

**DECEMBER 8, 2024** 

# **ST. DAVID THE KING**





## Saint Sebastian & International Food Festival

We are excited to invite all our parishioners to the upcoming Saint Sebastian & International Food Festival on Saturday, January 25th. This wonderful event will be a celebration of the many cultures that make up our vibrant parish community. Please see page 5 for additional information.

## Join our flock!



Scan the QR code to join Flocknote and get the latest, most up-to-date information about St. David the King!



## The Pope's Intention for December

For pilgrims of hope

"We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope."

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## **MASS SCHEDULE**

## **WEEKENDS:**

Saturday – 4 p.m. Sunday – 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. "Last Chance Mass" 7 p.m. WEEKDAYS:

Monday - Friday – 9 a.m. First Saturday – 9 a.m.

## **CONFESSION:**

*Saturday* – 3 - 3:45 p.m. *Thursday* – 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.



## **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 9**

## Holy Day of Obligation

#### Feast of the Immaculate Conception Observed

9 a.m. Mrs. Adaeze Ida Nwuba, dec. req. by Chi Okwesa Patricia Rice, dec. req. by Donna DeLorenzo
7 p.m. Daniel Haas, dec. req. by Diane Goettler

Patricia Rice, dec.

req. by Nanci Bachman

#### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10**

9 a.m. Margaret F. Chadwick, dec. req. by the Chadwick Family Frances Murphy, dec. req. by Cheryl Ellsworth

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

9 a.m. Anthony Gerald Rienzi, dec. req. by the Henry B. Murphy, Jr. Family Colleen E. Bugdal, dec. req. by Eileen & John O'Keefe

### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12**

9 a.m. Baby Tyler Alexander Simms, dec. req. by Fr. Jason, Fr. Tim & Staff Mrs. Adaeze Ida Nwuba, dec. req. by Chi Okwesa

#### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13**

9 a.m. Charles Airel, dec. req. by wife, Roseann John Schnell, dec. req. by the Gracias Family

### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14**

4 p.m. John A. Chadwick, dec. req. by the Chadwick Family James Stokes, dec. req. by Linda A. Stokes

#### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15**

- 9 a.m. Gwen Valladares, dec. req. by the Gracias Family Carol Maurer, dec. req. by Margaret Maurer & Family
- 10:30 a.m. Angeline Pacifico, dec. req. by Diane & Rich Smutek Remedios Pascual, dec. req. Violeta, Vivian & Rey
- 7 p.m. Gary Thornton, dec. *req. by Christopher Thornton* For the People of the Parish

Please pray for the sick in our parish and those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.





## The Tabernacle Lamp Shines Before All

**December 8 - 21** Remedios Pascual, dec. *req. by Violeta, Vivian & Rey* 

## The Marian Candle Shines Before the Blessed Mother

**December 8 - 14** Giovanni Oliveti, sp. int. *req. by the Oliveti family* 



## Advent Reflection: The Gift of Ourselves

The beloved Christmas song The Little Drummer Boy offers a simple yet profound message that resonates deeply during this Advent season. The young drummer boy, feeling he has nothing worthy to offer the newborn King, gives the only gift he can—his music. His humble act of love and devotion reminds us that what matters most is not the size or value of our gifts, but the heart with which they are given.

Advent invites us to reflect on the relationships that shape our lives, especially our relationship with Christ. God has uniquely blessed each of us with gifts and talents—not to keep for ourselves but to use for His glory and the good of others. Like the drummer boy, when we recognize and share these gifts, we not only experience joy but also spread it, fostering deeper connections with those around us.

This season of preparation challenges us to focus less on material offerings and more on the gift of ourselves. How can we use our time, talents, and love to serve others and honor Christ? Perhaps it's offering a listening ear to someone in need, sharing a skill to bring comfort or joy, or simply being present to those around us.

As we journey closer to Christmas, let us remember that Christ desires not our possessions but our hearts. By nurturing our relationship with Him and sharing the gifts He has given us, we embody the spirit of Advent—a time of hope, joy, and preparation for the One who gave Himself entirely for us.

May we, like the little drummer boy, offer what we have with love, knowing that in giving ourselves, we give the greatest gift of all.

## CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES

Envelopes for Christmas flower donations can be found with your weekly contribution envelopes, and on the table in the Gathering Space.

If you would like the names of your deceased loved ones listed on the Remembrance Poster please use one of the envelopes. Please return the completed envelope to the **Parish Office no later than December 9.** 

## 2024 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE Thursday, December 19 – 7 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE, Tuesday, December 24 Church - 4 pm, 6 pm\*, 10 pm Great Hall – 4 pm \*Music will feature the Children's Choir

CHRISTMAS DAY, Wednesday, December 25 Church – 10:30 am, 12 noon

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY Saturday, December 28 - 4 pm Sunday, December 29 – 9 am, 10:30 am, 7 pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY Wednesday, January 1, 2025 The Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God 9 am, 7 pm







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OUTH HALL

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Schedule of Masses (subject to change) 12/15/24 - Sunday - 4 pm St. Anthony of Padua 251 Franklin St., Hightstown

**12/16/24 - Monday - 7 pm** St. David the King 1 Village Road, Princeton Jct.

**12/17/24 - Tuesday - 7 pm** St. Gregory the Great Church 4620 Nottingham Way, Hamilton

**12/18/24 - Wednesday - 7 pm** St. Paul's Church 214 Nassau St., Princeton

**12/19/24 - Thursday - 7 pm** St. Vincent de Paul 555 Yardville-Allentown Road, Yardville

**12/20/24 - Friday - 7 pm** Incarnation/St. James 1545 Pennington Road, Ewing

**12/21/24 - Saturday - 7 pm** St. Raphael Church 3500 South Broad St. Hamilton

**12/22/24 - Sunday - 7 pm** Our Lady of Good Counsel 137 W Upper Ferry Rd., Ewing

**12/23/24 - Monday - 7 pm** Church of St. Ann 253 Lawrenceville Rd., Lawrenceville



## SAVE THE DATE January 25 Saint Sebastian &

International Food Festival

#### **ALL ARE INVITED!**

This wonderful event will be a celebration of the many cultures that make up our vibrant parish community.

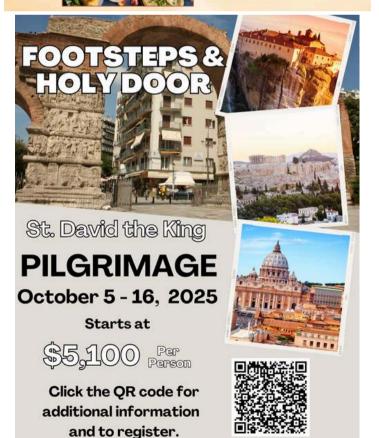
The festival will begin with the Saint Sebastian Procession followed by Mass with Bishop O'Connell, C.M. and finally, we will feast on a variety of International Foods.

**Use the QR Code** below to sign up and bring your favorite cultural dish and share a part of your heritage with your fellow parishioners.

This festival is a fantastic opportunity for us to gather to celebrate our diversity, foster new relationships, and grow as individuals in faith and community. Whether you choose to bring a dish, volunteer, or simply attend, your participation will help make this event a success.









# Consider a Stock Donation to the Parish this Christmas

The parish accepts donations of stock and other appreciated securities. This is a tax-effective way to maximize your donation, while reducing your income tax burden.

If you would like to donate stocks or securities this Christmas, please contact Deirdre Misiura at 609.275.7111, ext. 105 or <u>dmisiura@stdavidtheking.com</u>.





PCS is short-term professional counseling through Catholic Charities or independent licensed Catholic counselors available to help parishioners, through difficult issues.

You can access PCS through our pastor, Fr. Jason, who can help you complete and will send in a short referral form to get it started. So, reach out to your pastor.



# The Catholic Community of St. David the King

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We are formed by faith, live in hope, serve with love. Inspired by the joy of the Gospel message, our mission is to provide liturgies that are joyful and transformational, Faith Formation that supports all generations, hospitality that welcomes everyone and generous service that brings the Presence of Christ to others.

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#### **OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Open after weekend Masses

#### ADORATION:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8 - 8:45 a.m.

#### **CONFESSIONS:**

Thursday, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 3 - 3:45 p.m.

#### **DEVOTIONS:**

First Friday, 9 a.m. Mass & Communal Rosary First Saturday, 9 a.m. Mass & Confessions & Communal Rosary Miraculous Medal Novena Following Monday Mass St. Jude Novena Following Wednesday Mass Communal Rosary Following Friday Mass



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