

**Pulpit Announcements for the
The Nativity of Our Lord
December 25, 2024**

Welcome to all who are here today to celebrate Christmas with us. Whoever you are or wherever you find yourself on the journey. Know that here at St. Matthias, ALL ARE WELCOME!

- **We are very happy that so many of you are joining us today. Christmas is not just for one day. That is why we invite you to come for the Feast of the Holy Family on December 29th and the Feast of the Three Kings or Epiphany on January 5th.**
- **We wish to invite you to a Christmas concert presented by the Franklin High School Madrigals, (under the direction of Ms.Kiera Radvanski, Deacon John's daughter.) The concert will take place immediately after our 12:00 Noon Epiphany Mass in church on January 5th.**
- **Many of our parishioners are having a truly spiritual time during the Eucharistic Adoration on Monday evenings. Why not try attending it on a Monday - anytime between 6-8 pm.**

The coming of our Savior is a joyful mystery that brings so much of good feelings and excitement. We all can feel the Christmas joy all around us. We are here to meet the Lord in the Holy Eucharist... In the spirit of the joy of this good news, let us gladly turn to each other and wish Merry Christmas...

Music for Our Assembly

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*A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his scepter of power rests upon his shoulder,
and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.*

Gathering Hymn – O All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

**O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!**

2. Adeste Fidelis, laeti triumphantes
Venite, venite in Bethlehem.
Natum videte, regem angelorum

**Venite adoremus, venite adoremus
venite adoremus
Dominum.**

3. Sing choirs of angel, sing in exultation
'Sing all ye citizens of heaven above.
Glory to God, all glory in the highest

**O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!**

4. Yes, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

**O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!**

Prayer of the Faithful

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Our response is: "Lord of Light, Hear Our Prayer."

1. For Pope Francis and for the whole church . . . to spread the peace and joy that Jesus brings and welcome everyone as God's loving son or daughter, we pray. . .
2. For world, national, and civic leaders, especially those in our own country . . . Help them to be lights in the darkness, fostering dialogue, harmony, and understanding within their communities, we pray. . .
3. For those separated from loved ones this Christmas, that God's comforting and strengthening love will sustain them; and for this faith community of Saint Matthias . . . Help us to live temperately, justly, and devoutly, we pray...
4. For all who suffer illness of body, mind, or spirit, those who feel lonely and anxious . . . Sustain them with your strength and peace as they face their daily challenges, we pray. . .
5. For those who have lost loved ones this year to experience God's consolation, and for all who died, especially _____ . . . to rejoice in the eternal reward of heaven, we pray. . .
6. For the silent intentions we hold deep in our hearts this day, we pray. . .

The presider announces the Mass intention and concludes the Intercessions:

4 PM: Norm & Michele Siebenlist / Judy Mallin Andrews

6:30 PM: Jack Shafranski

Midnight: Mary Hoynoski

10 AM: Alice Meden / Deceased Members of the De Guzman & Valdez Families

12 PM: Joseph Kwakye

Preparation of the Gifts - Silent Night

1. Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child,
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
3. Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Communion Hymn – Child of the Poor/ What Child Is This

1. Helpless and hungry, lowly he lies,
wrapped in the chill of midwinter;
comes now among us,
born into poverty's embrace,
new life for the world.

**Who is this who lives with the
lowly,
sharing their sorrows, knowing
their hunger?
This is Christ, revealed to the
world
in the eyes of a child, a child of
the poor.**

1. What child is this, who, laid to
rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems
sweet,
While shepherds watch are
keeping?

**This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and
angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.**

2. Who is the stranger here in our
midst,

looking for shelter among us?
Who is the outcast?
Who do we see amid the poor,
the children of God?

**Who is this who lives with the
lowly,
sharing their sorrows, knowing
their hunger?
This is Christ, revealed to the
world
in the eyes of a child, a child of
the poor.**

2. Why lies he in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners
here
The silent Word is pleading.

**This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and
angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.**

3. So bring him incense, gold, and
myrrh,
Come peasant, king, to own him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone him.

Closing Hymn - Hark the Herald Angels Sing

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 triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim: "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time, behold him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail th'incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of
Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth, Born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

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Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6

All the ends of the earth shall see the saving power of God.

Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done wondrous deeds;
his right hand has won victory for him,
his holy arm.

The LORD has made his salvation known:
in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.
He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness
toward the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation by our God.

Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;
break into song; sing praise.

Sing praise to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and melodious song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn
sing joyfully before the King, the LORD.

All the ends of the earth shall see the saving power of God.