St. Thomas More Catholic Parish

at St. Joseph Church, Scranton

December 24, 2022 † 7:00 p.m.

Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

~ Christmas Eve ~
Welcome to St. Thomas More Parish!

Visiting? If you’ve been to other Catholic Masses, you may notice that ours is a little different. This is because our Parish was founded by Christians of the Anglican tradition, whom the Catholic Church has welcomed by inviting us to retain many of our cherished prayers, music, and customs. Nevertheless, this is a fully valid Mass of the Roman Catholic Church, which fulfills the Sunday obligation of any Catholic.

If you are not Catholic, you are most welcome here! We offer many opportunities to explore the Catholic faith. However, we humbly ask that only those in full communion with the Catholic Church receive Holy Communion. This is not an expression of exclusion, but of the fervent hope that all Christians will one day be fully reunited, as Jesus prayed for his followers.

Holy Communion is typically received in this Parish kneeling, in both kinds, on the tongue (the Priest will instinct the Host in the Chalice and place it on your tongue). If disability or your Church tradition warrant standing to receive, you are welcome to do so.

Not receiving Communion today? You are still most welcome to come forward for a blessing from the Priest (cross your arms across your chest and bow your head as a sign that you intend to receive a blessing). Those not receiving are encouraged to express in their hearts a desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another, and to pray the Act of Spiritual Communion on p. 24 of the pew booklet.

Young children are welcome here throughout Mass; thus, some noise and restlessness is to be expected. Thank you for your patience as parents strive to instill in their children a reverence for the Mass and a consideration for other worshipers.

Restrooms are through the door atop the wheelchair ramp on your right; however, if possible, please consider descending the outdoor steps to the Parish Hall restrooms in order to reduce distraction during Mass.

Music plays a big role in our worship! Please join us in singing with joy and conviction, which is a far more pleasing offering to God than musical perfection. At the least, please follow the words of our hymns, carefully chosen to illuminate the Biblical readings of the day.

Our Pastor, you may be surprised to learn, is married with children, thanks to a special provision enabling married former Protestant Ministers to enter the Catholic Priesthood.

About Us
St. Thomas More Catholic Parish is a friendly, growing, and thriving congregation in Scranton, Pennsylvania with a mission to welcome people of all walks of life to the Catholic faith through beautiful worship, authentic fellowship, robust teaching, compassionate outreach, and joy in sharing the Good News.

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Church Open: Daily, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Leadership
Pastor: The Rev. Eric Bergman
Deacon: The Rev. Mr. Joshua Davis
Staff: Paul Campbell, Sandra Campbell, Carmina Chapp, Joseph Duryea, Katy Kadonoff, Sean Warfield
Pastoral Council: Trevor Grant, Eric Hartman, Peggy Olivieri, Grace Peletier, Eugene Pirolli

Worship / Confession / Adoration
Masses: Saturday Vigil, 5:30 p.m.
Sundays, 10 a.m. & 7 p.m. | M-T-Th-F, 7 a.m.
M-W-F 11 a.m. when Academy is in session
Wed. 5:30 p.m. | Sat 8 a.m.
Confessions: 30 minutes prior to all Masses
Daily Office: Daily Morning Prayer, 7:30 a.m.
Daily Evening Prayer, 4:30 p.m.
First Friday & Saturday: Choral Evensong, 4:30 p.m.
24 Hour adoration follows until 4:30 p.m. Saturday

Christian Formation & Fellowship
Children & Youth: Sunday School, before 10 a.m. Mass
Youth (12 & up): Youth Group, 4th Sundays after Mass
Maria Kaupas Academy: M-W-F, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
Women: Lunch & Study Group, 3rd Thursdays, noon
Adults: Advent & Lent Sunday Lunch & Teaching
Coffee Hour: Sundays after 10 a.m. Mass
Parish Choir: Grades 2-7, Maria Kaupas Academy.
Adults & Teens, Sundays 9:00 a.m.
St. Thomas More Parish
A Roman Catholic Parish of the Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
Saturday, December 24, 2022 † 7:00 p.m.
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Scranton, Pennsylvania

Silent Devotion in Preparation for Mass
Pew booklet p. 24

Announcements
may be offered by the Priest

Prayer for the Beatification of Venerable Servant of God Maria Kaupas, said by all

O loving Jesus, we beseech you, grant that your servant, Mother Maria, who was imbued with your Eucharistic Presence while on earth, may through the intercession of your Immaculate Mother and Saint Casimir, be glorified by visible signs and miracles; so that for your glory and the salvation of souls, she may by Your power, be declared Blessed. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
from the Roman Martyrology

TODAY, the twenty-fifth day of December,
when ages beyond number had run their course from the creation of the world,
when God in the beginning created heaven and earth, and formed man in his own likeness;
when century upon century had passed since the Almighty set his bow in the clouds after the Great Flood,
as a sign of covenant and peace;
in the twenty-first century since Abraham, our father in faith, came out of Ur of the Chaldees;
in the thirteenth century since the People of Israel were led by Moses in the Exodus from Egypt;
around the thousandth year since David was anointed King;
in the sixty-fifth week of the prophecy of Daniel;
in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad;
in the year seven hundred and fifty-two since the foundation of the City of Rome;
in the forty-second year of the reign of Caesar Octavian Augustus, the whole world being at peace,
JESUS CHRIST, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father, desiring to consecrate the world by his most loving presence, was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and when nine months had passed since his conception, was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judah, and was made man:
The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh.

Organ Prelude
Voluntary on In Dulci Jubilo
14th c. German carol

Choral Entrata
Ding Dong! Merrily on High
16th c. French Carol, arr. B. Wallace

Ding dong merrily on high,
In heav’n the bells are ringing;
Ding dong! verily the sky
Is riv’n with angel singing.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

E’en so here below, below,
Let steeple bells be swungen,
And “Io, io, io!”
By priest and people sungen.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Pray you, dutifully prime
Your matin chime, ye ringers;
May you beautifully rime
Your evetime song, ye singers.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!
THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

The People stand
Hymn in Procession

O Come, All Ye Faithful  J.F. Wade / Adeste Fideles

During the hymn, the Priest bears the figure of the infant Jesus to the Nativity Scene and places it in the manger

**Blessing of the Nativity Scene**

- **Priest**
- **People**

Our help is in the Name of the Lord. Who hath made heaven and earth.

The Priest blesses the Nativity Scene in these words, the People singing ‘Amen.’

Almighty and everlasting God, who on this night didst cause thine only-begotten Son to be born of the blessed and glorious ever-Virgin Mary for our salvation: vouchsafe, we beseech thee, so to hallow and bless this Crib, wherein are shown forth the wonders of that sacred birth; that all those who, beholding the same, shall ponder and adore the mystery of this holy incarnation, may be filled with thy benediction unto life eternal. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Nativity Scene is sprinkled with Holy Water and Incensed.

Then the Procession continues as the remainder of the hymn is sung by all

**The Procession**

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.
Introit, chanted by the Choir as the Priest censes the Altar

Hodie scietis
Ex. 16:6, 7; Is. 35:4; Ps. 24:1 / plainsong

Today shall ye know that the LORD will come to deliver you: and at sunrise shall ye behold his glory.
The earth is the LORD’s, and all that therein is: the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.
Glory be to the Father… | Today shall ye know…

Sign of the Cross & Collect for Purity

The Priest says
Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Summary of the Law, proclaimed by the Deacon

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie, sung by all

H. Willan

Gloria in excelsis, sung by all

H. Willan

God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begetten Son, Jesus Christ, O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that taketh away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, re-
The Collect of the Day

The Priest chants the Collect, the People singing ‘Amen.’

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ: grant, that as we joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come again to be our Judge; who livesth and reigneth with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson

Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest, until her vindication goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name which the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My delight is in her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a virgin, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm, chanted by all

Ps. 89:1a, 3-4, 16-17, 27, 29

Anglican Chant based on “Joy to the World”

My song shall be of the loving-kindness of the LORD; I have made a covenant with my chosen; I have sworn unto David my servant:

Their delight shall be daily in thy Name; and in thy righteousness shall they make their boast.

He shall call me, Thou art my Father, my God, and my strong salvation.

My mercy will I keep for him for ever; and my covenant shall stand fast with him.
The Second Lesson, chanted by the Subdeacon

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

When Paul came to Antioch of Pisidia, he stood up in the synagogue, and motioning with his hand said: “Men of Israel, and you that fear God, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our fathers and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. Then he raised up David to be their king; of whom he testified and said, ‘I have found in David, the son of Jesse, a man after my heart, who will do all my will.’ Of this man’s posterity God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised. Before his coming John had preached a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John was finishing his course, he said, ‘What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but after me one is coming, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie.’”

Subdeacon The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The People stand

Gospel Procession, Alleluia, & Verse

Crístina die

The Gospel Procession forms and proceeds to the midst of the People.

The Alleluia is sung first by the Choir, then by the People

Choir On the morrow the iniquity of the earth shall be blotted out: and the Savior of the world shall reign over us.

All again sing the Alleluia

The Gospel

Matthew 1:18-25

The birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to send her away quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel” (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus.

Deacon The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.
People The Gospel of the Lord. Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The People sit

The Homily

Fr. Bergman
The People stand

The Nicene Creed

**Priest**  I believe in one God,

**People**  the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,  
genuflect and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man;  
arise and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, the Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;  
who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

full text of the Intercessions: Pew booklet p. 9

The Penitential Rite

The Priest says

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.
Priest Almighty God,

People Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, judge of all men:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest says

May Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy on us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Comfortable Words

Hear what comfortable words our Savior Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him:

(here the Priest proclaims one or more of the prescribed sentences from Scripture)

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The People sit

Offertory Sentence

The Priest may pronounce a Sentence inviting the collection of tithes & offerings

Offertory Antiphon, sung by the Choir

Tollite portas

Ps. 24:7 / plainsong

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors:
and the King of glory shall come in.

Offertory Anthem, sung by the Choir

Salvator Mundi Natus Est

G. Holst

In Bethlehem that noble place
As by prophecy said it was,
Of Virgin Mary full of grace,
Salvator mundi natus est.*

Be we merry in this feast
In quo Salvator natus est.**

On Christmas night an angel told
To shepherds watching o’er their fold
“In Bethlehem with beasties wolde
Salvator mundi natus est.”

Be we merry in this feast
In quo Salvator natus est.

Behold, to you we bring great joy
For why? Jesus is born today,
To us of Mary that holy May.
Salvator mundi natus est.

Be we merry in this feast,
In quo Salvator natus est.

Then compassed were the
shepherds quite,
Around them shone a great light
“Dread ye naught,”
said the angel bright,
Salvator mundi natus est.

Be we merry in this feast,
In quo Salvator natus est.

“And thus in faith find him ye shall,
Lying poorly in oxen stall.”
The shepherds lauded God for all,
Salvator mundi natus est.

Be we merry in this feast,
In quo Salvator natus est.

*The Savior of the world is born
**On which the Savior is born

During the anthem, the Clergy and Servers prepare the Altar.
The People stand

**Offertory Hymn, sung by all**

**God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen**

18th c. London / *God Rest You Merry*

1. God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay, remember Christ our Savior
2. In Bethlehem in Jery this blessed Babe was born, and laid within a manger
3. From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came, and unto certain shepherds
4. "Fear not, then," said the angel, "Let nothing you affright; this day is born a Savior
5. Now to the Lord sing praises, all you with-in this place, and with true love andbrotherhood

O God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

Orate Fratres

Priest Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Father almighty.

People May the Lord accept the sacrifice at thy hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

The Prayer over the Offerings

Priest Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God: that like as we do anticipate the glorious Nativity of thy Son, so we may obtain with gladness his reward of everlasting life; who liveth and reigneth, world without end.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Priest The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit. Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord. Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

Priest It is meet and right so to do.

The Priest proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee, and saying,
Therefore, most merciful Father, we humbly pray thee, through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, and we ask, that thou accept and bless these gifts, these offerings, these holy and unblemished sacrifices. We offer them unto thee, first, for thy holy Catholic Church: that thou vouchsafe to keep her in peace, to guard, unite, and govern her throughout the whole world: together with thy servant Francis our Pope, Steven our Bishop, and all the faithful guardians of the catholic and apostolic faith.

Commemoration of the Living

Remember, O Lord, thy servants and handmaids and all who here around us stand, whose faith is known unto thee and their steadfastness manifest, on whose behalf we offer unto thee or who themselves offer unto thee this sacrifice of praise: for themselves, and for all who are theirs: for the redemption of their souls, for the hope of their health and well-being: and who offer their prayers unto thee, the eternal God, the living and the true.

United in one communion, we celebrate the most sacred night, whereon the undefiled virginity of Blessed Mary brought forth the Savior of this world; we venerate moreover the memory, first, of the glorious ever-virgin Mary, Mother of the same our God and Lord Jesus Christ; of blessed Joseph her spouse; as also of thy blessed Apostles and Martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon, and Thaddaeus; Linus, Cletus, Clement, Xystus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian, and of all thy Saints; grant that by their merits and prayers we may in all things be defended with the help of thy protection.

We beseech thee then, O Lord, graciously to accept this oblation from us thy servants, and from thy whole family: order thou our days in thy peace, and bid us to be delivered from eternal damnation and to be numbered in the fold of thine elect.

Vouchsafe, O God, we beseech thee, in all things to make this oblation blessed, approved, and accepted, a perfect and worthy offering: that it may become for us the Body and Blood of thy dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Who the day before he suffered, took bread into his holy and venerable hands, and with eyes lifted up to heaven unto thee, God, his Almighty Father, giving thanks to thee, he blessed, broke, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY,**

**WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.**

Likewise, after supper, taking also this goodly chalice into his holy and venerable hands, again giving thanks to thee, he blessed, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.**
The mystery of faith:

The Priest continues

Wherefore, O Lord, we thy servants, and thy holy people also, remembering the blessed passion of the same Christ thy Son our Lord, as also his resurrection from the dead, and his glorious ascension into heaven; do offer unto thine excellent majesty of thine own gifts and bounty, the pure victim, the holy victim, the immaculate victim, the holy Bread of eternal life, and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.

Vouchsafe to look upon them with a merciful and pleasant countenance: and to accept them even as thou didst vouchsafe to accept the gifts of thy servant Abel the Righteous, and the sacrifice of our patriarch Abraham: and the holy sacrifice, the immaculate victim, which thy high priest Melchisedech offered unto thee.

We humbly beseech thee, Almighty God, command these offerings to be brought by the hands of thy holy Angel to thine altar on high, in sight of thy divine majesty: that all we who at this partaking of the altar shall receive the most sacred Body and Blood of thy Son, may be fulfilled with all heavenly benection and grace.

Commemoration of the Dead

Remember also, O Lord, thy servants and handmaids who have gone before us sealed with the seal of faith, and who sleep the sleep of peace. To them, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, we beseech thee to grant the abode of refreshing, of light, and of peace.

To us sinners also, thy servants, who hope in the multitude of thy mercies, vouchsafe to grant some part and fellowship with thy holy Apostles and Martyrs: with John, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicitas, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia, and with all thy saints: within whose fellowship, we beseech thee, admit us, not weighing our merit, but granting us forgiveness.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; through whom, O Lord, thou dost ever create all these good things: dost sanctify, quicken, bless, and bestow them upon us.

By whom and with whom and in whom, to thee, O Father Almighty, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory throughout all ages, world without end.

The Communion Rite

The People stand

The Lord’s Prayer

The Priest sings

As our Savior Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say,

The People stand
The Priest continues    Deliver us, O Lord, we beseech thee, from all evils, past, present, and to come; and at the intercession of the blessed and glorious ever Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with thy blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and with Andrew, and all the Saints, favorably grant peace in our days, that by the help of thine availing mercy we may ever both be free from sin and safe from all distress.

The Peace

The Priest says

O Lord Jesus Christ, who saidst to thine Apostles, Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you: Regard not our sins, but the faith of thy Church; and grant to her peace and unity according to thy will; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

The People kneel

The Fraction of the Host

The Priest breaks the consecrated Host and sings

The People may offer one another a sign of peace, and then kneel

The People kneel

The Fraction of the Host

plainsong

Agnus Dei, sung by all

H. Willan

Prayer of Humble Access

The Priest and People say

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.
Facing the People, and showing the Chalice and Host, the Priest says
Behold the Lamb of God, behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

The People respond three times
Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof,
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

The Holy Communion

Communion Antiphon, sung by the Choir     Revelabitur     Isa. 40:5 / plainsong
The glory of the Lord shall be revealed: and all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.

Organ Voluntary       O Magnum Mysterium       T.L. de Victoria

After the Choir, all are welcome to file forward down the center aisle, kneel as you are able at the Altar Rail, and return to your pew by the side aisles.
We ask that only those in full communion with the Catholic Church receive Holy Communion. Non-Catholics are assured that this is not an expression of exclusion, but of the fervent hope that all Christians will one day be authentically reunited, fulfilling our Lord’s prayer “that they all may be one.”
Those not receiving are encouraged to offer an Act of Spiritual Communion (pew booklet, p. 24).
The Sacrament is received on the tongue. If not receiving the Holy Communion, please cross your arms across your chest and bow your head as a sign that you wish to receive a prayer of blessing from the Priest instead.
For those receiving the Sacrament, the Host, after intinction, is given on the tongue with these words:
The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.

Silent Prayer upon the Reception of Communion     Pew booklet p. 24

Communion Motet, sung by the Choir     Dona Nobis Pacem     Traditional Canon w/ “The First Nowell” & “Silent Night,” B. Wallace
Dona nobis pacem.  Grant us thy peace.

Remaining kneeling, the People may join in singing

Hymn after Communion     O Little Town of Bethlehem (English tune)     P. Brooks / R.V.W., Forest Green
1.O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and
2.For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the
3.How silent, how silent, the wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to
4.O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray, cast out our sin and
After Communion is said by All, still kneeling:

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Postcommunion Prayer

**Priest**  Let us pray: O Lord, we beseech thee: that like as thine Only Begotten Son hath in his heavenly mystery given himself to be our Food and Drink; so as at this time we may be inwardly renewed by the remembrance of his birth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Carol by Candlelight

Silent Night, Holy Night  J. Mohr / F. Gruber, Stille Nacht

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, all is bright round von vir - gin mo - ther and child.
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love’s pure Light ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
heavenly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth. Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Blessing & Dismissal

Priest  People  Priest

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit. The peace of God...
...which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

The People stand

Hymn in Procession

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

C. Wesley / Mendelssohn

1. Hark! the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King! Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled! Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the hold Him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the infant triump of the skies; with the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethle-hem! carnate Deity. Pleased as man with man to dwell, Je-sus, our Em-man-u-el! man no more may die, born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Organ Postlude

Toccata in B minor

E. Gigout

Silent Devotion Upon the Conclusion of Mass

Pew booklet p. 35

Please depart the church in silence, in reverence to the Blessed Sacrament, and in respect for those who wish to remain and pray in our Lord's presence.

Please join us for milk & cookies in the Parish Hall!

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**Silent Night, Holy Night**

Dear friends: As you may recall, the beloved Christmas Carol *Silent Night* was hastily composed by organist Franz Gruber on Christmas Eve 1818, to be sung accompanied by guitar because the organ at St. Nicholas Church, Oberndorf, Austria, had broken.

This evening we find ourselves in a similar situation; this week our organ – though just a few years old – has failed, leaving inadequate time for a repair by Christmas. (A first effort is scheduled for this Tuesday.)

Fortunately, the MIDI (Musical Instrument Digital Interface) files of all our organ music can be used to reproduce our accompaniments over the choir loft audio system – though these will emulate a piano sound – so our singing will not go unsupported.

We hope these temporary circumstances will not too readily dampen our Christmas spirit, enabling us instead to hearken back to the simplicity of Oberndorf in 1818, and moreover to the first Christmas. As he first came to the world in the humblest of circumstances, may we welcome our Lord in this humble Mass, even as we look forward to raising our voices in thunderous praise upon the repair of our organ.

*Paul Campbell, Music Director*

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### Personnel for This Weekend's Masses *(Holy Day Team 2 / Sunday Team 3)*

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**Next Week:** Philip Huffman, Thomas & Matthew Bergman, Joshua & Giovanni Peletier, Sarah Kaczor, Matthew Nickel, Counters TBD

### Mass Intentions, Week of Dec. 25

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**THE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND GREENS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD, AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

Joseph S. & Helen A. Bartnicki † Bergman family † Damian Alfonso Bergman † Eric L. Bergman, Sr.
Gene DeLucy, Sr. † DeMartino family † Clair Fanning † Haldeman family † Charlotte Harris
Robert George Harris † Maryclaire Jordan † Jeannette V. Matatics † Stephen J. Matatics
Bishop Robert Morlino † James Reese, Jr. † Schofield family † John J. Sklanzacek

AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR:

Blessings received † Donald J. Trump † Many prayers answered

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**Quiet, Please, After Christmas Eve Mass**

In respect for those who would like to remain for prayer after this Mass, please take your conversations and Christmas revelry to the **Parish Hall**, where **milk and cookies will be served**! Quiet family photographs by the creche are permitted

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**No 11 a.m. Masses Until January 9**

With Maria Kaupas Academy now on Christmas break, 11 a.m. Masses on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays will not be on the weekly schedule until classes resume on Monday, Jan. 9.

**Christmas Appeal**

The annual Christmas Appeal mailing has been sent to regularly contributing households by U.S. Mail. Please prayerfully consider a generous Christmas gift to the Parish and/or Academy, whereby we may pay our unpaid bills (especially to our Ordinariate chancery), continue to offer an affordable classical Catholic education, and finish the year in the black. All gifts received prior to January 1 will be tax-deductible for 2022. Thank you!
Mary, Mother of God Masses

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is celebrated on January 1, falling this year next Sunday. In anticipation of the Parish New Year’s Eve party that follows, our 5:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass will be sung this year. Sunday’s Masses at 10 a.m. (Solemn) and 7 p.m. (Sung) will follow the established pattern.

Parish New Year’s Eve Party

Following Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (5:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 31), members and friends desiring a family-friendly New Year’s Eve gathering are welcome to the Parish Hall for potluck supper, fellowship, games, and a movie on the big screen. Participants are welcome to stay up for the midnight New Year celebration, though of course there is no obligation to do so. Please join us!

2023 Parish Calendars

2023 Parish Calendars (featuring our contact information, weekly schedule, and liturgical year) are now available on the back table for $5 apiece. Payment may be inserted in the secure cash box at that location.

Caroling Next Sunday, Jan. 1, 1:00 p.m.

Each year the Parish (and not just the choir!) undertakes the corporal work of mercy of visiting the sick by singing Christmas Carols at Serenity Care (formerly Scranton Manor) on the Sunday after Christmas. Though New Year’s Day is an unusual occasion for caroling, this year’s calendar leaves us little choice... so despite the holiday, please join us after Mass next Sunday for caroling at 1:00 p.m.!

Second Sunday Potluck “Bumped” to Jan. 15

Due to Lessons & Carols and the Three Kings Supper falling on January 8, our usual Second Sunday potluck lunch will be delayed next month until January 15. Responding to multiple requests, Paul Campbell will reprise the presentation he gave at the Academy’s recent Advent retreat. Therefore, retaining the successful pattern of our Advent potlucks, please bring a no-cook item so the presentation can get underway expeditiously.

Lessons & Carols January 8

Each year the Parish Choir offers the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols on the afternoon or Epiphany Sunday, falling this year on January 8 at 4 p.m. Our annual Three Kings Supper will follow (see below), providing an ideal opportunity to invite non-Catholic friends to a beautiful non-Eucharistic service presenting the Gospel story, followed by warm parish fellowship.

Three Kings Supper January 8

The Parish’s annual Three Kings Celebration Supper will be held on Sunday evening, January 8 at 5:30 p.m., immediately following the Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols. A potluck affair, please bring a main dish, side dish, or salad; drinks and dessert will be provided. Please plan to join us!

Daily Office Books Reprinted

The Ordinariate Chancery is pleased to announce that they can begin taking orders for the most recent printing of Divine Worship: The Daily Office. The price per book is currently $45 plus the appropriate shipping and handling. If you would like to place an order, please find the order form at ordinariate.net > Resources > Daily Office Orders.