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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.*

## **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**



**Sun., Dec. 31, 2023**

## **Rev. Thomas D. O'Donald, Pastor**

[frodonald@epiphanyofourlord.com](mailto:frodonald@epiphanyofourlord.com)

### **Permanent Deacons**

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

### **Office Staff**

JoAnn O'Connor, Business Manager  
Constance M. Steuer, Music Director  
Anthony R. Mashaintonio, Facilities Manager  
Gretchen Krawczyk, Communications Coordinator  
Sheila Curristin, Evangelization Coordinator  
Barbara Ebling, Admin. Assistant/Safe Environment

### **Youth Ministry Staff**

[youth@epiphanyofourlord.com](mailto:youth@epiphanyofourlord.com); (484) 545-0209  
Kevin Kozeniewski, Youth Minister

### **Religious Education Staff**

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Linda DiCampli, Coordinator  
Maryann Schieve, Administrative Assistant

### **Holy Rosary Regional Catholic School**

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[amyporter@holyrosaryregional.com](mailto:amyporter@holyrosaryregional.com)  
Frances Luthy, Principal

### Parish Activities for the Week

**Wednesday, Jan. 3** —Legion of Mary at 10 a.m., RMR; Prayer Group at 3:30 p.m., RMR, Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m., C, Cub Scouts at 6 p.m., PC; Parish Life Committee at 7 p.m. PC

**Thursday, Jan. 4**—Walking with Purpose 7p.m. PC, Boy Scouts at 7 p.m. UFCW Hall (3031 Walton Rd.)

**Friday, Jan. 5** —Blessing of Epiphany Water at 7p.m., C.

**Saturday, Jan. 6.**-Epiphany Feast Weekend: see page 3 for details

**Sunday, Jan. 7.**-Three Kings Breakfast at 11:00 a.m., GH

#### Location Key

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

### Upcoming Parish Activities & Events

#### Prayer Group

For the winter months, the Prayer Group will now meet in the Rectory Meeting Room on Wednesdays from 3:30—5:00 p.m.

#### Closed

The rectory office and the Adoration Chapel will be closed Monday, **Jan. 1.**

#### Parish Life Committee Meeting

The Parish Life Committee monthly meeting is **Wednesday, Jan 3** at 7p.m. in the Parish Center. They will be finalizing plans for the Epiphany Feast Weekend .

#### Save the Date, Arise!

The Office for Ministry with Youth, Archdiocese of Philadelphia is hosting Arise! Youth Evening of Adoration on **Sunday, Jan. 21** at 6p.m. at Epiphany of Our Lord Church. Event is open to 8th –12th grade students. For details visit [www.PhillyOMY.org](http://www.PhillyOMY.org).

### 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](mailto:worship@archphila.org)  
Please include your name, workshop date and home parish name.



### World Day of Peace

Sunday, Jan. 1

Every year on January 1, the Holy Father marks the World Day of Peace with a special message inviting all people to reflect on the important work of building peace. This tradition of messages for this day began with St. Paul VI in 1967.

### New Schedule for 2024

Effective Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024

#### Sunday

8 a.m. (Quiet) Mass

10 a.m. Mass

2:30—3:45 p.m. Confessions

4 p.m. Mass

#### Monday- Friday

8:30 a.m. Mass

#### Saturday

5 p.m. Vigil Mass

### Knights of Columbus Meeting

The Knights of Columbus will meet at 7 p.m. on **Thursday, Jan. 11**, in the Rectory Meeting Room. Plans for the corn hole tournament will be discussed. Contact [xmccreesh@gmail.com](mailto:xmccreesh@gmail.com).

### Instructional Basketball League (IBL) For 1st - 4th Grade Students

**Registration**

- Opens 12/30/23
- \$75 early bird; increases by \$15 on 1/14/24 at 11:59 pm
- Registration closes on 1/21/24 at 11:59 pm

**Skills Assessment**

- Saturday, January 27, 2024
- JV (1st and 2nd grade): 9:00 am to 10:30 am
- Varsity (3rd and 4th grade): 10:30 am to 12:00 pm


**Clinics**

- Start Tuesday, February 20, 2024

**Games**

- Start Saturday, February 24 + Sunday, February 25
- 5 weekends - ending Sunday, March 24, 2024

Register at [www.hrcyo.com](http://www.hrcyo.com) Questions: [holyrosaryregionalcyo@gmail.com](mailto:holyrosaryregionalcyo@gmail.com)



**Blessing of  
Epiphany Water**

Friday, January 5  
7:00 p.m.

The blessing of Epiphany water is a special blessing in memory of Jesus Christ sanctifying the Baptism waters. It is a powerful blessing, one that reminds us of the spiritual power of holy water and encourages us to use it in faith. This is a Traditional Latin Rite.

*Blest water will be available afterwards - bring your own small containers.*

## EPIPHANY OR OUR LORD Catechism Class

*Registration is open!*

Discover the richness of the Catholic faith through a friendly catechism program intend for adults and youth 16+ who are seeking to make a sacrament of initiation (Confirmation, Eucharist, or Baptism)

Join us on a 12-week journey where we will explore the core teachings of the Church, deepen our faith understanding and prepare to receive sacraments.

### Spiritual Leaders

Rev. Thomas O'Donald, Pastor  
Deacon Michael Pascarella, Jr.

### Lessons include:

- ◆ Contemporary YOUCAT catechism materials
- ◆ The Sacraments
- ◆ The Creed
- ◆ Prayer Life

### Lesson Timetable

Sunday  
Weekly Jan. 7 to Mar. 24, 2024

Mass  
10:00 a.m.

Lesson  
11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### Register

Epiphany of Our Lord rectory office,  
call 610-828-8634, or  
email [eol@epiphanyoffourlord.com](mailto:eol@epiphanyoffourlord.com)

**There is no charge to participate.**

**2nd Annual  
Our Feast Day Celebration**

***Epiphany of Our Lord  
Feast Weekend***

**Saturday January 6th**  
8:30 am  
*Feast Day Mass*

After Mass to 11:00 AM  
*Service Project with Coffee/Snacks  
In The Parish Center Rooms*

**Sunday January 7th**  
11:00 am  
*Three Kings Breakfast  
In Grady Hall*

*Event organized by the Parish Life Committee.  
[Parishlife@epiphanyoffourlord.com](mailto:Parishlife@epiphanyoffourlord.com)*





# The Solemnity of Mary

IS NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THIS YEAR

## January 1st

### Mass at 8:30 a.m.



Prayer in Honor of  
Mary, Mother of God

You enclosed under your heart the infinite God whom no space can contain. Through you the Most Holy Trinity is adored and glorified, the priceless cross is venerated throughout the universe. Through you the heavens rejoice, and the angels and archangels are filled with gladness.

## The Giving Tree



The annual Christmas Giving Tree was a great success once again this year!

We collected 47 toys for Grades K-4 and 25 \$30 Target gift cards for Grades 5-8 for Project H.O.M.E.'s After School Program.

We also provided 41 \$30 Target gift cards for the clients of Project H.O.M.E.

Also, thank you to Linda DiCampli and the Religious Education students for providing the tags for the tree.

Thank you, as well, to The Pinnacle Group for providing 37 gift cards to Project H.O.M.E. and thank you to Marcum LLP for providing gift cards (\$500) to Martha's Choice Marketplace customers.

*Your generosity is greatly appreciated!*



*Gift delivery to the Honikman Learning Center which is part of Project Home.*

God  
Bless  
You In The  
New Year

**The Year of Prayer 2024 &  
The Jubilee Year 2025  
The Year of Prayer**

In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope', 2024 has been designated a Year of Prayer by Pope Francis. It starts this Advent.

There is a particular focus on the Our Father, and this presents us with a great opportunity to go back to the basics of prayer.

# 2024

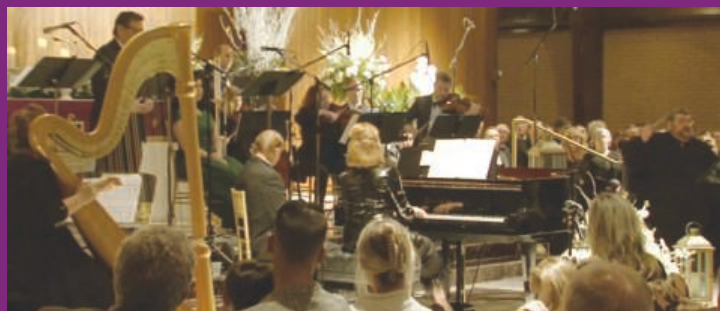
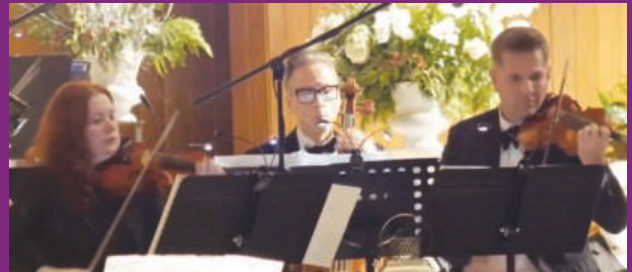




*A sincere thank you for the tremendous turn-out for the Gaudeamus Christmas Concert on December 10th. We were thrilled to see a full church with parishioners, family, friends and many members of the community. The free-will donations from the Epiphany Concert yielded over \$30,000 which will be donated to Vera's Village. The Gaudeamus Christmas concert series raised close to \$60,000 and we are honored to donate that to a variety of charitable organizations.*



*To view a live video of the concert, please visit [www.leturejoice.org](http://www.leturejoice.org)  
32nd Annual  
Christmas Concert*



*We look forward to seeing you again December 2024!!!*

## **From Father:**

### *Embracing the Holy Family's Lessons in Our Lives*

Dear Parishioners,

As we gather to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family on this last Sunday of the year, we are invited to reflect on the profound example set by Mary, Joseph, and Jesus. Their lives offer us a timeless model of faith, love, and obedience, virtues that can deeply enrich our own family lives.

The Holy Family's journey was not without challenges, yet their unwavering faith and love for each other and God remained steadfast. In Mary and Joseph's nurturing of Jesus, we see the embodiment of parental love, sacrifice, and faith. Their story encourages us to ask ourselves: How can we foster these virtues in our own families?

As we bid farewell to this year and welcome the new, it is a fitting time for reflection. Let us contemplate the past year in our family life. What were the challenges we faced, and how did our faith help us navigate them? What joys did we share, and how did these moments bring us closer to God and each other?

The new year is a time of renewal and hope. I encourage each of you to consider resolutions that can strengthen your family's faith journey. Perhaps you might commit to praying together more often, or engaging in acts of service as a family.

Our families are not islands; they are integral parts of our broader church community. The support, love, and faith we cultivate within our families can spill over into our parish, enriching our collective experience of God's love and grace.

In this festive season, I offer prayers and blessings for each of your families. May you find in the Holy Family a source of inspiration and strength. May your homes be filled with love, your decisions guided by faith, and your actions reflective of the love and obedience shown by Mary, Joseph, and Jesus.

Let us look to Mary and Joseph's example of unwavering trust in God, especially in times of uncertainty or difficulty. Their lives remind us that with faith, all obstacles can be overcome, and all burdens can be lightened.

Oremus pro invicem,  
Fr. O'Donald

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, Jan. 1**  
8:30 a.m.  
*The Solemnity of Mary*

**Tuesday, Jan. 2**  
8:30 a.m.  
*Paul Mirabile*

**Wednesday, Jan. 3**  
8:30 a.m.  
*Paul Mirabile*

**Thursday, Jan. 4**  
8:30 a.m.  
*George Pupek*

**Friday, Jan. 5**  
8:30 a.m.  
*John & Sabin Friede*  
25th Anniversary

**Saturday, Jan. 6**  
8:30 a.m.  
*The people of the Parish*



*Adoration Chapel Votive Candles are Dedicated for:*

*Anthony Vigna*

### **Weekly Tithing Report—Dec. 17, 2023**

**Sunday In-Pew Collections:** \$7,239

**Sunday Mailed in Envelopes:** \$655

**Sunday E-Giving:** \$2,163

**TOTAL:** \$10,057

### **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](mailto:eolsvdp@gmail.com)

### **Updating the Pray for the Sick List**

Please contact the rectory office, 610-220-6439 or [eol@epiphanyofourlord.com](mailto:eol@epiphanyofourlord.com), to add or remove names to the *Pray for the Sick* list for the new year.

### **Please Pray for the Sick**

Parishioners listed in bold.

**Frank Campolongo**  
Kinleigh Connelly  
Joseph Guy  
**Josephine Paoella**  
**Jeannette Salamone**  
**Albert Sinopoli**  
**Andrew Uivary**

**Joe Comber**  
Joe DeChristopher  
**Mary Keating**  
Antonietta Pendlton L  
**Virginia Sherbert**  
**Luke Winterbottom**

Contact the Parish Office to update the list.





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**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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