

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH
DECEMBER 10, 2023 | SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. ANSELM CHURCH

MASS SCHEDULE:
SUNDAY 11:00 AM*
THURSDAY 8:30 AM*

ST. COLMAN CHURCH

MASS SCHEDULE:
SUNDAY 9:00 AM
TUESDAY 8:30 AM*

ST. JOHN FISHER CHURCH

MASS SCHEDULE:
SATURDAY VIGIL 4:00 PM*
SUNDAY 8:00 AM
WEDNESDAY 8:30 AM*

ST. MAURICE CHURCH

MASS SCHEDULE:
SUNDAY 10:00 AM*
MONDAY 7:00 PM*
FRIDAY 8:30 AM*
CONFESSION TIME:
MONDAY 7:30-8:00 PM
SATURDAY 12:00 NOON-12:45 PM

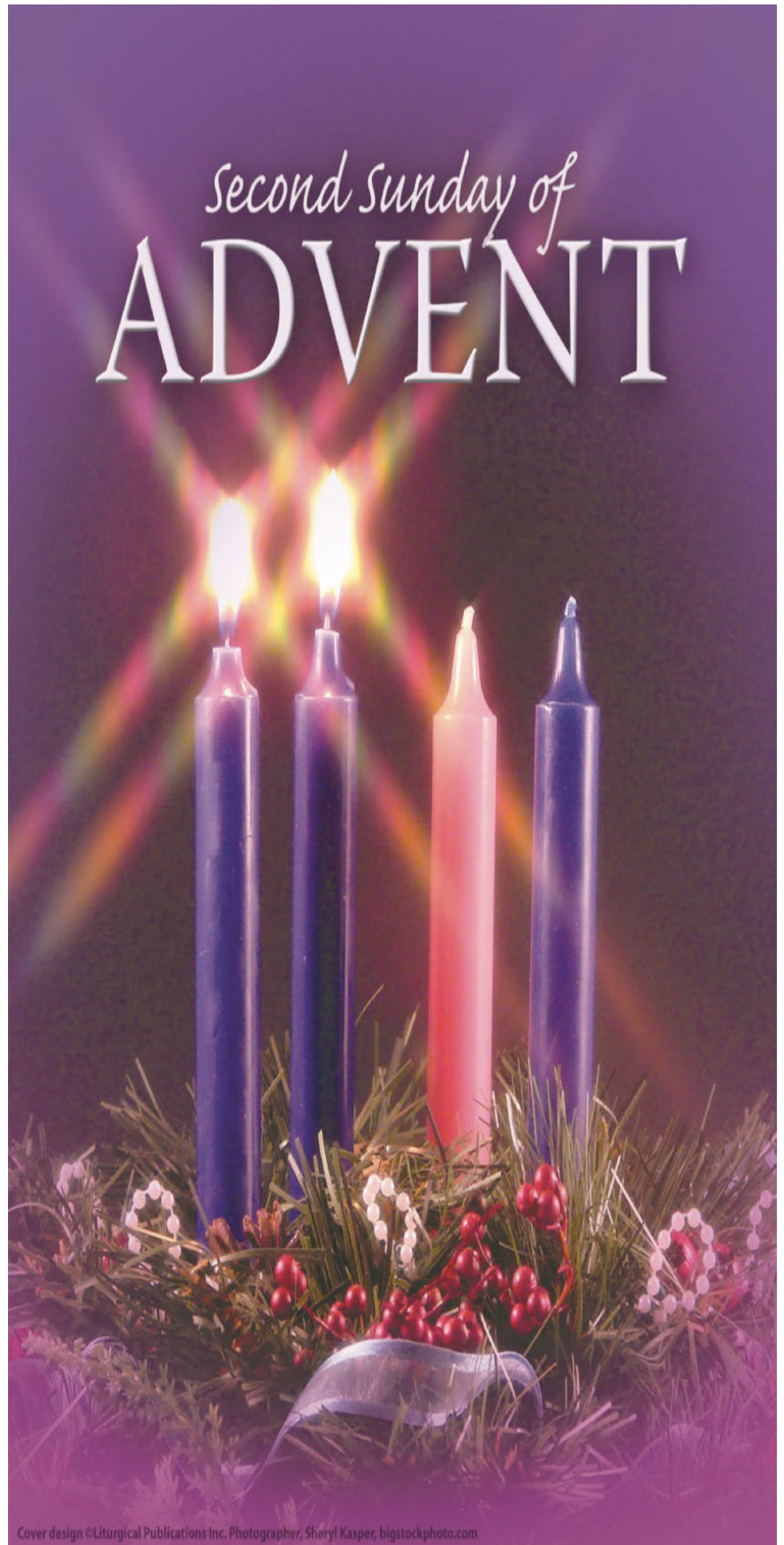
***LIVESTREAM MASS**

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

**MADONNA DEL CASTELLO
CHURCH**

SACRED HEART CHURCH
SATURDAY 8:30 AM

ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE CHURCH



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Safe Environment...It is the policy of the Diocese that all volunteers must complete the Safe Environment process before beginning a ministry or activity in any Parish. Please call 412-271-0809 for more information.

Diocese of Pittsburgh Crisis Hotline:

1-888-808-1235

Diocesan Victim Assistance

Coordinator: 412-456-3093 (Office)

PA Child Line: 1-800-932-0313



"St. Joseph the Worker Parish is a welcoming, vibrant Catholic Community uniting people to God and each other through prayerful, sacred liturgy, dynamic, strong ministries and loving, generous outreach. Inspired by our patron saint, we embrace our hard working, diverse region by honoring our traditions and forming holy and committed disciples of Jesus Christ."

Offertory	
December 3, 2023	\$36,789.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

PLEASE REMEMBER THE PARISH SHARE APPEAL IN YOUR WILL

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH OFFICE OPEN

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Friday: 8:30 am-12:30 pm

2001 Ardmore Blvd.
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412-271-0809

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS are available at all Sunday Masses. To receive a gluten-free host, please see a sacristan or priest prior to Mass. When in line to receive communion, indicate to the priest or Eucharistic Minister the hosts being held by the altar server. At weekday Masses, please stop in the sacristy before Mass and make your request.

Prayer Lines

**412-277-0693—412-871-3245—
412-804-8858**

BULLETIN DEADLINE

All bulletin articles must be submitted in writing or by email to nhyzy@sjwpitt.org by 10:00 am on Monday.

This Week at a glance

SA-St. Anselm SC-St. Colman SJF-St. John Fisher SM-St. Maurice
GS-Good Shepherd MC-Madonna del Castello SH-Sacred Heart SJ-St. Jude the Apostle

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

CCD K-5	SM Keane Hall	8:30 am
St. Vincent de Paul Society	MC Dattilo Hall	9:30 am
Parish Library/Gift Shop Open	SM Former School	10 am—12 Noon
Sensory Friendly Mass	SM	10 am
Lessons & Carols	SM	7 pm

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

LGBTQ & Allies Outreach Ministry	SM Keane Hall	6 pm
RCIA	SM Lawrence Room	7 pm

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

Chair-based Grief Yoga	SC Hall	10—11 am
Morning Reflection	SM Lawrence Room	10 am
Sleeping Mat Workshop	MC Dattilo Hall	1—4 pm
St. Vincent de Paul Society	SM Davin Room	6:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

Morning Prayer Group	SJF Church	9:30 am
Legion of Mary	MC Dattilo Hall	10 am
Bible Study with Fr. Barkin	SM Lawrence Room	10:15 am
Parish Library/Gift Shop Open	SM Former School	11:30—2:30 pm
Food Distribution	SM Former School	3—4:30 pm

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

Prayer Shawl Ministry	SM Lawrence Room	10 am
Catholic Daughters of the Americas	SJF Beaufort Hall	5—9 pm
Recitation of the Rosary	SH Chapel	6 pm
Bible Study	SM Lawrence Room	7 pm
CCD Middle School	SM Keane Hall	7—8:30 pm
Prayer & Praise	MC	7 pm

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

Holy Hour, Adoration & Benediction	SH Chapel	6 pm
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

Catholic Men's Fellowship	SC Hall	9—11 am
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

CCD K-5	SM Keane Hall	8:30 am
Parish Library/Gift Shop Open	SM Former School	9 am—12 Noon



Mass Intentions

Date	Time	Location/Priest/Deacon	Intention	Offered By
Sat., December 9 <i>Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent</i>	4:00 PM	Holy Trinity (NM)	1) †Elmer & Mary Szabo 2) †Marie Shimko	1) Szabo Family 2) Shimko Family
	4:00 PM	St. John Fisher (MB/ Deacon Jeff)	1) †Matthew Wargo 2) †Joseph Punturi	1) Tom & Andy 2) Andrea & Scott Eicher
	4:00 PM	St. Therese (DD)	1) †Frank & Irene Wasik 2) †Tim Pitchford	1) Dave & Dotty Wasik 2) Christy & Jerry Kalbaugh
Sun., December 10 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	7:30 AM	St. Therese (NM)	1) †Donald Ellenberger 2) †Terry Kostrub	1) Family 2) Mary Jane Moss
	8:00 AM	St. John Fisher (MB/ Deacon Herb)	†Robert Fuller	Betty & Roy Martin
	8:30 AM	St. Joseph (DD)	1) †Walter Worek 2) †Paul E. Martin, Jr.	1) Janet & Bob Chatlos 2) Anna Marie Kuzma
	9:00 AM	St. Agnes (KK)	1) †Freddie Smith 2) †Richard & Danny Stanicar	1) Smith & Meyer Families 2) Vince Stanicar
	9:00 AM	St. Colman (FA)	1) †Catherine Vana 2) †George Mrdjenovich, Jr.	1) Clara Vana 2) Family
	10:00 AM	St. Maurice (DS/ Deacon Herb)	1) †Koeffler & Kosar Families 2) †Veronica Volcheck	1) Family 2) Audrey Schell
	10:00 AM	St. Rita (NM)	1) †Carmella Gennari 2) †George Andreaco	1) Jan & Jim Donis & Family 2) Ron & Sandy Hritz
	10:30 AM	St. Max (KK)	†Jack & Aline Irvine	Bev & Rex Haefner
	11:00 AM	St. Anselm (RS)	1) †Backa, Diskevich & Balun Families 2) †Tom & Joann Nied	1) Backa Family 2) Nied Family
11:15 AM	St. Therese (DD)	1) †Genevieve Mihalycso 2) †Edward Pfeiffer	1) Sophie Koutsavlis 2) Drs. Zaziskaw & Kathy Chorazi	
Mon., December 11 <i>Advent Weekday</i>	8:00 AM	Holy Trinity (DD)	†Walter Worek	Doris Krise
	8:15 AM	St. Therese (NM)	†Margaretta P. Ellis	Family
	7:00 PM	St. Maurice (KK)	1) †Richard Blazina 2) †Mary Rosicci, Anniversary	1) Family 2) Rosicci-Aquino Family
Tues., December 12 <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	8:00 AM	Holy Trinity (NM)	†Grace Nedzbala	Constance Dombrosky
	8:30 AM	St. Colman (DS)	1) †Gaynell S. Markowski 2) †Merwin Barclay	1) Joseph Markowski 2) Mary A. Ferris
	9:00 AM	St. Rita (KK)	†Joe Ruffing	The Barrera Family
Wed., December 13 <i>Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr</i>	8:00 AM	St. Max (DS)	†David Yoezle	Mark & Patty Verbanick
	8:30 AM	St. John Fisher (MB)	1) †Winifred Bobula 2) †Margaret O'Connor	1) Barbara Cost 2) Bernadette & Larry
	9:00 AM	St. Rita (NM)	†George Andreaco	Rich & Carol Lassige

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Date	Time	Location/Priest/Deacon	Intention	Offered By
Thurs., Dec. 14 <i>Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>	8:00 AM	St. Max (DS)	†Valerie Szupancic	Barbara McKinney
	8:30 AM	St. Anselm (KK)	†Robert Kelly †Christine Haydu	Mary Horvath Barbara & Ronald Riberich
	9:00 AM	St. Therese (NM)	†Helen Vilage	Mary Ann Dzujko
Friday, Dec. 15 <i>Advent Weekday</i>	8:00 AM	St. Max (DS)	†Thomas Komar	Barb Komar
	8:30 AM	St. Maurice (KK)	1) †Michael Sperduto 2) †Baczek & Pawlowski Families	1) Marie & Michelle Sperduto 2) Family
	9:00 AM	St. Therese (NM)	1) †Rusnak-Alexander Families 2) †Jim Wachs	1) Family 2) Family
Sat., December 16 <i>Advent Weekday</i>	8:30 AM	Sacred Heart (DS)	1) †Costanza & Ventura Families 2) †Joe Grana, Birthday	1) Family 2) Family
<i>Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent</i>	4:00 PM	Holy Trinity (DS)	1) †Ruth Kratzenberg 2) †John Bodnar	1) Marty, Rein & Scott 2) Wife, Nancy
	4:00 PM	St. John Fisher (FA)	1) †Veronica Wlahofsky 2) †Mary Belechak	1) Family 2) Husband
	4:00 PM	St. Therese (NM)	1) †Maria Susana Dejo 2) †Walter Cain	1) Marlene Farley & John Dejo 2) Jamie & Mary
Sun., December 17 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	7:30 AM	St. Therese (KK)	†Jean Sullivan	Maryann Robison
	8:00 AM	St. John Fisher (DS)	1) †Mary Krivansky 2) †Mary Belechak	1) Gaida Family 2) David & Gini
	8:30 AM	St. Joseph (NM)	†Patricia Funk	Jim Senato
	9:00 AM	St. Agnes (DD)	1) †Elizabeth Schuchert 2) †John Bost	1) Family 2) Tom & Patty Klocko
	9:00 AM	St. Colman (FA/ Deacon Herb)	1) †Marge & Al Volpe 2) †Pat Curran	1) Family 2) Wife & Children
	10:00 AM	St. Maurice (MB)	1) †Frank Palangio & Sam & Sara Maksimchuk 2) †John Pillar	1) Maksimchuk Family 2) Family
	10:00 AM	St. Rita (NM)	†Lois Ferchak	Kathy, Jack, Deanna & Families
	10:30 AM	St. Max (DS)	†John Slaby	John & Linda Dindak
	11:00 AM	St. Anselm (KK/ Deacon Herb)	1) †Anne Antolovich Rajakovich 2) †Melissa Sasso	1) Family 2) Lisa Costanza-Bagwell
	11:15 AM	St. Therese (DD)	1) †Lollie & Mike Phillip 2) †John Phillip	1) Husband & Son 2) Brother

PRIEST'S INITIALS/NAMES

FA—Father Frank Almade
 JB—Father John Bachkay
 MB—Father Martin Barkin
 DD—Father Daniel D'Antonio

KK—Father Kenneth Kezmarsky
 NM—Father Nicholas Mastrangelo
 AN—Father Augustus Nweze
 DS—Father Dan Sweeney



Mary Ida Hardin and **Ralph Rock** who recently passed to the Lord. May their souls rest in peace. Amen.

It's now a little easier to find our YouTube Channel! The address is: www.YouTube.com/c/SJWPitt. Accessing this address will allow you to see our daily and Sunday Mass LiveStreams, view music videos from our Music Ministry and access other educational content. Please share this address with friends and family, and be sure to subscribe to our channel for alerts about future content.

Thoughts to Reflect on and Share:



"The Lord is patient with us, even when we are not patient with ourselves. But we should never slip into that comfort zone thinking that we always have more time to turn away from our failings and ask His forgiveness."
Deacon Herb



Please take note of the following important changes.

Effective immediately

- The Saturday morning 8:30 Mass has been moved from St. John Fisher Church to Sacred Heart Church.
- Confessions have moved from St. Colman Church to St. Maurice Church each Saturday from 12 Noon until 12:45 pm.
- St. Maurice Church is open every Friday from 9:00 am until 12 Noon. St. Maurice will continue to be open Monday—Thursday from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm for those interested in saying prayers in the church.
- Adoration has moved from St. Anselm Church to Sacred Heart Chapel at 6:00 pm.

CROATIAN CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS—DECEMBER 24

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Croatian Church Choir and Tamburitians will provide the music, singing and readings for the 4:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass, Sunday, December 24 at Sacred Heart Church. A prelude of Croatian carols and hymns will begin at 3:15 pm. Italian, Slovak and Polish carols will be included in the prelude. Pastor Daniel Sweeney warmly invites everyone to the church for the Mass. Hope to see you as we celebrate the Christmas Vigil Liturgy with songs and joyful praise.

NEW YEAR'S EVE CROATIAN TAMBURITZA MASS—DECEMBER 31

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Croatian Church Choir and Tamburitians will provide the music, singing and readings for the 5:00 pm New Year's Eve Mass, Sunday, December 31 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. A prelude of Croatian carols and hymns will begin at 4:30 pm. Father Dan Sweeney warmly invites everyone to the church. Hope to see you as we celebrate the Liturgy of the Mass.

PARISH SHARE APPEAL UPDATE

If you have not given to the Parish Appeal or if you could add to what you already have given, our goal for 2023 is \$284,409.00. To date, we have collected \$265,746.52. We have until December 31, 2023 to reach our goal, otherwise, the balance will be withdrawn from our savings. We have a shortfall of \$18,662.48. Could you please help?



ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Each Advent season, our Parish has a tradition of having families and individuals light the Advent Wreath at the beginning of all weekend Masses. This is a beautiful way to take a very special part in the Mass and invite everyone at Mass to prepare for the birth of our Savior. We invite our parishioners to join us in this lovely tradition again this year. If you or your family would be interested in lighting the Advent Wreath during the weekend Masses of Advent, we ask that you please reach out to Cheryl Kirkland at 412-351-6710 or ckirkland@sjwpitt.org to sign-up for a week or two. If you are new to our Parish, we hope you will make lighting the Advent Wreath a new tradition for your family and if you are a long-standing parishioner, we are honored that you have chosen to continue this tradition with your Parish family.

Sacraments:

Baptism

Prior to having your child baptized, both parents must attend a pre-baptismal seminar. Please contact the parish office at 412-271-0809 to register.

Penance

Monday: 7:00—8:00 PM
St. Therese Church

Monday: 7:30—8:00 PM

Saturday: 12:00—12:45 PM
St. Maurice Church Chapel

Saturday: 3:15—3:45 PM
Holy Trinity Church

Saturday: 3:15—3:45 PM
St. Therese Church

Marriage

By appointment. Anyone who wishes to marry should contact the pastor at least six months prior to the desired date.

Anointing of the Sick

Available for those who are chronically ill. Please contact the parish office at 412-271-0809.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

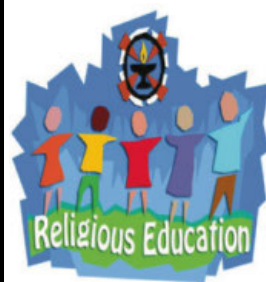
This is the process to become Catholic or for Catholics to receive the rest of their Sacraments of Initiation. Please call 412-271-0809 for more information.

Holy Communion for Shut-Ins

Please contact the parish office at 412-271-0809.

Thank You

Do you ever wonder what your donation of toothpaste or package of soap can do for other people? Honestly, do you ever wonder how one bottle of shampoo can make a difference? Well, it does make a difference. Over the past year, St. Joseph the Worker Parish has held several drives for local non-profit organizations. We've asked parishioners to bring in non-perishable food, toiletries, hats, gloves, diapers, baby items, socks and more. Through your generosity, we have been able to help homeless families through Miss Nancy, Little Sisters of the Poor, our St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank and local food banks, Mom's House, Foundation of Hope, Foster Love Project, The Red Door and Bethlehem Haven. This is in addition to folks in our Parish and other local organizations that we assist through our Giving Trees. Your invaluable donations, together with the donations of our faithful parishioners, have truly made a difference in the lives of local families who need our help the most. The photo below are some of the bags that our Parish volunteers have put together from the September drive. The bags were given to residents of Bethlehem Haven. The recipients of your kindness may not have received gifts this Christmas without you! Please know that YOU do make a difference in the lives of others and your donation of toothpaste DOES help people! In 2024, our Service and Outreach Team will coordinate drives throughout the year to assist others in need. Please support the drives when you are able. We thank you for your support this year and next year! May God continue to bless you and your kindness.



CCD classes for the month of December are December 10 and 17.

Christmas Eve December 24, 4:00 pm Mass at St. Colman Church—we will have a procession to the manger with Mary, Joseph, shepherds, animals and other surprises. We need children to participate! There will be a special kid-friendly homily and other surprises! For information, email crizza@sjwpitt.org.

We are in need of catechists for Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10:00 am Mass at St. Maurice Church. If two more people volunteer, each team will only have to serve once a month. Also, we need young people to act as helpers for this ministry. Contact Cindy Rizza at crizza@sjwpitt.org to volunteer.

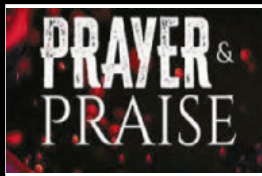


WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OUR PARISH?

The Legion of Mary would like to visit your shut-ins and those who are in nearby nursing homes. Please call Mary Anne Ferris at 412-829-1339 or Georgette Walko at 412-271-8095.



The Legion of Mary has a traveling statue of our Lady of Fatima. We would like to bring it to your home. If you are experiencing any fear, sickness, discord or just would like to have her, please call Mary Anne at 412-829-1339 or Georgette at 412-271-8095.



Prayer & Praise returns to Madonna del Castello Church on December 14 at 7:00 pm (second Thursday of the month during these holiday months). What's on your heart? Come join in songs of the heart and prayers from the heart wrapped around a brief teaching each month.



The St. Joseph the Worker Food Pantry, located on the St. Maurice Campus, will be offering a food distribution to anyone in need on Wednesday, December 13 from 3:00—4:30 pm. Distribution will be in Room 102 on the first floor of the former East Catholic School. Access is from the back parking lot.

Non-perishable food donations for the SJW Food Pantry may be placed in designated bins located at St. John Fisher and St. Maurice Churches the second weekend of the month (December 9 & 10). The St. Maurice Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society thanks you for your continued support.



Join us on Sunday, December 10 in the Sacred Heart Hall for the St. Joseph the Worker HAM BINGO! Doors open at Noon (food available for purchase) and Bingo will start at 1:00 pm. Cost is \$20.00...extra boards and specials sold separately. Ten hams will be given out as door prizes. Each person will receive a treat from Santa. In addition to the treats, Santa will also be bringing along some gifts for ten lucky people to choose from as door prizes. Join us for an afternoon of fun. All proceeds will benefit our Parish. Any questions, please contact Peggy Cox at 412-736-3507.

RIVER'S CASINO TRIP

Tuesday, December 12, 2023—9 am until 2 pm

\$20.00—includes \$10.00 voucher for free play

Bus leaves from Sacred Heart Church of St. Joseph the Worker Parish parking lot at 8:30 am

Contact Peggy Cox at 412-736-3507 to sign-up

PARISH LIBRARY & GIFT SHOP NEWS

Open Dec. 10: 10:00 am-Noon; **Special Hours—Wednesday, Dec. 13: 11:30 am-2:30 pm.**

Gift Shop: Enjoy the inspiring singing voices of the **Mazzei Family (*The Interior Castle*)** on their 3 CDs for Christmas—*A Child Shall Lead* (new orchestrations, enhanced vocals, 3 bonus tracks), *A Child Shall Lead* (a cappella version), and *The Lion of the Tribe of Judah*—all beautiful hymns and carols from this Pittsburgh Family!

St. Joseph Sunday Missal for 2024—begins with Advent of 2023—compact paperback is \$5.00. It's not too late to purchase Advent candles & wreaths, Advent calendars & Jesse Tree kits for children, Boxed Christmas cards—dozens of designs from which to choose, and individual Christmas greeting cards for family and friends.

Oplatki Christmas wafers—suggested donation is now **\$5.00** for a package of 4 wafers. Wafers are also available at the Parish Office during business hours and will be sold in church after each Mass at SJWP on these weekends: December 9/10 and December 16/17.

Parish Library: Visit now for Advent/Christmas books and DVDs for the whole family and find the true meaning of our celebration of the season!

Please contact **Karen Goldbach** at goldbachkm@verizon.net or **412-371-2909** for questions about library materials or religious gift needs.

Location—former East Catholic school building—easily accessible from St. Maurice Church and Keane Hall.

PRAYER SHAWLS

Do you need a gift for a special celebration or a sick friend? St. Joseph the Worker Prayer Shawl Ministry has an idea for you. Prayer shawls are warm, thoughtful gifts knitted or crocheted in multiple designs and colors from which to choose. Prayers are offered for all recipients during the bi-monthly Prayer Shawl meeting. **The shawls are available in the vestibule of St. Maurice Church next Sunday, December 17, before and after Mass.** You may also stop by the Parish Center Office during regular hours and select one. Donations are accepted. The Prayer Shawl Group meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 10:00 am in the Lawrence Room at the Parish Center Office.

Thank you to all who purchased wreaths, garlands, and plants through the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Westinghouse #759. Your support enables our membership to continue in our works of charity both locally and world-wide.



The Light Is On For You

Wednesday, December 13

St. Max, Sacred Heart and St. John Fisher Churches, 6:00—7:00 pm
St. Therese Church, 6:00—7:30 pm
St. Maurice Church, 7:30—8:30 pm
St. Agnes Church, 8:00—8:30 pm

Christmas Masses

Sunday, December 24

Holy Trinity—4:00 pm
St. Colman Church—4:00 pm**
St. John Fisher Church—4:00 pm*
St. Therese—4:00 pm
Sacred Heart Church—4:00 pm***
St. Max Church—8:00 pm
St. Anselm Church—12 Midnight*
St. Therese Church—12 Midnight

Monday, December 25

St. John Fisher Church—8:00 am
St. Joseph Church—8:30 am
St. Agnes Church—9:00 am
St. Maurice Church—10:00 am
St. Rita Church—10:00 am
St. Max Church—10:30 am
St. Anselm Church—11:00 am
St. Therese—11:15 am

New Year's Eve Masses

Sunday, December 31

Holy Trinity—4:00 PM
St. John Fisher—4:00 pm*
St. Therese—4:00 pm
Sacred Heart Church—5:00 pm****

Solemnity of Mary Masses

Monday, January 1, 2024

St. Joseph Church—8:00 am
St. Agnes Church—9:00 am
St. Maurice Church—9:00 am
St. Anselm Church—11:00 am
St. Max Church—11:00 am

*Mass is in-person and live-streamed.

**Children's Mass

***Croatian Mass

****Croatian Tamburitza Mass

Live-streamed Masses can be viewed at: www.YouTube.com/c/SJWPitt

ALL ARE WELCOME

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER
2024 MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM

Your name _____ Phone number _____

Email _____

Our Mass Intention book for 2024 will open November 1, 2023.

You may schedule ONE weekend Mass and ONE weekday Mass. If scheduling a weekend Mass, please make your best effort to attend the Mass that you schedule so that the family can participate in the Mass. Masses will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis.

The cost of each Mass is \$10.00. Checks are to be made payable to St. Joseph the Worker Parish.

Request forms and payment can be returned in the offertory collection basket marked "Mass," dropped off at the Parish Center or mailed to 2001 Ardmore Boulevard, Pittsburgh, PA 15221. If you would like confirmation of your Masses, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Name for Mass intention: _____

Requested by: _____

Date of Mass: _____ 2nd Choice: _____

Church Building: _____ 2nd Choice: _____

Name for Mass intention: _____

Requested by: _____

Date of Mass: _____ 2nd Choice: _____

Church Building: _____ 2nd Choice: _____

SANCTUARY LAMPS

Sanctuary lamps are lit in memory of a loved one for a two-week period at each of the church buildings of St. Joseph the Worker Parish including St. Anselm, St. Colman, St. John Fisher, St. Maurice, Good Shepherd, Madonna de Castello, Sacred Heart and St. Jude the Apostle Churches. Even though all of these buildings are not open for regularly scheduled Masses, the Lord is present in the Blessed Sacrament and a light must stay lit. Cost of the Sanctuary candle is \$30.00 for a two-week period. Checks are payable to St. Joseph the Worker Parish. Request forms and payment can be returned in the offertory collection basket marked "Sanctuary Lamp," dropped off at the Parish Center or mailed to: 2001 Ardmore Boulevard, Pittsburgh, PA 15221. If you would like confirmation of your request, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

In loving memory of _____

Requested by: _____

Date _____ Church Building _____

The Collect

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD
Journneysongs Hymnal # 862

First Reading
Psalm 85
Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11
**Lord, let us see your kindness,
and grant us your salvation**
2 Peter 3:8-14
Alleluia
Mark 1:1-8

Second Reading
Gospel Acclamation
Gospel

Homily

Profession of Faith Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Gathering Hymn

On Jordan's Bank

1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An -
2. Then cleansed be ev - 'ry soul from sin; Make
3. For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, Our
4. All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee Whose

1. nounc - es that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and heark - en,
2. straight the way of God with - in, Pre - pare we in our
3. ref - uge and our sure re - ward; Shine forth, and let thy
4. ad - vent set thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther

1. for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
2. hearts a home, Where such a might - y guest may come.
3. light re - store Our souls to heav'n - ly grace once more.
4. we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

Text: LM; Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. by John Chandler, 1806-1876, alt.
Music: *Musicalisches Handbuch*, Hamburg, 1690; adapt. by William H. Havergal, 1793-1870.

Sign of the Cross & Greeting
Penitential Rite

I confess to almighty God and to you,
my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
And, striking their breast, they say:
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

The Kyrie

Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son. Chri - ste, e - lé - i - son.
Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son.

Prayer of the Faithful Lord, Hear Our Prayer

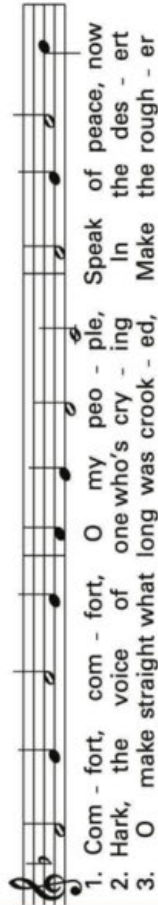
St. Joseph the Worker Prayer

St. Joseph prayer recited at the end of the Prayer of the Faithful:

O God, Creator of all things,
who laid down for the human race the law of work,
graciously grant that by the example of Saint Joseph
and under his patronage,
we may complete the works you set us to do,
and attain the rewards you promise.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

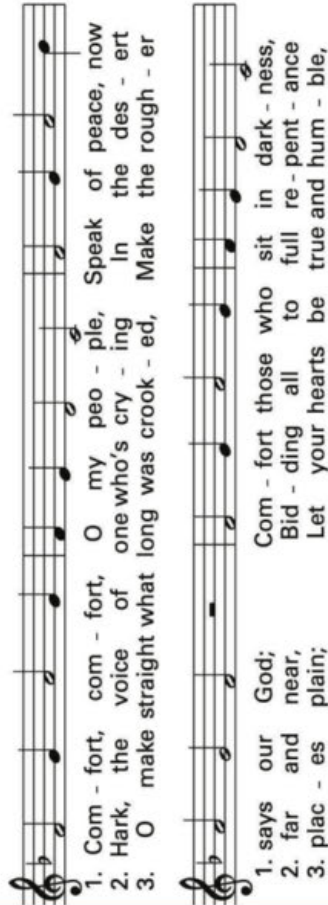
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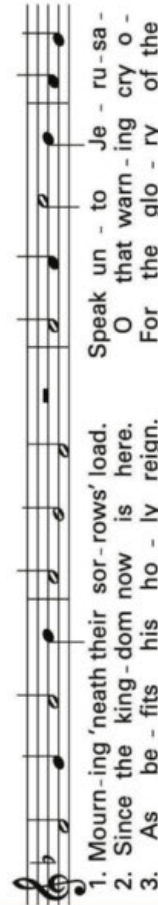


1. Com - fort, com - fort, O my peo - ple, Speak of peace, now
2. Hark, the voice of one who's cry - ing In the des - ert
3. O make straight what long was crook - ed, Make the rough - er

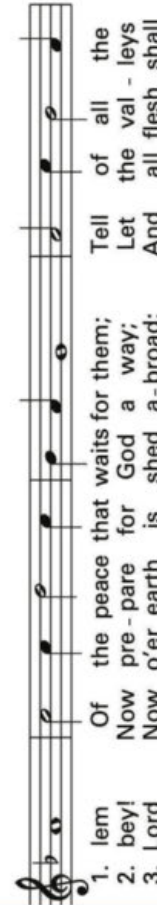
Comfort, Comfort, O My People



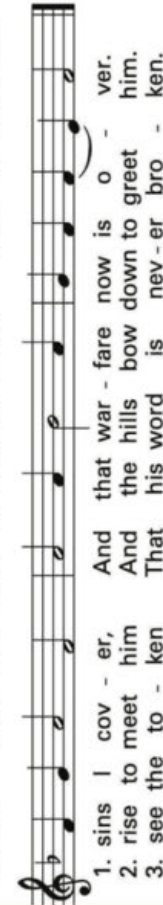
1. says our God; Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness,
2. far and near, Bid - ding all to full re - pent - ance
3. plac - es plain; Let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



1. Mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak un - to Je - ru - sa -
2. Since the king - dom now is here. O that warn - ing cry o -
3. As be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry of the



1. lem Of the peace that waits for them; Tell of all the
2. bey! Now pre - pare for God a way; Let the val - leys
3. Lord Now o'er earth is shed a - broad; And all flesh shall



1. sins I cov - er, And that war - fare now is o - ver.
2. rise to meet him And the hills bow down to greet him.
3. see the to - ken That his word is nev - er bro - ken.

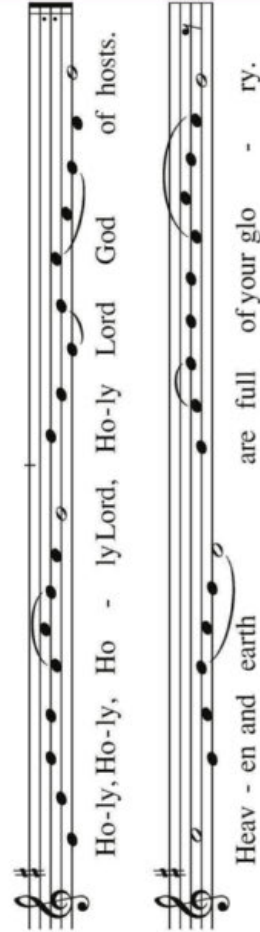
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tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

Music: *Psalm 42 (Genevan Psalter)*, 1551; Claude Goudimel, 1514-1572.


The Eucharistic Prayer

Holy, Holy, Holy




Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts,
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

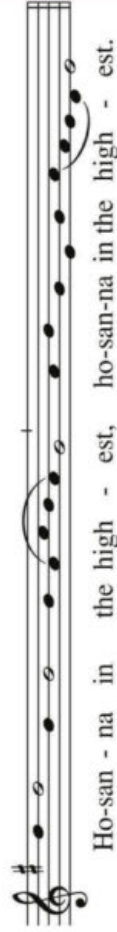
Missa Emmanuel



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

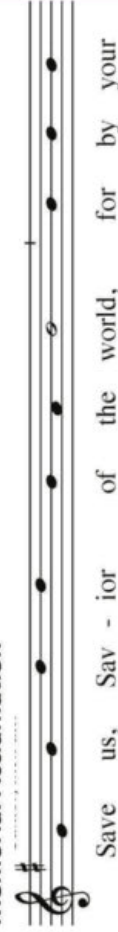


Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

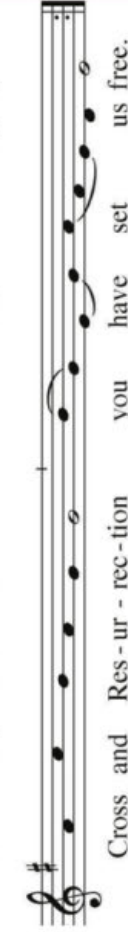


Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Memorial Acclamation



Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your



Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

Amen



A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

Music: *Missa Emmanuel*, adapt. by Robert J. Buassini, © 2011, GIA Publications, Inc.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, Lamb of God: you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

Assembly:

Lamb of God, Lamb of God: you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Antiphon

Je - ru | salem, arise and stand up - **ón** the heights, and behold the joy which **comes** to you from God.

Communion Hymn

Maranatha
Gerard Chiusano

Refrain

Ma - ra - na - tha, we long for your peace.

Ma - ra - na - tha, we long for your mer - cy. Ma - ra - na - tha, we long for your com - ing, O God.

Verses

1. In your im - age you have fash - ioned us, in the
 2. In our weak - ness we have turned from you, turned from
 3. In your love — you have sent your Son, your sal -
 4. We a - wait your day of glo - ry, Christ —

1. gar - den you made — us; you have giv - en us your
 2. light to the dark - ness, ev - er long - ing for sal -
 3. va - tion for ev - 'ry-one; Word in - car - nate, God's com -
 4. Je - sus, re - turn for us. Gen - tle King, — Just De -

to Refrain

1. breath of life, voice to praise your name, voice to praise your name.
 2. va - tion, O — Lord of light, O — Lord of light.
 3. pas - sion, hope for hu - man - kind, hope for hu - man - kind.
 4. liv - er - er, you will bring us home, you will bring us home.

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Communion Hymn

Curtis Stephan

Refrain
 Read-y the way, read-y the way, read-y the way
 of the Lord. of the Lord.

Verse 1
 1. Make straight the road, raise the val - leys, and
 1. moun-tains make low. Turn-ing from sin, let the bro-ken be whole,
 and read-y the way of the Lord. to Refrain

Verses 2, 3
 2. As we wait for you, give us the strength to walk
 3. Let us see your face; in our hearts we pre-
 2. in your truth, so we may love more like you
 3. - pare a place. Come bring this world your mer - cy and grace
 to Refrain

2. and read - y the way for you, Lord.
 3. as we

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Prayer after Communion Dismissal

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Closing Hymn

The Advent of Our King

ST. THOMAS (WILLIAMS)

1. The ad-vent of our King Our thoughts must now em - ploy;
 2. The co - e - ter - nal Son A maid - en's off - spring see;
 3. In glo - ry from his throne A - gain will Christ de - scend,
 4. Our joy - ful prais-es sing To Christ, who set us free;

1. Then let us meet him on the road With songs of ho - ly joy.
 2. A ser-vant's form Christ put - teth on, To set his peo - ple free.
 3. And sum-mon all who are his own To joys that nev - er end.
 4. Like trib - ute to the Fa - ther bring, And Ho - ly Ghost, to thee.

Text: SM; Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. by Robert Campbell, 1814-1868, alt.
Music: Aaron Williams, 1731-1776.



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COMMUNITY ROSARY
 Each Thursday evening, Deacon Joe Dougherty leads a group of people in saying the rosary in the Sacred Heart Chapel at 6:00 pm. All are welcome to attend and join in this special prayer.

PLEASE NOTE—EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES
 In preparation of the holiday season, the schedule is as follows:

<u>Bulletin</u>	<u>Announcements Due</u>
December 24	December 11
December 31	December 18

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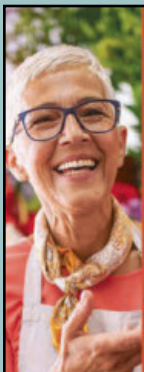


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