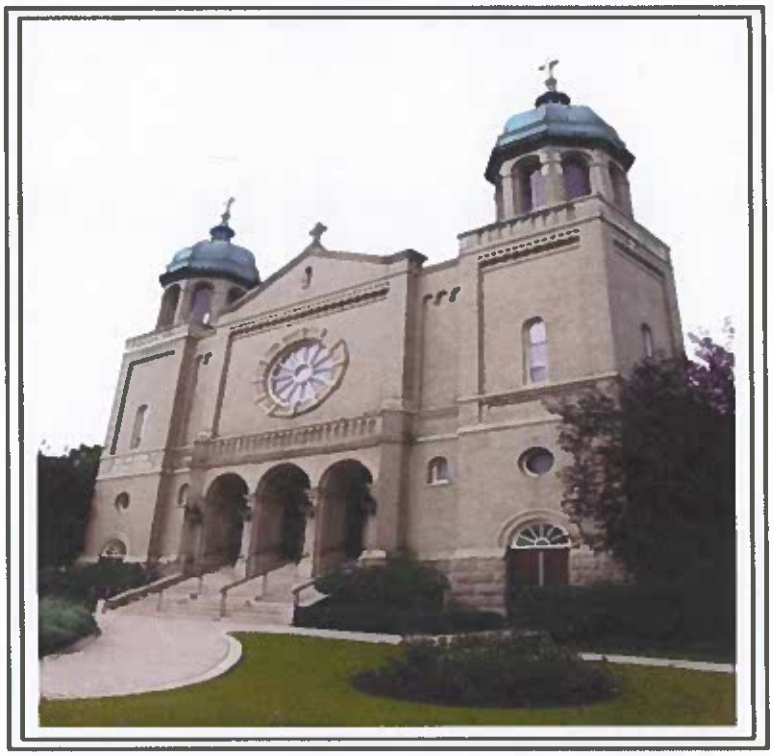
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First Sunday of Advent - November 29, 2026



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MASSES

SATURDAY ANTICIPATORY MASS – 4:00 PM
SUNDAY–7:30, 9:30, 11:00 AM AND 5:00PM
DAILY WEEKDAY – 12:05 PM
SATURDAY– 8:00 AM
(MASS TIMES IN GREEN ARE ALSO LIVE-STREAMED)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM, 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM

HOLY HOUR and CONFESSIONS

Monday evening 7:00pm—8:00pm

Saint Joseph Church is wheelchair accessible at the church side entrance. Parking is located at the side of church.

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Mass INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 28:
8:00 AM Vocations to Married Life
4:00 PM Christine Gremler
- M/M Frank Sullivan

Sunday, November 29:
7:30 AM Mary Crew - *Jim & Cathy Smith*
9:30 AM Michael Hearty
- Ann-Marie Swantek
11:00 AM Henry Stalzer - *Virginia Powers*
5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

Monday, November 30:
12:05 PM Robert Stark - *Doyle Family*

Tuesday, December 1:
12:05 PM Anton DeLeon - Zobia DeLeon

Wednesday, December 2:
12:05 PM Maria Hortencia de Campos & Jose Victor Manuel Campos - *Casanova Family*

Thursday, December 3:
12:05 PM Carmella Scozzafava
- M/M John Scozzafava

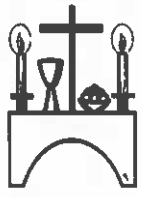
Friday, December 4:
12:05 PM Joseph Valente *-M/M Frank Sullivan*

Saturday, December 5:
8:00 AM Michael J. Smith, Sr.
- M/M Frank Sullivan
4:00 PM Cesca & Farrah Families - *Family*

Sunday, December 6:
7:30 AM Medlar & Casale Families
- Sue & Vinny Casale
9:30 AM Intentions of Parishioners
11:00 AM Bethany Mass
5:00 PM Jack & Jeanette Dinho - *Family*

Requests for Sacraments and Home Visits:

For Communion, Confession, and/or Anointing homebound visit, please call the Parish Office: 203-748-8177



The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week for

Cefaloni Family

Requested by:
Maria Cefaloni

Pastor's Corner for the First Sunday of Advent

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Happy New Year! This First Sunday of the Advent Season marks the beginning of the Catholic liturgical calendar year (Year B, that is). The Universal Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar read: "The season of Advent has a two-fold character, for it is a time of preparation for the solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight."

There are many ways in which to prepare ourselves for the Second Coming of the Son of God, both in our own spiritual lives as well as in our liturgical lives and the season of Advent is a melding of those two realities. These liturgical seasons throughout the year exist so that we are prepared year round for both the penitential seasons of our lives as well as the celebratory ones (not to mention the "Ordinary" seasons of life...). During the season of Advent, the color of violet is worn, similar to the season of Lent, to mark that this season is characterized by silence, penance, and fasting.

One single way that we observe this penitential season is in our external practices observed in the physical church and in our physical worship. The Ordo reads: "The use of organ and other musical instruments and the decorating of the altar with flowers should be done in a moderate manner, as is consistent with the character of the season, without anticipating the full joy of Christmas (Ceremonial of Bishops, 236). The same moderation should be observed in the celebration of Matrimony (Order of Celebrating Matrimony, 32). This is why during the Season of Advent (as well as in Lent), we will be implementing the use of Latin Gregorian Chant into our Masses here at the parish. With the help of Children's Schola, directed by Kateri Lock, all under the supervision of our music director, Robert Fertitta, they have been working tirelessly to ensure that our parish's liturgical worship reflect the beauty and theologically accurate nature of the season.

The documents of the Second Vatican Council reflect this particular emphasis for Gregorian Chant as well as the use of Latin in our Masses. In the document entitled Sacrosanctum Concilium, it says that "The Church acknowledges Gregorian chant as especially suited to the Roman liturgy: therefore, other things being equal, it should be given pride of place in liturgical services (no. 116)" and "the use of the Latin language is to be preserved in the Latin rites (no. 36.1)." This is why we will be chanting various "ordinary" prayers (the prayers that are used at every Mass such as the "Holy, Holy, Holy", "Memorial Acclamation", "Our Father", and "Lamb of God" in Latin. These are prayers that every Mass-goer knows by heart so we may not claim to "not know what is being said". Worship aids with the musical notation will be provided so that all are encouraged to participate together to preserve the desire of the Second Vatican Council and the universal mind of the Church. Please know of my prayers for a faithful and fruitful Advent season for you all. God bless you all and a very blessed Advent!

In Christ & Mary,
Father Silva

PARISH EVENTS

HOLY HOUR & CONFESSIONS
Monday, November 30 7:00-8:00 PM
Weekly Monday Holy Hour

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HOLY FACE DEVOTION
Tuesday, December 1 7:00-8:00 PM
Praying the Holy Face Devotion the **First Tuesday** of each month.

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ALTAR SERVER TRAINING
Thursday, December 3
7:00-8:00 PM in the Church

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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Friday, December 4 12:30-8:00 PM
Eucharistic Adoration is held on the **First Friday** of each month, immediately following the 12:05 PM Mass and ending at 8:00 PM. A sign-up sheet will be available at the church side entrance. Walk-ins are welcome.

St. Joseph Church's GIVING TREE

Giving Tree Information:
Please wrap gifts unless otherwise noted on each Angel. If you purchased more than one gift for the same person, please either tie those gifts together or put them all together in a gift bag. The recipient's name on the Angel tag should be visible and tag securely attached to the gifts/gift bag(s), to allow the agency to know who the gift is for.
Leave Gifts in the marked bins in the church vestibules. They will be collected daily.

Please bring gifts by DECEMBER 13th.

****QUESTIONS/NEED HELP?** If you have any Questions about the "GIVING TREE", or need any assistance with anything, including: How to Obtain an "Angel" that contains the wishes of someone, if you are unable to get to the Church yourself, How to Get Help Getting your Gifts back to Church, What to Do if Lose your Angel, etc, PLEASE feel free to reach out anytime to **Patricia Targett & Bob Bloomberg at 860-463-4427 or pdac03@yahoo.com**

They would be more than happy to assist you by Delivering an Angel to you, Picking up Gifts and delivering to Church, Looking Up Information on Lost Angels, etc.

The Twelve Voices of Christmas

Sunday, December 13, 2026 at 2:00 PM in St. Joseph Church.

Please join us for St. Joseph Church Players' Fourth Presentation of **The Twelve Voices of Christmas;** a unique drama written by Woodrow Kroll where we meet and hear from the major characters of the story of Christ's birth.

The Archangel Gabriel, Zechariah, Mary, Elizabeth, Joseph, the Angels and Shepherds, Simeon and Anna, the Magi, Herod and John the Baptist will share their personal involvement in the drama unfolding in their lives.

Christmas carols will be sung throughout the performance and at the end with audience participation.

Save the date and invite family and friends!

Any questions? You may call Cheryl Fusco at 203-482-1202.
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Worship Offerings
for the Week of 11/10–11/16

Collections	2026	2025
Weekly Offertory	$ 9,684	$ 8,072

No 2nd collection this weekend.

Next weekend's 2nd collection is for:
Monthly Collection.

Wedding Banns

3rd *Lester Valdes & Sarah Valdes*

From the Council of Catholic Women

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Warm Clothing Drive Update: Dorothy Day Hospitality House received, 399 pairs of Socks, 98 pairs of Gloves, 6 Scarves, 106 Hats. They are all ready for the winter. God Bless you all.

FAITH FORMATION

On behalf of the Faith Formation catechetical team, we pray that you all enjoyed a blessed and bountiful Thanksgiving holiday!

Today is the first Sunday of Advent (HOPE), which marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Catholic Church. During the Advent season, we prepare our homes and ourselves for the coming of the Lord. Today's Gospel reminds us that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark's community, we must also stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man. (LP)

During the month of December, Faith Formation classes will meet on Tuesdays, December 1, 8, and 15, and on Wednesdays, December 2, 9, and 16. No classes during the last two weeks of December. ***Please join us on Tuesday, December 8, for the Holy Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.***

For anyone interested, **Advent Resources,** including calendars in English and Spanish, please visit The Institute for Catholic Formation online at: https://formationreimagined.org/advent-resources-2026/. In addition, please use the QR code below for 5 episodes about Advent, including counting down to Advent, the Advent wreath, the Jesse tree, the Nativity scene, and Adventus, on FORMED:

Faith Formation Office Hours — Monday to Wednesday from 9:00am to 4:00pm and Thursdays from 9:00am to 12:00 noon. The office is closed on Fridays.



St. Joseph School

Giving Tuesday

Campaign

December 1, 2026

"Lighting the Way: Please Support Our Angel Fund"

At St. Joseph, we are not just a school—we are a family. When one of our own is in need, we stand together. To further this commitment, we are highlighting The Angel Fund, which provides direct, compassionate tuition and crisis assistance to St. Joseph families facing sudden hardships suke medical emergencies, job loss, or bereavement.

Our Mission: The Angel Fund provides confidential relief to school families experiencing sudden hardship—ensuring their children can remain in a nurturing Catholic learning environment without interruption.

A contribution of any size helps bridge the gap for a family in need especially during this holiday season.

Many Blessings to you and your family this Christmas season.

Please scan the QR code or use the link below to donate.

Matthew 25:40

"And the King will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'"

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