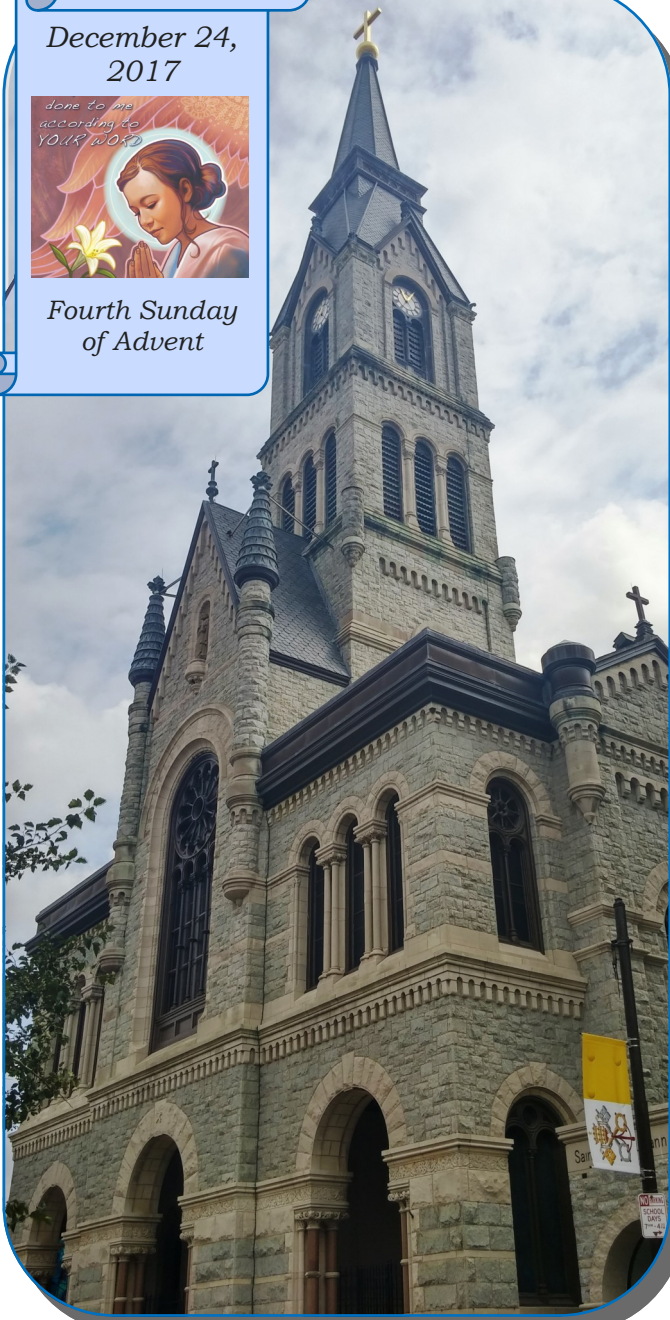


December 24,
2017



Fourth Sunday
of Advent



St. Peter the Apostle Church

National Shrine of St. John Neumann

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (Spanish),
12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m.
Weekdays: 7:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 5:30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Mon - Sat: 11:45 a.m. and 5 p.m.
Sun: 10:30 a.m. (Spanish)

RECTORY & SHRINE OFFICES

Monday - Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday 9 a.m. - 12 noon.

GIFT SHOP

Monday - Saturday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday: 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS: You are asked to arrange an appointment in advance by telephone with the Priest you wish to see.

SICK CALLS: Emergencies & Hospital Visitation: Please contact the Rectory office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: The Sacrament of Baptism is administered monthly. Arrangements are made in advance at the Rectory. Sponsors must provide proof of eligibility by a letter from their respective pastors, and must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation. Parents attend a Pre-Jordan meeting prior to Baptism, which is arranged at a mutually convenient time.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Arrangements must be made with the pastor at least six months before the date of the wedding. Pre-Cana instructions are required. Couples rather than parents or wedding coordinators should contact the church. If either party was previously married, an annulment must be granted prior to the selection of a future wedding date.

*Mass Intentions
for the Week*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

5:30 PM †Karl Buchert, Sr. - rb: Karl Buchert

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish

9:30 AM †Donohue Brothers & Sisters - rb: Family

11:00 AM †Raimunda Villa - rb: Otilia Garcia

12:30 PM Purgatorian Society

5:30 PM †Parishioners of St. Peter the Apostle Church & Benefactors of St. John Neumann Shrine

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 - *The Nativity of the Lord*

9:30 AM Purgatorian Society

11:00 AM Ramira Mateo - rb: Graulau/ Davila Family

12:30 PM Twelve Days of Christmas #1

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26 - *St. Stephen*

7:30 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM Twelve Days of Christmas #2

5:30 PM Juanita Leon - rb: Graulau/ Davila Family

7:00 PM Nidia Graulau - rb: Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27 - *St. John the Apostle*

7:30 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM OLPH Mass League

5:30 PM Twelve Days of Christmas #3

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28 - *The Holy Innocents*

7:30 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM †Thomas McGrath - rb: Patricia McGrath

5:30 PM Twelve Days of Christmas #4

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29 - *St. Thomas Becket*

7:30 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM Neumann Guild

5:30 PM †Twelve Days of Christmas #5

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30 - *St. John of Kanty*

7:30 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM OLPH Mass League

SANCTUARY CANDLES

This week, the candles in the sanctuaries will burn for the following intentions:

Blessed Sacrament Altar (Lower Church)

Little Family - rb: Nora Little

Cabanday Family

OLPH Shrine (Upper Church)

†Henrietta J. & Theodore P. Hunter, Sr.
- rb: Vanessa Hunter

John MacLeod - rb: MacLeod Family

St. John Neumann Altar

Nguyen Family - rb: Le Nguyen

†Tommy McGrath - rb: Patricia McGrath

Blessed Sacrament Altar (Upper Church)

Nguyen Family - rb: Le Nguyen

Redemptorist Chapel

Dorothy DeStefano - rb: Donald Ambrose



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

**I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day
by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow**

I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

I thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along th'unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

And in despair I bowed my head:
'There is no peace on earth, ' I said
'For hate is strong, and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men.'

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
'God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men.'

Till, ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime,
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

*The priests, sisters, and
the entire staff of our
parish, school and shrine,
wish you and your loved
ones the blessings of
Christmas filled with
God's love and peace.*

REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH

In your prayers, please keep in mind our sick, homebound, and those in healthcare facilities including: Frank Abate, Heath Armstrong, Moira Armstrong, Susan Armstrong, Lou Baldwin, Mark Bogan, Melissa Borinson, Theresa Brocco, Barbara Brownholtz, Landon Burdette, Linda Burdette, Seth Burdette, Sophie Burdette, Brenda Burgos, William Butter, William J. Butter, Marisa E. Butter, Carlos Edgar Camacho Avilez, Ellen Canullo, Linda Cicchesi, Lisa Cicchesi, Norine Cross, Christopher Davis, John DeAngelo, Matt Devlin, Agnes Donnelly, Mary Dunbar, Lauren Echevarria, Joan Evers, Mary Ellen Evers, John Fairey, Candyce Flemming, Michael Fox, Frank Germanovich, Linda Germanovich, Amy Gordon, Ross Greenberg, Madeline Hentz, Frank Joseph, Rosemary Joseph, Carol Julian, Gary Julian, James Kernan, Anna Kettleberger, Frank Kueny, Joseph Kumar, Thaddeus Kumar, Andrew Little, John Little, Austin Litteral, Matt Lomis, Mike Lutz, Dolores Marroletti, Arthur Novella, Tom O'Brien, John Pasqualoni, Terry Petrella, Kathleen Ponticelli, Joseph Procacci, Frank Ramos, Marie Reichart, Mike Rosen, Susan Rosen, Marie Schrack, Maria Anna Sergi-Correia, Bruce Sham, Joe Sklenkar, Joan Sisk, Maria Strzarka, Gabriella Szekely, Raymond Tancredi, James Telepak, Kathy Triglia, Mario Tropea, Henry Valentine, Carlos Vilches, Danielle Walsh-La Grotteria, Stanley Zaleski. Please call the rectory office to add a name to the list.

SECOND COLLECTION IN DECEMBER

12/24 Building and Maintenance Fund

CHECK OUT OUR CATHOLIC RESOURCES DISPLAY!

It is located in the stand in the back of the church.

Take a CD with you and listen to it while driving, or a booklet to read before bed in order to focus your thoughts on God. Then, pass it on to someone else so he/ she can also hear the gospel. The requested donations are posted on the stand. Your generous donations help support the mission of stewardship.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

Consider lighting a candle for your intentions, or in memory of a loved one. The candles are located at the Blessed Sacrament Altar, the Perpetual Help Shrine, the St. John Neumann Altar, the Upper Church's Main Altar, and Priest Chapel. If you are interested, please contact the rectory office for details. Donation: \$20.00 for 2 weeks; \$10 for one week.



Go to www.stjohnneumann.org/parish, click on the link under the **Parish Giving** logo. Follow the easy registration instructions.

NEW YEAR'S DAY SCHEDULE:

On Sunday, December 31, 2017, our Masses will be held at 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (Spanish) 12:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m.

On Monday, January 1, 2018, New Year's Day, Masses will be held at 7:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. The Parish and Shrine offices, and the Gift Shop, will be closed.

SCHOOL NEWS

UNITED WAY DONATIONS

If you contribute to the United Way through your workplace, please consider designating St. Peter the Apostle School, **UNITED WAY #52989**, for your donation to help the school.

SPONSOR A CHILD

St. Peter the Apostle School has educated children since 1848. We are asking for your help this Christmas Season. Could you please find it in your heart to "Sponsor a Child" for Christmas? Any donation towards helping a family with their tuition at St. Peter the Apostle School would be greatly appreciated. Please call Sr. Rose at (215) 922-5958 for more details.

JOSEPHINE C. CONNELLY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Eighth Grade students at St. Peter the Apostle School can apply for the Josephine C. Connelly Achievement Award for High School. Please contact Sr. Rose at the School for more information.

FIND THE REDEMPTORISTS ONLINE

Looking for a few bytes of spiritual food during the week? Want to know more about what the Redemptorists do? Curious about how to join us? Visit www.redemptorists.net. There you'll find daily audio homilies preached by Redemptorists of the Baltimore Province. This is also the place for province news, vocation retreat schedules, and a gift shop. Follow the Redemptorists on Facebook and Twitter too. All this and more at www.redemptorists.net.

AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) meets every Sunday from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., and every Wednesday (Women's Meeting) from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., and the first Saturday of each month from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the basement of the convent.

LA MISA DE HOY

11:00 AM †Raimunda Villa - rb: Otilia Garcia

Los Martes: Misa Hispana - 7:00 p.m.

Los Domingos: Círculo de Oración - 7:00 p.m.

Los Viernes: Legión de María - 1:00 p.m.

Primer Domingo del Mes: Sagrado Corazón - 12 mediodía

Cuarto Domingo del Mes: Curia - Legión de María - 2 p.m.

VELA DEL SANTUARIO

Esta semana, las velas de los santuarios se prenderán por cada una de estas intenciones:

Altar del Santísimo Sacramento (Iglesia de Abajo)

Little Family - rb: Nora Little

Cabanday Family

Santuario de Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro (Iglesia de Arriba)

†Henrietta J. & Theodore P. Hunter, Sr.

- rb: Vanessa Hunter

John MacLeod - rb: MacLeod Family

Altar de San Juan Neumann

Nguyen Family - rb: Le Nguyen

†Tommy McGrath - rb: Patricia McGrath

Altar del Santísimo Sacramento (Iglesia de Arriba)

Nguyen Family - rb: Le Nguyen

Capilla de los Redentoristas

Dorothy DeStefano - rb: Donald Ambrose

CIRCULO DE ORACIÓN CARISMÁTICO

No habrá Círculo de Oración el 24 de Diciembre ni el 31 de Diciembre. ¡Feliz y bendita Navidad! ¡Feliz y próspero Año Nuevo! Los esperamos el 7 de Enero del 2018.



DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PASTOR

Oí Las Campanas En Navidad por Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Oí las campanas tocar, en Navidad
Sus viejos villancicos familiares,
Y repetir las palabras potentes y dulces
De paz en la tierra a los hombres de buena voluntad.

Yo pensé como, cuando había llegado el día.
Los campanarios de toda Cristiandad
Habían tocado la canción sin parar
De paz en la tierra a los hombres de buena voluntad.

Y en desesperanza, agaché la cabeza:
'No hay paz en la tierra,' dije,
'Porque el odio es fuerte y burla la canción
De paz en la tierra a los hombres de buena voluntad.

Luego repican las campanas más fuerte y hondo:
'Dios no murió, tampoco duerme;
El Mal fallará, el Bien prevalecerá,
Con paz en la tierra a los hombres de buena
voluntad.

Hasta que, repicando, cantando en su camino,
El mundo girase de la noche al día
Una voz, un carillón, un canto sublime,
De paz en la tierra a los hombres de buena voluntad.

Horario de Navidad

Domingo 12/24

Misas: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m.,
11:00 a.m. (Español), 12:30 p.m.
5:30 p.m. (Christmas Eve Mass)
No habrá Misa a las 3:30 p.m.

Lunes, 12/25

Misas: 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (Español)
12:30 p.m.

La Iglesia cerrará después de la Misa de 12:30 p.m.

No habrá confesiones.

Las oficinas y la tienda estarán cerradas
el 12/25 y 12/26.

*Los sacerdotes, las hermanas,
y todo el personal de nuestra
parroquia, escuela, y
santuario les deseamos a
ustedes y sus seres queridos
las bendiciones de la Navidad
llenas del amor
y la paz de Dios.*

RECUERDE A LOS ENFERMOS DE LA PARROQUIA

En sus oraciones, por favor, tenga en cuenta nuestros enfermos, confinados en casa, y aquellos en los centros de salud, incluyendo: Frank Abate, Heath Armstrong, Moira Armstrong, Susan Armstrong, Lou Baldwin, Mark Bogan, Melissa Borinson, Theresa Brocco, Barbara Brownholtz, Landon Burdette, Linda Burdette, Seth Burdette, Sophie Burdette, Brenda Burgos, William Butter, William J. Butter, Marisa E. Butter, Carlos Edgar Camacho Avilez, Ellen Canullo, Linda Cicchesi, Lisa Cicchesi, Norine Cross, Christopher Davis, John DeAngelo, Matt Devlin, Agnes Donnelly, Mary Dunbar, Lauren Echevarria, Joan Evers, Mary Ellen Evers, John Fairey, Candyce Flemming, Michael Fox, Frank Germanovich, Linda Germanovich, Amy Gordon, Ross Greenberg, Madeline Hentz, Frank Joseph, Rosemary Joseph, Carol Julian, Gary Julian, James Kernan, Anna Kettleberger, Frank Kueny, Joseph Kumar, Thaddeus Kumar, Andrew Little, John Little, Austin Litteral, Matt Lomis, Mike Lutz, Dolores Marroletti, Arthur Novella, Tom O'Brien, John Pasqualoni, Terry Petrella, Kathleen Ponticelli, Joseph Procacci, Frank Ramos, Marie Reichart, Mike Rosen, Susan Rosen, Marie Schrack, Maria Anna Sergi-Correia, Bruce Sham, Joe Sklenkar, Joan Sisk, Maria Strzarka, Gabriella Szekely, Raymond Tancredi, James Telepak, Kathy Triglia, Mario Tropea, Henry Valentine, Carlos Vilches, Danielle Walsh-La Groterria, Stanley Zaleski. Favor de llamar a la rectoría para poner un nombre en la lista.

VISITA NUESTROS RECURSOS CATÓLICOS

Se encuentra en el puesto en la parte posterior de la Iglesia.

Tome un CD con usted y escúchelo mientras conduce, o un folleto para leer antes de acostarse con el fin de enfocar sus pensamientos en Dios. Entonces, páselo a otra persona para que también pueda escuchar el Evangelio. Las donaciones solicitadas están publicadas en el puesto. Sus donaciones generosas ayudan a apoyar la misión de mayordomía.

SEGUNDA COLECTA EN DICIEMBRE

12/24 Fondo de Mantenimiento

COLECTA PARA LA CASA SARNELLI

Una vez más, la Iglesia San Pedro el Apóstol se ha unido a la Casa Sarnelli (un programa de alcance para las personas sin hogar en el área de Kensington). Estamos colectando sombreros, guantes, calcetines, sudaderas, y pantalones de ejercicio para ellos en esta temporada de invierno fría. Sin embargo, también estamos recogiendo cosas como pasta de dientes, cepillos de dientes, desodorante, enjuague bucal, gel de baño, etc. Estos artículos son muy prácticos y son muy apreciados por las personas que viven en una habitación alquilada o en la calle. Le agradecemos su amabilidad y generosidad durante esta temporada Santa.

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HORARIO DEL DIA DE AÑO

NUEVO: El Domingo, 31 de Diciembre, 2017, nuestras Misas serán a las 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (Español) 12:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m.

El Lunes, 1 de Enero, 2018, el Día del Año Nuevo, las Misas serán a las 7:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m., y 5:30 p.m. Las oficinas de la Parroquia y del Santuario y la Tienda estarán cerradas.

NOTICIAS DE LA ESCUELA

LAS DONACIONES DE UNITED WAY

Si usted contribuye al United Way a través de su trabajo, favor de considerar la designación de la Escuela San Pedro, **UNITED WAY #52989**, para su donación para ayudar a la escuela.

PATRICONAR UN NIÑO

La Escuela San Pedro el Apóstol ha educado niños desde el 1848. Les pedimos su ayuda en este Tiempo de Navidad. ¿Puedes buscar en tu corazón para "Patrocinar un Niño" esta Navidad? Cualquier donación para ayudar una familia con su pago de matrícula en la Escuela San Pedro el Apóstol será muy agradecida. Favor de llamar a la Hermana Rose al (215) 922-5958 para más detalles.

BECA DE EXITO JOSEPHINE C. CONNELLY

Los Estudiantes de Octavo Grado de la Escuela San Pedro el Apóstol pueden solicitar para la Beca de Éxito Josephine C. Connelly para la Escuela Secundaria. Favor de comunicarse con la Hermana Rose en la Escuela para más información.

VELA DEL SANTUARIO

Donación: \$10 por una semana.

Favor de comunicarse con la oficina de la rectoría para más detalles.

ENCUENTREN LOS REDENTORISTAS EN EL INTERNET

¿Está usted buscando alimento espiritual durante la semana? ¿Quiere saber más de lo que hacen los Redentoristas? ¿Está curioso de saber cómo unirse a nosotros? Visite www.redemptorists.net. Ahí usted encontrará una homilía cada día predicada por uno de los redentoristas de la Provincia de Baltimore. También encontrará noticias de la Provincia, calendario de retiros vocacionales, y una tienda de artículos religiosos bonitos para regalar. Además usted puede seguir a los redentoristas en Facebook y Twitter. ¡Todo esto y más, en www.redemptorists.net!



Remembering the Homeless this Christmas Season!



St. Peter the Apostle Church is collecting much needed items for the homeless in this cold winter season. Please drop these items off at the Rectory Office.

- Hats, Gloves, & Scarves
- Socks
- Sweatpants
- Sweatshirts
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Deodorant
- Mouthwash
- Body wash
- Shampoo
- Skin Cream
- Hair brush & Comb
- Lip Balm

All donations will go to Sarnelli House (an outreach program founded by the Redemptorists) located on Kensington Avenue.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2017

SUNDAY 12/24

MASSES

7:30 A.M.

9:30 A.M.

11:00 A.M. (SPANISH)

12:30 P.M.

5:30 P.M. (CHRISTMAS EVE MASS)

****NO 3:30 P.M. MASS****

MONDAY, 12/25

MASSES

9:30 A.M.

11:00 A.M. (SPANISH)

12:30 P.M.

THE CHURCH WILL CLOSE AFTER THE 12:30 P.M. MASS. THERE WILL BE NO CONFESSIONS.

THE OFFICES AND GIFT SHOP
WILL BE CLOSED ON 12/25 & 12/26.