



ST•JOHN THE EVANGELIST

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

"What we have seen and heard we proclaim to you, so that you may share life with us." 1 John 1:3

December 3, 2017

First Sunday of Advent

CLERGY

Reverend Timothy F. O'Sullivan
Pastor

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Reverend Walter J. Benn
Temporary Administrator

Weekend Assistants

Reverend Patrick Brady

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Deacon Robert P. Gellentien

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PREP-RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTIONS

Sunday 10:00 AM to 11:15 AM

Monday 5:15 PM to 6:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism preparation should begin before the child is born. All expecting parents and parents of newborn children are asked to enroll themselves in our parish Baptism Preparation Program. Baptism preparation is our Pre-Jordan class (2nd Monday in March, June, September and December at 7:00 PM in the Deacon James Hartmann Meeting Room). Baptisms are celebrated on the 1st Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM. Please contact the Parish office for more information



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Vigil Mass: Saturday 5:30 PM

Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 AM

Weekdays Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

Holy Days Vigil Mass: 5:30 PM

(Also see Church bulletin)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Other times by appointment

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements should be made with the priest at least 6 months before the wedding.

Attendance at Pre-Marital Classes required.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

Fridays: 3:00 PM in the Chapel

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesdays: after 8:00 AM Mass until 6:50 PM

BLUE ARMY DEVOTION

Tuesdays: 7:00 PM in the Chapel

VISITATION CHAPEL OF THE BLESSED MOTHER

Spend time in prayer and reflection from 6:00 AM till 8:00 PM

Monday through Saturday

PARISH STAFF

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RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The R.C.I.A. is a process of welcoming new members into the Catholic Church. It also welcomes baptized Catholics who have not received Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, or Confirmation. For information contact the Parish Office at sjeoffices@stjohnpa.org.

LECTIO DIVINA

Thursdays: after 8:00 AM Mass in the Chapel

On the web at www.stjohnpa.org



**The Parish "Temp"!
December 3, 2017**

Well, this is something I have been anxious to do since I arrived on the afternoon of November 15th. From the moment I arrived, I have received nothing but love and gratitude. In that short time, I have come to see what a spiritually mature parish St. John the Evangelist is. Some parishes work hard to advertise the many groups and organizations they host, but they seem unable or unwilling to commit to the growth of those groups. For some it is because they just don't have the resources; for others, it is a lack of commitment. I don't sense that at St. John the Evangelist. I am impressed with how the parish has taken its *Mission Statement* seriously and has acted on it. When a parish goes to the expense of hiring a Youth Minister and a Director of Liturgical Ministries; you can tell where their priorities are. The entire Parish Staff, both those salaried and those who volunteer, are not only professional, but they are also dedicated to the spiritual health of the Parish; they serve you well! Your willingness to open the church throughout the day & evening for anyone who wants to spend time in the presence of Our Lord, your Tuesday adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed sacrament which concludes with Benediction, the impressive number of parishioners who celebrate the Eucharist every morning, the various devotions such as the Miraculous Medal Novena and the Blue Army Holy Hour, all of these things, and others which I have not noted tells me that St. John the Evangelist is a spiritually healthy community. It is not only welcoming, but it is a community which will catch the eye and heart of people who are searching for a place where they and their family can grow. I love the Children's Liturgy of the Word which is offered to our children. CLW is more than doing something cute. It tells our children that they are important to us; that they are a part of our spiritual family, that they have a place among us, and that Our Lord wants to spend time with them too. Speaking of catechizing, the parish's dedication to serious programs such as RCIA and its support of the PREP program is so important. These two programs require a serious commitment of time and energy on the part of those volunteers who make themselves available for the formation of our children and of those adults seeking to enter into an active relationship with their Lord. We're talking every week for 9+ months a year! Finally, I love how St. John the Evangelist Parish has recognized the importance of **Communications!** The Parish WEB site is laid out beautifully, it is easy to get around; it is informative and I love that you offer shut-in's the opportunity to join us every morning as we celebrate the Eucharist via You Tube. One only needs a few minutes going through the Weekly Bulletin to find it impressive. It is welcoming and informative. It's not filled with a lot of fluff and it is so encouraging to see that the parish is not quibbling over saving a few bucks by insisting that any and all communications must be crammed into three pages. So! There it is! You're wonderful and you're going to have to deal with it! The beautiful season of Advent has begun. Let us make a personal commitment to make it a time of grace for ourselves through time spent alone in prayer with Our Lord and by seeking out Our Lord both in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and in the Eucharist. It goes without saying that we should do our best to include Fr. O'Sullivan in our prayers.

**Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Walter J. Benn**

The Scripture readings for these first two weeks of Advent encourage us to look beyond immediate concerns toward our eternal destiny. Now is the time to engage the "struggle" – whatever it might be for each of us – because, as St. Mark remind us: Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming. . .

I was thinking about this recently while reading the best seller, *Scalia Speaks*, a compendium of speeches written by the late Supreme Court Justice of the United States, Antonin Scalia. A lawyer with both wit and wisdom, this Italian-American Catholic lived a life that was remarkable in its significance and purpose of commitment. His deeply personal speeches cover a wide range of topics including the law, ethnicity, virtue, heroes, humility, and faith. The reason I am so drawn to Scalia at this Advent time is the timeliness of his passing. I am sure that this healthy, robust gentleman did not necessarily think that he would be leaving this world in February, less than one year ago. And yet, there are so many hints in just these reflections alone that he was making determined steps toward a heavenly reward. And that is my point. We do not need to be brilliant nor necessarily have a wide range of knowledge; despite the tug of our culture and society, being physically attractive or artistic or creative really only goes so far. Each day we make a new beginning and we cannot afford to be found sleeping! So, what to do?

Taking Christ's charge to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect, Scalia gives us a hint into his way of living: strive for perfection in all things, including that very important thing – the practice of one's life work. So, there it is! This Advent we can be watchful, we can be ready, as long as we practice each day the way of living Christ-like. Be patient, try to understand others, give of yourself, and never lose sight of the goal. This is our life work; this was Scalia's life work. And, he knew it well. At the funeral of his friend, the government lawyer, Mary C. Lawton, Scalia quotes the popular passage from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians: Death is swallowed up in victory. . . Now the sting of death is sin: and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Through the intercession of our patron, St. John the Evangelist, may God bless all of our Advent endeavors each and every day.

Sister Marganne Drago, SSIJ

ADVENT PRESENTATION

An Advent Presentation by Father Benn and Sister Marganne will be held in the Church Chapel on the next two Tuesdays, December 5th and 12th at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to join us!

THIS WEEK AT



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Sunday, December 3

Jesse Tree Angel Tag Pick-up after all Masses
Bakery Basket after the 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses
PREP Classes, 10:00 AM to 11:15 AM

Monday, December 4

PREP Classes, 5:15 PM to 6:30 PM

Tuesday, December 5

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:30 AM to 6:50 PM
Little Flowers Girls Club, 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM
YDisciple (All HS Boys), 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Benediction, 6:50 PM to 7:00 PM
Blue Army Holy Hour, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Bible Study, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Wednesday, December 6

Rosary at Manor Care, 6:15 PM to 6:45 PM

Thursday, December 7

Lectio Divina, 8:35 PM to 9:35 PM
YDisciple, (All HS Girls), 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Blessing and Lighting of the Creche, after 5:30 PM Mass
Christmas Bazaar Set-up, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Friday, December 8

Christmas Bazaar Vendor Drop-off, 2:30 PM to 6:30 PM
Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Rosary, 7:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Saturday, December 9

Miraculous Medal Novena, immediately following 8:00 AM Mass
Adopt-A-Family Food Drop-off, 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Christmas Bazaar and Lunch with Santa, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Dick Wilson/ & Chuck Meyrick Memorial Men's Coat Drive, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Confessions, 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 3
First Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM Richard Strauss, requested by Jay and Pat Junk
9:30 AM All the Members of our Parish
11:30 AM Deem and Allen Families, Love, Aunt Moe Kirlin

Monday, December 4: Saint John Damascene

8:00 AM Pamela M. Burns, requested by the Klibert Family

Tuesday, December 5: Tuesday in Advent

8:00 AM James Murtagh, requested by Frank and Maureen Traynor

Wednesday, December 6: Saint Nicholas

8:00 AM Ida Amadio, requested by Robert and Celeste Amadio

Thursday, December 7: Saint Ambrose

8:00 AM William Stanley, requested by David and Tina Polizzotti

5:30 PM Mary Spader, requested by Ivan and Vickie Fuller

Friday, December 8: The Immaculate

Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM David Haeussler, requested by the Ross Family
Noon Grandparents of Kathleen, requested by Kathleen
7:00 PM All Priests, requested by Maria

Saturday, December 9: Saint Juan Diego

8:00 AM Anthony Tumminia, requested by Peter and Magda Manetas
5:30 PM Jonathan Cottrell, requested by his wife, Carolyn

Sunday, December 10
Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM John Niedermeyer
9:30 AM Art Toman, requested by the Hertkorn Family
11:30 AM All the Members of our Parish



REST IN PEACE



In your kindness, please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Richard Cash,**

husband of Maryann Cash.

May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

DECEASED PARISHIONER CANDLES

The candles that were burning during the month of November in memory of the deceased parishioners in 2016-2017 may now be taken home by a family member or friend. Please stop by the parish office during the week and we will be happy to give it to you. If you cannot stop by, please call the office and we can make another arrangement.

We continue to remember and pray for all of our deceased parishioners, family members, and friends.

BLESSING AND LIGHTING OF THE CRECHE

Please join us for the blessing and lighting of the Creche after the 5:30 PM Mass on Thursday, December 7th. Refreshments will be served in the Deacon James Hartmann immediately following the festivities.

BAKERY BASKET



The Bakery Basket sponsored by the Ushers will be held this Sunday, December 3rd, in the Deacon James Hartmann Meeting Room after the 9:30 and 11:30 am Masses. Please stop by and enjoy some food and friendship. **All are welcome!**

Next Sunday's Readings – December 10, 2017

Prepare for Sunday Mass by reading, reflecting and praying the readings with family and friends.

Reading 1

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14

Reading 2

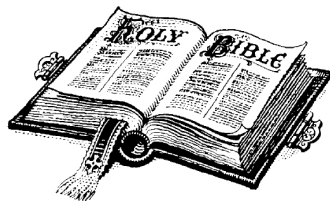
2 Peter 3:8-14

Alleluia

Luke 3:4, 6

Gospel

Mark 1:1-8



ADMINISTRATION

Third Sunday in November 2017

Regular Sunday Collection \$ 13,679

Number of Envelopes 401

Third Sunday in November 2016

Regular Sunday Collection \$ 14,102

Number of Envelopes 395

YTD Collection

(July 1, 2017 – November 19, 2017) \$270,098

Average Number of Envelopes 365

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Come, Let Us Worship The Lord!

On the Weekend of Nov. 25/26, 2017

209 people joined us at our 5:30 PM Mass;

188 people joined us at our 7:30 AM Mass;

263 people joined us at our 9:30 AM Mass;

and, 286 people joined us at our 11:30 AM Mass.

Thank You For Making The Lord A Priority In Your Life!

God Bless Our Service Members

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers all service men and women, along with their family members, when so many are far from home throughout the world.

We are forever grateful for all the sacrifices that they and their families have made.



Lt. Timothy Abbracciamento
(son of John and Ana Abbracciamento)

Lt. Commander Matthew Piasecki
(nephew of Alan and Linda Marquis)

Majors David and Ann Driscoll
(grandchildren of Joseph and Mary Loncosky)

Chief Petty Officer Jim Buckley, USN
(cousin of Linda Russell)

Second Lt. Daniel P. Cummings
(son of John and Christina Cummings)

Ensign Stephanie G. Radzinski, USN
(daughter of Rick and Maria Radzinski)

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Adoration Society: *Maria DiDonato, Cynthia Mariotti*

Adult Faith Formation: *Debbie Brzezynski, 267.918.8834*

Aid for Friends: *Mary Africa, 215.428.9581*

Altar Servers: *Father Timothy O'Sullivan, 215.295.4102*

Community Food Dr.: *Cathy & Joe McLean, 267.833.3177*

Blessed Counters: *Father Timothy O'Sullivan, 215.295.4102*

CYO Athletic Directors: *Mike & Mary McGill,
215.337.8282*

Disability Advocate: *Kathy Ross, 215.736.8017*

Extraordinary Ministers Holy Communion:
Sister Marganne Drago, 215.295.4102

Faith in Action/Staying Put in Bucks County:
Susan Cridge, 215.295.5726

Funeral Liturgy Assistance: *Kathy Ross, 215.736.8017*

Hospitality/Bakery Basket: *Ann Damron, 215.736.3527*

Knights of Columbus #7515: *Grand Knight,
Joseph Retallick, 267.997.1087*

Lectors: *Sister Marganne Drago, 215.295.4102*

Men's Faith Share: *Vince Bodnar, 215.321.5155*

Pastoral Council: *Magda Manetas, 215.295.2512*

Prayer Network: *Lisa Petrino, 215.295.6468*

Respect Life: *Ed Barry, 215.295.4335*

Seton Society: *Tom Brunner, 215.734.3031*

Social Concerns Committee: *Diane Coyle, 215.493.8472*

Ushers/Greeters: *Jim Karkosak, 215.493.3463*

Women of the Word Prayer Group:

Bunny Maffey, 215-369-3183

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Robert Amadio, Merriam B. (friend of Kristen Yost), Nancy Baradziej, Michael Barkovich (son of Michael and Diana Barkovich), Tom Biester, Carol Buiocchi (mother of Laura Parto), John Camerlengo, (brother of Carmine Camerlengo), Kathy Camerlengo (niece of Carmine Camerlengo), Claudia (4 yrs. old - granddaughter of Karen and William DiBraccio), Louis D., Edward, Dennis Flynn (daughter-in-law's father of Chris and Diane Ledes), Patricia Funk, Pauline Garceau (mother of Kathryn DeMorro), Peter Garceau (brother of Kathryn DeMorro), Ann M., Joseph Jaconski (brother of Mary DiTanna), Annette Macecevic (wife of Joe Macecevic), Linda Mahoney, Derrick and Marty Warren, Joseph Wasiakowski (husband of Shirley Wasiakowski), and all residents of Manor Care and Arden Court.

VISITING THE SICK

If a family member is sick, in the hospital, at home or in a Nursing Home, and they would like a short visit by one of our members, please call the Parish Office at **215-295-4102.**

PREP HAPPENINGS
 Barbara Ann Nuzzolo, Director of Religious Education
 SEE MORE ABOUT PREP ON THE WEBSITE:
<http://www.stjohnpa.org/PREP> or call 215-295-9239

A person who is special to all of us here in PREP is Mrs. Joan Graves who has been a PREP teacher here at St. John the Evangelist for 17 years. Her own adult children attended St. John the Evangelist School where I had the pleasure of being their fifth grade teacher. Mrs. Graves' parents (Terry and Joe Kirlin) were also members of this parish and her mom was the founder of the BINGO night that she ran for many years as a lucrative fundraiser for our parish. Mrs. Graves' own children send their children to our PREP program. Mrs. Graves' family members are fourth generation parishioners and they bring much to the parish with their time and talent. Mrs. Graves' second graders this year will receive their First Reconciliation and their First Eucharist making it a very special year for them. All the students are well prepared and happy to be able to participate in these "firsts" with their teacher as their guide. The curriculum for second grade is comprehensive and this year called on the unwavering support of the parents of these little ones. The First Reconciliation is on March 13, 2018 and First Eucharist is on April 28, 2018. A required parent meeting will be held for all parents on January 8, 2018 in the school cafeteria. The student retreat is March 19, 2018. You can tell that there are many exciting happenings in Grade Two. We are looking forward to sharing this special year with family and friends. Have an idea for a craft that you would like to share with our second graders? Just call and let me know.

The students master certain prayers and prepare for the understanding of intricacies of the sacraments. The emphasis shifts to studying how Jesus shares God's life. They study the meaning of Baptism, Eucharist, Reconciliation, and Confirmation as it applies to the life of a second grader. The lives of the saints and the person of Mary is presented in such a way that it encourages the students to follow the good examples of Mary and the saints.

Mrs. Graves is a dedicated and perceptive teacher who follows the Diocesan curriculum while bringing her love for children into every class lesson. I am fortunate to have known this family for many years and marvel at all that is done by their members. Welcome back, Mrs. Graves, as you continue your 17th year!

Youth Ministry Announcements

ATTENTION ALL YOUTH

Youth Minister: Meghan Horn

<http://www.stjohpa.org/youth-ministry> or 215-295-4102

Junior and High School CYO Registration

For anyone who would like to register for Jr. CYO (6th, 7th, & 8th grade) or High School CYO (YDISCIPLE) for the upcoming school year, please contact Meghan.

- **Jr. CYO youth group will be held on Friday's from 6-8pm
- **All H.S. Girls will meet with Meghan on Thursday's from 6-8pm
- **All H.S. Boys will meet with Steve Lopez on Tuesday's from 6-8pm

Lunch with Santa - Save the Date

Lunch with Santa will be taken place in the Parish Center on December 9th from 11AM-1PM.

Poinsettia Sale

Poinsettias will be sold in the vestibule of the Church after all the Masses on the weekend of December 9/10. Thank you for your support of Youth Ministry.

"An ApPEALing Campaign"

Father O'Sullivan recently wrote about his desire to install a carillon bell system in our Church in time for Christmas Eve Masses. The system, fully installed, will cost fifteen thousand dollars – twelve thousand dollars for the actual system and three thousand dollars for the installation and will have to be ordered by the end of November. Our Parish's Knights of Columbus Council have generously pledged twelve-hundred dollars towards the purchase. Father O'Sullivan is hoping that many other parishioners will share his desire to bring bells back to our Parish and donate to reach our goal. Any parishioners who wishes to pledge towards our campaign for a new bell system is asked to return their donation to our Parish Office. All donations towards the carillon bell system will be credited towards a parishioners donations and all donations will be listed in the bulletin, so all can see how close we are to hearing bells at Saint John's once again.

"An ApPEALing Campaign"

Yes, I want to help bring bells back to Saint John Parish!

Enclosed is my donation towards the Carillon Bell System for our Church.

NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____ (____) _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

FUTURE EVENTS:

December 9, 2017 - Christmas Bazaar and Lunch with Santa, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM,
Parish Center
 December 17, 2017 - Feed My Flock, 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM, St. Francis Room
 December 22, 2017 - Shared Meal, 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM, School Cafeteria

DONATIONS: (leave in St. Gianna room (Cry Room))

Refugee Centers – snacks
 Backpack Center – cereal; Pancake Mix and Syrup
 Soldiers' Ministry - used cell phones or chargers

"This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you"
John 15:12

PASTORAL CARE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Catholic Bishops Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacraments for Persons with Disabilities may be found by going to <http://www.usccb.org/about/divine-worship/policies/guidelines-sacraments-persons-with-disabilities.cfm>.

"Confessors are encouraged to work with families and individuals to familiarize themselves with various alternative communication options to ensure that all who desire to celebrate this sacrament may do so, provided that the seal of confession is properly safeguarded. In posing questions and in assigning penance the confessor is to proceed with prudence and discretion, mindful that he is at once judge and healer, minister of divine justice within the context of divine mercy." All are welcome!

A new sign language APP is available for teaching students and parents to sign religious signs and prayers. It is available at the APP Store on Google play.

"Live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace." Ephesians 4:1-3

Come to the Best Ever SJE Christmas Bazaar and Lunch with Santa Saturday, December 9, 2017 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Crafters, Vendors, Build-a-Basket Gift Table, Secret Santa Shop for children, Silent Auction, Raffle, and much more!

Lunch with Santa that includes a craft - \$5.00.

Food/lunch items will be available for purchase as well.

Every child will receive a free book from Cops-n-Kids!

Proceeds will benefit Interfaith Food Alliance Morrisville, St. John's Youth, Shared Meals, Feed My Flock, AHTN, and other area non-profits. Hope to see you there!

CRS (Catholic Relief Service) in Action

Come to the Parish Christmas Bazaar on December 9 from 10:00 to 3:00 for unique Christmas gifts. The CRS in Action Committee will have an Ethical Trade Sale table at the Bazaar. There will be lots of selection, including holiday decor, household items, jewelry, unique scarves, "Share the Journey" socks, soaps, spices and coffee. Why buy Ethical Trade goods through CRS? CRS thoroughly reviews merchants and their merchandise to be sure that products are well-made and are made in a responsible way. This includes fair pricing, safe working conditions and environmentally sustainable practices. Marketing these products primarily provides support for people from Uganda to Jerusalem and the West Bank to India to Vietnam to Peru. A small portion of the profits also supports the work of CRS countries around the world, as well as in our own Parish. So come shopping with us on December 9, and use your Christmas gift giving to make the world just a little better place.



Knightly News

THANK YOU

FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS!

The Knights of Columbus, St John the Evangelist Council 7515 and Father James J. McCafferty Council 11013, wish to thank all who supported their Pat Joy Memorial Charity Golf Classic. This event was held at Northampton Valley Golf Club in Richboro, PA, with over 100 golfers competing and over 130 attending the evening dinner and auction. This event was a huge success raising over \$60,000, which will support the many charities of these two councils. Next year's event is currently planned for September 24, 2018, again at Northampton Valley Golf Club.

DICK WILSON & CHUCK MEYRICK MEMORIAL MEN'S COAT DRIVE

Saint John's Parish will be collecting Men's warm coats, hats, gloves, sweaters, hoodies, blankets/comforters (new or used), and white socks in good condition for the homeless men on the streets of Philadelphia. The collection will take place at all Masses the weekend of December 9th/10th. Boxes will be placed in the vestibule of the Church and items should be placed in the appropriate box according to size. St. John's Knights of Columbus will coordinate this project. Your generosity in offering up good wearable clothing for the men will be most appreciated by those who are poor and needy. All items will be taken to Philadelphia during the 11:30 AM Mass so we ask you to bring your items by the beginning of the 11:30 Mass. Call Lou Penge at 215-579-2592 if you have any questions. Thank you!

ADOPT-A-FAMILY REMINDER FOR CHRISTMAS

As a reminder, if you adopted a family, please bring your food for Christmas to the SCHOOL before or after any of the Masses the weekends of December 9 – 10 and December 16 - 17. Thanks for supporting this activity and for helping those who are in need. Please contact Tom Rossi (215.295.1654) if you have any questions or if you know of any families that may need some assistance this year.

Jesse Tree Program 2017

Please return WRAPPED JESSE TREE GIFTS (WITH THE ORNAMENT TAG ATTACHED) ON OR BEFORE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH AT 1 :00 PM. We will sort the gifts at this time for delivery to the agencies on Monday, December 11th. We encourage the use of gift bags vs. wrapping paper, where possible, as it is easier to confirm that the gift matches what is on the wish list and enables the parents a "sneak peek".

If you can help us sort or deliver the Jesse Tree Gifts please RSVP by email: stjohnjessetree@gmail.com or call Michelle at (267) 994-0580 or visit: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0B4AA8A723A64-jesse1.