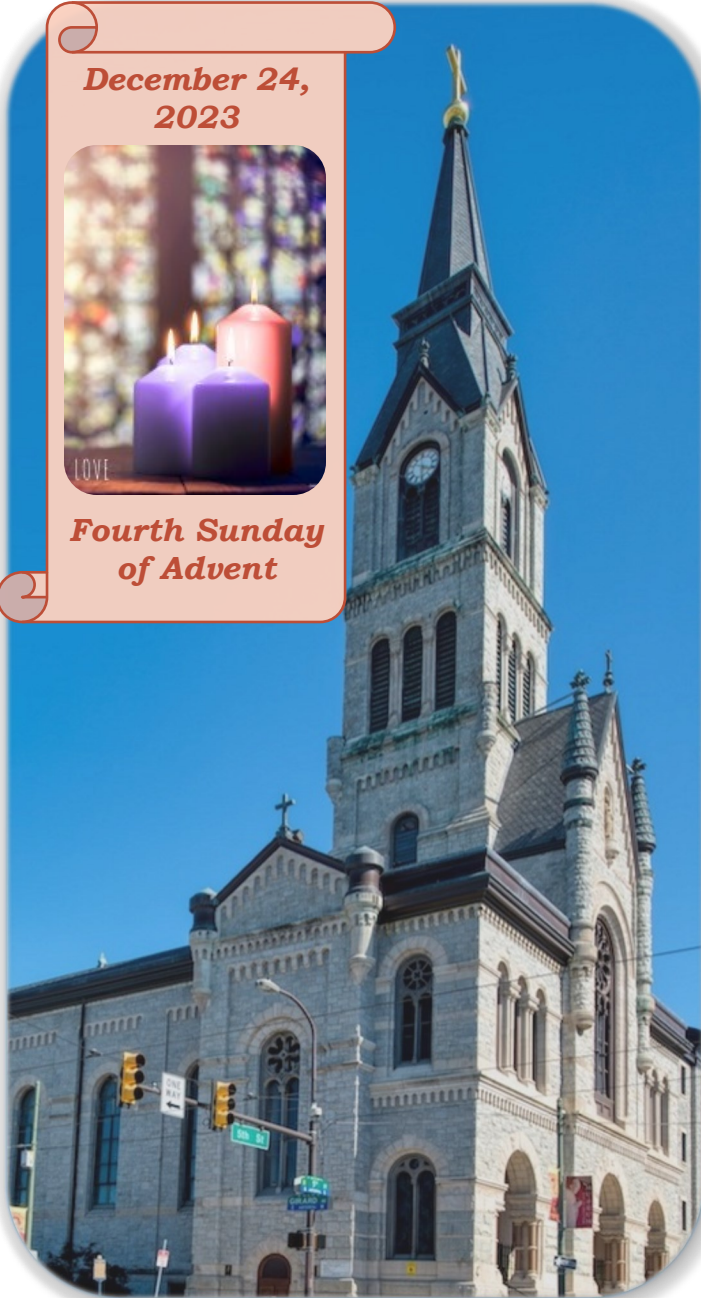


December 24,
2023



Fourth Sunday
of Advent



St. Peter the Apostle 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: 7:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 5:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. (Shrine)

O.L.P.H. Novena: Wednesdays after mass at 7:00 p.m.
Filipino (Shrine)

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 TEMPORARY 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 23

5:30 PM Isabella Malave B-day -rb: The Malave Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 - *Christmas Eve*

7:30 AM Purgatorian Society

9:30 AM Bishop Joseph Coffey - rb: Michael Grogan

11:00 AM † Armando Baez - rb: Haydee Velazquez

12:30 PM Parish Family and Tarcelo De los Reyes - rb: Family

5:30 PM † Jerry Fedorowycz - rb: Christine Bottomoer

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 - *Christmas Day*

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society and † Oscar Ocava - rb: The Malave Family

12:15 PM † Tim Rossiter - rb: Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM † Thomas Junior - rb: Patricia

5:30 PM † Maria Thom Tran - rb: Chau Nguyen

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM OLPH Mass League

5:30 PM † Vincent Onugu - rb: Chuka Onugu

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM Mildred Grace - rb: Madeline Johnson

5:30 PM † Rose Marciano - rb: Fran McClure

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM Neumann Guild

5:30 PM † Debbie Bambino - rb: Lynnette Gachoki

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM OLPH Mass League

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, Fr. Donald Miniscalco CSsR, Andrew Little, Michael Gruninger, Jim Kernan, Marcelino Casiano, John Fairey, William J. Butter, Andrew Boyle, Liam Bocarro, Mary Farrell, John Paul Gordon, Jr., Rose M. Noordzy, Milagros Velazquez, Charles Lovett, Mary Zajac, Aelya Farrell, John Paul Gordon, Jr., Antonia Neris, Leonor Alfonso, William Santos, Mia Cassoli, Gail Warren, Lonnie Freeman, Matthew Lee, and for those who are sick from the Covid-19 Virus. Please call the rectory office to add a name.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

As we come together to celebrate Christ's BIRTH, let us also celebrate Christ's PEACE and the new HOPE it brings!

Awake, glad heart! Get up and sing!
It is the birth-day of thy King.

Awake! awake!
The Sun doth shake
Light from his locks, and all the way
Breathing perfumes, doth spice the day.

Awake, awake! hark how the' wood rings;
Winds whisper, and the busy springs
A concert make;
Awake! awake!
Man is their high-priest, and should rise
To offer up the sacrifice.

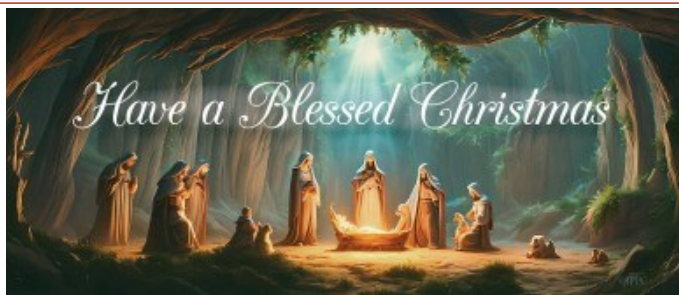
I would I were some bird, or star,
Fluttering in woods, or lifted far
Above this inn
And road of sin!
Then either star or bird should be
Shining or singing still to thee.

I would I had in my best part
Fit rooms for thee! or that my heart
Were so clean as
Thy manger was!
Yet, if thou wilt, thou canst make clean.

Sweet Jesus! will then. Let no more
This leper haunt and soil thy door!
Cure him, ease him,
O release him!
And let once more, by mystic birth,
The Lord of life be born on earth.

Christ's Nativity by Henry Vaughan

From the Redemptorist Fathers and Brothers,
may you and your loved ones have a Merry and
Blessed Christmas!



Peace,

Fr. Mike

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

† Ingrid Funtanilla

St. John Neumann Altar

Nguyen Family - rb: Le Nguyen

† Carmen Miranda - rb: Jose A. Miranda

Blessed Sacrament Altar (Upper Church)

Available

Redemptorist Chapel

Available

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 tab **Donate** and select the link with the **Parish Giving** logo Follow the simple instructions



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St. Peter the Apostle YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Are you a young adult between the ages of 21-39 and are interested in growing a deeper relationship with Christ or becoming involved in ministry?

We invite you to join our **St. Peter the Apostle Young Adult Group!**



Contact the rectory office for more information: 215.627.2386

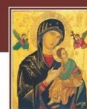
what is God calling you to be?

Discover more about life as a Redemptorist priest or brother today!

MASS INTENTIONS

Beginning January 2024, the unannounced mass intention stipend will be raised to \$10.00 a mass.

We thank you for your continuous support and trusting us with your special intentions.



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LA MISA DE HOY

11:00 AM † Armando Baez - sp: Haydee Velazquez

CONFESIONES EN ESPAÑOL

10:30 PM

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

† Ingrid Funtanilla

Altar de San Juan Neumann

Familia Nguyen - sp: Le Nguyen

† Carmen Miranda - rb: Jose A. Miranda

Altar del Santísimo Sacramento (Iglesia de Arriba)

Desponsible

Capilla de los Redentoristas

Desponsible

VELA DEL SANTUARIO

Considere encender una vela por sus intenciones, o en memoria de un ser querido. Estas velas se encuentran en el Altar del Santísimo Sacramento, el Santuario de Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro, el Altar de San Juan Neumann, el Altar Principal de la Iglesia de Arriba, y la Capilla de los Sacerdotes. Si usted está interesado, comuníquese con la oficina de la rectoría para más detalles.



Donación: \$20.00 por 2 semanas; \$10 por una semana.

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, Fr. Donald Miniscalco CSsR, Andrew Little, Michael Gruninger, Jim Kernan, Marcelino Casiano, John Fairey, William J. Butter, Andrew Boyle, Liam Bocarro, Mary Farrell, John Paul Gordon, Jr., Rose M. Noordzy, Milagros Velazquez, Charles Lovett, Mary Zajac, Aelya Farrell, John Paul Gordon, Jr., Antonia Neris, Leonor Alfonso, William Santos, Mia Cassoli, Gail Warren, Lonnie Freeman, Matthew Lee, y personas enfermas por el Covid-19. Favor de llamar a la rectoría para incluir un nombre en la lista.

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DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PASTOR

Estimados feligreses:

Mientras nos reunimos para celebrar el NACIMIENTO de Cristo, ¡celebrems también la PAZ de Cristo y la nueva ESPERANZA que trae!

¡Despierta, corazón alegre! ¡Levántate y canta!
Es el cumpleaños de tu Rey.

¡Despierto! ¡despierto!

El sol tiembla

Luz desde sus mechones, y hasta el final.

Respirar perfumes condimenta el día.

¡Despierta, despierta! escucha cómo suena la madera;

Los vientos susurran y las bulliciosas primaveras

Un concierto hecho;

¡Despierto! ¡despierto!

El hombre es su sumo sacerdote y debe elevarse

Para ofrecer el sacrificio.

Ojalá fuera un pájaro o una estrella,
Revoloteando en el bosque o elevado lejos

encima de esta posada

¡Y camino del pecado!

Entonces debería ser estrella o pájaro.

Brillando o cantándote todavía.

hubiera tenido en mi mejor parte

¡Habitaciones adecuadas para ti! o que mi corazón

Estaban tan limpios como

¡Tu pesebre era!

Sin embargo, si quieres, puedes limpiar.

¡Dulce Jesús! lo hará entonces. no dejes más

¡Este leproso acecha y ensucia tu puerta!

Cúralo, alivialo,

¡Oh, libérenlo!

Y que una vez más, por nacimiento místico,

El Señor de la vida nazca en la tierra.

La Natividad de Cristo por Henry Vaughan

De parte de los Padres y Hermanos Redentoristas,

¡que usted y sus seres queridos tengan una Feliz y Bendita Navidad!



Paz,

Padre Mike

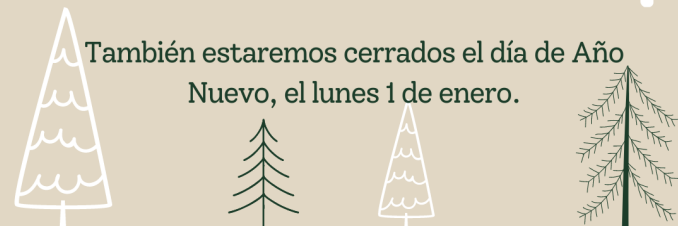


Tenga en cuenta que nuestra tienda de regalos cerrará temprano a la 1:00 p.m. el domingo 24 de diciembre.

Nuestra tienda de regalos, santuario y oficinas de la rectoría estarán cerradas el lunes 25 y martes 26 de diciembre.

El horario habitual de tiempo completo se reanudará el miércoles 27 de diciembre.

También estaremos cerrados el día de Año Nuevo, el lunes 1 de enero.



COLECTAS DEL FIN DE SEMANA 12/17/2023

Debido a la impresión temprana del boletín, la información de las colectas de las semanas pasadas estarán en el próximo boletín

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 y seleccione el enlace bajo el logotipo **Parish Giving**. Siga las sencillas instrucciones para registrarse.



INTENCION DE MISA

A partir de enero de 2024, el estipendio por intención masiva no anunciado se elevará a \$10.00 la masa.

Le agradecemos su continuo apoyo y confiarnos con sus intenciones especiales.



La Escuela Saint Peter the Apostle School ahora esta inscribiendo **nuevos estudiantes** para grados **PK 4 - 8** para el año escolar **2023-2024!**

Escanee el código QR o visite <https://mytads.com/a/stpetertheapostleschool> para presentar su solicitud en línea.

Comuníquese con Jesseca Leiva a jleiva@stpetertheapostleschool.com o al 215-922-5958 para una visita, obtener información sobre la ayuda con la matrícula y obtener más información sobre programas de asistencia.





Christmas Hours

Please note that our gift shop will close early at 1:00 pm on Sunday, Dec. 24th.

Our gift shop, shrine and rectory offices will be closed on

Monday, Dec. 25th and Tuesday, Dec. 26th

Regular full-time hours will resume on Wednesday, Dec. 27th

We will also be closed on

New Years Day, Monday, Jan. 1st



ST. PETER THE APOSTLE PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH IN THE UPPER CHURCH

CHOIR CONCERT AT 5:00 PM

VIGIL MASS AT 5:30 PM

NO CONFESSIONS, NO 3:30 PM MASS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH IN THE UPPER CHURCH

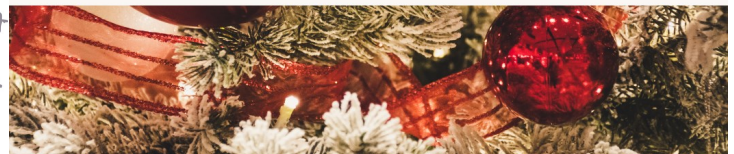
7:00 AM AND 12:15 PM

NO CONFESSIONS, NO 5:30 PM MASS

MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST IN THE UPPER CHURCH

9:30 AM MASS ONLY

NO CONFESSIONS



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**ST. JOHN NEUMANN
FEAST DAY**
Masses

**FRIDAY,
JANUARY 5TH
FEAST DAY**

12:15 PM
Upper Church

Rev. John Kingsbury, C.Ss.R.
Shrine Director

**SUNDAY,
JANUARY 7TH**

12:30 PM
Upper Church

Very. Rev. John Collins,
C.Ss.R. Provincial Superior
of the Baltimore Province

Note: There will be no 3:30 pm
Mass on January 7th



The True Meaning of Christmas | Lukas Storyteller

Christmas is coming and our friends Peter, Agnes, Paul and Anna expect to receive many gifts. but when they caught in one of their antics. Lukas and Noah will help them understand the true story of Christmas and how the birth of the Son of God should change our hearts.

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