

Saint George Parish Community

Under the Guidance of the Holy Spirit

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4th Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021



Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leave the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know Mine and Mine know Me, just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to the fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear My voice, and there will be one flock, on shepherd. This is why the Father loves Me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down on My own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from My Father."

~John 10: 11-18

Prayer to Saint Joseph

For this *Year of Saint Joseph*, the following prayer is being recited at the conclusion of Mass. Please see the Bulletin Insert today for more details.

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. ~ Amen.



Contact Us!

New Parishioners

We are pleased to welcome new members to our Parish Community. Please call the Rectory Office at 610-237-1633 to make an appointment to register and to learn more about our parish, or visit www.stgeorgeparish.org. *Note: Students must be registered in the Parish before registering in the Parish Religious Education Program.*

Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the *second Sunday of the month at 11:30 AM*. Parents seeking baptism for their child are asked to please call the rectory. Pre-Jordan is required for parents with a first-born child or parents with additional children who have not attended within a two-year period. Pre-registration is required for Pre-Jordan and Baptism. Please contact Mrs. Lynda Batten at the Rectory Office for more information.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples planning a wedding are asked to call Father Oswald at the Rectory Office at least one year in advance of the wedding date. Couples are required to attend the Archdiocesan Marriage and Family Life Preparation Program.

Sick or Homebound

In case of serious illness or advanced age, please call the Rectory Office. Arrangements will be made for the Sacrament of the Sick and for Holy Communion. If you are going into the hospital and you would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the Rectory. Also, when you are hospitalized, please contact the hospital Chaplain and the Rectory Office.

Tree of Life Memorial

If you would like to have a leaf or a boulder permanently inscribed in memory of a loved one on the Tree of Life, which is located in the vestibule at the main entrance of the church, please contact Mrs. Mary Ann Zeller at 610-237-1633.

Vigil Candles

Vigil Candles, which are located in front of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph statues in the front of the church, are available for your intentions. Small candles are \$2 and will burn for two days. These can be purchased by placing your donation in an envelope and dropping it in the slot provided by the candles. Large candles are \$125 and will burn for an entire year. Large candles can be purchased by contacting Mrs. Mary Ann Zeller at 610-237-1633. A gold label with your loved ones name will be placed on the candle and it will remain there throughout the year.

Godparents

Only one godparent is required for Baptism. If two are chosen, one must be male and one must be female. A godparent must be a fully initiated Roman Catholic (Baptized, Confirmed and receiving the Eucharist), at least 16 years of age, if married, must be married in the Church, and in good standing with the Church. A baptized non-Catholic Christian may be chosen as a "Christian Witness" provided there is one Catholic godparent. A former Catholic may not serve as either a godparent or Christian witness.

Bulletin Articles

Announcements for our Parish Bulletin can be emailed, written or faxed to the Rectory Office. All articles must be approved by the pastor. Articles must be received no later than *Monday mornings at 9:00 AM* for publication the following Sunday.

R.C.I.A.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, or if you were baptized Catholic but did not complete your sacraments, please contact Sr. Lorraine Muglie, SSJ at the Rectory Office at 610-237-1633 to learn more about our Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults Program.

Mass Cards

Mass cards are available at the Rectory Office. If you would like to have a Mass celebrated in memory of a deceased loved one, or for special intentions, please come to the Rectory Office *Monday to Thursday, 9AM to 5PM and Friday 9AM to 4 PM*. Standard cards are available for a \$10 stipend and booklets are available for a \$20 stipend.

Food Pantry

Our Parish Food Pantry is available for parishioners and friends who are in need of a meal but cannot provide one for themselves. If you or a friend needs temporary food assistance, please contact Mrs. Lynda Batten at 610-237-1633. All calls are confidential. Donations of non-perishable food items, in addition to turkeys and hams during the holidays, are always welcome. Gift cards are also welcome.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration will be held in the Chapel *every Friday from 3:00 PM until the 4:00 PM*. Adoration is not held

Quote of the Week

The sheep is worthy of divine rescue simply because it is loved by the Shepherd.

~Dieter F. Uchtdorf

Parish Staff

Rev. Leo P. Oswald, Pastor

Rev. Martin E. Woodeshick, Pastor Emeritus - Holy Spirit - Rev. Ignatius Marneni, Retired in Residence

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Parish Information

Rectory Hours:

Monday to Thurs. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
 Summer Hours: 9AM-4PM Mon-Fri
 Saturday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
 Sunday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Phone Number: 610-237-1633
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Receptionist: Mrs. Marie Dunleavy
 Mrs. Patricia Dinan
Secretary: Mrs. Lynda J. Batten
Parish Business Manager:
 Mrs. Mary Ann Zeller

Convent

11 E. Lamont Avenue
 Glenolden, PA 19036
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Office of Religious Education

Director of Adult Faith Formation

Sr. Lorraine Muglie, SSJ
Phone Number: 610-237-1633
Fax Number: 610-237-9626
PREP Coordinator
 Mrs. Lynda Batten 610-237-1633
Mondays Only 4-6PM: Tom Tustin
 484-425-7390

Bereavement Ministry

Mrs. Mimi Ednie

Bingo Program

Mr. Al Zeller

Pinochle League

Mr. Al Zeller

Legion of Mary

Mrs. Theresa Murray

Ministry Outreach Program

Mrs. Lynda Batten

Choir Director and Music Ministry

Mrs. Kathleen Lerro

R.C.I.A.

Sister Lorraine Muglie, SSJ

Youth Group

Mrs. Christine Guidetti

Join us on Twitter!



Rite of Reconciliation

3:30 PM - 4:15 PM Saturday afternoons

Care of the Sick

Please contact the Rectory Office in the event of sickness or hospitalization.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Thursday 6:30 PM - Sept. to Easter

Baptism

Second Sunday of the month at 11:00 AM

Please call the Rectory Office for an appointment to schedule a Baptism and Baptism Preparation (Pre-Jordan)



Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Fridays 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Miraculous Medal Devotion - Following the 8:00 AM Mass on Saturdays
Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet - Thursdays 7:00 PM

Daily Readings & Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 25: Acts 4: 8-12; 1 John 3: 1-2; John 10: 11-18 - 4th Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Jack Finnegan
Requested by: Guidetti Family

10:30 AM Patrick McCann
Requested by: Peg McCann

Monday, April 26: Acts 11: 1-18; John 10: 1-10
4:00 PM Albert (Skipper) Owens
Requested by: Antoinette & Michael J. O'Neill

Tuesday, April 27: Acts 11: 19-26; John 10: 22-30
4:00 PM Larry Gilchrist
Requested by: Bill Battagliese

Wednesday, April 28: Acts 12: 24 - 13: 5a; John 12: 44-50
4:00 PM Seamus McGlone
Requested by: Martha McGlone

Thursday, April 29: Acts 13: 13-25; John 13: 16-20 - St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

4:00 PM Catherine Battagliese
Requested by: Bill Battagliese

Friday, April 30: Acts 13: 26-33; John 14: 1-6
4:00 PM Thomas Wizda
Requested by: Mary Wizda

Saturday, May 1: Acts 13: 44-52; John 14: 7-14
8:00 AM Mary Coombs
Requested by: Pat Casey

4:30 PM Intentions of the students and parents of the 1st Holy Communion Class 2021
Requested by: St. George Parish

Sunday, May 2: Acts 9: 26-31; 1John 3: 18-24; John 15: 1-8: 5th Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory
Requested by: St. George Parish

10:30 AM Pro Populo
Pro Populo is for the People of Holy Spirit and St. George Parish

Daily Mass

4:00 PM Monday through Friday

8:00 AM Saturday

Weekend Mass

4:30 PM Saturday

8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Sunday

Holy Days

As Announced

Legal Holidays - 9:00 AM

Contribution Total and Mass Count

Sunday 04/18/21 = \$4,685

4:30 = 67 8:00 AM = 64 10:30 AM = 104

Total = 235 Percentage of attendance = 12%

St. George Parish has online giving. You can donate simply by visiting [https:// www.osvhub.com/stgeorgeparish/funds/ offertory](https://www.osvhub.com/stgeorgeparish/funds/offertory) and then click the icon that reads "Give Now." This allows for electronic contributions to be transferred without the need of writing a check or dropping off your envelope at the Rectory Office.

Gospel Reflection and Parish

Do you know the peace and security of the Good Shepherd who watches over His own? The Old Testament often speaks of God as shepherd of His people, Israel. *The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want* (Psalm 23:1). *Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!* (Psalm 80:1) *We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture* (Psalm 100:3). The Messiah is also pictured as the shepherd of God's people: *He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arms* (Isaiah 40:11). Jesus says He is the *Good Shepherd* who will risk his life to seek out and save the stray sheep (Matthew 18:12, Luke 15:4). He is the *Shepherd and Guardian of our souls* (1 Peter 2:25).

Jesus is the Good Shepherd and Guardian of our souls

Jesus made three promises to His followers. He promised them everlasting life. If they accept Him and follow Him, they will have the life of God in them. Jesus also promised them a life that would know no end. Death would not be the end but the beginning; they would know the glory of indestructible life. Jesus promised a life that was secure. Jesus said that nothing would snatch them out of His hand, not even sorrow and death, since He is everlasting life itself. Our lives are safe in His hands.

Do you listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd who calls you to Himself?

The words which Jesus spoke upset many of the Jewish leaders. How could He speak with the same authority which God spoke and claim to be equal with God? He must either be insane or divine. Unfortunately some thought He was mad even though He cured a man who was blind from birth. We are faced with the same choice. Either Jesus is who He claims to be - the Son of God and Savior of the world - or the world's greatest deluder! We cannot be indifferent to His claim. For those who accept Him as Lord and Savior He offers the peace and security of unending life and joy with God. Do you know the peace and security of a life fully submitted to Christ? Cyril of Alexander, a 5th century church father comments on Jesus as our Good Shepherd:

"He shows in what manner a shepherd may be proved good; and He teaches that he must be prepared to give up His life fighting in defense of His sheep, which was fulfilled in Christ. For man has departed from the love of God, and fallen into sin, and because of this was, I say, excluded from the divine abode of paradise, and when he was weakened by that disaster, he yielded to the devil tempting Him to sin, and death following that sin He became the prey of fierce and ravenous wolves. But after Christ was announced as the True Shepherd of all men, *He laid down His life for us* (1 John 3:16), fighting for us against that pack of inhuman beasts.

"He bore the Cross for us, that by His own death he might destroy death. He was condemned for us, that He might deliver all of us from the sentence of punishment: the tyranny of sin being overthrown by our faith: fastening to the Cross the decree that stood against us, as it is written (Colossians 2:14). Therefore as the father of sin had as it were shut up the sheep in hell, giving them to death to feed on, as it is written in the psalms (Ps. Lxviii.16), He died for us as truly Good, and truly our Shepherd, so that the dark shadow of death driven away He might join us to the company of the blessed in heaven; and in exchange for abodes that lie far in the depths of the pit, and in the hidden places of the sea, grant us mansions in His Father's House above. Because of this He says to us in another place: *Fear not, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you a kingdom* (Luke 12:32)." Do you listen attentively to the voice of the Good Shepherd and obey His word?

Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who keeps watch over our lives. May I be ever attentive to Your voice and submit fully to Your wise rule for my life. Draw me near to You that I may always find peace and joy in Your presence.



Adult Choir rehearsal is held on **Tuesday evenings from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM** in the church. Note: *Practice has changed from Wednesday to Tuesday evening.* Please consider joining us. Note: For details, call Mrs. Kathy Lerro at 610-237-1633.



Priest Schedule

May 1-2, 2021

4:30 PM	Father Oswald
8:00 AM	First Holy Communion
10:30 AM	Father McBurney
	Father Marneni



Pray for Our Beloved Deceased

Please remember in your prayers **Anthony Perdue and all those who have died this past week.** May all of our faithful departed rest in peace.



Pray the Rosary

The St. George Rosary Group gathers every **Tuesday evening** in the church at **7:00 PM.** Join us as we pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet for your intentions. All are welcome.

Please Pray for Our Sick

Angela Bair, Al Beck, Helen Belcher, Helen Betzler, Kay Bittle, Michele Boebert, Ryan Bostedo, Irene Burns, Helena Butler, Suzie Carboni, Rose Celia, Augustine Cercas, John Cianciarulo, Bill Clarkson, Fred Cuccinello, Lenora Cuccinello, Mary Crumlish, Sr., Betty DiGrasso, Leonard DiGrasso, Terry Dolores, Mark Ednie, Mark Gallagher, Robert Gamboy, Bruce Gordon, Connie Gross, Christine Huf, Wayne Ingling, Patricia Johnson, Doris Kerker, Fran Lightcap, Sr. Ann Marie Loftus, Madeline Loftus, Margie Loftus, Karen Lyons, Angela Mahoney, Peg McCann, Bethann McCormick, Kathleen McCreety, Larry McCusker, David McFarland, Julia McGlenn, Joseph Murtha, Rev. Leo P. Oswald, Barbara Partridge, Madeline Pfaff, George Phillips, Maria Prince, Joan Ratch, Harry Sperone, Jay Stegmaier, Mike Talent, Mary Wizda, and Carmella Young.



Parish and Local



Happy Birthday

We wish everyone who is celebrating a birthday this week a happy and healthy year ahead: Marvin Wright, Jaden Butts-Lewis, Nicholas D'Amato, Mallory Springfield-Pompei, Laura Heller, Mark Kiely, Zachary Layden, Michele Martino, Ryan Casey, Christina Dougherty, James Gardner, Anthony Hart, Jeffrey Locher, Thomas Norbeck, Louis O'Donnell, Zachary Bauman, Gina Kline, Angelo Mattia, Theresa Monturano, Tara Taylor, Michael Ward, Michael Garraty, Randy Gensler, Eugene Hamill, Ralph Kimilu, Alexandria Novelli, Ann Marie Robinson and Sydney Sulpizio.

Don't see your name? That's because we don't have your date of birth on file. Please call the Rectory Office and we will be happy to update it for you.

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ST. JOSEPH Evening of Reflection

Saturday, May 1, 2021

Evening of Reflection at Malvern Retreat House

5:00 PM to 9:00 PM

\$40 in person or \$25 virtually

5:00 PM	Arrival and Check In
5:30 PM	Dinner
6:30 PM	Session One - Spiritual Wonders
7:45 PM	Break
8:00 PM	Mass with Consecration to St. Joseph
8:45 PM	Wrap Up
9:00 AM	Departure

Space is limited, register early!

www.malvernretreat.com/register.

For more details, please call 610-644-0400 or email edonahue@malvernretreat.com.

Catholic Charities

Gifts made to the Catholic Charities Appeal will provide necessary support to tens of thousands of people. These individuals are served by a myriad of organizations, Program and ministries throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The beneficiaries of the Catholic Charities Appeal are grouped into five key areas:

- Education
- Social Services
- Evangelization, Parish and Spiritual Life
- Clergy
- Local Mission Activities

To see a full listing of 2021 beneficiaries, please visit www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org.

Feminine Hygiene Product Drive

One in 5 women report being unable to afford feminine hygiene products. Help Catholic Social Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia provide feminine hygiene products to women in need so they can take back the month.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

DONATE ITEMS ONLINE

Visit YouGiveGoods.com/TakeBacktheMonth to purchase the items you would like to donate. All goods donated will be shipped directly to Catholic Social Services to help stock the shelves on our "Ladies Locker" pantries throughout the five-counties in the Philadelphia Area which provide women in need with feminine hygiene products.



DONATE ITEMS IN PERSON

To donate new and unopened feminine hygiene products in person, please contact Amy Stoner, director of Community Based and Housing and Homeless Services Division of Catholic Social Services, at astoner@CHW-ADPHILA.org to schedule a drop-off.



MAKE A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

To make a financial contribution to our work, please visit the Catholic Social Services website to view our secure online giving page at cssphiladelphia.org/donate. You can make a one-time gift or set up a recurring monthly or quarterly donation.



The National Shrine of St. Rita of Cascia

You are invited to take advantage of the many opportunities and resources offered at the National Shrine of St. Rita of Cascia in South Philadelphia.

Ministries of Healing, Support & Transformation

Pastoral Counseling & Psychotherapy for individuals experiencing a wide range of issues including:

- Depression & anxiety
- Bereavement, life transition and loss
- Relational problems
- Victims of sexual abuse
- Marriage and couple counseling
- Spiritual direction
- Men's group: weekly support and spirituality to address pornography use and sexual addiction and to promote chaste living

Ministries of Education & Renewal

- Student and teacher retreats, pilgrimages and conferences
- Parish staff retreat days
- Days of recollection for caregivers and ministers
- Consultation, support and supervision for clergy and ministers
- Education in conflict resolution, reconciliation and forgiveness

Unique Sacramental Ministries

- Monthly Healing Mass; the third Sunday of the month
- Monthly Evening of Reconciliation, Adoration and Witness
- Daily opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Visit www.saintritashrine.org or call 215-546-8333 for details.

School News and Local

School News

Our Lady of Angels



Registration for the 2021-2022 school year has begun. Please access the necessary forms on our website: www.ourladyofangelsmorton.org or by calling our school office at 610-543-8350.

Progress Reports for students in grades 1 to 8 will be available for viewing on the Option C website on **Friday, April 30, 2021**.

First In Math is online computer program where the students compete nationally to use their Math skills to earn stickers. OLA is presently ranked 24th in the nation, 16th in the state, and 4th in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia!! Luca Merkle in Grade 7 is ranked 5th and Deryck Maniraho in Grade 3 is ranked 8th in the nation! Keep up the great work Angels!

Our student council is diligently working on their next issue of the OLA Bulletin. It will be coming out in May. They have been collecting information and pictures from all the teachers and are working on getting it ready for publication! Stay tuned.

Our 7th grade is preparing for student council elections, also in May. We have some great candidates running for the various executive branch offices. Regardless of who the student body elects, they are all winners for wanting to be involved in OLA. We'll keep you posted with more info on who is running for which office!

Congratulations

It is our pleasure to inform you that our parishioner, John Lopez, made the honor roll at Saint Joseph Preparatory School for the first semester academic year of 2021-2021. We congratulate John and wish him continued success in his academic career. Your parish is proud of your accomplishment.

Attention Parents

Subsidy Requirements for Catholic School

Saint George Parish will forward a Subsidy payment of \$1,000 to your child's Catholic elementary school if the following requirements are met.

First, and most important, you must be attending Mass regularly. Children learn what they live, and you, as parents, are their primary educators.

Second, you must use your weekly Sunday envelope. We do not ask for a specific amount. We ask that you use your envelope according to your financial means. If you forget your envelope, temporary envelopes are always available at the doors of the church. If you are unable to contribute at any given time, we ask that you still turn in your envelope so that we know your child/children are getting to Mass. This subsidy payment guarantees you the lower tuition rate.

If you have any questions about the parish subsidy, please contact the Rectory Office.

We Bring Your Love

Loving God,

Help us

to focus on what we have
not on what is removed or changed.

Strengthen us

when we feel discouraged
or overwhelmed.

Embrace us

so that we know your loving presence
within us and among us.

Walk with us

as we bring your love,
and carry your light
into our world. ~Amen

~Sandra Lucas, MDiv, BCC



St. Eugene School
We Transform the World With
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We are proud to announce that we are opening a Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten program for Children ages 3 and 4 years old, for next school year. Prior to opening enrollment

to the community we are giving priority placement to our neighboring Parishes. This program is 5 full days for only \$5,500 a year, broken down into 11 monthly payments of only \$500 a month. Space is filling quickly, so enroll now, and give your child the advantage of a Catholic Education. Call Sharon Soper at 610

-622-2909 or e-mail her at ssoper@sainteugeneschool.org.

Now Enrolling Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten

\$1500 Transfer Grant A Gift to You

Due to the generosity of the Foundation for Catholic School Education, Saint Eugene School has been selected to participate in the Tuition Transfer Grant Program. A

Catholic School education is a gift from you to your children for which they will always be grateful. At Saint Eugene School we offer a rigorous academic curriculum while creating and maintaining a strong foundation of faith from which all other practices are derived. This grant make tuition even more affordable!

- Transfer grants are for students going into grades 2 through 7.
- Transfer grants are for students coming from a public/charter school or from homeschooling.
- The grant provides funding for two years- \$1,000 the first year and \$500 the second year.
- Additional grants/financial aid is available through FACTS online. facts.mgt.com/aid

For those student entering into Kindergarten or First grade a \$1,000.00 Welcome grant is available.

For additional information call Sharon Soper at 610-622-2909 of ssoper@sainteugeneschool.org.



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Parish Religious Education and Local



First Holy Communion

The Sunday from **11:30 AM to 1:00 PM** is final practice for First Holy Communion. All students in the First Communion class for both PREP

and Catholic school are expected to attend this important rehearsal.

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on **Saturday, May 1st, at the 4:30 PM** Mass. Students will process to their pews prior to the Entrance Hymn. Parents make take photographs as the students walk in. At the end of Mass, photographs may be taken as the students process out. When students get to the back of the church they will then proceed to their parents pews and will exit with their parents through the main doors. As a result of COVID-19 protocols, no photographs will be allowed in the church before or after Mass.

Students in the First Holy Communion class were asked to create a miniature version of St. George Church, which is referred to as a Diorama. These works of art are on display at the main doors of the church. Parishioners are invited to view their miniature creations along with their photographs in the Baptismal area of the church. Please remember that all social distancing protocols remain in place.

Please keep our First Holy Communicants in your prayers as they prepare for their big day!!

Sacrament of Confirmation

Our Confirmation candidates continue to work hard in their preparations for their big day on **Sunday, May 23**, when Bishop John McIntyre will join us at the **10:30 AM** Mass to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Class will be held as usual on **Monday, April 26, from 6:45 PM to 8:00 PM**. The following week, students will be celebrating a special Evening of Retreat on **Monday, May 3, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM** in the church, which is time set aside just for them for prayer, reflection, confessions and spiritual renewal. Practice with their sponsors will be held on **Sunday, May 16, immediately following the 10:30 AM** Mass. PREP class for Confirmation students will be held on **Monday, May 17, from 6:45 PM to 8:00 PM**, which will be a final review in preparation for Confirmation Mass.

Please keep these Candidates in your prayers as they prepare for their big day!!



A Message From Bishop Senior

Renewed blessings for these Easter days!

I returned to Saint Charles from my sabbatical just before Holy Week. The time away was blessed with a chance to write, prayerfully reflect, and focus on my study of Spanish. I am happy to be back on campus full-time, and grateful to Father Patrick Brady, Vice Rector, who has so capably managed the seminary during my absence.

Like other colleges and universities, our COVID protocols are still in place. As a result, many of our traditional Spring events will be live-streamed and will have limited attendance in person. We tested everyone on campus when the seminarians returned from Easter break and have encouraged everyone to secure vaccinations when they are able.

I am delighted to announce that the seminary has entered into a Purchase Sales Agreement with Gwynedd Mercy University that will allow the seminary to relocate to property which we will purchase from the University. The property includes approximately 15 acres of space on the northern border of Gwynedd Mercy's campus and includes two existing buildings. More details about that follows below. At this time, I would like to especially thank Mr. James Maguire and the Maguire Foundation, the Building and Grounds Committee of the Board of Trustees, and Deanne H. D'Emilio, JD, President of Gwynedd Mercy University for all their work to bring this agreement to completion. Provided all conditions are met, our new campus is expected to be completed in time for the academic year 2024-2025.

Finally, two of our seminary colleagues are moving on to new positions, Father Brian Kane and Father Stephen DeLacy have both been vital and important collaborators at the seminary. On behalf of the entire seminary community, I thank them for their work and the guidance which they have provided to me, to our seminarians, and to those discerning a vocation to the priesthood.

Please continue to keep our seminary, our seminarians, faculty, and staff in your prayers as we embark on this new chapter and know that we will continue to keep all of you in our prayers as well. ~ Sincerely in Christ, Most Rev. Timothy Senior, Rector

Congratulations!

Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez has appointed St. George's very own Father Stephen DeLacy as head of the newly formed Archdiocesan Office for Faith Formation for Youth and Young Adults, and Father David Friel to succeed him as director of the Vocation Office for the Diocesan Priesthood. Father DeLacy's title in his position is vicar, and he will oversee the Offices of Catechetical Formation, Ministry with Youth, and Ministry with Young Adults, as well as support secondary school ministry initiatives of the Office of Catholic Education and supervise the Archdiocesan Newman Center Apostolates at local colleges and universities. Ordained in 2004, he has served since 2013 as director of the Vocation Office. "God is so good! The gift of the priesthood has brought me many adventures. I thank Archbishop Chaput and all those with whom I worked in my role as vocation director," Father DeLacy said in a statement.



Director of Religious Education

Our Lady of Fatima in Secane
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or

St. John Neumann, Bryn Mawr
Contact 610-525-3100 or email sjnparish.org



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