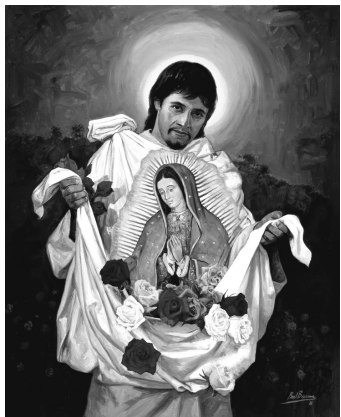




- **Daily Mass** every Thursday at **9:30am** (Rosary @ 9:10)
- **Bible study** in the parish hall **Thursdays 10-15 -11:30**
- **Women's' Club Meetings** meet regularly each **Second Monday** of the month /11am .
- **Pennies From Heaven**— A collection will be taken every second weekend at the end of mass by the Knights of Columbus. The collected donations will assist the Rock Hill Oratory Seminarians. **The final COLLECTION for the season is NEXT WEEKEND December 13 &14**
- **Adoration at St. Joseph's** from 11-12 on the 4 Sunday's in Advent
- **The Angel Tree** is set up in the parish hall. Please return gifts **NEXT WEEKEND Dec. 13 &14**

December is the Month dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of Mary.



God often chooses the simple and the humble to do His Most Challenging and Profound work.

May we be open to God's call to be an instrument in bringing others to His Most Sacred Heart.

"St. Juan Diego, whom we celebrate this Tuesday, please intercede for us so that we may listen to God's invitation to proclaim His Good News using our talents and strengths for His Eternal Glory . Amen"

Women's Club NEWS

Thank you for all the food donated to our **local food pantry** and for all the Church decoration donations.

The **Basket of Cheer for 2025** You may buy additional tickets after the Masses. Each ticket is \$1.00. The Basket winner will be selected on Sunday, December 7th after the 12:30 pm Mass.

The Women's Club has set up the **Angel Tree** in the parish hall. See more information about this beautiful tradition here in the bulletin.



MASS SCHEDULE:

Thursday – Weekday Mass 9:30 am (Rosary 9:10am)

Saturday(Anticipated Mass) 4:00pm

Sunday 12:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation 3-3:45pm Saturdays

(or by appointment)

All other sacraments please call parish office to inquire.

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December 7, 2025

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

UPCOMING FEAST

07 St. Ambrose

08 The Immaculate Conception

09 St. Juan Diego

10 Bl. Adolph Kolping

11 St. Damasus I

12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

13 St. Lucy

Let Us Pray
... for a gentle heart, a kind word,
and a warm embrace for family and
strangers alike as we prepare for
Our Savior's Birth.

***ADORATION EVERY SUNDAY
DURING ADVENT 11-12pm***

MINISTRY (Sat./Sun.) SCHEDULE :

LECTOR: Sat. B. Renaud/S. Robinson

E.M: Sat. S. Robinson/M. Hamilton

LECTOR: Sun M. Lifsey /R. Whisonant

E.M: Sun. J. Rodgers/K. Hutto

LAST WEEK OFFERING:

Envelopes **\$1385.00**

Loose **\$87.00**

Total: Under Budget **\$1472.00**

Other: candle ,refurb, special **\$140.00**

Weekly Budget: **\$1847.00**

St. Joseph online Donation:

<https://www.osvhub.com/stmarysrh/funds/st-joseph-church-chester-donations>

ORATORY CENTER FOR SPIRITUALTY

If you would like to have more information
about the center or the programs it offers, you
may visit the Oratory in Rock Hill.
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CHRISTMAS TREE HISTORY

Germany is credited with starting the Christmas tree tradition—as we now know it—by the 16th century, when sources record devout Christians bringing decorated trees into their homes. Some built Christmas pyramids of wood and decorated them with evergreens and candles if wood was scarce.

Most 19th-century Americans found Christmas trees an oddity. The first records of Christmas trees being cut for display come from the 1820s in Pennsylvania's German community. However, trees weren't originally accepted by most Americans because of its prior history of being associated with mythology and pagan cultures. But the 'evergreen/eternal life' and 'candles/light of the world' imagery eventually solidified this tradition to represent Jesus and Christianity.

Christmas tree FUN FACT—Christmas trees are grown, sold, and bought in ALL 50 States in America, including Hawaii and Alaska.

Second Sunday of Advent: The Candle of PEACE



LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES

Father, as we journey down this Advent road,
we relight the candle of hope, and we light the candle of peace.
Grant us the courage to make peace: peace in our hearts,
peace in our homes, and peace in our communities.

Holy Humor



Coffee With the



*Those whose
hearts are
pure are
temples of the
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~ST. LUCY

St. Lucy, pray for us!

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Warren Dew Troy West
Damien Whisonant Danny McMurray
Michelle Munnell Jim McGee
Alfredo Orlando Guzman
Bobbie Kay Lalli Jim McMurray
Michael Young

This Month's Remembrances

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Charles Johnson Ray Breitenbach
Linda Thomson Charles Hayes
Catherine Curran

Our sick:

Josette Maggie Wilson
Beth Gaddy Jay Williams
Alex Whisonant Jim Anderson
Gina McCanless Maggie Robinson
Roger Ramsey John Jacobs
Gabby Rowsam Sam St. Croix
Jacqueline Botta Ella Phillips
Will Thesier Austin Nunnery
Beth Stevenson Tootie Juliano
Elaine Gaither Macy
Sarah Collins Kim Fronapple
Willis Johnson Carol Hayes
Jack Schumacher Mark
Meg Landerville Stephany



As a special intention for this month:

- *We pray that the Church always be a place where the truth, mercy, love and wisdom of Christ the King shine forth.*
- *We pray for all world leaders that they may see their power as a sharing in the authority of God, and reflect it in the way they govern.*
- *We pray that the culture of life proclaimed by Christ and His church will reign in every human heart.*
- *We pray for all those dealing with addictions of any kind , may they find God's healing power of love and peace.*
- *We pray for an end to all forms of satanism and evil acts, an immediate departure from the culture of death, and for the safety of all those who protect and serve.*
- *We pray for the sanctity of marriage and the dignity of life from conception to natural death.*
- *We pray for the sick, the suffering, and all who feel abandoned and forgotten; that they may feel the presence of the Holy Spirit and their guardian angels.*
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