



# Church of the Sacred Heart

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm Friday-9am-Noon

**January 5, 2025**

## ***Prayer / Devotion Schedule***

### **Morning Rosary**

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  
at 7:30 am

### **Miraculous Medal Novena**

Monday following 8:00 am Mass

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Tuesday 10 am—6:45 pm

### **Chaplets of Divine Mercy**

Wednesday following 8:00 am Mass

### **Charismatic Prayer Group**

Wednesday 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm—Chapel

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

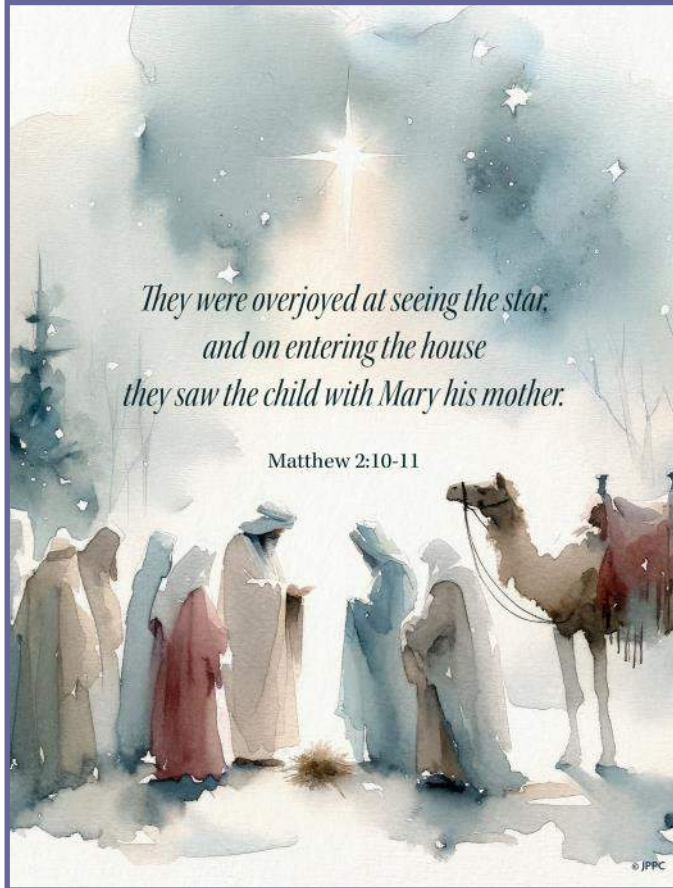
First Saturday of each month at 4:15 pm

### **Evening Rosary**

First Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm

### **First Friday Night of Reparation**

First Friday/Saturday of each month  
7:00 pm—2 am  
Masses at 8 PM & 12 Midnight



Matthew 2:10-11

## **Parish Staff**

**Pastor** - Reverend Anthony Raymundo

**Weekend Assistant**- Reverend Victor J. Eschbach

**Permanent Deacon**- Deacon Justin Watkins

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**Coordinator of Youth & Young Adult Ministries**- Clare Sceski

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## **Daily Mass Schedule:**

**M, W, R, F at 8 am  
T at 7 pm**

## **Weekend Mass Schedule**

**Saturday Vigil at 5 pm  
Sunday at 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon**

## **Confessions**

**Tuesdays 6:00-6:45 pm  
Saturday 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm**

## ***~ Prayer to Saint Michael ~***

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

# EPIPHANY



*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

It truly is “the most wonderful time of the year” and this story of the Visit of the Wise Men is yet another lyrical element of the Christmas story. Into the drab stable cave come these Gentile visitors from the Orient richly dressed in vibrant colors. Whatever is of gold in their garb catches the light of the fire there. We can also hear the tinkling of the bells on the camel harness as the stately animals make their moves. They are a stark contrast to the locals gathered.

Analyzing Matthew’s story, a bit makes us wonder. How many visitors were there? Three or thirteen? After all, it’s the number of gifts they brought that makes us compute the group size. Along the way, these exotic visitors became the Three Kings. Tradition further conferred names on them: Caspar (who is made black), Balthazar and Melchior in the Western Church.

Their gifts became highly significant. Gold highlights the kingship of Jesus. The frankincense His divinity. The Myrrh, an embalming fluid no less, stands for Christ’s redemptive suffering. We can see that this story is more than meets the eye.

Remembering that Matthew wrote his gospel for Jewish converts to Christianity, we must recognize his main point: Jesus came for Gentiles as well as Jews. He is the designated Savior of all mankind.

This last aspect of the story had to be a challenge for Matthew’s readers. They had a long tradition behind their generally accepted belief that Yahweh God had chosen them as His people. That is true even in our own time. But this was a choice that had to call for expansion. Otherwise, God is rendered too small. Believers in the myriad Gentile gods had to know that paradise was an option for them that entailed belief in the one supreme Lord.

We contemporary believers must maintain an immense respect for the children of Abraham. After all, as the Roman Canon declares: “Abraham (is) our father in faith.” The baby Jesus came to us as a Jew. The Blessed Mother and St. Joseph were good practicing Jews. So were most of Our Lord’s closest early followers. Anti-antisemitism has no place in a Christian heart. That evil threatens the beautiful poetry of this feast on this first Sunday of the new year. The axiom is true: “Wise men still seek Him.”

“We three kings of Orient are  
Bearing gifts, we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
Following yonder star.”

## CLERGY SCHEDULE

January 4	Daily Mass	Fr. Eschbach
January 5	8 am Mass	Fr. Eschbach
	10 am Mass	Fr. Anthony
	12 Noon Mass	Fr. Anthony
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January 6-10	Daily Mass	Fr. Anthony
January 11	5 pm Vigil	Fr. Anthony
January 12	8 am Mass	Fr. Anthony
	10 am Mass	Fr. Anthony
	12 Noon Mass	Fr. Anthony

### Spirit of Christmas Giving Tree

**THANK YOU** for participating in our 2024 Christmas Giving Tree outreach. Your generosity made Christmas a little more special for many members of our community.

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Kenneth Pierce, Madison Piercy  
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Lisa Rocchino, Jennifer Roma, John Rorex  
Justin Smith, Sarah Stowe, Marie Strohmaier  
Bridget Subers, Katalina Thompson, Nancy Torello  
Jessica Townsend, Sandra and Jerry Treon, Joan Truman  
Claire Vincent, Catherine Wright, Theresa Watson and  
Sean Young

Please contact the office to add, renew or remove a name.

## MASS INTENTIONS *(Requested by)*

<b><u>Saturday, January 4th</u></b>	
Purgatorial Society	5 pm
<b><u>Sunday, January 5th</u></b>	
The People of Sacred Heart	8 am
Mary Parke <i>(Sacred Heart Parish)</i>	10 am
Meg Ferrell <i>(Kellett Family)</i>	12 noon
<b><u>Monday, January 6th</u></b>	
Tom Krejci <i>(Connie McIlwain)</i>	8 am
<b><u>Tuesday, January 7th</u></b>	
Diane Frechette <i>(Jean Vellenden)</i>	7 pm
<b><u>Wednesday, January 8th</u></b>	
Ray Brentlinger <i>(Peggy Roach)</i>	8 am
<b><u>Thursday, January 9th</u></b>	
John Cummings <i>(Beth Thomas)</i>	8 am
<b><u>Friday, January 10th</u></b>	
Bob Kelly <i>(Lisa &amp; Dennis Brown)</i>	8 am
<b><u>Saturday, January 11th</u></b>	
George Robertson <i>(The McGrogan Family)</i>	5 pm



### Planning for Your Child's Baptism



Congratulations on the upcoming baptism of your child! To arrange for this blessed occasion, please pick up a **Baptism Registration** form that can be found in the church narthex. After the form is completed, please personally give it to **Fr. Anthony Raymundo** right after any of the weekend or weekday Masses at which he presides. This meeting will give the parents and Father Anthony an opportunity to get to know one another as well as to go over preparation details for this joyous day.

God bless your entire family in this first step in your child's spiritual life!! Your parish family celebrates with you!!!



## PRAYER / FAITH FORMATION

### The Epiphany of the Lord\*\*\* January 5, 2025

Introit:	Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.
Entrance Refrain (Sung)	The kings of all the earth shall bring him gifts.
First Reading:	Isaiah 60:1-6
Responsorial Psalm:	Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.
Second Reading:	Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Gospel:	Mathew 2:1-12
Communion Antiphon:	We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.
Communion Refrain (Sung)	We have seen his star, let us adore the Lord.

### Sacred Heart of Jesus

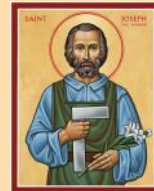
Please bless our parish community. Help us to continue to grow as brothers and sisters. With Your loving hand guide our families, our friends, and our neighbors. Show our young people the path that leads to You. In a special way bring comfort to those among us who are lonely, sick, or discouraged. Inspire faith in the hearts of all, especially those members of Your flock who have lost their way. I ask this in Your name. Amen.

### St. Joseph the Worker Men's Group

Come and join men of the parish for scripture study and adoration at Church followed by fraternity at Casa Carmen Farm and Winery.

For more information contact José Sáenz Crespo  
[josesaenz77@gmail.com](mailto:josesaenz77@gmail.com)

The next meeting is **Thursday, January 16th at 6:00 pm** starting in the parish hall.



### Women's Bible Study

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Tuesdays: January 7th-February 11th  
6:45 PM - 8:15 PM  
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Caroline at 484-678-9751.

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### Come and See Weekends

Come and See events offer men considering a religious vocation the opportunity to visit St. Charles Borromeo Seminary to see what seminary life is like and explore a possible call to the priesthood. For questions or to register for a particular weekend, please contact the Archdiocesan Vocation Director, Father David O'Brien, at [fr.dobrien@archphila.org](mailto:fr.dobrien@archphila.org).

High School Men  
Jan. 25-26, 2025  
March 29-30, 2025

Post High School  
March 7-9, 2025  
April 4-6, 2025

## STEWARDSHIP / PARISH COMMUNITY

### *Campus Happenings*

Sunday, January 5th	8:30 am 6:30 pm	PREP Classes K-6 (Parish Center) AA Meeting (Parish Hall)
Monday, January 6th	1:00 pm	Young at Heart (Parish Hall)
Tuesday, January 7th	10:00am	Adoration followed by Benediction and Mass at 7:00pm
Wednesday, January 8th	9:00 am 6:30 pm 7:30 pm 7:00 pm	AG Quilting (Parish Hall) Adult Choir Practice (Church) Charismatic Prayer Group (Chapel) Knights of Columbus Meeting (Parish Hall)
Thursday, January 9th	9:00am 6:30pm	Stitching for Service (Parish Hall) Pastoral Council Meeting (Parish Hall)
Friday, January 10th	9:00am	Sacred Heart Book Club (Parish Hall)

## Adult Faith Education Book Club

The next meeting of the spiritual book club will be **January 16th at 1pm** in the parish hall. This month we will be discussing the book "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World" by Joanna Weaver.

All are welcome, even if you haven't finished the book. Our February meeting will be on Wednesday, February 12th. The book to be discussed will be decided at the January meeting.

For more information, please email Leslie Kline at [safetyles@yahoo.com](mailto:safetyles@yahoo.com)



### **Knights of Columbus BINGO Night** Friday, January 17th.

Bring your family and friends for a FUN night!  
Hot Dog (Kraut, Spicy Grilled Onions) Available  
with chips, drink and cupcake \$4.00!

**Parish Hall doors open at 6:45pm**  
**Games begin at 7:30pm**

**Please joins us for cash prizes and lots of fun!**

### **SACRED HEART RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY**

Sacred Heart's Respect Life Ministry invites you to join us to learn how you can help promote the Sanctity of Life from womb to natural death and help to find ways to support women experiencing unplanned pregnancies.

We will meet once a month on the 3rd Tuesday of the month following the 7PM Mass in either the Chapel or the Parish Hall. Please come and join us.

**Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 21st.**

For more information contact Melissa King  
[respectalllife19363@gmail.com](mailto:respectalllife19363@gmail.com)



### ***Knights of Columbus***

The Knight of Columbus is a Catholic Family Service Organization, open to all practicing Catholic gentlemen who are 18 years of age or older. Meetings are the **2nd Wednesday** of the month at **7:00** in the Parish Hall.

Contact John Flynn [SKJ3Flynn3@gmail.com](mailto:SKJ3Flynn3@gmail.com)  
or Richard Hackett [RichHackett@gmail.com](mailto:RichHackett@gmail.com)

**Our next meeting is this  
Wednesday, January 8th.**



## FAITH IN ACTION in the Community

**Healing Retreat For Men and Women**– Thursday, February 20-Sunday, February 23 at Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine, Doylestown, PA. Come and let Him restore you! We will untwist distortions, renounce lies, expose the habitual ways we get stuck in anxiety, fear or overwhelmed and, most importantly, be open to Jesus' Love, which is the true balm for our wounded hearts. Retreat Directors: Fr. Stephen DeLacy and De Yarrison from You Are Made New Ministry. For information visit, [youaremadenew.com/rest](http://youaremadenew.com/rest) or email De at [de@youaremadenew.com](mailto:de@youaremadenew.com).

**The 2025 Lecture Series featured speaker on “The Church and Social Communication” - Monday, February 3rd at 7:00 pm** at Julia Ball Auditorium at Gwynedd Mercy University. President & COO of EWTN News, Ms. Alvarado served as an Emcee of the 10th Annual National Eucharistic Congress and is the recipient of the 2024 Religious Freedom Impact Award and will be the keynote speaker. More information visit <https://www.scs.edu/chairs/foley-chair-of-social-communications/cardinal-foley-lecture-series/>

**Cardinal Dougherty High School Class of 1975 Reunion - Saturday, April 5, 2025 6-10 PM.** For additional questions email [1975cdreunion@gmail.com](mailto:1975cdreunion@gmail.com)

### The Sacred Heart Food Pantry

Specific items will be requested monthly to help aid St. Rocco's parish.

**For the month of January spaghetti sauce is being requested.**

Basic food items are also still needed.  
THANK YOU for the continued support!

## Collection Summary

December 22nd and 29th collection summaries will be published next week.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**March for Life  
Washington, D.C.**

**Friday, January 24, 2025**

*Life is a precious gift from God!*

The March for Life is an inspiring, peaceful, vibrant, and joy-filled rally of men, women, young people, and children from all across the country. Every year, tens of thousands of pro-lifers converge on the National Mall and march on Capitol Hill. It is the largest annual human rights demonstration in the world. But this is not just a protest... TOGETHER, WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE LIFE.

Please join Sacred Heart Church as we partner with Assumption BVM, St. Gabriel and St. Patrick Parishes to sponsor a bus trip to Washington, D.C. for the 52nd Annual March for Life. The motor coach bus will depart Assumption BVM Church parking lot at 6:30 am and return approximately 7:00 pm. We will attend the Philadelphia Archdiocesan Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C. We will then reboard the bus and travel to the National Mall for the Rally and March for Life. For questions or to **sign up** for the bus, call or text Stephanie at 484-467-6675.

**Knights of Columbus & Ladies Auxiliary  
Hoagie & Soup Sale will be  
Sunday, January 26, 2025!  
Orders forms due by January 19th.**



**YOUTH GROUP MONTHLY HOLY HOUR**



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