DECEMBER 3, 2017
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
**New Parishioners**
We welcome and encourage you to register as soon as possible after moving into the parish. Please contact the rectory to register. 610-857-3510

**Confessions**
Saturday after 5:00 pm Mass

**Religious Education**
Please contact Janice Dagney - 610-857-0511
Early Learning Center - 610-857-1163

**Rite of Christian initiation (RCIA)**
The process through which adults and children join or complete their initiation into the Catholic Church. For additional information please contact the rectory.

**Marriages**
Couples planning to be married are required to notify the rectory no less than six months prior to the marriage.

**Baptism Meetings**
Required for first time parents on the 1st Sunday of the month. Register by calling Janice Dagney – 610-857-0511

**Baptisms**
To schedule a baptism and for available dates and times, please call the rectory.

**Anointing of the sick**
If you foresee a surgery or procedure, contact the rectory to make arrangements to receive the Sacraments of the Anointing of the sick and Holy Communion before your hospital visit.

**Communion to the homebound**
For those unable to attend Mass due to illness or disability, arrangements can be made to receive Holy Communion weekly by an Extra Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Please contact the rectory.

**Emergencies**
In the event of an emergency, which requires the attention of a priest, please contact the rectory at any time. Follow the instructions on how to contact a priest. Please notify the rectory, so that the priests are aware of the situation and can assist as appropriate.
**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2**

5:00 pm  Gerald & Mary Reardon req by Reardon Family

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3**

8:00 am  David Yost req by Donna & Ken
9:30 am  Samuel Hurley req by Brian & Ann Appolloni
11:00 am Valerie Mariano req by Monk & Cookie
6:30 pm  Spanish Mass

**DAILY MASS 8:30 AM**

Monday  Elwood kauffman req by Rick Thiers
Tuesday  John Semeneck req by Dottie, Al & family
Wednesday Special Intention req by Reis family
Thursday Mark Holl req by Gerry Holl
Friday  Special Intention req by Reis family

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9**

5:00 pm  Mary Mc Clay req by Joanne, Dean & family

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10**

8:00 am  August Loeble req by The Girls
9:30 am  Robert Weyhmuller req by Nancy Pelet
11:00 am Catherine Carr req by Carr family
6:30 pm  Spanish Mass

If you would like a Mass card or would like to schedule a Mass, please contact the rectory at 610-857-3510

Connie Alferez, Barbara Althouse, Terry Anderson, Monk Angelo, George Barber, Flynn Beesley, Ann Besash, Anne Bones, Tom Brady, Albert Bryson, Joanne Cardine, Maria Carew & family, Christine Carmelich, Robert Carpenter & family, Taylor Carroll, Raffaeli Cataldo, Robert Cera, Peg Chapman, Bill & Florence Clarkson, Barry Coates, Mary Cooper, Nancy Rodgers, Anne Debiak, Vincent Di Antonio, John DiBerardinis, Mary Alice Dominick, Tyler Esch, Katie Fiore, Maria Fiore, Peggy Franz, Mary Ginty, Joanne Good, Rick & Judy Groff, Ruby Haag, Lillian Helm, Bob Hepburn, Nancy Hepler, Ida Herman, Diane Hery, Milan Jakub, Florence Laffey, Nancy Lewis, Domenick Lubrano, Judi & David MacIntrye, Erin McCaffrey, Joe McCormick, Joan Mc Cartney, Paddy Mc Groarty, Dan McNatt, Danny McVey, Denise Vincent Miller, Gary Miller, Veronica Miller, Madeleine Moore, Emilie Murphy, John Murphy, Helena Murray, Bob Oberholzer, Lonnie Purcell, Mary Riley, William Saalbach, Sr., Ella Sestrich, Cameron Schreck, John Simmons, Mary Jane Stump, Bonnie Trego, Gary Vendetti, Kristi Wagner, Penelope Ward, Maggie Wetherhold, Sue Wilde, Patrick White, Alan Wolfe,

Please call the rectory to add or remove a name from the prayer list.

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**November 19, 2017**

Weekly Offertory $5,488

**November 26, 2017**

Weekly Offertory $5,140

**Electronic Giving-October Total**

Offertory $11,873
2020 $2,580
WEEKLY EVENTS

Weekday Mass at 8:30 am-OLC

Sunday–December 3
8:00 am Mass (OLC)
9:15-10:30 am RCIA (OLC-hall)
9:15-10:45am Prep (SPC)
9:30 am Mass (St. Malachy)
11:00 am Mass & Children’s church (SPC)
6:30 pm Spanish Mass (OLC)

Monday–December 4
6:00 pm-Zumba (OLC-hall)
7:00 pm- Divine Mercy & Rosary (OLC)

Tuesday–December 5
6:30-7:30 pm-Gentle Yoga (OLC-hall)
7:00-8:00 pm-Café’-Advent Scripture Study (SPC)

Wednesday–December 6
7:00 pm-Choir (SPC)

Thursday–December 7
7:00 pm-AA Meeting (OLC-hall)

Friday–December 8
6:30 pm-Feast of the Immaculate Conception & Family Festival-(SPC)

Saturday–December 9
5:00 pm- Mass (OLC)
6:00 pm- Confessions (OLC)

CRAB CAKE SALE

Forms for our annual Christmas crab cake sale are available at each worship site. Orders must be received today, Sunday, December 3, and can be picked up on Thursday, December 7, between 5:00-6:30pm in the OLC church basement. All profits will benefit our parish.
For more information, please contact Mary Beth Rohrer at the rectory: 610-857-3510 or mbrohrer@olcchurch.org

Thank you to all who were able to attend the annual PCCO Thanksgiving day morning of fellowship and assisted in preparing and delivering 203 meals!
Thank you to all who did work behind the scenes! This event could not be completed without everyone’s hands helping out. It is truly a blessing to see this successfully come together every year. Wishing everyone a blessed Christmas and healthy New Year.
Thank you from the Parkesburg Churches Community Outreach (PCCO)
God Bless,
Diane Sager

500 Club
November 18, 2017
$50-#468- Unsold
$100-#966- Unsold

November 25, 2017
$50-#334-Joe Ward
$100-#414- Unsold

Drawings began on Saturday, July 1, 2017 and will continue for 52 weeks. Tickets are still available and can be purchased at the rectory.

Please pray for the soul of Joseph Mc Grogan and for all the souls of the faithful departed. May their souls rest in peace in the kingdom of God.
Christmas Giving Trees are ready!!!!
Our parish is participating in Christmas Giving programs for less fortunate children in our area. We have THREE organizations that we are providing gifts, please follow the directions on the tag that you remove from the tree located at the back of each worship site.
Please adhere to the following guidelines:
1. Please fill out the donor card with your contact information and gift ID # and give to a tree attendant.
2. $60 limit per child.
3. Please attach the tag with the child’s name to the gift
4. Please return your gift to one of our worship sites before or after Mass or at the rectory during office hours.
5. All gifts must be returned by next Sunday, December 10.

It’s very important that donors return their gifts by the deadline to allow sufficient time for coordinators to arrange for gift distribution.
For many children this may be their only Christmas gift. Thank you for participating in this ministry.

If you have any questions, please contact Angela Raabe: raabeacm@yahoo.com or Mary Beth Rohrer: 610-857-3510 or mbrohrer@olcchurch.org

Advent Scripture Study Tuesday Evenings
The Catholic Adult Faith Enrichment (CAFÉ) team is presenting an Advent Scripture Study on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:00 pm in Classroom 1 at the SPC which began on Tuesday, November 28.
In this class we will review and discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday Mass, and make a resolution each week on a way to make the Advent season more meaningful.
We are using the “Opening the Word” video program from the web site FORMED.org.
There is no charge for this class and registration is not required. There is an optional handout which you can purchase for approximately $2.50, or we can send the document to you via email to view or print at your convenience.
For more information please email olccafe-team@gmail.com or call Paul Harkins at 610-466-7494 or Sue Brown at 610-857-2026.

Council meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm in the Conference room at the Schneider Parish Center. Please feel free to contact any member to offer suggestions or feedback and to propose issues for consideration by the Council.
This Advent, gather as a family to “keep Christ in Christmas”. Start with these two suggestions … but check out all the various Advent/Christmas selections on FORMED and watch/listen to one each week.

O Holy Night
In Watch: Youth/Brother Francis

In Study: Current Topics/Augustine Institute
Originals

For a child is born to us,
A son is given us. Isaiah 9:6

As we decorate for Christmas, be mindful of what we celebrate. The birth of Jesus-Emmanuel-God is with us.

On December 17, The Third Sunday of Advent, please bring your baby Jesus figures from home nativities to be blessed at the 11:00am Mass.

Sundaes with Santa!
Schneider Parish Center
Sunday, December 10, 2017
2:00-4:00pm

Sundaes, Crafts, Games, and Santa! Please bring a new pair of gloves, mittens, or hats. (tags still attached) to donate to the PCCO.
Want to help?
Contact Wendy: michalski16@gmail.com or 484-712-0608.

Save the date
Sunday, December 17 (after the 11:00am Mass)
PREP Christmas pageant
All are welcome.

An Advent Examination—Edward Hays
Advent is the perfect time to clear and prepare the Way. Advent is a winter training camp for those who desire peace. By reflection and prayer, by reading and meditation, we can make our hearts a place where a blessing of peace would desire to abide and where the birth of the Prince of Peace might take place.

Daily we can make an Advent examination.
Are there any feelings of discrimination toward race, sex, or religion? Is there a lingering resentment, an unforgiven injury living in our hearts?
Do we look down upon others of lesser social standing or educational achievement?
Are we generous with the gifts that have been given to us, seeing ourselves as their stewards and not their owners?
Are we reverent of others, their ideas and needs, and of creation? These and other questions become Advent lights by which we may search the deep, dark corners of our hearts.