



# Sacred Heart Parish

## First Sunday of Advent

### **PASTOR**

Rev. Michael F. Hennelly

### **DEACONS**

Deacon Justin Watkins  
Rev. Mr. Manuel Flores

### **WEEKEND ASSISTANTS**

Rev. Joseph Shenosky  
Rev. John Franey

### **Sacred Heart Parish Office**

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203 Church Road  
Oxford, PA 19363

#### **Website:**

[www.sacredheart.us](http://www.sacredheart.us)

#### **Hours:**

**Monday** 8:30 - 4:30  
**Tuesday** 8:30 - 2:00 and  
4:00 - 8:00  
**Wednesday** 8:30 - 4:30  
**Thursday** 8:30 - 2:00  
**Friday** 8:30 - 11:30

### **Sacred Heart Parish School**

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Oxford, PA 19363

#### **Website:**

[www.shsoxford.us](http://www.shsoxford.us)



### **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday Vigil** at 5:00 pm

**Sunday** at 7:45 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 noon

#### **Daily Mass**

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:00 am  
Tuesday 7:00 pm Friday at 8:30 am

#### **Reconciliation**

Saturday at 4:00 — 4:40 pm

#### **Adoration**

Tuesday 8:00 am-7:00 pm

#### **Rosary**

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday at 7:30 am, Friday at 8:00 am

#### **Miraculous Medal Novena**

Monday following 8:00 am Mass

#### **Chaplets of Divine Mercy & St. Michael the Archangel**

Wednesday following 8:00 am Mass

#### **The Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

Thursday following the 8:00 am Mass

#### **Our Lady of Fatima Rosary**

First Saturday of each month at 4:15 pm

### **REGISTRATION FOR NEW PARISHIONERS:**

If you are new to the parish, we welcome you. You may come as a stranger to us, yet you are known to Our Lord, Jesus Christ—there are no strangers in grace—in His name we pray you will find peace, hospitality and friendship with us. You are invited to register at Sacred Heart after any Mass on the weekend, just stop by the Welcome Desk in the Lobby.

**SACRAMENTS:** Visit our website, [www.sacredheart.us](http://www.sacredheart.us) for the sacrament page and information about becoming Catholic, Baptisms, Marriage, and PREP. If you would prefer, you may call the parish office at 610-932-5040 for details.

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** If a loved one is dealing with a serious illness, it is wise to notify the parish office as soon as possible. This sacrament is intended by the Church to be a comfort and strength to people during their illness, not to be held out as “Last Rites”.

## Celebrate Advent Days in Preparation of the Nativity of the Lord



Here are some opportunities and ways to help you prepare for the Celebration of Birth of our Lord

**Little Blue Books** - Please take one home with you to assist with your spiritual preparation each day during the Advent season.

**The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** - please join us on this Holy Day of Obligation at one of our Masses scheduled for 8:00 am, 12:00 Noon or 7:00 pm.

**Parish Advent Retreat** - join us at our Parish Advent Retreat on Saturday, December 9th from 8:30 am - 2:00 pm. The day of prayer and reflection includes a gourmet lunch. Please RSVP to the church office so we can prepare adequately.

**Parish Spirit of Christmas Giving Tree** - help to make sure everyone has a gift to open this Christmas by helping to provide for the needy in our parish and our community. A list of agencies we are helping is on display in the narthex.

**Parish Individual Confessions** - Additional opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance will be offered on December 16th and 23rd at 12:00 pm and 4:00 pm.

**Area Parish Penance Services** - Penance Services will be offered at the following Catholic Churches in our area:

St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother in Avondale, PA - , December 13th, 7:30 pm

St. Cornelius in Chadds Ford, PA - December 19th at 7:00 pm

St. Patrick in Kennett Square, PA - December 21st at 7:00 pm

**Christmas Through Music and the Word** - St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother December 17th at 3:00 pm

**FORMED:** check out Advent presentations at FORMED.org - Parish Access Code: HYDX3W

Watch: Advent

Watch: Opening the Word-Advent through Christmas Year B

Read: Come Lord Jesus - Meditating on the Art of Waiting

Listen: Confession by Fr. Larry Richards

**As John the Baptist prepared the way of the Lord, so we, too, must prepare for his coming by being Jesus' disciples - his witnesses in the world. Stay awake and watch for the Lord.**

\*\* Envelopes are available at the desk in the narthex for anyone who would like make a donation toward Christmas Flowers.

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (a holy day of obligation)



Friday, December 8th  
Masses at 8:00 am,  
12:00 noon & 7:00 pm

The parish office will be closed in observance of this holy day but will reopen with normal business hours on Monday, December 11th.

*O Mary, conceived without sin,  
Pray for us who have recourse  
to thee.*

### Christmas 2017 Mass Schedule

#### **4th Sunday of Advent**

Vigil Mass - December 23rd 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses - December 24th at 7:45 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 noon

#### **The Nativity of the Lord**

Vigil Masses - December 24th at 4:00 pm (church) 4:15 pm (gym)  
6:00 pm & 8:00 pm

Christmas Day Masses - December 25th at 8:00 am & 10:00 am

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

Vigil Mass - December 30th 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses - December 31st at 7:45 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 noon

#### **The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

Vigil Mass - December 31st (New Year's Eve) 5:00 pm

Feast Day Mass - January 1st (New Year's Day) 8:00 am

## *This Week's Meetings & Activities*

### Sunday, December 3

PREP - following 9:00 am Mass - School  
AA (open) - 6:30 pm - Hall

### Monday, December 4

Young At Heart - 1:00 pm - PMR

### Tuesday, December 5

PREP - 6:00 pm - School  
RCIA - 7:30 pm - PMR

### Wednesday, December 6

Pre-Jordan - 6:30 pm - PMR  
Choir - 7:00 pm - Church  
Charismatic Prayer Group - 7:30 - Chapel

### Thursday, December 7

School Christmas Show - 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm - Gym

### Friday, December 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Mass - 8:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm - Church  
Sacred Heart Book Club - 9:00 am - School Library

### Saturday, December 9

Parish Advent Retreat - 8:30 am - Hall  
Youth Group - caroling at WARE - 1:30 - PMR

### Sunday, December 10

Knights Breakfast with Santa following all Masses  
AA (open) - 6:30 pm - Hall

## *Mass Intentions This Week*

### **Saturday, Dec 2, 2017 - Vigil Mass**

5:00pm The Purgatorial Society

### **Sunday, Dec 3, 2017—First Sunday of Advent**

7:45 am Kristy Jo Kelleher

9:00 am Stanley Drosbosbi

10:30 am Shannon McNamara

12:00 pm Valerie Fairman

### **Monday, Dec 4, 2017 - Advent Weekday**

8:00 am Edward MdRae

### **Tuesday, Dec 5, 2017 - Advent Weekday**

7:00 pm Jan P. Krause

### **Wednesday, Dec 6, 2017 - Advent Weekday**

8:00 am Joseph Cappelli

### **Thursday, Dec 7, 2017 - St. Ambrose**

8:00 am Agnes Karat

### **Friday, Dec 8, 2017 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00 am Susan Escherich

12:00 pm A Special Intention

7:00 pm James Finnegan

### **Saturday, Dec 9, 2017 - Vigil Mass**

5:00 pm Louis Hartman

### **Sunday, Dec 3, 2017—The Second Sunday of Advent**

7:45 am Phyllis McCullough

9:00 am The People of Sacred Heart

10:30 am James Meyer

12:00 pm James A. Finnegan, III

## *Census Update*

### *Thank you*

*To date we've had 264 Census forms returned with donations totaling \$25,000. Your generosity allows us to continue in serving the needs of our Parish Family.*

*We are abundantly blessed.  
God is Good!*

### Sacred Heart Giving

**Nov 18/19**

Sunday: \$11,567.50

Poor Box: \$152.00

**Nov 25/26**

Sunday: \$9,627.50

Poor Box: \$175.00

**Thank you for your continued support of  
Sacred Heart Parish!**

## *Knights of Columbus*



### **Breakfast with Santa**

December 10, 2017

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

\$7/Person

\$25/Family of 4 or more

Santa will be arriving on the morning of Sunday, December 10th in the Parish Hall. Santa will want to hear how good the children of Sacred Heart Parish have been over the past year. Don't forget to bring your Christmas wish list! He will want to hear all about the children's' lists and how good they intend to be as we approach the miracle of Christmas! Santa will be available throughout the morning for pictures.

## Devotions & Faith



### Advent: An Invitation to Intimacy with God

An Online, Interactive Retreat for Women  
December 3-24, 2017

Join the School Sisters of Notre Dame in taking time to nurture your relationship with God this Advent, using reflection materials provided by Sister Carolyn Sur, SSND. Deepen your personal reflection and prayer by interaction with a spiritual companion, a sister with whom you will be paired to meet with weekly by phone, skype or in person. To RSVP or for more information, contact Sister Stephanie Spandl, SSND, at [sspandl@ssnd.org](mailto:sspandl@ssnd.org) or 651-278-4498, or visit [ssnd.org/events/advent-retreat-2017](http://ssnd.org/events/advent-retreat-2017) for more details.



### **Thanksgiving, Gratitude, Joy & Blessings** **Saturday, December 9th beginning at 8:30 am**

You're invited to the Sacred Heart Advent Retreat on Saturday, December 9th in the Parish Hall. Welcoming refreshments at 8:30 am.

The retreat is 9:00 am - 2:00 pm with a gourmet lunch included.

Featuring talks by Father Mike and Deacon Justin, prayer, music, reflection, harpist, and discussion! Donations gratefully accepted.

Advance registration appreciated to provide adequately - please call the Parish Office at 610-932-5040 ext 1.



### A Taste of Heaven Awaits in Eucharistic Adoration

"Come Let Us Adore Him"

During this busy Advent Season, if you are tired and overwhelmed by your many duties and responsibilities, if you are trying to find meaning in life, then come spend some quiet time with our precious Lord Jesus Christ. Abandon yourself to Jesus in this "Sacrament of Love" and He will refresh you! The more time you spend with Jesus, the more you will come away feeling renewed and healed. He is always there waiting for you.

Eucharistic Adoration is open to all and is held on Tuesday from 8 am to 6:45 pm and concludes with a 7 pm Mass. We are interested in extending the Adoration hours on Tuesday night for those who are not free to attend Adoration during the day. However, we need volunteers for the evening hours, i.e., 7:30 pm to 10 pm.

If you are interested in becoming an adorer, or would like to know more about Eucharistic Adoration, you may contact Joann Di Liberto at 610 932 8962 or you may leave your contact information in the steel box in the Narthex, next to the Statue of the Sacred Heart, and Joann will contact you.

### *Remember Our Sick*



Elaine Weber, Theresa McMahon, Jeanette Shirk,  
Ted Goldman, The Shortell Family, Michael Wiciak,  
Eileen Myrtetus, Barbara Fry-Clingenpeel, Ray Evalen,  
Baby Levi Colon, Robert Halpin, Joanne Kennel, Carl Antes,  
Randi Renfro, Christine Weaver, Louise Casagrande,  
Howard Joyce, Helga Hanelt, John Marcheski,  
Mary Whiteside, Meghan Gamble, Diane DeVirgiliis,  
Justine Wareham Smith, Mary Basilio, The Magilton family,  
Tanya Aston, Yvonne Beaudet, Michael Komar,  
Susan Curran, Bud Lyon, Frank Placchetti, Tommy Reilly,  
Mary Grace Charron, Todd Shelly, Lucas Reiner, Cole Brouse,  
Roxanne Magro, Cristen Wooleyhan, Kevin Malone,  
Virginia Basilio, Judy Ivins, Carl H. Burton, Darlene  
D'Amore, Francis (Hank) Collins, Mary Plumley,  
Richard James, Sheryl Bond,  
and all parishioners with special needs.

*Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord.  
And let the perpetual light shine upon them.  
And may the souls of all the faithful  
departed, through the mercy of God,  
rest in peace.*

*Amen*

### **Please pray for the members of our Purgatorial Society**

Richard Di Liberto \* Frank Janssen  
Richard G. Schuster \* Martin & Mary Sessa  
Nicholas Pituch \* Geroge C. Guss, III  
Edward J. Brush \* Stephen & Helen Sledjeski  
Patrick Haggarty \* William Davis  
Nancy Mantell

## Children's Activity Corner

### Advent Word Search



A	B	N	A	T	I	V	I	T	Y
C	G	A	U	D	E	T	E	C	R
M	E	S	S	I	A	H	M	A	W
M	A	S	S	B	J	O	H	N	Q
D	A	V	I	D	E	L	F	D	P
W	A	I	T	O	S	Y	O	L	U
J	E	S	U	S	U	F	U	E	R
E	M	A	R	Y	S	A	R	S	P
S	T	H	G	I	L	M	O	V	L
S	A	S	I	S	A	I	A	H	E
E	N	I	C	H	O	L	A	S	M
T	G	P	P	R	A	Y	E	R	A
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E	L	J	E	S	U	S	O	N	L
E	W	K	R	F	H	O	P	E	Y
J	I	A	D	V	E	N	T	C	O
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Y	G	U	A	D	A	L	U	P	E
C	A	L	E	N	D	A	R	J	U
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ADVENT  
 ANGEL  
 CALENDAR  
 CANDLES  
 CHRISTMAS  
**FOUR WEEKS**  
**GAUDETE SUNDAY**  
 HOLY FAMILY  
 HOPE  
 ISAIAH  
 JESSE TREE  
 JESUS  
**JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
 JOY  
**KING DAVID**  
 LIGHTS  
 MARY  
 MASS  
 MESSIAH  
 NATIVITY  
 OUR LADY OF **GUADALUPE**  
 PINK  
 PRAYER  
 PURPLE  
**ST. ANDREW**  
**ST. LUCY**  
**ST. NICHOLAS**  
 WAITING  
 WREATH

## Sacred Heart Youth Group



### Caroling at Ware

Saturday, December 9th the Youth Group will be Caroling at Ware. Please arrive by 1:30 to the Parish Hall. Caroling will be from 2:00 - 3:00 pm at Ware and we'll then return to the Parish Hall for cookies and snacks. Pick-up will be at 3:30 pm.

## Book Club



The next meeting of Sacred Heart's Book Club will be Friday, December 8th at 9:00 am in the School Library. This month's book that will be discussed is **"Before the Fall,"** by Noah Hawley.

Please join us for light refreshments, fellowship and lively conversation. We'll be choosing our next selection too some come join the fun. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Jamie Sitingar at 484-639-3660.

Sacred Heart Book Club meets the 2nd Friday of every month at 9:00 am in the School Library.







### Have You Heard of Our New Program? - Parishioners Helping Parishioners? Or the Good Samaritan Ministry?

Request Help or Get Involved Now....

**Older Adults:** Do you want to stay at home safely, but need a little help getting to the store, a doctor appointment, or even need a ride to church? Do you need a little help organizing in your home, or would you just like a parishioner from Sacred Heart to spend a little time with you every once in a while?

**Potential Volunteers:** Do you have time to help an older adult parishioner in need? Do you feel called to help others or give back to the church? Helping an older adult parishioner can be very rewarding and is so appreciated by those who are in need. There are one-time and ongoing opportunities. We accommodate all schedules and will set up either a short or long term match with a parishioner in need. Opportunities are based on your schedule and flexibility - any amount of time you're able to give is enough!

If you answered "yes" to any of the above questions, or if you are interested in learning more about the services available for yourself, or a senior loved one; or if you have time to help an older adult parishioner, please contact Michelle Sapp at ParishServices@Sacredheart.us, or call the church office at 610-932-5040.

### Sacred Heart Christmas Giving Tree

This year we will once again be helping those in need in our Community. Giving trees will be in the narthex and will be decorated with a variety of items that are needed to make the holidays bright for others. Donations will be accepted from **November 22nd through December 20th** (with the exception of tag items for Ware Manor - those items are needed before December 10th). Donations can be returned, unwrapped under the trees with the tag attached so they can be directed to the correct group.



**This year, the following will be the recipients of your generosity:**

Oxford Area Neighborhood Services Center \* Lighthouse Youth Center \* WARE Manor  
Divine Sent Food Cupboard \* Needy parish & community families  
Catholic Social Services -VA Center in Coatesville, PA \* Parish and community shut-ins

### From the Archdiocese



#### **2017 Day of Sanctification for Priests**

The priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia assemble each year for a day of prayer and reflection on the Sacred Priesthood. This year our priests will gather with Archbishop Chaput at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary on Monday, December 4, for the **2017 Day of Sanctification for Priests**. Please pray for all priests of the Archdiocese with the following prayer from the *Roman Missal*:

*Lord our God, who in governing your people make use of the ministry of Priests, grant to these men a persevering obedience to your will, so that by their ministry and life they may gain glory for you in Christ. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen*

### Attention Usher & Sacristans

#### **A note to all:**

**Sacristans** (people who set up for Mass) and

**Ushers** (people who help with collections & seating).

This year the 4th Sunday of Advent falls on Sunday, December 24th. That means that we will have a normal Sunday Mass schedule on Sunday morning Christmas Vigil Masses on Sunday evening and Christmas Day Masses on Monday. As you can see it will be a very busy time.

Since it is his first Christmas with us here at Sacred Heart, Fr. Mike would like to meet with all Sacristans and Ushers on Thursday, December 14th at 6:30pm in Church to review the protocols for these special upcoming Liturgies.

If you know a specific Mass you will be attending that weekend, or for the Christmas holiday and would be willing to help, please notify Kaitlyn in the Parish Office so we can be sure to have all the Masses covered. Even if you serve as an usher even occasionally and would be willing to help over the Christmas holiday, please attend the meeting.

You can reach Kaitlyn at 610-932-5040 ext. 2.