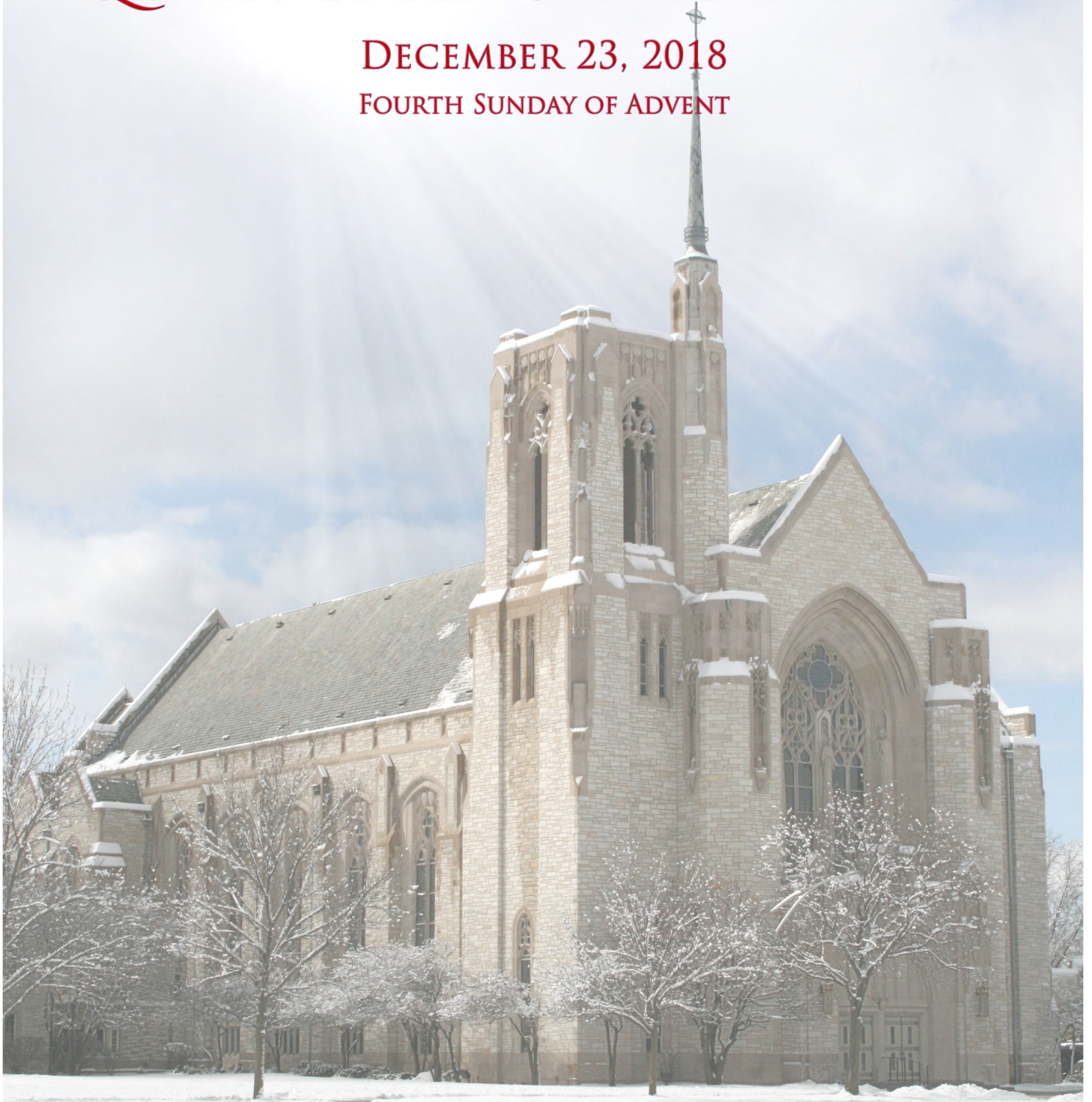


QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS BASILICA

DECEMBER 23, 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



*Committed to Christ, sharing God's gifts
and building the Church together through
the ministries of word, worship and service*

FROM FATHER SIMON



No story has captured the human imagination as much as the Christmas story. The Christmas story is rich in human sweetness and delicacy, because it has a child at its center, and because we were all children once and remember at this time especially how it was to be a child. Our childhood memories touch our tenderness, even make us tender for ourselves.

We are still children looking up with wonder. We are the childlike angels peering over the edge of the crib. We may now be crusty and gnarled, and all too experienced, yet we find ourselves singing “Silent Night” again, heartfelt, and heart-found.

To all who gather in the basilica to celebrate the wonder of Christmas and rejoice in God’s greatest gift, Jesus – Welcome! Whether you are a parishioner who comes to Mass each Sunday, a parishioner who comes once in a while or a visitor coming to be with family and friends, you are all most welcome to this celebration of the birth of our Savior.

I would like every Catholic person in the neighborhood to know that you are loved by God and that you will be received willingly and gladly here at the basilica. I want to extend a special greeting to Catholics who, for whatever reason, do not regularly participate in the practice of the Catholic faith. No matter what you may feel is the obstacle preventing you from being more closely incorporated into the community of faith that is Queen of All Saints Parish, I want you to know that the pastoral staff is here precisely to assist you on your journey of faith. We will do anything we can to remove any obstacle so that you may become more fully active once again. Please consider giving us a chance. I also want every person, no matter what faith, to know that you will be treated with respect and in a friendly way in our splendid basilica. All are welcome.

May you and your loved ones have a merry Christmas and a new year filled with peace and good health.

Blessings!

WELCOME TO QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS BASILICA

Whether you are a first time visitor, a long time parishioner, or a friend or family member home for the holidays, please know that you are most welcome to join us in worship and community.



OUR HISTORY

We began as a parish of only 40 families in 1929, but grew quickly thanks to the dedication and generosity of our early parishioners who built our school and church to what you see today. In recognition of our parish's distinctive heritage and identity our church was elevated to the dignity of a Basilica by St. John XXIII in 1962 and today is one of only three basilicas in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

WHO WE ARE NOW

Today we have over 2,900 households, with over 9,500 parishioners. Together we participate in many outreach, educational and worship ministries for the benefit of our fellow parishioners and that of our community.

The number and diversity of our parish organizations are examples of sharing that are a testament to the spiritual strength of our parish. Because of our deep faith and the powerful interest of our parishioners and staff in reaching out through evangelization and service opportunities, the parish as we know it today stands as an example of Christianity.

Our basilica is focused on celebrating the Catholic faith, through word, worship and service. Our parish school has a healthy enrollment of over 600 students and our religious education program enrolls an additional 302 students in the study and practice of our faith.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

- Bereavement Support Group
- Boy Scouts
- Elizabeth Ministry
- FACA
- Finance Council
- Girl Scouts
- Men's Club
- Ministry of Care - Homebound
- Ministry of Care - Hospital
- Ministry of Praise - Partners in Prayer
- Moppets & Me
- Money Counters
- Parish Council
- QASPA
- Respect Life
- School Council
- Single Parents
- Social Justice Ministry
- St. Dymphna Society
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Wedding Rehearsal Ministry
- Widowed Group
- Youth Ministry
- Women's Auxiliary
- Youth Ministry

EDUCATION MINISTRIES

- QAS School
- Religious Education Program
- Baptismal Preparation
- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
- Special Religious Education (SPRED)

WORSHIP MINISTRIES

- Altar Servers
- Basilica Choir
- Lectors
- Ministers of Communion
- Sacristans
- Ushers

FROM CARDINAL CUPICH



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The birth of Jesus is framed by two important journeys.

Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem...with Mary... (Luke 2:4-5)

Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt... (Matthew 2:14)

There is the journey to Bethlehem and the birth of Jesus and the journey of the Holy Family to Egypt as refugees from the violence of King Herod.

These journeys mirror our world and our own lives. Especially in this season, we journey to contemplate the Word made flesh, Emmanuel, God with us at his birth. We are also aware of the perilous journeys of so many who flee violence or who must live surrounded by it. May this season of renewal help us to set our sights on the Lord's promise to bring us safely home as we make our way to him. May that promise renew our joy and our hope.

God bless you and all your loved ones in this holy season.

Cardinal John J. Cupich

ARCHBISHOP OF CHICAGO



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

*4:00 p.m. Family Liturgy
Children's Choir Program of Lessons
and Carols begins at 3:30 p.m.*

*6:00 p.m. Mass
Basilica Choir with Organ, Harp and Brass*

*12 a.m. Midnight Mass
Basilica Choir with Organ, Harp and Brass
Program of Carols begins at 11:00 p.m.*

CHRISTMAS DAY TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

*6:45 a.m. Mass
Music for Harp & Violin*

*8:00 a.m. Mass
Traditional Carols
Organ, Harp and Brass*

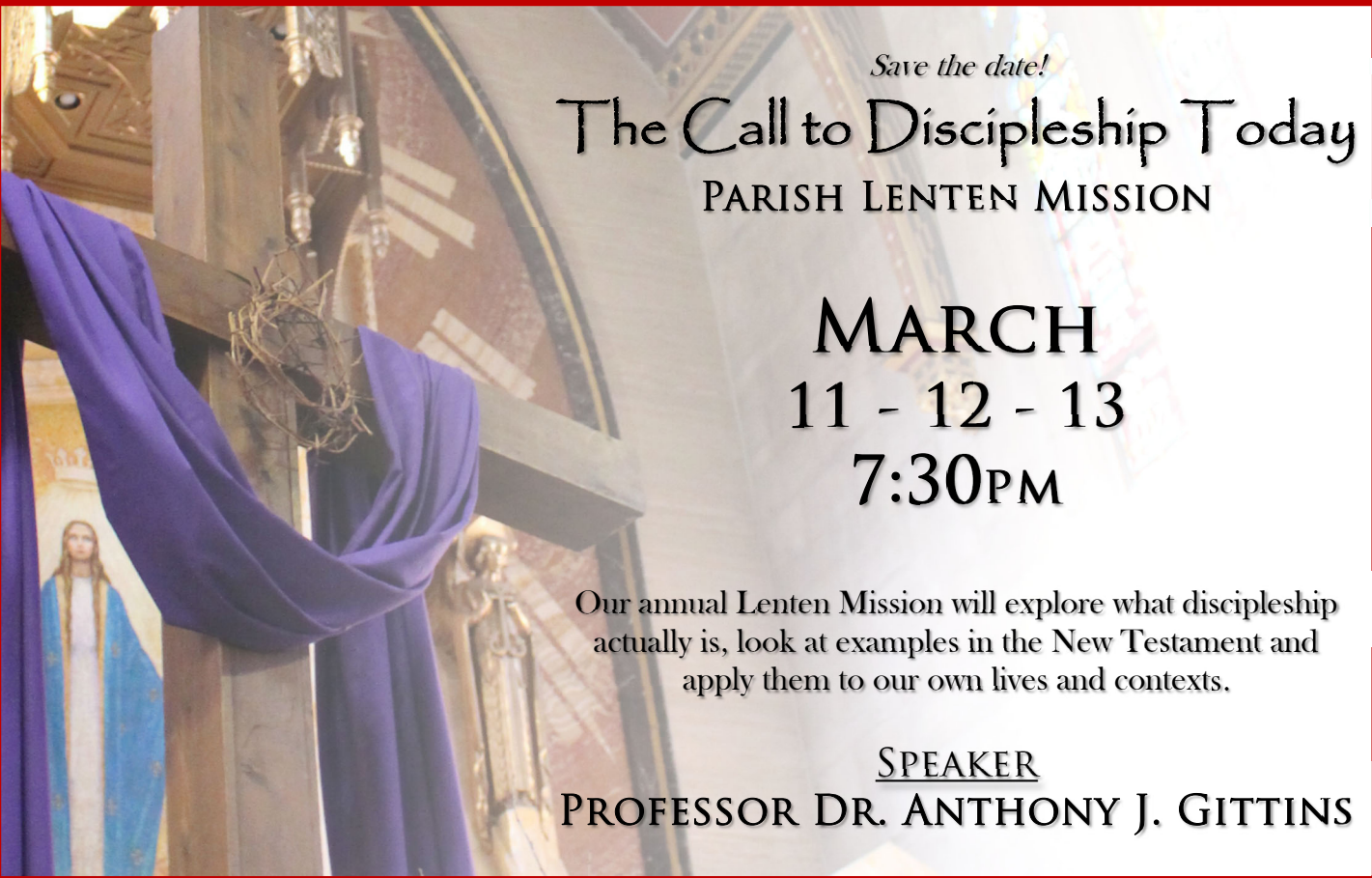
*9:30, 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Masses
Basilica Choir with Organ, Harp and Brass*



FIELD OF DREAMS 2019

Mark your calendars! Queen of All Saints Parish is celebrating our 90th year in 2019 and we are excited to honor this special anniversary at our Field of Dreams gala on Friday, May 17, 2019. We hope you will join us. Watch future parish communications for more details on the UPP and the gala.





Save the date!

The Call to Discipleship Today

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

MARCH
11 - 12 - 13
7:30PM

Our annual Lenten Mission will explore what discipleship actually is, look at examples in the New Testament and apply them to our own lives and contexts.

SPEAKER
PROFESSOR DR. ANTHONY J. GITTINS

2017-2018 FINANCIAL REPORT TO THE PARISH

Last week's bulletin, an email on Tuesday, and the entrances around church, all have had our Financial Report posted. In that was the following message and request from our Finance Council...

We know that we have many faithful supporters, who provide for their church on a regular basis. We are extraordinarily grateful for their efforts. Without them we would not be able to be where we are today.

- We have not made a vigorous appeal for a Sunday collection increase for several years, but now we must. At this time, we ask that you **increase your Sunday offering ideally by a minimum of 20%**, and hopefully more if you can afford it. We know that many of our parishioners stretch themselves to support our parish, which is why our average Sunday envelope contains about \$35 per week. Others certainly have the ability to support our parish beyond that average.
- We also ask those whose circumstances permit to increase their capital campaign pledges.
- We ask those who have not yet pledged or are new to our parish and are benefitting from the generosity of the past to make a pledge.

We know that our fellow parishioners always do the right thing when they are given the facts, and that is why we confidently lay before you the situation we now face.

As always, if you have any questions about our financial condition or the various ways you can provide an increase in your support, please contact our business office at (773) 736-6060.



PARISH NEWS

UPP Sign-Up Parties

Each year, a highlight of the Field of Dreams gala is reserving your spot(s) at our unique Sign-Up parties.

Sign-Up parties are hosted by parishioners, families and friends and are a great way to socialize with your community. We would love to speak with enthusiastic hosts about new party ideas. Would you, and possibly your friends, like to host a Sign-Up Party but are not sure what needs to be done?

Our Sign-Up Party chairs, Blanca Cabrales, bcabrale@starbucks.com, and Shannon Stumm, s_stumm@yahoo.com, would love to talk with you and share their experiences about hosting successful sign up events. Please feel free to reach out to them and start the discussion. We look forward to welcoming you to the Sign-Up Party committee!

Elizabeth Ministry's Annual Women's Retreat

Retreat director Lauren Hackman-Brooks returns to lead the Elizabeth Ministry's 2019 women's retreat. Mark your calendar and plan to join us on February 8th & 9th for this much anticipated retreat, offered free of charge to the women of the parish by the Elizabeth Ministry.

E-mail elizabethministry.qas@gmail.com with questions or to RSVP.

Ongoing Works of The Elizabeth Ministry

The women of the Elizabeth Ministry continue to reach out to our parish community through **Meal Trains** (warm meals to those in need of comfort), **Prayer Tree** (praying for your intentions) and **Breast Cancer Support** (those going through diagnosis and treatment). Contact us at elizabethministry.qas@gmail.com with a request or questions.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Thursday, January 10th, 7pm in the cafeteria
The Eucharist: The Source and Summit of our Faith
Everything we do is centered on the Eucharist and our lives flow from the Eucharist. Come and learn why Catholics put the Eucharist first in our lives of faith.

Thursday, January 24th, 7pm in the cafeteria
The Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation - Learn about the sacraments that invite us to be full members of the Church. Baptism, which gives us new life, Eucharist, that maintains our relationship with the Lord and Confirmation, which strengthens us to be full members in the faith.

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

January 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses for this Holy Day will be as follows:
Monday, December 31st Vigil Mass at 5:00pm
Tuesday, January 1st Masses at 8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00 noon.

There will be only one daily Mass at 8:30am on Monday, December 31st.



Youth Ministry

Sunday, January 13th - Mass at 4:00pm in the Mother's Chapel.

Altar Server Appreciation Mass

Saturday, January 19th at 11:30am
We will welcome Bishop Mark Bartosic as he celebrates a Mass of appreciation for the ministry of altar servers in the parishes of Vicariate II.



SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for new and transfer students wishing to enter QAS School in August 2019 will begin on **Sunday, January 27**, the date of the Catholic School's Week Mass and our Open House! Registration applications after January 27th can be picked up in the main school office between 9am and 1pm, or call us at 773-736-0567.

SCHOOL SHOWCASE

Please join us on any of the Wednesdays listed below for an informal coffee & tour of the school. Meet the administrators, teachers, current parents and students. See why Queen of All Saints School was named a 2018 *Blue Ribbon* recipient! You can RSVP at 773-736-0567.



January 16th, 2019

March 13th, 2019

May 1st, 2019

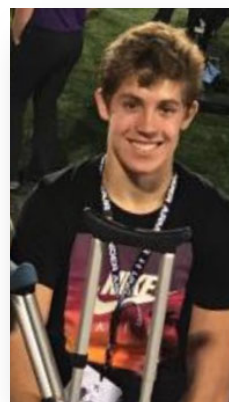
QAS ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Name: Joey Savaiano

Year Graduated QAS: 2017

High School: Walter Payton College Prep

What is Your Favorite Memory from QAS? My favorite memory from QAS was the Homecoming football game that I played in and the after party in the field every year. There was always a big parade starting in the parking lot that traversed across the neighborhood. It was always such a fun moment riding in the back of a pickup truck with my football buddies. Then, after the game there would be a huge get-together at the field outside of the church. Music would play, tons of kids would be running around, and it would always be a blast. Plus we would usually get a tackle football game together and that was always a great time. The fall is always my favorite time of the year, and the homecoming game and festivities always seemed to be the highlight of my favorite season.



How has QAS influenced your life? QAS has influenced my life because I now see myself as a pretty religious person. I pray every night, and understand religion and spirituality more than my high school friends who went to public grammar schools.

If you would like to be interviewed for the QAS Alumni Spotlight articles, please email Ellen Meadows at emhmeadows@gmail.com



Stewardship

Queen of All Saints Basilica

*Committed to Christ,
sharing God's gifts, building the Church together*

Fourth Sunday of Advent — December 23, 2018

“For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy.”

- LUKE 1:44

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading each Sunday, do you “leap for joy?” If not, don’t blame the lector or priest, rather look inside yourself. Do you prepare for Mass each week or do you just show up and expect to be entertained? We are called to be active participants, not passive bystanders.

Stewardship — Spread The Joy of Christmas!

At Mass on Christmas Eve we hear, “I proclaim to you good news of great joy; today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord.”

It is this joy we need to feel, this joy we need to carry to others. Many have expressed the joy of today. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said this about Christmas: “Joy is the true gift of Christmas. We can communicate this joy simply: with a smile, a kind gesture, a little help, forgiveness. And the joy we give will certainly come back to us... Let us pray that this presence of the liberating joy of God shines forth in our lives.”

The angel Gabriel greeted our Blessed Mother Mary with the Greek word *Kaire!* That means “Be joyful.” God is near us today; He is so near that He became a child. Let us take that joy and share it with others; let us take that joy and change our lives and the lives of others. When we say “Merry Christmas” let us mean it with every fabric of our being.

Our Christmas collection is our largest special collection of the year. Please keep in mind the many ministries, liturgies and activities that touch us throughout the year as you decide on your gift to our parish this Christmas.



Thank you for your very generous support of our parish this past year.

Through your efforts we continued to support over 40 different outreach, educational and worship ministries for the benefit of our fellow parishioners and of our community. It is a testament to the stewardship shown by the parishioners of Queen of All Saints Basilica, a grateful return of the gifts they have been given—in the service of others.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Are you receiving our monthly newsletter? It’s a great way to keep track of the many opportunities in which you can take part in worship ministries, social activities and stewardship of our parish life. If you are not receiving the newsletter, simply send your email address to qasoffice@qasparish.org.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 23rd (Fourth Sunday of Advent) - *All Sunday Masses will be offered for the people of Queen of All Saints and the benefactors of our endowments for the school and the parish*

Monday, December 24th - *School Endowment Fund benefactors, QAS Homebound, George Stegmaier, Vicente Sy, Ava Alido, Jennie & Vincenzo Carone, Leonard Nied, John T. Kelly, Joseph Olszowka family, Jim Durst, Mr. Jan Budzynski, Melecio S. Baingan, Laura Bran, Gladys Melendez, Lilian Drey, Chester & Wanda Burzawa, Stanley & Kay Przepiorski, Rev. Edwin Karłowicz C.R., Paul & Anna Burzawa, Adolph & Antoinette Burzawa, Stanley & Marya Kozłowski, Janis Johnson, John & Christine Peters, Wanda & Chestan Peters, Ferdinand Neuhengen, Anna & Ralph Minx, Hofbauer family, Nicholas Achille, deceased members of the Bashara & Gabriel families, Limneo C. Siscar, Louise Tirio, Wilfredo Gameng Jr., Ed Morley, Bill Calalng, Sheila Kordash*

Readings: (Morning) 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16, Lk 1:67-79

Tuesday, December 25th (The Nativity of the Lord) - *All Masses will be offered for the people of Queen of All Saints and the benefactors of our endowments for the school and the parish*

Readings: (Vigil) Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25, Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25. (Night) Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14. (Dawn) Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20. (Day) Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Wednesday, December 26th (St. Stephen) - *Basilica Fund Members, Ruth Stegmaier, Ria Erdelyi, Vicente Sy, Ava Alido, deceased members of the QAS Widowed Group, Richard F. Scheuer, John Onofrio, Joseph Lentino, Rosemary Johansson, Stjepa Pavlovic, Alice Odeh*

Readings: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59, Mt 10:17-22

Thursday, December 27th (St. John the Apostle) - *Ann Kertgen, Charles Hansen, Katherine Hansen, Eileen Stegmaier, John Hansen, Paul Joseph Lingg, Leslie Guderyahn, Rosemary Johansson, Joseph Lentino*

Readings: 1 Jn 1:1-4, Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Friday, December 28th (The Holy Innocents) - *Helen & Jerry Martin, Cecilia Jara, Elmer Campana, Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Guderyahn Sr., Jacek Drozdziak, Maria Lourdes David*

Readings: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2, Mt 2:13-18

Saturday, December 29th (St. Thomas Becket) - *Deceased members of the Caponigri, Minelli and Parrillo families, Gene Marino, Anthony D. Rodriguez, John Onofrio, Salvy Monastero, Frank Slobig, the Oroczo and Hanlon families, In Honor of our Blessed Mother - Ben & Sara Testa, Chester & Wanda Burzawa, Stanley & Kay Przepiorski, Rev. Edwin Karłowicz C.R., Paul & Anna Burzawa, Adolph & Antoinette Burawa, Stanley & Marya Kozłowski, Janis Johnson, John & Christine Peters, Wanda & Chestan Peters*

Readings: 1 Jn 2:3-11, Lk 2:22-35

QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS BASILICA INFORMATION

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Pastor.....Rev. Simon Braganza
Pastor Emeriti.....Rev. Msgr. John Pollard
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Resident.....Rev. Michael Cronin
Rev. Edward D. Grace
Pastoral Associate.....Dr. Carole Eipers
Director of Religious Education.....Erika Tate
Director of Music.....Dr. Kenneth Sotak
Assistant Director of Music.....Paul Scavone
Youth Minister.....Morgan O'Leary

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Principal.....Kristina Reyes
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School Secretary.....Janet Santicola

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Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil5:00pm
Sunday.....6:45, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am, 12:30pm

Daily Mass and Rosary

Monday-Friday.....6:30, 8:30am
Saturday.....8:00am
Rosary.....Daily after the 8:30am Mass

Devotions and Holy Day Masses

Holy Hour.....Monday 7:00pm
Please consult the parish bulletin or website for the Holy Day Mass schedule.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday.....After the 8:00 am Mass until all are heard

To Register in the Parish

Please contact the Rectory Office.....773-736-6060

The Sacrament of Baptism

Queen of All Saints rejoices in the incorporation of new members into the Body of Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism. If you are a registered parishioner, please come to the rectory during business hours to schedule your child's baptism. If it is not possible for you to come to the rectory, please call the rectory to make arrangements. The Sacrament of Baptism for infants is celebrated two or three Sundays of the month, depending on the time of year, at 1:30pm. Please call the rectory for the exact schedule. A Baptismal Preparation class for the parents is required. They are held once a month on alternate Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and must also be scheduled in advance. If an adult or a school age child seeks baptism, special arrangements should be made with one of the priests.

The Sacrament of Matrimony

Queen of All Saints helps couples prepare not only for their wedding day, but also for the lifelong commitment of living a Christian marriage. Parishioners of Queen of All Saints Basilica who are baptized and free to marry in the Catholic Church may celebrate their marriage in Queen of All Saints Basilica. Couples from Queen of All Saints seeking marriage in Queen of All Saints Basilica should contact one of the parish priests at least six months prior to their intended date of marriage. The couple must meet with one of the priests before the date for the marriage can be confirmed.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is not just a sacrament for those who are at the point of death. As soon as one of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him or her to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived. Therefore, any member of the faithful who is seriously ill because of sickness or advanced age may properly receive this sacrament.

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

Next Sunday, December 30th
5:00pm - Fr. Simon Braganza
6:45am - Fr. Michael Trail
8:00am - Fr. Simon Braganza
9:30am - Fr. Michael Trail
11:00am - Fr. Edward Grace
12:30pm - Fr. Michael Cronin

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who will be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a)

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



Second Reading: By this "will", we have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. (Hebrews 10:5-10)

Gospel: When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb. (Luke 1:39-45)





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