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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.*

34th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun., Nov. 26, 2023

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Rev. Thomas D. O'Donald, Pastor

frodonald@epiphanyofourlord.com

Permanent Deacons

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

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Parish Activities for the Week

Tuesday, Nov. 28 —Walking With Purpose at 9:30 a.m., RMR

Wednesday, Nov. 29—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, Nov. 30—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
RMR=Rectory Meeting Room L=Parking Lot/Fields

Upcoming Parish Activities & Events

Second Collection

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

The Giving Tree

The will be on display in the church vestibule beginning the weekend of **Nov. 25-26**. Please see page 4 for more information.

Annual Craft Show

The Holy Rosary Craft Show will be **Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 2 & 3**. Please see page 4 for details.

Family Tree Lighting & Nativity

Kick off the Christmas Season at our annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Nativity on **Saturday, Dec. 9** Please see page 4 for details.

Parish Life Committee

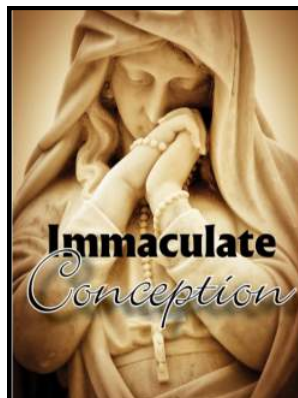
Parish Life Committee meeting is **Wednesday Dec 6** at 7pm in Parish Center room. All are welcome! We'll be discussing upcoming events.

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.

Blood Drive

The next Red Cross Blood Drive, hosted by the Knights of Columbus, will be on **Friday, Dec. 22** from 6 a.m.– 1 p.m. in Grady Hall.



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.

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.

Advent by Candlelight

The women of *Walking With Purpose* from St. Helena's invite you to join them for an evening of reflection on the beauty of the coming Christ into each of our hearts and homes on **Wednesday, Dec. 6** from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at St. Helena's Church in Blue Bell.

RSVP by Nov. 29: sthelenawwp@gmail.com or Susan at 610-953-2339.

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



*Christmas from
Notre Dame
2023 Tour*



The Notre Dame Glee Club and Symphony Orchestra will be performing a Christmas concert on **Tuesday, Dec 19, 7:30 p.m.** at the Verizon Theater, Kimmel Center. General Admission is \$10. Proceeds benefit Feeding America.

40 HOURS



Thank you to everyone who took part in our 40 Hours devotion this past week. And a special thanks to Msgr. Joseph J. Nicolo for benediction and vespers and to Deacon Michael Pascarella, the Master of Ceremonies.



HOLY ROSARY CRAFT SHOW 2023

SIP, SHOP, DINE & WIN!

SATURDAY, DEC. 2 9:00 – 4:00

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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 beginning the weekend of **Nov. 25-26**.

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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*Please join us for an uplifting
and spiritual Christmas Concert
of traditional, classical and
sacred music of the season.*

*A free will donation will
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*Admission is free and open to
the public.*

*This performance will be live
streamed on our website
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Memorial Opportunity

New Votive Candle Stands were placed beside the Blessed Mother and the Infant of Prague statues. If you would like to contribute in memory of someone special by sponsoring the candle stands please contact the rectory to inquire this about memorial opportunity.



Recycling 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.



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!



Upcoming Workshops for Extraordinary Ministers

Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023 10:00 a.m.—Noon in the main church, Saint Andrew the Apostle Church, Drexel Hill

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Share your time and talents, enrich your faith, and help your fellow parishioners serving in these ministries:

- Become a **LECTOR**. Lectors proclaim readings at Mass, and occasionally the Responsorial Psalm, and in the absence of a deacon, read the Universal Prayer. Week-day and Sunday options; training provided.
- Help prepare the altar for Mass during the liturgical year by being part of the **Altar Linen Care Group**.
- Become a **Eucharistic Minister**. Assist in distributing Holy Communion at Mass or by bringing Holy Communion to the homebound or those in various facilities.
- Are you friendly and welcoming? Our Parish has many events throughout the year. Come, be part of the **Hospitality Team**.

For more information, please call the rectory at 610-828-8634.

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.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Nov. 27
 8:30 a.m.
 Rose Mary Barton

Tuesday, Nov. 28
 8:30 a.m.
 Armando M. Moral

Wednesday, Nov. 29
 8:30 a.m.
 Mary Sienko

Thursday, Nov. 30
 8:30 a.m.
 Patricia Sotnyk

Friday, Dec. 1
 8:30 a.m.
 Anna Cunnane

Saturday, Dec. 2
 8:30 a.m.
 Peter DePaul



Adoration Chapel Votive Candles are Dedicated for:

*Anthony Vigna
 Al DiCampi*

*Nicholas Lamina
 Patricia Meleady Newsome*

From Father:

Celebrating Christ the King: A Reflection on His Eternal Kingship



The Feast of Christ the King, established in 1925 by Pope Pius XI, marks a profound moment in the Christian liturgical calendar. This feast, falling on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, serves as a powerful reminder of Christ's spiritual sovereignty over all aspects of life.

In a world grappling with rising secularism and moral challenges, this day reaffirms Jesus Christ's role as the ultimate shepherd and ruler. It calls believers to reflect on a kingship characterized not by power or dominion, but by unconditional love, humility, and service. This celebration is a counterpoint to worldly ideas of authority, emphasizing Christ's message of universal peace and justice.

Scriptures like Revelation 19:16 and Isaiah 9:6-7 vividly portray Christ's majesty and his eternal reign. These passages encourage Christians to contemplate the nature of His rule - one that transcends earthly powers and brings a promise of eternal peace.

This feast is not just a day of ritual; it's a call to action. It challenges us to embody Christ's teachings in our daily lives, advocating for justice, and being instruments of His love and compassion. In recognizing Christ as King, we commit ourselves to building His kingdom on earth - a kingdom rooted in charity, peace, and service to others.

As we observe this significant day, let us embrace the full meaning of Christ's kingship in our lives. Let it be a source of hope, guiding us towards a future anchored in His eternal love and wisdom.

Lord, reign in our hearts and guide us in your path of righteousness and peace. Amen.

*Oremus pro invicem,
 Fr. O'Donald*

Weekly Tithing Report—Nov. 12, 2023

Sunday In-Pew Collections: \$7,035
Sunday Mailed in Envelopes: \$1,884
Sunday E-Giving: \$5,789
TOTAL: \$14,708

*Our Annual Stewardship Appeal continues.
 Thank you for your support!*

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 archphila.org/hope for information on events and resources

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
 Kinleigh Connelly
 Joseph Guy
Josephine Paoella
 Lou Prinziavalli
Virginia Sherbert
Luke Winterbottom

Joe Comber
 Joe DeChristopher
Mary Keating
 Antonietta Pendlton
Jeannette Salamone
Albert Sinopoli

Contact the Parish Office to update the list.

Reliquary Collection of Fr O'Donald

Holy Saint Relics will remain on display until the end of November for viewing and prayerful reflection. The table is on the right of the altar.



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| 1. Saint John Vianney | 4. Saint John Neumann |
| 2. Saint Aloysius Gonzaga | 5. Saint Dominic |
| 3. Saint Pius X | 6. Blessed Francis Seelos |

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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