Epiphany of Our Lord Church

December 8, 2013

2nd Sunday of Advent
Advent Wreath Lighting
At each Sunday Mass during Advent, a family will be invited to light the Advent Wreath, and carry the gifts in the Offertory Procession.

If your family would like to participate, you may contact Rosemary Barton at (610) 277-4659 or crrbarton@comcast.net.

Sisters of St. Joseph
Our annual national Retirement Fund for Religious appeal will be held this weekend, Dec. 7-8.

Youth Group Toy Drive
The toy drive to benefit the families served by Catholic Social Services of Norristown will be held this Sunday, Dec. 8. Baskets will be placed in the vestibule of the church, outside of the Adoration Chapel and outside of the REP/YM office in the school. Toys are needed for ages infant through 17. Ideas: books, craft kits, games, and other non-violent toys (please, no toy guns).

Immaculate Conception B.V.M.
Since Dec. 8 this year is the Second Sunday of Advent, The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception B.V.M. has been transferred to Monday, Dec. 9. Since the observance has been transferred, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception B.V.M. is NOT a holy day of obligation this year. Mass will be celebrated on Monday, Dec. 9, at 8:30 a.m.

Rosary and Morning Prayer
During Advent, the daily recitation of the Rosary will begin at 7:50 a.m. followed by Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours, and Mass at 8:30 a.m.

The Gospel of Matthew
Join us for six sessions on Wednesdays at 9:15 a.m. in the Rectory Meeting Room. Any questions: call Ken Clancy at (215) 699-8950.

Serve Our Neighbor
Christmas Giving Tree
The Giving Tree will be on display in the Church vestibule. The tags on the tree will be gifts for Project H.O.M.E.’s After School Program in North Philadelphia, and gifts for the St. Elizabeth’s Shelter for homeless men.
Gifts purchased should be placed in gift bags (with the tag attached) and placed under the tree no later than the 11:30 a.m. Mass next Sunday, Dec. 15. For more information, please call Kathy at (610) 279-3504.

St. Nicholas Shop
Volunteers are needed to help set up and run a small “toy shop” at Catholic Social Services located at 353 E. Johnson Highway, Norristown. Toys collected through the toy drive will be given out to families in need. Set up will take place Monday, Dec. 16, and the toys given out Tuesday, Dec. 17. Adults, teens, and middle-school students (6th grade and under with parent or older sibling) are welcome. More details to come. Please save the date!

Check out the Youth Ministry website for photos and upcoming events!

Youth Group Christmas Party
Grades 7-12 are invited to the Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec. 22, from 7-9 p.m. in the Parish Center. Please r.s.v.p. to ymmin@eol.comcastbiz.net.

Christmas Volunteers Needed
Please contact Catherine Fonash at (610) 272-3066 if you can help decorate the Church for Christmas.

Knights of Columbus
Keep Christ in Christmas
In keeping with the true meaning on the celebration of Christmas, the Knights of Columbus will be offering Keep Christ in Christmas magnets and crucifix night lights for sale in the Church vestibule.

Please support the Knights in this worthy cause so that they can continue the support of their numerous charitable activities.

March for Life
Save the date: Wednesday, Jan. 22. Cost for Epiphany of Our Lord members $20. Non-members $25. Sign up sheets are available in the Church vestibule.

Epiphany Calendars 2014
Thanks to the Lownes Funeral Home, 659 Germantown Pike, Lafayette Hill, we will be able to give these calendars at Christmas time to all parishioners.

You may contact Mr. Randall K. Lownes, Director at (610) 828-4430 for Traditional Funerals, Cremation Service, Pre-Planning Service and Memorial Programs.
Serve Our Neighbor Committee

Thanks to everyone for another successful Turkey Drive! Here is a link to the story that will be in the printed edition in the Norristown Times Herald and hopefully the Ambler Gazette. A copy at the rear of Church.

Visit http://www.timesherald.com/lifestyle/20131126/epiphany-parish-holds-successful-thanksgiving-drive. We are all blessed to have so many concerned, active parishioners (like you) that continually contribute time and money to the less fortunate!

Next project- the Christmas Giving Tree! Have a great Thanksgiving! If you are unable to access the link above- here is a copy of its content:

Epiphany parish holds successful Thanksgiving drive. The 16th Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Drive at Epiphany of Our Lord Church was another success. Over 200 Turkeys and 160 full dinners for a families of six were donated by parishioners.

Special thanks was given to SuperFresh and Weis Supermarkets for their continued support in storing the turkeys and to the eighth grade students of Holy Rosary Regional Catholic School for loading the trucks.

Confessions
Saturday, Dec. 21, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Masses
Christmas Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 24
Vigil Masses: 4 p.m. & 6 p.m.

Christmas Day, Wednesday, Dec. 25
7:30, 9:30, & 11:30 a.m.

New Year’s Schedule
Confessions
Saturday, Dec. 28, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Masses
Wednesday, Jan. 1, is the Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother of God and a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses will be celebrated on Tuesday, Dec. 31, at 5 p.m.; and Wednesday, Jan. 1, at 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Advent

“When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior’s first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming. By celebrating the precursor’s birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: ‘He must increase, but I must decrease’ ” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 524).
You Are Invited to the

Holy Rosary Craft Show

SATURDAY DEC. 7th 9-4
SUNDAY DEC. 8th 8-2

Try your luck for one of these great RAFFLE items:
5 for $10 / 12 for $20 / *Snowflake Level* 50 for $50

*Snowflake Special includes your personal Message handwritten on a paper Snowflake and displayed on the wall behind our Raffle Table*

Name: ________________________________________ Phone No. _________________________

*Message for our Snowflake Wall: ______________________________________________________

Enter number of chances for each prize you want to win!

___ 32" Flat Screen TV      ___ 2 Eagles Tickets (12/22)      ___ 2 Flyers Tickets (3/30)
___ Kindle Fire              ___ Starbucks Gift Basket       ___ Restaurant Package
___ Apple iPod Touch        ___ Godiva Gift Basket         ___ Entertainment Package
___ Camden Aquarium Family Pass ___ 2 Tickets Walnut Street Theater

To enter, complete ticket, include cash or check (payable to: Holy Rosary Craft Show)
Mail to: Patie Lampe @ 203 Pebble Beach Place Blue Bell, PA 19422

Look at a sample of the fabulous gifts available at this year’s Show!

* Lighted wine bottles
* Willow House home décor
* Hand-poured Soy wax candles
* Homemade chocolates
* American Girl items
* Handcrafted beaded jewelry
* Cookbook with free samples
* Home-made special-recipe BBQ sauce
* Miraculous Medal Shrine rosaries
* Hand-embroidered children’s clothes
* The latest in Tupperware
* Nature photography
* Natural dog treats
* Irish pottery
* Hair bows & tutus
* Spiritual candles & jewelry
* The latest in Discovery Toys
* Handcrafted blown glass

DONATIONS ACCEPTED!
Visa Gift Cards
Giant Scrip Cards
Home-Made Baked Items
Sat and Sun

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GAUDEAMUS Music Ministry invites you to a

Candlelight Christmas Concert

Sunday, Dec. 8
7:30 p.m.

Epiphany of Our Lord Church
3050 Walton Road  Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

Sunday, Dec. 15
3 p.m.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
600 Hamilton Street  Norristown, PA 19401

Constance Steuer, Piano ~ Thomas Rudolph, Trumpet
Sarah Agnew, Soprano ~ Luigi Mazzocchi, Violin
Kelly Brobson, Soprano ~ Anthony Pirollo, Cello
Michael Simmons, Guitar ~ Thomas Meany, Flute

Concert features sacred, classical and traditional music of the season.

Free and open to the public.
**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, Dec. 9**  
8:30 a.m. – Rose John

**Tuesday, Dec. 10**  
8:30 a.m. – Joseph Jason & Martin Addario

**Wednesday, Dec. 11**  
8:30 a.m. – Angelina Angelo

**Thursday, Dec. 12**  
8:30 a.m. – Joan Gibson

**Friday, Dec. 13**  
8:30 a.m. – Jennie & Wilbur Verbrugghe

**Saturday, Dec. 14**  
8:30 a.m. – Mary Elizabeth Gallagher

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**Stewardship is a way of life.**  
**Tithing is God’s Plan for Giving.**

**This Week’s Tithe** $19,859  
**Last Year’s Tithe** $19,843  
**Children’s Tithe** $24

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**From the Pastor:**

Pope Pius IX proclaimed in 1854 the dogma of the Immaculate Conception B.V.M. “The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin” (Ineffabilis Deus).

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**From the Children:**


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**Respect Life Rose**  
Is in Loving Memory of  
**Edward & Mildred Matulewicz**  
This rose will remain on the Altar in front of  
**The Blessed Mother**

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**Frozen Casserole Program Changes**

The Frozen Casserole Ministry has made some changes to the program to better serve the needs of the hungry in our area. The collection will now be held on the first Sunday of each month from **10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Rectory Meeting Room.** The casseroles will be delivered to the Patrician Society in Norristown who distributes them to needy families. Casseroles can still be placed in the Rectory Meeting Room freezer anytime. Tins will be available at the collection & at the freezer. Please call Suzanne Antonello at (215) 643-0599 if you have any questions about the program.

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**Why Poinsettias?**

Dec. 12 marks the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, as well as National Poinsettia Day. Legend has it that a poor young Mexican girl wanted to bring a gift to the Christ Child in her church, yet had no money. She picked some simple leaves, and when she reached the church, they had turned to beautiful red. When we give out of love, God makes even our most simple gifts special.

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**Altar Flowers**

For the benefit of those new to our parish, or not aware of this devotion, following are the details of our Altar Flowers Donations. The Art and Environment volunteers are devoted to make the altar look beautiful for every occasion. Arrangements can be sponsored by individuals in memory of the deceased, or for a special intention for the living. Your donation to the Altar Flowers helps our altar look beautiful. **Call Lydia Hayward at the rectory (610) 828-8634 to reserve the date.**

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**Please Pray For The Sick,**

Barbara Amici  
Peter Carlino  
Peter Cosumano*  
Todd Bailey  
Hanna Garman*  
Joseph Hreha  
Steve Idzik*  
Jim Jones, Jr.*  
Bill Keenan*  
Michael Koneski  
Mary Lauer  
Patricia Miamidian*  
Helen Miller*  
Michael O’Kane  
John Paoloca*  
Mary Pizzico*  
Jeff Phipps  
Jill Ramos  
Joseph Rozecki  
Nancy Varaso  
Sandra Young*  
*Parishioner

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**Stewardship Sunday Appeal** $44,394  
**Thyphoon Relief Appeal** $5,032  
**Thanksgiving** $1,470  
**Christmas Flowers** $1,302
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Pastoral Staff
Rev. Joseph J. Quindlen, Pastor
Rev. James J. Kelly, In Residence (Retired)

Permanent Deacons
Kenneth P. Clancy, Emil J. Wernert, Michael Pascarella, Jr.
William R. Radetzky (Retired), Joel M. Ziff, (Retired)

Parish Office Staff
Paris A. DiPietro: Business Manager
Constance M. Steuer: Director of Music
Lydia Hayward: Business Secretary
Anthony R. Mashaintonio: Maintenance Supervisor
John F. Phipps: Church Sacristan, part-time
Cecilia T. Dadario: Administrative Assistant, part-time
JoAnn O’Connor: Administrative Assistant
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Holy Rosary Regional Catholic School
www.holyrosaryregional.com

Perpetual Adoration Chapel
In order to keep our Perpetual Adoration Chapel open 24/7, we need your help. Please ask a family member or friend to consider spending time with our Eucharistic Lord Jesus. You can come to HIM, to praise and adore HIM or to pour out one’s heart to HIM, to ask for inspiration, to be consoled and comforted, to ask for favors and guidance, and to give thanks. Please call Elaine Thorpe at (610) 828-6925. If you can commit to any of the following Open Hours.

SUNDAY: 5-6AM, 1-2PM, 3-4PM, 8-9PM
MONDAY: 6-6AM, 12-1PM, 11AM-12PM, 4-5PM
TUESDAY: 5-6AM, 4-5PM, 9-10PM
WEDNESDAY: 9-10AM, 12Noon-1PM, 4-5PM, 5-6PM
THURSDAY: 6-7PM, 7-8PM, 10-11PM
FRIDAY: 5-6AM, 3-4PM, 7-8PM, 9-10PM, 10-11PM
SATURDAY: 6-7AM, 11AM-12PM, 12-1PM, 1-2PM, 3-4PM, 7-8PM, 9-10PM

NOTE: We are asking the men of the parish to cover the early morning times. Please do not leave any religious articles in the chapel, ie, books, magazines, metals, prayer cards, rosaries, etc.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 5 p.m. Vigil
(fulfills the Sunday Obligation)
SUNDAY: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., & 11:30 a.m.
DAILY: 8:30 a.m. Monday to Saturday
HOLIDAYS: Vigil at 7 p.m., 8:30 a.m., 12 & 7 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:30-4:30 p.m. and by appointment

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
After 4:30 p.m. by appointment only
Closed for lunch: 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.
SATURDAY By appointment only
SUNDAY 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
A mail slot is located in the rectory front door.

PARISH OFFICE REQUESTS

To register in the parish, arrange for a baptism, or request a Certificate of Eligibility for sponsorship at baptism or confirmation, contact the rectory Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (email is preferable). Also, please advise our office staff of any change of address, telephone number or family status. Thank you.

Anointing of the Sick

First Saturday of the month during 8:30 a.m. Mass or by special request. Please notify the rectory as soon as possible when any parishioner becomes seriously ill or is admitted to the hospital.

Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated after the 11:30 a.m. Mass every Sunday, with the option of baptism during the 11:30 a.m. Mass on the fifth Sunday of the month. Both parents must attend a Pre-Jordan class, which is held the first Wednesday of every month. Pre-Registration for the class is required by contacting the rectory. Sponsors are required to submit a Certificate of Eligibility from their parish two weeks prior to the baptism.

Marriage

Notify the priest of your intention to marry at least six months before the date of the wedding to assure sufficient preparation and to arrange for Pre-Cana sessions. Pre-Cana Days are held in April and October.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL—PERPETUAL NOVENA

After 8:30 a.m. Mass every Saturday