella Families, requested by Joe and Mary Alice Missimer

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00am**

Salvatore Mattoccia, requested by John and Louise Mancuso

**11:00am**

Genevieve Zane, requested by Prechtel Family



Please remember your Church Weekly Offering. You can either mail it in or do it by Electronic Giving@[www.HolyFamilyChurch.org/Give](http://www.HolyFamilyChurch.org/Give)

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Sunday, December 4 <sup>th</sup> (59)	\$ 2,618.00
Religious Retirement (37)	\$ 1,544.00
Christmas (3)	\$ 1,200.00
Block Collection (2)	\$ 200.00
Christmas Flowers (8)	\$ 195.00
Immaculate Conception (1)	\$ 20.00
50/50 (14)	\$ 140.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,917.00</b>

The second collection this weekend will be for the Parish.



In your prayers, you are asked to pray for all the sick of the parish and those who care for them especially, Theresa Barthold, Ashley Brown, Christopher Browne, Megan Duffy, Daniel Evans, Terry Flanagan, Jane Latta, Edward Lawnton, Candida Leodora, Lisa Long, Rocky Long, Erin McFarlane, Megan McHugh, Anthony Pelle, Ronald Rigler, Daniel Seddon, Bill and Theresa Sherwin, Fred Smeltzer, Ava Snick, Frances Sprenkle, and Roy (Toysie) Turvey, Jr.



LCPL. Shane Canavan, Sgt. Shane Carlson, Sgt. Tyler Manigly, RTC Dominic Remolde, Captain Zach Schwatka, Col. Scott Shore, and Cpl. Christopher Starrett.



Please pray for the happy repose of all the faithful departed especially Pam Hickey, Elizabeth Tallarico and during the pandemic.



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00pm**

Grace Welsh

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00am**

Joseph Arturo

**11:00am**

Jocelyn Welsh



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00pm**

Kathy Duffy

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00am**

Mary Reed

**11:00am**

Tom Seigharter



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00 am**

Kathy Duffy

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00am**

Mary Reed

**11:00am**

Dorothea Richardson



**SUPER NEW YEAR'S  
50/50 RAFFLE**

**Drawing will be held on 12/31/22 after the 4:00pm Mass.**

**Ticket stubs due to rectory by December 29, 2022.**

**JOIN US IN  
PRAYER FOR PEACE IN OUR CITY**

**EVERY SUNDAY 5:30 TO 6:30 PM**

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul 18th Street & Benjamin Franklin Pkwy Philadelphia, PA 19103. Parking is available.

The Cathedral doors are open to people of all Faiths and Traditions as we make a common religious response to the ever-increasing violence in our city streets. Each Sunday evening, we will gather for intentional prayer for peace in our city with a specific plea before the Lord for an end to gun violence on our streets. Individuals and groups are invited and no previous arrangements are required.

All are welcome.

Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill, Rector of the Cathedral

**HOLY MARTYRS CATHOLIC CHURCH  
120 Allison Road, Oreland, Pennsylvania**

Another date has been scheduled for the Exposition of Sacred Relics at Holy Martyrs. The date is Thursday, December 8th. The Exposition will be open following morning mass at 8:30 am until 6:00 pm. Attached is a flyer to use as you are able.

If interested in bringing a school group to view and pray before the relics please call the office to set up a time that is convenient for the class.

Thank you for your attention--have a blessed afternoon!  
Anne C. Brownholtz  
Parish Secretary

## HIRING!

Looking for intelligent, high energy, experienced teachers for Holy Family Child Care Center. Teachers must be ready for daily challenges as expected with children. Organized a plus! Detail-oriented a bigger plus! Please call 610-952-9186 for more information.



Our parish will continue its tradition of an Advent Giving Tree. The donated gifts are distributed to our homebound parishioners, elderly, children and needy of the parish and local charities. Please take a tag (or more than one) from the tree and return to the giving tree BY 9:00AM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO DISTRIBUTE THE GIFTS AT NOON ON THE ABOVE DATE. This work of mercy only takes 15-20 minutes and is a powerful reminder of the joy of giving and the true meaning of Christmas. Thank you in advance for this tangible way to bring Christ to our parishioners and neighbors in need.



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## CONFESSIONS

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2022

7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2022

12:00 NOON – 1:00 P.M.

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### CHRISTMAS EVE – DECEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>

4:00 P.M.

### CHRISTMAS DAY – DECEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>

9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. Masses

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### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2022

(FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY)

9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

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### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

### NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS

4:00 P.M.

(RAFFEL DRAWING AFTER THE MASS)

### NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS – JANUARY 1, 2023

9:00 A.M. 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. Masses

## GAUDETE' SUNDAY

### **Background on the Gospel Reading**

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete* is the Latin word meaning "rejoice." This Sunday is so named because "Rejoice" is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near." Some people mark this Sunday on their Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

This week's Gospel Reading continues our Advent reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist. Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. This week, we hear Jesus' message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus' ministry and Jesus' assessment of John's role in the Kingdom of God.

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of John's arrest in chapter 14:3-12. In today's Gospel, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. In his next breath, however, Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater.

Jesus' message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God's work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God's kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing.



**The Christmas Bazaar was a big success. Thank you for supporting the annual event, which is back after three years of Covid 19. Paul and Jamie Torna and their helpers did us all a service by making it a fund weekend even before Christmas got here. We will do it again next year. Thanks**



### **PART-TIME ATHLETIC GROUNDS MANAGER**

Merion Mercy Academy, an independent Catholic girls' school for Grades 9-12, located in Merion Station, PA is looking for an individual to assist with maintenance of the athletic grounds on campus for the spring season. The position would be responsible for regular upkeep of the athletic fields, in particular the softball field, and would involve lining, grooming, and dragging the infield area. If interested, please send a resume and cover letter to Shannon Fisher, Director of Athletics, at [ad@merion-mercy.com](mailto:ad@merion-mercy.com).



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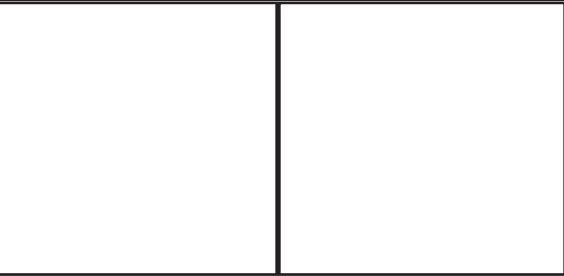
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