



# Saint Philomena Parish - 1898

## Saint Cyril of Alexandria

Lansdowne, Pennsylvania

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - December 26, 2021

### **Parish Staff:**

Reverend Paul A. Castellani, Pastor

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### **Online Giving:**

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### **Rectory Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday 8:30-3:30

Friday 8:30-3:00

**Saturday & Sunday**

**by appointment only**

### **St. Vincent de Paul Society**

Contact the Parish Office

### **Parish Registration:**

Please contact the Parish Office to register.

### **Miraculous Medal Novena**

Wednesday following the 8 a.m. Mass

### **Mass Schedule:**

#### **Weekday Masses:**

Monday through Saturday 8:00 a.m.

#### **Sunday Masses:**

Vigil on Saturday 5:15 p.m.

Sunday 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 Noon

#### **Holy Days of Obligation:**

Vigil 6:00 p.m.

8:00 a.m., 12 Noon and 7:00 p.m.

#### **Holy Days with no Obligation: 8:00 a.m.**

#### **Confession:**

Monday 4:15 to 5:00 p.m. in Chapel

Saturday 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

#### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Mondays following the 8 a.m. Mass

Rosary 5:00 p.m.

#### **Evening Prayer (Vespers) and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament:**

Mondays 5:30 p.m.

**Legion of Mary** The Legion of Mary meets in the Parish Center on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 p.m.

#### **Novena in Honor of St. Cyril**

Friday following the 8 a.m. Mass

#### **Perpetual Novena in honor of Saint Philomena**

Saturday following the 8 a.m. Mass

#### **Sacramental Life and Catechesis:**

To arrange for Baptism, Marriage, RCIA,

Communion Calls & Sick Calls, contact the Office

# SAINT PHILOMENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

## FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Dear Parishioners,

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!** As we have celebrated the birth of our Savior and prepare for a New Year, we look at this past year and see how we can take the disappointments of 2021 and make them into amazing things in 2022. When we look to the readings of the Christmas Season; the responsorial psalm from the vigil mass helps us to recall how the past and the present are always helping us to know that the goodness of the Lord is everlasting. "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant: forever will I confirm your posterity and establish your throne for all generations." John continues to proclaim that the one who was to follow him is the Messiah, the one that everyone should be looking to for their salvation, and we must proclaim just as John did with our hearts and souls that Christ has come; and He will come again in all His glory. We have many individuals from the past who have shown us by their example and in their writings; Paul, is one such example for as he is writing to Titus, he is always writing to us: "Beloved, the grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope." When we gaze upon the manger that bears the Son of God; our Savior as a child, and just as He is being protected by Mary and Joseph and the shepherds, He is protecting and saving us for all eternity. Just as those in the fields loudly proclaimed: **HOSANNA TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST:** should we not do the same? As we also celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, we recall how Joseph, believing with all his heart, and through the messages that he received in dreams took Mary and Jesus away from danger until it was time for Christ to begin His public ministry at Cana. When Mary and Joseph find Christ in the temple sitting in midst of the teachers as a child, He asked them a question: Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" **We have all been called to the Father's house as children of God; to worship here in this life and to prepare for the next life: eternity in heaven. HAPPY 2022.**

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Rev. Paul A. Castellani  
Pastor

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Monday - St. John**

**8:00** Jenny Slovet

**Tuesday - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

**8:00** Annie Buckley

**Wednesday - St. Thomas Becket**

**8:00** Jack Binder & Steve Jun

**Thursday**

**8:00** John LeSage

**Friday - St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve**

**8:00** Christine Whelan

**6:00 pm**

Living & Deceased Members of St. Philomena/St. Cyril

**Saturday - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

**8:00 am & 10:00 am**

Living & Deceased Members of St. Philomena/St. Cyril

**Sunday - Epiphany of the Lord**

**7:30** Debbie Binder

**10:00** Mary C. Daisley

**12:00** Marion Inzinna

## **GlutenFreeHost**

If you are a parishioner who needs a Gluten free host please let the priest know before Mass.

## **Catholic Trivia Contest**

**The first one to submit the answer by email after 6:00 P.M. on Sunday evening will be the winner.**

The email address is [stphilomenaparish@rcn.com](mailto:stphilomenaparish@rcn.com)

**The winner for 12,19, 26 December & 2 January will be published in the bulletin for 9 January**

**The winner for 19 December will receive a gift card to Colonial Meats**

**The winner for 26 December will receive a gift card to CVS**

**The winner for 2 January will receive a gift card to Dunkin donuts**

**The question for 26 December is:**

**In what U.S. city would you find the Knights of Columbus Museum?**

**The question for 2 January is:**

**The founder of the Knights of Columbus was recently Beatified by the Holy Father, what is his name?**

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### Thank You For Your Support

No Offering information due to early holiday bulletin schedule.

#### **PLEASE USE SCRIP TO BENEFIT OUR PARISH**

Scrip is available for sale on the front porch of the Rectory (enter through the vigil candle chapel) on Sundays from 10 a.m. until 12 Noon. You may drop off your request and payment before Mass and pick up your scrip cards after Mass.

### NOTICE

The **parish calendars** are in, you can pick one up in the Chapel, in Church, or at the rectory. If you or you know of someone who needs a calendar mailed please contact the rectory.

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Also, if you do not receive your monthly **envelopes**, please contact us at the rectory so that we can place a call to check on them.

#### **A special message for Christmas and throughout the year**

**We have all had our moments in which we question within ourselves the how's and why's certain things happen. The message below to help us when we have these moments and remember how through that faith and hope of Mary and Joseph, the apostles, the saints and those who have given us our faith—our parents, grandparents and through the family of St. Philomena's/St. Cyril's that we have come to know throughout the years to this very day.**

**Trust and Hope in our God:** Matthew 1:18-21;  
"Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph, her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention, when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name Him Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins."

#### SCHEDULE FOR STREAMED MASSES

Friday, December 31 6:00pm  
Saturday, January 1 8:00am & 10:00am  
Sunday, January 2 10:00am

Saturday, January 8 5:15pm  
Sunday, January 9 12:00 noon

#### Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35  
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40  
Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18  
Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

#### ***Pray for our Parishioners Serving in the Military***

US Army, Specialist Rosanna Sallom, US Army Stephen Zwolak, Richard Basilio Jr. 3rd Infantry Army, Pvt. Ryan McCullough, Chief Warrant Officer, Larissa Zwolak, US Navy, Matthew Gaynor, US Army, Capt. US Army Specialist Kevin Michael Haggerty, Lt. Brian Province, US Coast Guard, SSG. James J. Bygrave USAF, Air Force Justin Mickle, US Marine, Capt. Dustin Chubb

#### ***Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parish***

Nancy King-Pantelone, Jackie Waldt, Howard Gaynor, Paula Kucich, Scott Stierheim, Mary Jo Bradley, Dorothy Walsh, Benjamin Froelich, Donald P. van Krieken, Elaine Fairweather, Ava McLin, Michael Kelly, Laura Szarewicz Pelzar, Pasquale Pantaleone, Joseph Vancelette, Josh Rudolph, Lou Ruffo, Dolores Kelly, Anna Wilson, Maryann Waldt, Alan Abbonizio, Evelina Moffa, Paul Rudolph, Bill Brock, Infant Arielle Worley, Theresa Sherwin, Neal Pizzano, Jacinta Maughan, Jack McElhinney, Thomas Flynn, Roseann Kenney, Bob Flounders, Kate Carroll, Mary Devlin, Mark Warriner, Martha Catel

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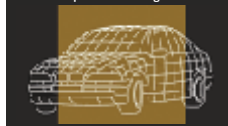
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