

Epiphany of Our Lord Church

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil

5 p.m.

Daily

Monday to Saturday
8:30 a.m.

Sunday

8 a.m. and 10 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.*

1st Sunday of Advent



Sun., Dec. 3, 2023

Rev. Thomas D. O'Donald, Pastor

frodonald@epiphanyofourlord.com

Permanent Deacons

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Frances Luthy, Principal

Parish Activities for the Week

Monday, Dec. 4 — Grief Support Group at 3:30 p.m., RMR

Tuesday, Dec. 5 —Walking With Purpose at 9:30 a.m., RMR

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

Thursday, Dec. 7—Walking with Purpose 7p.m. PC, Boy Scouts at 7 p.m. UFCW Hall (3031 Walton Rd.)

Location Key

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

Upcoming Parish Activities & Events

Second Collection

This weekend's second collection will be for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

The Giving Tree

The will be on display in the church vestibule. Please see page 3 for more information.

Advent Books

The Little Blue Book will be available after Mass. They have daily meditations for Advent.

Annual Craft Show

The Holy Rosary Craft Show is this weekend **Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 2 & 3**. Please see page 3 for details.

Grief Support Group

The Grief Support Group will meet **Monday Dec. 4 and Dec. 18** in the Rectory Meeting Room at 3:30 p.m.

Family Tree Lighting & Nativity

Kick off the Christmas Season at our annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Live Nativity on **Saturday, Dec. 9**. Please see page 3 for details.

Parish Life Committee

Parish Life Committee meeting is **Wednesday Dec. 6** at 7pm in Parish Center room. All are welcome! We'll be discussing upcoming events.

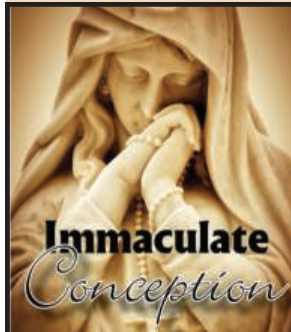
Second Sunday Social

You're invited for coffee and donuts! The Parish Life Committee is the hosting our *Second Sunday Social* on **Sunday, Dec. 10** at 11:00 a.m. in the church vestibule. Come and meet our volunteers and fellow parishioners.

The Pope's Intention for December

For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



Holy Day of Obligation

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on **Friday, Dec. 8**. Masses will be at 8:30 a.m., 12:05 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Advent Tree

The Advent Prayer Tree will be up the weekend of the first Sunday of Advent, **Dec. 2-3**. Parishioners are invited to write their Advent prayers on the available cards and hang them upon the tree.

Christmas Pageant

Holy Rosary Regional Catholic School presents its annual Christmas Pageant at Holy Saviour Church on Thursday, **Dec. 14** at 7p.m. Please join our students featuring our 8th graders as they present key points from the Annunciation through the Birth of our Lord. Students in grades 1-7 will sing songs in between different acts, which correspond with the story. We hope you will join us!

St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will meet **Tuesday, Dec. 12** at 7 p.m. in the Rectory Meeting Room.

Blood Drive

The next Red Cross Blood Drive, hosted by the Knights of Columbus, will be on **Friday, Dec. 22** from 7 a.m.– noon in Grady Hall.



Let's Decorate!

Volunteers are needed to help decorate the church for Christmas. This is a great way to get in the holiday spirit and welcome our Lord for Christmas. All skill levels welcome. The Flower Ministry will meet on **Friday, Dec. 23** from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more info please contact Nancy Anderson @ 215-264-5862.

HOLY ROSARY CRAFT SHOW 2023

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SATURDAY, DEC. 2 9:00 – 4:00

SUNDAY, DEC. 3 8:00 – 2:00

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*Enjoy a merry mimosa or
holiday cocktail from our
Sip and Shop!*

*Meet Santa Claus
Saturday 11a.m.-2 p.m.
Sunday 11 a.m. -1 p.m.*



Family Tree Lighting and Nativity

Saturday, Dec. 9
After 5 p.m. Vigil Mass

** Meet & Greet Santa*

** Cookies &
Hot Chocolate*

** Christmas
Carols*



The 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 gift cards for Project H.O.M.E.

The After School program gifts should be placed in gift bags with the tag attached. The gift cards should be placed in small gift bags with the tag attached. All gifts should be placed under the tree no later than **SUNDAY, DEC. 10** at the 10:00 AM Mass. Any questions, please call Kathy at 610-279-3504.

Gaudeamus

32nd Annual

Christmas Concert

Sunday, Dec. 10, 7 p.m.

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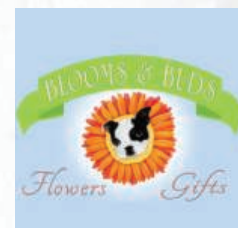
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 Bud & Food Drive Volunteers,
 May God bless each of you
 for what you do for our
 brother & sisters. It means
 so much to Our Father & I.
 Happy Thanksgiving to All!
 The William H. Rodgers III
 Family

Thank You



Epiphany Confirmation Candidates

More than 200 families had Thanksgiving dinner thanks to our **Annual Dr. Bill Rodgers Turkey Dinner Drive** coordinated by the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you to the volunteers who helped with drop-offs & packing. Thank you to Giant, Blue Bell & Weis Markets, E. Norriton. And thank you the Bill Rodgers family and everyone who donated meals! You made this happen!



Second Sunday Social

The Parish Life Committee hosted our monthly Second Sunday Social with special guests The Knights of Columbus.

New members are welcome to join all year long. Knights are Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their church.



December Parish Bulletin Earlier Submission Deadlines

Parish bulletin announcements must be submitted 11 days prior to the desired publication. Because of the holidays, we must send the final drafts to the printer earlier than usual. Please include day, date, time, place, and contact person with phone number and/or email address. Email us at bulletin@epiphanyofourlord.com.

Lighthouse Kiosk

As the Christmas season approaches, be sure to check out our kiosk for great gifts for all ages and on a variety of topics. All materials are available for a free-will offering.

Upcoming Workshops for Extraordinary Ministers

Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
St. Isaac Jogues Church, Wayne

Tuesday, Mar. 12, 2024, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Epiphany of Our Lord Church, Plymouth Meeting

Please register at: worship@archphila.org
Please include your name, workshop date and home parish name.

National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day December 7




From Father:

The Advent wreath is an old German tradition that has gained much popularity in the last few years. Most Christian homes and communities practice this custom during the Advent season. This sacramental is rich in meaning, is easy to implement and can either be simple, costing little, or very elaborate, costing more, handmade or store-bought, with fresh greenery, or permanent greens.

The Advent wreath is a wreath, or circle, of evergreens, made in various sizes. It is either suspended from the ceiling by ribbons (preferably purple) or placed on a table. The devotion is usually incorporated during the family meal, or during family night prayers. Fastened to the wreath are four candles standing upright, at equal distances. These candles represent the four weeks of Advent. Three of the candles are purple, reminding us of the penitential nature of the season. A rose or pink candle is lit for the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete (rejoice) Sunday. The name is taken from the entrance antiphon or Introit "Rejoice (gaudete) in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice." It is reminding us that the end of Advent is almost here, and we can hardly contain our joy.

The wreath should be in a circle, a symbol of eternity, and a reminder that God has no beginning nor end. The evergreen is a symbol of eternal life and a reminder that God is immutable or unchangeable.

The appearance of the actual Advent wreath is varied—everyone has their own interpretation of the Advent wreath. The look of your family's wreath depends on how much time and creativity you have to devote. Your family can create their own special wreath, or add personal touches to a store-bought wreath. With this devotion being so popular, one can go into any craft or garden store and buy a wreath. Any religious goods store carries several varieties, and the prices range from inexpensive to very costly.

Some families want to create a new wreath every year, with everyone involved in the activity. Using evergreens, however, does add the risk of fire hazard, especially as the greens go dry. For less risk, or with smaller children or tight schedules, you may want to consider making a permanent wreath that you can reuse every Advent.

Oremus pro invicem,
Fr. O'Donald

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Dec. 4

8:30 a.m.

John Kaputa

Tuesday, Dec. 5

8:30 a.m.

Linda Aladro Castaneda

Wednesday, Dec. 6

8:30 a.m.

Robert Coffey

Thursday, Dec. 7

8:30 a.m.

Nancy & Karen Batot

Friday, Dec. 8

The Immaculate

Conception

Saturday, Dec. 9

8:30 a.m.

Paul, Rosario, Angie

& Karen Colletti



Adoration Chapel Votive Candles are Dedicated for:

Anthony Vigna

John Kaputa

Robert Coffey

Please Remember in Prayer

Augustine Chialastri who died Nov. 23.

Husband of Dorothy.

Father of Jill, Suzanne, David and Greg.



In Loving Memory

Our Annual Stewardship Appeal continues.

Weekly Tithing Report—Nov. 19, 2023

Sunday In-Pew Collections: \$5,724

Sunday Mailed in Envelopes: \$988

Sunday E-Giving: \$1,858

TOTAL: \$8,570

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 you 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

Kinleigh Connelly

Joseph Guy

Josephine Paoella

Lou Prinzivalli

Virginia Sherbert

Luke Winterbottom

Joe Comber

Joe DeChristopher

Mary Keating

Antonietta Pendlton

Jeannette Salamone

Albert Sinopoli

Contact the Parish Office to update the list.

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!



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 eol@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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