

A detail from a Baroque painting, likely by Giovanni Stanetti. It features a bearded man with a voluminous, swirling beard in shades of blue and white. He has a dramatic expression with wide, blue eyes. Above him, a cherub with curly brown hair and a pinkish face looks down. The cherub's hand is raised, holding a small object. The background is a warm, golden-brown color. The entire scene is framed by a simple white border.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025

8:00AM FRANK & BRIDGET DIXON
5:00 VIGIL MICHAEL HARBISON (73RD BIRTHDAY)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025

8:00AM JOANNE HENSHAW
10:00AM STEPHEN A. COIA
12:00 NOON PETEY THOMPSON (4TH ANNIVERSARY)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025

8:30AM RUTH CONNELL
12:00 NOON EDNA & BILL STOREY
7:00PM JOHN T. FINN (32ND ANNIVERSARY)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2025

8:30AM HUGO VENDITTO (14TH ANNIVERSARY)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2025

8:30AM NEAL SWEENEY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2025

8:30AM JOSEPH ROWLEY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2025

8:30AM JOSEPH ROWLEY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025

8:00AM ROBERT KLUMPP
5:00 VIGIL ROBERT BRUCE LUDASCHER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025

8:00AM RAYMOND PAGAN &
 ALEXANDER RODRIGUEZ
10:00AM KATHRYN ROBINSON
12:00 NOON EDWARD RUDOLPH

WEEKLY COLLECTION

November 22 & 23, 2025 \$17,448
 (includes \$6,012 from E-giving & Parish Giving)
November 23 & 24, 2024 \$17,619
 (includes \$6,293 from E-giving & Parish Giving)
November 29 & 30, 2025 \$16,764
 (includes \$6,483 from E-giving & Parish Giving)
November 30 & December 1, 2024 \$19,419
 (includes \$6,083 from E-giving & Parish Giving)

Our Goal for the 2025-2026 Block Collection is **\$130,000**. To date we have received **\$65,121** which is **50%** of the amount needed. Please return your Block Collection donation when possible. Thank you to all who have already given.

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



Monday, December 8, 2025
 8:30AM, 12 Noon and 7:00PM

The Giving Tree

This weekend, December 6 & 7, there are still some paper ornaments on the Christmas Tree, each with a gift suggestion for the children in the Mission of St. Joan of Arc Parish (Christmas Bells). ***Next weekend, December 13th and 14th,*** you are asked to bring your gifts to Church and place them in the baskets on the altar at the Offertory of the Mass. We ask that you bring the gifts in a gift bag if possible with the ornaments taped securely to the outside of the package. The gifts are sorted for distribution to the different organizations by the ornament. Most of the toys for the children can be found at Target or on Amazon.
 Thank You.

Scrip Tuition Voucher Information:

Tuition Voucher requests are due in the Scrip Office by Sunday December 21, 2025

The Scrip Office will be closed December 22, 2025 to January 3, 2026.

ROSARY SCHEDULE:

During the holy season of Advent, join us in the Chapel each Tuesday at 1:15pm to pray for peace in our world, our homes and our hearts.

2026 Wall Calendars

Are available at the doors of the church and in the parish office.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we step into the second week of Advent, I wanted to check in and share a quick update. In my last letter, I let you know about my upcoming retirement as pastor of St. Christopher Parish. Writing that wasn't easy, and your thoughtful messages and steady support since then have meant more to me than you know.

As I write this, I'm in rehab working on getting my strength back after a small setback. My situation may have changed by the time you read this, but for now I'm making steady progress and I'm grateful to be in good hands. Your prayers and well-wishes have truly lifted my spirits, and my hope is still to be back with you as soon as my health allows.

Advent, especially this second week, always reminds us that life doesn't move in straight, predictable lines. We all go through seasons where we have to slow down, adjust, and trust the process. In its own way, this time of rehab has become part of my Advent—finding hope in small steps forward and remembering that good things often grow quietly and gradually. I'm sure many of you can relate.

I also want to highlight one of our meaningful Advent traditions here at St. Chris: our **Parish Giving Tree**. Last weekend many of you selected an ornament from the tree with a suggested gift for the children served by the **Mission of St. Joan of Arc Parish** (Christmas Bells) or for the **Blessed Sacrament Sisters at Paul's Run** (Stockings). The Giving Tree will remain up until all the ornaments are gone, so if you haven't had the chance yet, please feel free to take an ornament.

Please return your gifts on **December 13th and 14th** during Mass. You can place them in the baskets on the altar at the Offertory. We ask that gifts be brought in a gift bag with the ornament taped securely to the outside—this helps ensure everything gets to the right place.

Thank you for being such a strong and caring parish family. Even while I'm away, I feel connected to you through your kindness and the spirit you bring to our community. Please know that you remain in my thoughts and prayers as we continue this Advent journey together.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Joe

If you ordered a wreath or grave blanket from the scouts, we will be in the parking lot outside of Holy Family Hall after the 5PM Mass on Saturday, December 6th and on Sunday, December 7th between 8:30 AM and 11:15AM for pickups. We do have some wreaths available for walk up orders.



With the coming of the Christmas season, we will continue our Secret Santa initiative. If you would like to participate in this venture, you can drop off your donation at the parish office or you can place it in the regular collection in an envelope with the words "Secret Santa" on it. Last year we were able to help a number of families have a nicer meal for Christmas and to give more worthwhile presents to their children.



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December 6th and 7th is for
The Retired Religious Fund

The Second Collection Next Weekend
December 13th and 14th
Is for the Christmas Flowers

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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JOAN LYNCH CARROLL
RAYMOND CARROLL
John Finn
Nancy Finn
Dolores McCabe
Mary Lew Nideroski
Paul Nideroski

NOTICE ABOUT OUR SICK LIST:

If you wish to place or remove a name from the prayer list,
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John Joseph Mastrome

We have a limited supply of the 2026 Sunday Mass Missals. Although the missals retail for \$6.95 we are asking for a donation of \$6, that will cover our cost. Missals can be found on the cart in the middle of the church.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

On Sundays during the 10AM Mass we offer a Children's Liturgy of the Word. Volunteers bring your children aged 3 to 6 (flexible) to the Carlo Acutis Narthex for child-friendly Scripture-based activities. They will go out after the opening prayer and return to you at the Offertory of the Mass.

THAT MAN IS YOU (TMIY)

We meet on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8:30PM
in the Parish Office Meeting Room.

Fall Semester

December 10th--The Finding in the Temple

December 17th—A Sweet Exchange

End of Fall Semester

PRE-JORDAN BAPTISM CLASS

First-time parents, as well as parents who have not already done so, must attend a Pre-Jordan class before scheduling a Baptism. We suggest that you attend before the birth of your baby. The next class will be on:

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