

January 4, 2026

The Epiphany of the Lord



# St. Joseph

Catholic Church

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faith growing in  
God's love*

91 Stillhouse Road, Millstone Twp., N.J. 08510

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# EPIPHANY\*



## MASS

Saturday

5:00 PM

SUNDAY

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Mon. Tues. Wed. Fri.

9:00 AM

Masses are also

live streamed

## SERVED BY

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **Sunday – Jan. 4**

Children's Liturgy of the Word  
9:00AM – Mass  
10:00AM - OCIA  
11:00AM – Mass

### **Monday – Jan. 5**

9:00AM – Mass  
Religious Education Classes

### **Tuesday, - Jan. 6**

9:00AM – Mass  
10:00AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry  
Religious Education Classes  
7:00PM – Ladies of St. Joseph Meeting

### **Wednesday – Jan. 7**

9:00AM – Mass  
10:00AM – Legion of Mary  
7:00PM – Middle School Youth Group

### **Thursday – Jan. 8**

No Morning Mass  
7:30PM – Reader's Club

### **Friday – Jan. 9**

9:00AM - Mass

### **Saturday – Jan. 10**

5:00PM – Mass

### **Sunday – Jan. 11**

Feast of the Holy Family  
9:00AM – Mass  
10:00AM - OCIA  
11:00AM – Mass

### **Monday – Jan. 12**

9:00AM - Mass  
Religious Education Classes

### **Tuesday – Jan. 13**

9:00AM - Mass  
10:00AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry  
7:00PM – Men's Guild Meeting  
7:00PM – Building & Grounds Committee  
Religious Education Classes

### **Wednesday – Jan. 14**

9:00 – Mass  
10:00AM – Legion of Mary

### **Thursday – Jan. 15**

No Morning Mass

### **Friday – Jan. 16**

9:00AM – Mass

### **Saturday – Jan. 17**

5:00PM - Mass

## Mass Intentions + Readings

**Saturday** January-3 **The Most Holy Name of Jesus**  
(1 Jn 2:329-3:6 Jn 1:29-34)

5:00pm *Mary Puglisi* r/b Cliff and Anna Brunt

**Sunday** January-4 **The Epiphany of the Lord**  
(Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12)

9:00am *Don Zuigley* r/b Bill & Marie Schubel

11:00am *Olga Plummet and Sonia Martinez*  
r/b The Jocelyn Urbanski

**Monday** January- 5 **Saint John Neumann**  
(1 Jn 3:22-4:6 Mt 4:12-17, 23-25)

9:00am *Healing Intention of Marie Schubel*  
r/b Cindy & Rich Hill

**Tuesday** January-6 **Saint Andre Bessette**  
(1 Jn 4:7-10 Mk 6:34-44)

9:00am *JoAnn Licetti* r/b Gina & Peter Pezzino

**Wednesday** January-7 **Saint Raymond of Penyafort**  
(1 Jn 4:11-18 Mk 6:45-52)

9:00am *Don Zuigley* r/b John & Jean Semanchick

**Thursday** January-8 **Christmas Weekday No Mass**  
(1 Jn 4:19-5:4 Lk 4:14-22)

**Friday** January-9 **Christmas Weekday**  
(1 Jn 5:5-13 Lk 5:12-16)

9:00am *Robert Ruffe* r/b The Drake Family

**Saturday** January-10 **Christmas Weekday**  
(1 Jn 5:14-21 Jn 3:22-30)

5:00pm *Don & Sean Zuigley*  
r/b MaryJane & Bill Rauscher

**Sunday** January- 11 **The Baptism of the Lord**  
(Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Mt 3:13-17)

9:00am *Edna Simacek* r/b Frank Simacek

11:00am *Ernesto Boland* r/b Jocelyn Urbanski

**Sanctuary Candle... this week**

*Jim Kronenthal* r/b His Family



**Prayer Chain Contacts:**

*Patty Hileman-732-446-7651*

*Mary Costagliola 732-446-4255*

**Please Keep in your Prayers:**

The sick and the lonely, the safe return of our service men & women,  
for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life and for the hungry  
and the homeless.

Some thoughts from Fr. Mike...

Dear Friends,

The feast of the Epiphany is about *revelation*. God makes Himself known—not just to a few, not just to one people, but to the whole world. Today the light that first shone quietly in Bethlehem breaks open for all nations to see. The Magi are strangers, foreigners, outsiders. They do not belong to Israel. They do not know the Scriptures the way the scribes do. Yet they are the ones who see the star, set out on the journey, and arrive at the place where Christ is found. This alone tells us something very important: God is always reaching beyond boundaries, and faith is often found where we least expect it.

The Magi teach us that faith begins with *searching*. They see a sign in the heavens and refuse to ignore it. They leave behind comfort, certainty, and familiarity to follow a promise they do not fully understand. Their journey reminds us that faith is not about having all the answers, it is about trusting the light we have and taking the next step. But notice where their search leads them first: to Jerusalem, to King Herod. Power, prestige, and politics cannot reveal the Christ. Herod is troubled, defensive, and afraid because the presence of the true King threatens his control. The Epiphany reminds us that we can miss God not because He is hidden, but because our hearts are too full of fear, pride, or self-interest.

The scribes know exactly where the Messiah is to be born. They can quote the prophet Micah word for word. Yet they do not go. Knowledge alone is not faith. The Magi go beyond information; they respond with action. When they finally arrive and see the child, they fall down in worship. The journey ends not in explanation, but in adoration.

They offer gifts—gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These are not random treasures; they are confessions of faith. Gold for a king. Frankincense for God. Myrrh for one who will suffer and die. Without fully understanding it, they proclaim the mystery of Christ: true God, true King, given for the life of the world.

Then we are told something very important: *they departed for their country by another way*. An encounter with Christ always changes us. We never go home the same way we came. Epiphany is not just about Christ being revealed to the world—it is about Christ revealing something new in us.

This feast asks us a simple but challenging question: What star is God using to draw us closer to Him today? And just as importantly: Are we willing to follow it?

The world is still searching for meaning, hope, and light. In a time of division, fear, and uncertainty, the Epiphany proclaims that Christ is the light for all peoples—and that we, like the Magi, are called not only to seek Him, but to reflect His light to others.

May we have the courage to set out on the journey, the humility to kneel in worship, and the faith to return home changed—so that others, seeing the light in us, may also come to do Him homage.

Peace, prayers and love,

*Fr. Mike*



## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

Religious Education Classes do resume on Monday, January 5.

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## **LADIES OF ST. JOSEPH**



The Ladies of St. Joseph (our Parish Women's Group) will meeting on Tuesday, January 6 at 7:00PM. The meeting will be held at the Rectory. All women of the parish are welcome to be part of the Women's Group. If you have any questions, please contact JoAnn - [jannkronenthal@gmail.com](mailto:jannkronenthal@gmail.com). For dates and times of meetings and events visit the website at <https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/ladies-of-st-joseph>.

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## **MEN'S GUILD**



The Men's Guild, the Parish Men's Group, will meet on Tuesday, January 13 at 7:00PM. The meeting will be held at the Rectory. We welcome all men of the Parish. Come and meet the other guys and find out about the activities for the coming year. If you are not able to make every meeting – no worries – come when you are able and lend a hand with our activities. If you have questions, please contact Dave - [dcerulosr@gmail.com](mailto:dcerulosr@gmail.com).

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## **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE**



The Buildings and Grounds Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 13 at 7:00PM at the Rectory. Any member of the parish who would like to be a member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee or find out more information is welcome to attend the meeting. For more information about the Buildings and Grounds Committee contact Tom [tbarer@moneymailer.com](mailto:tbarer@moneymailer.com).

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## **PARENT CHILD BREAKFAST**



The Parent-Child Breakfast will be held on Sunday, February 1 after the 11:00AM Mass. Tickets are just \$5.00 per person. There will be a delicious breakfast, door prizes, and a raffle for basketball tickets – so plan to join us! It is a wonderful opportunity to make memories with your child(ren). Tickets are available at the parish office or to reserve your spot or if you have questions, contact Dave at [dcerulosr@gmail.com](mailto:dcerulosr@gmail.com).

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## **BAKE SALE**



The Ladies of St. Joseph will be holding a bake sale on Sunday, February 8 after both Masses. It will be a great time to pick up your Super Bowl desserts. Any donations of baked goods will be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off in the Parish Hall that day. For any questions, contact Jo Ann at [Jannkronenthal@gmail.com](mailto:Jannkronenthal@gmail.com).

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## **NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES**

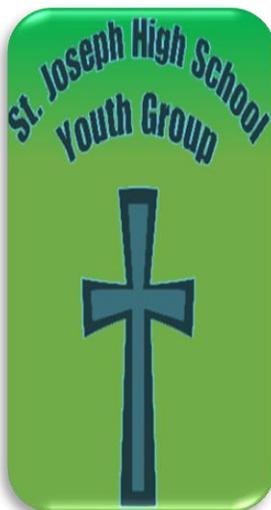
Please note that we have new email addresses:

Fr. Mike – [Frmike@stjosephmillstone.org](mailto:Frmike@stjosephmillstone.org)

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## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (HSYG) NEWS



**HSYG November Gathering Night** – The HSYG’s next Gathering will be on Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Come and join us as.

Our HSYG Gathing Nights are “Come as you are and come when you can.” Youth are welcome to invite their friends. Youth participants do not have to be members of St. Joseph Church or Catholic. All youths in the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades are welcome!

The HSYG is open to all youth in the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Youth are encouraged to bring their friends as all are welcome! If you have any questions concerning the HSYG, please contact Virginia Schlegel at 732-816-8422 or [rgsch71@aol.com](mailto:rgsch71@aol.com) .

## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (MSYG) NEWS



**MSYG November Gathering Night** – The MSYG’s next Gathering Night will be on Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> form 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Come and join us for a night of fun, food, friendship, and faith. MSYG Gathing Nights are “Came as you are and come when you can.” Youth are welcome to invite their friends to come and join them in the fun, food and fellowship. Youth participants do not have the be members of St. Joseph Church or even Catholic. All youths in the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades are welcome!

**MSYG Web Page** - Please check out the Middle School Youth Group’s web page at: <https://stjosephmillstone.org/middle-school-youth-group> for additional information or to complete the online youth registration form to receive direct communications about our future events.

The MSYG is open to all youth in the 6th, 7th or 8th grades. If you have any questions concerning the MSYG, please contact Leslie Tkachuk at 732-794-2556 or [latkachuk@aol.com](mailto:latkachuk@aol.com).

## FOOD COLLECTION



Thank you for your continued generosity with the food donations. There will always be a need for assistance with food for many people so we will continue to collect food, paper goods and toiletries in the bins inside the church entrances. After the first and third Sundays of the month volunteers will deliver the donated items to the Millstone Community Center where they are greatly appreciated and will reach those in need. ***Please check food for expiration dates or “best by” dates – items past the date cannot be given to others so please do not bring food that is past the expiration date.*** Thank you again for your generosity.

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## OCIA – ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



The OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults – *formerly known as the RCIA or Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*) is a faith journey for those who wish to be Baptized, those who are Baptized and are interested in joining the Catholic Church and those who have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation). The OCIA is a journey of faith where people are encouraged to discern God's call in their lives. It is not a typical classroom setting. Our Catholic beliefs are introduced and explained and *participants in the OCIA are encouraged to see how our beliefs, practices, Liturgies and Sacraments can have an impact in everyday situations.* Anyone and everyone is invited to "come and see" to find out if the OCIA process is what you are being drawn to in your life. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Fr. Mike – [fmike@stjosephmillstone.org](mailto:fmike@stjosephmillstone.org) or 732-792-2270.

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## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month. At the 9:00AM Mass and the 11:00AM Mass children up to 12 years old have the opportunity to hear the Gospel and a message in terms that are relevant to children. The Message is reinforced with some type of activity. Children's We can always use more adult volunteers to help with Children's Liturgy of the Word. If you are interested in helping, contact Vicki – 732-793-2270 or [vicki@stjosephmillstone.org](mailto:vicki@stjosephmillstone.org).

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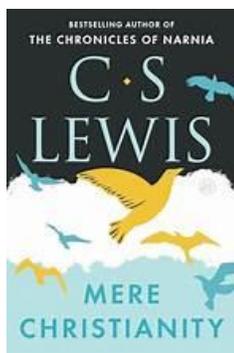
## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



The Prayer Shawl Ministry gathers to knit or crochet shawls that are given to those who are sick or going through difficulties in life. The purpose of the shawl is to offer encouragement and to allow the individual to be wrapped in the prayers of those who made the shawl. Especially in challenging times, it is good to know that we are not alone and can wrap ourselves in the prayers of others. If you knit or crochet you are welcome to join us. We meet every Tuesday at 10:00AM. You can make shawls from home as well. If you are in need of some comfort and would like a prayer shawl, just let us know. We will pray for you and do our best to get a shawl to you. For more information, or to request a shawl, please contact Pat - [314PMCD@gmail.com](mailto:314PMCD@gmail.com).

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## READER'S CLUB



The next book chosen for the Reader's Club is ***Mere Christianity*** by C.S.Lewis. *Mere Christianity* explores the core beliefs of Christianity by providing an unequalled opportunity for believers and nonbelievers alike to hear a powerful, rational case for the Christian faith. A brilliant collection, *Mere Christianity* remains strikingly fresh for the modern reader and at the same time confirms C. S. Lewis's reputation as one of the leading writers and thinkers of our age. The book brings together Lewis' legendary broadcast talks during World War II. Lewis discusses that which everyone is curious about: right and wrong, human nature, morality, marriage, sins, forgiveness, faith, hope, generosity, and kindness.

The meeting date will be Thursday, January 8 at 7:30PM. For more information about the Reader's Club or to RSVP contact Fran - [ambiofran@gmail.com](mailto:ambiofran@gmail.com).

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## **STAY CONNECTED – FIND THE LATEST NEWS**

Don't forget to stay in touch with parish events through social media. Find out what is going on at our website at [www.stjosephmillstone.org](http://www.stjosephmillstone.org). Connect with the parish on Facebook. Give our page a like to keep informed about events. You can find the parish page on Facebook at St. Joseph Catholic Church Millstone Twp. NJ or @stjosephchurchmillstone. Stay informed – stay connected!

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## **CHOIRS, CANTORS AND MUSIC MINISTRY**



Do you like to sing? Do you use your voice to praise God? The parish choirs would love to have you join either the St. Choir or the Children's Choir. You do not need to be a professional singer. If you have a good voice and feel comfortable in leading singing, why not use your talent to be a Cantor at Mass? Can you play an instrument and are willing to put your talent to use as we gather to celebrate Mass? Perhaps you would like to join the contemporary group. These opportunities do not demand a lot of time – just a commitment and willingness. If you would like to become part of a choir, serve as a Cantor or lend your musical abilities, you can email Kristine at [kris0373@aol.com](mailto:kris0373@aol.com) or sign up by visiting our parish website <https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/music-ministry>

*Let us always be willing to praise our loving God.*

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## **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Please sign up to serve at Mass. If Deacon Chris is present, we will need 2 Eucharistic Ministers. If Deacon Chris is not present, we will need 3 Eucharistic Ministers. The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board outside of the library. Thanks

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## **LIVE STREAM OF MASS –**

Masses are live streamed on Vimeo at <https://vimeo.com/event/106444>, on our parish website at [www.stjosephmillstone.org/live-stream](http://www.stjosephmillstone.org/live-stream) on our Facebook Page (*although it seems that Facebook and Vimeo are not working well together so it is best to use YouTube or Vimeo*) [www.facebook.com/stjosephchurchmillstone](http://www.facebook.com/stjosephchurchmillstone) and on the Parish YouTube channel [www.youtube.com/c/StJosephChurchMillstoneTwp](http://www.youtube.com/c/StJosephChurchMillstoneTwp)

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## **BAPTISMS**

Baptisms are celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month at 12:30 PM (There are no Baptisms during Lent). Up to four families will be scheduled for each celebration of Baptism. If you would like to schedule Baptism for your child, please call the parish office 732-792-2270.

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## **BAPTISM BIBS**



At the Sacrament of Baptism for infants, a white Baptismal bib is given to each child as a symbol that they have been clothed with Christ. We have been blessed with parishioners who have lovingly made the bibs. This gives it a special meaning since they come from members of the community. If any of those who have so lovingly made the Baptism bibs can continue, that would be very much appreciated. New people who would like to make the bibs are also welcome. If you would like to see a sample, please see Fr. Mike. The Baptism bib is a symbol of the newly Baptized child putting on Christ. The purpose of having parishioners make the bibs instead of using prepackaged felt bibs, is to demonstrate that we are all connected in faith and as community. While making the bibs, many have prayed for the child who will receive it. If you have questions or just want some more information, contact Fr. Mike or see him after Mass. Thanks!

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## Parish Giving

A convenient way to donate is through online Parish Giving. This is offered free of charge to you so that you may make donations by credit card or transfer from your checking account. Check it out at [WWW.stjosephmillstone.org](http://WWW.stjosephmillstone.org) and click on “Contribute/Donate” then click on the link for **Electronic Giving**. You can then set up an account or choose a onetime donation without an account. If you have any questions about this, please email or leave a message for Fr. Mike

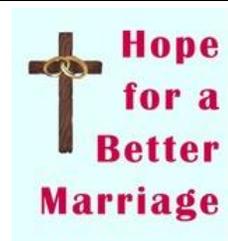
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### LEGION OF MARY

Do you have a devotion to the Blessed Mother? Do you pray the rosary? The Legion of Mary, an international Catholic Ministry, will enrich your spiritual growth as well as benefitting others. We meet on Wednesdays after the 9:00AM Mass. Anyone in the parish is invited to come to find out more about the Legion of Mary. If anyone is interested in taking the Visiting Pilgrim statue of Mary to their home, contact Claire – 732-995-0969.

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### RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE



Thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of February 6-8, 2026 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, call 215-766-3944 or visit [www.MarriageHelpDeVal.org](http://www.MarriageHelpDeVal.org). All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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### HELP US TO BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU

The Parish uses Flocknotes which is a program to send out email and text messages to parishioners. This will allow us to stay in touch about parish events, emergency closings and important information. To benefit from this, you must sign up with your cell phone number and/or email address. In the present time, it is important that we have a way to get news out to everyone. We will use Flocknotes to let parents know if Religious Education classes are canceled and we send out reminders about scheduled closings for holidays, etc. It is easy to be on the notification list – just text the code sjmill to 84576 and follow the prompts. You may also go to our website to be included – [stjosephmillstone.org/flocknotes](http://stjosephmillstone.org/flocknotes). Just enter your information and follow the prompts. You can then select the groups that you want information from. All information is confidential.

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### TRANSPORT PEOPLE FROM MILLSTONE MANOR TO CHURCH

On Sunday mornings, some of our parishioners transport residents of Millstone Manor to our Church for Mass. There is a need for some additional drivers to fill in the schedule. If you are willing to help, or want to find out more information, please contact Mickey at [brunonap@AOL.com](mailto:brunonap@AOL.com). THANKS

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The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop’s Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan Abuse Hotline: 1-888-296-2965 or via e-mail at [abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org). The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.

## PARISH INFORMATION

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<p><i>Vicki Craig, Pastoral Associate</i> <a href="mailto:vicki@stjosephmillstone.org">vicki@stjosephmillstone.org</a></p>	<p><b>Mon, Tues, Wed &amp; Fri - 9:00AM</b></p>
<p><i>Jean Semanchick, Parish Secretary &amp; Coordinator of Religious Education</i> <a href="mailto:Jean@stjosephmillstone.org">Jean@stjosephmillstone.org</a></p>	<p><b>Holy Days: as listed in the bulletin</b></p>
<p><i>Kristine Reide, Music Ministry Leader</i> <a href="mailto:Kris0373@aol.com">Kris0373@aol.com</a></p>	<p><b>Confessions: Confessions take place on Saturdays after the 5:00PM Mass or anytime by appointment.</b></p>

**BAPTISM** – The Sacrament of Baptism is normally celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 12:30 PM. Baptisms must be scheduled in advance by calling the Parish Office. Sponsors must obtain Sponsor forms from their home parish – Sponsors must be active practicing Catholics. The Sacrament of Baptism is not celebrated during the Season of Lent.

**Marriage** – Diocesan policy requires that arrangements for Marriage be made one (1) year in advance of the wedding. Refer any questions to the Pastor.

**Sick Calls** – Please contact the Parish Office when someone is seriously ill requiring a visit by a Priest. If someone is unable to attend Mass on a regular basis and would like to receive Communion please call the Parish Office

**Registration** – We are glad you are here and want you to feel like a full member of the parish. Registering as a parishioner helps us to know who you are and to stay in touch. Registration is required for sponsor forms.

**Sponsor Certificates** – This is a form required to be a Godparent or Sponsor for Confirmation. To receive a form, the following is required: -Be a registered, active (attends Mass) member of the parish (for at least 6 months); be at least 16 years of age; must have completed the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation; If married, have a valid marriage within the Church.

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