

# Our Lady of HOPE

December 24, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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*Deacon* *Deacon* *Deacon*

**Michael Harkins** **Jack Werner**  
*Retired Deacon* *Retired Deacon*

#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday: 4:30pm Vigil  
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am, 6:00pm

#### **WEEK DAY MASS**

Monday-Friday: 8:00am and 9:00am  
Monday: 6:30pm Rosary  
7:00pm Miraculous Medal Novena  
Saturday: 8:45am St. Jude Novena  
9:00am Mass

#### **MISA EN ESPAÑOL (ST. JUDE CHURCH)**

Sábado: 6:00pm  
Domingo: 9:30am

#### **HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION**

Eve of Holy Day: 7:00pm  
Holy Day: 8:00am, 9:00am, 12:10pm, 7:00pm

#### **CONFESSIONS**

Monday: 7:30pm  
Saturday: 9:30am - 10:00am and  
3:30pm - 4:15pm or by appointment

### Mary's Stewardship

*"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" – Luke 1:28*

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal Steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

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# MASS INTENTIONS

## Saturday December 23rd

4:30 pm † Roy DiLiberato by Our Lady of Hope Counters

## Sunday December 24th

7:30 am People of the Parish

9:30 am People of the Parish

11:30 am People of the Parish

## Monday December 25th

7:30 am People of the Parish

9:30 am People of the Parish

11:30 am People of the Parish

## Tuesday December 26th

8:00 am † Geraldine Sanoski by Mr and Mrs Kevin P Lillo

9:00 am † Bette Russo by The Russo Family

## Wednesday December 27th

8:00 am † Cedri Polito by Deacon Andy Encarnado and Family

9:00 am † Mike Witkowski by Maureen

## Thursday December 28th

8:00 am People of the Parish

9:00 am † Cezar J. Caraballo by The Caraballo Family

## Friday December 29th

8:00 am † James Cuttino by Christine Kimler

9:00 am † Asuncion B. Caraballo by The Caraballo Family

## Saturday December 30th

9:00 am † Caterina Caporale by The Family

† Benito Schiavone by his daughter, Diane

† Geraldine Sanoski by Cindy Sanoski

† Frank J. Bersani, Sr and Frank Bersani, Jr. by  
Kathi Bersani and Dean Bersani

† Geraldine Sanoski by The Galzarano Family

† Harry Hamp by The Criswell Family

† Frank Bersani, Jr by Scott and Maria Mayhue

† Marianne Carr by Bob Cermak

† Corporal William (Billy) G. Gehret by Tom and Natalie Morgan

† Armond Cammarota by Melissa and Stephen Gallagher

4:30 pm † Joseph and Fortune Finley by The Finley Girls

## Sunday December 31st

7:30 am † George M. Fuchs by Knights of Columbus Council 9193

9:30 am † Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus Council 9193

† Rodolfo Torres by The Ramos Family

11:30 am † Susan Whelan by her Mom and Dad

6:00 pm † Lynn Calabrese and Frank Habina by The Habina Family



Ralph Alexander, Ken Anderson, Warren Address, Richard Baruffi, Stella Baruffi, Kole Bauer, Raymond Berstler Jr., Edward Brabazon Jr., Gary Burgin, Adam David Zayas, Sally DeStefano, Eileen Fowler, P. Guida, Janice Gustafson, Linda Greco, Luis Greco, Jonny Hoffman, Andrea Hughes, Jessie Jabry, Claire M., Margaret M., Steve Marchesani, Marita, Ann Marie McLaughlin, The Minnitti Family, Sister Janice Novak, Loida Ortaney, Vincent Pettinato, Karin Ravnigk, Helen Reebenaker, The Renz Family, Jacob Rivera, Jaxon Rivera, Maria Salvia, Lauren Thomas, Steven P Tomaszewski.

### ADDED THIS WEEK:

Names remain on the sick list for **6 weeks**.  
Please notify the office if names should be removed earlier or remain on longer.

The Church Sanctuary Candle this week burns  
in Loving Memory of:

*Emilio Marcolongo*

at the request of:

*The Marcolongo Family*



The Chapel Sanctuary Candle this week burns  
in Loving Memory of:

*James and Elizabeth Hamilton*

at the request of:

*The Hamilton Family*



*Love*

The Fourth Sunday of Advent



*PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED:*



Souls in Purgatory

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR, REV. JOSEPH T. SZOLACK

Dear Friends in Christ,

I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas! It is such a joy to celebrate this blessed day with you! Once again, I express love for the Infant Jesus through my favorite Christmas carol: Down in Yon Forest.

Down in yon forest there stands a hall:  
The bells of Paradise I heard them ring:  
It's covered all over with purple and pall  
And I love my Lord Jesus above anything.

In that hall there stands a bed:  
The bells of Paradise I heard them ring:  
It's covered all over with scarlet so red:  
And I love my Lord Jesus above anything.

At the bed-side there lies a stone:  
The bells of Paradise I heard them ring:  
Which the sweet Virgin Mary knelt upon:  
And I love my Lord Jesus above anything.

Under that bed there runs a flood:  
The bells of Paradise I heard them ring:  
The one half runs water, the other runs blood:  
And I love my Lord Jesus above anything.

At the bed's foot there grows a thorn:  
The bells of Paradise I heard them ring:  
Which ever blows blossom since he was born:  
And I love my Lord Jesus above anything.

Over that bed the moon shines bright:  
The bells of Paradise I heard them ring:  
Denoting our Saviour was born this night:  
And I love my Lord Jesus above anything.

Yes, "I love my Lord Jesus above anything." For me, this is what Christmas is about. I cannot remember a time when I did not love the Infant Jesus. I was born near Christmas which is a gift to me. Yes, as He was held as a baby in His dearest Mother's arms, as a priest, I touch His presence with my imperfect hands. O to hold Love in my hands! We are blessed to have many cultures in our parish. I greet the Hispanic community who are so close to my heart: Feliz Navidad a nuestra querida comunidad latina! Les deseo gozo y paz en el Niño Jesús. Ruego que Nuestra Señora ustedes permita contemplar el rostro del Niño Jesús para experimentar Su amor por ustedes. To all our dear friends: Merry Christmas! Feliz Navidad! (Spanish); Maligayang Pasko! (Filipino); E keresimesi Oma! (Igbo, a Nigerian dialect); Wesolych Świąt, Bożego Narodzenia! (Polish); Buon Natale! (Italian); Joyeux Noël! (French); Fröhliche Weihnachten! (German); Nollaig Shona (Irish); Sretan Božić (Croatian); and Feliz Natal! (Portugues).

Father Szolack



**Pray for our Military men and women:** Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Bring them home safely. May their sacrifices bring about a lasting and just peace in all lands. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Please include these requests from our Parishioners in your prayers:

F Co. Unit and Lt. Cpl. Jacques Revoir; PFC Joseph DiJulio; Spec. Michael Sermarina, Iraq; Josh Treusch; PFC Zachary Krytzer; Sarah Turse, Afghanistan; Major Kristina Levins Himmelirch- USAF; Lt. Evan Cleaver, Afghanistan; Kevin Higgins; CSSN Nicholas Anthony Ferro - US Navy Submarine USSF Dallas Groton CT.; John Loberto - Military Police Afghanistan; Ssgt. Damian Bates, USMC; Private John Andrew McWilliams Afghanistan; Michael Mortka SSG, US Army; Sean Cyphert - USMC; Michael N Ekimoglou, USMC; Lt. Eric W. Courtois, US Air Force; DC1 Russell Estes, USN; Lt. Cpl. Andrew McWilliam Afghanistan; Justin Alberico, US Air Force; SSgt Joseph Hodson, Lt. Tom Gaffney; SPC Madgey, Bernard, PFC DiGennaro, Zacharo, Cpl Dzierzynski, Derrick, US Army, Private Matthew Zaleski - USMC, E8 Sgt Major Kevin Kirkpatrick - US National Guard; Capt. Sean Hunt, United States Marine Corp, Camp Pendleton, CA; , Tara Feltwell - United States Navy, SR Kevin Wolf - U.S. Navy; Sgt. Steven Charyszyn—USMC; Ens. Robert W. McKenna, United States Coast Guard; Capt. Robert E. McKenna, United States Coast Guard; 1st LT Matthew DiGiacomo - US Air Force; Spec. Michael Whelan, US Army, Megan Capobianco 2nd Lt US Army; RCT George Stuart - USMC; Arron Brown, SSGT - Army Reserve; LT J.G Joseph L Andricola, USN; SPC Michael D'Intino - US Army. , Sgt. James Buckingham - US Army; John Flynn - USN; Christopher Foschini - E4 Army; Cpl. Christopher Duddy - USMC; AOAR Melanie Charyszyn, 1st Lt Joseph F. Donnelly - USMC; A1C Matthew Urban of the US Air Force; PFC Justin Wellik, Cpl. John T. McCormick- USMC; Cpl. Jake S. McCormick- USMC; PFC Jarrett J. McCormick-USMC; PFC Patrick Mahon-USMC.; Capt Julie Ford, US Air Force ; Alexis Brown - US Army; Vincent Lauro Pilla, US Navy; Lt JG Nicholas DeFeo—US Navy; Sgt Anthony Vespa—US Army



**Needed: CEREAL, GRAPE JELLY, CANNED FRUIT, SYRUP**

As we come to the end of 2023, the members of The St. Vincent DePaul Society reflect on how blessed we are to be a part of this wonderful parish. Without you it would be impossible to meet the needs of the many families who reach out to us for help on a daily basis. While our pantry is closed until January 6th to allow our volunteers time to enjoy the holiday, many of us will still be working to make sure we are fully stocked to reopen. We wish all of you a very Merry and Blessed Christmas

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<https://www.facebook.com/StVincentdePaulOurLadyofHopeParish>

**Website:**

<https://svdpoloh.weebly.com/>



**Our Lady of Hope Electronic Giving**

**"SIGN UP TODAY!!!"**

Visit [www.OurLadyOfHopeNJ.org](http://www.OurLadyOfHopeNJ.org) and click the Parish Giving logo at the bottom of the page.

**THANK YOU** to the **274 families** who already participate in the Parish Giving program for contributions!



**The Collection Total**

(December 09/10)

**Collection: \$ 15,003**  
**E-Giving: \$ 7,175**  
**TOTAL: \$ 22,178**

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**To Advertise in the Bulletin:**

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**Weekly Readings:**  
December 25<sup>TH</sup> - December 31<sup>ST</sup>

**Monday, December 25<sup>TH</sup>**

*The Nativity of the Lord*

Isaiah 52:7-10

Hebrews 1:1-6

John 1:1-18

**Tuesday, December 26<sup>TH</sup>**

Acts of the Apostles 6:8-10; 7:54-59

Matthew 10:17-22

**Wednesday, December 27<sup>TH</sup>**

1 John 1:1-4

John 20:1, 2-8

**Thursday, December 28<sup>TH</sup>**

1 John 1:5-2:2

Matthew 2:13-18

**Friday, December 29<sup>TH</sup>**

1 John 2: 3-11

Luke 2:22-35

**Saturday, December 30<sup>TH</sup>**

1 John 2:12-17

Luke 2:36-40

**Sunday, December 31<sup>ST</sup>**

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3

Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19

Luke 2:22-40

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**



**CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES**

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

- 4:00pm St Agnes Church
- 4:00pm St Jude Church  
(Family Mass with Children's Pageant)
- 6:00pm St Agnes Church
- 8:00pm St Agnes Church
- 11:30pm St Agnes Church (Choir Prelude to Mass)
- 12:00am St Agnes Church (Midnight Mass)

**CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES**

**Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:30am St Agnes Church
- 9:30am St Agnes Church
- 11:30am St Agnes Church

**NEW YEAR'S EVE MASSES**

**Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

- 7:30am St Agnes Church
- 9:30am St Agnes Church
- 11:30am St Agnes Church
- 6:00pm St Agnes Church

**NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES**

**Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

- 8:00am St. Agnes Church
- 9:00am St. Agnes Church

**Blessing & Prayers  
for Advent Wreath**



**FOURTH WEEK** *The prayer that follows is to be repeated each day of the fourth week. After the prayer, the father lights all four candles.*

**Leader:** O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy Grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

*The four candles are allowed to burn during the evening meals of the fourth week.*

After the fourth week, the penitential season of Advent is over and the time to rejoice is at hand. The Advent wreath is transformed into a Christmas wreath. Ribbon and candles are replaced with red ribbon and long red or white tapers (to be lighted at breakfast on Christmas morning) and, if desired, other festive decorations can be added.

**Miraculous Medal Novena Info:**

**Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**, the prayers for the Miraculous Medal Novena will be said following the 11:30a Mass. There will be NO 6:30p Rosary or 7:30p Confession on Christmas Day.

On **Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**, the prayers for the Miraculous Medal Novena will be said following the 9:00a Mass. There will be NO 6:30p Rosary or 7:30p Confession on New Year's Day.

**First Friday/ First Saturday-January 5<sup>th</sup>/ January 6<sup>th</sup>**  
The 7:00p Mass on January 5<sup>th</sup> and the Midnight Mass on January 6<sup>th</sup> for First Friday and First Saturday (The Vigil of Reparation) will not be held.



**Friday, January 19, 2024  
National Mall in Washington DC**



Motorcoach Transportation provided by: Knights of Columbus Council #9193  
Limited Seating \*\$20 Donation per person Departs OLOH @ 7:30AM, Returns 7:30PM

\*proceeds support National Life Center – Woodbury NJ For reservations & details Contact: Jeff Lilley (856) 281-5117

**DONUT SUNDAY** is held from 8:00am to 11:30am on the first Sundays of the month from October through June. This Ministry is in need of volunteers to assist with serving and set-up. *If interested, please call or text Sue @ 856-217-7932*



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL CLOSE FOR CHRISTMAS AT  
**10AM ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>**  
 AND WILL REOPEN AT  
**11AM ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26<sup>th</sup>.**

## Finance Council Update

The Finance Council acts as an Advisory body to the pastor of the parish under Cannon Law. We meet usually on a monthly basis to review the financial affairs of the Parish. This includes monthly financial reporting, budgeting, and expenditures for the upkeep of the parish.

## Upcoming Projects

- Outside signs to be cleaned and repainted
- Updated Fire alarm system in the Parish Office
- Additional HVAC unit replacement
- Painting of the Chapel
- Video security for St. Jude Church and additional for the Grotto/Rectory/Office/Hall

## Current Projects

- Updated Fire alarm system in the Parish Center
- Chapel carpeting to be replaced
- Laminate flooring for the Vestry
- Drapes behind the Altar
- Replacing 2 HVAC units (Church and Hall)

## Completed Projects

- Furniture repair of children's room in Church
- All chapel chairs have been reupholstered
- \$5,747 paid on the parish debt since July 1st
- New ceiling tiles for crying room, hallway, bathrooms, and meeting rooms
- Parking Lot cracks repaired
- Repaired Rectory entrance steps and railings
- Marble on Altar flooring cleaned and polished

With the holidays upon us, this time of year is especially difficult for so many who are hurting. If you are experiencing a difficult time in your life and need someone to provide emotional and spiritual support, you are not alone. Our Lady of Hope Stephen Ministers provide Christ-centered care just for you in your time of need. No one should walk alone through the difficulties of life.



**STEPHEN  
 MINISTRY**

*Call our Stephen Ministry Leaders:*

**Patti Infanti 609-471-2153 • Suzanne Carlucci 856-782-7395 • Howard Morell 609-221-0970.**

## END OF YEAR INQUIRIES



If you would like a copy of your Parish Donation Statement, please contact Janice at the Parish Office at 228-4331 xtn 103.

## ADULT ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED



Our Lady of Hope Parish is in need of Adult Altar Servers. If interested, please contact:

**Carolyn Nilson at 856-627-0786**



Our Lady of Hope Parish's Bereavement Ministry is in need of new members.

Please consider joining this much needed Ministry. Bereavement Ministry members meet with families and walk them through the funeral process assisting with readings and music selections among others.

**If interested,  
 please call the Parish Office at 856-228-4331**

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**Submit your wedding photo now!**



**FOOTBALL MANIA WINNERS!**  
**CHECK YOUR NUMBERS!!!**

Week 15 & 16 Winners will be announced in next week's bulletin.



*Knights of Columbus Blood Drive*  
**January 04th 2pm - 7pm**  
**Give a pint and save a life!**  
 For appointment visit:  
[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)  
 or call: 1-800-448-3543

**OUR LADY OF HOPE BIBLE STUDY CHRISTMAS BREAK**



There will be NO Wednesday 10am Bible Study on Dec, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27  
 Start the New Year off right by joining us when we will resume on Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.



**Super Bowl Mania Super Match tickets starting December 30, 2023 until Super Bowl Sunday February 11, 2024**

The Knights of Columbus Holy Crusaders Council 9193 will have Super Bowl Charity Mania tickets available to support Our Lady of Hope Parish. This event is very important to our fundraising to support Our Lady of Hope School and other charity needs for our council. The Knights of Columbus will be in the gathering space after Mass to purchase your tickets until Super Bowl Sunday, February 11. Tickets are also available online at: <https://www.charitymania.com/give/PE00D> for \$5 each or buy 5 and get one free this year on this web site only. Prizes range from \$10-\$5000 on SUPER BOWL SUNDAY and a free music digital download comes with your ticket purchase. Please help the Knights of Columbus 9193 and Our Lady of Hope make this event a success using the above link to contribute. Thank you for supporting our Charitable causes and the Knights of Columbus Council 9193.

**MAY PEACE BE YOUR GIFT AT CHRISTMAS AND YOUR BLESSING ALL YEAR THROUGH....**

**Father Joseph Szolack, Father Antony Savari-Muthu, Father Lawrence Polansky, Father René Canales, Deacon Andy Encarnado, Deacon Bob Foley, Deacon Toby Haley, Deacon Mike Harkins, Deacon Jack Werner, and the Parish Staff**



# YOUTH Our Lady of Hope MINISTRY

**"YOUNG HOPE" & "RISING HOPE"**  
Serving Teens in Grades 5 through 12

### 4th Sunday of Advent



The 4th candle on the Advent wreath is purple and symbolizes Love. There is an incredible sense of power and freedom in both giving and receiving love without condition or expectation. The experience can be so profound that we lose track of whether we're the giver or receiver . . .

## CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS

12/24 - 4:00pm Mass - St. Jude Church  
YOUNG HOPE AND RISING HOPE



Read Christmas stories to the children prior to Mass (report to Church at 3:15pm)

Distribute candy canes after Mass 

RSVP to [dscafidi@ourladyofhopenj.org](mailto:dscafidi@ourladyofhopenj.org)

### 12 Christmas PRAYERS

**Joy**  
May the joy of Christ be felt through us. Luke 1:44

**FAITH**  
Increase our faith so we fully trust in Your promises. Matthew 1:24

**LIGHT**  
May the light of Christ shine from within us. Isaiah 9:2

**PROMISE**  
Thank you for the promise of eternal life through Jesus. John 3:16

**SIMPLICITY**  
You came as a baby in a manger; help us find value in the simple things. Luke 2:7

**GENEROSITY**  
Show us what gifts we have to offer and help us give them generously. Matthew 2:11

**TOGETHERNESS**  
Thank you that the gift of Jesus makes us one family together in Christ. John 1:12

**love**  
Help us see ways to turn love into action this Christmas. Matthew 25:40

**PEACE**  
May the peace of Christ cover the hearts of this season. Isaiah 9:6

**GRATITUDE**  
Thank you for all of our blessings; not just the gifts under the tree. Luke 1:9

**OBEDIENCE**  
Help us to be obedient to You even when we don't fully understand. Luke 1:38

**HOPEFULNESS**  
Fill us with hope for the coming of our savior, Jesus Christ. Daniel 2:44

AMEN!



### Our Lady of Hope Regional; School

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[WWW.OurLadyOfHopeCatholicSchool.org](http://WWW.OurLadyOfHopeCatholicSchool.org)

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## FAITH FORMATION

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Mary Jo Dwyer, *DRE*

Trudy Cranston, *Sacrament Coordinator*

Cathy Bennett, *Secretary*

### Faith Formation News

#### Faith Formation Calendar

12-25 No Class

01-01 No Class

01-08 Faith Formation class 5:30pm - 6:30pm

#### Faith Formation Class Schedule:

For the January project in our Faith Formation class, we are asking our children in the Monday evening class to do a "Act of Kindness". In honor of Dr. King, we are asking our children to do an act of kindness. They must do something for someone where they are not rewarded. They must fill out a parish response form and turn it into the Faith Formation office. We look forward to reading all their good works. IF you have any questions, please contact the Office of Faith Formation.

#### Confirmation 2024:

Confirmation packets have been out for a little over 2 months. Please make sure the children are working on these as they are due in March. Now is the time to seek Sponsors. The person your child chooses should go to the church where they are currently registered to obtain that letter. A question was asked about the community service that needed to be complete. We are asking the children to do 5 things, where they are not rewarded, not accumulated hours. Last but not least, it is important that the completed packet is turned in at those meetings in March. Incomplete packets cannot be processed. If you have any questions, please contact me in the office.

#### Saint Stephen:

Saint Stephen was one of the first deacons in the Church. The apostles chose men to be deacons; those in charge of distributing food and funds for the Christians. They prayed over these men and laid hands on them. From Stephen we can learn a lot about witness, forgiveness, and death. Stephen was a man who was not afraid to speak out about the things he believed. But he did not just talk; he acted on his convictions. As a deacon, he was there to serve the needy, the widows, and the orphans. He stood up to those who rejected Jesus. This was his witness: living the life of Christian love to the fullest. Some of the Jewish people resented Stephen's preaching about salvations through Jesus. Stephen was taken to court and falsely accused. He made two points in his speech in court. He showed that God can be found everywhere, not just in a Temple or in a single person like Abraham. Second, he explained how the Israelites have rejected God's messengers, prophets, and now they had rejected God's Son. Those who heard Stephen were blinded by anger. They rushed at him, dragged him outside, and then stoned him to death. In the midst of Stephen's suffering, he prayed for the Father to forgive those who were persecuting him. How much like Christ he was! Stephen could not have been so strong at the moment of death had he not been open to God's will at every moment of his life. He met death with courage. He met death trusting in all that God had promised. He met death forgiving his enemies because he knew what real love was all about. Stephen was the first person to be killed for Christ, the first martyr. After his death a persecution started and many Christians fled from Jerusalem. Saint Stephen is the patron saint of deacons, bricklayers and stonemasons. His feast day is December 26th.

# Ministerio Regional Hispano

## Iglesia Católica San Judas

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# Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

Domingo 24 de diciembre, 2023

### Horario de Misas

Sábado: 6 PM

Domingo: 9:30 AM

### Horario de Oficina

Lunes a miércoles 9:30AM a 5PM

Jueves y viernes 9:30AM a 4 PM

Cerrado de 12 a 1pm para almuerzo



**Misa de  
Noche Buena  
2023**

**Domingo 24 de diciembre, 2023**

**7:00 PM**

**Iglesia San Judas**

*402 S Black Horse Pike, Blackwood NJ*

El programa será el siguiente:

7:00 pm: Posadas  
7:30 pm: Pastorela  
8:30 pm Misa



## Reflexión Espiritual

En preparación del domingo, 31 de diciembre, 2023

Primera Lectura: ISAIS 61: 1-2a. 10-11.

Segunda Lectura: TESALONICENSES 5: 16-24.

Evangelio: JUAN 1: 6-8. 19-28.

## Durante la semana

### Domingo diciembre 24, 2023

8:00am: Rosario—Iglesia

9:30am: Misa

### Lunes diciembre 25, 2023

10:00am: Misa de Navidad

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### Martes diciembre 26, 2023

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7:00pm: Estudio Bíblico—Capilla

### Jueves diciembre 28, 2023

7:00pm: IMEC

### Viernes diciembre 29, 2023

6:00pm: Grupo de Jóvenes—Capilla

### Sábado diciembre 30, 2023

4:00pm: Legión de María—Capilla

6:00pm: Misa

7:00pm: Grupo de Oración Jesús El Buen Pastor—Iglesia

### Domingo diciembre 31, 2023

8:00am: Rosario—Iglesia

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