SHRINE HERALD

NATIONAL SHRINE of the LITTLE FLOWER BASILICA

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OFFICE HOURS/ HORAS DE OFICINA

Monday - Friday ..... 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
..... 1:00 PM -4:00 PM
Saturday ..... 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM
Sunday ..... 9:00 AM -12:30 PM

Emergencies handled any time. Please limit other visits/phone calls to the above times

CHURCH HOURS/ HORAS DE IGLESIA

Monday through Friday ..... 5:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday ..... 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Sunday ..... 6:00 AM - 8:00 PM

GIFT SHOP HOURS/ HORAS DE LA TIENDA DE REGALOS (EXT. 1423)

Monday - Friday ..... 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

MASSES/MISAS

Sunday ..... 7:30, 9:00, 10:45 AM, 12:30, 4:00 PM (Español, Spanish) 6:00 PM
Saturday ..... 8:30 AM, 4:30 PM, 6:30 PM
Weekday ..... 6:30, 8:30 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/ SACRAMENTO DE RECONCILIACIÓN

Confessions in the Basilica Monday - Friday: 30 minutes after the 6:30 AM Mass
Saturday: 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM and 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Sacrament Of Baptism/ Sacramento Del Bautismo
Sunday at 2:00 PM please contact the parish office at ext. 1410
(En español 1er domingo de cada mes, después de misa de 4:00 PM)

Sacrament Of Marriage/ Sacramento Del Matrimonio
Parish members, please contact the parish office at ext. 1410 At least six months in advance
(Miembros de la parroquia por favor de contactar a Suzy Bonilla)

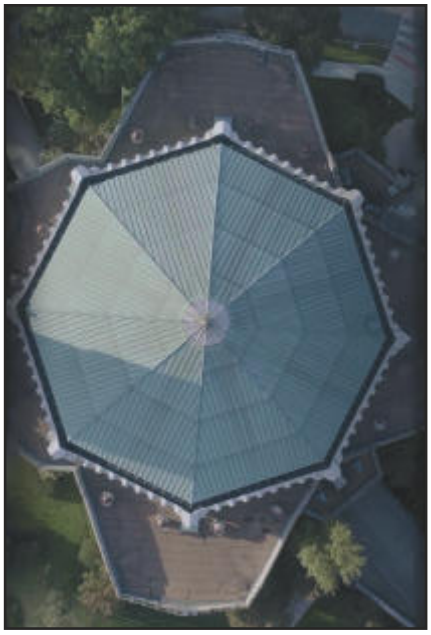
Spiritual Care For The Sick And Homebound
Please contact Paula Dixon, Pastoral Associate, at ext. 1411, If there is an illness, hospitalization or a need for homebound ministry

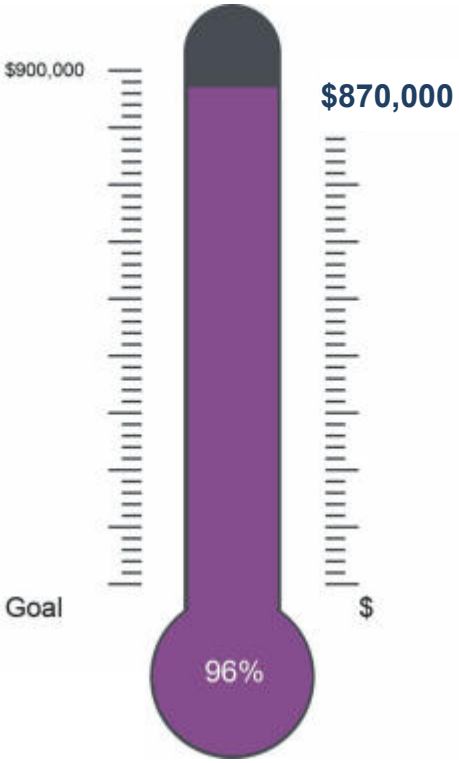
PARISH TOURS

Docents are on duty from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Monday - Friday except during services.
To schedule groups of ten or more call 586.431.1753 or email vrohr@shrinechurch.com

SHRINE HERALD

Submissions are due Monday by 12:00 PM. Articles should be emailed to Herald@shrinechurch.com to be considered for publication. For questions and/or comments, please contact the Shrine Herald Editor. While we urge our readers to consider patronizing our advertisers, we do not endorse their conduct or performance. For information on advertising in the Shrine Herald, please call 800.477.4574 ext. 6326. For Shrine Jumbotron submissions, contact Christine Renner at crenner@shrinechurch.com.





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MASS INFORMATION including Intentions

The Basilica is now returning to pre-COVID Mass protocols including:
• All entrances and exits are open. • All directional floor signage have been removed. • All communion lines are open with exception of communion on the tongue (please take communion at the front gate). • Masks will no longer be required. Sections will be available for the faithful who wish to continue wearing masks and social distancing. • Ushers will be taking collection in the pews and ask for public assistance.

See page 4 for the readings.

For those unable to attend in person, Masses will be livestreamed Saturday 4:30 PM, Sunday 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM (Spanish). We will also continue to stream the 6:30 AM weekday Mass.

Monday, December 20
6:30 AM Fr. Mark Livingston
Intention + Donald and Annamarie York
8:30 AM Fr. Radeck Zablocki
Intention Intentions of Chloe Atcho & family
7:00 PM Shrine Advent Penance Service - w/ TAIZE

Tuesday, December 21
6:30 AM Fr. John McKenzie
Intention Persecuted Christians
8:30 AM Fr. Daniele Criscione, PIME
Intention Intentions of Justin Polak

Wednesday, December 22
6:30 AM Fr. Joe Horn
Intention In Honor of St Joseph
8:30 AM Fr. Joe Lang
Intention In honor of St Joseph

Thursday, December 23
6:30 AM Fr. John McKenzie
Intention Intentions of Peggy and Mary Stack
8:30 AM Fr. Mark Livingston
Intention Intentions of Chloe Atcho & family

Friday, December 24 *Christmas Eve*
6:30 AM Fr. Joe Lang
Intention + Garbrielle M Evangelista
8:30 AM Fr. Mark Livingston
Intention + Veronica Agnes Zinger

Christmas Vigil Masses (on Friday)
4:00 PM Fr. Mark Livingston
Intention + Mike Stack
Lectors Bridget Murray
Hospitality Mike Nagy, Team
6:30 PM Fr. Joe Lang
Intention Intentions of the National Shrine of the Little Flower Parishioners
Lectors Rebecca Joseph
Hospitality Ed Hernandez, Team

Our balconies are open for all weekend Masses for those who would prefer to sit at a distance. Masks are strongly recommended indoors, but, not required.

Saturday, December 25 *Christmas Day**
12:00 AM Midnight (11:00 PM Musical Prelude)
Fr. Joe Horn
Intention Intentions of the National Shrine of the Little Flower Parishioners
Lectors Mike Parker
Hospitality Patrick McQueeny, Team
7:30 AM Fr. Radeck Zablocki
Intention Intentions of the National Shrine of the Little Flower Parishioners
Lectors Sally Arrivee
Hospitality Mary Ann Skaggs, Team
9:00 AM Fr. Joe Horn
Intention Intentions of the National Shrine of the Little Flower Parishioners
Lectors Lisa Pickering
Hospitality John Pruse, Team
10:45 AM Fr. John McKenzie
Intention Intentions of the National Shrine of the Little Flower Parishioners
Lectors Van Rohr
Hospitality Mikki Edwards & Team
12:30 PM Fr. Mark Livingston
Intention Intentions of the National Shrine of the Little Flower Parishioners
Lectors Dave Uchalik
Hospitality Hugh Brennan, Team
2:30 PM (Spanish) - Fr. John McKenzie
Lectores Yesenia Banos

Sunday, December 26 *The Holy Family**
7:30 AM Fr. Radeck Zablocki
Intention Intentions of the National Shrine of the Little Flower Parishioners
Lectors Mike Holcomb
Hospitality Mary Ann Skaggs, Team

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 19, 2021

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Monday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Friday: *Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Saturday: *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 19, 2021

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent
Tuesday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Thursday: St. John of Kanty, Priest
Friday: Christmas Eve
Saturday: The Nativity of the Lord
Next Sunday: The Holy Family

SECOND BANN

Kaleigh O'Brien & Kevin Matuszak

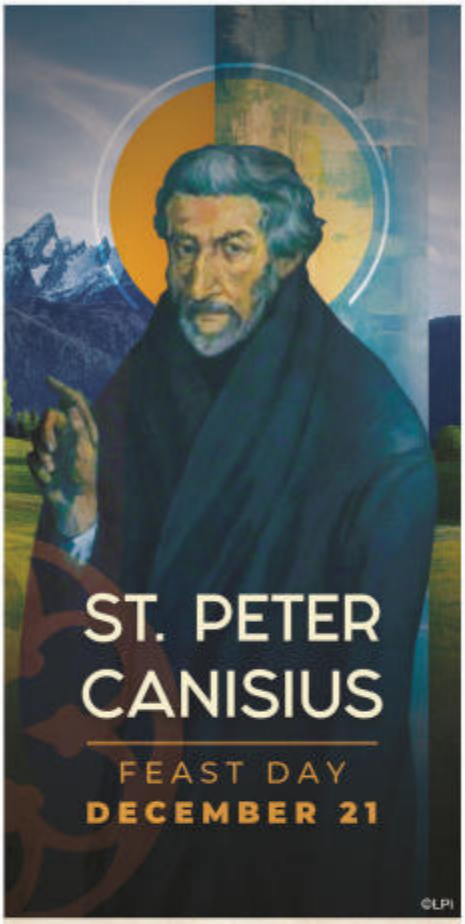
Kendall Dorie & Michael Rossnagel

Baptisms

Evie Louise
daughter of Stephen R Miller & Jenna P *Sahutske*

Jon Murphy
son of Joseph R Vrabel & Catherine *Reed*

Gianna Rose
daughter of Keith J Nichol & Adrianna P *Agosta*



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Born in Holland, St. Peter Canisius (May 8, 1521 – December 21, 1597) was a preacher, teacher, and writer throughout his whole life. At the age of 19, he received a master's degree from the university at Cologne. Soon afterwards, St. Peter met Peter Faber, the first disciple of Ignatius of Loyola, who influenced him so much that he eventually joined the Society of Jesus.

St. Peter Canisius founded colleges and seminaries, served as a missionary, cared for the sick or imprisoned, and wrote close to eight volumes of letters — many about St. Cyril of Alexandria and St. Leo the Great.

A man blessed with many talents, St. Peter Canisius is a wonderful example of a man who developed his talents to further God's work here on earth.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20

Praise be Jesus Christ! When we first reopened the Adoration Chapel after being outdoors for about fifteen months, we found out that there were about 40 hours that were open, and of those hours all but a dozen now have weekly scheduled adorers!!! Thank you everyone.

The time has come to change our focus on now having two weekly scheduled adorers per hour. Choosing to be with Jesus of your own free will for an hour a week, before the Blessed Sacrament, can bring the greatest of conversions into your life. The greatest of an everlasting joyful life. I know this to be true, as do many others, because it was in the Adoration Chapel that my Lord saved me. Believe me, you will be eternally grateful to Jesus that you made this decision. All you have to do is this: pick your own day and hour that is best for you to spend with Jesus each week. Don't worry about the few times you won't able to be there, as we have substitutes available, and more than likely, there will be another adorer that shares your hour. Email: shrineadoration@gmail.com to schedule your hour now or for any questions you may have. Remember, the Adoration Chapel is open 24 hours a day and 7 days a week, feel free to visit Jesus anytime you want to.

Bernadette Kurkowski

Betty Tomezak

Barbara Patrick

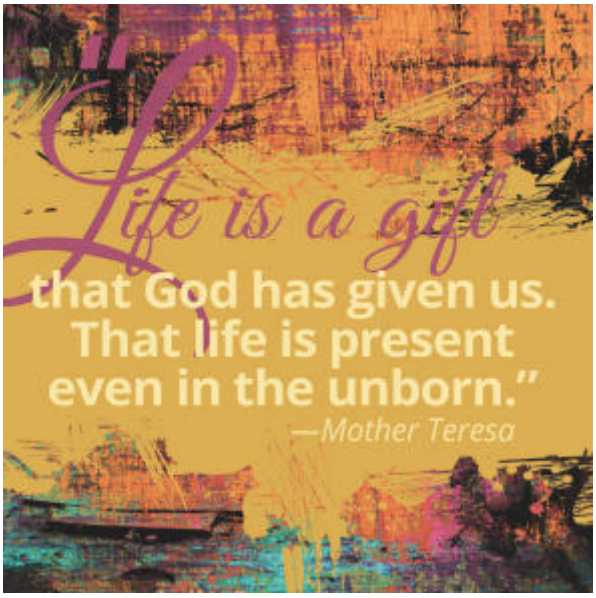
Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish

Rudy Barno
Basima Barno
Bernice Bettendorf
Norman Brault
Susan Budzinski
Francille Burns
Virginia Casey
Christine Como
Maria Dackiw
Paula DesRochers
Joseph Dovey
Morgan Elliott
Kay Fulcker
Paul Gellott
Bernard Steven Greback
Carl Gill
Alice Groesbeck
Cathy Guy
Vivian Haisha
Diane Hayes
Joe Hayes
Gene Knitting
Kathy Koboski
Camilla Liggett
Caroline Manger
Evelyn Manger
Jill Mercure
Donald Messinger
Anthony Modica
Dominic Morelli
Cathy Oldani
Nolan Ostrowski
Helen Paves
Michael Piatak
Loretta Reid
Lydia Rochon
Victor Saccaro
Antonia San Agustin Brillantes
Shelly Schindler
Mary Stack
Judy Strozeski
Timothy Tenbusch
Dewey Totty
Maria Ward
Karl Wolfe

Please pray for our Military

Sgt. Daniel J. Allen, US Army
Ltc. Eric Ansorge PhD, US Army
Patrick Paul Atallah, USMC
Christopher Babcock, USAF
Staff Sgt Robert J. Bain, US Army
Envin E. Billings, US Army
Corey Brady, US Navy
Capt. Matthew Cain, US Army
Pat Carroll, USAF, Shrine '61, MIA
SSGT Anthony Carter USAF
MA Charles Dagher, US Navy
L.Cpl. Jacob Dagher USMC
Crisanto R. Delos, USCG
Capt. Matthew DesRochers, USMC
Specialist Raymond Dorierty
PV2-E2 Melissa Ducastel, US Army
Lt. Michael Ehlen, USAF
Capt. Elena Elwart, US Army
Maj. Jason D. Everts, US Army
LCpl. Sarah Fitzpatrick, USMC
SSgt. Samuel Flannery USAF
Brian France, Navy
LCpl. Helen Girardot, USMC
Flt. Cmdr. Troy Perry Glendye, USCG
Joseph Haddad, USMC
Lt. Col. Richard Holt, USAF
Capt. Kevin Joyce, US Army
Kasey Wetters RSSN, US Navy
Capt. Justin Kuhlmann, US Army
2nd Lt. Nicholas Robert Langan, US Army
LCpl. Kyle Macey, USMC
SSgt. Brian MacKenzie, USAF
E5 SSGT Kaitlyn MacRonald USAF
Lt. Tomek Maka, CHC US Navy
Sgt. Christopher Mastantuono, US Army
1st Lt. Jonathan D. Maten, US Army
GS13 Dan Marem MI BN
Maj. Christopher Mellon, USMC
SSC. Beau G. Messer USA
Sgt. Alan Mullin, US Army
Spec. Keegan Murphy, US Army
Cmdr. Peter T. Murphy, US Navy
E5, FCA2(SW) Blake E. Nasrey, US Navy
Sgt Sean P. O'Dell, USAF
SSGT Ryan W. Oke, USAF
Seaman Jason Palmer, US Navy
Ch Capt Michael P. Palmer USAR
Lt. Paul V. Palmer US Army
Capt. Kent B. Peaslee, USAF
Lt. Col. Loren D. Penney, US Army
Sam Piontkowski, USMC
1st Capt. Johnny Pruitt, ASAF
Lucy Queen, National Guard
Anthony Reynolds, USAF
Emerson J. Schroeder, US Army
Lt. Col. Eric J. Simpson, FA
Adrian M. Springer, US Navy
Capt. Michael Szalma, US Army
Lt. Dan Totsch - National Guard
MK2 Cody Vitale, USCG
Spec. David Wittla, US Army
1st Private Wyatt Wray, USMC
Lt. Colin M. Zavislak, US Air Force
US Navy Jack C. Zimmerman
Spc. Nathaniel C. Zyren US Army

LIFE MATTERS



Often during this season, we hear of cases where Nativities cannot be displayed, Christmas songs cannot be sung or Merry Christmas cannot be said. Some people would say we cannot impose our beliefs on others and we must be more tolerant. The same claim is made by those who believe it's merciful to allow abortion, euthanasia, or embryonic stem cell research. Here's what **Bishop Fulton Sheen** said about tolerance more than 75 years ago…

> "America, it is said, is suffering from intolerance. It is not. It is suffering from tolerance of right and wrong, truth and error, virtue and evil, Christ and chaos. Our country is not nearly so much overrun with the bigoted as it is overrun with the broadminded… In the face of this broadmindedness, what the world needs is more intolerance" (Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, "A Plea for Intolerance," 1931, cited in "Christ or Chaos")

We can never tolerate the destruction of human life. Don't be afraid to speak the truth!

Christmas 2021 Rectory Office Hours

Christmas Eve - Friday, December 24 - Closed
Christmas Day - Saturday, December 25 -Closed
Feast of Holy Family - Sunday, December 26 -Closed
Monday, December 27 - Closed
Thursday, December 30 - Closed
New Year's Eve - Friday, December 31 - Closed
New Year's Day/Mother of God - Saturday, January 1, 2022 - Closed

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9:00 AM **Fr. Mark Livingston**

Intention	+ Fred M. Zinger
Lectors	Natalie Lanfear
Hospitality	John Pruse, Team

10:45 AM **Fr. Joe Horn**

Intention	Gordon & Ann Platt
Lectors	Luke Tresnak
Hospitality	Mikki Edwards & Team

12:30 PM **Fr. John McKenzie**

Intention	+ Tony Morelli
Lectors	Becky Burek
Hospitality	Hugh Brennan, Team

4:00 PM **(Spanish) - Fr. Mark Livingston**

Lectores	Daniel Moran

6:00 PM **Fr. Joe Lang**

Intention	+Janette M De Guzman
Lectors	Ava Gappy
Hospitality	Hugh Brennan, Team

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Please sign up for a Holy Hour in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Requested Hour:_____

Pick the day and hour that is best for you.

(Return this form to the Parish Office or send to shrineadoration@gmail.com**)**

"This is the wonderful truth, my dear friends: the Word, which became flesh two thousand years ago, is present today in the Eucharist." - Pope John Paul II

Evangelical Charity/Christian Service

"The fruit of silence is prayer; the fruit of prayer is faith; the fruit of faith is love; the fruit of love is service; the fruit of service is peace." *(St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta)*

The Shrine Giving Tree allows our parish family to be generous in Outreach to the local community. We thank each person who contributed to our ***Giving Tree*** collection. Special gratitude is extended to our ***Giving Tree*** helpers, especially the Samoray family. Each year a family in our parish serves together with Outreach through the ***Giving Tree.***

The past year has been difficult for many families, but it has also been a time of grace and opportunity for the church, the people of God, to respond to the needs of others. The outpouring of prayer, love and kindness from the Shrine family is amazing.

Blessings,
Paula Dixon

Evangelization & Faith Formation

A few weeks ago, we celebrated our second annual *Light Up Shrine*. We had around 500 people come out on a Saturday night for horse-drawn wagon rides, food trucks, and to celebrate Jesus as the Light of the World.

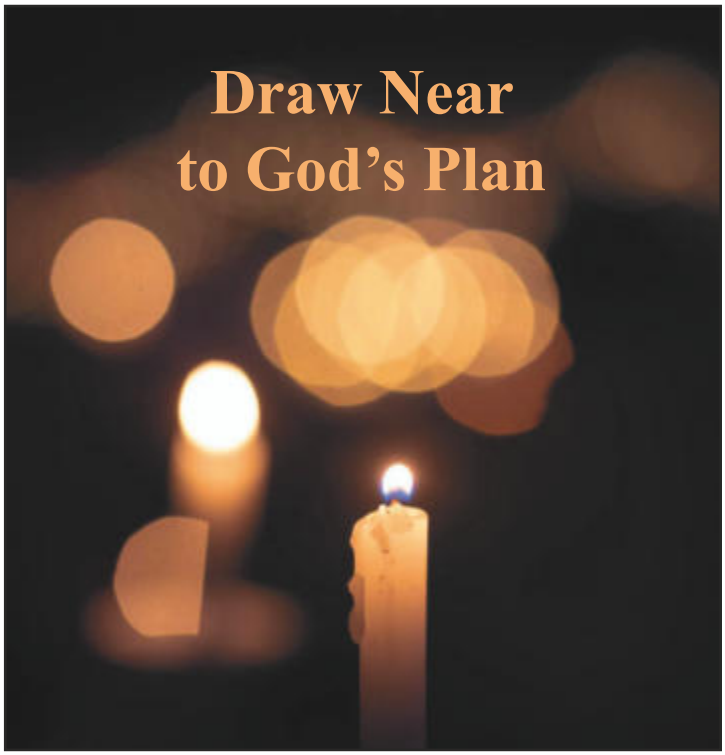
Father Joe Horn's words gave me so much hope! We can keep our eyes on Jesus in the midst of whatever darkness surrounds us.

Our community gave me so much hope! Confirmation candidates lit 500 luminary bags, placing them all around our campus. Volunteers from the Community Building Team and other areas of parish life came together—young and old—to celebrate the joy of Advent. Children came from Shrine Grade School to sing Christmas Carols, and our High School **Goliards** came to sing as well. Young adults and seniors got into the festivities, and children ran around with jingle bells and hot chocolate.

Our outreach gave me so much hope! Our lighting ceremony on the porch culminated in groups going out through the surrounding neighborhoods singing Christmas carols. The world around us needs the hope that we have in Jesus! You can bring this joy, this light, to others!

This December at Shrine we're reflecting on God's Plan. *Jeremiah 29:11* says "For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." In the midst of so much confusion these days, know that God has a plan. God has a plan for you.

God has a plan for us here at Shrine! You and I do not come to God alone, we come to God as a family of faith. "God, however, does not make men holy and save them merely as individuals, without bond or link between one another. Rather has it pleased Him to bring men together



as one people, a people which acknowledges Him in truth and serves Him in holiness.".(*Light of the Nations, 9*) This was on full display at *Light Up Shrine*!

Last month we began a survey to invite you to share your thoughts on how welcoming we are as a community. Thank you for all the conversations, emails, and survey responses! Shrine is such an incredible community!

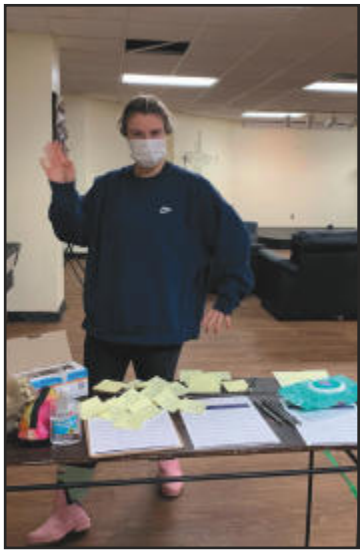
Do you think we are warm and welcoming? Just 46% of our survey respondents did. Here's what one of our survey respondents shared: "One of Shrine's greatest blessings is its legacy, the multigenerational facet, however, it is also a great detriment because so often legacy families forget and (even unintentionally) isolate new families and people who aren't currently part of (what feels like) an empire. The exclusivity factor holds good, faithful people back because it feels cold and exclusive... The 'ALL ARE WELCOME' messaging must continually be pushed out everywhere - the school, church and most importantly, the parishioners."

Light Up Shrine gave me a tiny glimpse of what God can do through us when we come together. What steps can we take to be a stronger family, where every one feels welcomed and valued?

Send me (Beth Spizarny) an email (bspizarny@shrinechurch.com) or give me a ring (248-556-9898) and let me know your thoughts. As Director of Evangelization and Faith Formation, I am responsible for overseeing the formation of children, youth, and adults, as well as implementing Unleash the Gospel with parishioners, and reaching out to inactive Catholics, and the unchurched.

There Has Been No Shortage of Jesus or Fun this December

Jesus has been good to us this month. Despite the difficulties with the tragedy at Oxford, stress and busyness of the holidays, and normal anxieties of daily life – we have had meaningful and important conversations about who Jesus is and how we can rely on Him in difficulty. We have also had good time with Him through Adoration. A special thank you to **Fr. Mark Livingston** and **Fr. Joe Lang** for coming to see our young people! God is doing great things in our young Church's lives. Come be a part of it, and spread the word!



Upcoming Events: Rise High School Christmas Party Tonight

High school:

- December 19, *Rise* Christmas party from 7:15-8:45 PM in the youth room. Wear a Christmas sweater, eat from a chocolate fountain, and celebrate the coming of our Messiah with friends!
- (Tentative) Wednesday, December 29, Bowling with Youth Ministry. Be sure to follow up with our other channels of communication for more details.
- January 2nd, *Rise* from 7:15-8:45 PM. New Year same Rise! See you there in the youth room!Middle School:

Crossroads (middle school):

- January 7th, 7-8:30 PM in the youth room – Crossroads! God has a specific Mission for our lives, how do we know what He's asking of us? Join us at *Crossroads* to discuss!
- Saturday, 1/15, MLK Day of Service. Details to come!

Contact Brennan McHugh at bmchugh@shrinechurch.comfor more details about Youth Ministry. Follow us on Instagram @Shrine_Ym for the latest and greatest up-to-date info

December at Shrine: Draw Near to God's Plan

December 4
5:00pm: Light Up Shrine
7:00pm Lighting Ceremony
Surrounding Basilica Neighborhood

December 8
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
6:30am, 9am, 12:00pm and 7pm Mass

December 11
8:30am - 11:45am: Operation Olive Branch

December 12
7:00am - 2:00pm: Nativity Blessing

December 15
7:00pm - Live at the Basilica
A Holiday Recital with Soprano Angela Theis and guest pianist Timothy Cheek

December 20
7:00pm - Vicariate Penance Service

December 24
Christmas Eve: Mass Schedule at shrinechurch.com

December 25
Christmas: Mass Schedule at shrinechurch.com

Learn more at shrinechurch.com

NATIONAL SHRINE of the LITTLE FLOWER
— BASILICA —

2100 W. Twelve Mile Road, Royal Oak, MI 48073

Located near St Thérèse Chapel at the Ministers of Holy Communion Sign in Table are EARLY SIGN UP SHEETS for the Christmas Masses.

Please, as you are attending Mass this weekend, select a location to serve while attending your mass of choice.

Also, wether or not you have signed up early, please check with the Coordinator at the Mass you attend to either let the Coordinator you are present or to volunteer to serve at that service.

We always have many visitors during this season; therefore we will need more Ministers at each service than normal. So, please come forward to serve.

National Shrine of the Little Flower Parish

Offertory as of November 28, 2021

Envelope & E-Contributions Total	$ 65,576
Budgeted	$ 36,000
Over/Under Budget	$ 29,576
Year to Date (July 2021 -June 2022)	$ 767,395
Year to Date- Budgeted	$ 792,000
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No. of Envelopes Mailed to Parishioners	3,907
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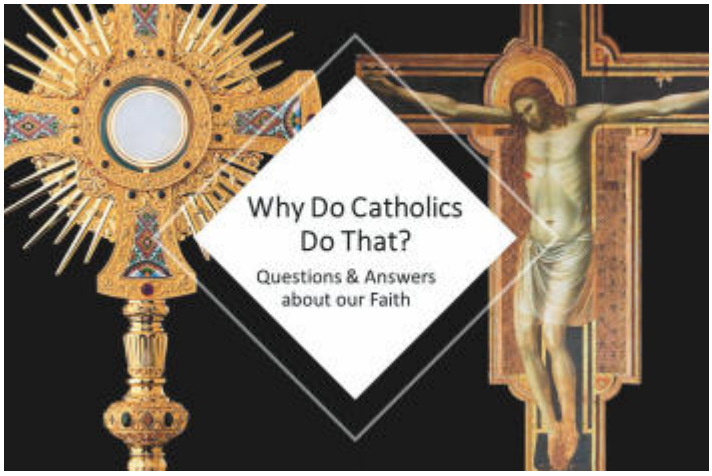


Question: I've heard it said that we should strive to be saints. But how? I'm a sinner who is only human!

Answer: Granted, becoming a saint sounds like an impossible task. There is an old saying, "Every saint has a past and every sinner has a future." So, there is hope! And rest assured, God wants us to achieve holiness and will help us along the way.

Consider Saint Paul. Before Jesus intervened, Saul (as he was known then), was busy persecuting Christians. Or how about Saint Peter? He abandoned Jesus during His passion and denied him three times! Afterwards, Peter, would become the bedrock of the church. Or Saint Augustine who was a major moral train wreck before eventually becoming the Church's most influential theologian.

God wants us to achieve holiness as Pope Francis clearly stated during his General Audience on June 21, 2017, "First of all, we must bear clearly in mind that sanctity (holiness)…is a gift, it is a gift granted to us by the Lord Jesus."1

Furthermore, the Pope said, "May the Lord give us the hope to be saints. Let us not think that it is a difficult thing, that it is easier to be delinquents than saints! No. We can be saints because the Lord helps us; He is the One who helps us." 2

Mother Angelica, Foundress of the Catholic Eternal World Television Network (EWTN) offers this advice on becoming a saint:

Bend your will to God's will. But it's not just a matter of trusting God, it means fighting His battle against sin and evil. And the first place of combat is the battlefield of your own heart.

Obey God's commandments. When we obey, we acknowledge that God has sovereign rights over us. He has the right to say what we can and cannot do. Moreover, obedience means sacrifice, sometimes extraordinary sacrifice. The act of sacrifice makes you holy.

Repentance is critical to achieving holiness. Simply put, it means saying you're sorry to God - and meaning it. We have to realize that when we sin, we are hurting Someone who loves us very deeply.

Love as God loves. This is the highest achievement of sainthood. It is what Christianity is all about. It goes against our human nature to love someone who is hurting us or to be patient and kind to strangers. But we can rise above our human nature and unite our minds and wills to the will of God.

Radiate God's goodness. Let the world see God's goodness on your face, in your eyes and in your actions.3

Mother Angelica was known for this wonderful piece of advice …" We are all called to be great saints, don't miss the opportunity."

1. Pope Francis, General Audience, Vatican.va, 21 June 2017.

2. Ibid.

3. *Mother Angelica's Answers, Not Promises.* Copyright 1987, 2016 by EWTN Publishing Inc.

Do you have questions about the Catholic beliefs, theology, teachings, and practices? Email us at questions@shrinechurch.com and be sure to watch the Shrine Herald to learn more about the faith.

Draw Near To St. Alphonsus Liguori

St. Alphonsus was born into a wealthy family and set up in an arranged marriage. When he became an adult, he instead followed a vision from God: he consecrated himself to God, became a priest, and his family persecuted him. Alphonsus was called to suffer with Jesus as he faced hardships, betrayal and severe health issues. After he was made a bishop, his challenges continued: the Church thought he was too lax, while the secular community thought he was too religious. While St. Alphonsus had a difficult life, he did God's Will over his own to become a Saint and a Doctor of the Church.

FAMILIES OF PARISHES

OUR FAMILY - MASS SCHEDULES

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica
2100 W 12 Mile Rd Royal Oak

SATURDAY - 8:30 am
4:30 pm (livestreamed) and 6:30 pm

SUNDAY - 7:30 am, 9:00 am (livestreamed)
10:45 am, 12:30 pm
4:00 pm (Spanish-livestreamed), and 6:00 pm

WEEKDAYS *(Monday - Friday)*
6:30 am (Livestreamed), 8:30 am

St. Justin/St. Mary Magdalen
50 E Annabelle Rd Hazel Park
1631 E Elza Ave Hazel Park

SATURDAY - 4 pm - St. Justin
SUNDAY - 9 am & 11 am - St. Mary Magdalen
MON-WED, FRI- 9am - St. Justin
No Mass on Thursday

St. Mary
730 S Lafayette Ave Royal Oak

SATURDAY - 4:30 pm
SUNDAY - 9 am, 11 am
MON, TUES, THURS, FRI - 7:30 am
WED - 12:10 pm

St. Vincent Ferrer
28353 Herbert St Madison Heights

SATURDAY - 4 pm
SUNDAY - 9 am (livestreamed)
MON- THURS - 8 am (livestreamed)
No Mass on Friday

Christmas 2021 Schedule

Christmas Eve - Friday, December 24
*4:00pm Children's Mass and 6:30pm Mass
*12:00am Midnight Mass (11:00 pm Musical Prelude)

Christmas Day - Saturday, December 25
7:30am, *9:00am, 10:45am, 12:30pm Mass
*2:30pm (Spanish) Mass (not 4:00pm Mass)

Feast of Holy Family - Sunday, December 26
7:30am, *9:00am, 10:45am, 12:30pm, 4:00pm (Spanish), 6:00pm Mass

New Year's Eve - Friday, December 31
6:30am, 8:30am and 6:00pm Mother of God Vigil Mass

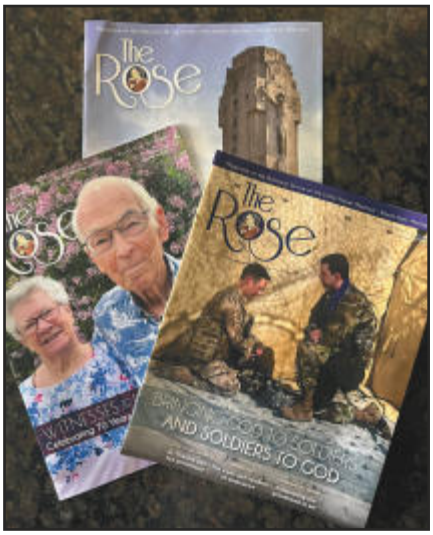
New Year's Day/Mother of God - Saturday, January 1, 2022
*9:00am and 12:00pm Mass

Vicariate Penance Services–7:00pm
Our Lady of Sorrows–Monday, December 13
St. Hugo of the Hills–Tuesday, December 14
National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica–Monday, Dec 20

Are you a Business Owner?
Help Spread the Good News with The Rose Magazine

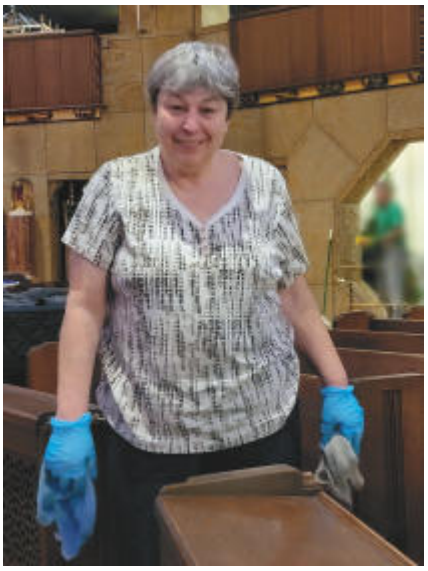
Many small businesses or offices have magazines available for customers to read while they wait for goods and services. If you are one such owner, will you help us share the Good News to your customers by placing copies of The Rose in your lobby?

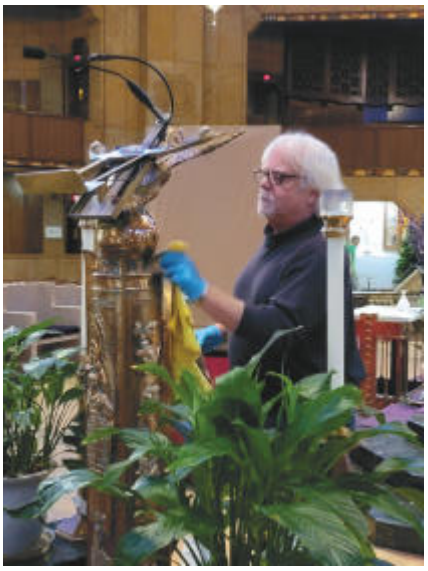
The Rose is the Basilica's magazine, featuring stories of hope, truths of the faith, and articles on the rich history of our Shrine Basilica. Help connect those who may be searching for God, looking to re-connect with their faith, or seeking a place to worship. Contact Judy Maten for further information on how to obtain copies for your place of business. Email Judy at jmaten@shrinechurch.com or call 313-268-1985.

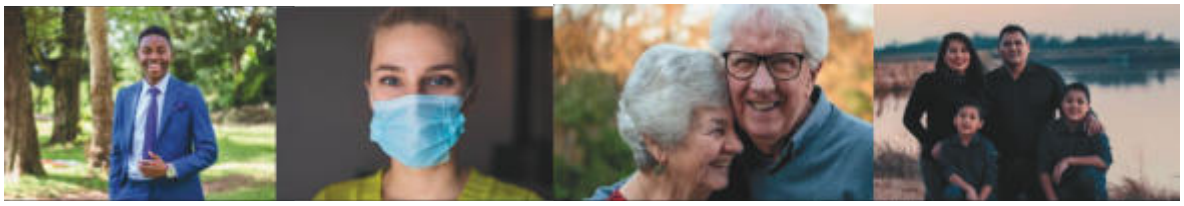


Shrine as Community

Many warm thanks to the "Little Way Helpers", the Knights of Columbus, and Ladies Guild members who cleaned, polished, buffed and generally beautified the basilica in anticipation of Christmas.







The Welcoming Initiative at Shrine

Last week we invited the parish to gather together to process the results from our recent survey, "How Welcoming Are We?" We had around 190 people complete the survey, and there were really helpful ideas shared! Many of you have reached out to Father Horn or other staff with follow-up thoughts. We'll share the feedback we've received here over the coming weeks.

One question that has come up was, does welcoming matter? Jesus has told us that welcoming very much matters: *"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me"* (Matthew 25:35).

Many of the key takeaways from our survey were in response to the question on the right. What a wonderful thing that so many of us see Shrine as reverent and worshipful! Under Father Horn's direction we're confident this will remain one of our greatest strengths. On the other hand, less than half of us see our community as warm and welcoming… and 3 in 4 do not see our community as seeking all.

What might lead someone to see our community as welcoming or not welcoming? What might it be like to come to Shrine for the first time as a visitor?

Be a Greeter this Christmas!

Father Horn is eager for us to have Greeters at all of our Christmas Masses this year, as we have in past years. We would be delighted to have you join the Greeters this Christmas as we welcome people to Mass! Greeters will be outside the basilica to welcome people as they arrive for Mass.

This is a great activity for young adults, seniors, singles, and families! Call the Parish Office or visit us online at shrinechurch.com to sign-up.

Blessing of the Nativity Sets

Support the next generation of leaders!

SHRINE CLASS OF 2022

The All Knight Party (AKP) is a Shrine Catholic High School tradition providing a safe and fun-filled evening the night of graduation. Visit **shrine2022.com** to make a donation of any amount. Sponsorships are available by contacting schsclassof2022@gmail.com. We appreciate your support!

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LIVE at the Basilica

Monthly Speaker Series

7pm in the Basilica

Each month we'll bring in a world-renowned speaker to inspire and reinvigorate us to live as missionary disciples in today's changing world.

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

"The One Who Hopes Lives Differently"

Peter Herbeck

Currently vice president and director of missions for Renewal Ministries, Peter has been working in evangelization and Catholic renewal throughout the U.S., Canada, Africa, and Eastern Europe for over 30 years. He co-hosts weekly television programs The Choices We Face and Crossing the Goal. In addtion he hosts the daily radio show Fire on the Earth.

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Please visit shrinechurch.com for more information

Religious Formation

Elementary Religious Formation and Sacramental Preparation

Special Needs Religious Formation Classes
Wednesday evenings: 6:00 – 7:00 pm

The program is open to Kindergarten – 8th grade. We address individual needs and offer group instruction in a multi-age classroom. The classes consist of an opening prayer group with music. Group instruction may include discussions, arts and crafts, videos and opportunity for hands on religion activities. We are able to provide one-on-one help for your child. We follow the Adaptive Finding God Program by Loyola Press. The program is open to all parishes. Contact Janie Lynch at jlynch@shrinechurch.com or 248.541.5133.

2021-2022 Religious Formation Schedule

December 12
January 9, 23
February 6, 27
March 6, 20
April 10, 24
May 1, 15

Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness

After a pause with Vacation Bible School for the past two summers due to the pandemic, we are looking forward to offering it again on June 20-24, 2022.

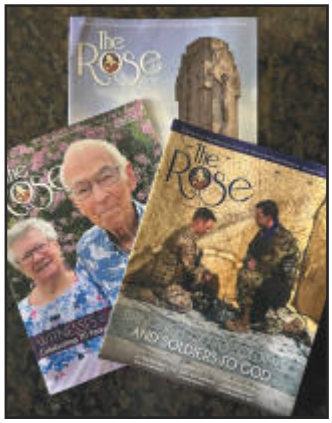
Shrine Vacation Bible School runs a Monday through Friday from 9:00am until noon each day at Shrine Catholic Grade School. Please keep watching for additional details in the Shrine Herald in the spring when we begin to start registration.

Light Up Shrine

It was a joy for the Religious Formation Office to host a craft table for *Light Up Shrine!* We have never done crafts outside in December but it still worked; the Baby Jesus ornaments came out amazing! Thank you so much to the volunteers. Their enthusiasm and friendliness were infectious!

Looking for the Perfect Christmas Gift? Give a Gift Subscription for

The Rose Magazine



Adult children living away from home? Family from out of state? Friends who have everything? Give the perfect gift this year!

An annual subscription to The Rose magazine, the Basilica's magazine, makes a great Christmas gift for family and friends alike! The quarterly magazine will arrive in their mailboxes, filled with stories of hope, faith, and inspirations drawn from community of faith and the life of St. Therese and her beautiful Shrine. To order a subscription, use the QR code to order online or email Judy at jmaten@shrinechurch.com to subscribe.

MEN'S SCRIPTURAL GROUP FORMING IN THE NEW YEAR

Attention all men of our Family of Parishes

The St. Vincent Ferrer Adult Faith Formation Committee will be offering a bi-weekly gathering to help men grow in relationship with God and with each other through Scripture. Gatherings will be every other Saturday beginning on January 8th from 9:00 AM to approximately 10:30 AM in the St. Vincent Ferrer Admin Bldg., 28353 Herbert St. Madison Heights, 48071

No need to register, no cost involved. Just bring a pen, paper and your bible. Come and see what God might want to say to you! Bring a friend or come and make new ones. The coffee will be on!

COME & SEE

open house

Mon, January 24, 7–9 PM

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica

Conference Center

Surviving Divorce is a Catholic divorce healing program from Ascension Press. Shrine is offering this video and facilitator-led, 12-week divorce healing program to all individuals seeking post-divorce healing.

Begins: Monday, February 7, at 7 PM

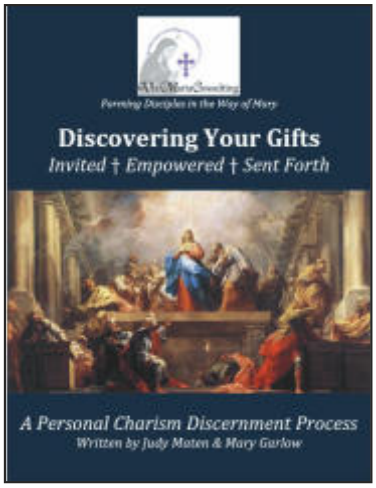
Location: Shrine Conference Center

Register: (248) 541-4122

Or, online:

https://forms.gle/71MTV3C22RGNN4kZ6

Does Life Seem Overwhelming? Lack Meaning?
Join us and find ways to uncover the joy God has for you.



Discovering Your Gifts Charism Workshop

Tuesdays, January 25, February 1, 8, 15 & 22
7:00-8:30 PM

St. Mary Fellowship Center, 730 S. Lafayette Ave., Royal Oak
This workshop is for those:

- Seeking to learn more about themselves and their relationship with God
- Considering life transitions, career moves, or ministry opportunities
- Seeking a deeper prayer life
- Desiring to know their gifts and how to find happiness through them

In these five sessions you will uncover how God has uniquely gifted you to find true happiness, live out your call to holiness, lead a fulfilling life, and go deeper in your relationship with Jesus. During the sessions, you will learn how both your spiritual gifts given in baptism (charisms) and natural talents are discerned, activated and exercised through ministry, career, volunteer opportunities, and relationships with others. We will also delve into learning how to pray deeply to be able discern wisely.
The workshops will be presented by Judy Maten and Mary Garlow of Via Maria Consulting, LLC. Cost is $25 for the five-week workshop, payable at the first session. All materials will be provided; registration is required to assure enough materials. Sign-up online at www.viamariaconsulting.com. Please RSVP no later than January 17 to ensure enough materials are available.
Questions? Contact Judy at judym@viamariaconsulting.com or call 313.268.1985.

SOULCORE

BODY MIND SOUL

SOULCORE at Shrine

Thursday 7:00 PM in the Youth Room
Wednesday 6:00 AM in the Conference Center
Wednesday 10:00 AM ***CHAIR SOULCORE*** in the Conference Center
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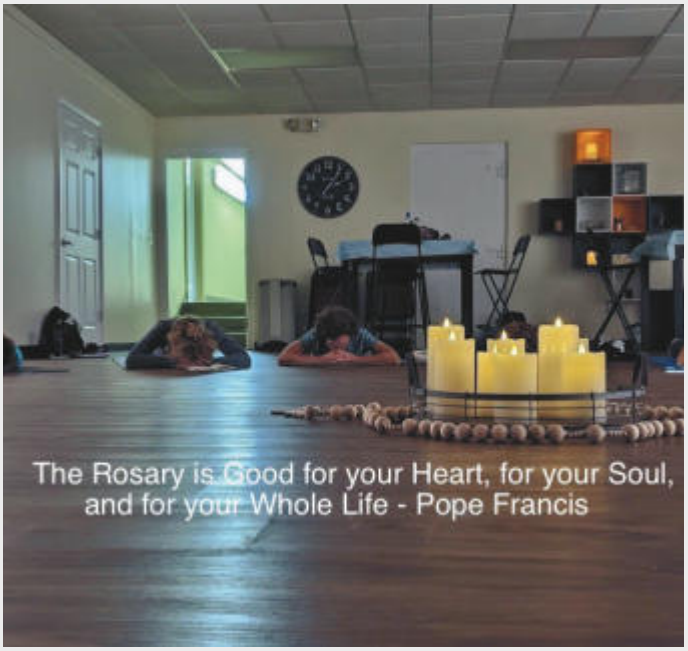


Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is the key to God's heart. *St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)*

Feeling overwhelmed? Does God seem distant? Searching for hope?

Come and know the power of prayer. Experience peace and inner joy.

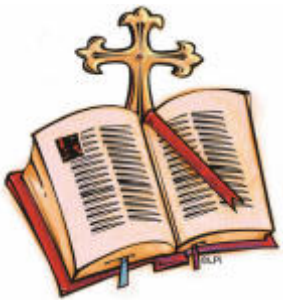
Members of the Shrine Prayer Companion Ministry are waiting to pray with you and your needs after the 9:00 AM Mass in the St. Therese Chapel.

Let the power of God's love and mercy permeate you.

All are invited!

Praying with Sunday's Gospel

Every Thursday at Noon
Online



Join this virtual prayer group as we pray and reflect on the upcoming Sunday Gospel using ***Lectio Divina***. This ancient art of praying with Scripture has roots going back to the 6th century and St. Benedict of Nursia, founder of the Benedictine Order. ***Lectio Divina*** is a slow, contemplative encounter with the Word of God. In today's world, filled with anxiety, stress and fear of the unknown, ***Lectio Divina*** is a way to escape the noise and encounter our Lord in the intimacy of His Word.

All you need is your Bible, a notebook and pen, and a computer, smart-phone or iPad/notebook to connect into the virtual gathering. Sessions are led by **Judy Maten, Tom Scholler** and **Patti Koval.** Join us at https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/6215951574.

"The *Militia Immaculata* Prayer Village at Shrine has resumed in-person meetings. Please join us on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 PM in the Martin Room of the St. Thérèse Chapel. Together we pray the rosary, reflect on a reading from St. Maximilian Kolbe's writings, and say intercessory prayers for our intentions. We also evangelize by spreading devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus through consecration to the *Immaculata* and distribute miraculous medals.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LORD? Come join the Love of God Charismatic Prayer Community here at Shrine Basilica. We meet every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Therese Chapel. Come join us for one hour of praise, teaching, and healing prayer. See what the Lord has planned for you. Questions – call Mary Ellen Buchanan at 586-770-2214.

Basilica Nacional de La Florecita

MINISTERIO HISPANO

(Hispanic Ministry)

Domingo, 19 de diciembre, 2021 — **IV Domingo de Adviento**

"Señor, muéstranos tu favor y sálvanos" *Salmo: 79, 2ac y 3b. 15-16. 18-19*

Horarios de oficina:

Directora de Ministerio Hispano: Susan Bonilla
Lunes : 8:00am- 5:00pm.
Sábado: 1:00pm-5:00pm
Domingo: 9:00am-5:30pm

Correo electronico- sbonilla@shrinechurch.com
Teléfono- (248)-541-4122 Ext: 1422

Misa en Español: **Domingo.....4:00pm**

Ministerios Parroquiales/ Ministries

Escuela de Evangelización San Andrés
Informes con Jazmín y Gonzalo Cisneros al ***248-515-5375***

Grupo de Jóvenes Adultos
Cada 2do Domingo del Mes.
para más informes con Joanna Barrientos al ***248-971-4197***

Armada Blanca
Informes con Juliana Liborio al ***248-595-2197***
Nota: los niños deben estar acompañados por sus padres.

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Informes con Jose Barrientos al ***248-247-4283***

Coros Parroquiales — **Contactos:**
Coro Emmanuel (248) 843-3287
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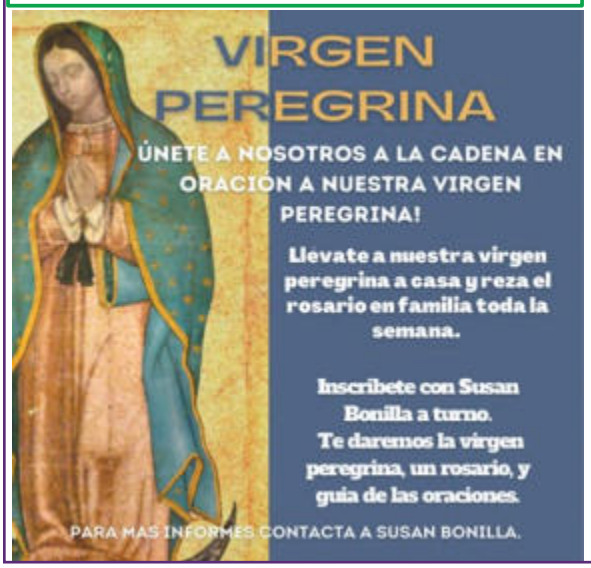

Contacta a Susan Bonilla para mas informes sobre:

Información Adicional/ Aditional Information

Quinceañeras	*Bendicion de Casas*	*Intenciones*
Registro Parroquial	*Bendcion de 3 años*	*Virgen Peregrina*

Sacramentos/ Sacraments

Clases Pre-Bautismales ***En Español*** Las clases son requisito para poder bautizar a niños menores de 7 años.	Agenda una fecha con Susan Bonilla Es obligatorio que los papás y padrinos asistan. Solo se ofrecen sesiones virtuales por el momento
Preparación Matrimonial No puedes vivir toda tu vida en unión libre o solo por el civil. Recibe la bendición de Dios a través del Sacramento de Matrimonio.	Nuestra parroquia ofrece un hermoso programa de preparación llamado "Testimonio de amor". Contáctanos si estas interesado en recibir el Sacramento del Matrimonio
RICA ***En Español***	Tenemos un programa para personas adultas quienes quieran recibir sus sacramentos.
Confeciones en Español El primer Jueves de cada mes. De 7:00pm a 8:30pm. Dentro de la Iglesia a los costados del altar.	***Asistencia en Español*** Formacion Religiosa Pimera Comunion Primera Confirmacion Escuelas de Shrine

ORACION DE COMUNION ESPIRITUAL

Mi amado Jesús, creo que Tú estás presente en el Santísimo Sacramento. Te amo sobre todas las cosas, y deseo recibirte en mi alma. Ya que no puedo, en este momento, recibirte sacramentalmente, ven, al menos, espiritualmente a mi corazón. Te abrazo como si Tú estuvieras ya ahí y me uno a mi mismo completamente a Ti. Nunca me permitas estar separado de Ti. **Amén.**

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