



SAINT HELENA CHURCH

Center Square

1489 DeKalb Pike Blue Bell PA 19422

610-275-7711 (P) ~ 610-275-7610 (F)

www.sainthelena-centersquare.net

JANUARY
3, 2021





OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

ONE FAMILY

United as members of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, we are committed, as **ONE FAMILY**, to be messengers of God's love and presence in the world, and to welcome and invite others to become part of this family and this mission.

ONE HEART

Called by our Baptism to a life of service in the Lord, we are committed, with **ONE HEART**, to live in charity, practice the works of mercy, and work for peace and justice.

ONE FAITH

Strengthened by God's Word and nourished by His Sacraments, we are committed, in **ONE FAITH**, to promote lives of learning, living, and proclaiming the Gospel message, as we continue to grow in the knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of all that embodies these awe-inspiring truths.

PRIESTS/DEACONS:

Parish Priest: Rev. Msgr. Joseph J. Nicolo
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Peter J. DiMaria
Deacon: Deacon A. Kenneth Belanger
Deacon: Deacon Francis Cavaliere

PARISH OFFICE:

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY: 9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

Business Manager: Ms. Cathy Neugebauer
Parish Administrative Assistants: Mrs. Gina Malony

Church Bulletin Editor: Br. Raymond J. Colombaro

Web Site: www.sainthelena-centersquare.net

Email: parish@sainthelenachurch.org

Phone: 610-275-7711 <> Fax: 610-275-7610

EDUCATION CENTER: School Phone: 610-279-3345

School Principal: Mr. Carl P. Jankowski

School Secretary: Mrs. Rene Ryan

School Nurse: Mrs. April Maxwell

PREP: Phone: 610-277-3573

Director of Religious Education:

Mrs. Madeleine Fitzgerald

Director of Youth/Young Adults/Adults:

Mr. Kurt Zampier: Phone: 610-930-0349

Facilities Manager: Mr. Vince Thompson

Phone: 610-322-5749

Director of Facilities: Robert Malony

Phone: 610-275-1253

ALL MASSES ARE LIVE-STREAMED!

PARISH MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, & 11:00 AM

Weekdays: Mon - Sat 9:00 Holy Day Vigil: 7:00 PM

Holy Days: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, & 12:15 PM

(Except Saturdays)

DEVOTIONS:

Most Holy Rosary: Mon-Sat 8:25 AM (Chapel)

Eucharistic Adoration: Mon-Fri 9:30 AM-7:30 PM

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Mon-Fri 3:00 PM (Chapel)

CHAPEL HOURS: The St. Theresa Chapel is open Monday — Friday from 6:15 AM to 9:00 PM; Saturday from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM; & Sunday from 7 AM to 5 PM. On **FIRST** Thursdays & Fridays, special devotions are prayed at Mass.

BAPTISM: Baptisms are celebrated the Second (2nd) Sunday of each month at 12:30 PM. Please stop by the Parish Office for information on scheduling Baptism for your child. Pre-Jordan classes are required for parents & optional for Godparents, and are *usually* offered the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Education Center. Call the Parish Office to register for class. Letters of eligibility are due at the Parish Office *before* a date can be confirmed for Baptism.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements must be made with a priest at least six months *prior* to your desired wedding date. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia requires that all couples attend a Pre-Cana class. Please contact the Rectory at 610-275-7711 or send an e-mail: parish@sainthelenachurch.org for class information & registration.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Arrangements can be made by calling the Parish Office.

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION:

Saturdays at 3:00 PM in the Church or contact the Parish Office to make an appointment.

MEMORIALS: Mass Cards, Candles, Bread & Wine...in honor of the living or in memory of the deceased.

If you would like to have a spiritual Memorial offered in memory or in honor of a loved one, please contact the Parish Office.

ALTAR FLOWERS: If you are interested in having fresh flowers placed on the Altar in either the Church or the Chapel, please call Theresa Smith at 215-646-7636.





NIC NOTES

DEAR PARISHIONERS,

With the Solemnity of the Epiphany, we close the Christmas Season. Here is another fine example of how

Christmas songs can be catechetical: **THE ORIGIN OF “THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS”**

“The Twelve Days of Christmas” was composed in England as one of the “Catechism Songs” of the era to help young children learn the tenets of their Faith—a memory aid. At a time when to be caught with anything in “writing” indicating adherence to the Catholic Faith could not only land you in prison, it could mean your execution.

The gifts mentioned in the song are hidden meanings to the teachings of the Faith. The “**TRUE LOVE**” sung about at the beginning of the song does not refer to some earthly suitor, but rather to God Himself. The “**ME**” who receives the presents refers to every baptized person. The “**PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE**” is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In the song, Christ is symbolically presented as a mother partridge that feigns injury to decoy predators from her helpless nestlings, much in memory of the expression of the sadness of Jesus over the fate of the Holy City of Jerusalem: “Jerusalem! Jerusalem! How often would I have sheltered you under My wings as a hen does her chicks, but you would not have it so...” (Luke 13: 34.)

The other symbols of the song signify as follows:

- 2 TURTLE DOVES:** The Old and New Testaments
- 3 FRENCH HENS:** The Theological Virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity
- 4 CALLING BIRDS:** The Four Gospels/The Four Evangelists
- 5 GOLDEN RINGS:** The first five Books of the Old Testament—the Pentateuch which traces the history of Man’s fall from grace
- 6 GEESE A-LAYING:** The six days of Creation
- 7 SWANS A-SWIMMING:** The seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit or the seven Sacraments

- 8 MAIDS A-MILKING:** The Eight Beatitudes
- 9 LADIES DANCING:** The Nine Fruits of the Spirit
- 10 LORDS A-LEAPING:** The Ten Commandments
- 11 PIPERS PIPING:** The Eleven faithful Apostles
- 12 DRUMMERS DRUMMING:** The Twelve points of doctrine in the Apostles’ Creed.

Remember, we are now in “The Twelve Days of Christmas” so CELEBRATE!

HAVE A MERRY & BLESSED LITTLE CHRISTMAS!

May God, through the intercession of Saint Helena, bless us.

*Love and Prayers,
Msgr. Nicolò*

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

- Mon. Jan. 4** 9:00 AM **Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton**
IMO GLADYS DiNATALE
~ 1st Anniversary ~
Req. by Anna Marie & Les Schmalbach
- Tue. Jan. 5** 9:00 **Saint John Neumann**
IMO FRED SUTTON
Req. by Walter & Irene Stolarczyk
- Wed. Jan. 6** 9:00 AM **Saint Andre Bessette**
IMO DANIEL FITZGERALD
Req. by The Fitzgerald Family
- Thu. Jan. 7** 9:00 AM **Saint Raymond of Penafort**
IMO FRANK GALLO
Req. by The Wallin Family
- Fri. Jan. 8** 9:00 AM **Christmas Weekday**
IMO CAROL DAMIANI
Req. by Joanne Wallin Adams
- Sat. Jan. 9** 9:00 AM **Christmas Weekday**
For the Living & Deceased
Members of the St. Theresa Guild

Monsignor Nicolò offers Mass every Sunday & the Holy Days of Obligation for the People of the Parish.

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3



The Sanctuary Candle in the Church burns
in memory of
EARL BRITT

Requested by The Bushner Family

The Sanctuary Candle in the Chapel burns
in memory of

**ALL DECEASED PARISHIONERS OF
SAINT HELENA PARISH**

Requested by the Rectory Staff



A Candle burns at the Blessed Mother Statue
in memory of

LUCILLE MAZUR

Requested by Bob, Erin & Melissa



A Candle burns at the Saint Joseph Statue
in memory of

RALPH E. REEVES, JR.

Requested by The Bushner Family



A Candle burns at the Saint Joseph Statue
in memory of

DUSTIN A. ARLIA

Requested by The Arlia Family

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

for the weekend of January 9th/10th

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

CELEBRANTS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

4:00 PM ~ Monsignor Nicolo (Deacon Frank)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

7:30 AM ~ Monsignor Nicolo

9:00 AM ~ Father DiMaria (Deacon Ken)

11:00 AM ~ Father DiMaria



PLEASE NOTE: the other
LITURGICAL MINISTRIES for this weekend
are yet to be determined.

*Thank you for your understanding
in this regard!*

MADELEINE'S MESSAGE

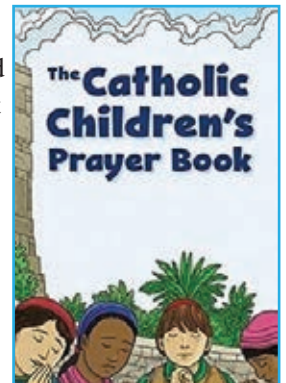
Level One is a child's first experience in a religious education setting. Although faith formation begins at home, a child attends religious education to enrich what has begun to be taught through family life experience. Here a child is invited to grow in a personal relationship with God. Saint Helena Level One, under the direction of Natalie Coughlin and Maria Mitchell, have been concentrating on being a friend and a follower of Jesus. They have learned about God's abundant love for us, and the way Jesus teaches us to love God, ourselves and each other.

Level One students are also learning about the Sacraments, focusing on Baptism - when we first become children of God. They are also becoming well-versed with their prayers: "Our Father," "Hail Mary," and "Glory Be to the Father."

We are blessed to have Natalie and Maria teaching PREP here at Saint Helena. It is encouraging to witness the enthusiasm their students display while they attend Zoom class each week.

Have a great week!

Madeleine



PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

*Kindly remember in your
prayers all those who died
in 2020.*

**MAY THEIR SOULS AND
THE SOULS OF
ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
REST IN PEACE.**



This week, the bread and wine for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass are offered *in loving memory of*

LUCILLE MAZUR

requested by Bob, Erin & Melissa



GOSPEL FOR THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than

I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of His sandals. I have baptized you with water; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water He saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon Him. And a voice came from the heavens:

"You are my beloved Son; with You I am well pleased."

+ GOSPEL OF SAINT MARK 1: 7-11 +



SAINT HELENA KNIGHTS #14210
Grand Knight Joe Smee
jrsdmt2@gmail.com
and Council #14210
Become a Knight. Do More.
Be More
Join Online www.kofc.org

LEAVE NO NEIGHBOR BEHIND

As we begin a New Year, the Knights continue with Leave No Neighbor Behind. Our desire to help out and give back to those in need due to the pandemic. Specifically, we are encouraged to serve those around us, including our Parish, our local community, our Brother Knights, food banks, and with blood donations. Let us know of any in our parish who may need some help due to impacts from this unprecedented pandemic.

PRAY 9 DAYS FOR LIFE NOVENA ~ JANUARY 21-29

A novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Find daily prayers at www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life. Or, sign-up to receive daily prayers by text or email at www.9daysforlife.com

A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN THIS TIME OF PANDEMIC

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection.

Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin.
Amen

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

TWO MARCHES FOR LIFE

One locally in Philadelphia on Saturday, January 23rd & one nationally in Washington DC on Friday, January 29th. Please write these on your calendar. If it is impossible for you to go, please say extra prayers for life on these days.

Our local pro-life movement is conducting a **Philadelphia March for Life** on Saturday, January 23, 2021 in Center City. It will begin with a 9:00 AM Mass at the Cathedral with Archbishop Perez and conclude with an 11:30 AM Rally near Independence Hall. Please make the necessary sacrifices to participate by publicly calling for legal protection for children in the womb from abortion and an end to the U.S. Supreme Court's deadly and unjust January 22, 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision. Additional information is available to read and download at www.ProLifeUnion.org.

The Corpus Christi Respect Life Committee and the Knights of Columbus Council #9715 are making preparations for their bus pilgrimage to the **Annual March for Life in Washington, D.C.** on Friday, January 29th. The cost of the trip will be \$20, and it is transferable but not refundable. Look for updates as they assess the pandemic situation and see where quarantine guidelines are at that time. They state, "As we respect all stages of life, we are keeping our healthcare workers in our prayers and making decisions based on the most appropriate guidance that will be in place as of the end of January".

“Our God is never out done in generosity!”

**THANK YOU FOR
OUR TITHE!**

A PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY

Lord God, Almighty Father, Creator of mankind and Author of peace, we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask You to bless the members of our Armed Forces. Given them courage, hope and strength. May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing. Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light. To You be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever. Amen.

Please pray for all our military personnel especially:

POI ELIZABETH FENERTY, CPT KEVIN MAGUIRE, SFC JAMES KILGORE, CDR DANIEL NEVEROSKY, TSGT JAMES LAPORTE, SPC JOHN Z. MATEJA, LT NICHOLAS HUMES, CPL ANTHONY J. CICCARONE, CPT EMILY M. LORENZO-WOMACK, CPT JONATHAN R. WOMACK, SSGT JOSEPH P. LORENZO, LT CHRISTINA TAORMINA-LAPORTE & LTJG BRENDAN J. KOCH



PRAY FOR OUR SICK & INFIRM

In your Christian charity, please pray for our sick & home-bound parishioners, as well for those living in health or nursing facilities. In particular, please remember the following:

Patrick Banicki, Marie Marrongelli, Joshua Gelenberg, Guido Perfetti, Linda Basile, James Pishock, Ed O'Hanlon, Sr., Louis Drozd, Ceara Hughes, Sister Mary Angela, Mike Bail, McGrail & Flynn Families, Kerry Eddy, Patricia Gabel, John Piecyk, Jim Dougherty, Jennifer O'Donnell-Gray, Elizabeth Foster, Suzette Eason, Christine Hoffman, Kaye Grasso, Kellan Ford, Kathy Foley, Julia Tramontana & Owen, Kathleen Leahey, Ethan Horstmyer, Peg O'Hara, Colleen Coll, Kieran Daly, Peter Cook, Bernice Zwigaitis, Jack Keidel, Larry Barnhouse, Juan Barba, Sister Antonette Schmidt, Kathleen Levis, Peter J. Cissone, Jr., Carl Geiger, Dwayne Williams, Alyssa Lentz, Dave Colman, Ed Mitchell, Thomas & Linda Cullen & ALL SUFFERING WITH THE CORONAVIRUS.

To have someone listed, please call the Parish Office at 610-275-7711. Names will stay listed for 2 (two) weeks. If you need them to stay on, you must call every 2 weeks to update.



SAINTS OF THE SANCTUARY MURALS

Moving now to the left of the Crucified Christ (your right) we come upon the image of Venerable Catherine McAuley, the Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy.

CATHERINE MCAULEY was born in the city of Dublin on September 29, 1778 and had two siblings, James William and Mary. Her father James died in 1783, and her mother Elinor, in 1798. In 1803, she became the household manager and companion of an elderly, childless, and wealthy Quaker couple, William and Catherine Callaghan who lived at Coolock House. She did not dream that when William Callaghan died in 1822, Catherine Callaghan having died in 1819, she would become the sole residuary legatee of their estate and much of their savings.

In 1824, her inheritance, and so her finances now settled, Catherine implemented a longstanding desire: she was finally able to build a large house on Baggot Street, Dublin as a school for poor girls and a shelter for homeless servant girls and women. On September 24, 1827, the House of Mercy as such was opened on Baggot Street in Dublin.

Eventually, Catherine McAuley founded the Sisters of Mercy in Dublin in 1831 to provide compassionate assistance to the poor and the neglected at the Baggot Street location. Catherine wisely recognized the needs of those who were marginalized and oppressed by unjust social attitudes and practices of the day. The Baggot Street “House of Mercy” provided educational, religious and social services for women and children who were at risk of homelessness through cruel exploitation and deeply entrenched poverty.

Worn out by her apostolic endeavors and afflicted with a case of tuberculosis, Mother Catherine succumbed in the evening of November 11, 1841. Mother Catherine McAuley was declared *Venerable* by Saint John Paul II on April 9, 1990.



**MERCY HOUSE IN DUBLIN WITH
A STATUE OF
VENERABLE MOTHER
CATHERINE MCAULEY**



GOSPEL FOR THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the Child who has been born King of the Jews? For we observed His star at its rising, and have come to pay Him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a Ruler who is to shepherd My people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the Child; and when you have found Him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay Him homage.'

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the Child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the Child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid Him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

+ GOSPEL OF SAINT MATTHEW 2: 1-12 +



In addition to the honor and status implied by the value of the gifts of the Magi, scholars think that these three were chosen for their special spiritual symbolism about JESUS HIMSELF – gold representing His Kingship, frankincense a symbol of His Priestly role, and myrrh a prefiguring of His Death and embalming – an interpretation made popular in the well-known Christmas carol "We Three Kings."

Text via ~ <https://www.biblicalarchaeology.org>

Image via ~ Edward Burne-Jones

WE REMEMBER

and we gratefully acknowledge the following families who so thoughtfully asked that donations in memory of their loved one be sent to Saint Helena Church. We ask that you please keep them in your prayers:

James Adams, John Botto, Mary Ellen Brogan, Dr. Elwin S. Carlin, Audrey F. Crause, Harry DeFazio, Ann Kelly, Jennie Dinardo, Michael Frawley, Nicholas Grant, Ann Gerlach, Eugene P. Kenworthy Sr., Peter J. Kelly, Sr., Orville Johnson, John S. Maguire, Jane O'Doherty, Lucille Mazur, Grace Migliarese, George T. McCool, Jean P. McQuade, Dorothy Nicolo, Joanna Roth, Thomas Oakes, Matilda M. Schoppet, Mary Ellen Sullivan, Gertrude Usher, Virginia Valentine, Louise Vanelli, Jean Vereb, Mary C. & Raymond F. Uccelletti, Sr., Margaret Wright, Carmen Pagliaro, Dottie Monastra, William Curran, Shawn Henry, Jack Gambone, Gasper Butera, Helen Borkowski, Mary Ryan, Edward Garbacz, John Cantarini, Dave Landers, Joseph Nicolo, Sr., Ron Miles, Harold Rodgers, Marge Fitzpatrick, Mildred Dulin, Candida Barone, Stanley Lentz, Sr., Walter P. Piecyk, Henry Orzechowski, Gasper Sclafani, Rose Trombetta, Brad Souders, Peter Nicolo, Joseph Yaccarino, Irene Koziol, Frances Lavin, Anna Silvaggio, Vincent J. Petrone, Stanley Toscani, Rita Rego, Charles Halfpenny, Sr., Gerard Geisel, Carol Piskai, Stephen Imms, Betty Haly, Ed Sciarra, Ralph Martino, Thomas Keane, Mary Russo, Marlin Souders, William Guerrini, William Schmitz, Jr., Andy Ortlieb, Nicola Rocco, Richard Duszak, Salvatore Giuffrida, Harry Neff, Sr., Ronald Lattanze, Katherine Roth, Maria Begley, Peggy Guerrini, Daniel Staffieri, Norma Leuallen, John Frawley, Rae Bordo, Veronica Graff, Thomas & Anne Yuengling, Francis Nolan, Thomas Swan, Dixie Katrina, Anna Marie Esposito, Karen DeGennaro, Catherine Murphy, Rita Curran, Ann Yaccarino, Tom Gaasche, Catherine Swanick, Agnes Dougherty, Vera Lentz, Marg Agresti, James Frawley, Suzanne Bottinger, Jack Fitzpatrick, Antoinette Cannon, Harvey Kreitzer, Nancy Cavan, Theresa Tomczak, John Barry, Nicholas Machion, Daniel Begley, Joseph Monastra, Catherine Frawley, Rev. John T. Coates, Linda Taormina Kuhn, Dorena Colonnello, Marian Curran, Alexander Piermani, III, Kathleen DePietro, Francis Zuest, Joseph O'Hara, Steve Bacino, Phyllis D'Amico, Emil Bilinski, Carol Mignogna, Edward Stimmler, Marie Neff, Joan Schmitz, Yolanda Marinari, Deacon Donald Kretsch, Charles Walters, James F. "Smitty" Smith, Sr, Edward Sciarra, Jr., Daniel Fitzgerald, Marie Litman, Elaine Thompson, Carmen Branco, Matthew Mazza, Edward Lock, Phyllis Galanti, Mary Scarafone, Anne Burr, James Bozzelli, Margaret (Peg) Tannenbaum, Barbara Souders, Joseph Smee, Sr., James Bottinger, Anne Nolen, Martha Flannery, Joan Cannon, Hilda Carr, Joseph Wallin, Kathleen Fenerty, Louis R. DiMaria.

BEQUESTS

The following people have thoughtfully and prayerfully made bequests in their Wills to Saint Helena Church. Please remember them in prayer as well.

Vivian Becker, Alice P. Devlin, Mary E. Flanagan, Hon. Robert W. Honeyman, Concetta Marchesani, Mary Ellen Sullivan, Laura E. Wisniewski, Estelle Noska, Elizabeth Ann Quillinan, Jean Stock, Lawrence Marinari, Catherine Frawley, Mary Rosciola, Marian Curran, Charles Loeper, Rev. John Coates, Kathleen Schoemaker, Regina Zaleski, Margaret Donahue, Lorraine Gigliello, Margaret (Peg) Tannenbaum.



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the infinite mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

The Star of Bethlehem



~ Gospel of Saint Matthew 2: 2 ~

~ Painting by Edward Burne-Jones ~

KEN'S CACHE

EPIPHANY LITURGICAL PRACTICE IN WESTERN CHURCHES

Many in the West, such as adherents of the Anglican Communion, Lutheran Churches and Methodist Churches, observe a twelve-day Festival, starting on December 25, and ending on January 5, known as Christmastide or the Twelve Days of Christmas. However, for the Catholic Church today, "Christmas Time runs from First Vespers (Evening Prayer I) of the Nativity of the Lord up to and including the Sunday after Epiphany or after January 6" ~ a period not limited to twelve days. Some Christian cultures, especially those of Latin America and some in Europe, extend the season to as many as forty days, ending on Candlemas, February 2, The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple.

On the Feast of the Epiphany in some parts of central Europe the priest, wearing white vestments, blesses Epiphany water, frankincense, gold, and chalk. The chalk is used to write the initials of the Three Magi (traditionally named: Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthasar), over the doors of both churches and homes. The initials may also be interpreted as the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat* (may Christ bless the house).

According to ancient custom, the priest announced the date of Easter on the feast of Epiphany. This tradition dated from a time when calendars were not readily available, and the church needed to publicize the date of Easter, since many celebrations of the liturgical year depend on it. The proclamation may be sung or proclaimed at the *ambo* by a deacon, cantor, or reader either after the reading of the Gospel or after the post communion prayer.



The Roman Missal fittingly provides a formula with appropriate chant (in the tone of the Easter *Exsultet*) for proclaiming on Epiphany, wherever it is customary to do so, the dates in the calendar for the celebration of Ash Wednesday, Easter Sunday Ascension of Jesus Christ, Pentecost, the Body and Blood of Christ, and the First Sunday of Advent that will mark the following liturgical year.

Some western rite churches, such as the Anglican and Lutheran churches, will follow practices similar to the Catholic Church. Church cantatas or celebratory songs for the Feast of Epiphany were written by such Protestant composers as Georg Philipp Telemann, Christoph Graupner, the famous Johann Sebastian Bach and Gottfried Heinrich Stölzel. Many other Protestant groups do not celebrate or recognize Epiphany in any way.

Happy New Year and God Bless!

Deacon Ken



JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT SAINT HELENA...

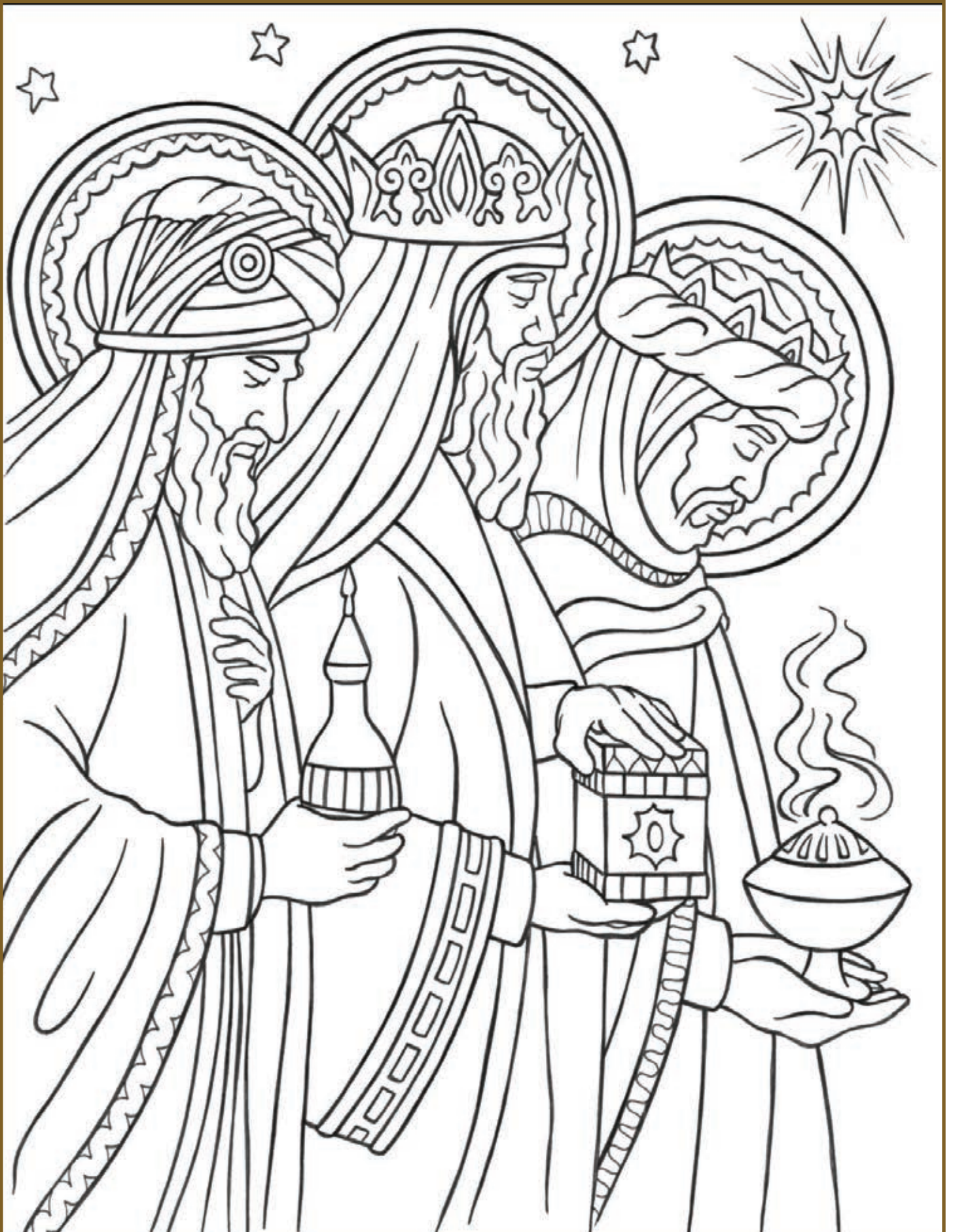
*We are currently looking to hire
For the job listed below:*

PART-TIME SCHOOL CLEANER:
Monday-Friday from 4 to 7 PM.

Start ASAP!

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THIS
POSITION, PLEASE CONTACT OUR PARISH
MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR,
ROBERT MALONY AT**

facility@sainthelenachurch.org



The Visit of the Magi



On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.
Matthew 2:11 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV).

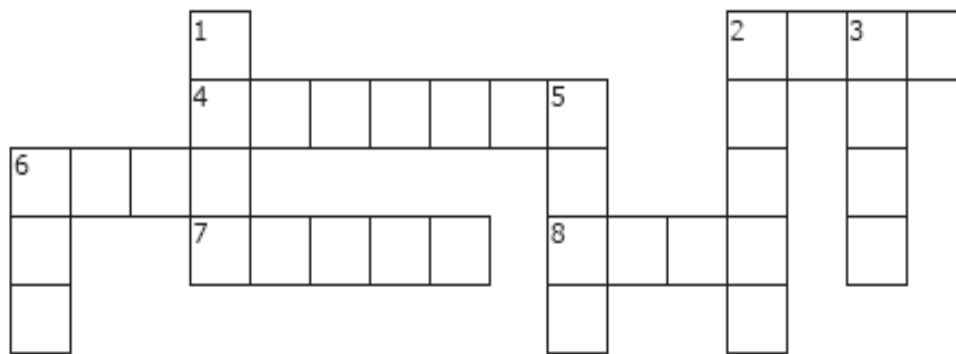
Y W A Y L X P H C H H M Q D H
 K N N T Y I G R Q V O E G M B
 W I U A W C N N I R U W R Y R
 O V N R T E A C H E R S R O G
 R W Q G X T R V E K S A O M D
 S O M C H R I S T N M T E K E
 H R O V B G H V L M S H S O H
 I S T Y L O O U G I E E H C Q
 P H H U A D U O B L E B R Y J
 E I E Y Z V S E H N M A G I D
 D P R O N Y E T V A E G H L Q
 G B O R N H E E A S T R I B T
 T P B K F B G A V E R H W C E
 P M W I C I N E J Y C S T A R
 M M B Q D D L V M V T X L X Y

PRIESTS	MYRRH	BETHLEHEM	KING	CHRIST
GOD	CHILD	HOUSE	INCENSE	MARY
STAR	MAGI	TEACHERS	WORSHIP	MOTHER
WORSHIPED	EAST	SEARCH	BORN	HEROD

The Visit of the Magi



On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.
Matthew 2:11 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. The wise men who visited Jesus and Mary and Joseph shortly after Jesus was born
4. A substance that is burned to produce a sweet smell
6. To come into existence by birth
7. Presents which are given without cost to the one receiving them
8. A twinkling point of light in the night sky

DOWN

1. A male ruler of a country
2. A sticky substance with a strong smell which is used in making perfume
3. A valuable, shiny, yellow metal used to make coins and jewellery
5. The direction which is opposite to west
6. To kneel or bend the head or body forward as a show of respect



MAGI	BOW	STAR	GOLD	KING
GIFTS	EAST	BORN	MYRRH	INCENSE

**Home is more than a place.
It's a feeling.**
25 years experience in RE
Coldwell Banker Realty Blue Bell
Jennifer Donal, Realtor®
100% dedicated to my clients needs by
being available to them 24/7
C: 610.389.7811
jennifer.donal@cbpref.com - jennidonal@gmail.com



Corropolese
Italian Bakery & Deli
Open 7 Days
2014 Old Arch Rd.
Norristown, PA 19401
610.275.6664
www.corropolesebakery.com

Life Celebration
By GIVNISH
1-800-GIVNISH
Affordable Funeral and Cremation Services
BOYD-HORROX-GIVNISH
John F. Givnish (3rd Generation) John F.X. Givnish, III (4th Generation)


FACENDA WHITAKER LANES
Total Family Fun!
**Good for one
FREE Game**
1 person per visit


**PLUMBING, HEATING,
DRAIN CLEANING &
AIR CONDITIONING**
SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT
FREE ESTIMATES
Ph: (215) 728-1482 8675 Torresdale Ave.
Fax: (215) 742-7098 Philadelphia, PA 19136
WWW.BILLFRUSCO.COM

Morgan Exteriors, LLC
Stucco Remediation Specialist
Roofing • Hardie Siding Specialist
484.568.4457
Best Prices & Warranties in the Business
www.morganexteriorsllc.com

Family Owned and Operated Since 1987
FREE INSPECTION
Licensed & Insured


**RIGHTWAY
WATERPROOFING CO.**
BASEMENT WATERPROOFING
MOLD REMEDIATION • FOUNDATION REPAIR
215-427-1727
www.RightwayWaterproofing.com



202 RENT-ALL
We Repair Lawn Tractors,
Push Mowers, Snow Blowers,
Other Lawn Equipment
Pick-up Service Available
Warranty Service for Husqvarna,
Troybuilt, MTD, Kohler,
Briggs & Stratton, Kawasaki
610-279-2350 • 202Rentall.com


**MCCAFFREY'S
FOOD MARKETS**
Exceptional. Every Day.

Center Square Shopping Center
1301 Skippack Pike - Blue Bell, PA 19422
Phone: 215.437.3200 Fax: 484-322-5485
Catering 1.800.717.7174
www.mccaffreys.com






IT'S TIME


Finding FABER™

Connecting sponsors and the community in realtime!

RSM

518 Township Line Road
Suite 300
Blue Bell, PA 19422

Richard M. Golebiowski, CPA
Parish Member

215-641-8600 rich.golebiowski@rsmus.com

We Acknowledge WE CARE AND IT SHOWS We Appreciate

ST. MARY CENTER
Rehabilitation & Healthcare
215-368-0900
www.center.smmrehab.org

EASY PASS
\$99 a day
www.smmrehab.org

ST. MARY VILLA
Independent & Retirement Living
215-368-0900
www.villa.smmrehab.org

Both conveniently located at: 701 Lansdale Ave., Lansdale

Beautiful On-Site Chapel with Daily Mass - Respite Stay Available

MOORE, SNEAR & RUGGIERO
FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY, INC.
19 E. Germantown Pk. • E. Norriton, PA 19401
610-277-1600 • www.msrfh.com
Donald E. Moore, Supervisor

catholicmatch®
Pennsylvania



CatholicMatch.com/datePA

Bergin's Chocolates
Fine Hand Crafted Chocolates Since 1935
Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8am-5pm Sat. 8am-4pm
2634 Morris Road
West Point, PA • 215-699-3420

Feliciani & SON
Plumbing, Heating & Cooling
610-275-4333
Blue Bell, PA
Since 1947 • Parish Member

VIA VENETO
Pizza
& Family Restaurant

610-279-5222

2688 DeKalb Pike
East Norriton, PA 19401

After

What's on the outside counts.
Have your roof inspected by Liberty today!

LIBERTY ROOFING Please visit us online at
www.libertyroofingpa.com | 215-342-1301

BRIGHTVIEW
SENIOR LIVING
EAST NORRITON

INDEPENDENT LIVING
PERSONAL CARE
DEMENTIA CARE

610.239.7700

300 East Germantown Pike
East Norriton, PA 19401

www.BrightviewEastNorriton.com



\$350 off
Any New Stairlift With This Ad

- FREE in home evaluations
- Family owned & operated for more than 20 years

1.888.900.8883
www.Tri-StateStairlifts.com
tri-state STAIRLIFTS

American Red Cross

Make a Difference in Your Community
VOLUNTEER
with the American Red Cross
Join today at redcross.org/Volunteer

Dr William V Baldassano
Family Dentistry
Parishioners Since 1961

1567 Dekalb Pike, Rt. 202, Blue Bell, PA
610-279-1811 drbaldassano.com

Serving the Community
for 60 Years

For all your HVAC needs

DAVIS
MODERN HEATING & COOLING
Family Owned Since 1850

Our Family Helping to Keep Your Family Comfortable for over 165 Years

America's Oldest Mechanical Contractor

334 W. Germantown Pike, East Norriton, PA 19403
610-277-2656
Visit us at www.davismodern.com

RAY ROSS

PLUMBING • HEATING
BOILERS
WATER HEATERS
BATHROOM RENOVATIONS
SEWER & DRAIN CLEANING
267-228-7287
FAX 610-666-0685
H20WORKER@VERIZON.NET

Morgan
basement waterproofing

In Our 4th Decade of Quality Service

French Drains • Foundation Repair • Mold Remediation
All Work Guaranteed

215-639-8500
www.morganbasementwaterproofing.com

NO JOB TOO BIG OR SMALL

Hammerin' Nales
Home Repair, LLC

HANDYMAN
NO JOB TOO BIG OR SMALL
John Nales • Fully Ins. • Lic. #9757
267-885-3376
"Fellow Christian"

Plymouthtowne APARTMENTS
PREMIERE
1 BR Den 1.5 Bath • 2BR 2 Bath
ONLY 21 LEFT!

Now Hiring
FT Leasing Consultant
610-279-4848 rmm@tornettaproperties.com

Make This Their Best School Year Yet.
Give them the Mathnasium advantage

Contact us today to schedule a complimentary assessment.

Mathnasium of Blue Bell
www.mathnasium.com/bluebell
(267) 598-5100 • 970 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422

Changing Lives Through Math.™ **MATHNASIUM**
The Math Learning Center

WILLIAM R. MAY FUNERAL HOME, INC.

A Family Tradition of Care

Easton Rd. & Keswick Ave. Main St. & Elm Ave.
Glenside, PA 19038 North Wales, PA 19454
Harry M. May, Supervisor Michael J. McDonald, Supervisor
Christine May Rafferty, Licensed Director Laura M. Haggerty, Licensed Director
215-884-8410 215-699-3442

Pre-Need Services Available

www.mayfuneralhome.com



LAWN DOCTOR of
The Doylestown Area
215.822.0346

- All Granular Fertilizer
- Full Weed, Insect & Disease Control
- Mosquito & Tick Control
- Power Seeding

Satisfaction Guaranteed Care
www.lawndoctor.com

DRKN 12.3 MSFT 100 INTC 57
FINANCIAL & TAX PLANNING ASSOC.



- Fee Based Investment Management
- Income Tax • Planning/Prep
- Estate Planning
- IRA's & Small Business Pension Plans

Ronald Ritrovato, CFP
Certified Financial Planner
215-699-8600
1995 Morris Rd. Blue Bell
Securities offered through Calaret, Grant & Co. Inc. Member FINRA/SIPC

The Medicine Shoppe
We are A Compounding Pharmacy
2113 W. Main St., Jeffersonville
610-539-7282
Dave & Henny Cole, RPh
Shingles & Flu Shots Available
We Bill Medicare
Vitamin & Herbal Counseling
All Prescription Plans Accepted
Source of Medical Equipment
FREE Delivery to Seniors
& Blood Pressure Screening
Wheelchairs & Medical Supplies

Visit Us At
nékter
JUICE BAR.

970 Dekalb Pike, Suite 240
Blue Bell, PA 19422
www.nekterjuicebar.com
Neighboring Parishioner

Ana's Corner Store
3310 North Wales Rd,
East Norriton • 610-279-3100
Ready to cook meals
Quality Local Products
Dietz & Watson
Meats & Cheeses
Made to Order Deli
Premium Local Coffee



Buy From the Best!



SUBURBAN
MARBLE, GRANITE & TILE
Exterior Applications • Spectacular Results

Kitchen Countertops, bathroom vanities, tile and more!
1010 Pulinski Rd. Ivyland, Bucks County, PA 18974
215.734.9100
Open Monday Thru Saturday
www.SuburbanMarble.com
Contractor #PA 007452

Member of the Parish Fully Insured
Bob McGrath's Tree Service
TRIMMING & REMOVAL

721 Cathcart Rd. (215) 784-9124
Blue Bell, PA 19422 (610) 292-9806

Neighboring Parishioner

Matt Cianci & Sons
INSURANCE COUNSELING LLC
Dedicated. Diligent. Dependable.

3120 Ridge Pike
Eagleville, PA 19403
610-312-2175

SERVICE, SKILL & EXPERIENCE SINCE 1977

CenterSquareMotors
collision repair specialists

- Auto Body Repair & Painting • 24 Hour Towing
- All Insurances Accepted
- Recognized Acura & Honda Body Shop

484-684-7220 534 N. Trooper Rd., Norristown, PA
CENTER SQUARE MOTORS.COM 811 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA PAC 60840916

Accounting Services • Tax Preparation
Bookkeeping Services



William L. McKernan, III
William L. McKernan Jr.
Rachel A. McKernan
Members of the Parish
1133 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422
Office (610) 277-7921 • Fax (610) 279-5587
wmckernaniii@wlmckernan.com
www.wlmckernan.com

Excellence in Electricity

Insured Reliable Affordable
Dependable Dependable

SALVATORE M. TERRANOVA, SR.
Commercial • Residential • Industrial
Master Lic. Electrician • Diocese Member
610-539-4458 610-639-3956

DRY TECH
WATERPROOFING SOLUTIONS

BASEMENT WATERPROOFING
FOUNDATION REPAIR • MOLD REMEDIATION

1-888-5DRY-TECH
www.DryTechCorp.com



Saint Helena Parishioner
Member of the Knights of Columbus

kw I'm Here To Help!
KELLERWILLIAMS.
REAL ESTATE
C: (215) 407-9611
O: (215) 646-2900
Email: mikedoolin@kw.com
Mention This Ad For Donation To The Parish Upon Settlement

Mike Doolin
REALTOR®
Each Office is Independently Owned & Operated

Forlano
REMODELING

ADDITIONS • BASEMENTS
BATHROOMS • KITCHENS
PAINTING



"Servicing Bucks and Montgomery Counties"

215-822-1678
CELL: 267-277-2559

houzz | facebook

ForlanoRemodeling.com

John Di Rosato
Plumbing & Heating Co., Inc.
Residential Commercial Industrial
Hot Water & Steam Heating • Water Heaters • Bathrooms
2130 Carol Lane • (610) 277-2140

951 E. Butler Pike
Ambler, PA
215-646-1155

516 Fayette Street
Conshohocken, PA
610-828-1336

CIAVARELLI
FAMILY FUNERAL HOMES AND CREMATORY INC.
*Creating the most meaningful and personalized funeral.
State-of-the-art Crematory located on-site for your peace of mind.*

William L. Ciavarelli, FD
Supervisor
William E. Ciavarelli, FD
Parish Member
Christopher J. Ciavarelli, FD
Supervisor
Andrea M. Ciavarelli, FD
Parish Member
www.ciavarellifuneralhomes.com

Montgomery County Rehabilitation & Sports Therapy, P.C.

Call to see how **PHYSICAL THERAPY** can help
NO prescription necessary • Most insurances accepted
Owned and operated by **Michael Q. Giuliani, MPT, Ph.D.**
Our practice provides high level, professional care.

1345 Easton Road, Roslyn, PA 19001
170 W. Germantown Pike, Ste. C-3, East Norriton, PA 19401

www.montcorehab.org
215.885.2022
610.279.6290

GET WELL WITH US

Meitner Law

Victor Meitner
Parishioner

Contact Us For A Free Consultation
WILLS • ESTATES • REAL ESTATE
215-540-0575
vmeitner@meitnerlaw.com
564 Skippack Pike • Blue Bell, PA 19422
www.meitnerlaw.com