

Christmas 2023

Glory

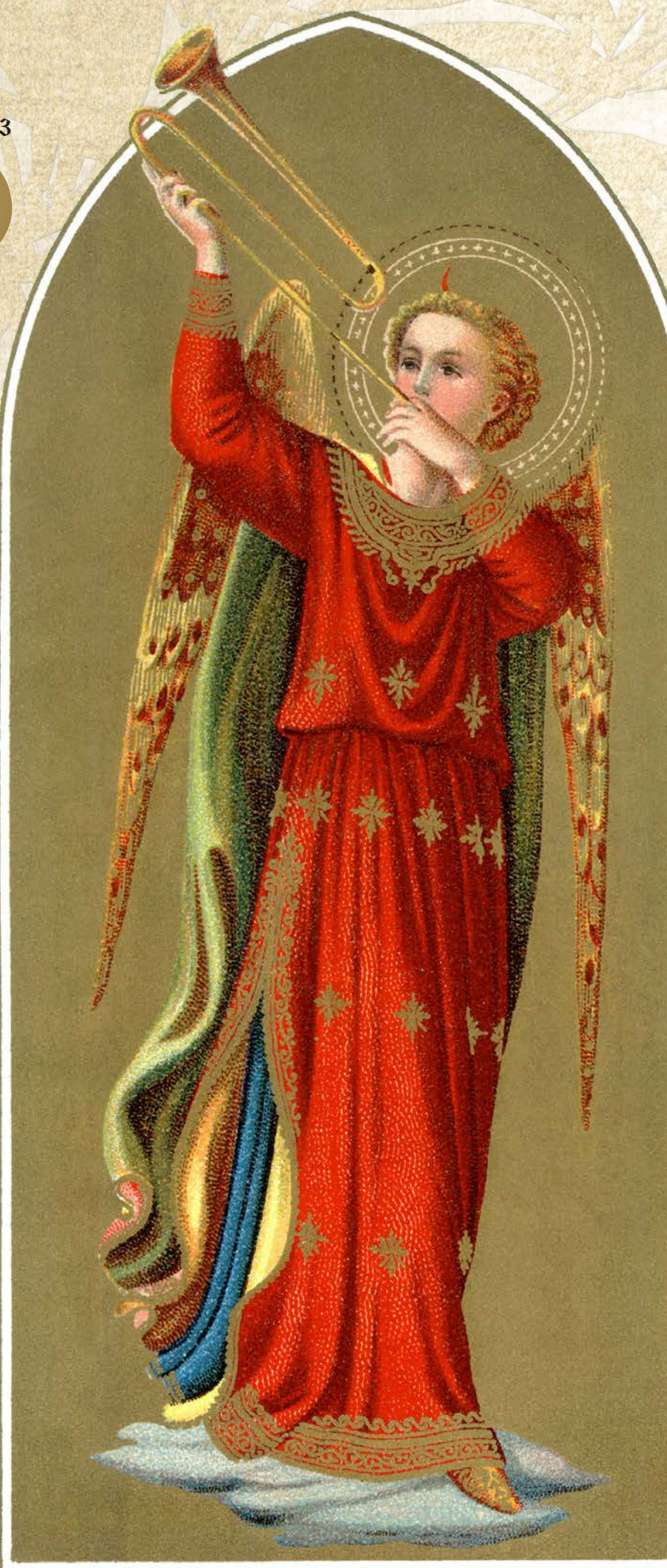
to God in
the highest
and on earth
peace to those
on whom his
favor rests.

Luke 2:14



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MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 31 – Feast of the Holy Family
SIR 3:2-6, 12-14; PS 128; COL 3:12-21; LK 2:22-40
9:00 am: Pope Benedict XVI

Monday, Jan 1 – Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
NM 6:22-27; PS 67; GAL 4:4-7; LK 2:16-21
9:00 am*: For the People of the Parish and World Peace

Tuesday, January 2 – Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
1 JN 2:22-28; PS 98; JN 1:19-28
No 5:30 pm Mass

Wednesday, January 3
1 JN 2:29–3:6; PS 98; JN 1:29-34
5:30 pm*: All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, January 4 – Mem of St Elizabeth Ann Seton
1 JN 3:7-10; PS 98; JN 1:35-42

Friday, January 5 – Memorial of Saint John Neumann
1 JN 3:11-21; PS 100; JN 1:43-51
8:00 am*: For All the Sick

Saturday, January 6
1 JN 5:5-13; PS 147; MK 1:7-11
9:00 am*: People of the Parish
4:30 pm*: June H. Feldtz (G. Graber)

Sunday, January 7 – Epiphany of the Lord
IS 60:1-6; PS 72; EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6; MT 2:1-12
8:30 am*: Catherine Purdin (L. Giardina)
11:00 am: Violet & Samuel Dennis, Jr (S. Dennis III)

**Denotes Mass at the Church. Please contact the office to offer a Mass for your special intention or the soul of a dearly departed family member or friend. Customary donation is \$10. Online requests can be made at: stjosephpc.org/mass-intentions*

Chili Cook-Off Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help coordinate the parish chili cook-off that we typically hold in late January or February. This is a great event to get families together with a little friendly competition. If you are interested in helping, please call the parish office or email office@stjosephpc.org.



NET RETREAT for Religious Education Students

Our Religious Education team is getting ready for our NET RETREAT for the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. This Retreat will be on Friday, January 19th from 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm at the PAC. This is a required attendance for the 6-8 graders.



The Confirmation 8th graders are required to attend on Saturday from 9:00 am – 6:00 pm with Mass included. We need to have our 8th graders read at the Mass. Parents and their families are encouraged to attend the Mass also. Please contact Maria at ReligiousEd@stjosephpc.org to sign-up or with questions.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

JANUARY 6-7

Saturday, 4:30 pm at the Church
Ushers: Mark Needham & **Sub Requested**

Lector: Nicole Coon
Eucharistic Minister: Mike & Terri Schurman, Diane Needham

Sunday, 8:30 am at the Church
Ushers: Jim & Theresa Schwope
Lector: Gabe Bertin

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Tony Bonacci, George Hamlin, Doug Heindel

Sunday, 11:00 am at the PAC
Ushers: Matt & Wendy Brown
Lector: Barb Seciliot

Eucharistic Minister: Jodi Hanna, Gene Duran & Debbie Duran



PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE ILL AND HEALING

Kelsey Chapman Jennifer Holmes
Lou Ciminello Karen Klump
Oralia Duran Roberta Benner Scott
Sharon Elias Bob Timmons

Almighty and merciful Father, by the power of your command, drive away from them all forms of sickness and disease. Amen

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

CPT Denis R. Aurelius USAF
SGTFC, Justin Edwards, USA
CPT Buck "Indy" Horn, USAF
PVT Daniel O'Neill; USA
SR Edward Rice, USN
MASN Todd Thieken Jr., USN
CDR Matt Wood, USN

God Bless our troops & their families.

Lord, please hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless act they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen

ST. JOSEPH PARISH THANKS YOU FOR YOUR DONATION OF CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN HONOR OF OR IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING

GENE & DEBBIE DURAN
In Memory of Deceased Members of the Hammye, Ward, Duran, and Posada Families

GEORGE & FLORINE HAMLIN
In Memory of Deceased Members of the Hamlin and Kramer Families

ANONYMOUS
In Memory of the Martin Family

UPCOMING EVENTS



DECEMBER

31st 9:00am Sunday Mass only at the PAC

JANUARY

1st 9:00am New Year's Day Mass at the Church

2nd No 5:30pm Mass

7th/8th Jr High and Elementary PSR resumes for 2024

8th-13th No Weekday Masses

14th/15th No PSR for Martin Luther King Jr Holiday

14th Youth Group resumes for 2024, 7:00pm at PAC

17th Walking With Purpose with Confirmation Class from 7:00pm–8:30pm at the PAC

19th NET Retreat for 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students from 6:00pm–9:00pm at the PAC

20th NET Retreat mandatory for 8th grade students from 9am–5pm at the PAC, ending with family mass

21st Second Collection for Propagation of the Faith

Advent Wreaths with Religious Education Students

On December 4, the 5B class of Religious Education students, along with their parents, decorated Advent wreaths and learned about the symbolism of the Advent wreath during class. Father then blessed the wreaths. A big thanks to Maria for providing the supplies!



With humble acceptance of God's will, we announce the passing of Daniel Donovan, father of parishioner Kevin Donovan.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Requiescat in pace.



STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Collection for December 17, 2023

Envelopes	\$ 10,065
Loose (Unknown)	\$ 694
Diocesan Tax (8%)	\$ (861)
*does not include Online Giving	\$ *9,898



Online Giving

To set-up your account for online giving please scan this QR code with your smart phone or text-to-give at 614-858-8850. You can also visit stjosephpc.org/giving for more information.

Weekly Bible Reflections

"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive." (Colossians 3:13)

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

The HOLY FAMILY

"And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

– Colossians 3:17



Fatal Fire GoFundMe

Earlier in December, a young student from St. Pius X and his grandmother were killed in a housefire in Blacklick. His two sisters (also students) survived. A GoFundMe has been set up by the parish/school for those who would like to help the family. Here is the link to make an online donation: <https://gofundme.com/f/support-for-the-berry-samba-family>

Consecration to the Holy Family



The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Consecration to the Holy Family week beginning this weekend. The purpose of this event is help families live out the joy of Christmas choosing a way of life for their families. Through this consecration, each participant is consciously choosing a way of life and to become beacons of God's love through his church. Inserted in this weeks' bulletin is a page with details of the event. Next weekend we will conclude the week with the Consecration prayer.

We encourage every family to embrace the practices detailed on the flyer and engage in the Consecration to the Holy Family.

Four steps before Praying the Consecration to the Holy Family:

- Discuss the importance of this consecration as a family and why you are doing it.
- Each member of your family is strongly encouraged to go to the Sacrament of Confession.
- As a family, intentionally choose something to fast from. The fast can be for at least a week. As our physical bodies are drawn to things of the world, it is strongly encouraged that you fast from something that you would normally do or consume. Fasting helps to discipline our minds and hearts to refrain from secular activities and be more focused on God.
- Prepare for the commitment you are making. Consecration to the Holy Family is not a single event. You have chosen a way of life for your family. You and your family are consciously choosing to be a beacon of light of God's love through His Church.

O Lord Jesus,
you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth.
There you grew in age, wisdom and grace
as you prepared to fulfill your mission
as our Redeemer.
We entrust our family to you.

O Blessed Mary,
you are the Mother of our Savior.
At Nazareth you cared for Jesus
and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home.
We entrust our family to you.

O Saint Joseph,
you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary,
and gave us a model of fatherhood
while showing us the dignity of work.
We entrust our family to you.

Holy Family,
we consecrate ourselves and our family to you.
May we be completely united
in a love that is lasting, faithful
and open to the gift of new life.
Help us to grow in virtue,
to forgive one another from our hearts,
and to live in peace all our days.
Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer,
diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need.
May our home, O Holy Family,
truly become a domestic church
where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!



Prayer composed by Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, Supreme Chaplain.

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NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE
JOIN BISHOP FERNANDES AT THE NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE
WITH THESE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS EVENTS



Thursday, January 18, 2024
at 1:30 p.m.
MASS AT THE SAINT JOHN PAUL II
NATIONAL SHRINE
WITH BISHOP EARL K. FERNANDES

Friday, January 19, 2024
from 8:00–9:00 a.m.
MASS CLOSING THE
PRAYER VIGIL FOR THE MARCH
The Basilica of the National Shrine of the
Immaculate Conception
PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT & HOMILIST
BISHOP EARL K. FERNANDES

Friday, January 19, 2024
at 12:00 p.m.
MEET AT THE MARCH

Saturday, January 20, 2024
at 10:00 a.m.
MASS AT THE
CATHEDRAL OF ST. MATTHEW
WITH
BISHOP EARL K. FERNANDES

SCHOOL GROUPS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

LIFE IS VERY GOOD
7:30 P.M. – 9:45 P.M. | THURSDAY, JANUARY 18
Evening of Prayer (Fairfax, VA)

5TH ANNUAL
Guadalupe
YOUTH
SUMMIT

THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 22
8:00AM-2:00PM

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NEWS FROM NEIGHBORING PARISHES AND AROUND THE DIOCESE

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Give the gift of time to each other this year. Experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus only on each other. Make 2024 the best year of your marriage by applying today! The next weekend is February 9-11 2024 in the Central Ohio area. For more information or to apply, visit our website at WWMEcolumbus.org or contact Paul & Marilou Clouse at 614-834-6880. Early registration is highly recommended.



Urgent Support Needed in the Holy Lands

As the war rages on, Pope Francis is reaching out to world leaders calling for a cease fire, entry of humanitarian aid into Gaza and the release of all hostages being held by Hamas. Due to their longstanding presence, Catholic Relief Services has been responding to meet urgent, comprehensive needs, while also monitoring possible extended needs across the region. To support their efforts, pray and consider learning more and donating to CRS at: Catholic Relief Services (crs.org).

Undone Women's Conference – January 25-27

Ladies, do you desire to live in greater freedom? Are you longing for an authentic encounter with your true feminine identity? Join us for the Undone Women's Conference where you will experience a weekend of truth, beauty and transformation, as the knots of Eve's disobedience are "undone" through Mary's model of radical receptivity. Bring yourself, your mother, your sister, your adult daughters and friends. This is a weekend you won't want to miss! Undone: Freedom for the Feminine Heart will be held at St. Francis de Sales in Newark on January 25, 26 and 27 – in-person OR by livestream! Register online for either experience at www.jpilhealingcenter.org. Scholarships, student and missionary discounts available. Contact Heather Stasel, hstasel@stfrancisparish.net for more information.

START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT!

- Give the gift of time to each other this year.
- On a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend, learn to prioritize the important things.
- Make 2024 the best year of your marriage by applying today!
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The Feast of the Holy Family invites us to a deeper contemplation of family, urging us to look beyond our biological connections. The Gospel presents the Holy Family not merely as a model of domestic virtue, but as an icon of the larger spiritual family God calls us to be part of. This narrative symbolizes the integration of the individual family into the broader religious community. The Temple, as a place of gathering, teaching, and worship, prefigures the Church. In this light, the Church emerges not just as a place of worship, but as a familial space where we, like Jesus, are presented and nurtured in faith. This redefinition of family challenges us to see our relationship with the Church in a new, familial light. As we celebrate this feast, it becomes imperative to nurture both our biological families and our spiritual family – the Church. Just as Jesus, Mary, and Joseph lived their lives centered around the Temple, signifying their commitment to the wider community of believers, we too are called to invest in our church community.

Reflection Questions for the Week

Do I see the Church as an extension of my biological family, as a spiritual family where we grow in faith together?
How do I integrate my family into the broader religious community and the life of the Church?



**National Championship Weekend
January 6–7 Knights of Columbus Sub Sale**

9" Ham, Salami, Cheese & Lettuce sub for only \$6 each.

Pre-sale orders MUST be placed by Wednesday, January 4 before pickup weekend of November 11-12 by calling / texting Ed Stransky at 614-565-7888 or via email at edstransky25@gmail.com. Orders can be placed online at StJosephPC.org/sub-sale or scanning the QR code.



Number of Subs: _____ **@ \$6.00 Each for a Total of:** _____

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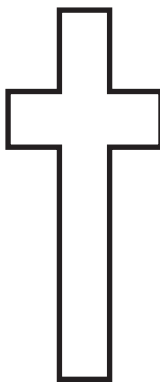
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