

# St. John Paul II Parish

The United Churches of Port Richmond

St. Adalbert • St. George • Mother of Divine Grace • Nativity B.V.M.  
2645 E. Allegheny Ave. 2700 E. Venango St. 2615 E. Cambria St. 2535 E. Allegheny Ave.



## - CLERGY -

Rev. James Olson, Pastor  
Rev. Bindel-Mary Nnabuife, C.M.,  
Assistant  
Rev. Jan Palkowski, Senior Priest  
Rev. James Gorman, Resident-Retired  
Deacon Ralph J. Shirley

## - OFFICE HOURS -

St. Adalbert Rectory  
215.739.3500  
Monday 12 Noon—4:00pm  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
9:00am—4:00pm  
*Closed for lunch 12:00—1:00pm*

MDG Rectory  
215.739.0353  
Wednesday & Thursday  
8:30am—2:00pm



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
December 10, 2023



## Confession Times

### Saturdays:

Nativity B.V.M.: 11:30 a.m.  
Mother of Divine Grace: 3:00 p.m.  
St. Adalbert: 4:00 p.m.  
Nativity B.V.M. Church: 4:30 p.m.

### Sundays:

St. George:  
After 8:30 a.m. Mass upon request

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

## PARISH WEEKLY SUPPORT



### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

#### VIGIL

4:00 pm MDG Corinda & Frank Lucano by Son & Family  
5:30 pm N Joseph & Dorothy Fagan by Francine Fagan

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:30 am SA † Ludwik Kraszewski of. syn Ryszard z rodziną  
8:30 am SG Lillian Greymas by Family  
10:00 am N Hedwig & Casimir Koziela by Harriet Koziela  
10:30 am SA † Krystian i Dawid Marzec of. mama, siostra z mężem i koledzy  
11:30 am MDG Donald & Alice Alburger  
by Donald & Rosanna Alburger

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

7:30 am SA † Barbara Kasprzak of. Roman i Rysiek  
8:00 am MDG Jack & Rita Colfer by Rock & Marie

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

7:30 am SA † Czesław i Urszula Czajkowski of. rodzina Czajkowskich  
8:00 am N Eight O'Clock Mass Crew Intentions

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

7:30 am SA † Julian i Andrzej Nakonieczny of. Irena  
8:00 am MDG Argia Manso by Manso Family

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

7:30 am SA † Jan i Teresa Bartoszek of. rodzina  
8:00 am N Joe & Leo McGovern & Family  
by Fran & Kathy McGovern

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:30 am SA † Władysław i Anna Surman of. Wiktoria Pietrucha  
8:00 am Blessings for Joyce Kelly & Brian Stec  
by Helene Stec

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:30 am SA † Franciszek i Natalia Stypułkowski of. córka z rodziną  
8:00 am N Casimir Koziela by Harriet Koziela

#### VIGIL

4:00 pm MDG In Loving Memory of Tom & Elizabeth Kelly  
by Tom & Phyllis Kelly  
5:30 pm N Living & Deceased Members  
of Conklin & Sparagowski Families  
by George & Eileen Sparagowski

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

7:30 am SA † John Musial of. Theresa Romanowski  
8:30 am SG Henrietta Hutt by Gary, Mary, & Family  
10:00 am N Carol Ann Carr by Margaret Carr  
10:30 am SA † Marianna i Antoni Walewski of. Zofia Suchoicka  
11:30 am MDG Edith Gizzi by Rock & Marie

### Sunday, November 26, 2023

SUNDAY COLLECTION	\$ 10,464.46
E-GIVING:	\$ 470.00
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**2024 MASS BOOK is open**

*Announced Masses*

The customary donation is \$10

*7-Day Candles*

The customary donation is  
\$10 for the week

**Masses and Intention Candles**

are available for  
the Dead, the Living,  
a Special Intention or  
to commemorate a  
Birthday or Occasion.

*“Lord let us see your kindness  
and grant us your salvation.”*



## SANCTUARY LAMPS

December 10, 2023

### St. Adalbert Church

#### **Sanctuary Candle by Divine Mercy**

Offered by family

In Loving Memory of Edward & Dolores Milewski

#### **Sanctuary Candle by Divine Mercy**

Ofiarowana o uzdrowienie dla Ryszarda

#### **Sanctuary Candle by Divine Mercy**

Ofiarowana w intencji Małgorzaty o Boże błogosławieństwo, silną wolę powrotu do Pana Boga i zaufanie Matce Bożej w swoich słabościach.

#### **Sanctuary Candle by John Paul II**

Ofiarowana przez dzieci z rodzinami

za śp. Witolda Suchoickiego

#### **Sanctuary Candle by John Paul II**

Ofiarowana przez dzieci z rodzinami

za śp. Zofię Suchoicką

#### **Sanctuary Candle by Blessed Mother**

In thanksgiving for mom-mom and pop-pop Zagacki

#### **Sanctuary Candle by Saint Joseph**

Offered by Frank & Donna Zagacki

In Loving Memory of Zofia Suchoicka



### Mother of Divine Grace Church

#### **Sanctuary Lamp**

In Memory of Bill Manini

#### **Mother of Divine Grace Candle**

Blessings for Gina from Mom & Dad

#### **Sacred Heart Candle**

In Thanksgiving from Mary

### Saint George Church

#### **Sanctuary Lamp**

In Loving Memory of Lillian Greymas from Ausra Maknys

### Nativity B.V.M. Church

#### **Sanctuary Lamp**

In Loving Memory of Deceased Lees & Whalen Families

#### **Blessed Mother Candles**

In Loving Memory of Joseph & Dorothy Fagan

In Loving Memory of Frank & Eleanor Skiendzielewski



## Baptisms

# May God Bless

## Corinna Ryder Teresa McGee

and her parents & families

Baptized on December 3, 2023

at St. John Paul II Parish



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God Bless  
the MDG Students  
who will receive the  
Sacrament of  
First Penance  
Tuesday, December  
12—7 PM

Mother of Divine Grace Church





The St. John Paul II Music Ministry  
Presents:

## “Come Home For Christmas”

a musical celebration of the season

**DECEMBER 10 | 3PM**

Nativity BVM Church  
2535 E Allegheny Ave. 19134

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Come home for Christmas! Hear some of your favorite songs from the movies, and the true meaning of this joyous season. Classic movies included are White Christmas, Home Alone, Meet me in St. Louis, Muppet Christmas Carol, Elf, Polar Express and more..

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The **Sodality of Our Lady of Fatima** will be having their Christmas party at Gallo’s Restaurant, 8101 Roosevelt Blvd., Philadelphia, on Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 1:30 P.M.



Sodalists please inform Theresa if you will be attending (215-813-2780).

***THE SODALISTS  
ARE EXTENDING  
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS  
TO THE ENTIRE  
ST. JOHN PAUL II PARISH!***



**ST. JOHN PAUL II  
PARISH-WIDE  
CONFESSIONS**

**DECEMBER 13TH  
7:00 P.M.  
ALL CHURCHES**

**DECEMBER 20TH  
7:00 P.M. (Polish & English)  
ST. ADALBERT’S CHURCH**





## Sunday Rosary

### Live & Online Sunday Rosary

Facebook: Storm the Heavens Community Rosary

December 10—Nativity B.V.M.—7:00 pm  
December 17—St. George—7:00 pm  
—St. Adalbert—7:00 pm  
—M.D.G.—7:00 pm

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### MODLITWA RÓŻAŃCOWA

Parafianie z wszystkich Kościołów w dzielnicy Port Richmond spotykają się co niedziela w innym kościele, aby odmawiać wspólnie Różaniec.

10 grudnia —Nativity B.V.M.—7:00 pm  
17 grudnia —St. George—7:00 pm  
—St. Adalbert—7:00 pm  
31 grudnia —M.D.G.—7:00 pm

Różaniec będzie transmitowany na żywo na facebooku i youtube

## Sick & Shut-in



**Please Pray for our Parish Sick, especially Lisa Olson, Joseph Evans The Snead Family, & Shut Ins & Their Caregivers.**

## Please Pray for Our Beloved Deceased

*Please remember in your prayers:*

**Thomas Caterino,  
Henryk Rojek, Joseph Bean  
All Deceased Members  
of the Parish,  
All Family Members,  
All Forgotten Souls**



## ST. JOHN-PAUL II PARISH CARING FOR CARE-GIVERS GROUP

Are you someone who is caring for a family member, loved one, or friend who has a significant illness? Are you someone who is caring for a family member, loved one or friend who has some type of disability? If so, the Caring for Caregivers Group may be able to help. If you would like more information or to join our group, please call the Rectory at 215-739-3500 and leave a message for either Marge Pliszka or Deb Shirley. Someone will return your call as soon as possible.



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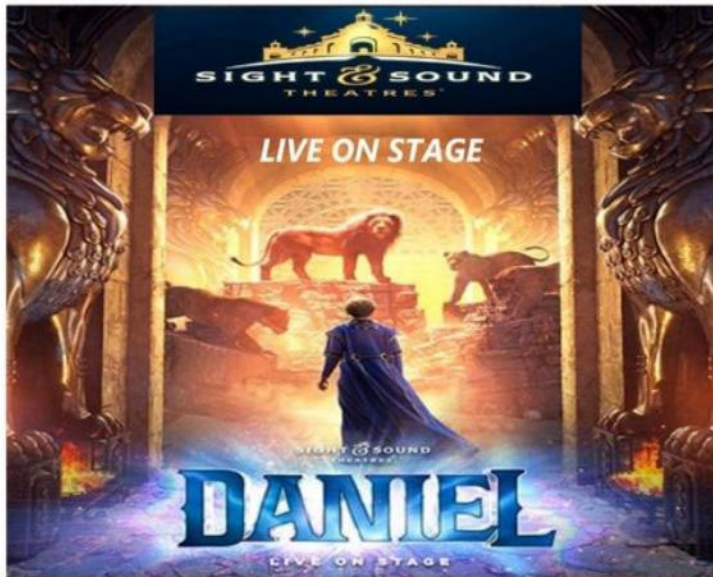


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Corner of Salmon and Venango Streets  
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**May 7, 2024**

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 The fair will be held on December 16 ( 9.00 am - 12.30pm) at the school building Located on the corner of Edgemont St. and Allegheny Ave.  
 The proceeds from the sale of these products will be donated to the school's students.  
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Dochód ze sprzedaży tych wyrobów przeznaczony będzie dla uczniów szkoły.  
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 - telefoniczną: 267-251-3776  
 - e-mail: info@szkolasww.com  
 - osobiście w każdą sobotę w szkole od 9.00-12.30

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 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2023**  
 School Building—Corner Edgemont & Allegheny Ave.  
**DECEMBER 16TH 9:00 am—12:30 pm**

\*Please read info  
 Orders can be placed until Dec. 9

# Family



**Intention:** *Persons Without Families: For all those who have become alienated from their families.*

**Reflect:** *Many people have been victims of families who were not able to live out a real loving commitment to one another. Some have come from unions never blessed with love; others are children of those who have been victims themselves and were unable to give love. Not having known the love of parents, or other special family members, they found themselves in a cycle that seemed only to turn in on itself.*

**Prayer:** *Compassionate God, we pray that there be persons who are willing to reach out in love to these victims, to share of their abundance with those who have so little, whether physically, spiritually or emotionally. Grant to those who feel unloved the grace and gift of to see love in another's heart. Give them also the courage to accept that love so that least one life can break the cycle of unloving. Open the hearts of every family member to realize how special each other family member is, so that they never become the source of another's pain. May they rather be guilty of loving too much than not enough. We ask this through the intercession of the family of Nazareth, Jesus, Mary and Joseph, model for all Christian Families. AMEN.*

Presented by  
 The Associates of the  
 Holy Family of Nazareth

*Thank you for sharing our mission, as well as your mission to families. God Bless. S. Jean Marie 267-309-0472.*





# *Bambinelli Sunday Blessing*

## *All Masses - December 17, 2023*



In Rome for the past several decades, each year on Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, children (and adults) bring their Baby Jesus from the crib in their homes to St. Peter's Square where the Pope blesses both the people and the figurines during the Angelus. This year in our Parish we will celebrate "Bambinelli Sunday" at all Masses on Sunday, Dec. 17th. Children and adults are invited to bring their Baby Jesus figure from their home to Mass that morning to be blessed in the Church at the end of Mass. Following the blessing of the baby Jesus, take your "bambinelli" home and place it in a gift box, wrap it, and place it on your Christmas Tree. Let this be the first thing your family opens on Christmas Day when together you place your Baby Jesus figure in the crib, and have a home Blessing of the Nativity for your whole family.



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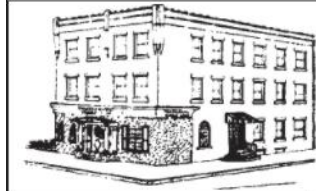
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