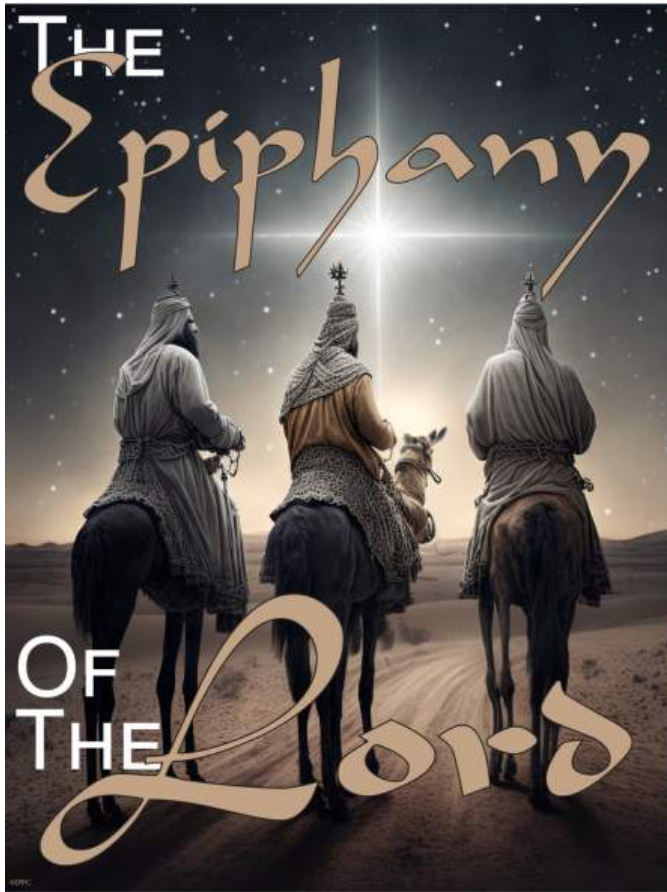


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JANUARY 7, 2024

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASSES

8:30 am—Monday through Friday (OLC)
Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
following Mass on Friday

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (OLC)
3:30 pm-4:30 pm Confessions (OLC)
8:30 am-First Saturday Mass (OLC)

SUNDAY

8:00 am-Our Lady of Consolation Church
9:30 am-St. Malachi Chapel
11:15 am-Schneider Parish Center

Holy Days-8:30 am (OLC)
Vigil Mass-7:00 pm (OLC)

St. Malachi Chapel
76 St. Malachi Road
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Schneider Parish Center
2995 Cemetery Road
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**Mission Statement for Our Lady of
Consolation Church**

We, the Joyful Family of God, united in our Catholic Faith, seek to model our patroness, Our Lady of Consolation, by bringing love and comfort to all, teaching God's Children in His ways by word and sacrament, and keeping the vibrant love of Jesus present in our world.

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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

Religious Education

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

Order of Christian initiation (OCIA)

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.

Letter of Eligibility

Active members in good standing with the church who wish to act as a Godparent of the Sacrament of Baptism or as a Sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation can obtain a letter of eligibility by contacting 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.

Confessions

By appointment or Saturdays 3:30-4:30pm

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

December 24 \$6,211

The Christmas Offering is still trickling in and will be posted in a future bulletin.

November

In Person/Mail:	\$22,378.00
E-Giving:	\$16,143.56
Total:	\$38,521.56

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

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Please feel free to contact any member to offer suggestions or feedback and to propose issues for consideration by the Council.

2024 Calendars are available at the entrance of Church. Thank you to the Wilde's and Wentz Funeral Homes.



SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

5:00 pm In memory of Nancy McClay req. by Joanne & family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

8:00 am In memory of Emile "Bud" Dauphin req. by Ken & Donna Martin

9:30 am In memory of Martin Herwood req. by Keene family

11:15 am In memory of Mary Anne Pimley req. by Pimley family

Monday, January 8

8:30 am In memory of Lee Purcell Anderson req. by Jean Moulder

Tuesday, January 9

8:30 am In memory of Wanda Kolodjay req. by Steve Gerace

Wednesday, January 10

8:30 am In memory of Richard Cattafesta req. by Grzenda family

Thursday, January 11

8:30 am In memory of Roy & Josie Herron req. by Jean Moulder

Friday, January 12

8:30 am In memory of Vicky Nunemaker req. by Bob

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

5:00 pm In memory of Greg Halter req. by Jean Moulder

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

8:00 am In memory of Richard Beck req. by Jean Moulder

9:30 am In memory of Jane Ann Mullen req. by Bart & Barb Tuttle

11:15 am In memory of Dolores Newman req. by Newman family

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



Please call the rectory to add/remove and re-add names to our sick list .

Every three months we remove names to help ensure that our list is always up to date.

Frank & Ann Besash, Gail Binns, Becca Budzik, Jim Cain, Mary & Freddie Caridi, Joseph Carpenter, Leo Chung, Florence Clarkson, Ray Crowley, Bill D'Agostino, Jill Daly, Linda Davidson, Vincent DiAntonio, John DiBerardinis, Carol Anne Ferreira, Donna Gill, Jeremy Habecker, Geri Holl, Tom Henderson, Leanna Lawson, Judi MacIntyre, Ken Martin, Joanne & John McCartney & family, Katie Morrison, Matthew Murray, John Murphy, Nancy Murphy, Joann Nolan, Dennis Norton, Arctura May Nowak, Bob Nunemaker, Dewey O'Donnell, Lisa Opdenaker, Gloria Peters, Lonnie Purcell, Sandy Ranaudo, Kathy Reece, Greg Rivera, Donna Ross, Andy Sciarretta, Jerry Simpson, Sigrid Snow, Inez Sokso, Arlo Stone, Macie Hanna Stone, Ann Marie Straley, Robert Tiedemann, Gerry Treadway, Gary Vendetti, Bernadette Vincent, Jenna Wong, George Young, all residents in nursing homes and hospitals. Pray for the protection of all healthcare workers, and first responders.

Let us continue to pray for peace to prevail wherever there is war & violence throughout our world.



Please call the rectory to submit a name and branch of service to be added to our military prayer list.

Let us keep our brave young men and women who serve our country both here and abroad in our prayers.

Army: Anthony O'Neill, Shannon Amole, Suzanne Patzek

Air National Guard: Luke Weyhmuller

Marines: John Peabody, Kolton Wunder

Navy: Nick Tygielski

THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

Sunday, January 7

8:00 am Mass (OLC)
9:15-10:45 am PREP (SPC)
9:30 am Mass (S. Malachi)
11:15 am Mass (SPC)

Monday, January 8

8:30 am Mass (OLC)
6:00 pm AA Meeting (SPC)
7:00 pm Rosary & Divine Mercy (OLC)
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus meeting (OLC-hall)

Tuesday, January 9

8:30 am Mass (OLC)
6:30-8:00 pm LTJV (SPC)
6:30-8:00 pm One8 (SPC)
7:30 pm Charismatic Prayer Group (OLC)

Wednesday, January 10

8:30 am Mass (OLC)
6:30 pm O.C.I.A Class (rectory)
6:30 pm Adult Choir (OLC)

Thursday, January 11

8:30 am Mass (OLC)
7:00 pm AA Meeting (SPC)

Friday, January 12

8:30 am Mass (OLC)
Rosary immediately after Mass

Saturday, January 13

7:30 am Josephs Men's "Average Joe" Prayer Group (OLC-hall)
3:30-4:30 pm Confessions (OLC)
5:00 pm Vigil Mass (OLC)

Our parish has benefited from being included in the wills of parishioners. Your generous gifts strengthen our parish so we can better serve people's needs. Please consider us when writing your wills or planning your estate, it would be sincerely appreciated. For more information, please contact the rectory. Thank you!

A Celtic Christmas in Doe Run

The warm glow of the Advent candles guided everyone to another glorious Christmas season! As part of this holy season, we hosted *A Celtic Christmas in Doe Run* to celebrate the humble Irish Catholic beginnings of St. Malachi's of Doe Run 185 years ago.

Although the festive concert series was cut short due to inclement weather, the incredible efforts of our many volunteers and the excitement of those attending our first two concerts helped to spread magical Christmas joy while raising \$3746.98 for Our Lady of Consolation Parish.

To all I extend my sincere appreciation and wish everyone a most joyous New Year!

With deepest gratitude,
Kathleen Hood

A Celtic Christmas in Doe Run Coordinator



MYCHAL'S MESSAGE

Our Franciscan Fraternity, Mary, Queen of the Angels, is collecting new underwear, t shirts and hats (store bought or hand made) for men, women, teens and children. Our collection is sponsored by Mychal's Message, a non-profit organization created in honor of the life of Father Mychal Judge, who died September 11, 2001 in New York City. Donations can be placed in the earmarked box located at the entrance of church.

Thank you,
Katie Farren (parishioner and fraternity member)

Baptism

December 23, 2023

Mary Winter Hacker, daughter of Jennifer Termini and David Hacker, 2nd

Knights of Columbus News

Knights of Columbus Council #9727 will meet tomorrow, Monday, January 8, at 7:00 pm in the OLC church hall. Meetings are routinely held on the 2nd Monday of each month and conclude by 8:00 pm.

Bill Green, our Grand Knight asks that all members attend a meeting, bring your ideas, large or small, as we endeavor to better serve our parish and community.



CHOIR

Our adult Choir enjoys weekly practice every Wednesday at 6:30 pm at Our Lady of Consolation church. Come and join us as we celebrate the Lord with song. No experience necessary, all vocal levels are welcome.

Do you play an instrument and want to play for Mass? Please Email Choir Director-Janeen Walker for more details at walkfam18@gmail.com.



Young At Heart-Senior Luncheon

When: Wednesday, January 24

Time: 11:30 am

Where: Schneider Parish Center

Join us for chili, salad and cornbread.

The cost is *free!*

Donations are appreciated!

Please bring a tasty dessert to share and invite a neighbor or friend!

So we can prepare for this event, please **RSVP by Monday, January 22** to Mary Beth Rohrer at 610-857-3510.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Retrouvaille

This is a weekend retreat to help couples who live in disappointment and pain of marriage problems. The retreat provides a safe setting encouraging couples to learn to communicate in a respectful way.

Retrouvaille's goals are to help struggling marriages and build strong marriages.

For more information and to register go to their website:

Delaware Valley Retrouvaille Programs or call 215-766-3944.

The Retrouvaille Program is designed for couples who struggle communicating effectively with each other causing pain and loneliness in their marriage. It is designed for couples in any stage of marriage breakdown – from daily frustration caused by poor communication habits to those considering separation or divorce.

Some couples come to Retrouvaille during the initial signs of a marriage problem. Other couples are already in a state of despair and hopelessness when they attend.

Retrouvaille offers help for both situations.

For more information about the program or to register for an upcoming program, please visit their website at: www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944.

Catholic Support for Mental Health

Be Encouraged; The Catholic Support for Mental Health Website (archphila.org/support) sites resources to assist with healing, accompaniment and flourishing.

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has launched a website with resources to support those who are experiencing mental health struggles and those who love them.

The website offers links to find Catholic clinicians, local crisis response phone numbers and ministries that can assist with recovery and healing. In addition, there are tools to help parishes, schools and institutions cultivate a deeper awareness of and responsiveness to these realities, suffered by so many.

Visit the Be Encouraged website at archphila.org/support.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On this great Feast of the Epiphany, we continue to rejoice in the gift of Jesus, the Word Made Flesh in His Incarnation. The Epiphany reminds us that this Gift of Jesus, Our Savior is for all peoples of all times and places. Let us prayerfully reflect on these words of Pope St. Leo the Great on this Feast of the Epiphany.

***In Christ's Peace,
Fr. O'Neill***

From a sermon by Saint Leo the Great, pope
(Sermo 3 in Epiphania Domini, 1-3. 5: PL 54, 240-244)

"The Lord has made his salvation known to the whole world"

The loving providence of God determined that in the last days he would aid the world, set on its course to destruction. He decreed that all nations should be saved in Christ.

A promise had been made to the holy patriarch Abraham in regard to these nations. He was to have a countless progeny, born not from his body but from the seed of faith. His descendants are therefore compared with the array of the stars. The father of all nations was to hope not in an earthly progeny but in a progeny from above.

Let the full number of the nations now take their place in the family of the patriarchs.

Let the children of the promise now receive the blessing in the seed of Abraham, the blessing renounced by the children of his flesh. In the persons of the Magi let all people adore the Creator of the universe; let God be known, not in Judea only, but in the whole world, so that *his name may be great in all Israel.*

Dear friends, now that we have received instruction in this revelation of God's grace, let us celebrate with spiritual joy the day of our first harvesting, of the first calling of the Gentiles. Let us give thanks to the merciful God, *who has made us worthy*, in the words of the Apostle, *to share the position of the saints in light, who has rescued us from the power of darkness, and brought us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.*

As Isaiah prophesied: *the people of the Gentiles, who sat in darkness, have seen a great light, and for those who dwelt in the region of the shadow of death a light has dawned.* He spoke of them to the Lord:

The Gentiles, who do not know you, will invoke you, and the peoples, who knew you not, will take refuge in you. This is *the day that Abraham saw, and rejoiced to see*, when he knew that the sons born of his faith would be blessed in his seed, that is, in Christ. Believing that he would be the father of the nations, he looked into the future, *giving glory to God, in full awareness that God is able to do what he has promised.*

This is the day that David prophesied in the psalms, when he said: *All the nations that you have brought into being will come and fall down in adoration in your presence, Lord, and glorify your name.*

Again, *the Lord has made known his salvation; in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.*

This came to be fulfilled, as we know, from the time when the star beckoned the three wise men out of their distant country and led them to recognize and adore the King of heaven and earth. The obedience of the star calls us to imitate its humble service: to be servants, as best we can, of the grace that invites all men to find Christ.

Dear friends, you must have the same zeal to be of help to one another; then, in the kingdom of God, to which faith and good works are the way, you will shine as children of the light: through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with God the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

In Christ's Peace,

Fr. O'Neill

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