

St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church

591 Flint River Road, Jonesboro, GA 30238

"Walking United, Serving God's People"

"Caminando Unidos, Sirviendo a la Gente de Dios"

Weekly Bulletin

December 23, 2018

Weekend Masses/

Misas de Fin de Semana

Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 7:30 AM 9:00AM 10:45AM
12:30 PM (Español)
5:00 PM Teen Mass
7:00 PM (Español)

Holy Days/Días de Obligación

Mass times to be announced

Weekday Masses/Misas entre Semana

Monday-Saturday 8:30 AM
Wednesday 7:00 PM
Thursday (Español) 7:30 PM

Rosary/Rosario

Monday-Saturday 7:50 AM

Morning Prayer/Oración Matutina

Monday-Saturday 8:15 AM

Parish Office/Oficina Parroquial

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Archdiocese Website: www.archatl.com

St. Vincent de Paul 770-477-2388

BAPTISM: Mandatory registration is necessary before attending Baptism classes. Both parents & godparents are required to attend the classes. Baptisms are celebrated on the 4th Sunday of each month during all Masses and at 3:00pm. For more information, contact Deacon Peter Swan at 770-478-0178 x116.

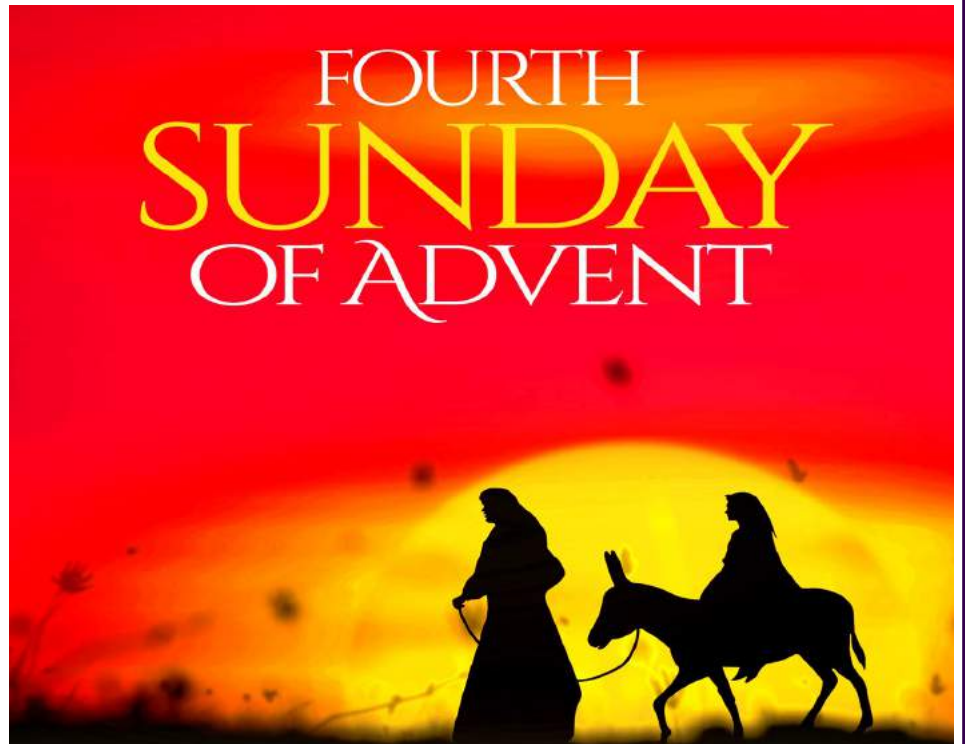
CLASES DE BAUTISMO: Es obligatorio registrarse antes de asistir a las clases del Bautismo. La registraci3n se llevara a cabo el 3er y 4to Domingo del mes despu3s de misa de 12:30pm, o cada Mi3rcoles de 9:30am-2:00pm en la Oficina de Educaci3n Religiosa. Para mas informaron llame a Lidia Montellano al 770-478-0178 x120.

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CHECK OUT OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

The BeNewsZi ONLINE



"And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

- Lk 1:43-45

Parish Mission Statement Declaraci3n de Misi3n Parroquial

St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church is dedicated to continuing the mission of Jesus Christ in the Franciscan tradition. We are people of many nations united by God's Holy Spirit, who strive to be witnesses of God's love to all people. Answering the call to Stewardship, we embrace the gifts of the Spirit and express the presence of God in liturgy, prayer, community life and social justice ministry. Through a commitment to lay leadership we accept the responsibility of spreading the Good News and creating a welcoming parish filled with the presence of Christ.

La Iglesia de Saint Philip Benizi est1 dedicada a continuar la misi3n de Jesucristo en la tradici3n Franciscana. Somos un pueblo de diversas naciones, unido por el Santo Esp3ritu de Dios. Pueblo que se esfuerza a ser testigo del amor de Dios para toda la gente. Respondiendo el llamado a la Administraci3n, aceptamos los regalos del Esp3ritu y expresamos la presencia de Dios en la liturgia, oraci3n, vida comunitaria y ministerio de justicia social. A trav3s de un compromiso al liderazgo laico aceptamos la responsabilidad de compartir la Buena Nueva y crear una parroquia llena de la presencia de Cristo.

Sat Dec 22—Advent Weekday 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

8:30AM Mass: +Agnes Louise Gray by Gayle Wolfson
 4:00PM Mass: +Loretta Partington by John & Janet Partington

Sun Dec 23—Fourth Sunday of Advent Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

7:30AM Mass: +James Bradford by Wayne Westmoreland
 9:00AM Mass: For the Needs of All Parishioners
 10:45AM Mass: +Zimako Frank Chukwudi & +Ndubuisie Chukwudi by Chinenye Okeke
 12:30PM *Misa: Para las necesidades de todos los feligreses*
 5:00PM Mass: For the Needs of All Parishioners
 7:00PM *Misa: Para las necesidades de todos los feligreses*

Mon Dec 24—Nativity of the Lord (Vigil)

4:00PM Mass (Eng/Children): For All Parishioners & Visitors
 6:30PM Mass (Sp): *Para todos los feligreses y visitantes*
 8:30PM Mass (Eng): For All Parishioners & Visitors
 12:00AM Mass (Bilingual/Bilingue): For All Parishioners & Visitors
Para todos los feligreses y visitantes

Tues Dec 25—Nativity of the Lord

9:00AM Mass (Eng): For All Parishioners & Visitors
 10:45AM Mass (Eng): For All Parishioners & Visitors
 12:30PM Mass (Sp): *Para todos los feligreses y visitantes*

Wed Dec 26—

8:30AM Mass: For All Parishioners & Visitors
 7:00PM Mass: +Peter Schaefer by Carol Schaefer

Thurs Dec 27—

8:30 AM Mass: +For all deceased friars, family, and benefactors of the Franciscan Order by Conventual Franciscan Friars
 7:30 PM Mass: +In Memory of Rosa Ramirez by Rosa Huffer

Fri Dec 28—

8:30 AM Mass: +Bob and Mary Ann Kelly's Anniversary by Mary Ann Kelly

Sat Dec 29—

8:30AM Mass: +Andrew Justin by Dorice Brianvil
 4:00PM Mass: For the Needs of All Parishioners

Sun Dec 30—

7:30AM Mass: +Patrice & Andrew Fenelon by Dorice Brianvil
 9:00AM Mass: +Elda Cardi by Daly Family
 10:45AM Mass: Victoria Enwonwu, 88th Birthday by Francisca Ofili & family
 12:30PM *Misa: +Tomas Tello Padilla by Maria Leticia Tello*
 5:00PM Mass: +Colette Ahehehinnou by Somadjagbi Family
 7:00PM *Misa: Para las necesidades de todos los feligreses*

Week at a Glance ~ *Esta Semana*

SUNDAY DECEMBER 23RD

Baptism Sunday

MONDAY DECEMBER 24TH

Christmas Eve

TUESDAY DECEMBER 25TH

Christmas Day

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 26TH

THURSDAY DECEMBER 27TH

6:00 pm Legion of Mary, Board Rm (SD)
 7:00 pm Pentecostal Adoration, Upper Rm (JP)

FRIDAY DECEMBER 28TH

SATURDAY DECEMBER 29TH

SUNDAY DECEMBER 30TH

12:30 pm St. Martin de Porres, St. Francis Rm (SD)



QUESTION OF THE WEEK:


How can I give birth to Jesus in the words and actions of my life?

¿Cómo puedo yo dar linaje a Jesús en las palabras y las acciones de mi vida?



Prayer List ~ *Lista de Oración*

Dustin Pierce, Colin Swan, Linda Kotts, Victor Gonzalez, Chris Grossnickle, Julie Sanchez, Lysander, Mark Miller, Janet McCarthy, Tony Haponski, Zachary Knight, Tony Dunagan, Emma Clare Webster, Robert Reynolds, Carrel — Clemmons, Lillian Voghel, Donald Britt, Tony Hauck, Kelly Frazier, Lila Smith, Aurelio Tunnell, Tony & Pam Meza, Tom & Helen Zaworski, Bill Pierlas, Jonathan Cardin, Rachel Morgan, Patrick Sieben, Megan Milbourne, James Cary-Hamby, Ron Pinckney Jr, Jerl Bush, Jim Windon, Irma Fitzgibbon, Carole Carballo, Josephine Blasco, Aracelis Cintron, Stephen & Will Landkamer, Patricia Griggs, Sylvestre Kpangni, William Huffer, Patricia White, Don & Audrey Williamson, Jennifer Irons, Bill Hampton, Nancy Jamison, Martina Fishback, Becky Romeo, Charlie Bolds, Erica Robinson, Jim Keating, Rob Cunningham, Dan & Ruth Uyesigi, Anne Williams, Meri Gates, Bob Pokinghorne, Cathy Grant, James Ellis, Wesley Justus



The decorations on the Altar this week are thanks to the generosity of our Parishioners.
Las decoraciones en el altar esta semana son gracias a la generosidad de nuestros feligreses.

We Are Here to Serve / *Estamos aquí para Servirle*

Pastor Fr. John Koziol, OFM Conv.
Parochial Vicars
 Fr. Vincent Gluc, OFM Conv.
 Fr. Luis Palacios Rodriguez, OFM Conv.
In Residence ' Fr. Martin Breski, OFM Conv.

Deacons
 Rev. Mr. Matias Casal Rev. Mr. John Halloran
 Rev. Mr. Gregory Pecore Rev. Mr. Bob Rich
 Rev. Mr. Etienne Rodriguez Rev. Mr. Peter Swan

CALENDAR ABBREVIATIONS:

HEB = Hartmayer Education Bldg JP = John Paul II Ctr FH = Founders' Hall SD = San Damiano House SH = Scout Hut KH = KofC Hall

Time Talent Treasure Tiempo Talento Tesoro

Offertory / Stewardship



The Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Second Collection will benefit Catholic Charities Atlanta, which has a 60+ year legacy in Georgia of charity for our most needy brothers and sisters - a mission inspired by our Catholic faith. Many clients are members of the working poor who work several jobs and long hours to support their families; many are also facing a life crisis and are alone and frightened. Catholic Charities Atlanta staff helps to put them on the path to self-sufficiency. Please give generously where it truly counts. Help Catholic Charities to provide help and create hope for individuals and families in need in Georgia.

La Segunda Colecta de la Nochebuena y Navidad beneficiara a Caridades Catolicas de Atlanta. Durante 60+ años, Caridades Catolicas de Atlanta ha servido a nuestros hermanos y hermanas más necesitados en Georgia, una misión inspirada en nuestra fe católica. Muchos de sus clientes trabajan varios turnos y largas horas para mantener a sus familias; muchos enfrentan una crisis en sus vidas, y están solos y asustados. El personal de Caridades Catolicas de Atlanta les ayuda a identificar sus problemas y les proporciona los recursos para lograr la autosuficiencia. Por favor den generosamente donde realmente cuenta. Ayude a Caridades Catolicas para proporcionar ayuda y crear esperanza para las personas y familias necesitadas en Georgia.



All Parishioners who visit our sick Parishioners!

We would like to identify and organize all the selfless and compassionate parishioners visiting our sick, bringing the Eucharist and God's love. If you are currently visiting the sick, please provide your name, contact

information (including email if you have it) and who you visit either by email or by telephone to nemchiksusan@gmail.com or 770-461-9490. We need Spanish speaking Eucharistic ministers interested in serving as well. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, contact Susan at the above email or phone number. We will schedule a training session for both English & Spanish speaking ministers. **If you or a family member have a need for a visit, please contact the church office to give your contact information.**

¡Todos los Feligreses que visitan a nuestros Feligreses enfermos!

Nos gustaría identificar y organizar a todos los feligreses desinteresados y compasivos que visitan a nuestros enfermos, llevándoles la Eucaristía y el amor de Dios. Si usted está visitando actualmente a los enfermos, por favor proporcione su nombre, información de contacto (incluyendo correo electrónico si lo tiene) y a quien usted visita ya sea por correo electrónico o por teléfono a nemchiksusan@gmail.com o 770-461-9490. Necesitamos ministros Eucarísticos hispanohablantes interesados en servir. Si usted está interesado en servir en este Ministerio, póngase en contacto con Susan por correo electrónico o número de teléfono. Programaremos una sesión de entrenamiento para los ministros de habla inglesa y español. Si usted o un miembro de la familia necesita una visita, por favor comuníquese con la oficina de la iglesia para dar su información de contacto.

Ofertorio / Administración



The Gospel today tells of the Virgin Mary, pregnant herself, hurrying off to help her cousin Elizabeth. The model of good stewardship, she who had given herself to bear the Savior, gave her time and love to others as well.



El Evangelio hoy nos habla de la Virgen María, embarazada ella misma, se apresura para ayudar a su prima Isabel. El modelo de la buena administración, ella que se había dado para llevar al Salvador en su vientre, también dio su tiempo y su amor a los demás.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2018

Goal:	\$108,900.00
Total Pledged & Received:	\$145,209.78
Recurring Gift:	\$0.00
Recurring Received:	\$520.00
Amount Received:	\$99,909.61
Over/(Under) Goal:	\$36,309.78
Percent of Goal Pledged:	133.34%
Percent of Goal Received:	91.74%

Average Gift Amount:	\$261.64
Number of Donors:	555

Participation Indicators

Number of 2018 Donors	Number of 2017 Donors
555	656

KITCHEN PROJECT



Total received: \$177,726.16
Total pledges: \$137,797.95
Total estimated project cost: \$750,000.00

Stewardship Report for December

Week	Offertory	Online Giving	Total	Budget
2 December	\$23,031.69	\$7,625.00	\$30,656.69	\$30,355.00
9 December	\$23,624.48	\$4,424.00	\$28,048.48	\$30,355.00
16 December				\$30,355.00
23 December				\$30,355.00
30 December				\$30,355.00
Totals	\$46,656.17	\$12,049.00	\$58,705.17	\$151,775.00

2nd Collection — Retirement Fund for Religious — \$5,068.72



Learning from St. Francis

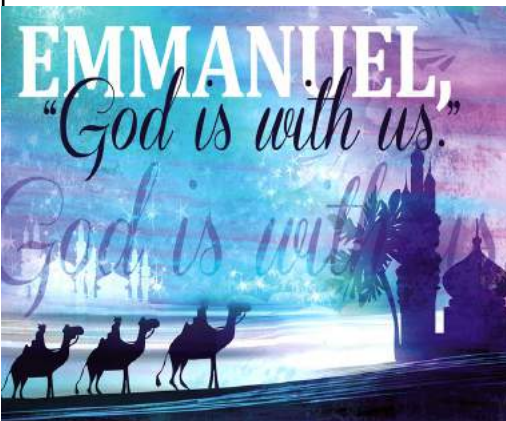
We are in much the same position as those shepherds on that first Christmas. We have heard the good news. What will we do with it? The shepherds took action. They left all they had to worship the newborn Lord. They risked humiliation sharing the strange message with others. Will we? Do we have the courage to live like the shepherds?

Aprendiendo de San Francisco

Estamos en la misma posición que aquellos pastores en esa primera Navidad. Hemos escuchado las buenas nuevas. ¿Qué haremos con eso? Los pastores tomaron medidas. Dejaron todo lo que tenían para adorar al Señor recién nacido. Se arriesgaron a la humillación al compartir el mensaje extraño con los demás. Lo haremos? ¿Tenemos el valor de vivir como los pastores?



The birth of the Messiah gives the church great hope. Although secular celebrations of Christmas ignore the significance of the holy day, the church gives us Advent to help us keep our focus. We reorient our hearts and minds to recall, once again, the mysterious glory of the Incarnation. In these weeks of yuletide preparation, we stop to remind ourselves what it means to be Christian, in case we have begun taking it for granted. To be Christian is to believe that God is truly with us, in the most personal, intimate way imaginable; he is one of us! "They shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.'" Through the Incarnation, God became human and lived among us to love us, to guide us, to heal us, and to strengthen us. It is the promise of a savior given through the early prophets, a promise that the faithful held dear as they waited. As that most beautiful of all anniversaries approaches, celebrate this season remembering the greatest gift ever given to every person--**the gift of a Savior.**



*El nacimiento del Mesías le da a la iglesia una gran esperanza. Aunque las celebraciones seculares de Navidad ignoran el significado del día santo, la iglesia nos brinda el Adviento para ayudarnos a mantener nuestro enfoque. Reorientamos nuestros corazones y mentes para recordar, una vez más, la misteriosa gloria de la Encarnación. En estas semanas de preparación de la Navidad, nos detenemos a recordarnos lo que significa ser cristiano, en caso de que hayamos empezado a darlo por sentado. Ser cristiano es creer que Dios está verdaderamente con nosotros, de la manera más personal e íntima que se pueda imaginar; ¡Él es uno de nosotros! 'Lo llamarán Emmanuel, que significa' Dios está con nosotros '. A través de la Encarnación, Dios se hizo humano y vivió entre nosotros para amarnos, guiarnos, sanarnos y fortalecernos. Es la promesa de un salvador dada a través de los primeros profetas, una promesa que los fieles mantuvieron querida mientras esperaban. Al acercarse el más hermoso de todos los aniversarios, celebre esta temporada recordando el mayor regalo que se haya dado a cada persona -- **el regalo de un Salvador.***

GRIEF SHARE: SUPPORT FOR THOSE GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE

GriefShare, a 13-week Christian video/discussion and support group for those who are grieving the death of a loved one will be soon at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 101 Walt Banks Rd. in Peachtree City. Sessions will be on **Wednesdays from 7- 9 pm, beginning January 16, or Fridays, 9:30-11:30 am, beginning January 18.** All meetings are held in Room #102 of the Faith Formation Building. Contact Tom McBrayer at 404-797-2488, or at ptmcbrayer@bellsouth.net for more information.





A MESSAGE FROM DARLEINE ARCE, OUR CATECHETICAL COORDINATOR

This Sunday, we read (and heard) in our Gospel about Mary's Visitation to Elizabeth. What an incredible journey both mothers embark on, not only in the physical aspect of journeying, but also through the



gift of the children that each bear and give to the world. Saint Pope John Paul II says in one of his apostolic letters, "The Eucharist is not merely an expression of communion in the Church's life; it is also a project of solidarity for all of humanity" (*Mane Nobiscum Domine* (2004)). In the visitation, Mary responds to this call by bringing Jesus in her womb, to her cousin, Elizabeth, and Saint John who leaped for joy in Elizabeth's womb! You are I are called to mission to bring the person of Jesus to others, so that their hearts may be changed by the encounter with the person of God

living in us. One of my favorite Christmas songs (err... or just for whenever) is a song called "Be Born in Me" which is about Jesus being born in Mary's womb. May this Christmas Season, Jesus be born not just in our homes to our Blessed Mother, but more importantly, may He be born in our hearts! Let us make an effort to respond to the call of mission by bringing Jesus to those who we meet in our day-to-day life and by responding to the needs of our community (local and abroad).

God Bless you and Merry Christmas!

Este domingo, leemos (y escuchamos) en nuestro Evangelio acerca de la visita de María a Isabel. Qué increíble viaje embarcan ambas madres, no solo en el aspecto físico de la jornada, sino también a través del regalo de los niños que cada uno lleva y da al mundo. El Santo Papa Juan Pablo II dice en una de sus cartas apostólicas: "La Eucaristía no es simplemente una expresión de comunión en la vida de la Iglesia; También es un proyecto de solidaridad para toda la humanidad" (Mane Nobiscum Domine (2004)). En la visitación, María responde a este llamado llevando a Jesús en su vientre, a su prima Isabel y San Juan, que salto de alegría en el vientre de Isabel. Tu y yo somos, también, llamados a la misión de llevar a la persona de Jesús a los demás, para que sus corazones puedan ser cambiados por el encuentro con la persona de Dios viviendo en nosotros. Una de mis canciones favoritas de Navidad (err ... o solo para cuando sea) es una canción llamada "Be Born in Me" traducida como Naced en Mí, que se trata sobre el nacimiento de Jesús en el vientre de María. Que en esta temporada navideña, Jesús nazca no solo en nuestros hogares en la persona de nuestra Santísima Madre, sino, aún más importante, ¡que el Señor nazca en nuestros corazones! Hagamos un esfuerzo para responder al llamado de misión llevando a Jesús a quienes nos encontramos en nuestra vida cotidiana y respondiendo a las necesidades de nuestra comunidad (local y en el extranjero). ¡Dios los bendiga y Feliz Navidad!

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Upcoming Events **Próximos Acontecimientos**

O Come All Ye Faithful

December 24: CHRISTMAS EVE MASS SCHEDULE // *NOCHEBUENA HORARIO DE MISAS*

4:00pm (English/Children) [*Mass for the Nativity of the Lord*]
 6:30pm (*Español*) [*Misa por la Natividad del Señor*]
 8:30pm (English) [*Mass for the Nativity of the Lord*]
 Carols begin at 11:15pm // *Los villancicos comienzan a las 11:15 pm*
 12:00 Midnight/*Medianoche* (Bilingual/*Bilingüe*)

[*Mass for the Nativity of the Lord*] // [*Misa por la Natividad del Señor*]

December 25: CHRISTMAS DAY MASS SCHEDULE // *DIA DE NAVIDAD HORARIO DE MISAS*

10:45am (English)
 12:30pm (*Español*)

NO 5:00pm (English) or 7:00pm (*Español*) Masses

December 30: THE HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH // *LA SAGRADA FAMILIA DE JESÚS, MARÍA Y JOSÉ*

Regular Mass schedule/*Horario de Misas Regular*

December 31-January 1, 2019: MARY, MOTHER OF GOD // *MARÍA MADRE DE DIOS*

(Holy Day of Obligation // *Día de Precepto*)

Monday 4:00 pm; Tuesday 10:45am (English), 12:30pm (*Español*)

January 5-6, 2019: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD // *LA EPIFANÍA DEL SEÑOR*

Regular Mass schedule/*Horario de Misas Regular*



**Parish Offices will be closed from Friday,
 December 21st at noon until Wednesday, January 2nd
 at 9:00am.**

Please call the emergency phone line for emergency situations requiring immediate attention.

Have a Blessed Christmas and a Beautiful New Year!

Registration for the St. Philip Benizi ESL and Citizenship Preparation Program will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, January 8 and 10, 2019, at the Hartmayer Education Building (HEB) Upper Level. CLASSES ARE FOR ADULTS 18 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER. If you have US Permanent Residency, (Green Card) and want to prepare for the US Citizenship Test. you may also register for the US Citizenship Preparation Class. Classes START on Tuesday, January 15, 2019, at 7:00 PM. NO CHILD CARE IS PROVIDED.

Volunteers to assist in the classrooms are need to continue with this very important program. No experience is necessary. All you need is to speak English and be able to commit to either a Tuesday or Thursday from 7:00 to 9:00pm.

Inscripción para el programa, Clases de Ingles y Preparación Para El Examen de Ciudadanía de St. Philip Benizi, se dará a cabo el martes y jueves, 8 y 10 enero, 2019, a las 7:00 PM en el Edificio Educacional Hartmayer (HEB) en la entrada principal. LAS CLASES SON PARA ADULTOS DE 18 AÑOS O MAS. Si tiene residencia permanente de los EE.UU. (tarjeta verde) puede inscribirse para las clases de Preparación para el Examen de Ciudadanía. Las clases comienzan martes 16 enero 2019. Ambas clases se imparten los martes y jueves de 7:00 PM hasta las 9:00 PM. NO HAY GUARDERIA DE NINOS.

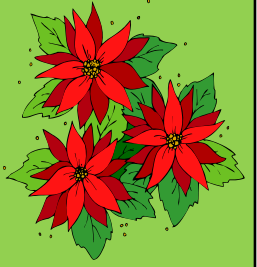
Necesitamos voluntarios para asistir los maestros en las clases y para poder continuar con estas clases tan importante. No necesita experiencia. Solamente necesita hablar ingles y comprometerse un martes o jueves semanal de 7:00PM a 9:00PM.



From the Friars:



As we prepare our hearts this Advent and look toward the light of the Christmas season, we have the time to reflect on the blessings that all of you, our Parishioners, have brought us this year. So many times this year, your selfless and loving commitment to this Parish has humbled us and made us so thankful. Please know that we will be praying for you and for your families at every Mass. We look forward to walking united with you into 2019 as faithful disciples of our Lord. Peace and all good things to all of you.



De Parte de los Frailes:

En lo que preparamos nuestros corazones este Adviento y miramos hacia la luz de la temporada Navideña, tenemos tiempo de reflexionar en las bendiciones que ustedes, nuestros Feligreses, han compartido con nosotros. Muchas veces este año, su compromiso desinteresado y de amor a la parroquia nos ha humillado y estamos agradecidos. Estaremos orando por ustedes y por sus familiares en todas las Misas. Esperamos caminar unidos con ustedes en 2019 como fieles discípulos de nuestro Señor. Paz y todo bueno para todos ustedes.

