

Epiphany of Our Lord Church

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil

5 p.m.

Sunday

8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Daily

Monday to Saturday
8:30 a.m.

Holydays

8:30 a.m., 12:05 p.m.,
and 7 p.m.

Confessions

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

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday

8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. & by appointment
Closed for lunch: 12 p.m.-1 p.m.

Saturday: By appointment only
Sunday: By appointment only

*A mail slot is located in the
front door of the rectory.*

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun., Oct. 8, 2023



Rev. Thomas D. O'Donald, Pastor
frodonald@epiphanyofourlord.com

Permanent Deacons

Michael Pascarella, Jr.
Emil J. Wernert (Retired)

Office Staff

JoAnn O'Connor, Business Manager
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Parish Activities for the Week

Monday, Oct. 9—Blood Drive, 7 a.m.-12 p.m., GH.

Tuesday, Oct. 10—Women's Bible Study at 9:30 a.m., RMR; St. Vincent de Paul at 6:30 p.m., RMR.

Wednesday, Oct. 11—Legion of Mary at 10 a.m., RMR; Prayer Group at 3:30 p.m., C, Cub Scouts at 6 p.m., PC; Choir Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m., C.

Thursday, Oct. 12—Women's Bible Study at 7 p.m., PC; Knights of Columbus at 7 p.m., RMR; Boy Scouts at 7 p.m., UFCW Hall (3031 Walton Rd.).

Location Key

C=Church S=School PC=Parish Center GH=Grady Hall
RMR=Rectory Meeting Room L=Parking Lot/Fields

Upcoming Parish Activities & Events

Stewardship Sunday Appeal

This weekend, **Oct. 7-8**, our second collection is for our annual Stewardship Sunday Appeal.

Blood Drive

The next Bernie Toth Memorial Blood Drive will be **Monday, Oct. 9**, 7 a.m.-12 p.m. in Grady Hall. Sign up on the Red Cross website. Walk-ins welcome.

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

The next meeting of St. Vincent de Paul is **Tuesday, Oct. 10** at 6:30 p.m. in the Rectory Meeting Room. Contact cyanak@gmail.com.

Knights of Columbus Meeting

The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be held on **Thursday, Oct. 12** at 7 p.m. in the Rectory Meeting Room.

New Parish Grief Support Group

With the strength of our faith and community we can help each other journey through the grief process so that together we can begin to heal our broken hearts. The next meeting is **Monday, Oct. 16**, 3:30-5 p.m. in the Rectory Meeting Room. Contact the Parish Office.

Walking with Purpose Women's Bible Study New Sessions

Tuesday mornings for new members at 9:30 a.m. in the Rectory Meeting Room; Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. including a Young Women's group, in the Parish Center. Contact wwp@epiphanyoffourlord.com.

Eucharistic Miracle Exhibit

Be inspired to draw closer to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, the source and summit of the Christian life! **View the exhibit Oct. 1-31**. Hours are Sundays 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and Mondays-Saturdays 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Enjoy free admission and free parking. Bus groups are welcome. Call (610) 845-3000.

Metanoia Young Adults

Tuesday, Oct. 10: Bible Study at St David's, Willow Grove, at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 17: Theology on Tap @ Local Tap Lansdale; Doors Open at 7 p.m., Presentation begins at 7:30 p.m.

Email metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com.

The Miracles of the Eucharist and Blessed Carlo Acutis

In celebration of the feast day of Blessed Carlo Acutis, join us for a 35-minute Presentation of The Miracles of the Eucharist on **Wednesday, Oct. 11** following the 12:00 p.m. Mass. Location: National Centre for Padre Pio, 111 Barto Road, Barto, PA. Contact: (610) 845-3000.

Designer Bag Bingo

St. Philip Neri's Women's Guild invites you to their annual Designer Bag Bingo on **Friday, Oct. 13**. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Bingo starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets must be purchased by **Oct. 10**. Cost is \$40/person before Oct. 6 and \$45/person after Oct. 6. BYO beverages and food.

Contact Paula DiGiacomo at (610) 308-0797.

S.S.J. Welcome Center Fundraiser

Join the SSJ Welcome Center for our next Restaurant Night fundraiser on **Tuesday, Oct. 17**, 4:00 pm until closing, at MAGERKS, 582 S. Bethlehem Pike in Fort Washington. Mention the SSJ Welcome Center when ordering (Dine-In or Take-Out) and 15% of your bill will be donated back to the Welcome Center.

Examination of Conscience

To learn more, join us for our Next Patricians discussion on "Understanding Conscience." The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, Oct. 18** from 6:45-8:45 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Bridgeport. We meet in the coffee hour room -- enter from the Ford St parking lot. Refreshments will be served. For more information contact r.edel.lukens@gmail.com or (610) 256-7125.

Bishop Kenrick Reunion

Bishop Kenrick high school class of 1973 is having a 50th year reunion on **Saturday, Oct. 21** at the Bay Pony Inn in Lederach PA. Event will have a full-course buffet dinner, cash bar, live music, and is guaranteed to be a great time. Cost is \$70/person. For payment information please email sandy.lana@gmail.com.

Cardinal O'Hara Reunion

Cardinal O'Hara High School Class of 1973 will celebrate their 50th reunion on **Friday, Oct. 27** at the Springfield Country Club. For more information and tickets go to www.cohs.com then Alumni, then Reunions.

A Baby's Breath Silent Auction

All are invited to the dinner and auction on **Saturday, Oct. 28** at 6:30 p.m. at The Alloy (DoubleTree by Hilton), 301 West DeKalb Pike, King of Prussia. Special Guest: Rev. Stephen DeLacy. Auction features restaurant gift certificates, golf outings, gift baskets & much more! Tickets are \$75 per person (includes dinner and drinks). To register visit www.Ababysbreath.org/auctions.

St. Maria Goretti Class Reunion

Save the date for the St. Maria Goretti Class of 1963 60th reunion being held on **Saturday, Oct. 28**, 1-5 p.m. at Galdo's Catering, Philadelphia. For more information, contact Joanne Belfatto at jrmodonnell@verizon.net or Lydia Cabone at leelu740@verizon.net.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Why not give yourselves some time together by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? The next in-person experience is **Nov. 10-12** at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more info visit: <https://www.wwme-philly.org/>.

St. Mary Polish-American Raffle

The raffle will feature \$10,000 in prizes paid out to seven winning tickets. Tickets are \$50 each. A total of 500 tickets will be sold. Raffle proceeds support our mission of promoting Polish heritage in Montgomery County, PA and assistance with the restoration of St. Mary Catholic Church in Conshohocken, PA. The drawing will be held on **Sunday, Dec. 17** at St. Mary Hall. To purchase tickets, contact Dorothy Swedkowski at (610) 630-0861 or email us at raffle@stmarypolish.org.

New Lectors Needed

God is present in the proclamation of his Word. In addition to priests and deacons who proclaim the Gospel and preach, lectors are given the responsibility to proclaim the other readings at Mass, and occasionally the Responsorial Psalm, and in the absence of a deacon, read the Universal Prayer (formerly known as the Prayer of the Faithful).

We are in need of additional lectors. Training will be provided. If you feel called to this important ministry, email the Lector Scheduling Coordinator, Cathy Macrina at ccathm@aol.com.

Epiphany Job Opening

Our parish is seeking a Communications/IT Coordinator.

To inquire, please email JoAnn O'Connor at businessmanager@epiphanyofourlord.com or call the Parish Office at (610) 828-8634.

Thank You

A very special thank you to Nicole Zimmerman, our Communications/IT Coordinator, who served the parish for 12 years. As Nicole moves on to the next chapter of her life, may God continue to bless her and her family. We will miss you!

Martha's Choice Marketplace

Martha's Choice Marketplace, a part of Catholic Social Services, operates a food pantry on Johnson Highway in Norristown. Food and personal care items are distributed to those in our area who are in need.

Donations of the following would be greatly appreciated at this time: size 5 & 6 infant diapers, canned chicken, canned chili, rice, toilet paper and feminine hygiene items.

There is a bin in the back of church to leave your donations. No glass jars or expired food can be accepted. Thank you!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

SPAGHETTI DINNER



***Join us for another
Spaghetti Dinner in Grady Hall***

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM

Tickets will be on sale after Masses this weekend and next. Please purchase your tickets in advance so we can estimate our food estimate.

Cost this year ***remains*** at \$10/ person ages >12; \$5/person under age 12: A family ticket is \$25.

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Sr. Maeve Nativitas, SV
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Closing Prayer



Bishop John J.
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Saturday, October 28, 2023

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

National Shrine of
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Registration

- \$60 general admission
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From Father:

This past Wednesday was the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. He is the patron saint of Italy, a poor little man who astounded and inspired the Church by taking the gospel literally—not in a narrow fundamentalist sense, but by actually following all that Jesus said and did, joyfully, without limit, and without a sense of self-importance.

Serious illness brought the young Francis to see the emptiness of his frolicking life as leader of Assisi's youth. Prayer—lengthy and difficult—led him to a self-emptying like that of Christ, climaxed by embracing a leper he met on the road. It symbolized his complete obedience to what he had heard in prayer: "Francis! Everything you have loved and desired in the flesh it is your duty to despise and hate, if you wish to know my will. And when you have begun this, all that now seems sweet and lovely to you will become intolerable and bitter, but all that you used to avoid will turn itself to great sweetness and exceeding joy."

From the cross in the neglected field-chapel of San Damiano, Christ told him, "Francis, go out and build up my house, for it is nearly falling down." Francis became the totally poor and humble workman.

He must have suspected a deeper meaning to "build up my house." But he would have been content to be for the rest of his life the poor "nothing" man actually putting brick on brick in abandoned chapels. He gave up all his possessions, piling even his clothes before his earthly father—who was demanding restitution for Francis' "gifts" to the poor—so that he would be totally free to say, "Our Father in heaven." He was, for a time, considered to be a religious fanatic, begging from door to door when he could not get money for his work, evoking sadness or disgust to the hearts of his former friends, ridicule from the unthinking.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-francis-of-assis/>

Oremus pro invicem, Fr. O'Donald

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Oct. 9 8:30 a.m. Phillip J. Beichert	Thursday, Oct. 12 8:30 a.m. Mark Mullin
Tuesday, Oct. 10 8:30 a.m. Elaine Thorpe	Friday, Oct. 13 8:30 a.m. Pasqualino Corrado
Wednesday, Oct. 11 8:30 a.m. Gibson & Ada Niles	Saturday, Oct. 14 8:30 a.m. David McTamney

Adoration Chapel Votive Candles are Dedicated for:

Anthony Vigna

Anthony Krawczyk

Elaine Thorpe

Joe DeChristopher



Baptisms

We welcome to our parish family
Maeve Alexandra Makoid
 Baptized Oct. 1



Please Remember in Prayer

In Loving Memory

Dr. John Murray, Who died Sept. 30
 Husband of Joan. Father of Kathy, Lizanne,
 and the late John.



Weekly Tithing Report—Sept. 24, 2023
Sunday In-Pew Collections: \$ 6,113
Sunday Mailed in Envelopes: \$ 1,524
Sunday E-Giving: \$ 3,253
TOTAL: \$ 10,890

Pregnancy Hotline

Pregnant and need help? Call or text the hotline at (610) 626-4006 or text (484) 451-8104, 24/7, for assistance with pro-life options, supportive counseling and other resources.

Need Assistance?

Are you, or is someone you know in our community, in need of assistance? The St. Vincent de Paul Society may be able to help! We encourage to call or email us. All requests are kept in the strictest of confidence.

Phone: (267) 627-4436
 Email: eolsvdp@gmail.com

Please Pray for the Sick

Parishioners listed in bold.

Frank Campolongo
 Joe DeChristopher
Mary Keating
 Antonietta Pendlton
Virginia Sherbert
Luke Winterbottom

Joe Comber
 Joseph Guy
Josephine Paoella
 Lou Prinzivalli
Albert Sinopoli

Contact the Parish Office to update the list.

USCCB Prayer for an end to the Pandemic

Almighty and merciful God, source of all life, health and healing, look with compassion on our world, brought low by disease; protect us in the midst of the grave challenges that assail us and in your fatherly providence grant recovery to the stricken, strength to those who care for them, and success to those working to eradicate this scourge. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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 Parish Office during office hours at eo1@epiphanyofourlord.com. Also, please advise our office staff of any change of address, telephone number or family status.

Anointing of the Sick

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

Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated after the 10 a.m. Mass on Sundays upon request. Both first-time parents need to attend a Pre-Jordan class, which is held the first Wednesday of every month. Pre-Registration for the class is required by contacting the Parish Office. Sponsors not from Epiphany are required to submit a Certificate of Eligibility from their parish two weeks prior to the Baptism.

Matrimony

Notify the Parish Office 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.

Miraculous Medal—Perpetual Novena

After 8:30 a.m. Mass every Saturday.

Holy Communion for the Sick and Homebound

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available to bring Communion to the sick and homebound. Call the Parish Office at (610) 828-8634 to provide the office staff with the name, address and phone number of the sick or homebound parishioner.

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