

# ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

OVER A CENTURY OF CATHOLIC PRESENCE

January 2, 2022



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## *The Epiphany* OF THE LORD

Magi from the east  
arrived in Jerusalem, saying,  
"Where is the newborn  
king of the Jews?  
We saw his star at its rising and  
have come to do him homage."

Matthew 2:1-2



### MISSION STATEMENT

"IN SINCERE GRATITUDE AND WITH GRACE IN OUR HEARTS, ST. JOSEPH PARISH CALLS GOD OUR ONE FATHER. HIS LIFE IS SHOWN TO US THROUGH JESUS AS HIS SON AND OUR SAVIOR. IN THE SPIRIT OF THAT SAME DIVINE LIFE WE REMEMBER, PROFESS AND PRACTICE AS A FAMILY OF BELIEVERS SO THAT THE GOSPEL MAY BE LIGHT AND LEAVEN TO OUR WORLD."

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## **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**January 2, 2022**

### **SUNDAY MASS**

**Sunday - 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM and a  
1:30 PM Spanish Mass**

### **DAILY MASS**

**Monday through Friday - 8:00 AM  
Thursday - 7:00 PM, Spanish Mass**

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Thursdays, from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.,  
in the Church.**

### **CONFESSIONS**

**Saturday mornings, from 11:00 a.m. until noon, in  
the Church.**



Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!  
Your light has come,  
the glory of the Lord shines upon you!  
—Isaiah

Dear Parish Family,

Greetings on this New Year of grace, 2022!



We welcome the continued blessings of this Christmas season as we are mindful of the wonderful feast of the Epiphany today and the joy of the Baptism of the Lord in one week. Please try to keep some reminders of the Christmas spirit in your decorations during these days given us by the life of our faith.

Please continue to visit the parish website to enjoy the many pictures posted of the various moments shared during these memorable days of Christmas. A warm thank you to our dedicated ministries of music, lectors, eucharistic ministry, ushers, altar servers, youth and volunteer cleaning for making the church experience so special. Thanks to each of you for your response in prayer and support over this blessed Christmas season. Your care and concern are most inspiring!

Our next fellowship sharing is scheduled for the weekend of January 22/23 in the church hall after all of the Masses. Please feel free to bring some baked items to share and enjoy a cup of coffee and then spend some time meeting one another as a parish family.

Please be careful during the colder weeks ahead as we will be putting ice melt on the steps and entranceways as needed. Thank you for wiping your shoes as you enter as this helps to keep the church floor a bit cleaner.

Happy and Healthy 2022 to all,

*Msgr. John*



## **SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism (English):** The second Saturday of the month at 1:00 PM.

**Baptism (Spanish):** The first Sunday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

Please arrange for the obligatory preparation session by calling the Parish Office.

**Pastoral Care of the Sick:** The Holy Eucharist and the Anointing of the Sick are available to the sick and shut-ins upon request.

**First Penance, First Eucharist, Confirmation:** Children are expected to receive a Catholic upbringing in their family life, to worship regularly at Sunday Mass, and to receive ongoing Religious Education in the years preceding the reception of these sacraments.

**Matrimony:** To allow ample time for preparation, please contact the Parish Office at least one year before the intended wedding date.

**Holy Orders or Religious Life:** If you are considering serving God as a Priest, Deacon or Religious, you may contact your Parish Priest or Deacon; or phone the Office of Vocations at 732-562-2457 for additional information.

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

5:00 PM (*Saturday evening Vigil Mass*)  
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM  
1:30 PM - Spanish Mass

Monday to Friday: 8:00 AM; Saturday: 8:30 AM  
Thursday: 7:00 PM - Spanish Mass  
St. Peregrine Mass for the Sick  
Second Thursday of the month - 7:00 PM

**Recitation of Rosary before 8am Daily Mass**

### **CONFESSIONS**

Saturday: 11:00 AM

### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Weekdays: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

<b><u>Parish</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>
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### **MAILING ADDRESS**

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Parish Office Fax	732-541-0500
Religious Education	732-969-8767
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St. Vincent de Paul Society	732-541-8946 x108

## **PARISH SERVICES**

**Parish Registration:** New parishioners are welcome. Please call the parish office to register. Please inform us if you move.

**R.C.I.A.:** Adults inquiring about the Catholic Church with a desire to become Catholic are invited to call the parish office for information about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

**Parish Organizations:** Adult Choir, Children's Choir, Ministry to the Sick & Elderly, RCIA Team, Food Pantry, Hispanic Ministry, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Home School Association, Athletic Association, and Catechetical Instruction.

**Sponsorship:** To act as a Godparent for Baptism or sponsor for Confirmation, the sponsor must be a baptized Catholic, Confirmed, received Communion, and live a morally good life; if married, done so within church law. Ordinarily the sponsor must be at least 14 years old.

**WEBSITE:** [sjps.net](http://sjps.net)

**EMAIL:** [stjosephchurch@sjps.net](mailto:stjosephchurch@sjps.net)



## JUST A LITTLE Reminder



**January 22 & 23** we will be having fellowship after all Masses. Please remember to bring in baked goods to share with the parish community.

## A Prayer for the New Year

Lord,  
Whether I leave behind  
a year of joy or of trials and difficulties,  
I pause to *give thanks*.  
Thank you for being with me  
every day of every year.  
Thank you for making all things *new*  
and for giving me the grace of  
fresh starts  
and *new beginnings*.  
Remind me of your presence in the days to  
come,  
even when I feel pushed and rushed by  
busyness.  
**Be glorified in my life this year.**  
*Amen*

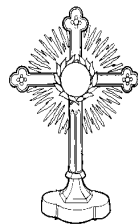


**Saint Joseph Parish** new Life Care Center, is now open. It is located at 55 High Street.

The Life Care Center is a non-profit information center for moms to be. The Life Care Center provides compassionate Pro-Life support to women and men faced with pregnancy decisions. Pregnancy isn't always expected and can often come at a difficult time; that's where our pregnancy centers comes in. With our center you can trust that you'll only receive accurate Pro-Life information, pregnancy and material resources and confidential services, without charge. Our Hours are Monday, Thursday, and Saturday 9a.m. –12p.m.

## TOGETHER IN CHARITY COLLECTION

On the weekend of January 9/10, 2022 the annual "Together in Charity" collection will be taken up at all Masses. The proceeds of this collection helps to fund Catholic Charities' Parish Assistance Program, which provides 24 hour / seven-day-a-week assistance to parishes faced with individuals and families with serious and urgent financial, housing or medical needs. In 2021, over 43% of the parishes in the Diocese availed themselves of this program. Please give generously to this collection and contribute to making this a blessed new year for a family or individual in crisis.



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursdays in the Church Chapel

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

*Restoration, sanctification, transformation, reparation, and salvation are the graces being poured out graciously upon us with each Holy Hour we make. -Excerpt from Letter To A Brother Priest*

**Join us for Eucharistic Adoration.** Prayer and meditation before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament are great ways to spend some special time with Him. You can ask Him for graces for yourself or for loved ones, reflect on His Word, or just keep Him company!

## Annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass & Pro-Vita Awards

Friday, January 14, 2022 at 5 pm  
at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi,  
Metuchen. All are welcome!

## Rally for Life at the Statehouse in Trenton, NJ

Friday, January 14, 2022 at 11 am.  
For bus information, please contact Angela  
at [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org).



## MARCH FOR LIFE

The March for Life will take place as a normal on-site event on:

Friday, January 21. Please be sure to check the March for Life [website](http://www.marchforlife.org) directly for related updates concerning travel and other logistical details.



3 WAYS TO JOIN

[9DaysforLife.com](http://9DaysforLife.com)



**JANUARY 19-27, 2022**

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Join today at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)!



## PRAYER TO END ABORTION

*Lord God, I thank You today for the gift of my life, and for the lives of all my brothers and sisters. I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion, yet I rejoice that You have conquered death by the Resurrection of Your Son. I am ready to do my part in ending abortion. Today I commit myself never to be silent, never to be passive, never to be forgetful of the unborn. I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement, and never to stop defending life until all my brothers and sisters are protected, and our Nation once again becomes a Nation with liberty and justice – not just for some, but for all. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

# CATHOLIC CORNER

## THEY OPENED THEIR TREASURES

Today is the feast of the Epiphany. The word *epiphany* means "a sudden realization" or "a revelation." What was revealed that we celebrate on this feast? What did the magi suddenly realize? Matthew is the only Gospel writer who tells us the story of the magi (also sometimes called the Three Kings or Three Wise Men), and he simply writes that magi from the East came searching for the "newborn king of the Jews" (Matthew 2:1-12).

They were probably astrologers, astronomers, or philosophers rather than kings. So how did we come to sing a Christmas carol about three kings? Why do we think that there were three? Some people say it was because of the number of gifts—one for each of the magi. Legend tells us that their names were Melchior, Caspar, and Balthazar. Where did we learn this?

A Latin work called *Excerpta et Collectanea* ("Excerpts and Collection"), attributed to the eighth-century historian St. Bede, offers some interesting details. The carol "We Three Kings of Orient Are" includes parts of Bede's story. Together the men represented the continents of Europe, Asia, and Africa. Today pilgrims honor the Three Kings at the famous shrine in Cologne, Germany, known as the City of the Three Kings. You can see pictures of this shrine on the Internet. This is how St. Bede named and described them.

Melchior was an old man, with white hair and long beard.

He offered gold to Jesus as a sign that Jesus was a king.

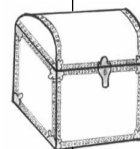
Caspar was a young, beardless man with a ruddy complexion.

He offered Jesus a gift of incense, a sign that Jesus was divine.

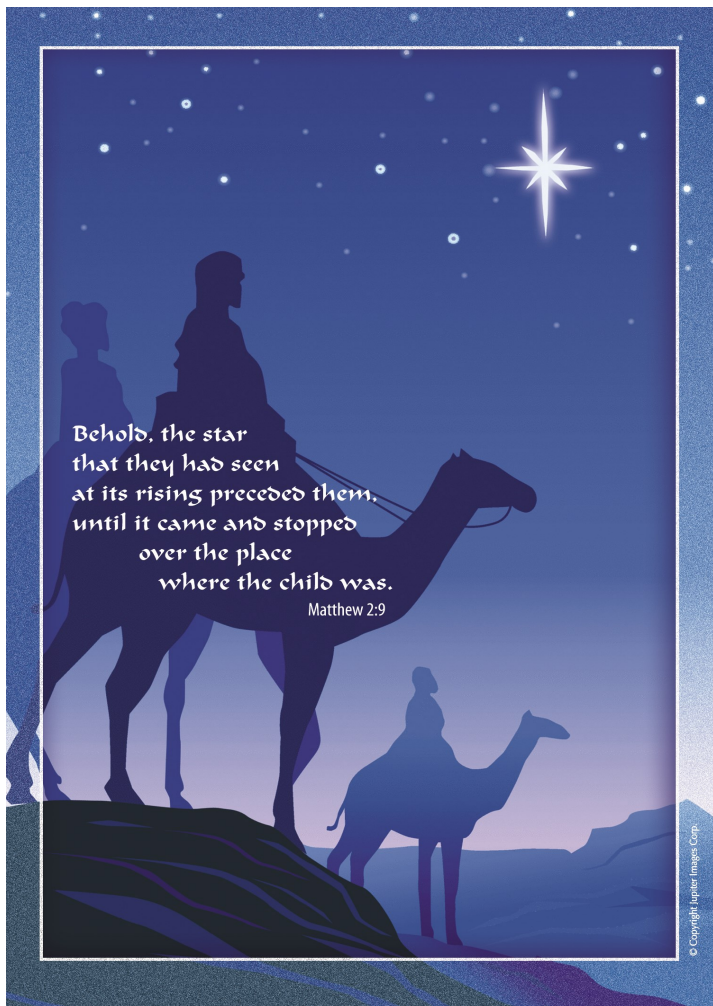
Balthazar was a heavy-bearded man of black complexion.

His offering of myrrh prefigured the death of Jesus, the "Son of Man."

Draw a picture of each king next to the gift he brought following the descriptions of St. Bede.



The magi opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.  
Matthew 2:11



## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

The Epiphany of the Lord  
At the Mass during the Day  
O God, who on this day  
revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations  
by the guidance of a star,  
grant in your mercy  
that we, who know you already by faith,  
may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

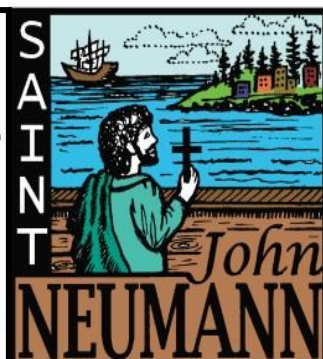
## Reflection question:

What can I do this week to come to know God better?



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

January 4<sup>th</sup>



SAINT John NEUMANN

January 5<sup>th</sup>



## MASS INTENTIONS



### SUNDAY January 2<sup>nd</sup> EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:00 AM + All of the Unborn  
10:30 AM + Kevin Setar  
1:30 PM + People of the Parish.

### MONDAY January 3<sup>rd</sup>

*Christmas Weekday  
Holy Name of Jesus*

8:00 AM + Edward Benson Sr.

### TUESDAY January 4<sup>th</sup>

*Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*

8:00 AM + Raymond Horrigan

### WEDNESDAY January 5<sup>th</sup>

*Saint John Neumann, bishop*

8:00 AM + Harvey Strauss

### THURSDAY January 6<sup>th</sup>

*Christmas Weekday  
Saint Andre Bessette, Religious*

8:00 AM + Edward Szymborski

11:30 AM Adoration

7:00 PM + All the Souls in Purgatory

### FRIDAY January 7<sup>th</sup>

*Christmas Weekday  
Saint Raymond of Penafort, Priest*

8:00 AM + Chappy Thatcher

### SATURDAY January 8<sup>th</sup>

*Christmas Weekday*

8:30 AM + Mr. And Mrs. Joseph Tomchak

5:00 PM + Daniel Pagan

### SUNDAY January 9<sup>th</sup>

*BAPTISM OF THE LORD*

8:00 AM + People of the Parish  
10:30 AM + James Failace  
1:30 PM + All of the Unborn

**\*\*Recitation of Rosary before 8am Daily Mass\*\***

### PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

*If you have requested a Mass to be celebrated for your intention and would like to present the gifts that will become the Body and Blood of Christ at that Mass, please be sure to inform one of the ushers before Mass; otherwise, they will*

### INTENTIONS ~ January 2 - January 8

The **St. Joseph Church Sanctuary Lamp** burns in loving memory of *Helen and John Shalaida* requested by their grandson Anthony Russo.

**"For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under Heaven..."**

**a time to heal...** for those in our Parish who are ill and especially for *Alice Benson, Anthony LaMotta, Angelina Virola, Betty Ann Feeney, Constance Sewing, Helen Lurker, Joey Conti Sr., Josie Gibbs, Kirsten Kisselman, Mary Warren, Ray Sewing, Raymond Sewing, Robert Sulo and Theresa Tumolo.*



Registration Information

**St Joseph Parish office** is currently in the process of updating our parishioner files. If you have not done so already, please update your family information. Complete information below and return to parish office.



Family Envelope Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Do you receive envelopes? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
Family Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
His First Names: \_\_\_\_\_  
Her First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name of Children: \_\_\_\_\_  
: \_\_\_\_\_  
: \_\_\_\_\_

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52  
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Lk 4:14-22  
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16  
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30  
Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

### SACRIFICIAL GIVING

#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

December 19<sup>th</sup> 2021 Parish \$6585.32

December 26<sup>th</sup> 2021 Parish TBD



Thanks for Your Support!

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.  
—Psalm 72

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My only ambition is to serve God in the most humble tasks.

**St. André Bessette**

*20th-century Canadian lay brother and porter. He miraculously healed thousands through the intercession of St. Joseph.*

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January 6



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