

**MASS INTENTIONS
JANUARY 4-12, 2025**



Saturday, January 4th

Vigil of The Epiphany of Our Lord

4:00 pm †Josephine & Michael Szczomak
Living & Deceased Parishioners

Sunday, January 5th

The Epiphany of Our Lord

7:30 am †Dr. Richard Mullen
(24th Anniversary)
9:30 am †Lucia Bustard
11:30 am †Judi Segalas
5:30 pm Misa en español

Monday, January 6th

11:30 am †Elaine Berry

Tuesday, January 7th

11:30 am †Marie Durigan

Wednesday, January 8th

11:30 am †Elaine Berry

Thursday, January 9th

11:30 am †Madeline Grigassy
(59th Anniversary)
†Clare Taylor

Friday, January 10th

11:30 am †Sal Ann DeStefano
(4th Anniversary)

Saturday, January 11th

11:30 am †Marie Durigan
4:00 pm †Teresa Olivo
†Leonore Kane

Sunday, January 12th

The Baptism of Our Lord

7:30 am Living & Deceased Parishioners
9:30 am †Jack Pricken
11:30 am †Judi Segalas
5:30 pm Misa en español



pray for the deceased

**RAFFAELE CAMPAGNA
1937-2024**

Raffaele was born in Calabria, Italy and lived in West Paterson. He was a shoemaker and specialized in orthopedics. He is survived by his wife Betina, son Francesco and daughter, Costanza and their spouses. Also survived by two grandchildren, Raffaella and Donato, brothers Fedele and Antonio and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister Maria Rosa.

May he rest peacefully in the Lord.



*SANCTUARY LAMP will burn
this week in Memory of
Myrtle Evans*



*EUCHARISTIC GIFTS
of Bread & Wine are offered
this week in Memory of
Joan M. Healy
(5th Anniversary)*

**Articles for the January 12th bulletin are
due in the parish office by Monday,
January 6th.**

2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

will be mailed directly to your home.



Sr. Jean Amore, S.M.I.C., Choi, David D'Arco,
Marc D'Argenzio, James Dean, Ann Dorning, Luca Favia,
Kelly Fleming, Sasha Gibbons, Rick & Carol Ann Gigli,
Gregory Hodkinson, Lisa Guarente-Hogan,
Mohammad Muslih, Grace Olivo, Joseph Pezzano,
Ronald & Nana Piazza, Richard Prospero,
Richard Ruggiero, Alyssa Stepneski, John Szczomak,
Jean Trommelen, & Bonnie Windley

***If you would like to add a name of a sick person to
this prayer list, please call the Parish Office.***



**Please join us for our first coffee &
of 2025.....
TODAY, January 5th !
In the Church Basement
After all masses.**

Religious Formation Schedule

***Classes Begin with 9:30 am Mass followed by
instruction in Bishop Manning Hall. All students
are required to sign in before Mass.***

January 5 th	10:30 am – 11:30 am
January 12 th	10:30 am – 11:30 am
January 19 th	No Class Attend Mass with your family
January 26 th	10:30 am – 11:30 am

FEEDING THE POOR AND HUNGRY

Once again, our St. Bonaventure's community generously supported the Father English Center food collection on Saturday, December 14th by contributing:

31 frozen dinners	60 lbs. frozen chicken parts
22 bags of groceries	29 cartons of canned goods
3 frozen hams	10 frozen turkeys
100 lbs. of rice	1 crocheted baby blanket
55 bags of coats and clothes	\$350 in donations

These totals include a \$350 donation to the Community Food Bank of New Jersey for the account of the Fr. English Food Pantry made by our Francis J. O'Byrne Knights of Columbus Council #240. Articles of clothing were again donated to Martin De Porres Village in Paterson.

In anticipation of this month's collection, please reflect on the prayer/poem by Howard Thurman entitled the Work of Christmas:

*" When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.*

Our Schedule for January is as follows:

FROZEN DINNER PANS

Saturday & Sunday, January 18/19

Available after all Masses in the rear of the church

FROZEN DINNER PICKUP –

Saturday, January 25th – 8:15 to 9:45 AM

In front of Bishop Manning Hall

NON-PERISHABLE GROCERIES –

May be dropped off at the same time or any time before January 25th in the rear of the church or the Parish Office.



La Virgen Peregrina

La Virgen Maria está visitando vuestra casa. Después de la misa del domingo, habrá un horario en la parte de atrás. Escribe vuestra dirección y teléfono en el día que deseáis llevarla por una semana.

Prayer for the New Year

O God of ages past and present,
you bring us comfort
and bless our days, nights, months, and years
with Your goodness.

Bless us as we receive the gift of this new year.
May we be open to your Spirit
With the hope and promise each day brings.

Keep us holy, healthy, and safe
So that each day we may praise you with joy.

Through Christ our Lord.

END OF YEAR UPDATES

Have you moved, changed your phone number,
have a new email address,
wish to use or not use weekly envelopes?
Please let the Parish Office know.

ST. BONAVENTURE PRAYER GROUP

St. Bon's Prayer Group has been meeting since 1992. Many parishioners have joined us through the years, and some have steadfastly stayed since the beginning. We meet each Tuesday morning in the Tailor Shop.

We start at 10:00 AM and end with Mass at 11:30 AM. Each week we will do morning prayer, read the Gospel for the up-coming Sunday, and discuss how it can relate to our everyday lives.

This is an invitation to please consider joining us. There is no obligation to attend every week – you can join us whenever it is convenient. Please let us know if you are interested or have any questions. We hope to see you there.
Marge and Joe Balough – 973-278-6152 or
mjbalough921@gmail.com



From the Desk of Fr. Alex.....

Happy New Year! As we step into January, the feast of the Epiphany arrives like a gentle reminder that faith is often about journeying forward. The Magi's story is one of courage and trust: they followed a distant star across deserts and unknown lands, seeking a truth they did not yet fully understand. In many ways, our parish life can feel like that too. As we stand on the threshold of a new calendar year, I know that some of our familiar routines may need to change. Certain ministries might need to adapt, evolve, or even come to an end. It can feel unsettling, like wandering through a quiet desert where we're unsure what comes next.

Yet the Epiphany teaches us that deserts are not places of despair, but of possibility. The Magi were not lost; they were guided by light. Each step they took brought them closer to encountering Christ. In the same way, whatever changes we face, let's trust that God's light still leads us. After all, the Epiphany celebrates recognition—the “aha!” moment when the Magi saw the Christ Child for who He truly was. If we allow the Spirit to guide us through these transitions, I believe we'll discover fresh opportunities to serve and grow. What might seem like a loss at first may open the door to something new and life-giving.

Looking beyond our own parish, the Church as a whole is celebrating a Jubilee Year in 2025. I recall with fondness the recent procession of diocesan parishes at the Cathedral, a beautiful sign of unity and hope. It's heartening to know that we are part of something bigger than ourselves. We're connected to a vast family of believers, journeying together toward deeper faith and understanding. This bigger picture gives me confidence that, despite the uncertainty of change, we're all walking under the same star, guided by the same love.

As schools reopen and daily life resumes its ordinary rhythm, let's keep our eyes on that guiding star. The Epiphany reminds us that hope lies ahead, not behind us. Even if some paths shift course, God's grace remains steady. So let's move forward with courage, trusting that through every detour and desert, Christ awaits us at the journey's end—ready to welcome us, transform us, and keep us growing together in faith.

¡Feliz Año Nuevo! Al comenzar enero y acercarnos a la Epifanía, recordamos que la fe es un camino que a veces nos lleva por terrenos nuevos. Los Reyes Magos siguieron una estrella, cruzando desiertos y lugares desconocidos, todo por encontrar una verdad más grande. A veces nuestra parroquia también enfrenta cambios. Tal vez ciertos ministerios necesitan adaptarse, algunos puedan terminar, o

debamos explorar nuevas formas de servir a nuestra comunidad. Estos momentos pueden sentirse como travesías por un desierto: silenciosas, un poco inciertas y hasta incómodas.

Sin embargo, la Epifanía nos enseña que el desierto no es un lugar de desesperanza, sino de posibilidades. Los Magos no estaban perdidos; seguían una luz que los guiaba. De la misma manera, cuando nosotros enfrentamos cambios, confiemos en que la luz de Dios sigue mostrándonos el camino. La Epifanía celebra el reconocimiento de Jesús como el Salvador por parte de los Reyes Magos. Ese “¡ajá!” de fe nos recuerda que, si dejamos que el Espíritu nos guíe, descubriremos nuevas oportunidades para servir, amar y crecer. Lo que al principio parece un final puede ser el inicio de algo mejor, algo que responda a las necesidades presentes de nuestra familia parroquial.

Además, toda la Iglesia se prepara para el Año Jubilar de 2025. Quizás suene lejano, pero la reciente procesión de muchas parroquias de la diócesis en la Catedral fue una hermosa señal de unidad. Nos muestra que somos parte de algo más grande que nosotros mismos. Este sentido de comunidad amplia nos anima a confiar en el futuro, incluso cuando no vemos con claridad lo que viene. Somos una familia de fe que camina junta, guiada por la misma estrella.

A medida que las escuelas reabren, que la vida cotidiana retoma su ritmo y que las luces navideñas se van guardando, no perdamos de vista la dirección de esa estrella. La Epifanía nos recuerda que la esperanza siempre está adelante. Incluso si algunos caminos cambian, la gracia de Dios permanece firme. Sigamos avanzando con valentía, sabiendo que a través de cada desierto, Cristo nos espera al final, ofreciéndonos su amor y llamándonos a crecer juntos en la fe.