

# Advent

*Evening of Reflection  
Hopeful Anticipation  
Tuesday, December 6, 7pm  
Presented by Fr. Stephen Paolino*

*Immaculate Conception ~  
Holy Day of Obligation  
Thursday, December 8, Masses 7am, 9am,  
12 noon & 7 pm*

*Lessons & Carols  
Sunday, December 11 ~ 7pm*

*Getting Through the Holidays When You  
have Lost a Loved One  
Tuesday, December 13, 9:45am*

*Coffee, Conversation & Prayer  
Wednesday, December 14, 9:45am*

*St. Joseph-St. Robert School Christmas Program  
Wednesday, December 21 ~ 7pm in Church*

## Advent Confessions:

- \* Saturday, December 3 ~ 3:30-4:30pm
- \* Saturday, December 10 ~ 3:30-4:30pm
- \* *Advent Communal Confessions ~  
Church & Hall*  
Monday, December 12, 7pm
- \* Saturday, December 17 ~ 3-4:30pm
- \* Friday, December 23 ~ 7-8pm

*first sunday*

**PARISH ADMINISTRATION**

**Rev. Msgr. James D. Beisel**  
Pastor  
**Rev. Matthew K. Biedrzycki**  
Parochial Vicar  
**Deacon George Morris**  
Permanent Deacon  
**Rev. Francis J. Cornely**  
Sunday Ministry  
**Rev. Mr. Edisson Urrego**  
Transitional Deacon  
**Mr. James Crumlish**  
Facilities Supervisor  
**Mrs. Sheila Fehrman & Mrs. Mary Landry** - Parish Secretaries - [strobtertsecretary@verizon.net](mailto:strobtertsecretary@verizon.net)



**Mrs. Deborah Jaster**  
Principal-St. Joseph/St. Robert School  
**Mrs. Joan Fitzpatrick**  
Director of Adult Faith Formation  
**Mrs. Donna Heeney**  
Director of Religious Education  
**Mr. Kevin Lutz**  
Director of Music Ministries  
**Deacon George Morris**  
Director of Financial Services  
**Mrs. Barbara Palo**  
Director of Teen Ministry

**Mass Intentions**  
FOR THE WEEK

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2016**

5:00 P.M. - Deacon Len Noonan

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2016**

7:00 A.M. - Deceased Members of the Kolarik Family

9:00 A.M. - Anthony Mastrocco, Sr.

11:00 A.M. - Drew Panettieri

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2016**

7:00 A.M. - Parishioners

9:00 A.M. - Catherine Swider

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2016**

7:00 A.M. - Mary Williams

9:00 A.M. - Megan Soria ~ Birth Anniversary

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2016**

7:00 A.M. - Maria Leone

9:00 A.M. - Nancy Lynn Wood

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2016**

7:00 A.M. - Edward Morton

9:00 A.M. - Frank & Celestine Noonan

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2016**

7:00 A.M. - William Cunningham

9:00 A.M. - Msgr. Joseph T. Kane

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2016**

9:00 A.M. - Dominic James Kolody

5:00 P.M. - Cathy Swider

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2016**

7:00 A.M. - Joseph Bilbee

9:00 A.M. - Living & Deceased Members  
of the Brace Family

11:00 A.M. - Anotnia Maria DiFabio

**WOULD YOU LIKE THE BLESSED MOTHER STATUE TO VISIT YOUR HOME?**

St. Robert's parish has a beautiful little statue of the Blessed Mother of Fatima available. Simply make a request, and the pilgrim statue will be brought to your home for a week or two. Families are encouraged to display the statue prominently and to say the Rosary together. Contact Bernadette Repisky at 267261.4612,



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

Nicholas Chess	Frank Waltrich	Kevin McDevitt
Bill Zarkowski	Lucy McCabe	Kevin Christopher Fox
Diane Barbier	Marissa Nero	Rita Ann Leonard
John Barbier	Dolores McGrath	Andreas Shaftacolas
Pat Ganther	John Weigner	Joe Ankenbrand
Theresa Beisel	Bridget Anderson	Margaret Prendergast
Jared Callan	Zachary Kind	Michael McBride
Joan McMahan	Hazel Lynch	Mark Whartenby
Frank Wagner	Alex DiStefano	Teagan Sempowski
Robert McIntyre	Kevin Steffa	Michael Schirling, Sr.
Scott Molle	Robert Rice	Sherry Burke
Marian Bomher	Kathryn Perry	Andi Walker
Mary Farano	Marie McBride	Mia Rein Heimer
Wally Brand	Eleonora Pescatore	Michelle McCoach
Bill Opdyke	Raymond Freeley	Shelby Wells
Derek Burgard	Justin Richetti	Norah Claire Mason
Elena Sestito	Robert Gartner	Baby Landon Gavio
Jean Dixon	Dominic Visco	Alexis Schirling
Vicki Mazzocca	Gertrude Schirling	Susan Gregory



In an effort to keep our prayer list current, all names will appear for 30 days and then will be automatically taken off. We are happy to keep a name on the list, just call the parish office or email [strobtertsecretary@verizon.net](mailto:strobtertsecretary@verizon.net).

**UPCOMING EVENTS (at a glance)**

**Dec 6** ~ Advent Evening of Reflection

**Dec 11** ~ Lessons & Carols

**Dec 12** ~ Advent Penance Service



**CLERGY/MUSIC SCHEDULE ( 12/3 & 12/4)**

**5:00 PM** Msgr. Beisel/Dcn. Edisson **Cantor**

**7:00 AM** Fr. Biedrzycki

**9:00 AM** Fr. Cornely/Dcn George **Cantor**

**11:00 AM** Msgr. Beisel/Dcn. Edisson **Cantor**

*Subject to change without notice*

**LOST AND FOUND** A lost and found bin is located

in the closet next to the welcoming area in the Narthex. Over the years there has been a collection of unclaimed umbrellas, sweat shirts, jackets, glasses, keys, medals, etc. To reduce the clutter, items left in the bin longer than a month will be removed.



# First Sunday



Of Advent

Dear Friends,

On this First Sunday of Advent we recall our Church's long-standing tradition that Advent is a time to mark the three comings of Christ. First, is his coming as one of us, a human born of a woman two thousand years ago. Second is his coming at the end of time. Third is his coming into our hearts. Today the Gospel continued to focus on the end-times, carried over from the last Sundays of Ordinary Time. As one of the elements of Advent, pondering the Second Coming helps us to focus on what is important in our lives and how we are to make ourselves ready for the coming of the Lord. While we know not the day or the hour, Saint Paul in writing to the Romans reminds us to throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. As Jesus says, "Stay awake!" Let us use this sacred time of Advent to welcome the Lord more generously into our minds, hearts and souls.

As usual here at Saint Robert's, there are many opportunities during this sacred season to encounter the Lord. There are extra opportunities to experience the Lord's mercy through the sacrament of Penance. In addition to the regular Saturday afternoon times, we will have our Communal Celebration of the Sacrament on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. There will be no prayer service prior to the time, approximately 13 priests will be assembled in the church and in Monsignor Marley to hear your confession. An Examination of Conscience will be provided for your use prior to this event. On the evening before, Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7PM we will have **Lessons and Carols** in church which again offers the opportunity to focus our attention on the great mystery of God's love and the Incarnation of His Son for our salvation. As is the custom in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, the first Monday of Advent is the **Day of Sanctification for Priests**. On this day all priests of the archdiocese are invited to return to Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary to gather with our archbishop for a time of prayer, reflection, conferences and confessions concluding with benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. It is a wonderful expression of priestly fraternity and prayerful support. I ask that you remember all the priests of the parish and archdiocese on Monday as we spend this time away for refreshment in the graces of the Lord and this holy season.

May this Advent Season, filled with many responsibilities, preparations and distractions, be a time of renewal in the great mystery of the Lord's presence among us! May we all respond to the call of Saint John the Baptist, "Prepare the way of the Lord."

Saint Robert Bellarmine, pray for us and our Advent journey of grace!

With prayers,

*Monsignor Beisel*

**26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE SALE**  
**Saturday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Douglas Fir 6-8ft \$35 • Fraser Fir 6-9ft \$45**  
**Pick Up (rain, snow or shine) 7:30-9:30 am**

To order call Rich Visco 215.491.9983

Ordering/Payment Deadline - Mon. Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>  
 Trees are sold on a pre-paid basis. Selection is first come first serve. Volunteers are welcome to help the day of pickup.

**Proceeds benefit St. Robert's Parish.**

## 2016 CAMILLA HALL COLLECTION:



Camilla Hall, the Retirement Residence for IHM Sisters, needs assistance via donations of various toiletries and personal care items for the Sisters. Articles of need are: Denture Cleanser (Efferdent/Polident), Denture Adhesive (Fixodent),

Toothpaste, Mouthwash (non-alcoholic only), Dental Floss, Toothbrushes, Dove or Oil of Olay Bar Soap or Body Wash, Razor Blades, and Batteries (all sizes). If you donate soap or body wash, please donate fragrance-free varieties.

St. Robert's parishioners will be held in the thoughts & prayers by the Sisters. Donations may be dropped off in the church narthex through Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Matt Mlodzinski at 215-470-6618 or [mmlodzinski@yahoo.com](mailto:mmlodzinski@yahoo.com).



OFFICE FOR CHILD AND  
YOUTH PROTECTION

ARCHDIOCESE OF  
PHILADELPHIA

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM**

On December 31, 2014, 23 pieces of Pennsylvania State legislation were enacted that impact the way we prevent and report child abuse. As a result, all people who volunteer for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are required fulfill the following obligations:

**CLEARANCES:**

- ◆ PA State Police Criminal Record Check
- ◆ PA Department of Public Welfare Child Abuse Clearance Check
- ◆ Federal History Fingerprint Clearance ~ ONLY if you lived outside of PA within the last 10 years  
Go to [childyouthprotection.org](http://childyouthprotection.org)  
select Staff & Volunteers,  
then select Checks & Clearances

**\*\*\* MUST BE RENEWED EVERY 5 YEARS \*\*\***

- ◆ Disclosure Statement Application for Volunteers  
Go to [childyouthprotection.org](http://childyouthprotection.org)  
select Staff & Volunteers,  
then select Information for Volunteers

**TRAINING:**

- ◆ Safe Environment Training
- ◆ Technology Addendum
- ◆ Mandated Reporter Training
- ◆ Signed Mandated Reporter Acknowledgement Form  
Go to [childyouthprotection.org](http://childyouthprotection.org)  
select Staff & Volunteers,  
then select Required Training



Christ's Housekeepers are in need of volunteers to help clean and vacuum the church every Monday morning after 7:00 o'clock mass. If you are interested please contact Pat Neely at 215-343-2873 .

**MOM'S PRAYER GROUP** - The Mom's Prayer Group meets on Thursday evenings at 7pm, Moms gather in the chapel to pray the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary. All mothers are welcome to come and pray for children, supporting them on their journey through this tough world.  
More info: Chris Trodden - 215.491.2542  
Terry Funk - 215.343. 9781



**ST. VINCENT DEPAUL** - Today as we celebrate Christ the King, may we open the door of our heart so wide that we may listen to the voice of Jesus calling us to help build his kingdom here on earth.

**In the month of November, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to help build the kingdom of God by assisting families, providing food, help for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!**



**FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES**

Please call the parish office 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  
Jenny Malandra

Edward W. Devinney II  
Connor Fitzgerald  
Joshua Velas

**US Army:**

Rev. Stephen Mc Dermott  
Danny Pritchard  
Michael McBride  
Matthew Sawaya  
Dylan DeMent  
Paul Glemser

Robert F. Leimer  
Keith Carter  
Ryan T. Krawczyk  
Philip Mc Cusker  
Gerry McGowan

**US Coast Guard:**

Brendan Williams  
Todd J. Warga

Daniel Moschitti

**USMC:**

Joseph Mc Menamin  
Daniel Harvey  
Clint Hajek  
Anthony Taylor  
Michael Malandra  
Nicholas Sabatini  
Mark Geib

James McMenamin  
Elizabeth Harvey  
Leo J. Keller Jr.  
Mark Piccirelli  
Lisa Ann Burgy  
Patrick Kilkenny

**US Air Force:**

Karl Weinbreckt  
Max J. Sempowski  
Anthony Comtois  
Thomas Rook

Francis Lemma  
Michael Sempowski  
Andrew J. Velas

**RESPECT LIFE**

**Ending abortion: Will it be easy? No! Will it be worth it? Absolutely! Ending abortion will save our nation.**



**2017 March for Life  
Due to the Presidential  
Inauguration the date for the  
March had to be changed.**

**THE POWER OF ONE** Friday, Jan. 27  
Washington DC

St. Robert's is again providing bus transportation for parishioners who want to attend the March, weather permitting. Because we will be sharing a bus with St. Jude, Chalfont this year we will only have half a bus available to us.

Cost: \$25 (includes dinner)

More info - Jan @ 215/343-4572

More info on the March for Life checkout the website:  
<http://marchforlife.org/mfl-2017/>

## ST. ROBERT PREP PROGRAM

Phone: 215.343.9433

### CALENDAR:

#### NOVEMBER

Mon 28th Class

#### DECEMBER

Mon 5th Class, Confessions for Grades 4-6

Mon 12th Class

Mon 19th Class

Mon 25th Merry Christmas

Mon 26th NO CLASS-- Christmas Break

#### JANUARY

Mon 2nd NO CLASS -- Christmas Break

Mon 9th Class

Mon 16th NO CLASS --

Martin Luther King Holiday

Sat 21st 1st Penance 10:30 AM in church

Mon 23rd Class

Mon 30th Class

#### FEBRUARY

Mon 6th Class

Sun 12th Confirmation Retreat--  
Attend 9:00 Mass at St. Roberts.  
Retreat at facility 10:30 to 2:00

Mon 13th Class

Mon 20th NO CLASS-- Presidents Day Holiday

Friday 24th 1st Communion Parent/Child  
Retreat 6:30 to 8:30PM

Mon 27th Class



Phone: 215.343.5100 Web:

[www.stjstr.org](http://www.stjstr.org)

FROM THE DESK OF MRS. JASTER

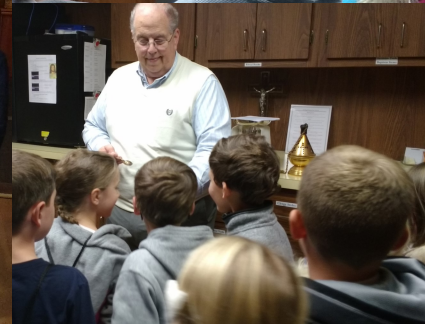
JUST A THOUGHT: A thought as we quickly approach the feast of Thanksgiving:

Be Kind,  
Be Thoughtful,  
Be Genuine,  
But most of all  
Be Thankful!



From our St. Joseph/St.  
Robert School family to yours!!!!

On Monday, November 7th, our 2nd grade PREP classes, along with their catechists, Dottie Dugan and Pam McCloskey, embarked on a tour of the church. The tour was led by Deacon George who shared interesting facts about what is inside the church. The children also were able to go into the sacristy to get an up close look at all the vessels and vestments used the priests at Mass. It was a wonderful hands on learning experience for the children. We are grateful to Deacon George for taking the time to share his knowledge with our PREP students.



# Parish Youth Ministry

Mrs. Barbara Palo (Director of Teen Ministry—mompalo@aol.com) •  Facebook: St. Robert Teen Ministry Program

## **FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION HOLY HOUR**

**December 2, 2016 (7pm-8:30pm)**

- **Nativity Parish Community Center (Gym)**
- **A Holy Hour hosted by the Teen Ministry**
- **Theme: Vocation to priesthood and religious life**
- **Praise and Worship Music**
- **Holy Rosary & Legion prayers**
- **Short Reflection**
- **Silent Reflection**
- **Benediction**
- **Confessions during Holy Hour:**
- **After Holy Hour/Social Party/ Group Discussions**



**KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS MAGNETS** will be available for \$5 each now through the Christmas season

## **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA HOSTED BY THE TEEN MINISTRY**

Sunday, December 4th after all Masses

Enjoy a delicious meal with our parish family and the little ones can visit with Santa and have their pictures taken!

Full breakfast to include eggs, pancakes, sausage & bacon, toast, juice, coffee & tea



**Adults \$10,**  
**Youth 2 to 10 \$5**  
**Children under 2 free**



## Spirituality Corner *Habits of the Heart* Part III

### What is my awareness of my habits of the heart?

I hesitate to label habits of the heart as good or bad, because our habits form according to what we experience. There's a time to be self-protective and a time to be calm and a time to be more aggressive. The real issue here is *our awareness* of these interior habits. Do I know what my habits of the heart are? Am I satisfied with them, or do I think they're not serving me well?

- After I have identified these interior habits, I can choose to accept them as fine or to work on adjusting them.  
**Ex.: I choose to stop focusing on placing blame every time something goes wrong.**
- In my prayer, journaling, and conversations with trusted spiritual allies, I can name my habits of the heart and voice my intentions. **Ex.: God, help me eradicate this vindictive tendency I have. Friend, when you hear me place blame, please call me out.**
- By using a prayer practice such as the [daily Examen](#), I can do regular reviews of my interior habits and thus keep assessing and adjusting. **Ex.: Okay, I spun into that vindictive space during the status meeting today, but I caught myself and changed course when I started to do the same thing on social media a couple of hours later.**

*Blessings and graces to you, as you work with the Holy Spirit on this crucial aspect of spiritual growth!*

Vinita Hampton Wright has served as senior editor at Loyola Press for 16 years and recently became managing editor of the trade books department. She has written various fiction and non-fiction books, including the novel *Dwelling Places* with HarperOne, *Days of Deepening Friendship* and *The Art of Spiritual Writing* for Loyola Press, and most recently, *The St. Teresa of Avila Prayer Book* for Paraclete Press.



## Bereavement Support Group Grieving With A Grateful Heart

We are starting a support group here at St. Robert's for those who have lost a loved one. Join us on

**Wednesday, November 30 @ 7:00—8:00 PM**

Parish Lounge — Please enter through the Narthex. Our focus will be **Grieving With A Grateful Heart**.

### **Next Gathering:**

**Tuesday, December 13 @ 9:45—10:45 AM**  
(evening session date to be determined)

### **Getting Through the Holidays When You Have Lost a Loved One**

Please RSVP to Joan Fitzpatrick if you would like to attend: [jfitzaff2@verizon.net](mailto:jfitzaff2@verizon.net) OR 215.343.0315.

## ADVENT EVENING OF REFLECTION:

### *HOPEFUL ANTICIPATION*

**Tuesday, December 6 @ 7:00 PM**

**Location to be determined.**

**Presenter: Father Stephen Paolino**

Please contact Joan Fitzpatrick at the parish office or [jfitzaff2@verizon.net](mailto:jfitzaff2@verizon.net), if plan to attend by December 2.



**REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR Advent Reflection booklet in the Narthex.**

## BLESSING OF THE FAMILY ADVENT WREATH

1. Sing an Advent Song like **O Come, O Come Emmanuel** OR **Jesus Come To Us**. Read one of the readings from Mass.



2. Intercessions — Response, *Come, Lord Jesus*

- For the Church, working to share your Good News with all, we pray –
- For the world, especially places longing for peace, we pray –
- For the hungry, the homeless, the sick and all who care for them, we pray –
- For each of us gathered here today (Add your family's own intentions here)

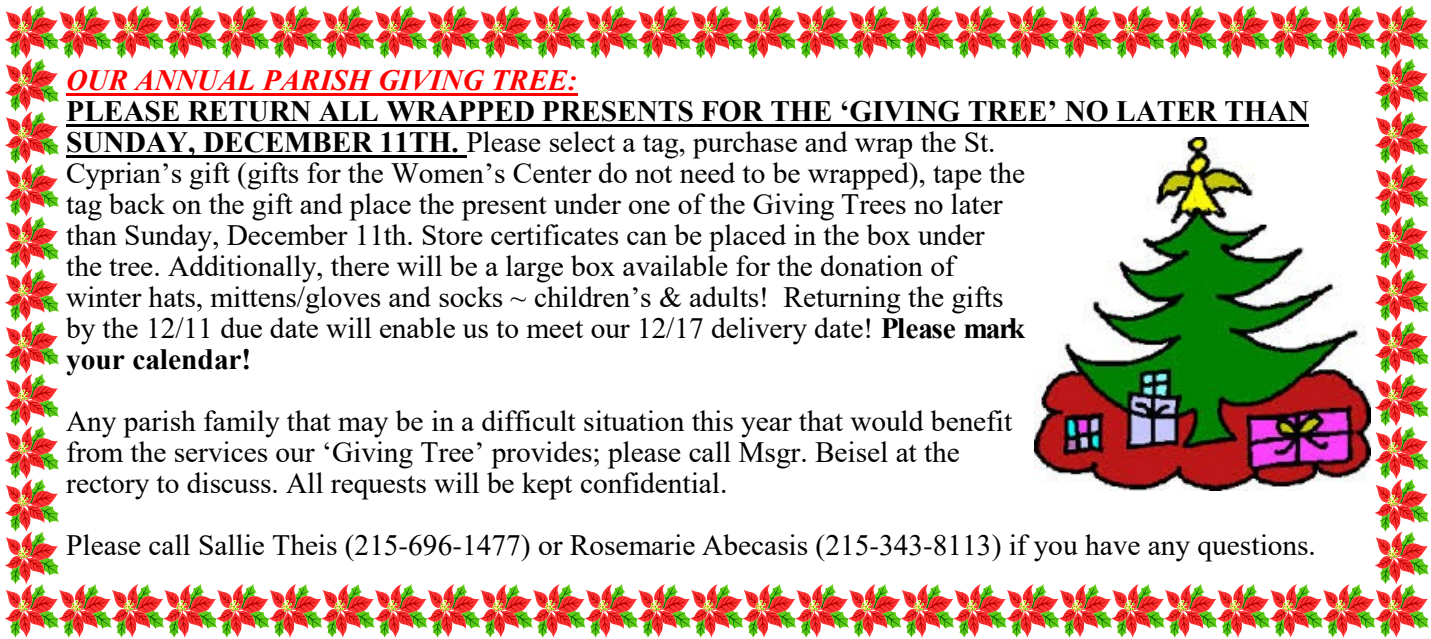
3. Prayer: *Loving God, your Son, Jesus Christ, is the Light of the world. Bless us as we light this wreath and enter into the season of Advent. May its candles remind us to share Christ's light through our words and deeds.*

*Amen. (Light the first candle)*

4. Blessing: Everyone makes the Sign of the Cross as the prayer is read:

*Now may Jesus, the Light of the world, guide our words and actions and fill our hearts with peace. Amen.*

**Suggestion: Throughout Advent, use the Advent wreath as a focus of prayer before the evening meal. As you light each candle, pray "Come, Lord Jesus." Then, bow your heads and observe thirty seconds of silence before you begin to eat.**



**OUR ANNUAL PARISH GIVING TREE:**

**PLEASE RETURN ALL WRAPPED PRESENTS FOR THE 'GIVING TREE' NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH.**

Please select a tag, purchase and wrap the St. Cyprian's gift (gifts for the Women's Center do not need to be wrapped), tape the tag back on the gift and place the present under one of the Giving Trees no later than Sunday, December 11th. Store certificates can be placed in the box under the tree. Additionally, there will be a large box available for the donation of winter hats, mittens/gloves and socks ~ children's & adults! Returning the gifts by the 12/11 due date will enable us to meet our 12/17 delivery date! **Please mark your calendar!**



Any parish family that may be in a difficult situation this year that would benefit from the services our 'Giving Tree' provides; please call Msgr. Beisel at the rectory to discuss. All requests will be kept confidential.

Please call Sallie Theis (215-696-1477) or Rosemarie Abecasis (215-343-8113) if you have any questions.



**Don't forget the opportunity to honor or memorialize your loved ones through altar flowers or sanctuary lamp dedications. Contact the parish office for more information.**

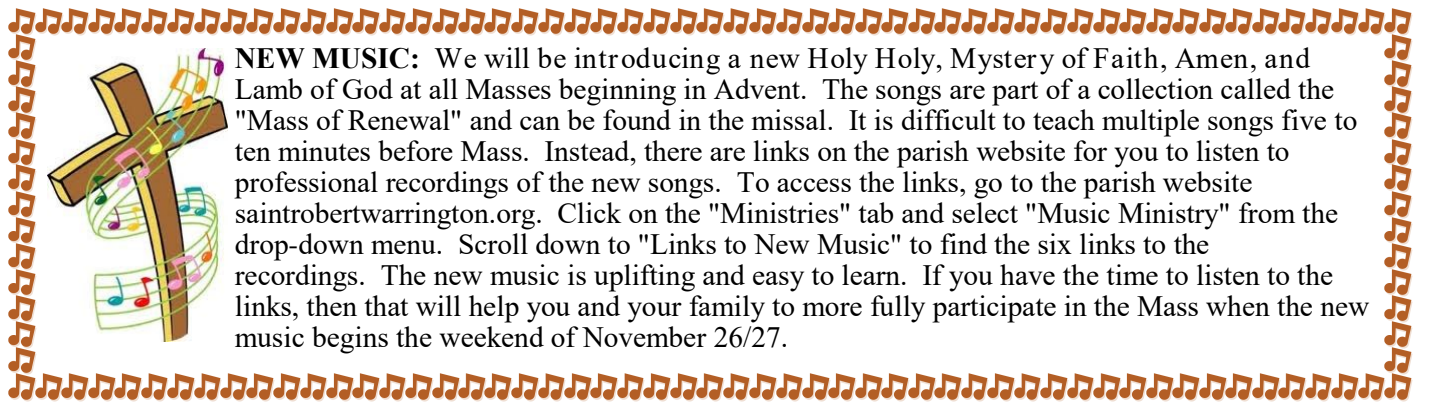


**ST JOSEPH/ST ROBERT SCHOOL**  
FOCUSED ON FAITH AND LEARNING

- \*Offering education to grades Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup>
- \*Options for five half day or full day Pre-K & Kindergarten
- \*Faith based values integrated into education and activities
- \*Challenging curriculum based on Common Core State Standards
- \*Innovative use of technology including SMART Boards, Surface Tablets and iPads in all grades
- \*Specialty teachers for weekly Spanish, Library, Technology, Art, Music & Physical Education in all grades



**Registration is now open for Pre-K & K.**  
**Please call the school to schedule a tour and registration**  
Information/Enrollment Requirements: 215.343.5100 or [www.stjstr.org](http://www.stjstr.org)  
**Focused on Faith & Learning**



**NEW MUSIC:** We will be introducing a new Holy Holy, Mystery of Faith, Amen, and Lamb of God at all Masses beginning in Advent. The songs are part of a collection called the "Mass of Renewal" and can be found in the missal. It is difficult to teach multiple songs five to ten minutes before Mass. Instead, there are links on the parish website for you to listen to professional recordings of the new songs. To access the links, go to the parish website [saintrobertwarrington.org](http://saintrobertwarrington.org). Click on the "Ministries" tab and select "Music Ministry" from the drop-down menu. Scroll down to "Links to New Music" to find the six links to the recordings. The new music is uplifting and easy to learn. If you have the time to listen to the links, then that will help you and your family to more fully participate in the Mass when the new music begins the weekend of November 26/27.





Archdiocese of Philadelphia  
Office of the Archbishop  
222 North 17th Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103-1299

Dear friends,

Earlier this year I alerted you to proposed state legislation that would endanger many of the parishes, schools and charities of Pennsylvania's 3.2 million Catholics. The bill, known as House Bill 1947, contained several provisions to protect children from sexual abuse. Unfortunately, it also contained damaging language that would have allowed retroactive civil lawsuits to be filed against religious and private institutions, while protecting public entities from the same kind of lawsuits for exactly the same kinds of sexual abuse.

In June, the state Senate voted 49-0 in favor of an amended version of House Bill 1947. The revised Senate legislation stripped out the unfair provision on retroactivity, largely because of its incompatibility with our state constitution. The revised Senate bill did, however, keep other provisions in the bill that would have served the needs of abuse survivors.

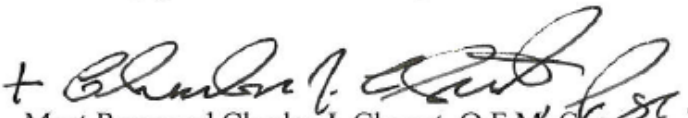
To move forward, the changes made in the Senate required the bill to be reconsidered in the House. It now seems that the bill will not be considered during the remaining days of the current legislative session. This means that none of its more acceptable measures will be passed into law.

Retroactive removal of the civil statute of limitation is unconstitutional under our Commonwealth's constitution. More importantly, as our pastors, along with many of our lay leaders, families and I stressed this spring, it is unjust. By unreasonably insisting on keeping retroactive provisions in the bill, a small number of individuals failed whole segments of the population who stood to benefit from the bill's other measures.

The Archdiocese is fully committed to protecting our young people from sexual abuse and assisting victims of past abuse with their healing. This will not change. At the same time, we will continue to update you about legislation that threatens the health of our parishes and Catholic ministries. Many of you made your concerns about HB 1947 very clear to our lawmakers this year, and it made a difference. I'm very grateful. When contact with our legislators is done respectfully, in a spirit of good will, the public life of our Commonwealth is well served.

In January a new legislative session will begin. Bills like HB 1947 are likely to resurface. I promise to keep you informed as we deal with these issues.

Gratefully yours in Jesus Christ,

  
Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.  
Archbishop of Philadelphia

## IMPORTANT PARISH INFORMATION

<b>WEEKEND MASSES</b> Saturday: Vigil 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b> 7:00 & 9:00 am - Monday/Friday 9:00 am - Saturday Summer: Weekday - 8:00 am Saturday - 9:00 am	<b>HOLY DAYS</b> <i>(Except Christmas &amp; New Years)</i> 7:00 am & 9:00 am 12:00 noon 7:00 pm	<b>CONFESSIONS</b> Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 pm  <b>PARISH OFFICE HOURS</b> Monday-Friday 9am-4:30pm Closed on Holy Days
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### 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. Visit the parish website for detailed information **Pre-Cana classes (2nd Sat. in March. & 2nd Sat. in November) are required.** Contact Parish Office or visit the parish website for registration forms. Forms are due 2 weeks prior to the Pre-Cana Class.

### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Available to those who are preparing for surgery, sick, elderly or dying. Please contact the parish office to receive this sacrament.

### 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.**

### COMMUNION CALLS

Monthly to homebound by the priests. Weekly - Extraordinary Ministers if requested. In an Emergency a Priest Should Be Called Immediately call parish office and dial 400.

### PARISH REGISTRATION

Welcome new parishioners! 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. Also, Children who turn 26 years of age, or have completed higher education and continue to reside with in our area, should become individually registered parishioners.

### SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

**All parish staff and volunteers** who have **regular contact with young people** must have their background checks and training to volunteer with our youth. **For more details look in the bulletin or visit our website, click on Community, then Safe environment. It will direct you to the Child and Youth Protection Site.**

**BULLETIN DEADLINE** - Monday 11am - Turn in material typed, with your name & phone number at the parish office or [stroberty@verizon.net](mailto:stroberty@verizon.net).

### PARISH RESOURCES

Adult Faith Formation	Joan Fitzpatrick	215-343-0315
Afghan Guild	Claire Coleman	215-343-2299
Al-Anon Contact		215-222-5244
Altar Servers	Deacon George Morris	215-343-0315
Bereavement Committee	Joan Fitzpatrick	215-343-0315
Bloodmobile	Mary Marquis	215-343-8635
Catholic Charities	Bill Fehrman	215-343-1752
Charismatic Prayer Group	Dolores Seif	215-343/8775
Christ's Housekeepers	Patricia Neely	215-343-2873
Crisis Pregnancy	24 Hour Hotline	610-626-4006
E.P.'s (Seniors)	Joann Crescenzo	215-491-4288
Extraordinary Ministers	Deacon George Morris	215-343-0315
Family Fellowship	Bob Abecasis	215-343-8113
Knights of Columbus	Rob Hessler	215-491-0648
Liturgical Environment	Joan Fitzpatrick	215-343-0315
Men's Prayer Group	Norman Racine	267-968-5905
Minister of Hospitality	Peter Vreeland	215-343-2091
Ministers of the Word	Deacon George Morris	215-343-0315
Mother's Prayer Group	Chris Trodden	215-491-2542
Msgr. Marley Hall	Jonathan DeMent	215-421-4407
Music Ministry	Kevin Lutz	<a href="mailto:Kevinlutz920@yahoo.com">Kevinlutz920@yahoo.com</a>
Parish Youth Ministry	Barb Palo	215-343-2083
Pastoral Council	Tom Utermark	215-343-9528
Pre-Cana Brian/	Colleen Zook	267-483-8409
Pre-Jordan/RCIA	Joan Fitzpatrick	215-343-0315
Prison Ministry	Ray Rugarber	215-672-7678
Respect Life	Len Cline	215-343-4572
St. Cyprian	Patti Hessler	(cell)267-250-5721
St. John's Hospice	Msgr. James Beisel	215-343-0315
St. Francis Inn	Candy Bakasy	215-343-1002
St. Vincent De Paul Society	(Answering machine)	267-644-8189
Vocation Office - Priesthood	Fr. De Lacy	610-667-5778
Visiting Mary Statue	Bernadette Repisky	267-261-4612

### **PASTORAL COUNCIL:**

(Elected Position)	Joann Crescenzo	215/491-4288
<i>Pastoral issues to be discussed?</i>	Sheila Fehrman	215/343-1752
	Joanne Galganski	215/343-4173
	Bill Gibbons	215/343-4066
	Ginny McDevitt	215/343-3362
<b>Contact one of the members.</b>	Amy Moffett	215/343-5436
	Betty Santoro	215/343-6747
	Mike Speranza	215/956-9769
	Joe Tate	267/808-4913
	Tom Utermark	215/343-9528
	Brian Zook	267/483-8409

### **FINANCE COUNCIL:**

(Appointed Position)	Carol Bauman
	Thomas Castaldi
	Ed Clark
	Kirk Clauss
	Terry Funk
	Robin Killion
	Elmer O'Brien
	John Prendergast
	Frederick Reed
	Susan Westermann

