

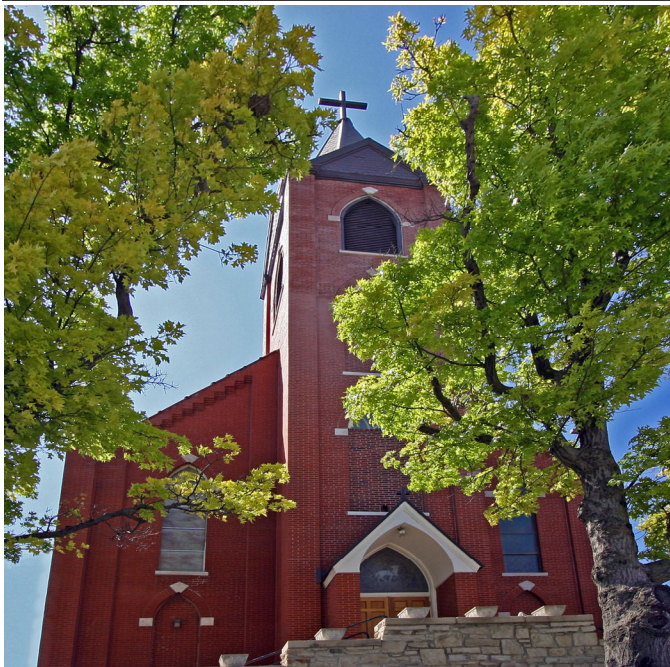
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

CROATIAN PARISH ON STRAWBERRY HILL

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Office Hours

Monday - Friday

8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Church Office

913-371-0627

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913-342-3324

Weekday Mass Including Adoration:

Thursday 8:00 a.m.

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday 5:15 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Confessions:

By Appointment. Call 913-371-0627

Rosary:

Saturday 4:45 p.m. and Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Marriage Preparation:

Notify the parish eight months prior to the wedding.

Pastoral Care of the Sick:

Crisis Prayer Line: 913-281-4448 or 913-608-5600

Anointing and Pastoral Visits: Contact Church Office

Parish Contact Information:

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St. Cecilia Choir / Organist

Matt Winterhalter

First Sunday

OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29, 2015

*There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars.
When these signs begin to happen,
stand erect and raise your heads
because your redemption is at hand.*

Luke 21:25, 28



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NOVEMBER 29, 2015 - 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Thursday, December 3

8:00 a.m. Nick Jaksa, Katleen Draskovich,
Ivan Tomasich, Steve & Cena Cavlovic.

Saturday, December 5

5:15 p.m. Branimir Dukovic, Sambol Family,
Tomecal Family, Michael Krznaric,
Mary Sirkovich.

Sunday, December 6

9:00 a.m. Parish Members



**December Coffee & Donuts
will be on the 13th of December
after 9am Mass.
NOT THE FIRST WEEKEND
OF DECEMBER**



**Christmas
Brunch**

The Altar Society Brunch, hosted by St. Bernadette's Circle will take place December 6th after 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Strawberry Hill Museum. Brunch will be served at 10:30 a.m. Please join us.

Altar Society doručak pripremljen St. Bernadette Club bit će dec, 6 poslije 9am mise u Strawberry Hill Museum doručak bude serviran u 10-30 molimo vas da dojdete.

Thank you , Nancy Gasparovic.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

December 5 - 6 , 2015

	5:15 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lectors	S. Stalker D. Stalker	P. Subasic J. Jaksa
Eucharistic Ministers	D. Peattie B. Horvat P. Campbell	R. Sambol N. Gasparovic P. Mikesic
Cantor	P. Eccles	Choir
Servers	M. Campbell	G. Lucie E. Grey J. Grey

WEEKLY COLLECTION

November 21 & 22

Week: \$ Collection not available
Maintenance: \$ at this time.
Loose: \$ Will be in next weeks
Candle: \$ bulletin.

“Grateful Hears, Merciful Acts”

As we gather with family, friends and loved ones to celebrate Thanksgiving, we are mindful of those in need of tenderness and compassion. Pope Francis reminds us that the “balm of mercy” is for everyone to share.

As part of the beginning of the Year of Mercy, we will make a commitment as a parish community on the weekend of Dec. 5-6. We will fill out Year of Mercy Commitment forms at masses that weekend to demonstrate our willingness to perform Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy throughout the year.

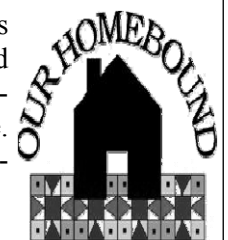
Resurrection Catholic School

The 4th annual Taste of KCK will be held on Saturday, January 30 from 6-9pm. Registration will open on December 1st. Tickets can be reserved on the school website, www.rcskck.org or by calling the school office at 913-371-8101. Tickets are \$40 each or \$320 per table of 8. Come join us for an evening of diverse cultures and cuisine to benefit Resurrection Catholic School. We have sold out all three years, so be sure to register early!

Resurrection Catholic School St. Nicholas Open House, a preschool and kindergarten information night, will be held on Thursday, December 10th from 5:00-6:30. Join us to find out what makes Resurrection Catholic School the best fit for your family. Parents will learn more about RCS while students have a cookie and milk, complete a craft and take a picture with St. Nicholas. For more information call the school office at 913-371-8101.

Please join Resurrection School to watch a short play about Our Lady of Guadalupe and pray the rosary with us on Friday, December 11 at 2:30 at the Cathedral of St. Peter. All are welcome for this prayerful and informative presentation by our 6th grade students.

If you have a family member who is hospitalized or homebound and would like to have a visit or receive communion, please contact the Church Office. Hospitals do not inform us of a parishioner being admitted to the hospital. Call Phyllis at 913-371-0627.





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in the sun, the moon, and the stars**

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Advent is a time rich in family traditions. Many of them have been so effectively absorbed into our culture that their religious origins are hidden. Some of us will set candles in our windows tonight. The custom began in Ireland during the so-called "penal" days, extending from 1691 to the

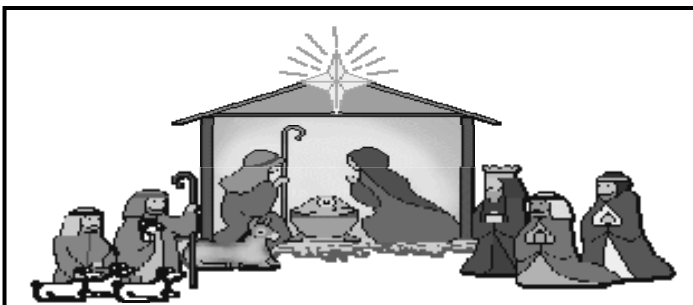
"Catholic Emancipation" in 1829 and beyond. There were harsh penalties and fines for not attending the government church. Priests were forced into hiding, but people were resourceful and determined in guarding their faith. At Christmas, Irish families, particularly in the countryside, placed a lighted candle in the cottage window and left the door unlatched, hoping that a priest might come by and celebrate the Christmas Mass for them.

The possibility of the Mass coming into the family home gave rise to other Irish customs at the beginning of Advent. The cottage received a fresh coat of whitewash, the threshold was swept especially clean, and fresh curtains were hung in the windows. The house was scrubbed until it gleamed, including all the pots and pans, and all garments and table linens were laundered. The custom of the Irish window candle was so admired in Catholic Europe that it was widely copied there, and now finds a welcome in households that may not exactly expect a priest to wander in!

—Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

St. Martin Lodge Meeting

November 29th at 1:00 p.m.
Church Basement



The Altar society at the Cathedral of St. Peter will be hosting the Annual Nativity display on Dec. 5th & 6th in the Parish Center. We want to invite members of your parish to participate by displaying one or more Nativity sets at this annual event. If you are interested in participating please contact Diane Hentges at 913-708-5323.

Catholic Social Services

2220 Central Avenue, Kansas City, KS 66102
913.906.8990 kwc@mountosb.org

Keeler Women's Center, a ministry of the Benedictine Sisters is located a 2220 Central Ave., KCK. All programs and services are free. Donations are welcome.

A Special Advent Retreat for Women, Learning to Wait: Using Advent to Deepen our Understanding of God's Time

- Wednesday, December 2, 6:30-9:00 p.m., a light supper will be served 5:45-6:30 p.m.
- Jenny Greene, pastoral minister at St. Teresa's Academy
- There will be time for input, sharing, reflection, and prayer. Reservations required.

Loss and Support: Dealing with the Death of Your Baby

- First Tuesdays of each month, (December 1) 6:30-7:30 p.m.

What to Do When Your Child is Sick

- Thursday, December 3, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
- Practical advice for parents on what to look for when a child is sick; when to call the doctor or keep a child home from school; what to do in an emergency; etc.
- Presented by Judy Nies in partnership with Yellow Brick

Volunteers are needed to teach English

- One and one-half hours each week, varies with the volunteer's schedule
- Materials and training provided
- Classes are held at library locations convenient for teacher and student
- Volunteers attend training sessions scheduled at Keeler for Tuesday, December 1, 5:30-8:00 p.m. OR Friday, January 8, 9:00 a.m.-noon
- Call Keeler Women's Center, 913.906.8990 to register and for further information

Gospel Non-Violence

- Study Group, Monday, December 7, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- Presented by Peg Burns Kerbawy, developer of Our Golden Thread, Gospel Nonviolence Curriculum Materials. In a world where bullets enter homes and violence disrupts our neighborhoods, where the news seems to report more and more killings, come and experience the message of non-violence that has been preached by Jesus and wise people through the ages.