

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
January 1, 2012

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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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

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.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

My Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate a *Happy New Year* but we also celebrate the Solemnity of the **Mother of God!** Who better than Mary to help us resolve to live a good life? She is the THEOTOKOS (the God-Bearer). There is nothing that can bring us more joy than bringing God into our lives. She teaches us how. We must be

People of the Word,

People of prayer,

People of Trust &

**People of
Service.**

This is who Mary was. Before she made room for Jesus, the Word of God, in her womb----she made room for the Word of God, Jesus, in her heart! That is what we must do. Let's open our hearts so that God can take flesh in us. By how we live and how we love, may god be born in the lives of others!

**Love and
Prayers,
Fr. John**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 31

8:30 am For the People of Holy Rosary

4:30 am New Year's Eve

Sunday, January 1

8:00 am For the People of Holy Rosary

10:30 am Patrick McCarthy (from Marconni/Jordan Family)

Monday, January 2

7:00 am Helen Diehl (from Deb Coupe)

Tuesday, January 3

8:30 am Patrick McCarthy (from Helen Young)

Wednesday, January 4

7:00 am Anthony L. Palmer (from Lois & Bill Kennedy)

Thursday, January 5

8:30 am Patrick McCarthy (from Allen & Joan Wolf)

Friday, January 6

7:00 am Mildred Loeper (from William Griffith)

Saturday, January 7

8:30 am Gertrude Coupe (from Deb Coupe)

4:30 pm Tadeusz Delawski (from Joan Delawski)

Sunday, January 8

8:00 am Joseph L. Grieco (from Janet, Duke & Cassandra)

10:30 am For the People of Holy Rosary

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!

FAITH FORMATION

Families with children in RE who chose the split payment—a payment by January 15 would be appreciated



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.*

ADULT GROUPS

"Coffee and Conversation" group will meet in the School hall Sundays, from 9:30 am to 10:15 am. Please join us.

Religious Education classes will resume January 8, 2012.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for all of our parishioners who may be hospitalized or sick: Brian Naughton, Dante Marini, Elizabeth Rahaim and Donna Renulsi.

Pray for the deceased, may they rise to a new life in Christ.

GOD BEARER

In the year 431 the Council of Ephesus gave the Blessed Virgin Mary the proud title of "Mother of God" or theotokos—the bearer of God. This "job/task" gives her a special place in the whole Christian family. Without her "yes," God's entire plan would have been different. But before, during and afterward, she is very much a human mother, though containing in her womb that which all of creation could not contain. Today we honor her for her task well done and for all her motherly care.



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La Theotokos: Madre de Dios

En el año 431 de nuestra era, el Concilio de Éfeso, reconoció a la Virgen María como la *theotokos*, en griego, "Madre de Dios". Este papel tan importante la puso en un sitio especial en la familia cristiana. El plan de Dios habría sido diferente si María no hubiera contestado "Sí". Pero ella siguió siendo una madre humana (antes, durante y después), aunque hubiera llevado en su seno al Hijo de Dios. A ella le tocó ese papel, y hoy la homenajeamos.

PARISH LIFE

Birthright Bottles for Babies

Birthright of Delaware is so grateful for your kind support of Bottles for Babies during Respect Life Month. Holy Rosary parish raised \$1,057.60. Thank you for sharing in our work of serving mothers and their babies!



LITURGY

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah speaks poetically of the coming of the Lord. He describes how "darkness covers the earth" but light and glory appear over God's chosen people.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul tells the Ephesians that the Jews and Gentiles are now co-heirs of the promises God has made. He explains that both groups are now members of one body through Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus' birth, three astrologers from the east came to Jerusalem and inquired about the newborn king of the Jews. King Herod became greatly angered, and asked the astrologers to bring him more information about the child once they had found him, so that he too could pay homage to the infant. However, Herod's true plan was to kill Jesus. The wise men were warned in a dream not to return to him and they took a different route to return home.

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EPIFANÍA

Primera Lectura: Isaías 60:1-6

Isaías habla poéticamente de la venida del Señor. Describe cómo "las tinieblas cubren la tierra", pero la luz y la gloria brillarán sobre el pueblo escogido de Dios.

Segunda Lectura: Efesios 3:2-3a, 5-6

San Pablo le dice a los efesios que los judíos y los gentiles son ahora coherederos de las promesas que Dios ha hecho. Explica que ambos grupos son ahora miembros de un mismo cuerpo a través de Jesucristo.

Evangelio: San Mateo 2:1-12

Luego de nacer Jesús, tres astrólogos del este vinieron a Jerusalén a preguntar sobre el recién nacido rey de los judíos. El rey Herodes se enojó mucho y pidió a los astrólogos traerle más información sobre el niño cuando lo hubieran encontrado, para que él también pudieran rendirle homenaje. Sin embargo, el verdadero plan de Herodes era matar a Jesús. Los magos fueron advertidos en un sueño de no regresar con el rey y tomaron una ruta diferente para regresar a casa.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marriage Encounter

The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The LORD looks upon you kindly and give you peace! Let the Lord's graces pour out on your marriage. 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 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.

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. 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 <http://ssjphila.org/SSJMissionCorp2.html> 215-248-7235

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

In St. Luke's Gospel, shepherds find Mary, Joseph, and the infant Jesus in a stable in Bethlehem and understood what had been told them — Mary, the Mother of God, has given birth to Jesus, the Word made flesh. Mary, along with Joseph, becomes the first disciple of Christ. St. Paul teaches that through Jesus, the Son of God, born of Mary, we become children of God. Stewardship begins by accepting discipleship in the Lord. Let us follow Mary's example of fully trusting in God's call and doing His will in our lives.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

The Hispanic/Latino Bishops of the United States, for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, wrote the following letter to immigrants.:

Dear Immigrant sisters and brothers,
May the peace and grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you!

We the undersigned Hispanic/Latino Bishops of the United States wish to let those of you who lack proper authorization to live and work in our country know that you are not alone, or forgotten. We recognize that every human being, authorized or not, is an image of God and therefore possesses infinite value and dignity. We open our arms and hearts to you, and we receive you as members of our Catholic family. As pastors, we direct these words to you from the depths of our heart.

In a very special way we want to thank you for the Christian values you manifest to us with your lives—your sacrifice for the well-being of your families, your determination and perseverance, your joy of life, your profound faith and fidelity despite your insecurity and many difficulties. You contribute much to the welfare of our nation in the economic, cultural and spiritual areas.

The economic crisis has had an impact on the entire US community. Regretfully, some in reaction to this environment of uncertainty show disdain for immigrants and even blame them for the crisis. We will not find a solution to our problems by sowing hatred. We will find the solution by sowing a sense of solidarity among all workers and co-workers—immigrants and citizens—who live together in the US.

In your suffering faces we see the true face of Jesus Christ. We are well aware of the great sacrifice you make for your families' well-being. Many of you perform the most difficult jobs and receive miserable salaries and no health insurance or social security. Despite your contributions to the well-being of our country, instead of receiving our thanks, you are often treated as criminals because you have violated current immigration laws.

We are also very aware of the pain suffered by those families who have experience the deportation of one of their members. We are conscious of the frustration of youth and young adults who have grown up in this country and whose dreams are shattered because they lack legal immigration status. We also know of the anxiety of those whose application process for permanent residency is close to completion and of the anguish of those who live daily under the threat of deportation. This situation cries out to God for a worth and humane solution.

To Be Continued.....

Vocations

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

God chose Mary to be the mother of Jesus; from all women, she was chosen to bring God's life into the world. God also calls women and men today to bring His life into the world by serving as religious sisters, religious brothers, deacons and priests. If you think God might be calling you to serve in a religious vocation, please call or write Father Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or jcocucci@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: www.CalledByTheLord.com!

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Marriage and Family Life Corner

Marriage Moments/Parenting Pointers

Welcome to a new year! Discover something new about your spouse today. Do you know his/her favorite website, in-law, movie, scripture passage, etc.

PARENTING POINTERS

You carry out the mission of the church of the home in ordinary ways when...you pray together...You know as you gather – restless toddlers, searching teenagers, harried adults – that God answers all prayers, but sometimes in surprising ways. (Follow the Way of Love, USCCB) Looking back on the past year, can you identify a prayer that has been answered?

(by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net)

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, faxed to (302) 798-3609, or dropped off at the Parish Office.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY ROSARY

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)

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

- 6:00 pm Seminary-Hispanic Ministry (Chapel/Crusader Room)
- 7:00 pm Cub Scouts—Tigers (Room 4)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

- 5:30 pm Bingo
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Crusader Room)
- 7:00 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

- 9:00 am Museum Committee (Pastoral Center)
- 10:00 am Craft Group (Pastoral Center)
- 6:30 pm Spanish RCIA (Room 3)
- 7:00 pm Choir Practice (Church)
- 7:00 pm Cub Scouts—Bears (Room 4)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

- 3:00 pm Girl Scouts (Room 4)
- 7:00 pm Hispanic Choir Practice (Church)
- 7:00 pm Cub Scouts—Webelos I & II (Crusader Room)
- 7:00 pm Cub Scouts—Wolves (Room 4)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

- 9:15 am Religious Education Classes (School Building)
- 12:00 pm Baptisms (Church)
- 1:00 pm Spanish Mass (Church)
- 8:00 pm NA (Room 4)

