

ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH, PHILADALPHIA, PA

SUNDAY DECEMBER 22nd 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT, (BLUE)

9:30AM Mass for the soul of the departed Alfred Karoliewicz; from All Souls List.

MONDAY DECEMBER 23rd NO MASS TODAY

TUESDAY DECEMBER 24th CHRISTMAS EVE, (GOLD)

BLESSING OF MANGER SCENE

8AM Mass for the soul of the departed Carmella Sacco; from All Souls list

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 25th CHRISTMAS DAY, (GOLD)

8AM Mass for the soul of the departed Lewis Woodland; from All Souls List

THURSDAY DECEMBER 26th STEPHEN, DEACON & MARTYR, (RED)

SYMBOLIC STONING OF STPHEN. THROWING OF WALNUTS

7PM Mass for an increase of Vocations.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 27th ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST, (GOLD)

8AM Mass for the intentions of our parish family.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 29th SOLEMNITY OF HUMBLE SHEPARDS, (GOLD)

BLESSING AND DISTRIBUTION OF WINE FROM ST. JOHNS' DAY

LESSON: Jeremiah 31:10-14 LESSON: Titus 3:4-7 GOSPEL: St. Luke 2:15-20

9:30AM Mass for the soul of the departed Robert Sepelak,Sr.:Offered by Nicholas Bolock

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: DECEMBER 24th Christmas Eve; DECEMBER 25th Christmas Day, JANUARY 1st Circumcision of our Lord, New Year's Day

OFFERING ENVELOPES: The 2025 Offering Envelopes ae ready for pick-up in the back of the Church. Please take yours home.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULES: Are in the back of the Church. Take one home to refer to for Christmas. take one for your neighbors, invite them.

FLOWER OFFERING: Envelopes are on the table. Take one home, if you give for a flower you can take it home after Christmas.

HANUKAH: Begins on Wednesday night. Our friends of the Jewish faith will celebrate for eight days the restoring of the temple lights.

BOXING DAY: Boxing Day is annually celebrated on December 26th in Canada, the U.K., and most other British Commonwealth countries. Its origin story is up for debate, but it was commonly known that December 26th was a day off for the servants and working class. Wealthy business owners would give their employees and staff Christmas leftovers and other presents. The food and gifts were usually wrapped up in a box, hence where the holiday's name originated.

SACRED VOCATIONS: Please pray for an increase of vocations to the Priesthood and Diaconate.

CHRIST IS BORN: Hopefully all is ready to celebrate the birth of Our Savior Jesus in Bethlehem. Hopefully we have prepared the home of our heart and soul to receive Him. We have bought all sorts of gifts, but have we given Him the gift of ourselves? The children will be wide eyed looking at their gift. Will we approach this day with the wonder of a child? After all we are receiving the greatest gift of God the Father, His son Jesus who came to earth to bring us back to the Father by His redeeming us by His death and resurrection. It is a day to celebrate and give thanks. We are called to worship the New Born King, with our presence at Holy Mass. In the popular Christmas song "The Little Drummer Boy," he says he had no gift to bring to Jesus, but then he realized the gift was his drum, he gave of himself Jesus gave us the gift of our life, that is what He wants for Christmas. The gift of each of us, present to give Him love as He has given to you. I pray you will give Him that gift by being here for Holy Mass all through the Christmas season. On behalf of Mama Pat, Davey, and myself I wish you all a very Merry and Bright Christmas.

IN NEED OF PRAYER: Michele Elliot, Bridgette Roth, Christi Duff, Nancy, Kyle, Fr. Carmen, Maria Harrington.

