



CHURCH OF THE HOLY CHILD

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Church of the Holy Child Parish is a growing, diverse, welcoming Roman Catholic community serving Northern New Castle County and the surrounding area. As a Catholic community we daily embrace and strive to know, love and serve God as we grow in our relationship to Jesus. Our experience of prayer, worship, the sacraments and faith formation call us to acts of service and to address the needs of our brothers and sisters.

DECEMBER 26, 2021

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



Monday, December 27

9:00 a.m. Thomas Francis Dudley
Christopher Seipel

Tuesday, December 28

9:00 a.m. Therese Williams
Sr Ann
Louis H Rombach
Joe & Mimi Gorman

Wednesday, December 29

9:00 a.m. Betty & Frank Gorman
Joe & Mimi Gorman

Thursday, December 30

No mass

Saturday, January 1

9:00 a.m. Robert Collom, Sr
Joe & Mimi Gorman

Sunday, January 2

8:30 a.m. Ted Schaefer
Mary Schaefer
11:00 a.m. Fred & Kay Witter
Howard & Vicki Zebley

THIS WEEK

Sunday:

7:00 p.m. AA

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

9:45 a.m. In Viam Ad Caelum Faith Sharing ZOOM

Thursday:

7:00 p.m. Choir
AA

Friday:

Parish Office Closed

Saturday:

STEWARDSHIP

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are."

1 JOHN 3:1

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God's children, it's in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

Thank you for your continued generosity!!

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Almighty and eternal God,
in your unfailing love you provide
ministers for your Church.
We pray for those whom you call
to serve the Church of Wilmington
as priests, deacons and consecrated religious.
Inspire in them a generous response.

Grant them courage
and vision to serve your people.
May their lives and service call your
people to respond to the presence
of your Spirit among us
that, faithful to the Gospel and
hope of Jesus the Christ, we may:
announce glad tidings to the poor
proclaim liberty to captives,
set prisoners free
and renew the face of the earth.
Amen!

PRAY FOR THE SICK

We pray for the sick and homebound: *Gerri Collom, Hector Colon, Tim Corcoran, Francis Cunniffe, David Donaldson, Natasha Evans, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Craig Harris, Michael Keller, Ginny Lewis, Francine Passerini, Ed Romford, Gordon Taylor, Joe Theranger, Bea Wallace.*

If you know someone who should be added to our list, please call the Parish Office (302) 475-6486 ext. 110. Prayer requests will remain on this list for one month.

WE PRAY

For members of our armed service who have recently been deployed:

PO1 Colleen Fitzgerald – U.S. Navy
Major Jigar Patel MD – U.S. Army
Seaman Ian Nuhfer - U.S. Coast Guard

As they continue to work for peace in our world, we remember them and their families with our prayerful support. Do you have a loved one or friend who has been deployed? Contact Margie Fiorella (302-475-6486 ext. 122 or mfiorella@chcparish.org) so we may include them in our list and prayers.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass

Mary, Mother of God

January 1, 2022
9:00 a.m.

Epiphany of the Lord

January 2, 2022

NO 4 p.m. on Saturday January 1, 2022

8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m. **

**Join us at 10:30 a.m. for a carol sing-a-long!!

PARISH OFFICES

As our parish staff celebrates the New Year, our Parish Offices will be closed **Friday December 31st**. The Parish Offices will **reopen on Monday January 3rd at 9 a.m.**

WELCOME

We welcome you, one and all, to our parish. We welcome all Catholics from the neighboring parishes who find our schedule or our liturgies more suited to their needs. For those of you who regularly attend the Church of the Holy Child but have yet to register, we cordially invite you to do so. Registering can ultimately help us to serve you better each week as well as at those pivotal times such as weddings, baptisms, in times of illness and for funerals. Registering with the parish is quick and easy. Registration forms are available from the parish website at www.chcparish.org, from the parish office, in one of the portico's. You may mail your completed registration form or drop it into the collection basket on Sunday.

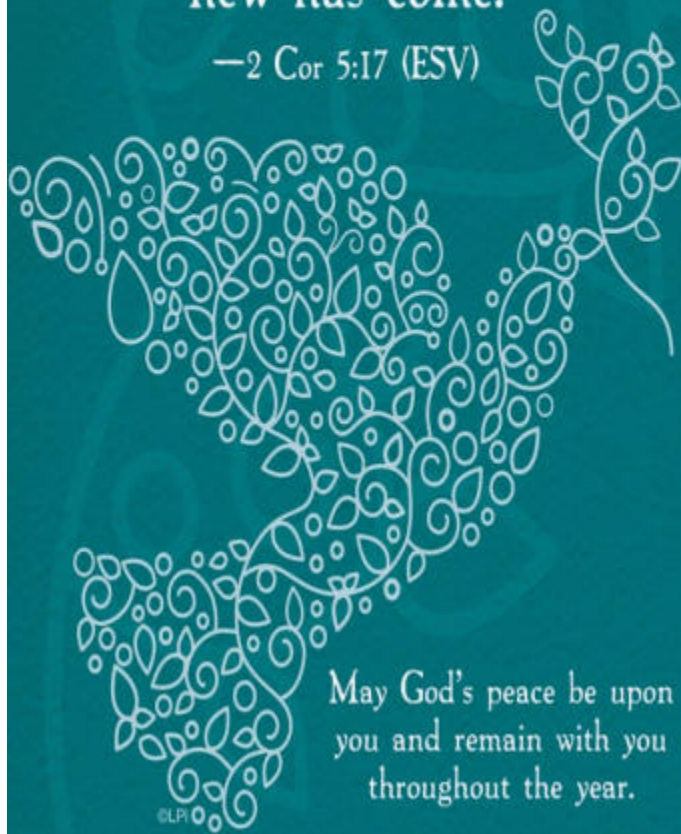
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

—2 Cor 5:17 (ESV)



May God's peace be upon you and remain with you throughout the year.



Join us on the
Feast of the Epiphany
Sunday January 2nd
at 10:30 a.m.
(before the 11 a.m. mass)
for a
Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long!

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Christmas is past, or is it? Kwanzaa which starts on Dec. 26 is an annual celebration of African-American culture. No matter the color of your skin, the themes of Kwanzaa can deepen your love for each other and continue the joy of Christmas. Some of the Kwanzaa themes are Unity, Collective Work, Cooperative Economics, Purpose, Creativity, and Faith.

PARENTING POINTERS

New Year's Eve. As we mark the end of 2021, ask your family to gather and recall one regret and one happy memory they have of this past year. Is there one positive act each can commit to during the first month of 2022.



YEAR END GIVING

Many people enjoy using Christmas and year's end as a special time to give to their favorite Catholic institutions and also positively impact their federal and state income taxes. Christmas and year-end giving provides many advantages to you the donor.

- ◆ All gifts made on or before December 31st are tax deductible for the tax year in which your gift is made.
- ◆ The knowledge that your gift is assisting the parish in advancing the mission of the Catholic Church in this local area.
- ◆ A last minute reminder to make that special gift or increased gift that you've wanted to make during the year.
- ◆ Most importantly, make a return to God of your blessings at Christmas or end of the year to assist our parish in our spiritual, programmatic and maintenance goals: serving God's people and His Church here on earth.

BLESSING FOR FAMILIES



O God,
you have created us in love
and saved us in mercy,
and through the bond of marriage
you have established the family
and willed that it should become a sign
of Christ's love for his Church.

Shower your blessings
on this family gathered here
in your name.

Enable those who are joined
by one love to support one another
by their fervor of spirit
and devotion to prayer.

Make them responsive to the needs
of others and witnesses to the faith
in all they say and do.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.



LITURGY

CELIAC DISEASE

Our liturgical documents state the: "The bread for celebrating the Eucharist must be made only from wheat". For those with Celiac disease, this is a challenge. Over the past few years, some host-making companies have developed a "low gluten" host which contains less than .01% gluten. If you have gluten intolerance and would like to receive the "low gluten" host, you will find them on the credence table marked "Low Gluten Hosts". You may place the host in the pyx on the table labeled LG. See the priest or deacon before Mass to alert him that you will be receiving a "low gluten" host. At communion you then receive a "low gluten" host. The "low gluten" hosts have been improved over the past two years and taste and look like the real wheat hosts. Should you have any questions, please see Fr. Carrier.

COMMUNION

Do you have trouble coming forth to receive Eucharist at Communion time? If you do and would like to receive the Eucharist from where you are seated in the church, please notify Fr. Carrier or Deacon Bill when you arrive. Communion will be brought to you at the conclusion of Communion.

THANK YOU FOR COMING ON TIME

Each portion of the Mass has a specific role in fostering our union with Christ. Please don't sell yourself short, and please don't shorten your encounter with Jesus in the Sunday Mass. Visitors always comment very favorably on our prayerful worship which is the most precious hour of the week. As we consider what sacrifices we can make for the Lord, might we not make a special effort to come into church before Mass begins, and to remain until the priests and ministers process out at the end of Mass. Couldn't we try to give to the Lord those few extra minutes?



SOCIAL CONCERNS

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY

FOOD CLOSET

Our St. Vincent dePaul Society Food Closet is **low** on the following items: cold and hot cereal, instand mashed potatoes, peanut butter and jelly, tuna, canned chicken and other canned meat and boxed macaroni and cheese. **Donations should not be or close to being expired.** Donations of these items may be left in the SVDP basket in portico 2.

PRAYER CHAIN

Do you need a prayer? Email your prayer requests to Michelle Lapihuska at lapihuska@comcast.net. Parishioners are always welcome to join in prayer for others. If you would like to join the prayer chain email Michelle.

EMMANUEL DINING ROOM

Thank you for your generous donations of food for the Emmanuel Dining Room. Donations of **canned carrots, relish, canned fruit, cookies** are needed. Please leave your contributions in the **EDR basket** in Portico 2.

THANK YOU!!!

Thanks to your amazing generosity, 16 families had Christmas for 52 of their children. Additionally, there were 23 families who we made a payment on their rent, or utility bills. Imagine the relief of all of these folks because of you. You truly shared the Love, Joy, Hope and Peace of the newborn Christ Child.

May God Bless you and your family during this wonderful Christmas season.

HOLY FAMILY



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our Religious Education Program is on Christmas break. Classes will resume on **Monday January 3rd and Tuesday January 4th**. We extend to our families a most blessed Christmas Season.

 **PUZZLE**
Help Mary and Joseph find Jesus.



 **MISSION**
Help visitors to your church feel welcomed.
As a family or as a class, make cards for visitors, asking them to come back.



GOD'S WORD

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3.
Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9.
Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 7-19.
Luke 2:22-40.

This Child.

Every parent knows a child is a blessing who is filled with innocence and wonder and grace. Grandparents know this, too, perhaps in renewed and deeper ways. It is their hope that every child will grow strong, be wise, and be favored.

How will I care for a child today
even if not related to me?

How can I help children be holy?

How will I be holy because of the blessedness of children?



DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday:

1 Jn 1:1-4//Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday:

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday:

1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday:

1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

Friday:

1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday:

Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Sunday:

Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekdays (Monday—Thursday).....9:00 a.m.
Sunday Vigil (Saturday).....4:00 p.m.
Sunday.....8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Holy Days9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00—3:30 p.m., or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are held at 12:30 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Please call Sr. Ann Hughes, SSJ for registration and details.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please make arrangements at least **one** year in advance of desired date. Please call Sr. Ann Hughes, SSJ for registration and details.

Registration

We welcome all new members to our parish family. To register, Parish Census forms are located in each portico, on our website or you may call the Parish Office.

Bulletin Submissions

Information for the bulletin must be in to the Parish Office **15 days** prior to the publication date. Submission does not guarantee publication.

Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



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and a Happy New
Year!

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