

Saint George Parish Community

Under the Guidance of the Holy Spirit

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November 22, 2020

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST THE KING

Jesus said to His disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, He will sit upon His glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before Him. And He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on His right and the goats on His left. Then the king will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed by My Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, a stranger and you welcomed Me, naked and you clothed Me, ill and you cared for Me, in prison and you visited Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him and say, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and welcome You, or naked and clothe You? When did we see You ill or in prison, and visit You?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of Mine, you did for Me.' Then He will say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, a stranger and you gave Me no welcome, naked and you gave Me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for Me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to Your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for Me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

~ Matthew 25: 31-46



Happy

THANKSGIVING

*I will give thanks
to the Lord
with all my heart...*

PSALM 133:1

A Prayer of Gratitude

Let us, therefore, proclaim our gratitude to Providence for manifold blessings—let us be humbly thankful for inherited ideals—and let us resolve to share those blessings and those ideals with our fellow human beings throughout the world.

On that day let us gather in sanctuaries dedicated to worship and in homes blessed by family affection to express our gratitude for the glorious gifts of God, and let us earnestly and humbly pray that He will continue to guide and sustain us in the great unfinished tasks of achieving peace, justice, and understanding among all men and nations and of ending misery and suffering wherever they exist.

~ John F. Kennedy,

Thanksgiving Proclamation, (In Part)

1963

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

"You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you."

– John Bunyan

"Service to humanity is service to God."

– Lailah Gifty Akita

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

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

Mrs. Chris Guidetti, Youth Minister, Ext. 125

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

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Mr. Keith Tomson, Accountant, Ext. 104

Mr. Al Zeller, Bingo - 610-532-8271

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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.
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Convent

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Office of Religious Education

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Sr. Lorraine Muglie, SSJ
Phone Number: 610-237-1633
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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, November 22: Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17; 1 Corinthians 15: 20, 28; Matthew 25: 31-46 - **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

8:00 AM William McGovern
Requested by: McCloskey Family

10:30 AM Pro Populo and Michael Egan
Requested by: Denis and Pat Casey

Monday, November 23: Rev. 14:1-3, 4b-5; Luke 21: 1-4
4:00 PM Marcy MacMillan
Requested by: Bill Battagliese

Tuesday, November 24: Rev. 14: 14-19; Luke 21: 5-11
4:00 PM Deceased members of the McKenna and Levine families
Requested by: Maureen Levine

Wednesday, November 25: Rev. 15: 1-4; Luke 21: 12-19
4:00 PM Elizabeth Conrad
Requested by: St. George Rectory Staff

Thursday, November 26: Rev. 18: 1-2, 21-23; 19: 1-3, 9a; Luke 21: 20-28
4:00 PM Helena Salerno and Pro Populo
Requested by: Pat Dinan

Friday, November 27: Rev. 20: 1-4, 11-21;2; Luke 21: 29-33
4:00 PM Linda Hawkins
Requested by: Craig Family

Saturday, November 28: Rev. 22: 1-7; Luke 21; 34-36
8:00 AM Linda Hawkins
Requested by: St. George PREP

4:30 PM James Dunleavy
Requested by: Marie Dunleavy

Sunday, November 29: Isaiah 63: 16b-17, 19b; 64: 2-7; 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9; Mark 13: 33-37 - **First Sunday of Advent**
8:00 AM Timothy Payne

Requested by: Gilchrist Family
10:30 AM Pro Populo

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

Holidays: 9:00 AM

Thank you!

We take the opportunity to thank you for your Stewardship donation last weekend. Your generosity is appreciated. If you have not yet made your annual contribution, you can drop it off at the Rectory Office or place it in the collection basket. God bless you, one and all!
This issue of the parish bulletin was printed in advance. For Mass counts and contributions, please contact the Rectory office.

Gospel Reflection and Parish Information

Gospel Reflection

Do you allow the love of Christ, who is your Lord and King, to rule in your heart? Augustine of Hippo (354-430 A.D.) said, "Essentially, there are two kinds of people, because there are two kinds of love. One is holy, the other is selfish. One is subject to God; the other endeavors to equal Him." Jesus came not only to fulfill the law of righteousness (Leviticus 19), but to transform it through his unconditional love and mercy towards us.

The Lord Jesus proved His love for us by offering up His life on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for our sins. His death brings freedom and life for us - freedom from fear, selfishness, and greed - and new abundant life in the Holy Spirit who fills our hearts with the love of God (Romans 5:5). Do you allow God's love to purify your heart and transform your mind to think, act, and love others as the Lord Jesus has taught through word and example?

If we entrust our lives to the Lord Jesus today, and allow His Holy Spirit to purify our hearts and minds, then He will give us the grace, strength, and freedom to walk and live each day in the power of His merciful love and goodness. Let us entrust our lives into the hands of the merciful Savior who gave His life for us. And let us ask the Lord Jesus to increase our faith, strengthen our hope, and enkindle in us the fire of His merciful love and compassion for all.

Lord Jesus, be the Master and Ruler of my life. May Your love rule in my heart that I may only think, act, and speak with charity and good will for all.



On behalf of Father Oswald, Father Marneni, our visiting priests and our parish staff, we wish everyone a blessed and healthy Thanksgiving. Let us remember God's gifts to us: family, friends, love, our homes, food on the table, and so much more! Take time to concentrate on the

positive and put the trials and tribulations of this year aside. If you can join us for Mass, we will celebrate and thank God at **9:00 AM** on Thanksgiving Day.



Food for the Poor

If you would like to donate food for someone in need, please place your donation in a sealed bag and put the bag in the receptacle, which is located in the vestibule at the main doors of the church. As a result of social distancing protocols, we will not

have an offertory procession. Please do not leave any frozen or fresh turkeys. Thank you and God bless you.

Directives for Mass in the Green Phase

GENERAL POINTS

- * **The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation continues to be lifted during the Green Phase.** 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.

BEFORE COMING TO MASS

- * 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).

ENTERING THE CHURCH

- * 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.

SEATING

- * 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. **DURING MASS**
- * 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.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION - Holy Communion will be single file only.

- * 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 aisle yellow guideline tape.
- * **The faithful are asked to receive Holy Communion in the hand.** Please remove your mask as you receive the Eucharist.

EXITING THE CHURCH

- * **At the conclusion of Mass, please exit the Church and proceed directly to your car. Please do not congregate for any reason.**

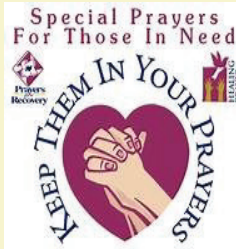


Parish Information and Local



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: Helen Belcher, Kay Bittle, Rose Celia, Augustine Cercas, Louis Cerino, Megan Chamberlain, John Cianciarulo, Fred Cuccunello, Lenora Cuccinello, Msgr. Gregory Akata-Daniels, Betty DiGrasso, Leonard DiGrasso, Jean Doney, Sr. Eileen Eden, SSND, Robert Foltz, Jerry Glavin, Cass Hart, Joan Hatch, Jack Hawkins, Wil-

liam Heiden, Kelly Herbert, Maria Higgins, Emily Hudson, Lynn Johnson, Christina Kearney, Doris Kerker, Patricia Lerro, Madeline Loftus, Margie Loftus, Maureen Maley, Rosemarie Mazzio, Madelyn McBride, Peg McCann, Bethann McCormick, Julia McGlenn, Anna Marie McIntyre, John Meehan, Michael O'Neil, Rev. Leo P. Oswald, Tom Pavese, Anthony Perdue, Christopher Perdue, Madeline Pfaff, George Phillips, Maria Piccione, Rose Lee Piccioe, Marie Prince, Margaret Richardson, Thomas Salvatore, Florencio Sanchez, Ted Stevens, Richard Sullivan, Michael Talent, Margo Williams, and Carmella Young.

Names remain on our prayer list for 30 days. If more time is needed, please contact the Rectory Office. Please let us know when your loved one recovers.



Happy Birthday

We wish everyone who is celebrating a birthday this week and happy and healthy year ahead: Carol Boylan, Alan-Phong Cao, Thomas Hendrick, Braydon Litty, Maurice Onyegbule, Holly Palmer, Holly Peticca, Breanna Batten, Michael Contrisciani, Zachary Dunne, Warren Nolan, Tim Swallow, Bernadette Farley, Whitney Matthews, Nicholas Mazzuca, Timothy McGovern, Lauren Miller, Nicole Nichols, Stephanie Tchanque, Angel Ruiz, Catherine Abdel-Latif, Lydia Hopkins, Gerard McGettigan, Rita Shirley, John Betham, Michael Culin, Stephanie D'Alonzo, Rite Gouse, Craig Gsell, Tracey Kauffman, Anthony Oliveri, Michael Roman, Clifford Engel, and Kevin Kelly.

Happy Birthday, one and all!



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.



Pray for Our Beloved Deceased

As we pray for our own families and friends, we ask you to please remember *all those who have died from the coronavirus*. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithfully departed, rest in peace.



How Can I Keep from Singing!!!

Choir practice continues on *Tuesdays evenings from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM* in the church. Social distancing and masks are required, but this isn't going to keep us from singing! New members always welcomed!

Breaking Bread Missals

****For Use in Church and to Be Kept at Home When Mass is Over****

Our Breaking Bread Missals with Mass readings and hymns were removed from the pews due to COVID-19 protocols. Our new Missals, which begin the first weekend in Advent, *November 28-29, 2020*, will be made available to parishioners who want to keep one at home and bring it back to Mass with you each week. For safety purposes, books left in the pews after Mass **will be discarded**. A table with the new books will be placed by the Tree of Life at the front doors of the church this weekend, *November 21-22*. A free will donation of \$8.50 is appreciated as that is the price St. George paid for each book. Donations can be dropped off in the boxes at the doors of the church on an "honor system" basis. Enjoy!



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.

Stewardship

Stewardship envelopes can be placed in the first collection or dropped off at or mailed to the Rectory Office. We count on your contributions and need your continued support. If you were not able to make your annual Treasure Sunday donation last weekend, we respectfully ask our parishioners to consider your contribution at this time. We thank you for being generous.

Vocation Corner

The priest and sisters of tomorrow are in our midst. Pray for an increase in priests and an increase in women who are contemplating religious life.

Visit www.heedthecall.org.

Parish Information and Local



Birthday Cards

for Seniors and Military

We are in need of youth to complete birthday cards for our seniors who are turning 80 and up and for our military who are stationed overseas. Packets can be picked up at the Rectory or by contacting Mrs. Guidetti at 610-237-1633. Once completed at

home, cards can be returned to the Rectory for distribution.

Youth Group

Homebound Cookie Project

This year, instead of baking cookies for the homebound, our Youth Group is sponsoring a Cookie Tin Outreach Program. The coronavirus may have stopped some activities, but it has not stopped us from remembering our homebound, praying for our homebound, and providing a gift so they know they are remembered. Cookie tins have been purchased and will be delivered with cards to all our homebound friends.



Advent Activity

Stay tuned for information from our Youth Group about a possible Advent/Christmas activity.



Priest Schedule

November 28-29, 2020

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

Delaware County Food Resources During Covid-19

www.delcopa.gov/ich/resources/covidfoodassistance.html

610-891-4000 201 W. Front St, Media

Saint Mary's Franciscan Shelter

For Homeless Families

610-933-3097 - www.stmarysfs.org

Home Care Living Assistance Services

Visiting Angels

610-924-9663 - www.visitingangels.com

1950 Lawrence Road, 1st floor, Havertown

Sexual, Domestic and Dating Violence

The Doves Program

866-95-DOVES 24 Hour Textline: 515-599-6620

Drug and Alcohol

Delaware County Crisis Prevention and Intervention

1-855-889-7827

Drug and Alcohol Prevent Unit - 484-444-6412

Psychiatric Crisis Center at Mercy Fitzgerald - 6110-237-4210

Home/Shelter for Pregnant Woman and Children

Mother's Home, Darby

www.mothershome.org 610-583-4663

Sisters of Saint Joseph

Due to the pandemic, to help keep everyone safe and healthy, the Sisters of Saint Joseph will only be selling chances online this year. There will be no in-person sales. The chances are \$5 each or \$20 for a book of 5 chances. There are five grand prizes of \$500. This is the 30th year for this important fundraiser. You can visit the Chance Drive page at <https://ssiphila.networkforgood.com/events/21048-chance-drive-2020> or the Sisters of St. Joseph events page at <http://www.ssiphila.org/home/support-our-mission/fundraising-events>. The virtual drawing will be held on **December 6th at 1:00 PM**. Thank you for your support and good luck!

Christmas Gift Cards Needed

Gift cards are needed for our Christmas Assistance Program. Although we do not have our "shop for a family" program this year, we will offer gift cards to those who are in need of gifts for their children this Christmas. This has been a very difficult year, indeed, and we hope to be able to offer assistance to children and families who come to us for help. Gift cards to Walmart are most appreciated. Increments of \$25 are also helpful, but anything you can give is truly appreciated. Thank you for reaching out to those in need.

Something to Think About

Jesus appeared to St. Teresa of Avila in a vision and said to her: "I would create the universe again just to hear you say that you love Me." That's how important we are to God.

Free Mass Resources

For Children and Families

- **Sunday Connection (Loyola Press)**

⇒ <https://www.loolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/Sunday-connection/>

⇒ Weekly resource, activities and reflections to connect Sunday readings and daily life

⇒ Family Connections & Grade Level Connections (1-3, 4-6, 7-8)

- **Weekly Mas Resources for Kids (Catholic Icing)**

⇒ <https://www.catholicicing.com/weekly-mass-resources-for-kids/>

⇒ Resources to engage Mass at home/resources to supplement livestreamed Mass

Sacrament of Penance

Confession is like a broom, which sweeps away the dirt and leaves the surface brighter and clearer. ~Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948)



Confession reconciles us with God and the community of the Church and gives us the gift of a new beginning. It is freeing to say openly and honestly what we have done wrong. It is even more freeing to hear with our own ears that God has forgiven us. Sin separates us from God and others. It leads us away from goodness and love. Every sin causes harm.

Sacrament of Penance at St. George

Saturdays 3:30 PM to 4:15 PM

Mondays during Advent after the 4:00 PM Mass and December 20, from 9:00 AM to 10:15 PM.

Parish Religious Education



PREP Lessons for Levels 1-6

PREP lessons continue this Sunday. Students should be on **Chapter 6** of their workbooks. Please log on to the link provided to watch the opening video from Mrs. Batten, then read and complete the chapter, and log on to www.loyolapress.com to complete your chapter review. Don't forget to email your teacher the completed review. This is how we take attendance and track your progress.

First Communion Class - Student Lesson

Students preparing for First Holy Communion in May 2021 are asked to attend a gathering in the church this **Sunday, November 22, following the 10:30 AM Mass until 1:00 PM**. We will be discussing preparations for First Penance and this gathering will include both Catholic school and PREP students. A special Advent project, which includes an opportunity for six gift surprises, will also be distributed, so students don't want to miss out on this event. Remember, masks are required. Parents are asked to contact Mrs. Batten if your child will not be able to attend.

Confirmation Class

Students in PREP who are eligible for Confirmation on **May 23, 2021** are meeting for lessons in the church **every Sunday morning from 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM**. Catholic school students are invited to join us once a month. Please check the calendar for the dates.

Students are reminded that being on time for lessons is important. Class begins at **9:00 AM sharp!** And when your lesson is over, please don't forget to log on to www.loyolapress.com to complete your chapter reviews before the next class begins.



Coming Soon... Advent Waiting

Waiting in Dread

You're standing in line at the Post Office or the grocery store, waiting for your turn. You're tapping your foot and keep looking at your watch. You don't want to be in this line. Before long, you begin to think, "Oh, I can't wait for this to be over!" Often times, the other people in line with you feel the same way! On one speaks to anyone else. Clearly few are enjoying the experience; the impatience or irritability you feel might even be visible on your face. Such an experience of waiting in line can seem isolating, almost lonely.

Waiting in Excitement

Now think about the times when you waiting in line at an amusement park, to buy tickets to see your favorite baseball team, or to hear your favorite band. In these instances, the waiting is much different. People are excited and you might even be talking to some of them about the ride you're getting ready to experience, the sports team that you love, or the band you're about to hear.

The second example is the kind of waiting we are called to in Advent. And next **Sunday, November 29**, we will begin the season of Advent.

At Mass, after praying the Lord's Prayer, we hear "*as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ*." This prayer reminds us that Advent, we wait in joy, in hope, and in anticipation for the wonderful event we are about to experience, the feast of Christmas, the coming of Christ into our lives in new ways, and the return of Christ's glory at the end of time. As the Church, we wait during Advent and look forward to celebrating the fact that God loves us so much that he sent his only Son into the world to save us. This waiting is far from empty; rather, it is full of hope that God promises us as we prepare for Christ in the feast of Christmas.

The Second Coming

During Advent, we eagerly anticipate the coming of Christ. However, we are not waiting for Jesus to be born - that even occurred over two thousand years ago. While we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus that has occurred, we also use the season of Advent to anticipate The Second Coming. When Jesus comes again, the Kingdom of God will appear in its fullness. The just will reign with Christ forever, glorified in body and soul, and the material universe will be transformed.

~Provided by Loyola Press; Article by D. Tod Williamson, Office for Divine Worship, Archdiocese of Chicago

Why is Mass So Important When I Can Just Pray at Home?

Holy Mass is a miracle: it makes present to us the saving death and Resurrection of Jesus. With Jesus, our risen Lord, we celebrate his feast of thanksgiving. On the night before Jesus died, he celebrated the Passover with his disciples. This meal was his Last Supper. He took bread and wine, gave thanks, and said these incredible words: "*This is my body.*" "*This is my blood.*"

In every Mass, the priest repeats the words of Jesus over bread and wine. Through the Holy Spirit, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus. In every Holy Mass, Jesus' death and Resurrection become present to us; we meet the crucified and risen Lord and unite ourselves with Him by going to Communion. It is not like TV, where we see for the hundredth time a rerun of an old movie. Through Holy Mass, we are truly present at the death and Resurrection of Jesus each and every time.

Interesting fact: The word Eucharist comes from the Greek word for "thanksgiving." At the Last Supper with his disciples, Jesus gave thanks to God.

When St. Bonaventure (1221-1274) was asked to explain the Holy Mass, he said it is Jesus saying to us, "*I gave Myself to you, give yourself to Me!*" The Eucharist is like marriage. Jesus, the Bridegroom, gives His life for His Bride, the Church. We accept His love and love Him in return. Yes, we can surely pray at home. But to receive him in the Eucharist, we must come to Mass.

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