

The Nativity of the Lord  
December 25, 2011

# HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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## PASTOR

Rev. John J. Gayton

## ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Rev. Salvador Magaña

## DEACONS

Deacon Richard Maichle

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## PASTORAL CARE

Sr. Catherine Pisarczyk, S.S.J.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mrs. Theresa Rapposelli-Moschelle, Coordinator

## MUSIC MINISTRY

Mrs. Sandie Grieshaber

## PARISH STAFF

Mrs. Bonnie Kask, Bookkeeper

Mrs. Donna Dougherty, Parish Secretary

Mr. James Sullivan, Maintenance

## RETIRED PRIEST IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Leonard J. Kempski

## WELCOME

A warm welcome is extended to all who come to Holy Rosary Church. All new parishioners are invited to register in the parish office.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

## OUTREACH OFFICE (302) 798-1513

*Food Closet Hours*—Monday and Thursday,  
9:30 am to 11:30 am

*Parish Prayer Chain*—If you have an intention that you wish remembered through the prayer chain, please call Mrs. Betty Guthrie at (302) 798-5811.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE (302) 798-0123

[hreligioused@yahoo.com](mailto:hreligioused@yahoo.com)

Pre-School through Grade Eight, Sunday mornings, 9:15 am

RCIA—Tuesday evenings, 7:00 pm

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Sunday Obligation:

Saturday: 4:30 pm; Sunday: 8:00 am and 10:30 am;  
1:00 pm Spanish

**Holy Days:** As published in the bulletin and website

**Weekdays:** Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: 7:00 am

Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday: 8:30 am

### Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion:

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: 8:30 am

Tuesday and Thursday: 7:00 am

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:30 pm or by appointment with a Priest

Please call the Rectory.

## BAPTISMS

Baptisms are held on the second Sunday of each month. Please call the Parish Office for arrangements. Parents are expected to be registered with the parish, practicing Catholics, and must attend the Pre-Baptism Program at least one month prior to the desired date. It is recommended that you attend the program prior to the birth of your child.

## MARRIAGE

Please contact one of the parish priests or deacons at least one year in advance to set a wedding date and begin pre-marriage preparation.

## FAMILIA HISPANA

Rev. Salvador Magaña (302)387-9958 Favor de dejar mensaje, telefono, nombre y asunto.

Diacono Jose Perez (302) 981-2019

## MISA DE DOMINGO 1:00 pm

CONFESIONES. Antes o despues de misa.

BAUTISMOS. Favor de hablar con el sacerdote.

## MATRIMONIO, CATECISMO PARA ADULTOS, XV AÑOS Y

PRESENTACIONES. Hablar con el sacerdote.

CATESISMO PARA NIÑOS.: Domingos, 9:15 am a 10:15 am

**MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR**

*My Dear Parishioners,*

*Merry Christmas to each and every one of you who call Holy Rosary Home! I send each of you my love and promise of prayer for a Blessed and Prosperous New year. May the light of the star of Bethlehem lead each of us to a better tomorrow, where our sacrifices grant blessings to others and come back to us one-hundred fold!*

*Each of you is*

*On my mind,*

*In my heart &*

*In my Prayers!*

*Love*

*Father John*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, December 24  
CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday, December 25  
CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, December 26  
7:00 am Stanislaw and Stanislawa Uscinski (from Deb Coupe)

Tuesday, December 27  
8:30 am Agnes Marth (from Patrick McCarthy)

Wednesday, December 28  
7:00 am Marilyn C. Visco (from Diane Spirk)

Thursday, December 29  
8:30 am Gerie Feeley (from Beverly Henry)

Friday, December 30  
7:00 am Arthur & Olive Lang (from Mary Lang)

Saturday, December 31  
NEW YEAR'S EVE

Sunday, January 1  
NEW YEAR'S DAY

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Please pray for all of our hospitalized parishioners: Mary McCann**

**Pray for the deceased, may they rise to a new life in Christ especially Catherine Weitz and John Gibson.**

**SHOW OUR MILITARY YOU CARE!**

Please remember our military men and women by donating your old cell phone. Our cell phone drive is ongoing. To date, we have collected over **490 used cell phones**, which translate over **27,040 minutes on calling cards** for our military who are separated from their family and friends. Please don't forget to drop your old cell phones off in the front entrance of the church. Let's continue to show our support and appreciation of the incredible service and sacrifice these brave citizens give us!



*Please pray for those serving in our Armed Forces:* David Robert Annal; Ronald August, III (Air Force); Joe Bonavita; Jason Briones; Sean Bunny; George Camia; John Donmoyer (Air National Guard); Dana Grindel; Edward Higgins; Michael Holden; Ryan Hopkins; Joshua Hower (Delaware National Guard); Edward Kim; Major Jeffrey Lavallee (Air Force); Jason Ryan Lord; Lee Marine; Anthony Martinez, Jr.; Brian K. McNew, Jr. (Army); Gary Meekins (Marines); Eric Benjamin Phillips (Marines); Anthony M. Sayo; Edward Schwarzman; Michael Shelton; Donald Van Alstyne ; Paul Wade (Army) and Lisa Webb (Air Force).

To honor our active duty military and to commend them to our prayers, please provide the Parish Office with the names of anyone in the parish or your family who is serving. Please be sure to include their branch of service. Their names will be printed in the bulletin so that they may be prayed for in addition to the petition we have in the Prayer of the Faithful. *If your loved one is already listed above, please contact the Parish Office with any updated information, including their branch of service. We are thankful for their courage and dedication to duty in the most difficult circumstances.*

## **OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Sunday, December 18—\$9,067.36

## **FAITH FORMATION**

### **WE ARE IN NEED OF HELPERS**

The second and third grade classrooms:

WHO? teens, grandparent or if your child is in this group, please consider helping out one week a month or everyweek. These are large classes and could really use two extra hands, Please see or contact Theresa Moschelle in the Faith Formation Office, 798-0123, or [hrreligious@yahoo.com](mailto:hrreligious@yahoo.com)

## B O R N T O D A Y



Today we rejoice. God has become one of us. He is a baby, born so we could be born into and share in God's own life. God's love greets us as equals, so we can, like Mary, freely say "yes" to this mysterious gift. If we accept this gift, we become children of God, members of the divine family, and full of grace like Mary. Baptism and confirmation are the acts of our rebirth; the Eucharist is our nourishment to grow in God's family. When we are grown up he will return for us. Are you ready?

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Maranatha!

"Alégrate, llena de gracia, el Señor está contigo... Vas a concebir y dar a luz un hijo". ¡Qué maravilloso saludo! Y María dijo: "Yo soy la esclava del Señor; cúmplase en mí lo que has dicho". Esa cooperación entre Dios y la mujer comienza la revelación del gran misterio escondido: la presencia de Cristo Jesús, Salvador y Señor, entre nosotros. Al celebrar el "Sí" de María, den gracias a Dios por Jesucristo, Hijo Único de Dios. ¡Maranatha!

**The Parish would like to Say "Thank you and Blessed Christmas", to our Religious Education Volunteers.**

You give us the gift of yourself every week and we are grateful!

Michelle Canning, 3rd Grade; Pam DeCollo, 6th Gr; Michelle Fallin, 2nd Gr; Dawn Hower, 7th Gr; Jen Hughes, 4th Gr; Bonnie Maichle, 2nd Gr; Lynn Nickel, 5th Gr; Tricia Shaw, K-1; Bernadette Smith, 3rd Gr; Beth Smith, 7th Gr; Laurel Steinberg, K-1, Charlene Tan, 8th Gr; Maryann Williams, 6th Gr. Our great High School aides: Ashley Hughes, Jenna Moschelle, and Steven Nickel . Our Office Staff: Karla Andrade, Diane Schiappa and Len Taddei.

## LITURGY

### THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD/ SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

#### **First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27**

The Lord told Aaron to bestow his blessings on the Israelites. God wanted them to know that by invoking his name they would be blessed by him.

#### **Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7**

Paul describes how through Jesus' birth, we have been delivered from the laws that exiled Gentiles from God's community. Through Jesus, the Gentiles became God's adopted ones and would receive the same blessings that the Jewish converts had been promised.

#### **Gospel: Luke 2:16-21**

The shepherds went to Bethlehem to see Jesus and immediately understood all that they had been told about him. They praised God for what they had seen, and Jesus was given the name that the angel had chosen for him.

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### EL OCTAVO DÍA DE LA NATIVIDAD DEL SEÑOR/ SOLEMNIDAD DE MARÍA, LA MADRE DE DIOS

#### **Primera Lectura: Números 6:22-27**

El Señor dijo a Aarón que otorgara sus bendiciones a los israelitas. Dios quería que ellos supieran que al invocar Su nombre, El los bendeciría.

#### **Segunda Lectura: Gálatas 4: 4-7**

San Pablo describe cómo a través del nacimiento de Jesús hemos sido librados de las leyes que exilaban a los gentiles de la comunidad de Dios. A través de Jesús, los gentiles se convirtieron en los adoptados por Dios y recibirían las mismas bendiciones que se le habían prometidos a los judíos conversos.

#### **Evangelio: San Lucas 2: 16-21**

Los pastores fueron a Belén a ver a Jesús e inmediatamente entendieron todo lo que se les había dicho acerca de El. Alabaron a Dios por lo que habían visto, y se le dio a Jesús el nombre que el ángel había elegido para El.

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

### GIVING TREE 2011

Our annual parish Giving Tree began the weekend of November 20. Over 400 wonderful gifts were beautifully wrapped and returned for pick up. How OVERWHELMED Bayard House, Samaritan Outreach, and Saint Joseph Villa were when they loaded their trucks! Thanks to everyone for carrying the gifts to the pick-up point. Also thanks to Bonnie Kask for typing our labels every year. Most of all THANK YOU to all our parishioners and friends for sharing the love of Jesus this Christmas Season. Your generosity and kindness enables our parish community to reach out and assist these agencies in need. Have a blessed Christmas!



### *Giving Tree Volunteers*

### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Remember your loved ones this Christmas with a Christmas Flower Memorial. Please use the envelope provided in your envelope package.



## PARISH LIFE

### MONEY MANIA IS HERE!!!!

As a reminder, we are selling tickets in the **FRONT VESTIBULE** of Church until the end of December for January, 2012, Delaware Lottery drawings. Hurry up and get your tickets before they are all sold out !!

## New Year's Masses

### **New Year's Day-**

Saturday, December 31—4:30 pm

Sunday, January 1—8:00 am and 10:30 am

Spanish Mass— 1:00 pm

## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Marriage Encounter**

God gave us the greatest gift of love when He sent His son to redeem us. He asks us to love one another as He loves us. Take the time to grow deeper in love with God, your spouse and your family at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is planned for February 11-13 in Rehoboth Beach, DE. For more information visit our website at: [www.wwme-delmar.org](http://www.wwme-delmar.org) or to register for the weekend, please call John and Kat Molitor @ 302-422-1235.

### **Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship**

All boys and girls, ages 10-14, are invited to participate in the Christopher Council Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The Championship will be held January 21, 2012, at Archmere Academy Gymnasium, 3600 Philadelphia Pike, Claymont; with registration beginning at 9:30 am. The event is free. Parents are requested to bring proof of age for their child. For entry forms and further information, please contact Bill Moschelle at 302-475-6183 or e-mail: [tbandw@verizon.net](mailto:tbandw@verizon.net).

### **Holy Spirit's New Year's Eve Celebration:**

Ring in the New Year for a Good Cause! The evening begins with Mass at 7:00 PM, followed by great Food, Music, and Dancing in the church hall until 12:30 AM. Beer and wine cash bar available, champagne toast included. Cost is \$25 per person. Proceeds will go to Holy Spirit's Convent and Gym Roof Fund and Missions of Hope. Must be 21 to attend. For more information, call 302-658-1069 or email: [hscathchurch@aol.com](mailto:hscathchurch@aol.com) .

### **Sisters of Saint Joseph Concert**

The Sisters of Saint Joseph present the Keystone State Boy Choir, in conjunction with the Princeton Girl Choir, for a concert on Sunday January 8, 2012. The concert begins at 3:00 pm and will be held in Mount Saint Joseph Convent Chapel (9701 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19118). Concert tickets are \$25.00 each. Limited seating is available, so please make your purchase promptly. To reserve tickets call 1-800-482-6510 or e-mail [development@ssjphila.org](mailto:development@ssjphila.org). Ticket proceeds benefit the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

### **Sisters of Saint Joseph Mission Corps**

Ever thought about volunteering for a year? Interested in making a difference in our world? The SSJ Mission Corps is a year long volunteer program in the city of Philadelphia sponsored by the Sisters of Saint Joseph. Volunteers are invited to live in community with fellow volunteers and open themselves to God, as they work for justice and reach out to meet the needs of the poor and marginalized. The tagline for the program is "One Year to Change a Life," which encourages women to not only work for change in the lives of others but also their own life. The SSJ Mission Corps is for **women, ages 21-35**, looking to dedicate **a year** of their life to working for the mission of the Gospel and the Sisters of Saint Joseph in our world. During the year, volunteers focus on 4 core values: Justice, Simple Living, Spirituality, and Community. The program runs from August to June. For more information or questions, please contact: **Colleen O'Grady**, Director SSJ Mission Corps [ssjmissioncorps@gmail.com](mailto:ssjmissioncorps@gmail.com) <http://ssjphila.org/SSJMissionCorp2.html> 215-248-7235

## **Vocations**

In the miracle of Christmas, God Himself came to earth in flesh and blood in the person of Jesus Christ. At every Mass, through the ministry of priests, Christ comes before us once again, this time hidden in the sacramental forms of bread and wine. If you think you might be called to the priesthood, please call or write Father Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or [jcocucci@cdow.org](mailto:jcocucci@cdow.org)). Be sure to visit our website: [www.CalledByTheLord.com](http://www.CalledByTheLord.com)!



## **Christmas**

Isaiah, in the ancient prophecy, refers to the Christ-child as: Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, and Prince of Peace. St. Paul and the Gospel passages teach us the Child is truly Emmanuel — God is with us. He is the "Light of the World" that pierces the darkness and gives us hope. On this Christmas day, we, as faithful stewards, stand in awe of His glory and gratefully praise God for this gift of His Son — our path to eternal salvation.

### **Bulletin Deadlines**

The deadline for the January 8th bulletin is Tuesday, January 3, at 12:00 noon. Bulletin announcements can be e-mailed to [office@hrparish.com](mailto:office@hrparish.com), faxed to (302) 798-3609, or dropped off at the Parish Office.

## **THIS WEEK AT HOLY ROSARY**

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25**

- 8:00 am Mass—Christmas Day (Church)
- 10:30 am Mass—Christmas Day (Church)
- 1:00 pm Spanish Mass Christmas Day (Church)
- 8:00 pm NA (Room 4)

### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 26**

- 6:00 pm Seminary-Hispanic Ministry (Chapel/Crusader Room)

### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27**

- 7:00 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)

### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31**

- 9:30 am Citlalli (Crusader Room)
- 4:30 pm Mass (Church)
- 6:00 pm AA (Crusader Room)

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 1**

- 8:00 pm New Year's Day Mass (Church)
- 10:30 pm New Year's Day Mass (Church)
- 1:00 pm Spanish Mass New Year's Day (Church)
- 8:00 pm NA (Room 4)

## **Marriage and Family Life Corner**

### **Marriage Moments/Parenting Pointers**

This Christmas, pause, look at your true love, and appreciate the gift you are to each other. Hopefully, the frenzy of Christmas Day will wane and you can rest in each other's company for a moment. It's a better gift than two turtle doves!

### **PARENTING POINTERS**

The wait is over. Christmas Eve and Christmas day are often hectic for many families. Take five minutes today to be quiet, to ponder with Mary the miracle of new life, to give the gift of your non-anxious presence to your family.

*(by Susan Vogt, [www.SusanVogt.net](http://www.SusanVogt.net))*

