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WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday-Friday at 12:05pm

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday (*Sunday Vigil*) at 5:00pm
Sunday at 8:00am, 9:30am & 11:30am

Misa en Español: Todos los Domingos a las 2:30pm

CONFESSION: Saturday from 4:00-4:30pm (*or by appointment*)

ADORATION: First Friday of each month after 12:05pm Mass

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY - JANUARY 2, 2022

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 1/1/22

5:00pm Hulda Annan
Renea J. Worth

Sunday

8:00am Anne Lundgren
Edmond Lyden Hannigan

January 2nd

*Epiphany
of the
Lord*



9:30am Daniel Murphy
Taryn Smith

11:30am Conrad Wilmar
Sister Ana Leticia Plascencia

Monday 1/3

12:05pm Baby Everett Kitts

Tuesday 1/4

12:05pm Edmond Lyden Hannigan

Wednesday 1/5

12:05pm Margaret Nowicki

Thursday 1/6

12:05pm Lorraine Latoraca

Friday 1/7

12:05pm Edward Metiver
James Lawrence Smith

Saturday 1/8

5:00pm Margaret A. Bergin
Joseph Zayac

Sunday

8:00am Samuel S. Ciccone
James Lawrence Smith

January 9th

*Baptism
of the
Lord*



9:30am Joseph Zayac
Antoinette Gugliemini

11:30am Michael A. Gerrety
Mark Boris

OREMUS PRO INVICEM

SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE



The Sanctuary Lamp,
which burns near the Tabernacle
as a reminder of our Lord's presence
in the Most Holy Eucharist,
was given in loving memory of:

Hulda Annan

The hosts and wine,
which will become the
Holy Body and Precious
Blood of our Lord, were
given in loving memory



Edmond L. Hannigan

*May they now be resting in the peace
of the Lord's heavenly kingdom!*



Kindly remember in your prayers the
following members of our parish family:

Meghan Aitkens, Leslie Blakely, Dorothy Charette,
Carole Cohn, Geoffrey Crann, Father Angelus Croce,
Archie DeMartino, Derya Demirtas, Katie DeSantis, Peggy DiBello, Kathie
Fetchko, Theresa Fusco, Frances Gely, Joan Guerrieri, Janet Happel, Michael
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Krystyna Poplawska, Emilia Rascionato, Fran Sanzo, George Scarpa,
Eleanore Shaffer, Gloria Steets, Michael Squillante, Delia Sutton, Emma Testa,
Noelle Thibault, Irene Towey, Daisy Valentin, Cathy Veluta, Donald Van Riper,
Frances Ann Sciarra and Rita Zimich.

MARIAN FLOWERS

The monthly floral arrangement which is placed in
front of the Blessed Mother's statue was giving in
loving memory of **Lieutenant Colonel Kevin
Ryan Herrmann**, given by Anne & Frank
Mallozzi for the month of January. We pray that
the Lord of all goodness will continue to bless
them with His grace and peace.

If you are interested in reserving future
months, please contact the Parish Center



THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY - JANUARY 2, 2022

WEEKLY DONATIONS



Christmas Masses

Basket Collection: \$ 18,535
Online Giving: \$ 455

Holy Family Masses

Basket Collection: \$ 5,242
Online Giving: \$ 1,775

What a wonderful weekend of joy and prayerfulness!
It was great to see so many new and old faces.
Once again, thank you one and all for your generosity
this year. The beauty of the church is only a mere
reflection of the beauty of the people who fill its pews.
May the Lord bless you and our family
with His grace and peace this coming New Year!

ADORATION



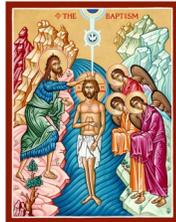
**“O Come let us
adore Him.”**

As we sang in our Christmas
carol, now let us put into
practice, as we come and
spend some quiet time
before the Lord in Adoration
which begins Friday,
January 7th after the 12:05pm
Mass and ends with
Benediction at 3:00pm.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Baptism of the Lord
January 9th

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



FOOD PANTRY

**Our food pantry will be closed
on Monday, January 3rd.**

*We will skip collecting food
one more weekend.*



However, if you still wish to make a monetary
donation this weekend, you may do so by
placing your cash, check or gift card in one of
the wooden boxes labeled “Saint Mother Teresa
Food Pantry” and we will do the shopping for
you in the coming New Year.

*The Saint Mother Teresa Food Pantry continues
to exist through the generosity of so many people.
We are truly grateful for your selflessness
and generosity throughout the year.*

Thank you one and all!

THREE C'S OF LIFE

Choices, Chances, Changes

*You must make a choice
to take a chance or
Your life will never change.*

RAFFLE WINNERS

**The winners of our Super 50/50
Faith Formation Raffle were:**



First prize (\$8000): Gary Giardina
Second prize (\$500): Henry Ellison
Third prize (\$500): Claudia Bensley
Fourth prize (\$500): Debbie Laurino
Fifth prize (\$500): Gary Giardina

FATHER ST'S CHRISTMAS HOMILY

On the Sunday before Christmas, Reverend Billy Graham was walking down Highland Street in Mount Holly, North Carolina, on his way to see a parishioner. However, he wanted to mail an important letter, so he stopped and asked a young boy on the street where he could find the nearest post office. When the boy told Reverend Graham where it was, he thanked him and said: "If you come to church this evening, you can hear me telling everyone how to get to heaven." The boy replied, "I think I'll give your sermon a pass Reverend, because if you don't even know your way to the post office, how will you lead us to heaven?" In essence, isn't that what we are all looking for? How to get to the post office... I mean heaven?

Waiting until the last second, as usual, Nathan went to the Rockaway Mall to buy his wife, a little gift for Christmas. Never having enough money, he thought long and hard about what that present should be. Unable to decide, Nathan went into the cosmetic section at Macy's, where he asked the girl: "How about some perfume?" She showed him a bottle costing \$150. "Too expensive," Nathan said. The young lady returned with a smaller bottle for \$100. "Oh dear," Nathan moaned, "still far too much." Growing a little annoyed at Nathan's comments, the salesgirl brought out a tiny \$20 bottle and offered it to him. Nathan became really agitated: "What I mean is I'd like to see something really cheap." So, the salesgirl handed him a mirror. In essence, isn't that what a lot of us are like with God, cheap? Cheap with our time, cheap with our prayers, cheap with our generosity, cheap with our kindness and words of encouragement for one another?

Each and every Christmas Season, I ask myself the same question over and over again: "What brings people to church on special holidays and holydays, like Easter, Palm Sunday and Christmas? I have shared with you in the past my personal philosophies and theories. This year, rather than try to figure out what is going on in your mind, I decided to try and figure out what is going on in my own.

It is my goal and objective each and every Christmas to try and find one family that has been away from church and encourage them to return next week and the week after. I certainly have my work cut out for me this weekend! As for those returning to church in a long time, the pews are full, the Communion lines are long, and I have the unpleasant task of telling everyone, you have to come to church twice this weekend! **Never easy!**

To achieve this task, I realize that I cannot take the route of fire and brimstone. I believe that you truly attract more flies with honey than you do with vinegar. As a young priest, I once asked how many people had to be put the church's address in their GPS in order to find it. I have also made comments about how I am not one of their former pastors or worse the ones that have died. I am not Father Brian, Father Peter, Father Davey and God rest his soul, I am definitely not Father Philip McMahon. First, I am neither Polish nor Irish, and Father Philip was the pastor in 1854!

So, how can I do this? What can I do? What can I say? How do I achieve my goal again this year? I know that I can go on and on about how "All Are Welcome" and how we are a family of faith and how we try to put our faith into action. The bottom line is that the decision to return has to be up to you!

I give everyone the benefit of the doubt, those who come regularly and those we have not seen since Ash Wednesday, that you all want to get that feeling in your

heart and soul that God loves you and you are loved by Him.

However, just like losing weight (another full-time job of mine) or having a phenomenal physique (which is not a full-time job), being a good Christian Catholic, just like the rest, takes **hard work, sacrifice and commitment**. They say the hardest thing about going to the gym is opening the front door. I believe the same is true about coming to church. The hardest thing is opening the church door.

It is called the "21-90 Rule;" which is pretty simple. Commit to a personal or professional goal for twenty-one (21) straight days and after three (3) weeks, the pursuit of that goal should have become a habit. Once you've established that habit, you continue to do it for another ninety (90) days. So, today I give you the "21-90 Challenge." Come for the next three (3) weeks, not for me, but for you, and see if there is a difference in your life, in your hearts or in your souls. If you have not been satisfied, I will return the \$2 you put in the basket!

Another thing I have been thinking about this year is that it is ok to say: "Happy Hannukah" and "Happy Kwanza" and even that stupid new saying from a clothing store: "Happy Alldays!" But if you dare say "Merry Christmas" you might offend someone. I say, **let's offend everyone this year!** Christmas (the Mass of Christ, the birth of Jesus) was established as a federal holiday in the United States by President Ulysses S. Grant on June 26, 1870. It was his attempt to unite the north and the south. Imagine the origins of our holy day was unity!

My one and only comment about those who are offended about saying "Merry Christmas" should be "get over it" but I am becoming a more gentle and kinder priest in the new millennium. I just want to say that those who are offended by our holiday, should go to work and work for straight time, no overtime, no day off and absolutely no bonuses (for this is our holiday). Even though Christmas might not be *your* holiday, it is still a **national holiday**. So being offended by our patriotic greeting is preposterous.

Ok, enough about being patriotic, I must remember I am trying to get people to return again. I digressed. Maybe I should just stick to telling jokes. I am sure that many people would love that, but as your priest and more importantly, as your pastor, I am entrusted with your spiritual well-being and just as if I sold you a car with an engine that I knew was bad, I must be forthright in our faith as well. I must tell you the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, not according to Father ST, but according to Jesus Christ of Nazareth and His Holy catholic Church.

"Merry Christmas" for us Christians means that in spite of our sinfulness, in spite of the darkness of our lives: *"We have indeed seen a great light."* Just as the Prophet Isaiah told us in today's First Reading: *"Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom, a light has shown. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing."* This is the essence of Christmas; joy and happiness. Saint Paul told his brother in faith Titus that we all should: *"Reject (our) godless ways and worldly desires. (That we should) live temperately, justly and devoutly in this age."* Here is the secret for those of you who want to feel that God loves you and you are loved by Him. Jesus, whose birthday we recall today is the *"Blessed hope"* that our Jewish brothers and sisters hoped for, for so many centuries.

HOMILY CONTINUED

For it was during the time of Caesar Augustus, and Governor Quirinius that an angel appeared to the poor shepherds and told them: *"Do not be afraid; for behold I proclaim to you Good News of great joy, that will be for all the people. For today is born for you, a Savior, Christ the Lord."* Again, here is the key to your yearning for meaning, happiness and joy in your lives. But, being forthright and honest with you, it will take **hard work, sacrifice and commitment. There is no easy way of being a Christian.**

Finally, let me say just a few words to our regulars; be patient, you will have your regular pews back next week. But more importantly, I was looking through the last few months bulletins and realized that you had been hit up on several occasions for several worthwhile fundraisers; you were asked to buy a Super 50/50 Raffle Ticket for Faith Formation, and two-hundred (200) of you did! You were asked to contribute to the Retired Religious Fund and so many of you were exceptionally generous. You were asked to meet and greet me across the street to celebrate my Silver Priestly Anniversary and as usual, Saint Joseph Church of Procrastination began with twenty-two (22) people and ended up with over one hundred (100). You were also asked to give to our poor sister parishes in the diocese and you did so by giving over \$3,000 in gift cards (the largest amount in years). You were asked to donate scarves, mittens, gloves and socks for our own food pantry clients and over two hundred (200) angel tags were taken and filled. You were also asked to buy a gift for your parish and again so many of you came through with flying colors, while you kept giving more and more to the collection to meet our weekly budget. Generous, giving, loving and supportive.

As I shared with our new bishop when he had dinner with me in the rectory a few months ago, I have found the people here at Saint Joseph Church, in Newton, to be some of the most generous and giving people that I have ever experienced in my twenty-five years of Priesthood. **This is what Christmas is all about!!!**

If you could have seen the faces of the people we shared chickens, turkeys and fixings at Thanksgiving time, you would donate a tractor trailer load next year. As I personally gave out the chickens and turkeys, I realized how truly lucky I am because many of these people would have nothing without our food pantry, Not to mention how humbling it is to stand in line for something free. That is why our volunteers are always polite, always welcoming and never judgmental.

Ok, as Deacon Tom always tells me as I approach this ambo, "Land the plane!" Well, I've been circling the landing approach for a while because what I have to say this week is so very important to us and hopefully to you.

Our lives have been changed forever. The lost have been found and the damned have been saved. All because of this little child born to us in a manger. As the shepherds returned, they were: *"Glorifying and praising God."* My prayer for you today, is that you too will return to your homes glorifying and praising God. But just remember when you see people this weekend, don't forget to wish them a very **"Merry Christmas!"**

Merry Christmas

JESUS CAN BE BORN IN ME



"I'm so glad that Jesus was born in a stable.
Because my soul is so much like a stable.
It is poor and in unsatisfactory condition .
Yet I believe that if Jesus can be born in a stable,
maybe he can also be born in me."

- Dorothy Day

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January 6-8th
ALL Christmas items 75% off

STORE HOURS:

Thursday and Friday: 10:00am-4:00pm
Saturday: 9:30am-12:30pm



HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

*The Parish Office is closed on
Monday, January 3rd
in order that our staff may enjoy the New
Year with their families and friends.*

HAIL MARY CAMPAIGN



We have reached our one million "Hail Mary" goal and now have moved onto two million, for the intention of the **The United States of America**. Families, friends and neighbors are all asked to join us in praying for Mary's protection and intercession. Your total amounts of Hail Mary's may be e-mailed to: hailmarysfortheUSA@gmail.com.

Our total to date is: 1,064,378

HYMNS FOR HOLY MASS THIS WEEKEND

PROCESSIONAL

"We Three Kings"

We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar. Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to the perfect Light.

Born a babe on Bethlehem's plain, gold we bring to crown Him again; King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. **R.**

Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh, prayer and praising, gladly raising, worshipping God on high. **R.**

Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume, breathes a life of gath'ring gloom; sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone cold tomb. **R.**

Glorious now behold Him rise, King and God and sacrifice: "Alleluia, alleluia!" Sounds through the earth and skies. **R.**

PSALM RESPONSE



OFFERTORY

"What Child is This?"

What child is this, who laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom Angels greet with athens sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain: This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and Angels sing; haste, haste to bring Him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian fear for sinners here, the silent Word is pleading. **R.**

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh; come peasant King to own Him. The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone Him. **R.**

COMMUNION

"The First Noel"

The first Noel, the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star, shining in the East, beyond them far, and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. **R.**

And by the light of that same star, three wise men came from country far; to seek for a King was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. **R.**

This star drew nigh to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest; and there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay. **R.**

Then entered in those wise men three, full rev'rently upon their knee, and offered there, in His presence, their gold and myrrh and frankincense. **R.**

RECESSIONAL

"Joy to the World"

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King; let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns: let us, our songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove, the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of His love, and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST PARISH PRAYER

O Christ, present
in The Most Blessed Sacrament of the altar,
we come before You on this year dedicated
to Your presence under the appearance
of bread and wine.
May we who approach Your holy altar
always come before You
with contrite hearts and renewed spirits,
so that we may truly renew
the face of the earth.
Be with us during this Holy Year
in the Diocese of Paterson
as we give special praise to You,
the "Source and summit" of our Catholic faith.

May Your Sacred Heart,
in The Most Blessed Sacrament,
be praised, adored, and loved
with grateful affection, at every moment,
in all the tabernacles of the world,
even to the end of time.

Amen.

PLEASE SUPPORT THOSE WHO SUPPORT OUR PARISH FAMILY



This week we pause to remember our fallen heroes: Deputy Sheriff David Cook, Officer Chad Christiansen, Police Officer Keona Holley, Police Officer Jeremy Wilkins, Agent Jose Pabon, Lieutenant Matthew Vogel and Deputy Sean Riley who were killed in the line of duty or from the complications of the pandemic this past week.

We continue to pray for these heroes and all those who have given of their very lives in the course of serving and protecting their communities.

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*“Those who trust
in Him shall
understand truth,
and the faithful
shall abide with
Him in love.”*

- Wisdom 3:9

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.



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of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and do You, O Prince of the heavenly host,
by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan
and the other evil spirits who prowl about the
world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

-Pope Leo XIII (1864)



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