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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil

5 p.m.

Daily

Monday to Friday

8:30 a.m.

Sunday

8 a.m., 10 a.m.

and 4p.m.

Holydays

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

7 p.m.

Confessions

Sunday

2:30 -3:45 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.

Sunday, September 15, 2024

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



**PARISH
FESTIVAL**

Rev. Thomas D. O'Donald, Pastor

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Michael Pascarella, Jr.

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Frances Luthy, Principal

Parish Activities for the Week

Sunday, Sept 15: Parish Community Festival , 11:30-5:30, EOL Campus

Monday, Sept. 16: PREP at 6:30pm, S

Wednesday, Sept. 18: Prayer Group at 3:30 pm, RMR; Nourish at 1:30pm, C; Cub Scouts at 6:30 pm, PC

Thursday, Sept. 19: Boy Scouts 7pm, UH

Location Key

C=Church S=School PC=Parish Center GH=Grady Hall

RMR=Rectory Meeting Room L=Parking Lot/Fields

UH=UFCW Union Hall

Parish Activities & Events

Second Collection

This weekend's second collection is for the Black and Indian Mission.

Prayer Group

Our Parish Prayer Group meets on **Wednesdays** at 3:30 p.m. in the Rectory Meeting Room.

Catechetical Sunday

On **Sunday, Sept. 15**, the church designates us to celebrate and pray for the Church's mission to teach the Gospel to all people. Catechists and Aides in the Parish Religious Education Program, PREP, will receive a blessing at the 10 o'clock Mass as they begin a new year in ministry.

Nourish for Caregivers

The next Nourish for Caregivers meeting will be on **Wednesday, Sept. 18** at 1:30 in the Church Narthex. The discussion will be about *Roles in Caregiving and Decisions We Face*.



walking with purpose

Women's Dinner

Your Invited!

Thursday, October 3

at 6:30 p.m.

Epiphany of Our Lord Church

Grady Hall

Sign up by Thursday, September 26 at

eol.flocknote.com/signup/177333

Or call 610-828-8634

There is no cost to attend.

No commitment to join Walking With Purpose.

From Father:

This Sunday, we come together to celebrate the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, which also marks Catechetical Sunday. This day is an opportunity for us to reflect on the essential role of catechesis in the life of our parish and the wider Church. Catechetical Sunday reminds us that each of us, through our baptism, is called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. It is a day to recognize the vital ministry of those who serve as catechists, and teachers nurturing the seeds of faith within the hearts of our young people, new members, and indeed, all of us.

The theme for this year's Catechetical Sunday is "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened" (Matthew 11:28). This simple yet profound invitation from Jesus speaks to the core of our faith: our call to draw near to Christ, who offers rest for our souls and guidance for our lives. Whether we are teaching in a classroom, sharing our faith in conversation, or living our faith through our actions, we are all invited to lead others closer to Him.

I want to take a moment to thank and commend all our dedicated catechists, teachers, and volunteers who serve so selflessly. Your commitment to forming disciples and sharing the beauty and truth of our Catholic faith is truly inspiring. May God continue to bless you and fill you with His wisdom and grace.

Additionally, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has worked so diligently over the past weeks to make our Parish Community Festival and Welcome Week events such a success. From the planning and organizing to setting up, welcoming newcomers, and ensuring everyone had a wonderful experience, your hard work and dedication have made these events a beautiful witness to our parish community's spirit and hospitality. Let us continue to work together, inspired by the love of Christ, to build a parish that truly reflects His heart.

**Oremus pro invicem,
Fr. O'Donald**

Pancake

Save the date!

Breakfast

December 15

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2nd Annual Parish Community Festival



Sunday September 15
11:30am - 5:30pm

A FUN DAY FOR ALL AGES
FOOD + BEER GARDEN + BANDS
MOON BOUNCES + PONY RIDES + ZOO PRESENTATION
BINGO + SPORTING GAMES + RAFFLES
TICKETS ON SALE AFTER ALL WEEKEND MASSES
BUFFET: ADULTS \$20, KIDS \$10

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Parish Community Festival ITINERARY OF EVENTS

- 11:30 am Festival begins! (entry & activity sales)
- 11:45 am Orlando Band takes the PCF Stage
- 11:45 am– 5:15pm Food & beverages served
- 12:00 pm Boy Scouts' demonstration & activities
- 12:00 pm Bake Sale Opens
- 12:00-5:00 pm Field Games begin (Pickleball, Bocce ball, Cornhole, Golf skills & more)
- 12:30-1:15 pm Elmwood Park Zoo Presentation
- 1:15-2:45 pm DJ Music with group dances a special guest
- 1:30-2:30 pm Pony Rides
- 2:00–4:00 pm Bingo and Pumpkin Decorating
- 3:00 pm Sponsor Thank You
- 3:00– 4:00 pm Harmonville Fire Co. Firetruck
- 3:15-5:15 pm *The Legendary Supernaturals Band*
- 5:15 pm Basket raffle \$5000 winner announced and 50/50 Raffle results
- 5:30 pm Festival Concludes/Clean-up begins

A graphic for a \$5,000 raffle. It features a stack of raffle tickets with the text 'EOL PARISH COMMUNITY FESTIVAL' at the top, '\$5,000 Raffle' in large letters, and '\$50 Ticket for a chance to win \$5,000 Cash Prize'. Below this, it says 'Tickets on Sale at all Weekend Masses starting August 17 until 200 tickets are sold.' and 'Drawing will be at 5:00pm at the Parish Community Festival on September 15th.' The background is a collage of many small raffle tickets.



“Thanks to the generosity of so many people throughout our local Church, I am thrilled to share that the Catholic Charities Appeal has eclipsed the half-way point of its goal this year! We have raised \$6.5 million so far and that is outstanding! With God’s grace and your continued support, we will reach the \$ 10 million goal. These funds will allow us to bring hope to hundreds of thousands of people in need throughout the region who count on our charitable ministries.”

– Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D., Archbishop of Philadelphia

The 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal is more than halfway to reaching its \$10 million goal, and we need your help to get there! A gift of any size can be a powerful catalyst for hope, enabling countless ministries and programs across our five-county region to provide critical services—such as food, shelter, medical care, and more—to nearly one million people each year. Thank you for your incredible generosity and support!

To make a gift to the 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal, scan the code or visit catholiccharitiesappeal.org.

Thank you for your incredible generosity and support!



EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT UPGRADES HOLY ROSARY PLAYGROUND

This summer, parishioner and Parish Sacristan, Ryan Shipp took on a project to make fixes, improvements and additions to the playground on the parish grounds. Over 2 weekends, Ryan and his team of scouts and others pushed through the summer heat and made a significant difference in the playground. Degraded fence items were replaced, additional wood chips and ground material was installed and properly graded, and 2 new benches were added to provide a comfortable resting place for anyone.

The Knights of Columbus were proud to provide the financial support for the project. The playground looks fantastic! Thank You Ryan!

EOL Youth Ministry

YOUTH NIGHT SCHEDULE

Sundays 7:00 - 8:30 pm
In the Parish Center

SEPT 22

Kickoff Night

OCT 20

Halloween Party

NOV 10

YouthGivings Party

DEC 15

Christmas Party

JAN 12

Epiphany Feast Night

FEB 9

Vocation Awareness Night

MARCH 16

Lenten Mini Retreat

APRIL 27

Easter Party

MAY 18

Marian Night

JUNE 8

Senior Send Off Party

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INFO PLEASE EMAIL:
YOUTH@EPIPHANYOFOURLORD.COM

Around the Archdiocese

Metanoia Young Adults, Inc.

Metanoia, an active community of young Catholics in their 20s and 30's of Montgomery County, invites you to deepen your faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. www.metanoiayoungadults.org.

September

Tuesday, Sept. 17: Doors 7pm, Presentation 7:30pm
Theology on Tap, Local Tap Lansdale

Saturday, Sept. 21, 12-4pm: Picnic
Plains Park, Hatfield

Tuesday, Sept. 24, 7:30pm: Prayer, Penance, Pub
Mary Mother of the Redeemer, North Wales

HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT

Visitation BVM School Gym
190 N. Trooper Rd., Trooper, Pa 19403
Thursday, Oct. 3
6:30-8:00pm

High School night is a wonderful way for parents and students to have an opportunity to speak to various Directors of Catholic high school admissions and student representatives.

This event is FREE and open to the public and all area middle school students and parents are invited.

If you have any questions, please contact Angela Zampogna 610-212-1002, skang12178@gmail.com




Mount Saint Joseph Academy

Join us for our annual fall Open House on **Sunday, Sep. 29**, from 10am-1pm!

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Weekly Tithing Report—September 1, 2024

Sunday In-Pew Collections: \$6,669
Sunday Mailed in Envelopes: \$2,028
Sunday E-Giving: \$4,282
TOTAL: \$12,979

Poor Boxes

Contributions made to the Poor Boxes located at the church entrances are given to the **Saint Vincent de Paul Society** and directly help those in need in our community of Plymouth Meeting.

Thank you for your support!

Clothing Donation Bins

Epiphany of Our Lord Parish is partnering with Clean House Recycling to help support the parish and our **St. Vincent de Paul Society**. Green recycling bins have been placed in the far parking lot, next to the school along Walton Road. Useable Clothing and shoes are accepted. Please do not donate furniture or household items.



Need Assistance?

Are you, or is someone you know in our community, in need of assistance? Our **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



Beyond the Bulletin
Check us out on social media



To receive our monthly E-Newsletter, click on the cute FlockNote sheep on our website's homepage.

Parish Bulletin Submission Deadline

Submit announcements by the Tuesday 7 days prior to the desired publication date. Announcements are to include day, date, time, place, and contact person with phone number and/or email address.

Email to bulletin@epiphanyofourlord.com.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 16
8:30 a.m.
Sam Paoella

Tuesday, September 17
8:30 a.m.
George Zinni

Wednesday, September 18
8:30 a.m.

Msgr. James Baldrick

Thursday, September 19
8:30 a.m.
David Pierfy

Friday, September 20
8:30 a.m.
Barbara Nesse



Adoration Chapel Votive Candles are Dedicated for:

*Anthony Vigna Connor McDevitt
David Pierfy*

Please Pray for the Sick

Parishioners listed in bold.

Lenn Catley
Frank Campolongo
John Cogan
Lisa Connelly
Marie DiDomizio
Fr. James Kelly
Harry Morrione
Barbara Pearce
Brian Thomas

Carol Campolongo
Geraldine Connor
Kinleigh Connelly
Michael Cross
Donna Jenkins
Connor McDevitt
Patrick J. Kenney
Joseph Spanier
Gary Warecki

Contact the Parish Office to update the list.



The Respect Life Rose

For this week was for
Barbara Alexander

The rose is placed on the Altar in front of
The Blessed Mother.



Baptism

We welcome to our parish family

Tanner Hotchkiss

Baptized on September 7



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.

Spiritual Support for Addiction

If you or someone you love is seeking spiritual support on the road to recovery from addiction, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia invites you to visit arch-phila.org/hope for information on events and resources.



Martha's
Choice Marketplace & Community Farm
Catholic Social Services

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.

**In September we are in need of...
Diapers, all sizes needed, except for newborn,
And canned
Chicken, tuna and beef**

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

Anointing of the sick is 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.

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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