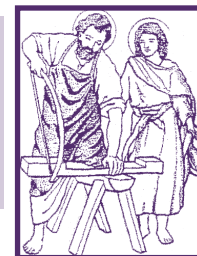


THE CARPENTER'S BENCH SAINT JOSEPH WEEKLY BULLETIN INSERT FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 23, 2018



HAPPENING THIS WEEK

- Dec 23 9 a.m. Coffee & Donuts
NO Religious Education
- Dec 24 Communion Visits at Lakeview
Vietnamese Hall Setup All Day
6:15 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass with Children's Pageant
8 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass Vietnamese
10 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass with Adult Choir
- Dec 25 **8 a.m. Christmas Morning Mass**
12 Noon Christmas Morning Mass Vietnamese
Vietnamese Christmas Celebration Hall All Day
- Dec 26 10 a.m. Mass at Crestwood
NO RCIA
- Dec 27 Homebound Communion Visits
6 p.m. Feed the Hungry
Daily Mass Monday—Friday at 5:45 p.m.



OFFICE CLOSED

St. Joseph's Parish Office will be closed for the Christmas Holiday through Thursday, January 3, 2019. It will reopen on Friday, January 4 at 11 a.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S REMEMBER At St. Joe's we pray the Rosary before each weekend Mass. As a courtesy to those praying and to our Lord—
Please maintain a reverent silence at all times while in Church.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS ~ RCIA

Meets Wednesday from 7-8:30 alternating monthly between St. Ann & St. Joseph

ALL ARE WELCOME

- **December 26—NO CLASS**
- **January 2—NO CLASS**
- **January 9 - Social Justice/Moral Living**
Presenter: Mike Cesnik & Deacon Joe at St. Joseph

HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!!

The Twelve Days of Christmas . . .

Several years ago a well-meaning person published a story about the popular Christmas song "The Twelve Days of Christmas," alleging that the song originated in England in the 17th or 18th century, a period of persecution of Catholics by the Anglican government. The story was that the twelve "gifts" had a hidden meaning, and the song was intended as a secret catechism for Catholic children so they could learn their faith without fear of persecution. While this story is interesting, it turns out there is no verifiable evidence to back it up, and the author of the theory has admitted as much.

But it is a fun concept! So in the spirit of Christmas and a deep love of our Catholic faith, here are the symbols as described in the story:

The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.

Two turtle doves were the two natures of Jesus – fully human and fully divine. Three French hens stood for the Father, Son and Holy Spirit—three persons in One God.

The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The five golden rings recalled the five Holy Wounds from the crucifixion – two in his hands, two in his feet and one in his side.

Seven Swans a-swimming represented the seven signs of grace – the Sacraments of the Church – Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Matrimony, Holy Orders, and Anointing of the Sick.

The eight maids a-milking represent the eight days of feasting—after Christmas and Easter we celebrate the "Octave"

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NEXT WEEKEND'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE

The Holy Family	Ushers	Altar Servers	Lectors	Cantors	Extraordinary Ministers	Extraordinary Ministers	Greeters
Sun Dec 30 8:00 AM	Volunteers	Volunteers	Felipe Porto John Rosner		Nancy Swinford John Rosner	Linda Hinsley	Jeannette Barnett Larry Barnett
Sun Dec 30 11:30 AM	Volunteers	Kacy Ferris Bailey Small	Asanet Gallegos Tim McDowell	Jim Sullivan	Volunteers	Volunteers	Shirley Anderson Jeanette Clements

MASS INTENTIONS

SUN	Dec 23	8:00 AM	Leo Schaffer
SUN	Dec 23	11:30 AM	Donald V. Hahn
MON	Dec 24	6:15 PM	Thomas Hausladen
MON	Dec 24	10:00 PM	Richard B. Kurt
TUE	Dec 25	8:00 AM	Jim Strack Johanna Wilson
WED	Dec 26	5:45 PM	Living & Deceased Members of the Doughty Williams Families
THUR	Dec 27	5:45 PM	Cornelius & Josie Callahan
FRI	Dec 28	5:45 PM	Robert Williams
SUN	Dec 30	8:00 AM	Joe Sergi
SUN	Dec 30	11:30 AM	Living & Deceased Members of the Capperelli Family

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or eight-day feast during which each day is considered a solemn holy day.

The nine ladies dancing recall the nine choirs of angels – the Seraphim, Cherubim, Thrones, Dominions, Virtues, Powers, Archangels, Principalities, and Angels.

The ten Lords a-leaping stood for the Ten Commandments.

The eleven pipers piping represent the Eleven True Disciples – twelve minus Judas.

The twelve drummers drumming – the twelve gates of heaven – found in the book of Revelation, along with a crown of twelve stars for the “woman clothed with the sun” – Mary, and the Church.

**Don't forget to celebrate ALL of the Christmas season, until the Sunday following Epiphany.
Merry Christmas!**

FINANCIAL NEWS

Collection Report

Budget is \$4203 per week
Dec 16, 2018 - \$3485 – 98 envelopes.
Was \$718 UNDER budget.

50/50 REPORT

12/16/18 - # 047 WAS NOT Submitted
12/23/18 drawing will be for \$87

To be eligible to win, place your envelope containing \$1.00, with name & registered number in one of the 50/50 boxes located by the entrances.
All empty envelopes will be void.
St. Joseph License - # 141827



PLEASE PRAY FOR...



Prayer Chain — Offering prayer for anyone who asks or needs the loving support of caring members of the parish. All information is confidential. Call your request for prayer to one of the following and the chain will begin immediately.

Trudy Davis
243-7226

Shirley Verhonik
241-8979

To reach **Sue Brady**
call: **Trudy** or
Shirley

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH CLEANERS

Dec 27— Maria Fredrick, Linda Brewer, Doris Akalusi
Jan 3—**LOOK FOR NEW SCHEDULE TO COME OUT!**

DAILY

ADVENT CHALLENGE

Spend an extra 15 minutes in prayer for all those who will be alone this year. Pray that a good steward will give of themselves to ease the pain of solitude and loneliness.