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This parish community is happy to welcome you to worship, today and every Sunday. May the love of Christ fill your hearts with all good blessings and joy.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Friends, our Masses for Christmas will be:

Christmas Eve: 4:00 PM Mass
9:00 PM Bilingual Mass

Christmas Day: 9:00 AM Mass

With great joy we await
the great celebration of Christmas!

LAST CHANCES FOR CONFESSION BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come to confession before Christmas! There is no way to prepare ourselves for Christmas than to have a heart free and fully ready to receive the grace of Jesus Christ. We will have a "Day of Reconciliation" in our Church this Tuesday, December 20 from 10:00 AM until 8:00 PM. A priest available for confessions all day long during those 10 hours! There will also be confessions on Thursday from 5:00—5:50.

Horario de Misas de Navidad

Amigos, nuestras Misas de Navidad serán:

Nochebuena: Misa de 4:00 PM
Misa bilingüe de 9:00 PM

Día de Navidad: Misa de 9:00 AM

¡Con gran alegría esperamos
la gran celebración de la Navidad!

ÚLTIMAS OPORTUNIDADES PARA LA CONFESIÓN ANTES DE NAVIDAD

¡Todos son bienvenidos y animados a venir a confesarse antes de Navidad! No hay manera de prepararse para la Navidad que tener un corazón libre y completamente listo para recibir la gracia de Jesucristo. Tendremos un "Día de la Reconciliación" en nuestra Iglesia este martes 20 de diciembre de 10:00 am a 8:00 pm. ¡Un sacerdote disponible para confesiones todo el día durante esas 10 horas! También habrá confesiones el jueves de 5:00 a 5:50.

Did you know?

(Adapted from the YOUCAT)

Why did Jesus become Man?

In the creed we say: "For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven." In Jesus Christ, God reconciled the world to himself and redeemed mankind from the imprisonment in sin. "God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son." In Jesus, God took on our mortal human flesh, shared our earthly lot, our sufferings, and our death, and became like us in all things but sin. Simply put, Jesus became man to share our life and save us from sin and death.

What does it mean to say that Jesus is the "only-begotten Son of God"?

When Jesus calls himself "God's only-begotten Son" (or "only Son") and Peter and others bear witness to this, this expression means that of all human beings only Jesus is more than a man and has a unique relationship to God his Father.

In many passages in the New Testament Jesus is called "Son". At his Baptism and his Transfiguration, the voice from heaven calls Jesus, "my beloved Son". Jesus discloses to his disciples his unique relationship to his heavenly Father: "All things have been delivered to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son, and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him." The fact that Jesus Christ is really God's Son comes to light at the Resurrection. Jesus is fully God and fully man, he is Son of God and Son of man. The mystery of Jesus as God and Man is someone we come to know personally in prayer.

¿Sabes tu? (adaptado del YOUCAT)

Por qué Jesús se hizo Hombre? En el credo decimos: "Por nosotros los hombres y por nuestra salvación bajó del cielo". En Jesucristo, Dios ha reconciliado al mundo consigo y ha liberado a los hombres de la cautividad del pecado. "Porque Dios amo tanto al mundo, que entrego a su Hijo unico." En Jesús, Dios asumió nuestra carne humana mortal, compartió nuestra destino terrenal, nuestros sufrimientos y nuestra muerte, y se hizo en todo igual a nosotros, excepto en el pecado. En pocas palabras, Jesús se hizo hombre para compartir nuestra vida y salvarnos del pecado y la muerte.

¿Qué quiere decir "Jesús es el Hijo único de Dios"? Cuando Jesús se demonia a sí mismo "Hijo único de Dios" y así es testimoniado por Pedro y otros, se expresa con ello que entre todos los hombres sólo Jesús es más que un hombre y tiene una relación única con Dios, su Padre.

En muchos lugares del Nuevo Testamento se llama "Hijo" a Jesús. En su Bautismo y en su Transfiguración, un voz celestial designa a Jesús como "el Hijo amado". Jesús revela a sus discípulos su relación única con su Padre celestial: "Todo me ha sido dado por mi Padre, y nadie conoce al Hijo sino el Padre, así como nadie conoce al Padre sino el Hijo, y aquel a quien el Hijo se lo quiera revelar." El hecho de que Jesucristo es realmente el Hijo de Dios sale a la luz en la Resurrección. Jesús es plenamente Dios y plenamente hombre, es Hijo de Dios e Hijo del hombre. El misterio de Jesús como Dios y Hombre es algo y alguien a quien llegamos a conocer personalmente en la oración.

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Sunday, December 18

9:00AM-Faith Formation Classes at NCCS

10:30 AM-RCIA in Rectory Meeting Room

12:30 PM- RCIA Spanish in church

6:30 PM-Advent Night Prayer in the Chapel

Tuesday, December 20

10:00AM-8:00 PM -Day of Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 21

3PM-Food Pantry

Thursday, December 22

1:15PM-NCCS Worship Concert

5:00PM-Confession

6:00PM-Spanish Mass

Friday, December 23

Rectory Office Closed

Saturday, December 24

4:00PM-Mass

9:00PM-Bilingual Mass

Sunday, December 25

9:00AM-Mass

Monday, December 26

Rectory office closed - No Morning Rosary or Mass



VEN, SEÑOR JESUS, VEN

Dear Friends,

In these final days before Christmas it can be helpful for us to try to find some extra time to remain quiet and to pray. Jesus' disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us how to pray." And Jesus responded by giving them the prayer, "Our Father, who art in Heaven ...".

When we come to Church, or say grace before meals, or pray the rosary with someone else, these are all communal prayers. Our personal prayer life is something different, and so important to cultivate. It is so precious in living the Christian life. Personal prayer may involve offering spoken prayers in silence, and it can also involve simply the opening of the heart and mind to God without words. In this way, we can do many things. We could read some passages from the Bible and then quietly ponder on what we read. We could also look at a sacred image, for example a Nativity scene, and simply contemplate that mysterious event without any words. We can also simply go to a quiet place and direct our mind towards God in any way we choose. For example, we could picture God in our mind or a mystery from the life of Jesus and simply contemplate it. In these final days before Christmas—that is what I always do. Since I was a child, I simply try to silently and quietly accompany Mary and Joseph on the little road to Bethlehem, by spiritually and quietly uniting in my daily walk and journey with theirs. In that prayer, silence and contemplation ... I so often find the incredible grace and beauty of Bethlehem present and alive, as living encounter with the awesome mystery of the birth of our Savior.

Happy Advent! - Fr. Mark

Rectory Office News

The rectory office will be closing at Noon on December 19th.

In accord with the Diocesan holiday schedule, the rectory office will be closed on Friday, December 23, Monday, December 26, and Monday, January 2. Please also note that there will be no 7:00 AM Rosary or Mass on Monday, December 26 or Monday, January 2.

Noticias de la oficina de la rectoría

La oficina de la rectoría cerrará al mediodía del 19 de diciembre. De acuerdo con el calendario de vacaciones diocesano, la oficina de la rectoría estará cerrada el viernes 23 de diciembre, el lunes 26 de diciembre, y el lunes 2 de enero. Tenga en cuenta también que no habrá rosario ni misa a las 7:00 a. m. el lunes 26 de diciembre ni el lunes 2 de enero.

THANK YOU

The whole parish is grateful to all who participated in making last weekend a great success for our Parish! We had three major events: The Christmas Basket Project on Friday and Saturday, the Church cleaning teams first major cleaning of the Church on Saturday morning, and the great celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe last Sunday and Monday. What an amazing amount of charity, service, worship and celebration! Thanks in abundance to all of the leaders of these efforts! All of you were involved have done something wonderful for our community. Thank you!

COME, LORD JESUS, COME!

Queridos amigos,

En estos últimos días antes de Navidad, puede ser útil para nosotros tratar de encontrar un tiempo extra para permanecer en silencio y orar. Los discípulos de Jesús le dijeron: "Señor, enséñanos a orar". Y Jesús respondió dándoles la oración: "Padre nuestro, que estás en los cielos...".

Cuando venimos a la Iglesia, o damos las gracias antes de las comidas, o rezamos el rosario con alguien más, todas estas son oraciones comunitarias. Nuestra vida de oración personal es algo diferente y muy importante de cultivar. Es tan precioso en vivir la vida cristiana. La oración personal puede implicar ofrecer oraciones habladas en silencio, y también puede implicar simplemente la apertura del corazón y la mente a Dios sin palabras. De esta manera, podemos hacer muchas cosas. Podríamos leer algunos pasajes de la Biblia y luego reflexionar en silencio sobre lo que leemos. También podríamos mirar una imagen sagrada, por ejemplo un belén, y simplemente contemplar ese misterioso acontecimiento sin palabras. También podemos simplemente ir a un lugar tranquilo y dirigir nuestra mente hacia Dios de la manera que elijamos. Por ejemplo, podríamos imaginarnos a Dios en nuestra mente o un misterio de la vida de Jesús y simplemente contemplarlo. En estos últimos días antes de Navidad, eso es lo que siempre hago. Desde niño, simplemente trato de acompañar en silencio y en silencio a María y José en el caminito de Belén, uniéndome espiritual y silenciosamente en mi caminar y camino diario con el de ellos. En esa oración, silencio y contemplación... Encuentro tan a menudo la increíble gracia y belleza de Belén presente y viva, como encuentro vivo con el misterio asombroso del nacimiento de nuestro Salvador.

¡Feliz Adviento! - Padre Marcos

4th Sunday of Advent - December 18, 2022

Weekly Masses

Saturday, December 17

5:00p.m Richard Frey by The Family

Sunday, December 18

8:00am Molly Ganey by Family

10:00a.m Bill Hayes by Wife Laura

11:30a.m. Spanish Mass: Parishioners of SEAS

Monday, December 19

7:00a.m. Robert Karalus by Saranne Karalus

Tuesday, December 20-

7:00a.m. Jim Webster by Marti Webster

10a.m.-8p.m.-Day of Reconciliation

1:40pm NCCS School Mass

Wednesday, December 21

7:00a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, December 22

7:00a.m. Richard Harper by Family

1:15p.m. NCCS Worship Concert

6:00p.m. Spanish Mass-All Souls by Parishioners of SEAS

Friday, December 23

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Saturday, December 24

4:00p.m. Leonard A Schrantz by Leonard & Dorothy

Schranz

9:00p.m. Bilingual Mass:

Sunday, December 25

9:00a.m. Fr Walter Werbicki by Leo & Sandy Bain

Memorials

Scott Aldrich by Chris Sell

Katherine Fellingner by Nancy Renckens

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament:

Weekdays before Mass: 6:30 AM to 6:55 AM (with Rosary)

Tuesdays: 7:30 AM - 12:00 PM

First Fridays: 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Please remember to pray for the infirmed:

Carol Balzer, Janet Bonasera, Scott Collins, Sue Dietzen, Len Fijal, Jose Gambarelli, Anne Herman, Keith & Kevin, Desiree Jones, John Maternowski, Frederick Mackowiak Jr., Mike McCarty, Peter Notaro, Joel Rivera, Javier Robles, Lenny Schrantz, Jessica Sinclair, Jim Skrzeczowski, Jack Van Dervort, Mollie Watkins, Kevin Washington and Fr Tom Wopperer.

Please call or email Chris at the Rectory Office to have names added or removed from the sick list. Only immediate family members may request names be added.

**"A God who became so small could only
be mercy and love."**

St. Therese of Lisieux

Last night of Advent series

Our friends at Holy Trinity Parish will be having the last night of Advent reflections entitled, "Blessed, Broken, Given" this Monday, December 19, with a Mass and Homily offered by Fr. Mark Noonan. Mass will be followed by fellowship and refreshments. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Weekend of December 10 & 11

Fin de semana del 10 & 11 de diciembre

Mass Attendance/Asistencia a Misa:

5:00 PM -67

Collection/Collecta:

8:00 AM -55

\$3,142.75

10:00 AM -101

Retirement Fund:

11:30 AM -151

\$871.00

Total 374

Immaculate Conception:

\$729.00

Advent Night Prayer

Each Sunday evening, Dec 18, we will have traditional Night Prayer in the Adoration Chapel beginning at 6:30pm. This service includes prayer, song, and scripture reading with a short reflection followed by a Marian hymn and will last about 40 minutes.

Christmas Flower Envelopes

There is still time to hand in your Christmas Flower envelopes.

Pope Francis' Monthly Intentions- December

For volunteer not-for-profit organizations. We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

Las intenciones mensuales del Papa Francisco

Para organizaciones voluntarias sin fines de lucro. Oramos para que las organizaciones voluntarias sin fines de lucro comprometidas con el desarrollo humano encuentren personas dedicadas al bien común y busquen incansablemente nuevos caminos hacia la cooperación internacional.

"We consider Christmas as the encounter, the great encounter, the historical encounter, the decisive encounter, between God and mankind. He who has faith knows this truly; let him rejoice." -- St. Paul VI

A Sign and Calling

God invites us in today's Scriptures to "ask for a sign." Take Him up on this invitation! Ask Jesus to open your mind to know His will for your life. If that sign points to ordained ministry, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org

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Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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