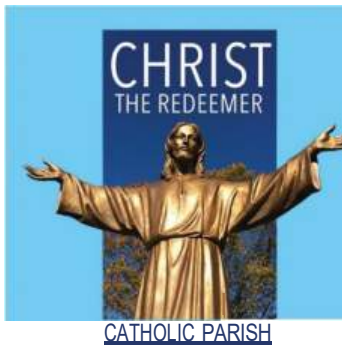




Christ the Redeemer

Catholic Parish

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The Parish Family of Christ the Redeemer welcomes and embraces **ALL** with the love of God through Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit

Third Sunday of Advent (December 16 - 17, 2023)

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm
Friday – Closed

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil 4:00pm
Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am

Daily Mass

Monday through Friday 8:00am

Holy Day Mass

Vigil 6:00pm
Holy Day 8:00am

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00pm

Adoration

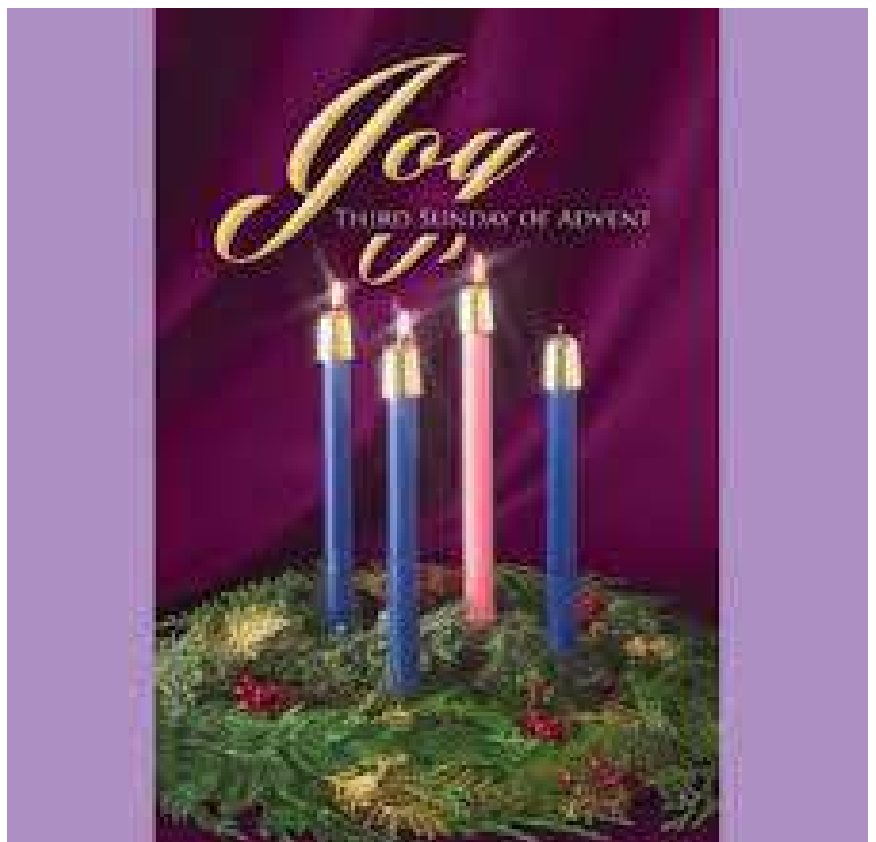
Prayer: Monday-Thursday 3:00pm-4:00pm
Friday following the 8:00am Mass until 7:00pm

Pastor – Rev. Joseph D. Wallace
In Residence – Rev. Msgr. Dominic J. Bottino (Ret).

Deacons – Deacon Al LaMonaca,
Deacon Joseph Janocha,
Deacon Nicholas Ludovich (Ret)

He said: "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as Isaiah the prophet said."

John 1: 23



Please Remember

Mass Intentions

Third Sunday of Advent
December 16 – 17, 2023

Saturday, December 16, 2023 - 4:00 PM

Paul Harbold r/b Anne & Family
Mary DiRocco r/b Fran & Anita DiRocco
Leo DiBlasi r/b Mary DiBlase

Sunday, December 17, 2023 - 9:00 AM

Martin Blaskey r/b Joyce Blaskey
Leon Kucheruck & Linda Haworth r/b Edna & Family
Robert J. Wallace r/b Joseph & Lorriane Dico
Minnie Gallo r/b Joe & Mary Ann Midure

Sunday December 17, 2023 - 11:00 AM

Steven Traenkner r/b Carolyn Traenkner
Nicole Strain r/b the Strain Family

Monday, Dec 18th 8:00 AM – For the People of the Parish

Tuesday, Dec 19th 8:00 AM – Herb Chiumento r/b Kristi Moritz & Family

Wednesday, Dec 20th 8:00 AM – Tim Hunt r/b Louise & Don

Thursday, Dec 21st 8:00 AM – Robert J. Wallace r/b Mariterese Thomas

Friday, Dec 22nd 8:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of the DePalma Family r/b Jayne Cleveland

HOLY FAMILY CORNER

Congratulations to:

Ricky Xavier Rodriguez
Baptized December 10, 2023

Please pray for the following couple who are expecting a child:

Edward & Kirstian Yucis

Please call the parish office if you are expecting a child so our parish family can pray for the health & well-being of the Mother, Father, & Baby. Please notify the office at such time the baby is born so we can congratulate the happy family.

Rest in God's Peace

May we pray for our parishioners who have passed away in **November 2023**

Frank Damiano
Maureen Hanna
George Vlasics

Stephen Buntin
Thomas W. Yoder, Jr.
Elizabeth Bachman

Altar Memorials:

*The Sanctuary Candle will
burn for*

All of Our Faithful Volunteers

*The Bread and Wine are
for*

**Our Sick & Homebound
Parishioners**

*The Flowers are for An End to
All Abortions*

Please Pray For:

Owen A., Joanne Pizza, Dolly Harris, Eileen Conte, David Craig, Cathy Meyerhoff, Reed Costello, Harold Connelly, Paul DiGerolamo, Salvatore Bombara, Joyce Bombara, Tom Dixon, Sean Dolphin, Charlie Bates, Donna Scardino, Mary Tuflariello, Paul Carrullo, John DeSontis, Patricia Schreiber, Carol Caruthers, Stanley, Siminski, Leana Siminski, Maria Collini, David, Gaven, Mildred Collini, Joyce DeAngelis, Tom Taylor, Keith Werner, Regina Collinson, Joseph Gulli, Gert Vanartsdalen, Joseph Obrish, Bill Marks, David Heim, Doris Damiano, Theresa Seaman, Francis Pecikonis, Samantha Pecikonis, Clemetine (Tina) Battista, Bonnie Donegan, Daniel Smith, Dennis Williams, Grace Eggers, Patricia Johnson, Baby Jack Thummel, Cricket Hoffman, Kathy Wiston, Joseph DePalma, James A. Sorce, William F. Miller, Sr., Miabella Snell, Zoli LaChapelle-LaPolla, Finn Bicher, Liz Concepcion, Richard Rudley

To add a name to the parish prayer chain, or if you wish to become part of this ministry, please email your request to prayerchain@christtheredeemer.us

If someone you know should no longer be on the prayer list, please let the Parish Office know.

Thank You for Your Service!

Sr. Hannah Hayes, PFC Misha Oritz, PFC Joshua McCrane, Lt. Tevya Paretti USAF, PVT Jeffrey Gual, LT03 Michael Oritz, SSGT Connor Sigloch, QSN Sasha Oritz, SGT Domenico Pleskonko, Specialist Angelo Torres, Sr., AK Mark Barlow, W.H. Dube AET USCG, Cpt. Andrew Grubb, Col. Thomas R. Monaghan, Jr., Sgt. Jason Concepcion, Staff Sgt. Nick Goetschius, Pt 1st C Kevin Matthew Leggett, Lt. Col. Timothy Cleighton, T Sgt. Taylor Purvis, Staff Sgt. Keith Dauder, Spc. Peter Rohloff, Lt. Allyson Franchi, Lt. Col Dave Zielinski, Cpt. Sam Stader, Cpt. Thomas Baldrige

If someone you know is no longer in the military service, please let the Parish Office know.

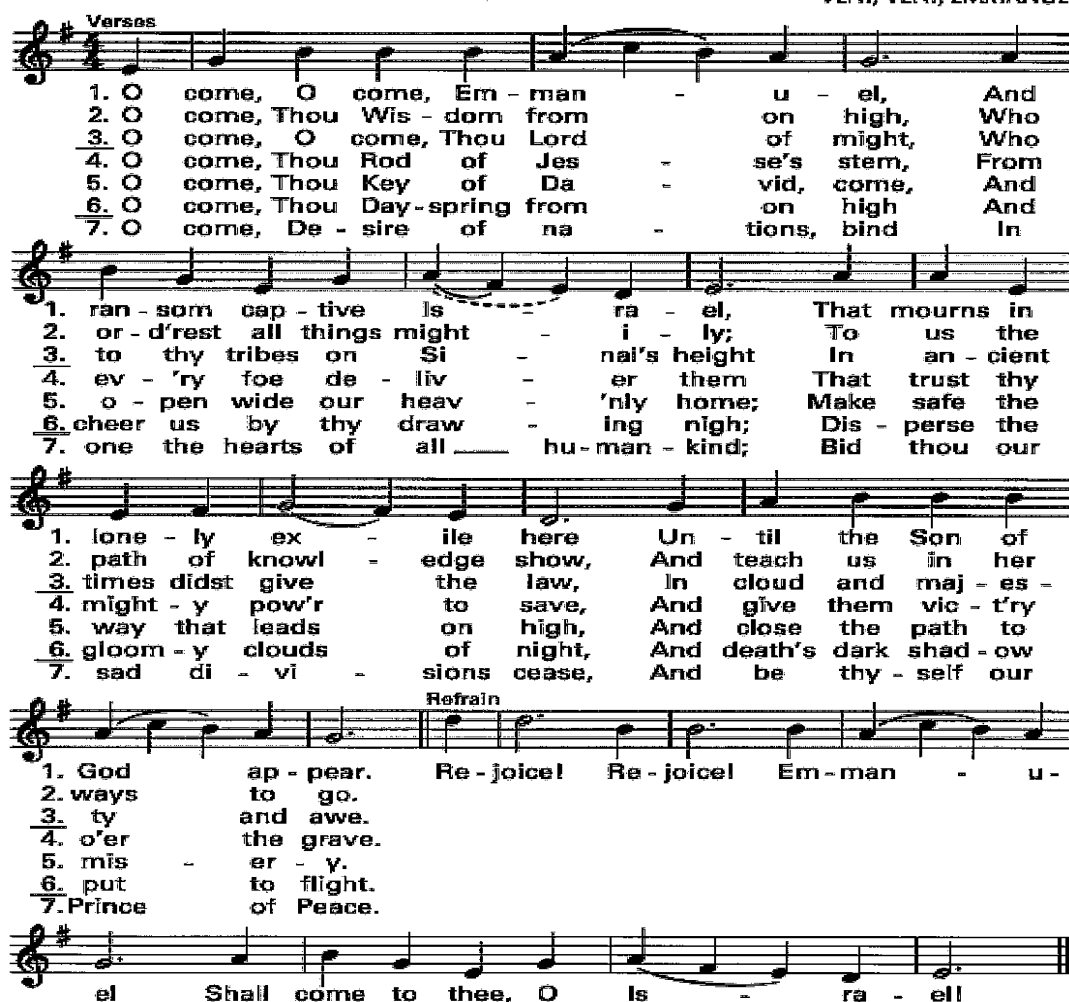
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Entrance Hymn

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

Verses



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And
 2. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who
 3. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who
 4. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se's stem, From
 5. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And
 6. O come, Thou Day-spring from on high And
 7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In

1. ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in
 2. or - d'rest all things might - i - ly; To us the
 3. to thy tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient
 4. ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them That trust thy
 5. o - pen wide our heav - 'nly home; Make safe the
 6. cheer us by thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the
 7. one the hearts of all hu - man - kind; Bid thou our

1. lone - ly ex - ile here Un - til the Son of
 2. path of knowl - edge show, And teach us in her
 3. times didst give the law, In cloud and maj - es -
 4. might - y pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry
 5. way that leads on high, And close the path to
 6. gloom - y clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ow
 7. sad di - vi - sions cease, And be thy - self our

Refrain

1. God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u -
 2. ways to go.
 3. ty and awe.
 4. o'er the grave.
 5. mis - er - y.
 6. put to flight.
 7. Prince of Peace.

el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - ell

Text: LM with refrain; Latin, 9th cent.; verses 1, 3-6, para. in *Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum*, Cologne, 1710; tr. by John Mason Neale, 1818-1856; verses 2, 7 tr. fr. *The Hymnal 1940*, alt.
 Music: *Processionale*, 15th cent. French; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890; Chant, Mode I

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **AMEN**

Third Sunday of Advent

1st Reading – Isaiah 61: 1-2a, 10-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God. I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels. As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise spring up before all the nations.

Responsorial Psalm – Luke 1: 46-48, 49-50, 53-54

My soul rejoices in my God.

2nd Reading – 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

Brothers and Sisters:

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil. May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel – John 1: 6-8, 19-28

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am *the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'*" as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Third Sunday of Advent

Nicene Creed (Profession of Faith)

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God, from true God, begotten not made consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(At the words that follow, up to and including "and became man" all bow.)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. **AMEN**

Offertory Hymn

CHRIST, CIRCLE ROUND US

Dan Schutte

Verses



1. Come, O Ra-diant Dawn, splen-dor of the morn-ing light.
2. Come, O Flow'r of Love, ho-ly branch of Jes-se's tree.
3. Come, O Word of Truth, font of know-ledge from on high.
4. Come, O Gate of Hope, ho-ly door of heav-en's throne.
5. Come, O Might-y Lord, mas-ter of the stars of night.
6. Come, Em-man-u-el, cher-ished hope of Is-ra-el.
7. Come, Lord Je-sus Christ, long a-wait-ed Prince of Peace.



1. Come, Sun of Jus-tice, turn a-way the pow'r of night.
2. Come, Bough of Bless-ing, bloom for all the world to see.
3. Come, Ho-ly Wis-dom, be our faith-ful friend and guide.
4. Come, Key of Da-vid, o-pen wide the path-way home.
5. Come, Strength of Pil-grims, keep us in your lov-ing sight.
6. Come, live a-mong us, ev-er in our hearts to dwell.
7. Come, Hope of Na-tions, ev-er make our love in-crease.

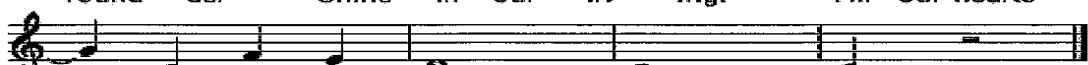
Refrain



Christ, cir-cle round us. Christ, may your light sur-



round us. Shine in our liv-ing. Fill our hearts



with great thanks-giv-ing.

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Third Sunday of Advent

HOLY

Mass of the Resurrection
Randall DeBruyn

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

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SAVE US, SAVIOR

Mass of the Resurrection
Randall DeBruyn

Save us, Sav-ior of the world, for by your Cross and Res - ur -
rec - tion you have set us free, you have set us free.

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AMEN

Mass of the Resurrection
Randall DeBruyn

A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

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LAMB OF GOD

Mass of the Resurrection
Randall DeBruyn

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world, have mer - cy on us. world, grant us peace.

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Third Sunday of Advent

Communion Hymn

BREAD OF ANGELS

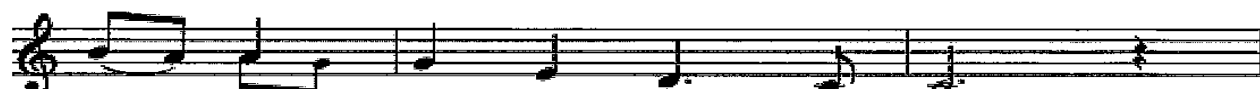
Curtis Stephan



1. Bread of an - gels, we re - ceive you; with us
2. Cup of Mer - cy o - ver - flow - ing, fill us
3. Word in - car - nate, dwell with - in us; pierce our
4. Though un - wor - thy, we re - ceive you, sac - ra -



1. now a - bide. Pre - cious Je - sus, man - na of
2. with your grace; wine of pas - sion, O Son be -
3. hard - ened hearts. Ten - der Je - sus, Love so
4. ment di - vine. Bread of an - gels, ac - cept our



1. a - ges, with us now re - side.
2. got - ten, we flee to your em - brace.
3. gen - tle, nev - er let us part.
4. prais - es, let your glo - ry shine!



1. Pa - nis an - gé - lí-cus fit pa - nis hó - mí - num,
2. O res mi - rá - bi - lis man - dú - cat Dó - mí - num,
3. Te, tri - na Dé - í - tas ú - na - que, pó - sci - mus,
4. Per tu - as sé - mí - tas duc nos quo tén - di - mus,



1. Dat pa - nis cáe - lí-cus fi - gú - ris tér - mí - num.
3. Sic nos tu ví - si - ta, si - cut te có - lí - mus.



2. Pau - per, Pau - per, ser - vus, et hú - mí - lis.
4. lu - cem, Ad lu - cem quam in - há - bi - tas.

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Third Sunday of Advent

Recessional Hymn

O COME, DIVINE MESSIAH

VENEZ, DIVIN MESSIE

Verses



1. O come, di - vine Mes - si - ah; The world in
2. O Christ, whom na - tions sigh for, Whom priest and
3. You come in peace and meek - ness And low - ly



1. si - lence waits the day When hope shall sing its
2. proph - et long fore - told, Come, break the cap - tive's
3. will your cra - dle be; All clothed in hu - man

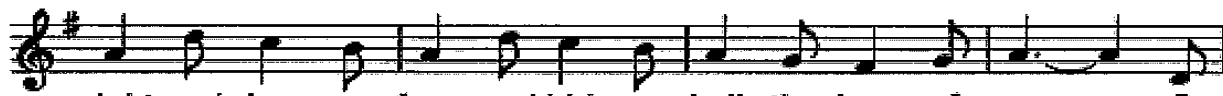


1. tri - umph And sad - ness flee a - way.
2. fet - ters, Re - deem the long - lost fold.
3. weak - ness Shall we your God - head see.

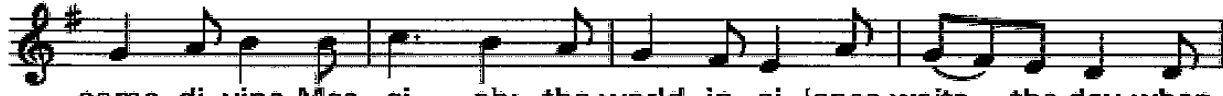
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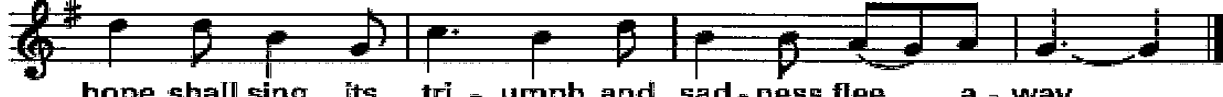
Dear Sav - ior, haste! Come, come to earth. Dis - pel the



night and show your face, and bid us hail the dawn of grace. O



come, di - vine Mes - si - ah; the world in si - lence waits the day when



hope shall sing its tri - umph and sad - ness flee a - way.

Text: 78 76 with refrain; Abbé Simon-Joseph Pellegrin, 1663–1745; tr. by S. Mary of St. Philip, 1877.
Music: Trad. French Carol, 16th cent.

Ministry News

Catechism in a Year

Join Vince Brandolino, every **Thursday at 6:30 PM** in the 7th Grade Classroom of the Pastoral Center. Any questions please contact Vince at rcia@christtheredeemer.us

Martha Ministry

The month of **December 2023** cleaning schedule is **Tuesday, December 19th** beginning at **5:00 PM**. Your help in keeping the church clean is greatly appreciated. Contact Nancy Holland at holland99@verizon.net if you have any questions.

St. Anthony's Women's Ministry

The St. Anthony's Women's Ministry will hold their monthly meeting on **Wednesday, December 20th** at **6:30 PM** in the conference room of the Pastoral Center.

Bereavement Ministry

The Bereavement Ministry meeting scheduled for **Thursday, December 21st** is being cancelled this month. The next scheduled meeting will be January 18, 2024.

The Hummel Nativity ***Submitted by Barbara Doelling***

Once upon a time two children grew up: a boy in Cedar Brook and a girl in Blue Anchor. They were raised by devout Catholic parents and received their sacraments in their respective churches. At the appropriate time they met at a dance at St. Lucy's church. Eventually they married and raised a family - still loyal parishioners. In the 1960s they purchased a Hummel Nativity set and donated it to the church where they met. This beautiful nativity is still being lovingly set up in our St. Lucy Chapel. Why not stop in and pay a visit to the Holy Family as you leave church?



Eden Stewardship

December 17, 2023
Third Sunday of Advent

Stewards Pray

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

This scripture reading sums up **Stewardship**.

"Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day.

"Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

Catholic Definition

Prayer

It is always possible to **pray**. The time of the Christian is that of the risen Christ who is with us always, no matter what tempests may arise. "Our time is in the hands of God: It is possible to offer fervent **prayer** even while walking in public or strolling alone, or seated in your shop,...while buying or selling,...or even while cooking."

(CCC 2743)



Sacred Heart Cemetery is growing & expanding. We are proud to serve our community and remain true to the tradition upon which our cemetery was established over 100 years ago.



Sacred Heart Cemetery, 119 N. Route 73, Cedar Brook, NJ

Beautiful Peaceful Sacred



Making arrangements in advance is the best way to give you and your family peace of mind both now and in the future.

For information on how to purchase a cemetery plot, contact Sharon Murphy at sharon.murphy@christtheredeemer.us



Celebrate The Christmas Season With Christ The Redeemer Parish

Immaculate Conception

Thursday, December 7th, 6pm

Friday, December 8th, 8am

Advent Parish Mission

Thursday, December 14th, 6:30pm

Friday, December 15th, 6:30pm

Advent Parish Penance Service

Monday, December 18, 6:30pm

Vigil of Christmas

Sunday December 24th, 4pm

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25th, 9am & 11am

Solemnity of Mary

Sunday, December 31st, 4pm

Monday, January 1st, 9am

First Friday Holy Hour with Vespers

Deacon Joe will be leading the next First Friday Holy Hour with Vespers on **Friday, January 5, 2024, at 6:00 PM** in Saint Lucy's chapel of Assumption Church. Printed pamphlets with prayers, readings, and intercessions will be provided. No prior experience or other resources are necessary. Please consider including this monthly activity in your prayer life.

Need a Place to Hold a Special Occasion?

St. Rita's of Cascia Hall is available for private fundraising, wedding receptions, graduations, family or class reunions, birthdays, anniversaries, holiday celebrations, retirement parties, bridal and baby showers, funeral repasts. Our beautiful venue can also be used for meetings, training workshops and theatrical events.

For information contact

sharon.murphy@christthereedeemer.us or at 856-767-0719.

***Join Us For Our Advent Masses
South Jersey Catholic Cemeteries
Masses will be held in
our Chapel Mausoleums
at 10 AM.***

- 12/11 New St. Mary Cemetery | Bellmawr
- 12/18 Holy Cross Cemetery | Mays Landing
- 12/19 Sacred Heart Cemetery | Vineland
- 12/19 All Saints Cemetery | Newfield
- 12/19 Calvary Cemetery | Cherry Hill

Learn more at
<https://southjerseycatholiccemeteries.org>



2024 CARNIVAL

Christ the Redeemer Parish will be holding a Carnival on Wednesday, September 18 – Saturday 21, 2024 right on our parking lot.

This is a big undertaking for CTR. We are looking for:

- Volunteers to Work at the Carnival
- Businesses in our Community to donate gift baskets to help us offset the cost, etc.
- Community support to come and enjoy the Carnival and all the activities that are being planned.

It is not too late to volunteer to work at the Carnival. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office at 856-767-0719.



Christmas Holiday Food Collection

The Mercy Ministry has set the following schedule for collecting food for the Christmas Food Baskets:

December 3 – 17 Christmas Food Collection

December 10 – 17 Turkey & Ham Collection

December 20, 1 PM Basket Assembly

December 21, 3 – 6 PM Basket Distribution

The Mercy Ministry is looking for the following food items for the Christmas Food Baskets:

Cranberry Sauce	Mashed Potatoes	Gravy
Spaghetti Sauce	Dessert	

The Mercy Ministry thanks everyone for their generosity to help make the Christmas holidays a little bit merrier for families in need.



Parish Giving is an easy way to provide your weekly contribution to Christ the Redeemer. It is not only simple to do, but also secure by using the strongest SSL encryption technology available. And it is convenient because you no longer need to search for your checkbook or make a stop at the ATM. You also have the added advantage of being able to print out a report detailing your contributions for the year. For more information, please see our website: www.christthereedeemer.us.



Knights of Columbus Council 7463

Knights of Columbus, Council 7463 is holding the following events:

2024 Calendar Raffle Tickets

The 2024 Calendar Raffle Tickets are being sold after all masses and from any of the Knights. Each ticket is **\$20.00**, and it is good for the entire year. You can win multiple times within the year.

Bingo

In addition to their regular weekly Sunday Bingo, the Knights now have Bingo on the first Tuesday night of each month. The next scheduled Tuesday night's Bingo will be **Tuesday, January 2nd**. The doors open at 6:00 PM and Bingo will start at 7:00 PM. This Bingo is held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 157 Oak Street, Waterford Works, NJ 08089.

Superbowl Mania Tickets

The Knights are selling Superbowl Mania Tickets after both Sunday masses. The cost of each ticket is **\$5.00**.

Keep Christ in Christmas Magnets

The Knights are also selling "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets after both Sunday masses. The cost of the magnets is **\$5.00**.



Gifts cards for Shoprite, WaWa, Walmart, Filomena's and Graziano's are available for purchase in the Parish Office during normal business hours. This is another way to support our church with this fund-raising activity.

LECTOR & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION TRAINING

The Diocese of Camden, Office of Worship and Christian Initiation will be holding a training session in January for anyone who would like to become a Lector.

If you are interested in attending this training session, please contact Joanne Fitzgerald in the Parish Office at 856-767-0719 for details/registration.



Advent Weekly Series

Please join us this coming Tuesday for the last presentation our Advent Weekly Series. The video with prayer and discussion will be:

December 17th – Chris Stefanick Talk: Joy in the midst of Suffering

This Weekly Series will be held in the 7th Grade Classroom in the Pastoral Center beginning at 6:30 PM. Light snacks will be provided.

Any question, please contact Joe Bednar in the Parish Office at 856-767-0719.

Wisdom of the Saints



“Charity wins souls and draws them to virtue.”

Saint Angela Merici

REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE

An independent, toll-free number has been established by the Diocese of Camden to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, deacons, religious, employees and/or volunteers. Calls are handled by a licensed clinical social worker. In accord with state law, cases of child sexual abuse are reported to the N.J. Division of Child Protection and Permanency and law enforcement. For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, call:

1-800-964-6588



Blessing of a Christmas Tree

Lord our God, we praise you for the light of creation: the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night. We praise you for the light of Israel: the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures. We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son: his is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace, who fills us with the wonder of your love.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree. May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts. May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

AMEN



IMPORTANT PARISH INFORMATION

Welcome New Parishioners!

Please register by calling the parish office at **856-767-0719** or visit the parish website christtheredeemer.us. Select **BECOME A MEMBER** for the Parish Registration Form.

Baptism Preparation

Parents wanting their child baptized are asked to contact **Angela Powers**, Administrative Assistant, at **856-767-0719** or angela.powers@christtheredeemer.us to obtain prep information and to schedule a baptism date.

Parish Religious Education

To enroll a child in our sacramental preparation programs, please contact the Religious Education Office at religiously@christtheredeemer.us or the Parish Office **856- 767-0719**.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? RCIA may be the answer since it provides an opportunity to learn more about our Catholic faith. For information contact **Vince Brandolini** at rcia@christtheredeemer.us.

Marriage Preparation

If you need to make arrangements for your wedding, please contact **Deacon Joseph Janocha**, at dcn.joe.janocha@christtheredeemer.us.

Mass Cards & Altar Memorials

Mass Cards and Altar Memorial intentions are available for purchase by visiting the Parish Office.

Bulletin Submissions

Items you wish to advertise in our weekly bulletin should be sent at least **10 business days** prior to the weekend that you want your announcement/article to appear. Send any submission to bulletin@christtheredeemer.us

Stephen Ministry

The Stephen Ministers of our parish have received special training to provide confidential, one-to-one spiritual support, for someone going through a difficult time. To reach one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders, (**Deacon Al LaMonaca**, **Donna LaMonaca** or **Chris LaLena**), please call **856-767-4386** and leave a message.

Bereavement Ministry

Our informal meetings are held on the Third Thursday of each month at 6:00pm in the Pastoral Center. There is no requirement to share your grief at the meetings; however, once you do, you will find it very easy to express your feelings. For information contact **Gini Corcoran** at vcorcoran05@verizon.net.

Homebound Communion Visits

For parishioners who are home-bound or recovering from surgery who wish to have Holy Communion brought to their home, please call the parish office to make arrangements.

Emergency Care for the Sick

Call the parish office during regular hours to schedule non-emergency anointings. During off hours, in event of danger of death, please contact the Parish Office at **856-767-0719, x199**.

CTR Apostolate of Prayer for Healing Ministry

Dr. Pat Vassalluzzo, Leader of the Apostolate of Prayer for Healing Ministry, can be reached anytime during the month via email at healingprayer@christtheredeemer.us.

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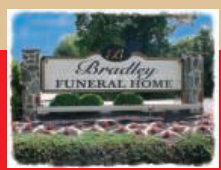
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