

Saint George Parish Community

Under the Guidance of the Holy Spirit

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January 10, 2021 The Baptism of the Lord



Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by Him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey His commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? The Spirit is the one who testifies, and Spirit is truth. If we accept human testimony, the testimony of God is surely greater. Now the testimony of God is this, that he has testified on behalf of his son.

~1John 5: 1-9 in part

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosed the thongs of His sandals. I have baptized you with water; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. Now coming up out of the water He saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon Him. And a voice came from the heavens, “You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased.” ~Mark 1: 7-11

*Please take a bulletin, please leave with that bulletin
Help prevent the spread of contact germs*

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 (\$150) or a boulder (\$600) 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 \$100 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.

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 contact the Rectory Office *Monday, Wednesday or Friday, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM (temporary hours)*. 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. 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 to local supermarkets are also welcome.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Eucharistic Adoration is held in the Church *every Friday from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM, followed by daily Mass*, unless otherwise announced.

Quotes of the Week

"Baptism is bowing before the Father and letting him do his work."

"Baptism is the initial step of a faithful heart."

~Max Lucado

Parish Staff

Rev. Leo P. Oswald, Pastor

Rev. Martin E. Woodeshick, Pastor Emeritus - Holy Spirit

Rev. Ignatius Marneni, Retired in Residence

Rev. James McBurney, OSA and Rev. James McCartney, O.S.A., Weekend Assistants

Mrs. Lynda Batten, Parish, Secretary/PREP Coordinator Ext. 101

Mrs. Pat Dinan, Receptionist, Ext. 113 (Wednesdays)

Mrs. Marie Dunleavy, Receptionist, Ext. 113 (M&F)

Mrs. Gloria Greene, Assistant Bookkeeper, Ext. 104

Mrs. Chris Guidetti, Youth Minister, Ext. 125

Mrs. Kathleen Lerro, Director of Music, Ext. 101

Mr. Patrick McCullough, Maintenance, Ext. 104

Sister Lorraine Muglie, SSJ, Dir. of Adult Faith and
and Pastoral Care, Ext. 103

Mr. Keith Tomson, Accountant, Ext. 104

Mr. Al Zeller, Hall Manager - 610-237-1633

Mrs. Mary Ann Zeller, Business Manager, Ext. 104

Parish Information

Rectory Hours

Monday thru Thursday
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Summer Hours: 9AM to 4 PM daily
For more details, see page 5.
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
Phone Number: 610-237-1633

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 4-6 PM: PREP Office
484-425-7390

Bereavement Ministry

Mrs. Mimi Ednie

Bingo Program

Mr. Al Zeller

Holy Name Society

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 11:30 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, January 10: Isaiah 55: 1-11; 1 John 5: 1-9; Mark 1: 7-11 - **The Baptism of the Lord**

8:00 AM **Barbara Thin**
Requested by: Carol and Tom Tustin

10:30 AM **Reverend Anthony Orth**
Requested by: Moller Family

Monday, January 11: Hebrews 1: 1-6; Mark 1: 14-20

4:00 PM **Stephan Koperna**
Requested by: Family

Tuesday, January 12: Hebrews 2: 5-12; Mark 1: 21-28

4:00 PM **Albert Jacobini**
Requested by: Mary Wizda

Wednesday, January 13: Hebrews 2: 14-18; Mark 1: 29-39

4:00 PM **Lorraine DiLauro**
Requested by: Greg Oaster

Thursday, January 14: Hebrews 3: 7-14; Mark 1: 40-45

4:00 PM **Living intentions of Mark McLaughlin and Family** *Requested by: Joanne White*

Friday, January 15: Hebrews 4: 1-5, 11; Mark 2: 1-12

4:00 PM **Deceased Members of the Oswald and Moran Families** *Requested by: Father Oswald*

Saturday, January 16: Hebrews 4: 12-16; Mark 2: 13-17

8:00 AM **Living intentions of our PREP catechists, students and their families**
Requested by: St. George Parish

4:30 PM **William McGovern**
Requested by: Shanahan Family

Sunday, January 17: 1 Samuel 3: 3b-10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6: 13c-15a, 17-20; John 1: 35-42 - **2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sunday continued...

8:00 AM **Pro Populo**
10:30 AM **Reverend Anthony Orth**
Requested by: Moller Family

Daily Mass

4:00 PM Monday thru Friday

8:00 AM Saturday

Weekend Mass

4:30 PM Saturday

8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Sunday

Holy Days

As Announced

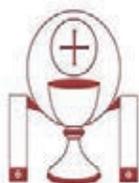
Legal Holidays: 9:00 AM

Mass Count and Contributions

Sunday, January 3 \$3,396

Solemnity of Mary \$1,504

Contribution totals and Mass counts for Christmas can be obtained by contacting the Rectory Office.



Priest Schedule

January 16-17, 2021

4:30 PM Father McBurney

8:00 AM Father Oswald

10:30 AM Father McCartney

Gospel Reflection and Parish

Gospel Reflection

Reflection by Reverend Leonard N. Peterson

Many a joke has been told about the trial and tribulation that is part of most people's dealings with their state's DMV. I refer to the much-maligned Department of Motor Vehicles. Its various ways and means conjure up images of purgatory, especially with the demands it makes on our patience. This last is exacerbated with the restrictions brought on by the current pandemic. Already being bureaucracy at its worst, when one adds those in, I think then the experiences it creates for its users could be recorded as "Intimations of Purgatory." My needs were twofold: buying a car from a private seller, and renewing my driver's license. Were I to tell you my whole story, including a suggestion from an official to "go have breakfast and we'll text you when it's near time for your spot in line to get serviced", I believe you might giggle a little and think how it resembled an episode of "Seinfeld". My point in all this recall is to highlight the importance these days of carrying some proof on your person that you are who you claim to be. Today's feast celebrates the fact that at His baptism, Our Lord had no such need, for He received in spectacular fashion His authentication. God the Father said it in five words: "You are my beloved Son." However, you and I cannot remain simple observers of a passing scene in this case. The fact that Jesus was baptized, and declared God's Son then and there brings to the fore a pair of religious obligations we all have inherited as a result of our own baptism. First is that we take our baptism very seriously, far from being just a happy memory caught by a collection of posed pictures of us as infants at the font. Second, we must take seriously every facet of Christ's teaching in making decisions for action practically every day. Most Catholic adults only confront the importance of their baptism when they visit the parish office seeking permission to be a godparent; or arranging a wedding; or setting up the baptism of their own new child. The significance of this sacrament is the fact that it is the "gatekeeper" for the other six. It begins our full commitment to Christ, albeit made through our godparents, waiting for us to make it on our own. This automatically means that we are called to full participation in the life of the Church He founded, and identified Himself with as its Head. What are some aspects of our commitment? For one, we may have to decide on any given Sunday, do I go to Mass, or junior's soccer game? Do I opt for more sleep because I've had a hard week at work? Do I attend my daughter's Confirmation class on Saturday or go instead to a ballet performance? Basic items but real cases. And those are only the beginning. Our baptism gave us our permanent identity and it involves far more than a cleansing from original sin. I leave it up to you to research the whole beautiful treatment of the sacrament given by the Church from her earliest days. Refresh your earlier learning by finding online the beautiful truths presented by the official Church catechism. Meanwhile, here is rich food for thought from C.S. Lewis, one of the best exponents of the Christian faith: "I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen. Not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else." God love you and give you His peace.

Directives for Mass

- * **The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation continues to be lifted.** You are not obligated to attend Mass at this time. Sunday is still the Lord's day and it is a holy day. We must still be mindful of this. Mass can be livestreamed on television, reading scripture is recommended, and completing all religious education lessons is encouraged.
- * Please stay home if you are sick and if you are at higher risk of severe illness with COVID19.
- * Please wash your hands for 20 seconds using soap and water.
- * **Before entering the Church, please put on a face mask or cloth covering.** Exceptions to this are "children younger than 2 years old, anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious, and anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance" (CDC Guidelines).
- * Please maintain reverent silence in respect for the Blessed Sacrament and others who are in prayer.
- * **Please enter the side doors of the church (Blessed Mother and St. Joseph sides). With the exception of those who are handicapped, we ask all visitors to exist thru the main front doors.**
- * Hand sanitizers will be available at the church entrances. Please use the hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting the Church.
- * Foreign cups or containers are not permitted in the church at this time.
- * When taking your seat, please honor all posted signs about where you may sit. Pews will be marked to ensure proper social distancing. Members of the same household may sit together as normal.
- * There will be no Sign of Peace during Mass during the Yellow Phase.
- * The Precious Blood will not be distributed during Mass during the Green Phase.
- * There should be no holding of hands during the Lord's Prayer.
- * Bulletins will only be available on line or by contacting the Rectory for a copy.
- * Please maintain social distancing in the Communion line. Please keep several pews between yourself and the person in front of you while in line and when returning to your pew. Follow the main isle yellow guideline tape.
- * **The faithful are asked to receive Holy Communion in the hand.** Please remove your mask as you receive the Eucharist.
- * **At the conclusion of Mass, please exit the Church and proceed directly to your car.**

Parish and Local



Don't forget to watch Father Oswald's weekly reflection at www.stgeorgeparish.org or on our Facebook page at St. George Church, Glenolden, PA.

***"God bless you all.
It's wonderful to have you back!"***



Pray for the Sick: Robert Batten, Jr, Helen Belcher, Kay Bittle, Helena Butler, Rose Celia, Augustine Cercas, Megan Chamberlain, John Cianciarulo, Fred Cuccunello, Lenora Cuccinello, Msgr. Gregory Akata-Daniels, Betty DiGrasso, Sr. Eileen Eden, SSND, Rev. Gus Esposito, Mark Gallagher, Robert Gam-

boy, Larry Gilchrist, Bruce Gordan, Jerry Glavin, Stan Kane, Doris Kerker, Sr. Ann Marie Loftus, Madeline Loftus, Margie Loftus, Rosemarie Mazzio, Peg McCann, Julia McGlinn, Anna Marie McIntyre, Madeleine Nowrey, Rev. Leo P. Oswald, Christopher Perdue, Madeline Pfaff, George Phillips, Rose Lee Piccione, Marie Prince, Harry Sperone, Ted Stevens, Richard Sullivan, Michael Talent, Carmella Young and Tom Zane.

Our sick list has been updated for the New Year. In order to keep our prayer list current, we remove names after 30 days. If we do not hear from a family member with an update on their progress, we will assume the blessings of the Lord are upon them and recovery has been achieved. We love to hear good news, so please keep us informed. And if more time is needed, we will be happy to extend it for you.

May all of our sick, through the mercy of God, be healed and find peace.

Happy Birthday

We wish everyone who is celebrating a birthday this week and happy and healthy year ahead. We were unable to print the individual names this week, but you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Happy Birthday, one and all, and may God bless everyone who is celebrating a birthday this week a healthy year ahead.



St. George Parish has online giving. You can donate simply by visiting <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.

How Can I Keep from Singing!!!

Choir practice has been changed to **Wednesday evenings from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM** in the church until further notice. Social distancing and masks are required, but this isn't going to keep us from singing! New members welcome.



Rosary Group

Our Rosary Group meets on **Thursdays at 7:00 PM**. To ensure social distancing, we gather in the church. All are welcome and invited to join us as we pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet for an end to the coronavirus and your personal intentions. Masks are required.

Family Bingo

As a result of Covid19, Family Bingo will not be held this January 2021. We remember and pray for our many sponsors who made this event just a success in past years, and we look forward to holding Family Bingo next year, when it is safe to do so.



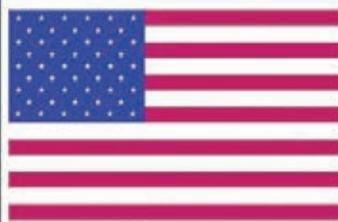
Daily Prayer and Adoration

Join us for daily Prayer and Adoration
3:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Monday to Friday in St. George Church

Pray for Our Beloved Deceased



As we pray for our own families and friends, we ask you to please remember **Sandra D. Gregorio, Reverend Thomas J. Furey, Dorothy Fitzgerald, and all those who have died from the coronavirus.** May they rest in peace.



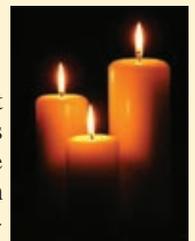
**We are strong!
We are American!**
UNITED
in the fight against
COVID-19! ©IPPC

Respect Life

As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between.

Light Up the New Year in Prayer

Did you know that you can light a candle at our Blessed Mothers altar, Saint Joseph's altar, and our prayer shrine, Jesus with the Children, for a special intention such as in memory of a loved one who has died, a prayer for someone who is ill, or for a special request? If you are unable to get to Mass, simply put your request in the mail with the stipend and we will be happy to light the candle on your behalf. Please see page



Parish and Local

School News

From the Desk of Mrs. Susan Lowe
Principal of Our Lady of Angels
Regional School



In case of inclement weather, please listen to **KYW 1060** radio station for our school number – **545**. Our **OPTION C Communication System** will also notify you by telephone and email. Thank you!

Calendar Updates

No School

School is closed on **Friday, January 15, 2021** for a Teacher In-Service and on **Monday, January 18, 2021** in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Catholic School's Week

Catholic School's Week will take place from **Sunday, January 31, 2021 to Friday, February 5, 2021**. Due to the COVID-19 virus many activities will be reinvented and are being finalized. **Friday, February 5, 2021** is an **11:30 AM** dismissal. More information will be available on our school website.

First In Math

First In Math is online computer program where the students compete nationally to use their Math skills to earn stickers. OLA is presently ranked 26th in the nation, 18th in the state, and 4th in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia!! Luca Merkle in Grade 7 is ranked 6th in the nation! Keep up the great work Angels!

Job Opportunity

Our Lady of Angels Regional School – Enrollment Director Our Lady of Angels Regional School is looking for a part time person to support our school by building enrollment and maintaining our website. Please call the school office at 610-543-8350 for more information.



Thank you

We take this opportunity to thank all those who dropped off cookies and other goodies to the Rectory Office for Father Oswald, Father Marneni and our staff. We are all still thoroughly enjoying your delightful gifts and we will worry about the pounds later!

On behalf of those who will benefit from your generosity, we also thank everyone who donated gift cards and monetary donations to our Parish Outreach Program for Christmas 2020. Know that these donations are used to help parishioners and those in our community who come to us for food and assistance.

Last, but certainly not least, we thank all those who donated gifts to the Parish Giving Tree this year. The gifts for the Giving Tree have been successfully delivered to Saint Veronica and Saint Hugh Parish in Philadelphia. They were overjoyed at your generosity and were able to reach out to many people in need as a result of your kindness.

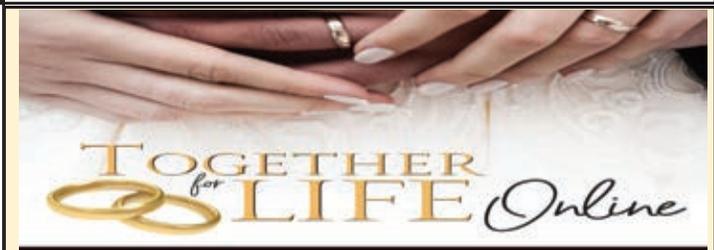
God bless you, one and all for your generosity.



RETRouvaille

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of **February 12 - 14, 2021** at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



Start 2021 by Rededicating Your Home to God

Begin the new year with the tradition of blessing your home on the twelfth day of Christmas. John Bosio explains this practice known as the “chalking of the door” and includes a prayer for your family to recite together. May Christ bless your home in

2021!

How to Foster Peace in Your Family

All families experience conflict and disagreements, yet peace can be found. Take a look at how you can find peace in your family and in your heart.



Walk Securely

In *Gather Together: Recipes and Reflections to Inspire Faith and Friendship around the Table*, Catherine Fowler Sample reflects on how she was inspired by St. Claire of Assisi's mantra *vade securo*, which means “walk on securely”—trusting in God's providence. Perhaps we can all learn from St. Claire and make this our guiding principle for 2021. Check out the additional prayers, conversation starters, and recipes to enjoy in fellowship with your loved ones - in person or virtually.



Visit www.togetherforlifeonline.com.

The Call of God for all the Baptized

At the core of each person is a call or vocation. It is a call to holiness, to become a living response to God's love in a unique way.

Call to Priesthood

Jesus still calls men to be priests just as He called the apostles. This vocation is a call to share in the priesthood of Jesus Christ so that his unique saving mission may continue through pastoral service, proclamation of the Word and a celebration of the sacraments, especially the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Pray for vocations. Encourage the gift. Visit www.HeedTheCall.org for more details.

Parish Religious Education and Local



PREP Lessons for Levels 1-8

At this time, all PREP lessons continue at home. Students are asked to watch the weekly video on YouTube, read and complete their workbook assignments, then log on to www.loyola.press.com to complete reviews and download results to catechists. Due to Covid19, no in-person lessons are being conducted at this time.

Sacrament Preparation

Students preparing for First Penance, First Holy Communion and Confirmation will soon be advised about in-person lessons resuming. Please stay tuned for details. In the meantime, please continue chapter lessons at home and continue to log in to Mrs. Batten's weekly reflection and update.

Welcome to the Year of St. Joseph

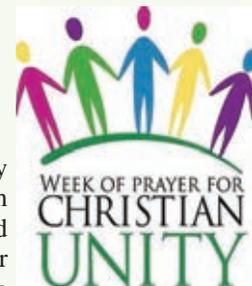
On **December 8, 2020**, Our Holy father, Pope Francis announced a Year of Saint Joseph, which began that day and will continue **through December 8, 2021**. The Year of Saint Joseph commemorates the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as the patron of the Universal Church. You can read the Holy Father's Apostolic Letter, Patris Corde, on Saint Joseph at http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patric-corde.html.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

*Monday, January 18 through Monday,
January 25, 2021*

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an ecumenical Christian observance in the Christian calendar that is celebrated internationally. It has a history of over 100 years, in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity. By annually observing the WPCU, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one." (cf. John 17:21)



Interestingly, in preparation for the WPCU, ecumenical partners in a particular region were asked to prepare a basic text on a biblical theme. Then an international group organized through the World Council of Churches (WCC) and The Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity edited this text, which was jointly published by the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and WCC, through their Commission on Faith and Order. The WCC accompanied the entire production process of the text. The final material was sent to member churches and Roman Catholic dioceses, and they were invited to translate the text and contextualize it for their own use. So as you can see, much thought and much work has been placed into preparation for this special week of prayer.

Please join us in daily prayer on January 18 to January 25: *Gracious Lord, we pray for all the members of your holy Church, that all may abide in you, and you in them, that they may be one in your love and bear much fruit. We also pray for the world so that all may come to believe in your love for them by the fruit of our witness. We know that our divisions are a source of scandal to your world, and we know that in love we are called to unite a one in the vine and the branches. The vine is our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. We are meant to be His branches. Help us, we pray, to love, to forgive, to seek justice and to be your prophetic voice in the world. May your grace effect growth of good fruit among us, that our world may realize peace. We ask all this in the name of Jesus, your Son, and in the power of the holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.*



Special Day of Prayer

Day of Prayer for the Diocese of the
United States of America
Friday, January 22, 2021

In all the Diocese of the United States
of America, **January 22** (or January
23 when the 22nd falls on a Sunday)

shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. We celebrate this day and give thanks to God for the gift of human life. The right to life is a human right. Our defense of that right is a joyful witness to the beauty and dignity of every human person.

The March for Life, which takes place on **January 29, 2021**, is an inspiring, peaceful, vibrant, and joy-filled rally of women, men, young people, and children from all across the country. Every year, tens of thousands of pro-lifers converge on the National Mall and march on Capitol Hill on the anniversary of the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling which legalized abortion in all 50 states. It's the largest annual human rights demonstration in the world. But this is not just a protest... together, we gather to celebrate life. We celebrate each and every life, from the moment of conception. We envision a world where every life is celebrated, valued, and protected.

For more details, visit www.marchforlife.org.

Workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at Saint Andrews Parish, Drexel Hill
7:15 PM to 9:00 PM in Church

Please register at worship@archphila.org. For all new and current ministers who have not attended a workshop or who would like to take a "refresher" course.

Special Prayer Request

Please keep in your prayers Reverend Gus Esposito, OSA. Many of our parishioners know Father Gus due to his family connection with St. George Parish, his tenor at Bonner-Prendie High School, and his ministry and leadership on many spiritual pilgrimages. Father is in need of prayers to help him through a difficult battle with Covid19. Thank you.

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