

THEME

We may have the feast of the birth of Jesus on our minds. That humble coming of the Savior into the world sets us on course to embrace the entire Christian mystery, including Jesus' bringing all things to completion. We give thanks that we already enjoy the gift of forgiveness.

+ MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK +

Saturday, December 1

8:00am †Catherine Schrems
5:00pm People of St. Isaac Jogues

Sunday, December 2-The First Sunday of Advent

8:00am Intentions of Dan Carandang
10:30am †Ed Yak & Gene Ciarelli
12:00pm †Dr. Joseph Quill
5:00pm Intentions of Jeanie Regn

Monday, December 3-St. Francis Xavier, Priest

8:00am Intentions of Estelle Buczilowicz
12:05pm †Mary & Thomas McKee & Sons

Tuesday, December 4-St. John Damascene, Priest

8:00am Anniversary Intentions of Fred & Mary Schachinger
12:05pm †Vince McNally

Wednesday, December 5

8:00am †Paz & Benito Maneclang
12:05pm †Vince McNally

Thursday, December 6

8:00am †Benito & Paz Maneclang
12:05pm Living & Deceased Members of the Stryker Family

Friday, December 7-St. Ambrose, Bishop

8:00am †Joseph J. McBryan
12:05pm †Elizabeth Anne Aquilante
7:30pm †Sheila Galligan

Saturday, December 8-The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

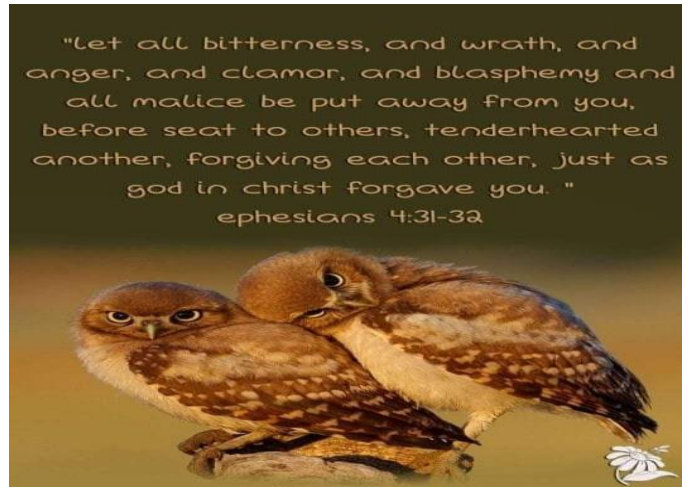
8:00am For the Unborn
12:05pm †Joseph R. Gibney, Sr.
5:00pm †Thomas J. Evans Jr.

Sunday, December 9-The Second Sunday of Advent

8:00am People of St. Isaac Jogues
10:30am †Nicholas Fazzini
12:00pm †Fr. Edward Hamilton
5:00pm †Elizabeth Anne Aquilante

The Readings for the Weekend of December 8 & 9

First Reading – Baruch 5:1-9 (6C)
Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
Second Reading – Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
Gospel – Luke 3:1-6



For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins. (Matthew 6:14-15)

Liturgical Schedule December 1 & 2

	Extraordinary Ministers	Lector	Cantor & Organist
Saturday 5:00pm	E. Hendrickson M. Schrems T. Cucchi	A. Laursen	Thad Shirey J. McEnery
Sunday 8:00am	T. Betts L. Copel	G. Reilly	No Music
Sunday 10:30am	P. Shields P. McManus B. Smith	D. Morris	Terry Shirey C. Paschal
Sunday 12:00pm	M. Keyser R. Barba	V. Wisely	Terry Shirey C. Paschal
Sunday 5:00pm	J. Aquilante J. Wilson	D. DiMaiuta M. Grady	Youth Group



Roberta Adams, Bobbie Bauer, Bernie & Catherine Brill, Roger Burgess, Helen Debus, John Deenis, Sal DiMaiuta, Michael Fullam, Bud Gosnell, Farzanh Hafezi, Pary Hafezi, Patricia Kaine, Clare Krause, Janet Lennon, Francesca Monastero, Jeanette and Patrick Muldoon, Annette McCauley, Mary McNabb, Charles McKeough, Jacob Nichols, Steve Pannella, Linda Patton, Elaine & Jim Pizzo, Mary Redmond, David Rothhaar, John Schrems, Dave Scidurlo, Jane Taddeo, Maureen Travagline, Alicia Uribe, Michael Wusinich and Brian Wood and all our homebound, parishioners in nursing homes and hospitals.

Remember the members of 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
Corp. Brendan Burke, US Marine Corp
Lt. Colonel Patrick Mulloney, US Army, Afghanistan
SSgt. Tim Selman, US Air Force



THIS WEEK AT ST. ISAAC'S

Second Collection – This weekend’s Second Collection is for the Retirement of the Religious.

Holy Hour for Life – Every Monday the Legion of Mary will lead a Holy Hour for Life from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Chapel. We will pray three mysteries of the Rosary for an overturn of abortion and for protection of life from conception to natural death.



Advent Giving Tree - St. Isaac’s traditional “Advent Giving Tree” of will take place the weekends of **December 1st & 2nd, and December 7th & 8th, December 15th & 16th**. Please take a gift tag from the tree located in the back of the church and return the gift with the tag attached and place it under the tree no later than **Sunday, December 16th**. **Gift cards may be bought to the Rectory Office. PLEASE DO NOT WRAP ANY GIFTS JUST ATTACH THE TAG.** These gifts will then be sorted and delivered to the appropriate location.

We have a new charity this year St. Mary’s Franciscan Homeless Shelter (Phoenixville). They request gift cards as does Dawn’s Place for Women in which they take the families out to use.



The Knights of Columbus - is having a Crab Cake Sale featuring Capt'n Chucky's famous jumbo crabmeat cakes. Order forms will be available at the church entrances and the Parish Office. **Orders, with payment, will be accepted through 2:00 pm Monday, December 10th.** Pickup schedule is Friday, December 14th ... parish hall.



Christmas Flower Offering - An envelope is included in your December envelope set. You need only drop it in the Sunday collection. Those who are being remembered will be prayed for during the Masses of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Their names and the names of those who remembered them will be posted. We ask your cooperation in making your contribution by **Monday, December 17th**, so that the list can be compiled.

Family Posada & Potluck Dinner Friday, December 21st, 6-9 pm in the Parish Hall. The POSADA tradition comes from Mexico, but we have translated everything to English. As part of the evening we will re-enact the journey of Mary & Joseph looking for a place to stay in Bethlehem. It’s a beautiful experience for everyone. Come and enjoy the Christmas carols, the good food and the piñata --whether or not you have children! There is no charge for this event, but you must register so we can plan accordingly. Call Tony & Cathy Witzak 610-688-2389 OR email tony-cathy@comcast.net .



The Advent Wreath has its origins in Germany in the sixteenth century. The wreath - a circle of evergreens symbolizing God’s eternal love - holds four candles, three violet and one pink. Violet is the traditional penitential color of Advent, and the pink candle symbolizing joy is lit on Gaudete (Joyful) Sunday, the Third Sunday of the season. As we light the four candles one by one, we’re reminded of how God’s light has gradually illumined the world’s darkness through history, culminating in Jesus, the light of the World and the Sun of Justice.

Prayer for Advent

LORD JESUS, you came to bring us the fullness of joy and to free us from all the pale imitations of happiness. This Advent, remove any barriers we have put up to keep you out of our lives. Teach us to welcome your presence wherever we find it, even in the difficulties and challenges of daily life.

As we reach out in love to others, especially the poor and needy, may we come to know in our hearts that we are welcoming you, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Preparing the way by Confessing our Sins - Advent resounds with the theme of reconciliation and the call to repentance. That call is not about dwelling on our sins and being even more burdened by them, but the opposite bringing them to God in sorrow and hope for forgiveness.

Giving Thoughts – Why we give?

- There is no better investment in the world than the local parish. It is where people meet Jesus and lives are changed.
- Where your treasure is, there will your heart also be. (Matthew 6:21)

*Some of the most important prayers...
...start by reaching out for forgiveness...*

And ends with accepting it

DECEMBER 2, 2018 ~ THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Have a heart that never hardens, and a temper that never tires, and a touch that never hurts.
(Charles Dickens)

The Boy Scouts thank you for your ongoing support of their program and wish you a Merry Christmas.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

**SUNDAY FIRST COLLECTIONS
FOR PARISH USE
CALENDAR YEAR THROUGH SUNDAY, NOV. 25, 2018**

This Year: \$ 566,246
Last Year: \$ 577,624
Change: \$ -11,378
% Change - 2%

Please remember to use your envelopes. If you do not use them please call the Rectory Office so that we can discontinue them thus saving printing and postage.

Parish Giving - is a safe, convenient and effective way for you to support our parish. Our goal is to significantly increase the use of this important stewardship tool here at St. Isaac's. Visit the website www.stisaac.org.

Parish Hall Rental - We have a large hall available for parties, showers, weddings, family reunions, funeral luncheons, and of course plenty of parking room. Please call Carol Friel at 610-687-3366 ext. 24 for more information on hall rental.

Ushers - Need ushers for the Saturday night 5:00pm Mass. Please contact Carol at the Rectory Office.

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. Please let them know that this is where you saw their ad. There are spaces, so if you would like to promote your business to the families of our parish, please call Bob Arnold at 610-203-6474.

The Schuylkill Valley Regional Dance Company Presents its 47th: THE NUTCRACKER - Featuring over 50 local dancers, actors, professional guest artists and numerous backstage volunteers. Come join Clara, the Nutcracker, the Sugar Plum Fairy & their friends for this fun family holiday tradition! Performance Date and Times: **Sat. Dec. 8th**, at 2:00pm & 6:00pm. Phoenixville Area Middle School Theater (Rt.29). Tickets/Info: At Door or www.tututix.com/svrdc.

Catholic Philly.com - is the top source of local Catholic news and Catholic teaching, updated every day. Stay informed of Catholic events in the Philadelphia Archdiocese. Read Archbishop Chaput's weekly column and learn more about your faith.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

St. Isaac Jogues Youth Ministry offers the unique opportunity for youth, grades six through twelve, to fully immerse themselves in the Catholic Faith. Activities within the community, socials, spiritual and service events, worship services and athletics provide the means for the youth to establish and strengthen relationships with others. At the heart of this group is the mission of realizing God's significance in the world and to live as Christ in word and deed.

www.stisaac.org and click on "Youth Ministry. Join Us!!

NOTE: Any youth interested in helping with the Youth Mass Sunday at 5:00 pm to lector, serve or with Music Ministry, please contact the Youth Ministry Office at 610-254-9106.



Live Nativity The Youth Group will be performing its annual "Live Nativity" this **Sunday, December 16th**, at 7:00 pm in the Church. A lite reception will be held afterwards.



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Items for the Bulletin should be submitted in writing by Friday Noon of the week before, to the Editor, Carol Friel the Parish Secretary, email carol@stisaac.org, for approval by the Pastor.