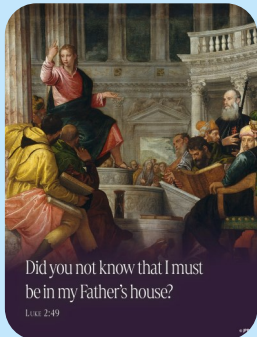
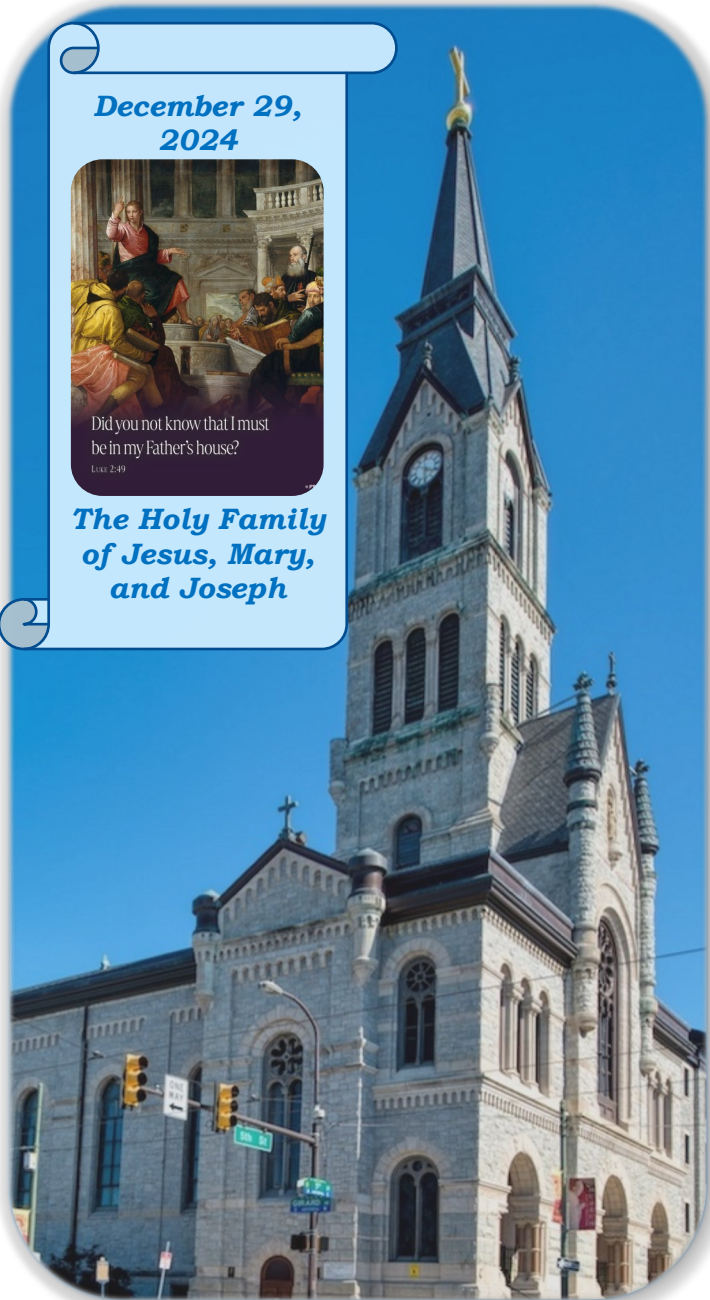


December 29,  
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**The Holy Family  
of Jesus, Mary,  
and Joseph**



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### **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday:** 12:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m (Vigil).  
**Sunday:** 7:30 a.m, 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (Spanish),  
12:30 pm  
**Weekdays:** 7:00 a.m, 12:15 p.m., 5:30 p.m.  
**O.L.P.H. Novena:** 7:00 p.m. (Shrine) Filipino Sponsored

### **CONFESSIONS**

**Mon - Sat:** 11:45 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.  
**Sunday:** 10:30 a.m. (Spanish)

### **RECTORY OFFICE**

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

### **GIFT SHOP SCHEDULE**

**Monday - Sunday:** 10 a.m. - 3:00 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 28

5:30 PM Vinh Au & Melissa Bowman Wedding  
Anniversary - rb: Le Nguyen

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

7:30 AM Purgatorian Society  
9:30 AM Kernan Family - rb: Ann  
11:00 AM Gilberto Vazquez – rb: Haydee Velazquez  
12:30 PM Purgatorian Society

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society  
12:15 PM † Pascual Bermudez - rb: Nydia Betancourt  
5:30 PM † Frank Kearney - rb: Susan Kearney

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society  
12:15 PM Roy Wheeler – rb: Zaida Wheeler  
5:30 PM Collette Berg - rb: Liam & Mary Ferns

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

9:30 AM Thanksgiving - rb: Erlinda Piczon

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society  
12:15 PM Michaela Breslin - rb: Carolyn Bennett  
5:30 PM † Dominic & Maria Nguyen - rb: Le Nguyen

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society  
12:15 PM Neumann Guild  
5:30 PM Andy & Janet Fajardo 26th Wedding  
Anniversary - rb: Janet Fajardo

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

12:15 PM OLPH MASS LEAGE

## REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH

In your prayers, please keep in mind our sick, homebound, and those in healthcare facilities including: Fr. Gerard Brinkmann CSsR, Jennifer Woods, Andrew Boyle, John Paul Gordon, Jr., Rose M. Noordzy, Charles Lovett, Mary Zajac, Aelya Farrell, Elsie Cintron, Leonor Alfonso, William Santos, Mia Cassoli, Gail Warren, Matthew Lee, Robert Federico, Shawn Wojciechowicz, Clara Torres, Ada Olivo, John Fairey, Carmen Rodriguez, Crecensia Ayala, Luis Soler, Jr., Wayne Shaak, Jacob Rivera, Grazyna Kolondra, Michaela Breslin, Jose Dorotan M.D., Rodolfo Suarez, June Ambrose, Minerva and Saulo Pena, Michael Miccilo, Marcelino Casiano, Luz Martines, Juana Ortiz, and Collette Berg.  
*Please call the rectory office to add a name.*

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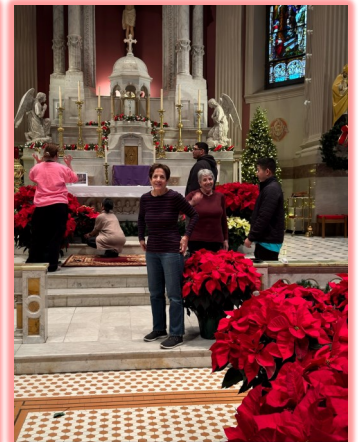


## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to Maura Farrell, Thor Foster, Carol and Mike Hagen, Mike Hand, Nora Little, Jannine Malave, Francisco Nieves, Michael Nieves, Tam Nguyen, and Br. Vinh Nguyen, Ann O'Donnell, Mike O'Neil, Joanne Palladino, Zelma Preston, Mark Reed, Jean Taraborelli, and Lisa Trillo for their time and effort in decorating our parish for the Christmas Season. Your hard work has enriched our celebration and made it that much more memorable. We appreciate your dedication and support in making our parish beautiful during this special time of year. Thank you!

Blessings,  
Fr Mike





### THE ROSARY

We invite you to join us each day at 11:55 a.m. in the Shrine as we pray the Rosary for peace. Please come and pray with us.



### ELECTRONIC GIVING



Go to the page: [spaphilly.org](http://spaphilly.org) tab **Donate** and select the link with the **Parish Giving Logo**  
Follow the simple instructions

### Celestial Wonders: A Glimpse into God's Creation

The Dumbbell Nebula set 1360 light-years above St. Peter the Apostle Church. "Look up into the heavens. Who created the stars? He brings them out one after another, calling each by its name."  
Isaiah 40:26



### SANCTUARY CANDLES

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

#### *Blessed Sacrament Altar (Lower Church)*

*Nguyen Family - rb: Le Nguyen*

#### *OLPH Shrine (Upper Church)*

*Little Family - rb: Nora Little*

#### *St. John Neumann Altar*

*Nguyen Family - rb: Le Nguyen*

#### *Blessed Sacrament Altar (Upper Church)*

*Available*

#### *Redemptorist Chapel*

*Available*

### SANCTUARY CANDLES

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 the Priest Chapel.



If you are interested, please contact the rectory office for details.

**Donation: \$20 for 2 weeks; \$10 for one week**



The Announced Mass book is now open for 2025. Please bring your intention and donation to the Parish Office.

**Each intention is \$10.**

### LA MISA DE HOY

11:00 AM Gilberto Vazquez – sp: Haydee Velazquez

### CONFESIONES EN ESPAÑOL

10:30 AM

### DONACIONES DE UNITED WAY

Si usted contribuye a United Way a través de su trabajo, favor considere designar a la **Escuela San Pedro, United Way #52989**, para que su donación ayude a nuestra escuela.

### VELA DEL SANTUARIO

Esta semana, las velas de los santuarios se encenderán por las siguientes intenciones:

*Altar del Santísimo Sacramento (Iglesia de Abajo)*  
*Familia Nguyen - sp: Le Nguyen*  
*Santuario de Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro*  
*(Iglesia de Arriba)*

*Familia Little - sp: Nora Little*  
*Altar de San Juan Neumann*

*Familia Nguyen - sp: Le Nguyen*  
*Altar del Santísimo Sacramento (Iglesia de Arriba)*  
*Disponible*  
*Capilla de los Redentoristas*  
*Disponible*

### RECORDEMOS A LOS ENFERMOS DE LA PARROQUIA

En sus oraciones, por favor, tenga en cuenta a nuestros enfermos, confinados en casa, y aquellos en los centros de salud, incluyendo: Fr. Gerard Brinkmann CSsR, Jennifer Woods, Andrew Boyle, John Paul Gordon, Jr., Rose M. Noordzy, Charles Lovett, Mary Zajac, Aelya Farrell, Elsie Cintron, Leonor Alfonso, William Santos, Mia Cassoli, Gail Warren, Matthew Lee, Robert Federico, Shawn Wojciechowicz, Clara Torres, Ada Olivo, John Fairey, Carmen Rodriguez, Crecensia Ayala, Luis Soler, Jr., Wayne Shaak, Jacob Rivera, Grazyna Kolondra, Michaela Breslin, Jose Dorotan M.D., Rodolfo Suarez, June Ambrose, Minerva and Saulo Pena, Michael Miccilo, Marcelino Casiano, Luz Martines, Juana Ortiz, and Collette Berg. Favor de llamar a la rectoría para incluir un nombre en la lista.

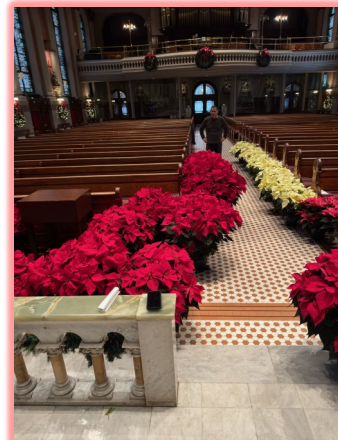


## DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PASTOR

Queridos Feligreses,

Quiero expresar mi más sincero agradecimiento a Maura Farrell, Thor Foster, Carol y Mike Hagen, Mike Hand, Nora Little, Jannine Malave, Francisco Nieves, Michael Nieves, Tam Nguyen y el Hno. Vinh Nguyen, Ann O'Donnell, Mike O'Neil, Joanne Palladino, Zelma Preston, Mark Reed, Jean Taraborelli y Lisa Trillo por su tiempo y esfuerzo en la decoración de nuestra parroquia para la temporada navideña. Su trabajo ha enriquecido nuestra celebración y la ha hecho mucho más memorable. Apreciamos su dedicación y apoyo para hacer que nuestra parroquia sea hermosa durante esta época especial del año. ¡Gracias!

Bendiciones,  
Padre Mike



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## O Holy Night, The King is Born: What Christmas Is About

Celebrate the wonder and joy of Christmas with Brother Francis in this heartwarming presentation of the birth of God's Son! Witness the moving submission of Mary, Joseph, and others as they make way for our Savior.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.  
Visit [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.  
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### EL ROSARIO

Les invitamos a unirse a nosotros todos los días a las 11:55AM en el Santuario a rezar el Rosario por la paz. Venga y únase a nosotros con el arma espiritual.



### DONACION ELECTRONICA

Ingrese a la página [spaphilly.org](https://spaphilly.org) y seleccione el enlace bajo el logotipo **Parish Giving**. Siga las sencillas instrucciones para registrarse.



## Maravillas celestiales: una mirada a la creación de Dios

La Nebulosa Dumbbell se encuentra a 1360 años luz sobre la Iglesia de San Pedro Apóstol. "Miren hacia los cielos. ¿Quién creó las estrellas? Él las hace aparecer una tras otra, llamando a cada una por su nombre". Isaías 40:26





## ST. PETER THE APOSTLE PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH:

REGULAR WEEKDAY MASSES IN SHRINE AT 7:00 AM AND 12:15 PM

CHOIR CONCERT AT 5:00 PM  
VIGIL MASS AT 5:30 PM IN THE UPPER CHURCH  
NO CONFESSIONS

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH:

9:30 AM (ENGLISH) AND 11:00 AM (SPANISH) IN THE UPPER CHURCH  
NO CONFESSIONS

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST:

REGULAR WEEKDAY MASSES AT 7:00 AM AND 12:15 PM  
5:30 PM VIGIL IN THE SHRINE  
FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1ST:

9:30 AM IN THE SHRINE  
FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD  
NO CONFESSIONS

## Join us for the ST. JOHN NEUMANN FEAST DAY *MASSES*

**SUNDAY,  
JANUARY 5TH  
FEAST DAY**

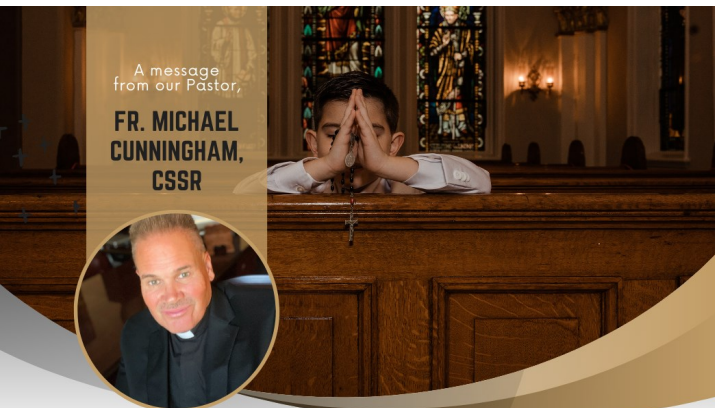
12:30 PM  
Upper Church

Rev. Jerome Chavarria, C.Ss.R.  
Coordinator  
Conference of Redemptorists  
of North America

**MONDAY,  
JANUARY 6TH**

12:15 PM  
Upper Church

Bishop Bruce A. Lewandowski,  
C.Ss.R.  
Titular Bishop of Croae  
Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore



A message  
from our Pastor,

**FR. MICHAEL  
CUNNINGHAM,  
CSSR**

## UNITED IN FAITH AND LOVE *Program*

ON COMMITMENT WEEKEND, NOVEMBER 23RD AND 24TH, I INVITE EACH OF YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS IMPORTANT PROGRAM AND HELP US RESPOND TO GOD'S GREAT GIFT OF LOVE. I ASK THAT YOU PLEASE REVIEW THE BROCHURE YOU SHOULD RECEIVE IN THE MAIL AND PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER HOW YOU AND YOUR FAMILY CAN HELP ST. PETER THE APOSTLE CHURCH BY FINANCIALLY SUPPORTING OUR MINISTRIES, FURTHERING OUR MISSION, AND REINFORCING OUR FUTURE.

WE ASK THAT ALL FAITHFUL PARISHIONERS COMPLETE A COMMITMENT CARD. A CARD WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE BROCHURE MAILING FOR YOU TO:

- MAIL TO THE CHURCH USING THE PRE-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE
- BRING YOUR CARD TO MASS NEXT SUNDAY
- OR YOU MAY VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE AT [WWW.SPAPHILLY.ORG](http://WWW.SPAPHILLY.ORG) AND COMPLETE AN ELECTRONIC COMMITMENT CARD

THE BACK OF THE COMMITMENT CARD HAS A PLACE FOR YOU TO INCLUDE ANY PRAYER INTENTIONS YOU WISH TO SHARE. WE WELCOME ALL INTENTIONS AND THEY WILL BE PRAYED FOR COLLECTIVELY OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO A PRIEST, PLEASE INDICATE SO ON YOUR CARD AND WE WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH YOU. OUR GOAL IS 100% PARTICIPATION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE CHURCH!



## Christmas Hours

Please note that our museum, gift shop, shrine and rectory offices will close early at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, Dec. 24th and will be closed on Wednesday, Dec. 25th and Thursday, Dec. 26th. Regular full-time hours will resume on Friday, Dec. 27th

We will also be closed on New Years Day, Wednesday, Jan. 1st

