

THE LITURGICAL WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 15

*5:30am - Rorate Marian - Latin -

Pro Populo

4:30pm - Donna Maltony†

Sunday, December 16

3rd Sunday of Advent

8:30am - Butch Kennedy†

11:00am - Charles Benedict LeBlanc†

12:30pm - Pro Populo

Monday, December 17

8:30am - James Greenawatt†

*6:15pm - Intentions of the Faith
Formation & RCIA Participants

Tuesday, December 18

8:30am - Linda Dustmen

Friday, December 21

St. Peter Canisius

8:30am - Adeline & James Kenny†

Saturday, December 22

4:30pm - Edwina Brodzinski†

Sunday, December 23

4th Sunday of Advent

8:30am - Tom & Ellen Furey

11:00am - Fr. Patrick Winslow

12:30pm - Pro Populo

*Monday, December 24

Vigil of Christmas

4:30pm - Priest's Intention

6:30pm - Priest's Intention

12:00 midnight - Priest's Intention
(Extraordinary Form)

*Tuesday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord

9am - Pro Populo

**Change from regular schedule*

DEVOTIONS

ADORATION & BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday & Thursday

8:30 — 9:30am

MORNING PRAYER

After Mass on Monday,

Tuesday & Friday

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

After Monday Morning Prayer

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

are lit in memory of

Joseph Magnone†

PRAYERS

FOR OUR SICK & SHUT-INS

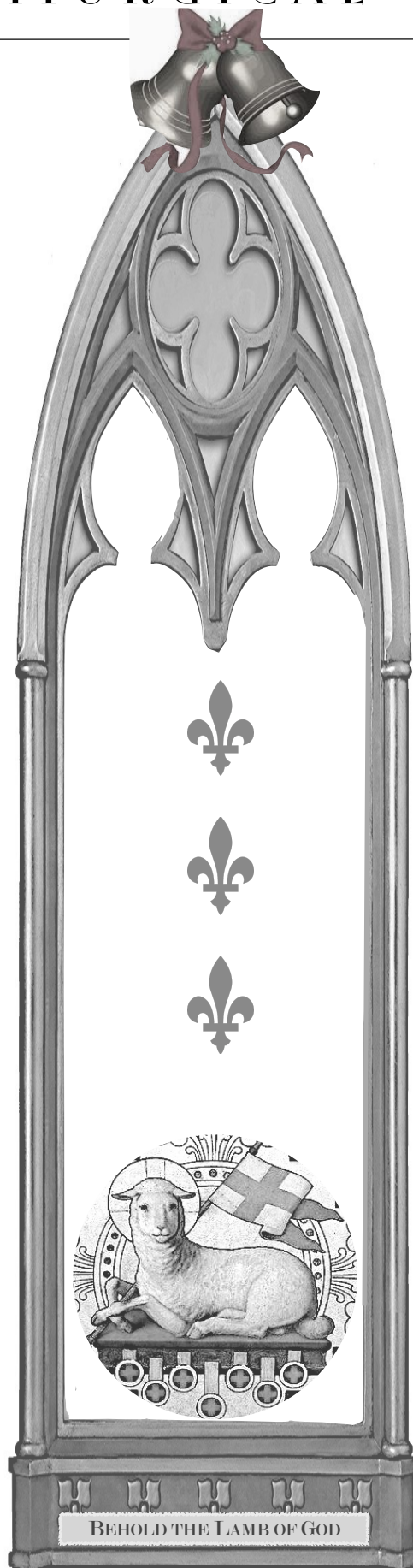
Please remember the infirmed of our parish, especially those who, by request, have been placed on our parish prayer intention list. If you would like to be added to this list, please call the parish office. You may call for a copy of the prayer list.

CONFESSIONS

Monday 7:30 — 8:15 am

Friday 7:30 — 8:15 am

Saturday 3:30 — 4:15 pm



SPIRITUAL READING & REFLECTION



GUIDED BY JOHN'S WITNESS

The wisdom of God...is the expression of intelligence and mercy with which God accomplishes his plan. In the end, events will render justice to this wisdom. And her children -- those who have known how to enter the plan of God -- will bear witness to it.

It is true that, to our way of thinking, this wisdom does not seem too readily apparent. Actually the world appears to lack wisdom, to be governed by chance; it does not show forth the work of an intelligent and merciful God. That is the most common objection we encounter. And that was John's objection, too, since he was bewildered as we all are -- or as we all ought to be -- by the way things happen. But this is true only until the time when we penetrate more deeply into reality and place our confidence in the Word of Jesus as John did. Then we will discover that, in the midst of all these apparent detours, a plan is being carried out: a plan guided by a wisdom infinitely superior to our own, a plan in which we can justifiably place our complete confidence.

This the children of wisdom will testify to, by acknowledging that they acted correctly one day in placing their confidence in God's plan, in abiding by the delays, in letting themselves be guided by this wisdom, even though they were puzzled by its ways.

Cardinal Jean Daniélou
Cardinal Daniélou (+ 1974) was Jesuit priest, theologian,, liturgist, historian, and member of the Académie Française. December Magnificat 2018

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAILY MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7;
Lk 3:10-18

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17;
Mt 1:1-17

Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;
Mt 1:18-25

Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab,
16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk
1:46-56

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;
Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

THE OFFERTORY REPORT
WILL BE PUBLISHED NEXT WEEK

2019 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE
IN THE SOCIAL HALL. *PLEASE PICK UP YOURS TODAY.*

UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULES

December 26 - Wednesday - 11am Latin Mass
December 28 - Friday - No Mass
December 31 - Monday - 8:30am daily Mass
- 11:30pm *Vigil Mass
January 1 - Tuesday - *Solemnity of Mary
Holy Day of Obligation
- 8:30am Holy Day Mass
- 11am Holy Day Mass



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS

4:30 P.M.

6:30 P.M.

12:00 MIDNIGHT

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

9:00 A.M.

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BROTHER FRANCIS O HOLY NIGHT

Celebrate the Birth of Jesus! Recall the wonder and joy of Christmas with Brother Francis in this heartwarming presentation that will remind you Who we celebrate during the Christmas season.

You have FREE access provided by the parish account. Go to...
 www.formed.org / scroll down to see "Get Started" with three options/ click on "Enter Code" enter our parish code: GFP4TN –next step will be to create your account. Enjoy!

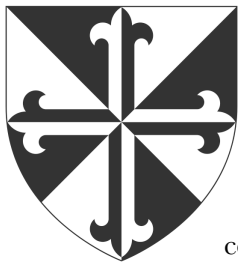
LOOK WHAT'S NEW IN THE CATHOLIC SHOPPE:

- St. Joseph Liturgy of the Hours Guide (4 Volume)
- Apologetics and Catholic Doctrine by Archbishop Michael Sheehan
- Resurgent in the Midst of Crisis by Peter Kwasniewski
- Treasure & Tradition: The Ultimate Guide to the Latin Mass
- Manual for Spiritual Warfare
- Manual for Eucharistic Adoration
- Manual for Men by Thomas J. Olmsted, Bishop of Phoenix
- Kingdom of Happiness, Living the Beatitudes in Everyday Life by Fr. Jeffrey Kirby, STD—retails for \$14.95—offering to parishioners at great price of \$6! Makes a great Christmas gift—inexpensive and rich in content.
- New Rosaries
- St. Benedict Black 3-inch Cross Auto Visor Clip
- Auto Rosaries: Black glass, Multi-color crystal and Wooden-brown.
- St. Benedict Rope bracelet—Black corded rope with Silver medals only \$5—these make great stocking stuffers for the kids!

We invite you to visit our small parish shop—These items would make lovely Christmas gifts! Open Monday through Friday during office hours: 9am to 3pm.



<p style="text-align: center;">PARISH LIFE 2019 Calendars are Available in the Vestibule</p>			
Mon	Dec 17	9am 5:30pm 6pm 7pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet, Church Schola Choir Rehearsal, Church Faith Formation, Parish Center RCIA, Social Hall
Tue	Dec 18	9:30am	Patriotic Rosary, Church



**NEW THIRD ORDER DOMINICAN GROUP
BEGINS JANUARY 19, 2019
SIGN UP NOW!**

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church announces the formation of its own Lay Dominican group which will commence in the parish center on January 19, 2019 from 8:30am to 10:30am.

Who are the Lay Dominicans? Lay Dominicans are one of several recognized "Third Orders" within the Catholic Church. Lay Dominicans are a branch of the Dominican religious order.

It is essential to acknowledge that the call to a Third Order is a call to a vocation for the purpose of sanctification of its members. With St. Dominic as its Founder and St. Catherine of Sienna as its Patroness, the Dominican Third Order is an Order of Preachers founded for the salvation of souls based on veritas (truth)! Its four foundational pillars are Prayer, Study, Community, and Preaching.

The program is five years in length to reach one's Final Promise, with meetings once a month at the parish center. Father Christian, himself a Third Order Dominican, will be an integral part of the monthly meetings as the group's spiritual advisor and mentor. Requirements are that one be a practicing Catholic, be at least 18 years of age, hold a desire to deepen baptismal commitment, and be fully-initiated into the Catholic Church for at least two years.



We encourage all eligible and interested Catholic laity to contact Suanne Then for any questions or to sign up for the program via email at suannethen@gmail.com.

**THE GOLDEN RULE
SERVICE GROUP**

Do you need temporary assistance with meals, transportation, etc., or would you like a visit? Are you feeling unwell? Contact Peggy Wyllie at the Golden Rule Service Group: 828-859-6339, or the parish office: 828-859-9574. Just ask, we're here to help!

13th Annual

MARCH FOR LIFE CHARLOTTE!

January 11, 2019

The day will begin with a Mass for the Unborn at 9:00am at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church at 6828 Old Reid Rd. Charlotte, N.C. At 11:00am we will start to gather at the parking lot across the street from the Catholic Diocese at 1123 S. Church St. Charlotte, N.C. There may be some parking available at the parking lot but please expect to find parking on your own uptown if necessary. At 12:00pm we will march to Trade and Tryon where Fr. Peter Ascik, Parochial Vicar of St. Matthew Catholic Church will preach. Then march to the court house at 401 W. Trade St. where we will pray a Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Please join others to march and pray for an end to abortion and save babies lives!

See schedule details at www.marchforlifecharlotte.org

**LOST & FOUND—LAST TIME
TO TAKE A LOOK!**

You may have accidentally lost something while at the church. We hope your "something" (umbrella, jacket, sweater, children's boots) will soon be found by you! We have a table, with all of the "lost /misplaced" items downstairs in the social hall. After this Sunday, all "unclaimed" items will be donated. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE	
Dec 16	K of C Annual Christmas Dinner
Dec 16	O Antiphons Program
Dec 25	Christmas, office closed Dec 24 - 28
Jan 1	Solemnity of Mary, Holy Day of Obligation New Year's Day, parish office closed
Jan 6	The Epiphany of the Lord
Jan 13	The Baptism of the Lord

FAITH FORMATION



Monday, December 17, 2018

7pm to 9pm

Parish Social Hall

All are welcome to attend the RCIA classes. The topic this week is the Sacraments. If you are interested in purchasing the book that the RCIA class is using—the title is *Apologetics and Catholic Doctrine* by Archbishop Michael Sheehan. This book is available for purchase in the parish office gift shoppe. (\$29.95 plus tax)

MEN'S GROUP

December 28th

3pm, Social Hall

All men of the parish are invited.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday, December 16, 2018

Caroling, Blessing Bags & Christmas Party
Meet at Autumn Care at 3:50—
we start Christmas Caroling at 4pm...

Turn to the Saints and future saints for inspiration....



ATTENTION ALL FAITH FORMATION PARENTS

- All FF families, please join us for the Holy Mass tomorrow evening: Monday, December 17th—join your children, during Faith Formation, for Holy Mass at 6:15pm on December 17th. FF Classes will run per usual 6pm to 7:15pm—Mass will be celebrated within the time frame. Drop children off at parish center before 6pm.
- Faith Formation Classes meet tomorrow, December 17th—No Classes on December 24th or 31st—Blessings of Christmas!
- Children/youth are reminded to bring in your item(s) for those who are homeless—we are collecting the next two weeks.