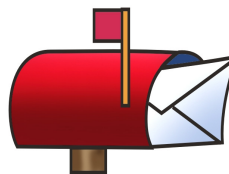


HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH DECEMBER 30, 2018



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

...and his mother kept all these things in her heart.

With the finding of the Lord in the temple, we are introduced to the contemplative side of Mary, that side where she treasured the puzzling events of her son's life in her heart.

In *Dear and Glorious Physician* by Taylor Caldwell, we are reminded of the legend that St. Luke compiled his Gospel from a variety of sources, including Mary the mother of Jesus. For whatever lies behind this tradition, consider the insights that would have been gained from such a conversation...especially a conversation shared in hindsight after this same Jesus' passion and resurrection!

This begs the question: what are the things we keep in our hearts...as we await the realization of a Savior in our own lives? Are we willing to write them into the Gospel story as it continues into our own lives? Should we leave some of these things behind in the old year that the new year may more reflect the effects of the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus? Can we perfect the story that other minds and hearts be changed on the journey of faith?

Best Wishes for the New Year of Our Lord 2019! May we bear Jesus to one another!

Father Mark



"We must do ordinary things extraordinarily well."

St. Francis de Sales



In your charity, please pray for all the deceased of St. Anthony's.

Via Crucis Sign-Up

To be a part of the 2019 presentation of the Via Crucis, come to the sign-up in the Church at 1:30 PM on January 13th, 2019. Join students from over 30 schools in the cast and choir. Bring your friends, all are welcome. There will also be a short rehearsal from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM. REMEMBER ALL ARE WELCOME INCLUDING SINGERS FOR THE CHOIR.

Monday, 8:00 AM	12/31 JOSEPH A. DI FEBBO	FAMILY
Tuesday, 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	1/1 MARY, MOTHER OF GOD CARMEN CALTABIANO GIUSEPPE D'ERAMO	HOPE NAWROCKI JOE & PATTY ROACH
Wednesday, 6:45 AM	1/2 MARINO COFRANCESCO	FAMILY
Thursday, 6:45 AM	1/3 REGINA SWEENEY (BIRTHDAY)	FAMILY
Friday, 6:45 AM	1/4 TERESA PILEGGI	PILEGGI FAMILY
Saturday, 6:45 AM 5:30 PM	1/5 MARINO COFRANCESCO ANGELO MARTINELLI	FAMILY CARRIERI-RUSSO FAMILY
Sunday, 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	1/6 ISABEL SWEENEY JOHN & JENNIE MIRTO BARBARA DELLE DONNE	FAMILY DAUGHTER JOE, PATTY ROACH & FAMILY



Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading:

Isaiah 60:1-6

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

2nd Reading:

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel:

Matthew 2:1-12

Offertory Notes

Due to early deadlines necessitated by our publisher's holiday schedule, the collection figures for December 22nd & 23rd were not ready as this issue went to press. We will show these numbers next issue.

Thank You All!!

A big thank you to everyone who participated in the Giving Tree and Christmas Food Baskets programs – either as donors or as volunteers.

Your Prayers and Support Requested

Kenyon Blough
Tori Daniello
Joe Formisano
Louis Jung
Ivone Marvel
Joe Meriggi
Fr. Francis Pileggi, OSFS
Vanessa Rivera
Albert Vietri

Nancy Brown
Anita DiSimplico
Christopher Ganey
John Malone
Lorraine McLaughlin
Jerry Osborne
Jack Pipa
Larry Silvestri
Robert Walton

Nancy Ciocca
Tommy DiVirgilio
James Ganey
Ronald Marsilii
Eva Meriggi
Kelly Panella
James Poppiti
Eileen Swindel

...and all the sick of St. Anthony's Parish.

Catholic Forum

Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 6:05 a.m. on WDEL 101.7 FM, 1150 AM and www.wdel.com. After it airs, listen online anytime at www.cdown.org/Catholic-Forum, or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts. Next Sunday, January 6th, Leila Miller will discuss her book, "Made This Way: How to Prepare Kids to Face Today's Tough Moral Issues." For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at www.facebook.com/catholicforum.

Christian Unity

On Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 7pm, at Simpson United Methodist Church, 907 Centerville Rd, Wilmington, DE 19804, all are invited to attend a service of prayer for Christian Unity with special attention to the students and teachers of our local school districts. Because these children and teenagers are our future, we urge everyone to take part.

Religious Goods Store

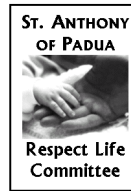
We offer a wide selection of devotional items, including statues, medals, Bibles, and much more! The store is open before & after Masses. Proceeds from items sold at the store benefit the Oblate Missions Ministry.

Souper Bowl Food Collection Drive



The Knights of Columbus will conduct their annual special food drive starting the last weekend of December through Super Bowl Sunday on February 3, 2019. Please bring any non-perishable food items and place them in the large wicker basket located in the rear of the church. All donations will be delivered to the St. Patrick's Center Food Bank. As always, your generosity is appreciated!

Respect Life: Fact of Life



"I believe every abortion is a tragedy."

Diane Abbott

Second Collection

Next weekend, January 5th and 6th, there is no scheduled second collection.

March for Life

St. Thomas the Apostle Knights of Columbus has chartered a bus for people of all ages, weather permitting, for the *March for Life* held on Friday, January 18th in Washington DC. There will be a stop at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for those unable to make the March. Seats will be available on a first come basis. The only cost to the individual passenger is a tip for the bus driver. Brown bag lunch recommended. Please contact Jo Ann Van Heest at 12374Columbiettes@gmail.com or 302-239-0739 for details or to sign up. The theme for this year's March is "Unique from Day One."

New Year's Business Hours

The Parish Office (rectory) will be closed Monday and Tuesday (December 31 and January 1) in observance of New Year's Eve & New Year's Day. Have a Happy New Year!



Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser for Padua's Musical Theater program

When: Friday, January 11th, 2019

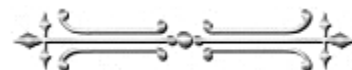
Time: 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Cost: Adults \$15, Students \$10 (age 5 and under \$5)
Includes salad, bread, spaghetti, meatball, drink, coffee and dessert and performances by the cast of "Anything Goes"

Where: Padua Academy, 905 N. Broom St.
Wilmington, DE 19806 (please enter the by the 10th and Broom St. doors)

For more information, contact Lisa Kowalski at lkowalski@paduaacademy.org.

All proceeds benefit Padua Academy's Musical Theater Program.



Parish Calendar

Monday & Tuesday

Parish Office Closed

Thursday

7:30 PM, Choir Rehearsal

Saturday

First Sunday Social following
the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses
(Ballad Room)

Monday, Dec. 31

through

Sunday, Jan. 6

*(All events listed in the
Parish Calendar are
in church unless
otherwise noted.)*

Grade School Calendar

Monday & Tuesday

School Closed

Wednesday

Classes resume

Friday

8:00 AM, Mass

Music Ministry News

On Epiphany Sunday, we will continue our tradition of Menotti's (another Italian composer) *Amahl and the Night Visitors*. It is a one-hour musical play about a crippled 12 year old boy named Amahl who is visited by the Three Kings who need a place to rest while on their journey to the Christ Child. Amahl is less than well-behaved and lots of fun and frolic develop between Amahl and the Kings. Mark the date, January 6th, at 4 PM and bring all the kids. This is a perfect play for not only the young but the young at heart as well. Please support us by bringing your entire family. Admission is free and King Kaspher always has a treat for the children.

Vocations

We have so much to learn from the Holy Family: Mary allows God's will to change her life; Joseph pays close attention to and follows the prompting of the angel; Jesus says to the Father "not my will, but Thine be done." What is the Father's will for *you*? Are you taking steps to find out? If you think God might be calling you to live out a religious vocation, call or write Fr. Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113; vocations@cdow.org). And check out our website: www.cdow.org/vocations!



CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE OF SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND MASSES

Tuesday, January 1, 2019: Mary, Mother of God

Holyday of Obligation

9:00 & 11:00 AM

Sunday, January 6, 2019: The Epiphany of the Lord

5:30 PM - Vigil Mass – Saturday, January 5, 2019

7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 AM

Epiphany Pageant at 11:00 AM Mass

followed by refreshments in the Ballad Room.

4:00 PM, "Amahl and the Night Visitors" by Gian Carlo Menotti

Birthright Bottles for Babies

Birthright of Delaware is so grateful for your generous support of Bottles for Babies in November 2018. St Anthony of Padua raised \$1,626.51 so far. We are expecting straggler bottles to trickle in. At that point, we will continue to add to our total. Thank you for sharing in our work of serving mothers and their babies! We really appreciate EVERY one of you!

January (Epiphany Sunday) Parish Monthly Social

The January parish social will be held on Sunday, 1/6/2019 (Epiphany Sunday), in the Ballad Room of the Grade School, following the 9AM & 11AM Masses. Stop by for food, fun, and socializing with fellow parishioners and friends. The social, as always, will feature a variety of great donuts and tomato pie from Serpe's Bakery, delicious breakfast pizzas from Degnar's Greenhill Deli, and more! Hope you can join us!