

# *Come and Celebrate the Holy Season of Advent*



*Prep Christmas  
Family Program  
Tuesday, December 20  
7pm in Church*

*St. Joseph-St. Robert School  
Christmas Show  
Thursday, December 22  
7pm in Church*

*St. Robert Bellarmine Church  
Fourth Sunday in Advent  
December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
856 Euclid Ave • Warrington • PA  
215.343.0315  
[www.strobertwarrington.org](http://www.strobertwarrington.org)*

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Pastor  
**Rev. Matthew J. Tralies**  
Parochial Vicar  
**Deacon George Morris**  
Business Manager



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Director of Music

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**Mrs. Deborah Jaster**, Principal, St. Joseph/St. Robert School  
**PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**  
**Mrs. Donna Heeney**, Director of Religious Education

**Masses for the WEEK**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2011**

5:00 P.M. - Spellman/Irwin Family

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2011**

7:00 A.M. - James Sholly

9:00 A.M. - Teodoro Spinosa

11:00 A.M. - John A. & William M. Coyle

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2011**

7:00 A.M. - Parishioners

9:00 A.M. - Mary Lou Westermann

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2011**

7:00 A.M. - Anna Morris

9:00 A.M. - Eleanor M<sup>c</sup>Kee

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2011**

7:00 A.M. - Mary T. Russo - 27th Anniversary

9:00 A.M. - John R. Ponente, Sr.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2011**

7:00 A.M. - Phillip Lecklikner

9:00 A.M. - John M<sup>c</sup>Donnell

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2011**

7:00 A.M. - Phillip Lecklikner

9:00 A.M. - Gene Crowley

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2011**

9:00 A.M. - Robert Johnson

**CHRISTMAS EVE - NO ANNOUNCED MASSES**

5:00 P.M. (Church & Hall), 7:00 P.M., 9:00 P.M.

At the 5 pm vigil Mass, a second Mass will take place in the Hall. Once seats in the church & chapel are filled, people will go to the Hall for Mass. In consideration for all, we ask that no one stand in the church or chapel, or save seats for others.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2011**

**CHRISTMAS DAY -NO ANNOUNCED MASSES**

7AM, 9AM & 11 AM

**NO 5PM VIGIL MASS**

*Please pray for our sick parishioners, relatives, and friends, especially:*

|                  |                  |                       |
|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Nicholas Chess   | Gregory Chess    | John Kirchner, Jr.    |
| Taylor Love      | Jerry Bilbee     | Jeanette Lee          |
| Jean Evans       | Bill Wallace     | Donna Berry           |
| Kristen Gray     | Ella Hoesch      | Joyce Morris          |
| Ed Hulmes Jr.    | Chase Dubzak     | Kathy Moore           |
| Rita Stine       | Hafin Painter    | Jenifer Painter       |
| Leona Finney     | Joan Palmer      | Joyce Doheny          |
| Mildred Rusek    | Kelly Hartranft  | MaryTheresaTellmann   |
| Veronica Imsick  | Deena Price      | George Casperson      |
| Helen De Fazio   | Jeff Bienamie    | Janet Magnuson        |
| Patricia Ganther | Jennifer Weir    | Florence Ashenbrenner |
| Bill Stephens    | Joseph Kane      | James Crumlish Sr.    |
| Lorie Ford       | John Reyda       | Monica Cerebe         |
| Pat Steffa       | Joan McMahan     | Regina Richardson     |
| Mary Farano      | Joyce Williams   | Josephine Ardizzi     |
| Hennie Spyker    | Kay Batman       | Joanna Elchert        |
| Patricia Brown   | James Kolody Jr. | Kevin Christopher Fox |
| Frank Elchert    | Charles Johnston | Rosemary White        |
| Frankie Ervin    | Lucy Pirolli     | Pasquale Speranza     |
| Joe McDonald     | Pat Wendte       | Margaret Ciocca       |
| Geraldine Vona   | Sal Boccella     | Vicente Grana         |

**UPCOMING EVENTS** (at a glance)

- Dec. 20** ~ Prep Christmas Family Program
- Dec. 22** ~ School Christmas Show
- Dec. 23** ~ SRJ School Half Day
- Dec. 24, 25, 26** ~ Parish Office Closed
- Dec. 27 - 30** ~ Parish Office open 9 am - 12 noon
- Dec. 31** ~ Parish Office Closed



**OUR PARISH'S STEWARDSHIP**

Sunday (12/11/11)-\$18,138  
Last Year (12/12/10)-\$16,301

Current Fall Collection - \$59,606  
2010 Fall Collection - \$64,722

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.



Dear Friends,

About a thousand years before Jesus' birth, God responded to King David's desire to build the Lord an earthly house by promising that God would build a "house" for David, meaning a family and a kingdom that would endure forever. God's history changing promise to the mighty King David was fulfilled in humble Virgin Mary, whose "yes" to God's mysterious plan forever changed human history. Saint Paul reminds us of this truly amazing and unforeseen good news: God's saving plan, once thought restricted to the Chosen People of Israel, is, in Mary's child, open now to all peoples and nations without exception - even to us! We are part of the family of King David by our relationship in and through Jesus, our Messiah and Savior! It doesn't get any better than that!

Thank you to all who participated in the annual Penance Service last week. The visiting priests were very much impressed by the number of parishioners who availed themselves of the sacrament. Confessions will be heard again on Saturday, December 31st from 3:30 to 4:30 PM.

Saint Joseph/Saint Robert School is hosting some pre-Christmas activities this week. On Monday, December 19th at 7 PM our school band and choir will perform in the cafeteria of school. On Thursday, December 22nd at 7 PM in church, our entire school will be putting on a Christmas Pageant. These performances are guaranteed to put you into the Christmas spirit. All parishioners are invited to attend these special events.

Next Saturday is Christmas Eve. The Vigil Masses for December 24th will be at 5 PM in the church and hall, 7 PM in church and 9 PM in church. Our parish choir will be singing at the 9 PM Mass. On Christmas Day, we will follow the usual Sunday schedule with Masses at 7 AM, 9 AM and 11 AM.

At Christmas it is a time to keep in touch with family and friends, some of whom we haven't seen or heard from in awhile. I am sure that our Pastor Emeritus, Monsignor Kane would love to hear from you at the holidays. Monsignor is still very much in touch with his parish and is interested in all things pertaining to Saint Robert's and your families. I continue to marvel at his memory and his ability to remember who is related to whom. For your convenience, Monsignor Kane's address is Villa Saint Joseph, 1436 Lansdowne Avenue, Darby, PA 19023-1298. Drop him a line and make his Christmas brighter!

May this Fourth Week of Advent be for all of you a time of joyful preparation for the coming of Christ!

With prayers,

Monsignor Beisel



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** Imagine how Mary felt at the birth of Jesus: excited, awed, frightened. Deep faith was her light in the darkness, for Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. In faith is found the real, lasting, and deep joy of Christmas.

**In helping those who are poor and suffering we find the real, lasting and deep joy of Christmas.**

Dear Msgr. Beisel,

In the name of all our IHM Sisters living in the retirement home of Camilla Hall, I wish to thank you and your parishioners for the generosity shown to us in the recent collection of needed care products. Through the efforts of Matt Mlodzenski, the collection was delivered on Sat. November 26<sup>th</sup>. The toiletries and other products will be used to care for our Sisters.

We are most grateful for the kindness of your parishioners and for Matt's initiative in gathering and delivering the gifts. Please be assured of a remembrance in our Prayers. May God continue to bless all the members of St. Robert Bellarmine Parish.

Gratefully, Sister Patricia McGuigan

#### **CLERGY/MUSIC SCHEDULE**

##### **Christmas Eve - 12/24**

|                |                            |                               |
|----------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>5:00 PM</b> | Church - Msgr. Beisel      | <b>Cantor</b>                 |
| <b>5:00 PM</b> | Hall - Fr. Tralies         | <b>Epiphany Teen Ensemble</b> |
| <b>7:00 PM</b> | Fr. Cornley                | <b>Cantor</b>                 |
| <b>9:00 PM</b> | Msgr Beisel/<br>Dcn George | <b>Choir</b>                  |

##### **Christmas Day - 12/25**

|                 |              |               |
|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| <b>7:00 AM</b>  | Msgr. Beisel |               |
| <b>9:00 AM</b>  | Fr. Tralies  | <b>Cantor</b> |
| <b>11:00 AM</b> | Fr. Tralies  | <b>Cantor</b> |

#### **DECEMBER BULLETIN DEADLINES:**

**1/1/12 Bulletin Deadline is Mon., 12/19 @ 12 noon**



**FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES**

Please call the parish office (215/343-0315) with the name and branch for relatives who are on active duty.

**PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS**

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior. AMEN

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**US Navy:**

Michael W. Zarkowski  
Barbara Ann Mullen  
Connor Fitzgerald  
Brian Dessel

Edward W. Devinney II  
William A. Fitzgerald  
John Wurtenberg III

**US Coast Guard**

Brendan Williams

**US Army:**

Rev. Stephen Mc Dermott  
Danny Pritchard  
James Noga  
Robert F. Leimer  
Ryan J. Sempowski

John Healey  
Gabriel J. Zinni  
Sean Walsh  
Michael Mc Bride

**USMC:**

Michael Bradley  
Joseph Mc Menamin  
Daniel Harvey  
Clint Hajek  
Matthew Ponente  
Anthony Taylor

Christopher La Rue  
James McMenamin  
Elizabeth Harvey  
Leo J. Keller Jr.  
Vincent J. Flannery, Jr.  
Kevin A. Daly

**US Air Force:**

Karl Weinbrecht

Francis Lemma

**SODALITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**



The **Sodality** welcomes any member of our parish to join our spiritually active group. We visit home bound parishioners and nursing homes at which we participate with residents in the rosary, and scripture study when requested. **Monthly meetings - 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. of the month in the Cranney LC** to socialize, pray the rosary and

plan our spiritual activities. **PLEASE JOIN US!!** Interested?!? Call Helen Dagney 215.491.8611.

The **Pilgrim Statue of our Blessed Mother** is waiting to make a visit to your home. A book is available in the rear of Church for anyone who is interested. Please leave your name and telephone number. We will be in touch with you. Please join us to say the **Rosary - Neshaminy Manor- 4<sup>TH</sup> Mon. of each month.** All are welcome!



**SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM**

Intend to volunteer or continue as a volunteer in programs that involve children? Visit the [www.saintrobertwarrington.org](http://www.saintrobertwarrington.org) website for specific directions on how to obtain clearances & register for the Protecting God's Children classes for Adults. If you are already a volunteer, please make sure your clearances are up to date. Contact the parish office with questions.

**TECHNOLOGY ADDENDUM**

If you have not completed the technology addendum, an additional class will be offered in January. The date will be posed in the bulletin once it is determined.

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**SUPER BOWL DANCE**

Please make plans to attend this year's Super Bowl Dance on Sat., Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> at Msgr. Marley Hall. Tickets are \$30 per person which includes admission, door prizes, appetizers, buffet dinner, beer, set-ups, dancing and fun. The event is from 7:30 pm-12am. Proceeds support the SJR Hawks CYO program. Tickets & chances for a LCD TV will be available after the 5pm, 9 and 11am Masses beginning the weekend of December 10th For more information please contact: Jim Alexander - 267.992.7998 or jim\_alexander@comcast.net or Bill Horan - 215.441.5130 or billhoran@comcast.net

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**ST. ROBERT'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP**

We meet every **Tuesday evening at 7:30pm in St. Robert's Chapel** to give thanks and praise to God for all our many blessings. This meeting is open to everyone in the Parish.



**MOM'S PRAYER GROUP**

Thurs, evenings at 7pm in the chapel to pray the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary. All mothers are welcome to pray for our children, supporting them on their journey through this tough world. Let us come together and lift up our special intentions to the Lord through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary." *The history of every human being passes through the threshold of a woman's motherhood.*" Pope John Paul II  
More info - Chris Trodden - 215/491-2542  
Terry Funk - 215/343- 9781

**ST. ROBERT PREP PROGRAM**

**PREP CALENDAR:**

**December:**

M/T-12/13 Class

Thurs. - 15 Live Nativity 7 & 8 pm

M/T-19/20 No Class - *Families Attend*

*Advent/Christmas Program on Tuesday*

M/T-26/27 No Class

**January:**

M/T-2/3 No Class

M/T-9/10 Class

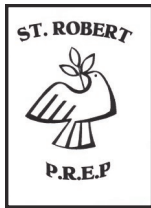
M/T-16/17 No Class

Sun.-22 Cool to be Catholic Family Gathering  
After 9am Mass

M/T-23/24 Class

Sat.-28 First Penance-10:30am

M/T-30/31 Class



**ST. JOSEPH/ST. ROBERT SCHOOL NEWS**

**FROM THE DESK OF**

**MRS. JASTER**



**APPLE OF MY EYE:**

This week's winners are members of our school community who were



“caught doing something good”!

Francesca Capozzi, Jack Gannon, Matt Sorge, Emily Newlin and Vincent Black.

**GEOGRAPHY BEE:** Last Friday, December 9th our annual Geography Bee was held. There were Twenty-five participants from grades 5 thru 8. The students were quizzed on United States and World Geography. Our first place winner was Jack Davies from 7th grade and the second place winner was Michael Landry, also from 7th grade. Congratulations!!!

**CHOIR/BAND CONCERT:** The members of our children's choir and band will present a Christmas concert on Mon., Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:15pm and 7pm. All are welcome to attend!

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:** Our annual Christmas pageant will be presented on Thursday December 22nd at 7pm in St. Robert Church. We ask that the children gather in Monsignor Marley Hall by 6:50pm.

**STOCKING FOR A SOLDIER -** With an overwhelming spirit of enthusiasm & patriotism the 5th grade students stuffed “Stockings for Soldiers.” Each student's stocking also included a holiday letter of gratitude to the soldier. Thirty stockings totally over 250 lbs. were sent in 7 boxes to First Platoon USMC deployed in Afghanistan. Pictured are the 5th grade students:



**JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP**

All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders (school and PREP) are welcome to join us each week. We look forward to seeing you on Mon. evenings from 6:30 to 7:45 PM. For more info, please contact Donna Heeny at 215.343.9433 or strobertjuniorhigh@gmail.com.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

**December:**

Sun.-18<sup>th</sup> -Service Project & Christmas Celebration

**January:**

M - 9<sup>th</sup> - To Be or Not to Be-Vocation Awareness

M - 23<sup>rd</sup> - Lost in Cyberspace-My Space,  
Facebook & Twitter

M - 30<sup>th</sup> - Livin' on a Prayer



**JUST A THOUGHT:** Finished your shopping yet? Looking for some last minute gift ideas? Here are some ideas I came across recently and thought they were worth sharing:

- To your enemy: Forgiveness*
- To an opponent: Tolerance*
- To a friend: Your heart*
- To a child: A good example*
- To all: Charity*
- To yourself: Respect*

Notice, no money needed ~ no receipts are necessary!

# Parish Youth Ministry

## TEAM MEMBERS

Fr. Matthew Tralies (Moderator - [Frtralies@verizon.net](mailto:Frtralies@verizon.net)) • Mrs. Kathleen Burke (Treasurer [treasurer@strobpym.org](mailto:treasurer@strobpym.org))  
Mrs. Bernadette Marron (Sec. - [secretary@strobpym.org](mailto:secretary@strobpym.org)) • Mrs. Barbara Palo  
(Director of HS Ministry - [teencyo@strobpym.org](mailto:teencyo@strobpym.org)) • Mrs. Lisa Corr (Director of Jr High Ministry -  
[juniorcyo@strobpym.org](mailto:juniorcyo@strobpym.org)) • Mr. James Alexander (SJR Hawks Representative - [sjrhawks@strobpym.org](mailto:sjrhawks@strobpym.org))  
[www.strobpym.org](http://www.strobpym.org)



*Thank You*

Thank you for joining us in our joyful presentation of the Live Nativity. We hope that you enjoyed the evening and that it added to your Advent preparation. Pictures will be coming in the next few weeks. We are grateful to all who helped put this together and to you for your support.

**TEEN MASS DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>** at 11am. Lunch will immediately follow Mass. We will go caroling to the homebound at 1pm



## **YOUTH FOR THE EUCHARIST DECEMBER 22ND**

will be held at St. Bede's on Thursday. See flyer on teen bulletin board. Take time out during this Advent season to give thanks and praise to our Lord. We will meet at 6:15pm at church to car pool to St. Bede's. Contact Mrs. Palo if you need a ride.



Today’s Gospel, the story of the Annunciation, calls to our attention God’s wondrous action in human history. God chose a human person to give birth to his Son so that all humanity would know God’s salvation. Mary, already full of God’s grace, was able to cooperate in this great plan for our salvation. Thus Jesus was born as one of us, fully human and also fully divine. This is the mystery we prepare to celebrate at Christmas, the mystery of the Incarnation.

One of the challenges of faith is to recognize God’s plan for us and to remain open to God’s will and God’s actions in our world. Filled with God’s grace, Mary models for us the kind of faith that is needed to cooperate in God’s plan of salvation. Like Mary, we are given the awesome opportunity to cooperate in God’s saving plan. On this final Sunday of Advent, our Gospel invites us to consider how our preparations for Christmas have made us more aware of

God’s grace working in our lives.

Gather together your family and talk about what you have been doing as a family to prepare for Christmas. How have these preparations helped you to better celebrate the central mystery of Christmas, the Incarnation? Our Gospel today talks about how Mary was prepared for her role in Christ’s birth. Read today’s Gospel, Luke 1:26-38. Consider the question: *What enabled Mary to say yes to God? Which of your Advent activities have made you more aware of God’s grace in your life?* Conclude in prayer together that God’s grace will enable your family to be more faithful and obedient to God.

**Blessing of the Family Christmas Manger or Nativity Scene**

Have a family member read the Gospel, Luke 2:1-8

Follow with the following BLESSING:

God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love:

when our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love.

Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns forever and ever.

**ALL:** Amen. (If you do this on Christmas Eve, add the Baby Jesus.) From Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers



- Are you caring and hospitable? Are you an active listener?
- Are you open and approachable and committed to your relationship with God?



As you know our parish has made a commitment to grow together as a faith community by participating in the parish renewal process called *Why Catholic?* We will have opportunities to open our hearts to God more fully through the Sunday Mass, personal prayer, and faith sharing in small groups. Please consider being a SMALL GROUP leader for *Why Catholic?*. Call or email Joan Fitzpatrick for details. 215.343.0315 or jfittzaff2@verizon.net. Training will be provided in January!

**CHURCH DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS**

Please join our Liturgical Environment Committee in decorating our Church for Christmas. Help is needed to carry the plants from the hall into church and placing them in the sanctuary, etc. Many hands make easy and joyful work!

**When: Friday, December 23 starting at 9:45 AM.** Please call Joan Fitzpatrick @ 215.343.0315 if you able to help.



**Women’s Evening of Reflection**  
***WINTER LIGHT,***  
***HOLY DARKNESS***

**Wednesday, January 11, 2012 (6:00 to 8:30 PM)**

Pick up a registration form in the narthex after Mass.

Cost: \$20

## **RESPECT LIFE**

*There is no difference between a first, second or third trimester abortion or infanticide. Its all the same human being in different stages of development. I finally got to the point I couldn't look at those little bodies anymore? Dr. Arnold Halpern, ex-abortionist*

**MASS FOR HOLY INNOCENTS  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28  
ST. CYRIL'S CHURCH @ 7PM**

*Mass will be offered for the gift of all newborns,  
the unborn and their Families*

*Each year, concerned citizens opposed to abortion have gathered at the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., to protest the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision and to stand up for respect for all life.*

Please consider joining us this year for the:

**39<sup>th</sup> March for Life in Washington D.C.**

**Monday, January 23**

A Bus will leave St. Robert's after the 7am Mass

**Cost- \$20 pp (parishioner)**

**\$25 pp (non-parishioner)**

To reserve a seat call Jan 215/343-4572

## **OVERCOMING ADDICTION!**

If you or a loved one is suffering from Alcohol or Drug dependency, help is available. The community of St. Robert's cares! There is hope! Addiction and depression often go hand-in-hand and are very difficult to deal with. We may be able to help point you in a direction toward lasting recovery. Our goals in helping you are the following:

- 1) To provide individuals struggling with addiction and their loved ones a resource to turn to for help.
- 2) To console individuals and their loved ones that they are not alone.
- 3) To help individuals understand that overcoming addiction and the road to recovery are challenging processes that requires physical & psychological healing coupled with strong faith.
- 4) To provide the above guidance from within a Catholic spiritual context.

Call with confidence to the parish recovery ministry number **267.798.9012**, and ask for Theresa or Anthony. Theresa and Anthony are a young married couple who have personally dealt with the struggle of addiction. They know from experience what works! Whether you or someone you care about is suffering from addiction, they can be of assistance on the road to recovery. Strict confidentiality will be respected.

## **CATHOLICSCOMEHOME.ORG'S** evangelization

commercials will be airing nationwide, inviting those away from the practice of their faith to return "home."



We encourage our parishioners to pray for those who have left the Church and invite them to join us this Christmas season at our parish.

We pray for this national campaign to create the largest family reunion in Church history! To learn more visit: [ww.CatholicsComeHome.org](http://ww.CatholicsComeHome.org).

## **SCRIP GIFT CARDS** Please remember to purchase



scrip gift cards to help you with your holiday shopping. Place and pay for special orders one weekend and it can be picked up the following weekend. Scrip is sold in the hall after all the masses, except

7am. Please visit us in the hall for more information or call Christa Speranza at 215-956-9769.

## **NUTRITION & STAYING HEALTHY AS WE AGE**

Thurs., Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Nativity of Our Lord Parish.

Healthy Hearts ~ Stroke Assessments & Blood Pressure Screenings ~ Managing Diabetes. Mary Alice Shan, RD, LDN will be the presenter. She is a Registered Dietitian and an instructor at Montgomery County Community College. Pre-registration required call 215.675.1925.

Cost is \$5.

We wish to thank all those who participated in the success of our annual Giving Tree. Through your generosity we were able to provide clothing, diapers and general baby items to the Bucks County Community Women's Center, reach out to 35 families from our sister parish, St. Cyprian's in West Philadelphia, and offer assistance to our own St. Robert's families who are experiencing difficulty. Your kindness is overwhelming!! Please know that you made a joyful difference in the lives of many people.



We would like to express our appreciation for all you have done and on behalf of all those you have served. A special thank you to all those who helped sort, pack and deliver the donated food items and Christmas gifts. We wish all of you a Happy, Healthy and Blessed New Year!

**BE PROUD YOU ARE A CATHOLIC!**

Excerpts of an article written by non-Catholic Sam Miller - a prominent Cleveland Jewish businessman on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008:

"Why would newspapers carry on a vendetta on one of the most important institutions that we have today in the United States , namely the Catholic Church?... See More

Do you know - the Catholic Church educates 2.6 million students everyday at the cost to that Church of 10 billion dollars, and a savings on the other hand to the American taxpayer of 18 billion dollars. The graduates go on to graduate studies at the rate of 92%.

The Church has 230 colleges and universities in the U.S. with an enrollment of 700,000 students.

The Catholic Church has a non-profit hospital system of 637 hospitals, which account for hospital treatment of 1 out of every 5 people - not just Catholics - in the United States today

But the press is vindictive and trying to totally denigrate in every way the Catholic Church in this country. They have blamed the disease of pedophilia on the Catholic Church, which is as irresponsible as blaming adultery on the institution of marriage.

Let me give you some figures that Catholics should know and remember. For example, 12% of the 300 Protestant clergy surveyed admitted to sexual intercourse with a parishioner; 38% acknowledged other inappropriate sexual contact in a study by the United Methodist Church , 41.8% of clergy women reported unwanted sexual behavior; 17% of laywomen have been sexually harassed.

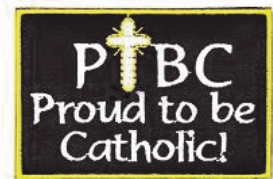
Meanwhile, 1.7% of the Catholic clergy has been found guilty of pedophilia. 10% of the Protestant ministers have been found guilty of pedophilia. This is not a Catholic Problem.

A study of American priests showed that most are happy in the priesthood and find it even better than they had expected, and that most, if given the choice, would choose to be priests again in face of all this obnoxious PR the church has been receiving.


The Catholic Church is bleeding from self-inflicted wounds. The agony that Catholics have felt and suffered is not necessarily the fault of the Church. You have been hurt by a small number of wayward priests that have probably been totally weeded out by now.

Walk with your shoulders high and you head higher. Be a proud member of the most important non-governmental agency in the United States . Then remember what Jeremiah said: 'Stand by the roads, and look and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is and walk in it, and find rest for your souls'. Be proud to speak up for your faith with pride and reverence and learn what your Church does for all other religions.

Be proud that you're a Catholic."



**CANTORS WANTED** - Music Ministry is looking for new cantors to lead the congregation in song on some Sundays, holy days, and holidays based on your availability. An audition is required as well as cantor training if you are selected. There are a few cantor meetings throughout the year that you will be expected to attend. Joining the choir is not a requirement. Parishioners are preferred and have priority. Anyone interested should be at least high school age or older. There is no pay, but it is a wonderful way to engage in ministry to the parish. If you are interested in becoming a cantor, please contact the Director of Music: Kevin Lutz at [kevinlutz920@yahoo.com](mailto:kevinlutz920@yahoo.com).



## IMPORTANT PARISH INFORMATION

| WEEKEND MASSES            | WEEKDAY MASSES                 | HOLY DAYS  | CONFESSIONS               |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|---------------------------|
| Saturday: Vigil 5:00 p.m. | 7:00 & 9:00 am - Monday/Friday | 7:00 am    | Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 pm |
| Sunday: 7:00 am           | 9:00 am - Saturday             | 9:00 am    |                           |
| 9:00 am                   | Summer:                        | 12:00 noon |                           |
| 11:00 am                  | Weekday - 8:00 am              | 7:00 pm    |                           |
|                           | Saturday - 9:00 am             |            |                           |

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

First & third Sundays of the month at 12:15 pm. Baptism Classes for parents and godparents are held on an announced day in January, March, May, July, September and November at 7 pm in the Church. Call the Parish Office to pre-register.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

**You must be a registered member of the Parish** and must notify the priest **at least six months** prior to your marriage date. **Pre-Cana classes (last Sat. in Oct./2nd Sat. in Nov. & last Sat. in Feb./2nd Sat. in March) are required.** Contact Parish Office for registration forms.

### COMMUNION CALLS

Monthly to shut-ins by the priests. Weekly - Extraordinary Ministers if requested. In an Emergency a Priest Should Be Called Immediately.

### PARISH REGISTRATION

Please ask one of the priests after a weekend Mass to register your family. Please notify the parish office if you are moving from the parish or if you have changed your address.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration - **Each Monday (except Summer & National Holidays)** after the 9 am Mass, with simple Reposition (No Benediction) at 4 pm. **At 3 pm the Divine Mercy Chaplet is recited.**

### SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

**All parish staff and volunteers** who have **regular contact with young people** must attend a Protecting God's Children Awareness Session. In addition background checks **must be updated every 5 years.** **Links to background check forms can be found on the Archdiocesan web site, [www.archdiocese-phl.org](http://www.archdiocese-phl.org). Click on child and Youth Protection, and then Safe Environment Program.)** **NO EXCEPTIONS! If you have not completed your background checks and the class YOU MAY NOT VOLUNTEER.**

**OFFICE HOURS** - Mon - Fri from 9 am to 4:30 pm

### BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday 11am - Turn in material typed, with your name and phone number at the parish office or email to [mbl0405@verizon.net](mailto:mbl0405@verizon.net)

### PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

|                 |              |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Tom Utermark    | 215/343-9528 |
| Bob Abecasis    | 215/343-8113 |
| Sheila Kelly    | 215/343-5142 |
| Stephen Bolger  | 215/343-2578 |
| Carol Bauman    | 215/343-3306 |
| Dottie Prior    | 215/328-9406 |
| Amy Moffett     | 215/343-5436 |
| David Kolmetzky | 267/280-6762 |
| Sallie Theis    | 215/343-4067 |
| Jonathan DeMent | 215/343-5152 |

Issue to be discussed contact one of the above.

### PARISH RESOURCES

|                            |   |          |
|----------------------------|---|----------|
| Adult Bible Study          | Joan Fitzpatrick  | 343-0315 |
| Afghan Guild               | Mary Mc Devitt  | 343-2938 |
| Al-Anon Contact            | Irene L.  | 674-0325 |
| Altar Servers              | Deacon George Morris  | 343-0315 |
| Bereavement Committee      | Mary Williams   | 343-7159 |
| Bloodmobile                | Carolyn/John Heary  | 675-8156 |
| Charismatic Prayer Group   | Dolores Seif  | 343/8775 |
| Christ's Housekeepers      | Eleanor Crowley   | 675-8955 |
| E.P.'s (Seniors)           | Neil Mc Devitt  | 343-2520 |
| Evangelization Coordinator | Tom Castaldi  | 343-1524 |
| Extraordinary Ministers    | Deacon George Morris  | 343-0315 |
| Family Fellowship          | Loretta Del Vecchio   | 491-9302 |
| Knights of Columbus        | Rob Hessler   | 491-0648 |
| Minister of Hospitality    | Peter Vreeland  | 343-2091 |
| Ministers of the Word      | Deacon George Morris  | 343-0315 |
| Mothers of Young Children  | Christa Speranza  | 956-9769 |
| Music Ministry             | Kevin Lutz <a href="mailto:Kevinlutz920@yahoo.com">Kevinlutz920@yahoo.com</a> |          |
| Nurse Ministry             | Mary Marquis  | 343-8635 |

#### **Parish Office - 215/343-0315**

|                             |                     |              |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Pastoral Council            | Tom Utermark        | 343-9528     |
| Prayer Line                 | Doris Peacock       | 672-6321     |
| Pre-Cana                    | Ellen/Don Cericola  | 343-3275     |
| Pre-Jordan/RCIA             | Joan Fitzpatrick    | 343-0315     |
| Respect Life                | Len Cline           | 343-4572     |
| Sodality of BVM             | Helen Dagney        | 491-8611     |
| St. Cyprian                 | Sallie Theis (cell) | 696-1477     |
| St. Johns Hospice           | Msgr. James Beisel  | 343-0315     |
| St. Francis Inn             | Mike Mullen         | 343-7587     |
| St. Vincent De Paul Society | (Answering machine) | 267.644.8189 |
| Parish Youth Ministry       | Fr. Matthew Tralies | 343-0315     |
| Vacation Bible School       | Daiana Fuller       | 491-3492     |

Our Parish website:  
[www.saintrobertwarrington.org](http://www.saintrobertwarrington.org)

Parish Fax #: 215/343-8592  
School Website & Phone Number:  
[www.stjstr.org](http://www.stjstr.org) 215/343-5100

Prep Phone Number: 215/343-9433  
**Mass times and locations for Traveling Catholics:**  
[www.Masstimes.org](http://www.Masstimes.org) or phone 410-676-6000