MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 22, 2019

Sat December 21 | Saint Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church
4:30 p.m. Vigil ✞Elizabeth Rosko (Pat & Ed Williams)

Sun December 22 | Fourth Sunday of Advent
Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24
8:30 a.m. People of the Parish
11:00 a.m. ✞John Ratnasamy (Martha Ratnasamy)

Mon December 23 | Saint John of Kanty, Priest
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66
Private Mass ✞Mary Kate's Father (The Lewis Family)

Tue December 24 | Christmas Eve
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79
***Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25*
4:30 p.m. ✞All Souls Intentions
8:00 p.m. ✞All Souls Intentions

Wed December 25 | Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord
***Night:** Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14*
***Dawn:** Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20*
***Day:** Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1:6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14*
10:00 a.m ✞All Souls Intentions

Thursday December 26 | Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22
9:00 a.m. ✞Audrey Reiber (Dennis & Colleen Fickel)

Friday December 27 | Feast of Saint John, Apostle & Evangelist
1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
7:00 a.m. ✞All Souls in Purgatory (Hansie)

Saturday December 28 | Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs
1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8;Mt 2:13-18
4:30 p.m. Vigil ✞Deceased members of Sadowniczak & Sellman Families (Robert & Patricia Sellman)

Sunday December 29 | Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
8:30 a.m. Rosemary Casserly (Dennis & Colleen Fickel)
11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Welcome to Saint Katharine Drexel Church

SKD is the only Catholic Church meeting in Silver Spring Township, one of the fastest growing geographical regions in Pennsylvania. We offer a variety of opportunities to worship and to become involved in parish life. When you are ready to join the parish, simply click here to register, this link takes you to the registration portal on our church website. You may call the office too for assistance. We are happy to help.

Father Kenneth G. Smith, Pastor
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Office Hours:
9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
www.skdparish.com

NO WEEKDAY MASSES January 6 through February 9, 2020 except on Wednesday evenings. Please check area times for Masses in the Mechanicsburg/Enola area and the Deanery Cluster (Carlisle, Camp Hill, New Cumberland, Marysville and Harrisburg). Please check the weekly bulletin for calendar and Mass times.

MASS INTENTIONS are being accepted through March. Come to the church office, pick up an envelope at the resource table or print a request online at https://www.skdparish.com/mass-intentions-policy/

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Entrance Antiphon: Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior. Isaiah 45:8

Dear Friends in Christ,

My most sincere blessings to you and yours for a joy filled and peaceful Christmas Season.

My thanks for your generosity and goodness sharing time, talent and treasure to our parish family and neighbors.

Enjoy this season of LOVE with family, friends and neighbors.

Please do not forget the "reason for the Season". Hope to see you in church over the Christmas Season for prayer and worship.

Thank you for your prayers during my winter break, medical leave for foot surgery and rehab from January 5 to February 29, 2020. I will be at UPMC York – Memorial for surgery on January 16 and then to the Priest Retirement Residence for rehab and recuperation from January 17 to February 29, 2020.

Please keep me in prayer and thanks to those who offered to help with Max during this time. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

I trust that I will return March 1.

Peace and every blessing, Fr. Ken

2019 CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday December 21
3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Confessions
4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass
5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Confessions

Sunday December 22
8:30 a.m. Mass
11:00 a.m. Mass

CHRISTMAS EVE (HOLY DAY)

Tuesday December 24
4:15 p.m. Tableau
4:30 p.m. Mass (Children's Choir)
8:00 p.m. Mass (Adult Choir)

CHRISTMAS DAY (HOLY DAY)

Wednesday December 25
10:00 a.m. Mass

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Saturday December 28
No Confessions
4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday December 29
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Mass

FEAST OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD (HOLY DAY)

Tuesday December 31
4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

Wednesday January 1, 2020
10:00 a.m. Mass

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Saturday January 4, 2020
No Confessions
4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday January 5, 2020
8:30 a.m. Mass
11:00 a.m. Mass

"You are called to stand up for life!" ~Pope St. John Paul II

Mark your calendars for Friday, January 24th for the Annual March for Life. Look in upcoming bulletins for buses traveling from local parishes right here on the West Shore and Prayer Services at local parishes for those unable to make the trip.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION—"The Lamb of God," "The Bread of Life," "The Body and the Blood of Christ"... these are phrases you know from the Mass. But do you understand what they mean in the greater and deeper context? Do you know many of the terms have Old Testament roots? Are you able to explain why Catholics know the Eucharist to be the literal body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ? Let's learn together the Scriptural roots of the Eucharist using Dr. Brandt Pitre's 10-week study on FORMED! Groups will start meeting on **Thursday January 9th** at **9:45am** and **Sunday January 12th** at **12:15pm**. Both groups meet in the parish library. Contact Becky at rdavis@skdparis.com for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS to the 6 engaged couples preparing for Marriage in 2020. Please remember them in your prayers. If you are looking to be Married in 2020 but have not yet contacted the parish, please do so ASAP. Those looking to be Married in 2021 should contact the parish about a year in advance. Please call the office or contact Becky, rdavis@skdparish.com for more information.

All families looking to have a child baptized in 2020 should take note of the dates for Baptism Workshops. It is encouraged that parents attend the workshop before the birth of their child. Baptisms typically occur on the 1st Sunday of the month. Please contact Becky rdavis@skdparish.com for more information.

Saturday, February 15th at 2-4:30pm
Sunday, May 17th at 12:15-3:45pm
Saturday, August 15th at 2-4:30pm
Saturday, November 14th at 2-4:30pm

Communion Antiphon: Behold a Virgin, shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel. Isaiah 7:14

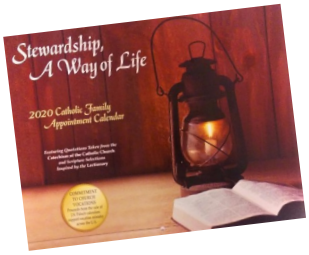
Safety and Security Corner

Over the past year we have implemented a number of safety and security measures to provide a safer environment for all our parishioners, staff, and visitors. The following are just a few of these improvements.

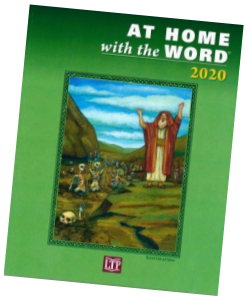
- A new security system that includes smoke detectors in all areas of the facility, fire warning strobes, and security cameras.
- Easy access to first aid kits, AEDs, and blood pressure cuffs in the Narthex, Father O'Brien Center, and the Monsignor Smith Center, plus a trauma kit located in the working sacristy.
- Training sessions for first aid, CPR, use of AEDs, and Stop the Bleed. as well as a well-attended Active Shooter session.
- Portable radios for secure communications, door numbers for quicker access by first responders, and access control measures during church activities.

In 2020 we plan to expand upon these actions to continue to assure that we provide a safe and secure facility for worship, religious education, and fellowship.

COMPLIMENTS OF SKD



Remember to pick up a copy of the 2020 SKD Church Calendar and *At Home with the WORD 2020* Scripture Study in the Narthex after Mass. This year's calendar is *Stewardship, A Way of Life* calendar which features quotes taken from the Catechism of the Catholic Church and Scripture Selections Inspired by the Lectionary. You are invited to join the scripture study groups that meet during the week in the library. Studying the Sunday readings prior to Mass helps prepare our hearts and minds enabling us to be more fully present at Sunday Mass to receive God's grace.



FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Tuesday January 7th at 7 p.m.

Enjoy an evening of fun and games at SKD with our Parish Council of Catholic Women.
Save the date!

REGISTRATION FOR SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS THURSDAY, JANUARY 9TH!

SJS is a **2015 National Blue Ribbon School** committed to educating the whole child: spiritually, intellectually, and physically. Registration for preschool through eighth grade will be available at www.sjsmch.org starting at 5:00 a.m. If you are interested in learning more about our school or setting up a tour please contact *Amanda Koerner*, Director of Development, at 717-766-2564 or akoerner@stjoesmech.org.

TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Trinity High School is updating their database and is looking to update as many records as possible! If you wish to update your record or be included in mailings for Trinity, please email profileupdate@thsrocks.us.

FAITH FORWARD
2019 Diocesan Annual Campaign

The **2019 Diocesan Annual Campaign** (formerly known as the Bishop's Lenten Appeal) is coming to a close. Pledge reminders have been mailed to all donors who have a pledge balance for the 2019 effort. Our parish benefits from the many ministries and educational programs that the Diocese supports. Please be sure to honor your commitment for the Diocesan Annual Campaign. Gifts made before December 31, 2019 may provide tax benefits to you.

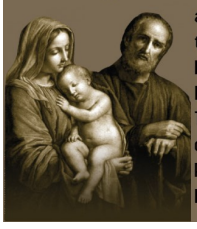
If you have not made a gift to this year's campaign, it is not too late. You can make your gift securely online at www.hbgdiocese.org/dac. 100% of the monies collected over our parish goal are returned to the Parish for our use. As you think about your personal philanthropy at the end of the year, please consider your Parish and the many programs supported by the Diocese that benefit our Parish. You can contact the Parish office or the Office of Stewardship & Development at the Diocese for more information.

Parish Goal for 2019:	$129,400.00
Paid As of 12/4/19:	$107,636.55
Shortage:	$ 21,763.45

THANK YOU!

Consecrate YOUR Family to the Holy Family

On Sunday, December 29, all Catholics will celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. To help strengthen families and revitalize our parishes, the Knights of Columbus Councils world-wide invite each family on to participate in a program "Consecration to the Holy Family" whereby at each Mass, parishioners will be asked to devote themselves to the ideal model of familial love and ask the intercession of the perfect son Jesus Christ, Mary the perfect mother, and Joseph the model for every father.



Next to our Father in heaven the most important thing in our lives is our family.

The Consecration to the Holy Family is not a single event. It is choosing a way of life for your family; a family fully alive!

Place the well-being of your family in the loving arms of the Holy Family and experience the light and joy in your family.

On this final Sunday before Christmas, the readings highlight the foundation of our faith in Jesus' identity and, by extension, our identity as his followers. Matthew opened his Gospel, in imitation of the Old Testament, with a genealogy of Jesus Christ that identifies him as a descendant of Abraham through the lineage of David. Today's reading gives Matthew's account of Jesus' birth presented from Joseph's perspective.

Joseph's dilemma regarding Mary' pregnancy is resolved when in a dream an angel reveals that the child is conceived "though the Holy Spirit." The child to be born is the Son of God and the son of Mary. This is Jesus' identity: fully divine and fully human. Matthew supports this by quoting from Isaiah's prophecy: "Behold the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel."

This is the same Gospel message that St. Paul hands on so clearly in the beginning of his Letter to the Romans (today's Second Reading). The message of the Good News of our salvation centers on the person of Jesus: fully human, as a descendant of David and foretold by the prophets, and fully divine, as the divine, as the Son of God, and demonstrated by the Resurrection.

Jesus' identity has significant implications for us. We are called to "belong to Jesus Christ" by grace and peace that comes through Jesus' Resurrection. This is our faith. This is our inheritance: "We belong to Jesus Christ" as God's beloved children called to be saints. As such, like St. Paul, we are called to witness to this message by our lives. [source: At Home with the Word 2020]

In His Love and Mine, *Father Ken*

Sponsor of the Week: We thank **CF Acri and Son, Inc.** for sponsoring an advertisement in our weekly bulletin.

PARISH CALENDAR PLANNING MEETING

2020 Winter/Spring Scheduling Meeting for all parish organizations
Monday January 13th | 6 to 8 p.m.

Sign up for your organizations time slot this week
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CHARISMATIC MASS with prayers for healing on Tuesday, January 7, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Theresa Church, 1300 Bridge St., New Cumberland. Reverend Kyle Sahd, Pastor, St. Theresa Church , will be the Celebrant. All are welcome. For information, please call Mary Ann at 717-564-7709. (Weather permitting)

7-DAY PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday December 22 | Fourth Week of Advent
8:30 a.m. **Mass** | Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. **Mass** | Sanctuary
12:15 p.m. Decorate Sanctuary
1:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
5:00 p.m. Tableau Practice | Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Troop 1988 Scout Meeting | Youth Room

Monday December 23
* *Private Mass*
7:00 p.m. Women's Cursillo | Room 1

Tuesday December 24 | Christmas Eve
Office Closed
4:15 p.m. Christmas Tableau
4:30 p.m. **Vigil Mass** with Children's Choir | Sanctuary
8:00 p.m. **Mass** with Adult Choir | Sanctuary

Wednesday December 25 | Christmas Day
Office Closed
10:00 a.m. **Mass** | Sanctuary

Thursday December 26
Office Closed
9:00 a.m. **Mass** | Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet | Sanctuary

Friday December 27
Office Closed
7:00 a.m. **Mass - Ad Orientem | Sanctuary**

Saturday December 28
4:30 p.m. **Mass** | Sanctuary

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY THIS CHRISTMAS

Steve Carocci, Nathaniel Connolly, Paul Harrington, Corey Masse, Gina Mentzer, Aerick Paxton, Eric Sellman, Leah Sweeney, Darren Troche, Nicholas Vogel

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

John Andrews, Jr., Wendy Bechtel, Lew Bogle, Irene Bourg, Don Bowers, Marcus Bowers, Matias Bowers, Brooks Boyle, James Boyle, Nelson Bradley, Rosemary Casserly, Liz Chase, Carol Chetaitis, Lisa Coates, Sam Colucci, Ben Cook, Andy Dapkins, Peter DiRocco, Walt & Margaret Dubas, Martha Esposito, Mary Ferrer, Tom Fiorenza, Bob Fisher, Kathleen Fluss, Josey Gaffney, Dick Gainor, Joe Gill, John H. Gill, Sr., Ayden Gora, Elizabeth Gora, Anne Grasha, Charlotte Infantino, Fr. John Kemper, Peter Korch, Claire Hine, Bob Kearney, Reinhard Kress, Rita Kress, Jeannine Kuhn, Nicole Kulchar, Rosemary Langley, Afra Maffey, Constant Maffey, Veronica Malesic, Kathleen McHugh, Terry Miceli, Donna Miller, Fr. Daniel Mitzel, Olda Mondragon, Courtney Oppel, Susan Oppel, Alana Perrotta, Mary Phillips, Barbara Root, Diane Ruppert, Jim Sheckler, Elizabeth Schaffhauser, Ruth Schultz, Bob Scott, Pat Sellman, Msgr. Vincent Smith, Clark Swift, Kate Swift, Rita Treon, Sue Trolio, Clarey Wendt, Philip Wilt, Susan Womer, Justina Xenakis, Nicole Zomok