

December 17, 2023 – The 3rd Sunday of Advent

ST. ISAAC JOGUES

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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass Mon-Fri 8 am & 12:05pm. in the Church. The Chapel will open at 8:00am with Exposition from 8:30am to 8pm Seven days a week.

Saturday: 8am Daily & 5pm Vigil

Sunday: 8 & 10:30am, 12 Noon & 5pm

National Holidays: 9am

Holy Day: 8am, 12:05pm & 7:30pm

Christmas Day : 8am, 10:30am, & 12pm

New Years Day 8am & 12:05pm

Night of Reparation – 1st Friday 7:30 pm

SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45 to 4:45pm and after the 12:05pm Mass on First Friday only.

Sacrament of Baptism: Arrangements for the Sacrament of Baptism are to be made at the Rectory Office.

Sacrament of Marriage: Arrangements for the Sacrament of marriage must be made at least six months before the intended wedding to allow time to gather the necessary documents and for Pre-Cana preparations.

Sacrament of the Sick: Please call the Office. 610-687-3366
Rectory Office Hours-Mon. thru Thurs. 7:30am -2:30pm
Office is Closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Youth Ministry– 610-687-3366 ext. 41. SIJYOUTH@gmail.com

Religious Ed -610-687-3366 ext. 40
SIJCCD@stisaac.org



THEME

John the Baptist calls people to a baptism of repentance. As we noted last Sunday, repentance means “re-thinking.” Are there aspects of our lives which call for re-thinking? Let us be bathed in the salutary insights accompanying re-thinking.



The Third Sunday of Advent, also called Gaudete Sunday because the theme is “rejoice.” We have John being asked by the crowd, tax collectors and soldiers about what they were suppose to do before the coming of the Messiah. It sets the tone for the spirit of Advent.

The third candle, usually for the Third Sunday of Advent, is traditionally Pink or Rose, and symbolizes Joy at the soon Advent of the Christ. In the four weeks of Advent the third Sunday came to be a time of rejoicing that the fasting was almost over (in some traditions it is called Gaudete Sunday).

Holy Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 16

8:00am Intentions of Dan Carandang
5:00pm †Deceased Members of the deSante Family

Sunday, December 17-The 3rd Sunday of Advent

8:00am People of St. Isaac Jogues
10:30am †Russ & Marie Goedjen
12:00pm †Sadie & Nick Borzillo
5:00pm †Frances (Chubby) Coscia

Monday, December 18

8:00am †Roslyn Puzio & Janet Yavner
12:05pm †Gene Debus

Tuesday, December 19

8:00am †John Greenwood
12:05pm †John Marec

Wednesday, December 20

8:00am Birthday Intentions of Connie Cekaitis
12:05pm †Mary Lou Blumer

Thursday, December 21-St. Peter Canisius, Priest

8:00am Birthday Intentions of Paul Hayes
12:05pm †Deceased Members of the Pachella & Cottone Families

Friday, December 22

8:00am †Jeremy Blackburn
12:05pm †John Robinson & Deceased Members of the Blendel Family

The Readings for the week December 24 & 25

First Reading – 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 (11B)
Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29
Second Reading – Romans 16:25-27
Gospel – Luke 1:26-38



PARISH REGISTRATION

A warm welcome to all who have recently moved into a home or apartment within our Parish neighborhood! We invite you to contact the Rectory office in order to register and for information about our Parish services. Also you must be registered to receive sponsor letters to be a Godparent or Confirmation sponsor.



Confessions

Monday, December 18th
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Tuesday, December 19th
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

(Last Confessions before Christmas.)



Christmas Eve Vigil Masses

Sunday, December 24th
5:00 PM 8:00 PM

(No Confessions held today.)

Christmas Day Masses

Monday, December 25th
8:00 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 Noon
(No 5:00 PM Mass)



New Year’s Day Masses

Mary Mother of God
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)
Monday, January 1, 2024
8:00 AM & 12:05 PM

There will be only one Mass on Tuesday, December 26th, at 12:05 P.M.


ST. ISAAC'S NEWS


Mass Book – The Mass Book is open for January 2024 through June 2024. Only three Masses per person per day.

The Adult Faith Formation group will **not** meet on December 20th through January 2nd. Our next session will begin again on January 9th. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. For more information please contact: Bob Morris at robertemorris50@gmail.com.

Walking with Purpose - IT's NOT TOO LATE to register for this uplifting women's Bible study to be held at St Isaac this fall (now in its 12th year!). Visit <https://stisaac.org/walking-with-purpose> (or select "Walking with Purpose" below "Organizations" from the main menu on the <https://stisaac.org> home page) to register. Details regarding the schedule, costs and study materials can be found there. If you prefer, please call Mary Selman at 610-322-3687. There are two tracks, the full-year introductory study "Opening Your Heart" (see <https://walkingwithpurpose.com/>), and another shorter study based on Lisa Cotter's book "Reveal the Gift: Living the Feminine Genius." **We will reconvene on Wednesday, January 10th, 2024.**

The Youth Group will perform a Live Nativity this Thursday, December 21, at 7:00 PM.

 **Christmas Flower Offering** - An envelope is included in your December envelope set. You need only drop it in the Sunday collection. There is also a Mass remembrance envelope. Those who are being remembered will be prayed for during the Masses of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

 *Please remember your Heat and Snow envelopes to help offset operating costs.*

CELIAC? - If you are in need of a **low-gluten** host regularly, please purchase a pyx (available online and in Christian and Catholic shops). Before mass give your pyx to the sacristan or deacon to have a low-gluten host placed on the altar for consecration. Come to the altar to receive the Eucharist when you see the Extraordinary Ministers approach (usually as the "Lamb of God" prayer is being said). The celebrant will administer Communion to you, then return to your pew. You can retrieve your pyx after mass from the table adjacent to the stained glass window. Visitors may borrow a pyx. For information about the host composition, see <https://altarbreadsbpa.com/>.

Three New Auxiliary Bishops

On the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Vatican announced that Pope Francis has named Reverend Keith J. Chylinski, Reverend Christopher R. Cooke, and Reverend Efrén V. Esmilla to serve as Auxiliary Bishops for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. They will join Auxiliary Bishop John J. McIntyre, who has served in that capacity since 2010.

They will succeed recently retired Auxiliary Bishops Edward M. Deliman and Michael J. Fitzgerald as well as Bishop Timothy C. Senior, who had served as an Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia from 2009 until the summer of 2023 when he was appointed the Bishop of Harrisburg.

Archbishop Nelson J. Perez introduced the new Bishops-elect during a news conference at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center and announced that their Mass of Episcopal Ordination will be celebrated on Thursday, March 7, 2024 in the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. Arch Bishop Perez will be the principal celebrant and consecrator at that Mass.

A special note of congratulations, as well, to Monsignor Cribben who is the proud Uncle of Bishop-elect Christopher R. Cooke.

REMEMBER OUR MILITARY

TSgt Megan Burton, US Air Force
Sgt. Ryan Burke, US Marine Corp
Sgt. Bruno Sicilia, US Army, Iraq
Capt. Adam Bouvier, US Army, Iraq/Kuwait
Maj. Katherine L. DePaul JA, US Army
Lt. Colonel Patrick Mulloney, US Army
Capt. Daniel Door, US Army



We know our prayers are heard and answered. Please call the Rectory when the individual's health improves or they have returned home from service duty so they can be removed from the list.

Faithful Father, thank you that you are the source of all true joy in life. For those who serve our country in the military, we pray that they would be filled with your strength flowing through them. We thank you for their sacrificial service on our behalf. We pray that they would carry out their work with integrity and honor. We praise you that our names are written in your book of life. We thank you that your grace has been sufficient throughout our life and will faithfully carry us home. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Roberta Adams, Bobbie Bauer, Bernie & Catherine Brill, David Bucci, Roger Burgess, John Deenis, Tahlia Fernandez, Farzanh Hafezi, Pary Hafezi, Joseph Iacavino III, Patricia Kaine, Janet Lennon, Francesca Monastero, Jeanette and Patrick Muldoon, Annette McCauley, Charles McKeough, Elaine & Jim Pizzo, David Rothhaar, Alfred Sama, Treacy G. Sommer, Joseph Stellabotte, Maureen Travagline, Kenneth Turley, Michael Wusinich and Brian Wood.



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BEQUESTS TO OUR PARISH

You can make a bequest to St. Isaac Jogues Parish by having the following statement in your will: "I leave to St. Isaac Jogues Parish, Wayne, PA the sum of \$ _____ for its religious and charitable works." This is one way of insuring that our parish will be able to continue to do in the future the good it has done in the past. Thank you.

Advertising - Our parish benefits greatly from the ads you see in the bulletin. The revenue pays for its printing, which is an important means of communication for the parish. We thank the many local businesses that have renewed their ads, as well as the many new advertisers in our bulletin. If you would like to promote your business to the families of our parish, please call 1-800-333-3166.

The Brother House - takes care of approximately 30 homeless men in the Norristown area on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. The men take showers, and need clean clothes to put on after the shower. In need of sneakers, jeans, hoodies. **Snacks, coffee, iced tea** are greatly appreciated also. Please bring donations to the Rectory Office.

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POT LUCK DINNER AND POSADA - Wednesday, December 21st, 6-9 pm in St. Isaac Jogues Parish Hall. The POSADA tradition comes from Mexico and was originally a novena celebrated on the nine days before Christmas. The word "posada" means inn, and during the evening we will be re-enacting Mary & Joseph's search for lodging in Bethlehem. Children are especially welcome at this party because there is always a piñata to enjoy. But no posada would be complete without every generation represented, so please don't stay away if you have no children...it's fun for everyone. Come and enjoy the good food and Christmas carols, you can bring your musical instruments if so inclined! For information or to register email tony-cathy@comcast.net.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

WHAT DRAWS PEOPLE INTO THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

While there are many different circumstances that lead a person in the direction of Catholicism, the simple answer is, "Because God has called them."

Most often, God calls to us through the people closest to us, through our families and friends. Most who have entered the Church have been influenced by a Catholic spouse, fiancé, or close friend. For many of these people, a desire to raise their children in the knowledge of God spurred them to action. What is this if not the action of the Holy Spirit? *If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about Catholic Faith and Worship contact Louis Valenti at 610-687-2481 or email SIJDRE@gmail.com.*

Some Calls are Meant to be Answered! - Have you ever considered being a priest? What an awesome life it is! Do not be afraid to **HEED THE CALL** of Christ. For more information, please see our website www.HeedTheCall.org or call 610-667-5778.

The priests of tomorrow are in our midst. They are members of this parish. They are members of our own families. Encourage Vocations, pray for the gift.

YOUTH MINISTRY

All are welcome to St. Isaac's Youth Group! We meet on Thursday evenings, from 6-9 PM in the Parish Hall. Youth from grades 7-12 are welcome! Youth Group evenings consist of games, Scriptural Reading, small and large group discussion, a visit to the Chapel for Adoration, Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and food! If you have not already done so, please sign up for our Youth Group through our website under "Youth Ministry". Any questions, email Joe Aquilante at SIJYouth@gmail.com.

NOTE: Please take note that our Mass Schedule includes a weekly Youth Mass, every Sunday evening at 5:00 pm. Any youth interested in helping with the Youth Mass to lector, serve or with Music Ministry, please contact the Youth Ministry Office at 610-254-9106.



Items for the Bulletin should be submitted in writing by Noon **on Thursday of the week before** to the Parish Secretary, email carol@stisaac.org, for **approval by the Pastor.**

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