

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 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*

second sunday

St. Robert Bellarmine

December 4, 2016

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 - strobertysecretary@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, DECEMBER 3, 2016

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. - Antonio Maria DiFabio

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2016

7:00 A.M. - Parishioners

9:00 A.M. - Lou Urbanelli

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2016

7:00 A.M. - Virginia D. Gallo Rickards

9:00 A.M. - Rose Kreuzburg

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2016

7:00 A.M. - Lucy Beisel

9:00 A.M. - Philip & Rita Poalillo Wood

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2016

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

7:00 A.M. - Parishioners

9:00 A.M. - Deceased Members of the
Nagg & Aureia Families

12:00 P.M. - Living & Deceased Members of the
Schena Families

7:00 P.M. - Mildred Pacek

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2016

7:00 A.M. - Frances Murawski ~ 1st Anniversary

9:00 A.M. - Stuart Young

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2016

9:00 A.M. - Frank J. Beisel

5:00 P.M. - William Walker, Jr.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2016

7:00 A.M. - Rocci Schuima

9:00 A.M. - Mary McDevitt

11:00 A.M. - The Garbarino & Gianinni Families



*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 Ganthier	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 Reinheimer
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
Kate Botella	Mike Fitzpatrick	Margaret Cunnane

Important 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 strobertysecretary@verizon.net.

OUR PARISH GIVING



Sunday (11/20/16): \$15,233

Online Bank Services Funds: \$1,725 in 34 envelopes

Sunday (11/27/16): \$14,750

Online Bank Services Funds: \$1,190 in 30 envelopes

Year to Date Totals - Sunday Collections:

FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Difference
\$337,101	\$345,242	\$8,140

(Fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30)

Thank you for your Sacrificial Generosity

CLERGY/MUSIC SCHEDULE (12/10 & 12/11)

5:00 PM Fr. Biedrzycki **Adult Choir**
7:00 AM Msgr. Beisel/Deacon George
9:00 AM Fr. Biedrzycki **Cantor**
11:00 AM Fr. Cornely **Cantor**

Subject to change without notice

**This week's Sanctuary Lamp
burns in loving memory of
Fiore Schena**

Second Sunday



Of Advent

Dear Friends,

On this Second Sunday of Advent our focus begins to shift from the end of time to the time immediately before the first coming of Christ into the world. Yet the message is still the same: God's reign is at hand. The First Reading from the Prophet Isaiah described the peaceable kingdom of God, the day of the Messiah of the Lord. In this kingdom ancient discords are ended, and enemies live as neighbors. The ongoing message from the last several weeks come into play as well, that we live as to make ourselves ready for the Kingdom of God, present and promised. As we begin this week, let us heed Saint John the Baptist, whose message of preparing those people of Israel so long ago, and allow the message to echo in our hearts, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

This coming Thursday is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated in church at 7AM, 9AM, 12Noon and 7PM.

You may have noticed that the Response Cards have been removed from the pews. These cards have served us well for the past many years. The reason for this is that the major prayers contained on those cards are now in the front cover of the new missalettes. Please use them as the needed reference for especially for the Gloria and the Creed.

A few weeks ago I reported on the status of the Thanksgiving Raffle with a profit for the parish of a little over \$9,000.00. This was a few thousand less than the previous year. However, when I was presented with the final report I was pleased to see that we profited over \$13,000.00, several thousand MORE than the previous year! THANK YOU to all who participated in this year's raffle and congratulations to all of our winners!

As announced, we will have our communal confessions on Monday, December 12th at 7PM. We have sixteen priests scheduled to hear confessions that evening. There will be no prayer service prior to confessions. In this bulletin there is an Examination of Conscience to assist you in preparing to make a good and worthy confession. Please take the time prior to coming to church that evening, to begin meditating on what you wish to bring to the Lord in this great sacrament of mercy. Please invite others to this sacrament as well. It is the ideal time to heed the Baptist's call – prepare the way of the Lord!

In the secular press you may have recently read about the Holy Father giving universal permission for priests to absolve from the sin of abortion when confessed in the sacrament of Penance. This has caused some confusion and misunderstanding. This permission is not new. Priests in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia have had permission of the archbishop for many years to pastorally care for those who confess this sin. In my 36 years as a priest, I have never had to have recourse to the archbishop before absolving someone of the sin of abortion. The Holy Father, in his statement, was trying to once again underscore the limitless mercy of God. For this mercy we should give daily thanks and praise.

May this week be filled with the graces needed to prepare for a good confession and the coming of the Lord in mercy!

Saint Robert Bellarmine, pray for us!

With prayers,

Monsignor Beisel



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
select Staff & Volunteers,
then select Checks & Clearances
***** MUST BE RENEWED EVERY 5 YEARS *****
- ◆ Disclosure Statement Application for Volunteers
Go to 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
select Staff & Volunteers,
then select Required Training

NATIVITY DISPLAY: Through the generosity of Lois and Tom Castaldi, on the weekend of December 17th & 18th, they have volunteered to display approximately 30 Nativity sets they have acquired from different parts of the world. Please stop by their display in the



Narthex and view these amazing presentations of the Lord's birth.

ST FRANCIS INN - The monthly collection of plastic bags for the Inn will be December 10/11 after all the Masses. The Inn can only use the bags that your groceries are placed in. They can also use the soaps, shampoos, toothbrushes and toothpaste from your hotel stays. Also, they are in urgent need of men's and women's underwear new or gently used. Most important the Inn needs your prayers.



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 .

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

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

Lord, you formed my most inner being; you knit me in my mother's womb. I praise you, so wonderfully you made me; wonderful are your works! Abortion destroys God's creation. Choose life today.



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

**Friday, Jan. 27
Washington DC**

THE POWER OF ONE

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. Thinking about going? Seats are going fast. 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:

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



Parish
Religious
Education
Program



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FOCUSED ON FAITH AND LEARNING

Phone: 215.343.5100 Web: www.stjstr.org

FROM THE DESK OF MRS. JASTER

APPLE OF MY EYE: Congratulations to the "Apple of My Eye" winners for the week! These children are celebrated for being "caught doing something good": Lauren Scott, Alexa Corey, Jake Edwards, Addison Hill and Carter Junod.



FIRST TRIMESTER GRADES: Marks for the first trimester will close on Friday, December 2nd. Report cards for the first trimester will be distributed on Monday, December 12th.

SERVICE CORPS NEWS:

Christmas Child Boxes: Thank you for your wonderful response to this collection of boxes for needy children around the world! We were able to send 150 Christmas Child boxes along!

JUST A THOUGHT: Since the liturgical season of Advent began last Sunday, I thought that our families might like to hear about an Advent Virus that I hope will take hold in our school community.



Be on the alert for symptoms of inner HOPE, PEACE, JOY, AND LOVE. The hearts of a great many have already been exposed to this virus and it is possible that people everywhere could come down with it in epidemic proportions. This could pose a serious threat to what has, up to now, been a fairly stable condition of conflict in the world.

Some signs and symptoms of THE ADVENT VIRUS:

- 1. A tendency to think and act spontaneously rather than on fears based on past experiences.*
- 2. An unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment.*
- 3. A loss of interest in judging other people.*
- 4. A loss of interest in interpreting the actions of others.*
- 5. A loss of interest in conflict.*
- 6. A loss of the ability to worry. (This is a very serious symptom.)*
- 7. Frequent, overwhelming episodes of appreciation.*
- 8. Contented feelings of connectedness with others and nature.*
- 9. Frequent attacks of smiling.*
- 10. An increasing tendency to let things happen rather than make them happen.*
- 11. An increased susceptibility to the love extended by others as well as the uncontrollable urge to extend it.*

Please send this warning out to all your friends. This virus can and has affected many systems. Some systems have been completely cleaned out because of it.

Source unknown



Lessons & CAROLS

Please join us on Sunday, December 11th at 7:00 PM in church. We will continue on our Advent journey toward Christmas. Our adult and children's choirs will lead us in song. Our parish lectors will proclaim our Advent and Christmas scripture stories. While this is taking place, the young people of the parish will form a tableau reminding us of the 1st Christmas. If you plan to attend, please bring a battery operated candle to use during the presentation. We hope many of you will make time to remember the true meaning of this wonderful season.

Parish Youth Ministry

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

In the true spirit of the Advent season **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. **No reservation required. Take out is available.**



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



TEEN MASS is Sunday December 11th at 9am

We look forward to celebrating the Liturgy together and your help with ushering would be appreciated. Please arrive a few minutes early

If you would be interested in spreading some Christmas cheer to our homebound parishioners, we will go caroling at 12pm on December 11th. Please rsvp to mompalo@aol.com and meet in Church parking lot at 11:50

Lessons & Carols will take place on Sun., December 11th at 7pm in the church.

The Nativity scene will form during the readings for this Advent celebration and students in 5th thru 12 grades are invited to take part. Costumes will be provided. There will be a practice on Monday, Dec. 5th at 7pm in the church.

Your participation would be greatly appreciated.



Second Sunday of Advent

“Repent for the kingdom of God is at hand”

Good News! John’s message of repentance isn’t about regret. Repentance means turning down a new road, finding a new path. It means *change*: a change of perspective and direction, a commitment to turn things around and live differently.

Our God is merciful, he knows our ways and calls us constantly to be relationship with him through his Son, Jesus. Perhaps this Advent we can challenge ourselves to put things into perspective.

In light of my relationship with God, what matters most in our families, in the world, and to God?

ADVENT EVENING OF REFLECTION:

HOPEFUL ANTICIPATION

Tuesday, December 6 @ 7:00 PM

Location: Church

Presenter: **Father Stephen Paolino**

Please contact Joan Fitzpatrick at the parish office or jfitzaff2@verizon.net, if you plan to attend by December 2.



THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY

Genesis 3:9-15; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38

Mary was conceived without sin, remained sinless her whole life, and bore Christ our Lord within her. In the Gospel Gabriel announces what is at the heart of this feast day. “Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.” this is why Mary could say “yes” to God. She had been saying yes to God’s love all her life! Our challenge to is listen to God, live in his abiding love so we may be filled with grace and bear his life within us!



Bereavement Support Group

We are starting a support group here at St. Robert’s for those who have lost a loved one. We are not professional grief counselors but want to offer this opportunity to share and pray together.

Tuesday, December 13 @ 9:45—10:45 AM
OR Wednesday, December 14 @ 7:00—8:00 PM

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

If you would like, feel free to bring a picture of your loved one.

Please RSVP to Joan Fitzpatrick if you would like to attend: jfitzaff2@verizon.net OR 215.343.0315.

discovering Christ

a seven-week experience

Thursdays, February 9 —March 23, 2017
6:30 —9:00 PM

(TBD—day and time for a daytime session)

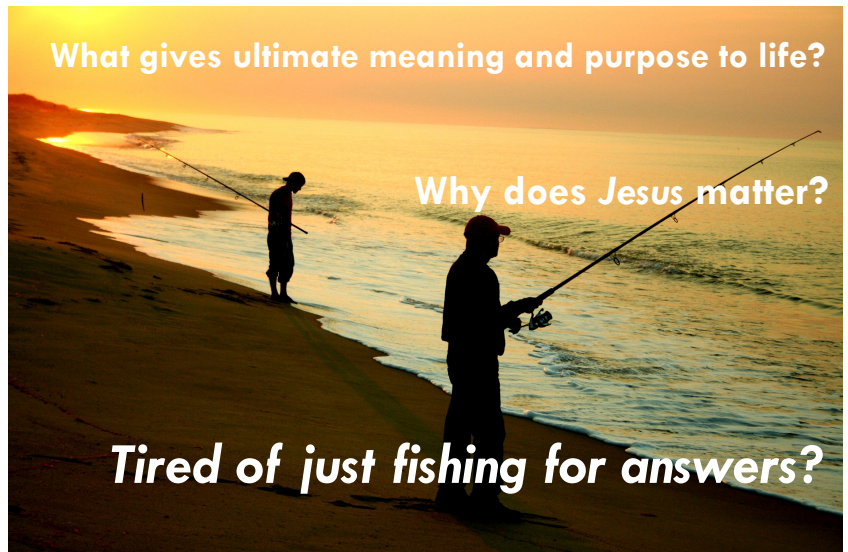
Join us for this new 7– session series where we gather to share a delicious dinner, listen to a dynamic teaching, and join in a small group discussion exploring some of the most important questions worth asking.

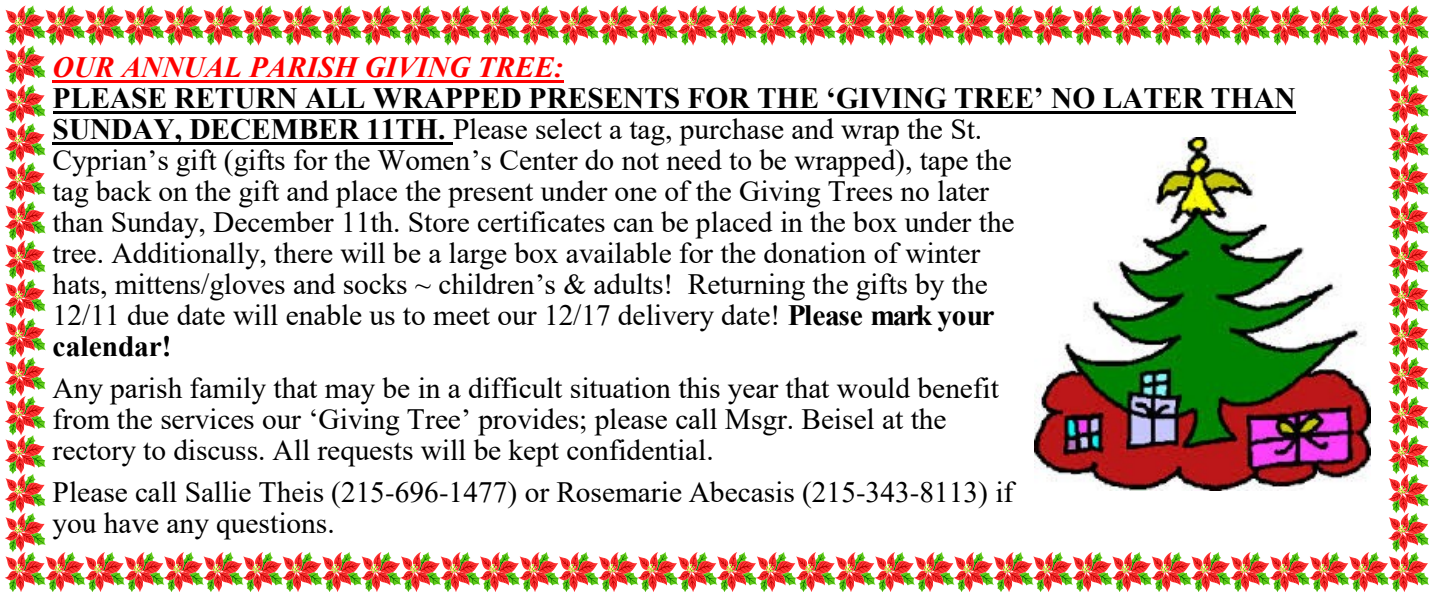
Please watch and listen for more details and registration!

What gives ultimate meaning and purpose to life?

Why does Jesus matter?

Tired of just fishing for answers?





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.



The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Reconciliation (also known as confession or Penance) is a sacrament instituted by Jesus Christ in his love and mercy to offer sinners forgiveness for offenses committed against God. At the same time, sinners reconcile with the Church, because it is also wounded by our sins.

RITE OF RECONCILIATION:

Priest gives a blessing or greeting.

Make the Sign of the Cross and say, "*Bless me, father, for I have sinned. My last confession was [give weeks, months, or years].*"

Confess all of your sins to the priest. (If you are unsure or uneasy, tell him and ask for help.) Say, "*I am sorry for these and all of my sins.*" The priest assigns a penance and offers advice to help you be a better Catholic.

Say an Act of Contrition, expressing your sorrow for your sins. The priest, acting in the person of Christ, then absolves you from your sins.

ACT OF CONTRITION:

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you, and I detest all my sins because of your just punishments; but most of all because they offend you, my God,



who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of your grace to sin no more and avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

Every time we sin, we hurt ourselves, other people, and God. In Reconciliation, we acknowledge our sins before God and his Church. We express our sorrow in a meaningful way, receive the forgiveness of Christ and his Church, make reparation for what we have done, and resolve to do better in the future.

To make a good confession we review our lives since our last confession, searching our thoughts, words, and actions for that which did not conform to God's command to love him and one another through his laws and the laws of his Church. This is called an examination of conscience.






EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE:

Recall your sins. Prayerfully ask yourself what you have done with full knowledge and full consent against God's and the Church's commandments.

- Do I cling to my will, my desires, my ways? Have I thanked God for his gifts to me?
- Have I reverence for the name of Jesus? Am I ashamed to witness to my faith in God to others?
- Did I take the name of God in vain? Did I curse or take a false oath?
- Did I miss Mass on Sundays or holy days of obligation through my own fault? Am I attentive at Mass? Did I keep fast and abstinence on the prescribed days?
- Did I hate or quarrel with anyone, or desire revenge? Did I refuse to forgive? Was I disrespectful?
- Did I get drunk? Did I take illicit drugs?
- Did I consent to, recommend, advise, or actively take part in an abortion?
- Was I unfaithful to my spouse? Did I engage in sexual activity outside of marriage?
- Did I steal or damage another's property? Have I been honest and just in my business relations?
- Have I been responsive to the needs of the poor and respected the dignity of others? Did I tell lies? Did I judge others rashly in serious matters?
- Have I envied other people?
- Am I able to forgive myself? Do I seek to be humble and to bring peace?

December 2016

CH	Church	MR	Meeting Room	AFF	Adult Faith Formation
CHP	Chapel	PL	Parish Lounge	AG	Afghan Group
CR	Conference Room	SDH	School Dining Hall	FC	Father's Club
FR	Family Room	SL	School Library	PG	Prayer Group
MMH	Msgr. Marley Hall	PO	Parish Office	PYM	Parish Youth Ministry
				S VdP	Saint Vincent de Paul

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 CHP-Mom's PG 7p	2	3 CHP-Confessions 3:30-4:30p Pickup Hospice Trays
4 P/U trays for Hospice	5 CHP-Adoration 9:30a - 4:00p CHP - PYM 7:30p PREP-Confessions in Church	6 CLC-EP Board 10:30a AFF-Advent Evening of Reflection 7p CHP- PG 7:30p Rosary at Solana 1:30p	7 CH-Altar Server Practice 4:30p	8  Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation Masses 7&9am, Noon & 7pm Parish Office Closed	9	10 PL- Men's Prayer Group 7a CHP-Confessions 3:30-4:30p Pickup Hospice Trays
11  CH-Lessons & Carols 7p	12 CHP-Adoration 9:30a - 4:00p Neshaminy Manor 2p CH & MMH- Advent Communal Confessions 7p	13 PL- Bereavement Group 9:45a PL - RCIA 7p CHP- PG 7:30p	14 PL - AFF AG-1p CH-Altar Server Practice 4:30p PL- Bereavement Group 7p	15 CHP-Mom's PG 7p	16	17 CHP-Confessions 3:00-4:30p Return Hospice Trays
18 Return Hospice Trays	19 CHP-Adoration 9:30a - 4:00p CHP - PYM 7:30p	20 CHP- PG 7:30p Parish Office Open 9-Noon Only	21 CH - SJR - Christmas Show 7p	22 Flower Delivery for Decoration CHP-Mom's PG 7p SJR-Noon Dismissal	23	24 No Confessions Christmas Eve Vigil Masses CH - 4, 6 & 8pm MMH - 4 pm 
25 Christmas Day CH - 7,9,11 am Mass 	26 No Adoration Parish Office Closed	27 CHP- PG 7:30p 9 am Mass Only - All Week Parish Office Open 9 am - Noon No PREP Classes - SJR School Closed	28 MR - Knights of Columbus 7p	29	30	31 CHP-Confessions 3:30-4:30p Pickup Hospice Trays
January 1	January 2 CHP - PYM 7:30p Parish Office Closed	January 3 CHP- PG 7:30p				

IMPORTANT PARISH INFORMATION

WEEKEND MASSES Saturday: Vigil 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	WEEKDAY MASSES 7:00 & 9:00 am - Monday/Friday 9:00 am - Saturday Summer: Weekday - 8:00 am Saturday - 9:00 am	HOLY DAYS (Except Christmas & New Years) 7:00 am & 9:00 am 12:00 noon 7:00 pm	CONFESSIONS Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 pm PARISH OFFICE HOURS 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.

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
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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
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Minister of Hospitality	Peter Vreeland	215-343-2091
Ministers of the Word	Deacon George Morris	215-343-0315
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Prison Ministry	Ray Rugarber	215-672-7678
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