



SACRED HEART PARISH

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday	8:00 am (Low Mass) 10:00 am (Missa Cantata)
Mon, & Thurs	7:30 am
Tues	7:00 am
Wed & Fri	6:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am
Holy Days	Check Bulletin

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (Confession)

Friday	5:30 pm
Saturday	8:30 am
Sunday	7:30 & 9:30 am

Any time by appointment.



SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Active registered parishioners should contact the Pastor at least six Months in advance of the date.

BAPTISM

Please contact the office.

LAST SACRAMENTS AND SICK CALLS

Please contact the office. In an emergency requiring Extreme Unction or Viaticum please call 267-6123


**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**


Sunday Dec. 2 8:00 AM 10:00 AM	First Sunday of Advent Joann Malfait + (30 days after death) <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday Dec. 3 7:30 AM	St. Francis Xavier, Confessor La Ree Caramella +
Tuesday Dec. 4 7:00 AM	St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor Teresa Miller
Wednesday Dec. 5 6:00 PM	Feria of Advent James Linder, Sr.
Thursday Dec. 6 7:30 AM	St. Nicholas, Bishop FSSP
Friday Dec. 7 6:00 PM	St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor Fr. John Ringley
Saturday Dec. 8 9:00 AM	Immaculate Conception of the BVM <i>Pro Populo</i>
Sunday Dec. 9 8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Second Sunday of Advent Susan Koralewski + <i>Pro Populo</i>



**DECEMBER 8 —
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

This Saturday, Dec. 8 is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a holy day of obligation, even though it falls on a Saturday, as it is the principal patronal feast of the United States. There will be a High Mass at 9:00 AM. There will also be a breakfast potluck following Mass on Saturday, December 8. Please bring a breakfast or brunch dish to share and join us to celebrate this wonderful Feast Day of Our Lady.

YOUNG LADIES' SODALITY

The Young Ladies' Sodality will meet on **Saturday, December 8**, shortly after Mass. Girls ages 6 and older are welcome.

FIRST FRIDAY THIS WEEK -- Confessions at 5:30 pm, Mass at 6 pm followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Sacred Heart devotions and Benediction.

HELP NEEDED

There is need of a volunteer to pay the parish bills and

Please join your fellow parishioners for coffee and donuts after the 8:00 AM Mass on the first Sunday of the month, or after the 10:00 AM Mass on the first and third Sundays of the month. This is also the time to visit our small lending library of good Catholic books and media. This is located just across from the bathrooms in the school basement.

First Sunday of Advent

other light bookkeeping tasks. This requires about 3 hours per month, as most of the work has been semi-automated. All that is required is the ability to use a web browser, basic arithmetic, some common sense, and the ability to follow directions. This can take place at any time, even nights or weekends, provided a consistent day/time is determined. A visit would not be required every week. If you are able to help in this way, please contact the pastor.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

If there are any more that wish to be confirmed next year, please contact the pastor. The "preferred" age in this diocese for candidates for Confirmation is 13 or 14, but the US Bishops' Conference places the age starting at the age of reason and being postponed no later than the 16th year of age. A more mature understanding of the faith and the Christian life is required, but always proportional to one's chronological age. Some children, being more precocious than others, might be well prepared at a very young age, and are encouraged to receive the sacrament earlier than the preferred age, which is after all merely a preference, not a precept. Those desiring to receive the sacrament of Confirmation are asked to contact the pastor or the church office as soon as possible. There will be a catechism class conducted based on Fr. Connell's Confraternity Edition of the Baltimore Catechism #3 and the booklet "Preparation for Confirmation" by Angelus Press, both of which will be provided by the parish.

ST. NICHOLAS — THE "VISIT" OF ST. NICHOLAS

(From *Religious Customs in the Family* by Fr. F. X. Weiser, S.J.)

One of the most beloved Saints all through the Middle Ages was St. Nicholas of Myra. In fact, he still is the favorite Saint of little children in the Catholic sections of Europe. This veneration is easily explained: He was, and still is, a special Patron Saint of small children. His feast day, Dec. 6, is a great day of celebration for the little ones.

In many parts of Europe children still receive his "visit" on the eve of his feast. Impersonated by a man wearing a long white beard, dressed in the vestments of a bishop, with mitre and crozier, he appears in the homes as a heavenly messenger. Coming at the start of Advent, he admonishes the children to prepare their hearts for a blessed and holy Christmas. He examines them on their prayers. After exhorting them to be good, he distributes fruit and candy and departs with a kindly farewell,

leaving the little ones filled with holy awe.

[W]e advocate very much... a revival of the veneration and annual celebration of the Saint, who is still patron of little children. (The Church has never "deposed" him from this spiritual patronage.) Our Catholic parents would do well to pray to St. Nicholas themselves, that his intercession may help them in the training of their little ones.

On December 6, allow your little ones a happy celebration in honor of St. Nicholas. Congratulate them, give them small presents, arrange some special enjoyments, have a "festive" meal (which can be very easily prepared for children). And do not forget some prayers to the Saint. Mother could pronounce the words and have the children repeat them. Included in this prayer should always be the petition that St. Nicholas may help them to prepare their hearts for a very good and holy Christmas.

*Some families have revived an alternate form of celebrating St. Nicholas Day: The children set out their shoes on the evening of December 5; the next morning, they find that their shoes have been filled by "St. Nicholas" with sweets and small presents.

Opportunity for Girls

Our parish has provisionally invited the Sisters, Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, from the St. Benedict Center in Massachusetts to host a day camp for girls in the spring of 2019, if we are able to determine there is enough interest in such an undertaking.

The camp would likely be March 14-16, from about 8am-4pm each day. Activities would include Mass, talks by the Sisters, craft projects, the Rosary, and more. Girls ages 6 and older would be welcome.

The registration fee will be no more than \$50 per person, with the possibility of reduced fees for multiple children in a family, depending upon the number of attendees.

If you have girls who would be interested in this camp, please send your name, along with the ages of your interested girls, to: Barbara Pestritto at bpestritto@yahoo.com, and we will keep you updated on the status of the camp. For more information about the Sisters, or particularly about the girls' camp they run in New Hampshire each summer, visit their website:

<https://www.saintbenedict.com>, or <https://www.saintbenedict.com/apostolates/montfort/item/116-morning-star-summer-camp>

Perhaps you might also keep this endeavor in your prayers.