



# Saint James Catholic Church

1892-2017

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

### Boy Scout Christmas Tree Sale

Broad Street Teachers' Lot  
Weekends 9:00am – 9:00pm  
Weekdays 6:00pm – 9:00pm

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

Breakfast with Santa &  
Santa's Secret Shop  
8:30am – 12:30pm  
Cafeteria & Heller Hall

### Wednesday, December 6

Advent Retreat with Deacon Ed  
7:00pm – 7:45pm in Church  
(see page 6 for details)

### Friday, December 8

#### Holy Day of Obligation

Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
December 7 Vigil Mass, 7:30pm  
Feast Day Masses: 6:30, 8:30, 10:00am  
(IHM Vow Renewal); Noon & 7:30pm

### Saturday, December 9

Country Christmas Celebration  
Rectory Grounds  
Follow the Elves to Christmas Cheer!  
(see page 3 for details)

## FIRST SUNDAY

OF

# Advent

Watch therefore: you do not know  
when the lord of the house is coming,  
whether in the evening, or at midnight,  
or at cockcrow, or in the morning.

Mark 13:35



#### RECTORY:

905 Park Avenue  
Falls Church, VA 22046

#### Hours:

Monday-Friday 9:00am-9:00pm  
closed for lunch 12:45-1:30pm

Saturday 9:00am-1:30pm

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Fax: 703-533-7644

#### MASS SCHEDULE:

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:00pm

**Sunday:** 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am

12:00 noon and 7:00pm

**Spanish Mass:** 2:30pm

**Daily:** 6:30am, 8:30am & 12:00 noon

**Saturday:** 8:30am

**Federal Holidays:** 6:30am, 8:30am

**Holy Days:** 7:30pm Vigil

6:30am, 8:30am, 12:00 noon and

7:30pm

#### CONFESSIONS:

Friday: 11:15 - 11:45am

Saturday: 3:30-4:30pm & 7:30-8:00pm

or by appointment

#### Eucharistic Holy Hour:

Sunday: 5:00pm

Third Thursdays: 7:00pm

#### First Fridays :

Exposition: 9:00am - 11:45am

Benediction of the

Blessed Sacrament: 11:45am

## Stewardship

The Second Collection next week will be for our diocesan Catholic Charities. Through their professional support services, more than 94,000 people were assisted at every stage of life. Your support of this collection stays within our diocese. Please prayerfully consider supporting Catholic Charities' mission to serve the poor with love and compassion. Thank you.

Friday, December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and a Holy Day of Obligation. Thursday, December 7 Vigil Mass will be at 7:30pm; Friday Masses are at: 6:30, 8:30, 10:00am, 12:00pm & 7:30pm.



### CLERGY

Very Rev. Patrick L. Posey, V.F., Pastor  
Rev. Phillip M. Cozzi, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Steven Oetjen, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. José E. Hoyos, Spanish Apostolate  
Rev. Ghenghan Mbinkar, In Residence  
Rev. Denis Tameh, In Residence  
Rev. Gregory Thompson, In Residence  
Deacon James A. Fishenden  
Deacon Edward Gliot

### SCHOOL

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### CONVENT

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*Bulletin Deadline: Friday at 9:00am  
10 days before Sunday publication date  
Via website form posted under  
Events/Bulletin/Bulletin Submissions.  
No emails please.*

## From Our Pastor



*Be watchful! Be alert! (Mark 13:33)*

Why do we have a Gospel reading which comes just before Jesus' arrest on the first Sunday of Advent? Jesus warns his disciples to be ready for the penultimate acts leading to our salvation. Yet, we know that only John will remain at the foot of the Cross, the others having scattered in fear. Despite the years with Him, believing Him to be the Son of God, they were not yet ready.

Are we ready to meet our Savior? Are we alert? Are we prepared for the Son of God's birth as a defenseless refugee? Or are we immersed in our to-do lists of the season? Are we overwhelmed already by commitments? Mark reminds us that God has given us "work" to do in preparation for His arrival. Will we take these four weeks of Advent to prepare our spirit with as much care as we prepare our Christmas decorations? We have many opportunities here to assist you on your Advent faith journey. In addition to our many Bible studies, on Wednesday Deacon Ed will offer a retreat focusing on the Liturgy of the Word where we open our ears and hearts to the word of God. See page 6 for ways to make this a spiritually fulfilling Advent. I also encourage you to join us at our first Country Christmas Celebration on Saturday. See below for details. God bless. ~ Fr. Posey



**JOIN US DECEMBER 9, 2017  
6:00-8:00PM FOR A**

**COUNTRY CHRISTMAS  
CELEBRATION**

**A FREE FAMILY EVENT FEATURING**

**HAYRIDES, PETTING ZOO, BONFIRE,  
CHRISTMAS CAROLING, FOOD**

**IT'LL BE A WINTER WONDERLAND  
OF CHRISTMAS JOY!**

### Weekly Reflection

Readings: 1 Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b;  
64:2-7; Psalm 80; Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:33-37

[http://www.usccb.org/bible/  
readings/120317.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/120317.cfm)



### Reflection:

Will we be ready to receive the Lord when He returns? Grant us grace Lord to be vigilant and remain steadfast for love of you.

## ***Mass Intentions for the First Sunday of Advent***

### **Saturday, December 2**

5:00 p.m. +Audrey Everidge

### **Sunday, December 3**

7:30 a.m. +Deacon Tom McQuillan

9:00 a.m. +Edward R. Stamerra, Sr.

10:30 a.m. People of St. James

Noon +John Morrissey, Jr.

2:30 p.m. +Howard Hjort

7:00 p.m. +Jose T. Frondoso

### **Monday, December 4**

6:30 a.m. +Lyn Lawrence

8:30 a.m. +Helen Check

Noon +Joan Haar

### **Tuesday, December 5**

6:30 a.m. +Helen Pawloski

8:30 a.m. +Barbara Schmidt

Noon +Frank Whitesell

### **Wednesday, December 6**

6:30 a.m. +Fran Wenderlich

8:30 a.m. +Sergio Nicolas Rivero

Noon +Clarence Gilbertson

### **Thursday, December 7**

6:30 a.m. +Meg Hayden

8:30 a.m. +Fr. J. Piwowarski

Noon +Maria and Giovanni Bernardone

7:30 p.m. Special Intention

### **Friday, December 8 (Holy Day of Obligation)**

6:30 a.m. +Mary Czosnyka

8:30 a.m. +Demetria and Eugenio Boyo

Noon +Linda Kennedy

7:30 p.m. +Deacon Edward F. Whelan

### **Saturday, December 9**

8:30 a.m. +Mary Jane Liverman

5:00 p.m. +Fr. Austin Coupe, O. Carm

### **Sunday, December 10**

7:30 a.m. +John E. Lee

9:00 a.m. People of St. James

10:30 a.m. +Alexander Bautista

Noon +Anne Marie LaVelle

2:30 p.m. +Julio Hernandez

7:00 p.m. +Dick Heid

## ***This Week's Saints and Special Observances***

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. John Damascene

Wednesday: St. Nicholas

Thursday: St. Ambrose;  
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Friday: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

### ***Today's Readings***

**First Reading** — We are the clay and you, O LORD, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

**Psalm** — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

**Second Reading** — God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

**Gospel** — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

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### ***Readings for the Week***

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;  
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;  
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4;  
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;  
Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14;  
Mk 1:1-8

### ***Remember in Your Prayers...***

**the sick of our parish family:**

Maddie Cabatic

Michele Clair

Charles Roberts

Tina Ward

**and the deceased of our parish family:**

Rev. Gerry Creedon

### ***Pray for Those Serving Overseas, Our Disabled Veterans, and Military Retirees***

Please pray for those serving in the military and foreign service, especially

**Justin Berg, Capt. Roger (Trey) DeGeorges III, James Hoy, Michele Petersen,**

**1st Lt. Joe Paoletta, USMC, and Capt. Albert C. Young.** Send names to

[bulletin@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:bulletin@stjamescatholic.org). Let us know when your loved ones return.



# DID YOU KNOW YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR ANNUAL APPEAL HAS ...



Raised close to \$400,000 since 2012

Enabled us, with the PTO, to invest in the award-winning Lab Learner Science Program

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Augmented funding for Heller Hall upgrades

Provided additional funding for tuition assistance

Supported our overall budget which allows us the flexibility to meet new educational opportunities

Been supported by hundreds of parishioners, parents, alumni and friends

*Made a difference in their lives*



**Thank you for  
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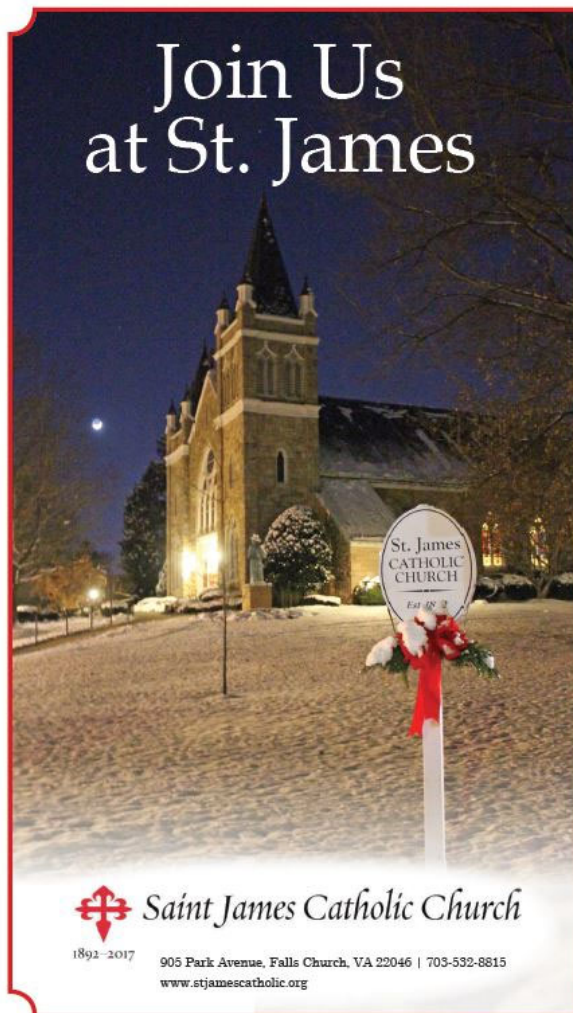
**Christmas Greens Sale: This Weekend! Advent Candles, Wreaths & More!**  
*The Pro-Life Committee will be holding its annual Christmas greens sale to benefit A Woman's Choice Pro-Life Crisis Pregnancy Center.*  
 Wreaths- \$20.00 - \$25.00 Advent Table Wreaths - \$10.00  
 Mixed Bunch of Greens - \$5.00 Candleholders & Candles also for sale



**Santa's Secret Shop is Open Today in Heller Hall.**  
 Come have breakfast with Santa beginning at 8:30am and get your picture taken with him before he heads back to the North Pole!

**Saint James Seniors Christmas Luncheon: Joe's Place Restaurant, 2-4pm on December 7**

The address is 5555 Lee Highway, Arlington VA. Parking is limited. A buffet lunch with beverages will be served. The total cost is \$13.00/person. Please pay cash or make check payable to "St. James Seniors" and mail to Marina Martini, 2225 Beacon Lane, Falls Church VA 22043. Call Cae Gilley 703-533-3845 or Mary Anne Stallings 703-237-1768 for a ride. If you would like, bring a wrapped & labeled gift for a man or woman to donate to the Homeless Shelter Project. Suggested items are socks, hat, gloves, scarf, or sweater.



Join Us  
 at St. James



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**December 3, 8:30am – 12:00pm**

Breakfast with Santa in Cafeteria, door 18  
 8th Grade Graduation Activities Fundraiser  
 Santa's Secret Shop in Heller Hall, door 13  
 Inexpensive gifts for children to buy

**December 6 & 13, 7:00-7:45pm in Church**

Advent Retreat - Two Part Series on the Mass  
 Part 1 - Reflection on Liturgy of the Word • Deacon Ed Gliot  
 Part 2 - Reflection on Liturgy of the Eucharist • Fr. Phillip Cozzi

**December 9, 6:00-8:00pm on Rectory Grounds**

Country Christmas Celebration  
 Park in church parking lots & follow the elves to our bonfire, sleigh ride, hot dogs, caroling & petting zoo. FREE.

**December 11 & 18, 7:00pm in Church**

Solemn Evening Prayer with Fr. Oetjen

**December 12, 7:00pm in Church**

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe  
 Bilingual Mass with Bishop Burbidge followed by procession to Heller Hall and social with light refreshments

**December 16, 9:15am – 11:45pm in Heller Hall**

Diocesan Young Adult Advent Morning of Recollection  
 Reflection, Holy Hour and Mass with Fr. Jeb Donelan

**December 20, 7:30pm in Church**

Simbang Gabi Mass  
 Traditional Filipino Novena



## YOUTH MINISTRY AT ST. JAMES

### THIS WEEK:

#### HIGH SCHOOL PREP

Tuesday at 7:00PM in the School Library  
Watch the series *Catholicism* and have your questions answered by Deacon Ed.

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL FUSION

Friday from 6:30pm—8:30pm  
Knecht Gym & Conference Room—Door 7

Want to get involved? Visit our website at [www.stjamescatholic.org/youth](http://www.stjamescatholic.org/youth) or contact Fr. Oetjen at 703-532-8815 or [fatheroetjen@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:fatheroetjen@stjamescatholic.org).

## PREP

### Parish Religious Education Program

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[religioused@saintjamesschool.org](mailto:religioused@saintjamesschool.org)

Website Shortcut: [j.mp/StJamesPREP](http://j.mp/StJamesPREP)

**Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday**

**9:30am – 12:00pm**

**Tuesday 2:30pm – 8:30pm or by appointment**

## NO PREP

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

Join us for the bilingual Mass in honor of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe instead. Bishop Burbidge will preside, and there will be a procession with an image of Mary followed by a social with light refreshments.

### Year-End Stewardship Opportunities

With the market at record levels, you may make a gift of stock as a donation to our parish or diocese. In exchange for a gift of long-term, appreciated securities (stock), you can receive an income tax deduction and avoid capital gains taxes on stock appreciation. For more information, please call (703) 841-3896 or visit: [www.arlingtondiocese.org/giving/gifts\\_stock.aspx](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/giving/gifts_stock.aspx).

### **Make a Gift from an IRA Charitable Rollover**

Tax laws allow individuals 70½ or older to make a direct IRA distribution to a charity. Such qualified direct distributions to charity are not subject to income tax and can fulfill your RMD. For more information, contact the parish office or the diocesan Office of Development at 703-841-3819 or visit [www.legacy.vg/arlingtondiocese/articles/95.html](http://www.legacy.vg/arlingtondiocese/articles/95.html).

### Information Technology Volunteer Needed

St. James Catholic Church is looking for an experienced professional Information Technology (IT) volunteer to assist in the parish's automation review. As the parish and school continue to grow, there is a need to assess our current automation systems maintained for both areas, and what improvements are necessary to meet future demands. IT projects may range from simple data processing to extensive research, product review, systems analysis, planning, and implementation efforts. If you are interested in volunteering please send an email to: [volunteer@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:volunteer@stjamescatholic.org)

### Advent Resources on FORMED.org

Visit [www.stjamescatholic.org/formed](http://www.stjamescatholic.org/formed) or sign in to [FORMED.org](http://FORMED.org) for links. Register for free with our parish code: 8D46B7.



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### 1977- 1980 - MONSIGNOR JUSTIN D. MCCLUNN, SIXTH PASTOR

On June 12, 1977, Monsignor Justin D. McClunn was appointed to succeed Monsignor Heller as sixth pastor of St. James Parish. Monsignor McClunn was ordained on June 15, 1941. He became secretary to Bishop Ireton of Richmond and was later assigned to establish St. Louis Parish in Groveton, near Alexandria. From there he came to St. James.



Monsignor McClunn worked tirelessly for the church. A friend and advisor of Monsignor McClunn said he was “the ideal choice for this post.” Parishioners today will still remember how graciously Monsignor McClunn included now retired Monsignor Heller, “Pastor Emeritus,” in the life of the parish as he continued to live at St. James. On September 18, 1977, a Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated for Monsignor Heller in *gratitude to God for His faithful priest*. Bishop Welsh was celebrant with 43 concelebrating priests, including three bishops. At this mass, the three church bells named for Monsignor Heller and his parents were trundled down the main aisle for the Consecration of the Bells. Monsignor McClunn oversaw the renovation to the church interior. New cushioned pews and kneelers were installed. The church was painted from its pastel colors of mint green, pink and peach to its current ivory color. The white ribbed vaulting of the ceiling was painted a brown tone. Above the altar the ribs were painted in two tones to bring out the beautiful grapevine pattern and the holy name of Jesus (IHS) in the center boss. Monsignor McClunn worked closely with the Parish Advisory Board and made himself available to all groups and individuals.

A parishioner, Vicki Leitzinger, asked the question, “Why not have a new playground with the proper equipment to develop the growing children’s muscles?” Vicki began holding “Slimnastics” classes with fees going into a special “St. James Playground Fund.” Fifteen months later with the support of Msgr. McClunn and Sister Helen Maureen, and additional financial support from the PTO and Men’s Club, the school had a new playground located behind the convent where the white house once stood. On Sunday, October 30, 1977 Monsignor McClunn blessed the new playground: “*send thy holy angel from heaven to watch over all who play on these grounds. May his coming put new heart in them; may he protect them and be with them to defend them from all harm. Through Christ our Lord.*” Ronald McDonald made the dedication even more special with his appearance. The playground opened to students the next day, with Sister Helen Maureen and the student body thanking a “special lady,” Mrs. Leitzinger, at a special school opening.



*Msgr. McClunn dedicating the new playground. October, 1977*

When Monsignor McClunn came to St. James he had already served three years in the diocesan offices overseeing the Tribunal. He continued this work while also taking care of St. James. The double load soon became too much for him, and on the advice of Bishop Welsh, he resigned as pastor but continued as Vicar General and Officialis of the Diocese, Chairman of the Diocesan Financial Committee, and Chairman of the Priests’ Retirement Fund. He took up residence in the rectory at Our Lady of Lourdes in Arlington and later at St. Thomas More in Arlington. Msgr McClunn died of cancer on June 15, 1990, at Arlington Hospital at the age of 74.



## Social Outreach Christmas 2017 Collection

### Work of Human Hands Sale and Donut Sunday

On Sunday, December 10 from 8:30am to 12pm, the Social Outreach Committee will be hosting Donut Sunday with donuts and coffee in Heller Hall. Along with the reception there will be a Work of Human Hands Sale where you can buy delicious Divine Chocolate, fair trade coffee, and other fair-trade items that support artisans and farmers worldwide. Please come and join us.

### Gift Cards for Families in Need

The Social Outreach Committee is working with Catholic Charities to provide gift cards to families in need. We are asking parishioners to donate gift cards from stores such as CVS, Giant, and Wal-Mart so local families can use the cards to purchase food, toiletries, and a few special gifts. On **Donut Sunday, December 10**, you can buy gift cards from members of the Social Outreach Committee. If cards are purchased at this time then St. James School also benefits from the purchase of cards. Cards can also be purchased separately and dropped in the collection basket during any weekend mass on December 2nd/3rd and 9th/10th. If you have any questions, please call Mary Ann Parker at 703-241-9128 or Amy Steinbicker at 703-849-1424.

### Christmas Project for the Homeless

We support five homeless shelters in the area and at Christmas time provide new, wrapped clothing to men and women. In particular we are in need of: hoodies, jackets, shirts, hats, scarves, other articles of warm clothing and undergarments. Boxes will be placed at the doors of the church to collect items through December 16. If you choose to wrap the gift, please label for gender and size. PLEASE NO used clothing. For more information, call Susan Jackson at 703-533-3482, Marian Starr at 703-237-0285 or Caroline Sparks at 703-237-2074.

### Homeless Shelters in Need of Personal Care Items

The homeless shelters are in need of personal care items such as shampoo, conditioner, lotion, combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, disposable razors, soap bars, and bath gel. Both travel and family sizes are welcome. Boxes will be provided in the back of church to collect these items.

### Adopt-a-Family Program

Parishioners can provide much needed holiday cheer by sponsoring a specified family and ensuring they have gifts and a holiday meal for Christmas. Many of these families were previously homeless and need to conserve their income for rent, food and other necessities. Please help us provide gifts and clothing for children, and something for parents. You may do this as a family, or ask neighbors or friends to join you. (We can match you with other giving families). If you or a parish group would like to participate, please call Mary Ann Parker at 703-241-9128 or 202-434-2116.

### Alternate Gift Program

If you are looking for a unique way to give a gift at Christmas, consider making a monetary donation to St. James Social Outreach Committee and in turn be given a custom-made gift card that can be given to someone special on your Christmas list. Information on how your donation will be used appears on the back of the card. This makes a great gift for your friend and is a blessing for one of god's beloved. The card is also appropriate for birthdays, anniversaries, retirement or other special occasion. Call Vicky Schoenberger at 703-532-7783 or Lori Lisiecki at 703-532-5357.

### Christmas Week at the Falls Church Emergency Shelter

From December 24 – 31, St James parishioners are responsible for providing some general supplies and breakfast: 2 boxes of cereal, gallon of milk, bread or muffins, an individually wrapped snack, and fresh fruit for 12 persons daily. If you can help for one or more days, please contact Janet Qualters at 703-573-9170 or [janet.r.qualters@gmail.com](mailto:janet.r.qualters@gmail.com).

**Christmas Collection for Ongoing Social Outreach Activities:** You can make donations via Faith Direct by designating a monthly or one-time contribution; make out a check to St. James Church designated for Social Outreach programs, or place money in the Poor Box at the church entrance on the weekends. This money will be used to purchase groceries for the monthly Food Distribution, fund the Christmas party for families participating in the Food Distribution program and to pay for Meals on Wheels deliveries on Christmas Day.

## *December Prayer Intention of Pope Francis*

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

## *This Week in Our Parish*

### **Sunday, December 3**

8:30am – 12:30pm	Breakfast with Santa/Santa's Shop	Heller Hall, Door 13
9:00am – 9:00pm	Boy Scout Christmas Tree Sale	Broad Street Teachers Lot
10:00am – 2:00pm	Parish Library Open	House of Ministries – 913 Park Avenue
12:00pm – 1:30pm	Hispanic RCIA	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9
1:00pm – 2:15pm	Hispanic PREP	School, Door 16
1:30pm – 3:30pm	Bible Study	School Library, Door 16
4:00pm – 7:00pm	Hispanic Prayer Group Emmanuel	Heller Hall – Door 13
4:30pm – 6:00pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary	House of Ministries – 913 Park Avenue
5:00pm	Holy Hour	Church

### **Monday, December 4**

3:45pm – 5:15pm	Teacher Bible Study	Room 19
6:00pm – 9:00pm	Boy Scout Christmas Tree Sale	Broad Street Teachers Lot
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Hogar English Classes	School – Door 16
7:30pm – 9:00pm	RCIA	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9

### **Tuesday, December 5**

9:30am – 11:30am	Scripture Study (co-ed)	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9
1:30 & 7:00pm	Band Concert	Gym – Door 9
4:45 & 7:00pm	PREP	School – Door 16, then Church
6:00pm – 9:00pm	Boy Scout Christmas Tree Sale	Broad Street Teachers Lot
3:30pm – 6:00pm	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Knecht Conference Room - Doors 8 & 9
7:00pm – 8:15pm	H.S. PREP – Catholicism	School Library – Door 16
7:30pm – 9:00pm	Legion of Mary	House of Ministries – 913 Park Avenue

### **Wednesday, December 6**

9:15am – 11:00am	Scripture Study – Women	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9
6:00pm – 9:00pm	Boy Scout Christmas Tree Sale	Broad Street Teachers Lot
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Hogar English Classes	School – Door 16
7:00pm – 7:45pm	Advent Retreat	Church

### **Thursday, December 7 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass: 7:30pm**

6:00pm – 9:00pm	Boy Scout Christmas Tree Sale	Broad Street Teachers Lot
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Praise & Worship	Heller Hall – Door 13
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Bible Study (women)	Art Room – Door 17
7:30pm – 9:00pm	Pro-Life Committee Meeting	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9
7:30pm – 9:00pm	Young Adult Focus Group	House of Ministries – 913 Park Avenue

### **Friday, December 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Masses at 6:30, 8:30, 10:00am; Noon and 7:30pm; School Early Dismissal, No parking in Lots A or B**

11:15am – 11:45am	Confessions	Church
6:00pm – 9:00pm	Boy Scout Christmas Tree Sale	Broad Street Teachers Lot

### **Saturday, December 9**

9:00am – 9:00pm	Boy Scout Christmas Tree Sale	Broad Street Teachers Lot
3:30pm – 4:30pm	Confessions	Church
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