

St. John/St. Francis de Sales

January 5, 2025

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

4:00 p.m. (SF) and 5:30 p.m. (SJ)

Sunday

9:00 a.m. (SF) and 11:00 a.m. (SJ)

Weekday Mass

M., T., W., & T. at 9:00 a.m. (SJ)

Holy Days

Vigil evening before 4:00 p.m. (SF)
On the Holy Day 9:00 a.m. (SJ)

BULLETIN

Articles for the bulletin are needed
by 3 p.m. Monday, for the following
Sunday. Send email to
bulletineditor@sjwoodstock.org

SACRAMENTS

Confession: Saturday, 3:30 p.m.
(SF) and Sunday, 10:30 a.m. (SJ)

Baptism: Baptisms are on the 2nd
Sat. of each month at 10 a.m.
(alternating between SJ & SF).

Baptism Class (3rd Sat.) is
required—please register on our
website and call St. John's rectory to
notify us that the form has been
completed.

Marriage: Please call St. John's
rectory 6mths in advance.

**Visitation of the Sick and
Communion for Homebound:**
Please call St. John's rectory.

Welcome to our Parish Family! Register online at <https://www.sjwoodstock.org/new-members>
The parents of Religious Education children must be officially registered in our parish.

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The Epiphany of the Lord—January 5, 2025

Gathered from every nation, we come to adore Christ the Lord,
and to receive his saving grace.



Date	SJ/ SF	Time	Mass is offered for	At the request of
01/04	SF	4:00p	The Wayman Family	Barbara DeMaria
01/04	SJ	5:30p	†John Hurl	Milly & Paul Atzberger
01/05	SF	9:00a	†Edward Patterson	Finola Ryan
01/05	SJ	11:00a	†Brian Cohen	Jim & Michelle Moran
01/06	SJ	9:00a	†Catherine Lucy Green	Margot Molnar
01/07	SJ	9:00a	Mass for the People	
01/08	SJ	9:00a	†Peter Beckert	Margot Molnar
01/09	SJ	9:00a	†Daryl Anne Florio	Francis P. Florio
01/11	SF	4:00p	†Patricia Martin	Friends
01/11	SJ	5:30p	†Michael Hendricks	The Family
01/12	SF	9:00a	Open Intention	
01/12	SJ	11:00a	Living and Deceased Members of the Renner & Zambrella Families	

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.



We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

Blessing, Fr. Kiely

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem shall be a light to all nations.

Second Reading Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6

Gentiles are coheirs in the promise of Christ.

Gospel Reading Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.

Second collection for January 5th is for Catholic Communications Campaign and The Catholic University of America (Combined).

READINGS FOR WEEK & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Mon Christmas Weekday [USA: Saint André Bessette, Religious]
1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25 (212) Pss II

Tue Christmas Weekday [Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest]
1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44 (213)

Wed Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52 (214)

Thu Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a (215)

Fri Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16 (216)

Sat Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30 (217)



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ST. JOHN ...

God bless all our SJ parishioners who have special birthdays, anniversaries, & celebrations this month!



HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAY TO:

*Nora Ahern 1/6 * Fredrick Aliberte 1/9 * John Amao 1/17 * Lisa Beckerman 1/31 * Miranda Bernholz 1/7 * Gregory Brennan 1/9 * Kathryn Brocker 1/8 * Bradford Browning 1/1 * Shane Callahan 1/16 * Ivette Caraballo 1/13 * Megan Carroll 1/25 * Molly Carroll 1/25 * Kathy Cerulli 1/10 * Matthew Cerulli 1/9 * Nicholas Christofora 1/3 * Anthony Cobey 1/4 * Ian Delisio 1/6 * Deanna Delvino 1/13 * Helen Devoe 1/29 * Grace DiNapoli 1/9 * Jeremy Donelson 1/14 * Stephen Donelson 1/29 * Suzanne Downie 1/11 * Joshua DuBois 1/5 * Dolores Ellsworth 1/5 * Tanner Evans 1/12 * Christopher Farcher 1/24 * Robert Fassbender 1/9 * Frank Fauci 1/27 * Linda Faulkner 1/24 * Lorraine Fitzpatrick 1/24 * Maryann Fraser 1/18 * Melissa Fraser 1/29 * Lisa Garofalo 1/15 * Jenine Gironda 1/4 * Eric Gorman 1/15 * Stephen Greener 1/6 * Chris Kiegle 1/22 * George Lamoreaux III 1/23 * Joel Landman 1/10 * Gregory Lockmer 1/16 * Jessica Lohwasser 1/1 * Wilson Louis-Charles 1/3 * Thaddeus Mackiewicz 1/16 * Tara Mainieri 1/3 * Ariel Maisenhelder 1/18 * Euna Monaco 1/18 * Barry Motzkin 1/4 * Heidi Motzkin 1/6 * Erika Nemeth 1/6 * Eva Oster 1/28 * Seth Owitz 1/19 * Erin Paroubek 1/27 * Joseph Perez-Rogers 1/8 * Colby Reynolds 1/15 * Kimberly Rice 1/21 * Marilyn Rice 1/27 * Patrick Rose 1/4 * Joseph Sayut 1/19 * John Schwab 1/4 * Linda Schwab-Edmundson 1/21 * Mike Schwab 1/11 * Adam Schwab 1/17 * Pat Scognamiglio 1/14 * Kevin Simoneau 1/13 * James Stein 1/14 * Donald Sweeney 1/29 * Rita Vanacore 1/13 * Tony Vanacore 1/28 * Collin West 1/14 * Kurt Zindulka 1/18 * Jessica Zygmunt 1/9 *



HAPPY JANUARY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Heidi & Barry Motzkin 1/9

Maria & Mark Roberts 1/5

Becki & Evan Shultis 1/16

May God continue to pour his love and warmth on you wherever you go and in all walks of life.

Share your good news contact Jeanine rectory@sjwoodstock.org or call 845-679-7696 to add/remove people from the list.

SJ RELIGIOUS ED. CORNER ...

St. John Religious Ed.

Wishing you a healthy and happy New Year!



Prayer List January, February, March

Adam S., Andrew S., Angela M., Baby A., Barb., Barbara, Barbara, Beth Anne Patterson, Bob, Bob A., Carlo C., Carlos, Carmel, Carole F., Dave, Dave F., Dee, Delia Burke, Elise, Evan T., Frannie M., Guy Oddo, Jared, Jay, Jennifer Aierstok, John Konior, John M., Joseph, Joyce, Judy Moore, Kathleen R., Kathy T., K.B., Maggie Manley, Mari, Maria Kanda, Marie, Martha Steuding, Matthew Renaud, Michael, Mickerson Nieffer, Mike, Mildred, Neuza, Nick, Norma, Pat Hurst, Pat T., Philis, Ralphie Scaglione, Rena, Richard, Rod Andrews, Sophia, Steve M., Tom Morelli, People of Ukraine, Palestine, Israel and the United States of America.



Especially for,

**Daniel Brennan
(Navy Submariner)**

**Alexandra Coffey
(West Point Military)**

Please email/call the rectory to add a name to our Military Prayer List.

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SF Birthday and Anniversary Celebrations!

God bless all our SF parishioners who have special birthdays, anniversaries, & celebrations this month!



HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Jan 17th Pat Ryder
Jan 19th Eleanor Barrack
Jan 20th Judy Pavone
Jan 28th Bob Varecha
Jan 28th Gene Gormley



HAPPY JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES:

January 1st Bill & Margit Colagrande
January 24th Judy & Bob Pavone

*May God continue to pour his love and warmth on you
wherever you go and in all walks of life.*

Share your good news contact Judy at 688-9912.



SF RELIGIOUS ED. CORNER

St. Francis de Sales Religious Education Program meets on Sunday's, after 9am Mass. Please call Gerry Nilsen at 845-687-9769 to register or for any absences. Welcome back!

PRAY THE ROSARY GROW IN HOLINESS!

Sponsored by the Ladies Sodality every Tues. at 11 am in the Fr. Gorman Hall (behind rectory) or via Zoom/Internet. 40 minutes of powerful prayer & petitions. Contact Pam 845-688-2642 phammond@hvc.rr.com. All are welcome!



"There are two things that will preserve you in a real life of piety: a firm resolution to do the duties of your state well, and a determination not to get upset if you occasionally fail."

St. Francis de Sales (Doctor of the Church, 1567-1622)



SPIRITUAL BOUQUETS OUR REMEMBRANCES



<i>In Memory of Jerry Bender by his Loving Daughters</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of my cherished father, Dino Giuliano By Janette Kahil</i>	<i>For Susie, Sarah & Sophie, Mary and Charlie. Bless those who devoted their lives to us – Pat & Frank Sacco</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of our deceased Sodality members – Our Lady of La Salette Sodality</i>
<i>Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with us. The Morelli Family</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of Jack and Virginia Fleming, John Fleming, Jr. and Jon Rowe by Veronica</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of our beloved parents, Harriet & Frank and brother Frank by John, Veronica & Joseph Rauchut</i>	Space is Available
<i>In Loving Memory of our parents, Theresa & Joe Strauss Always in our hearts – Barbara, Karen, Joseph & Families</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of Lawrence Monachelli and Eleanor Monachelli by Mike & Eileen O'Connor</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of Lois</i>	<i>In Loving Memory, Vic & Helen Cammardella by The Family "The measure of love is to love without measure." –St. Francis de Sales</i>
<i>In Loving Memory of the Umhey and Payette Families God Bless you all</i>	<i>For all my beloved deceased family members and friends, let's pray together – Claire Paultre</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of Milton Laub Lost but not forgotten</i>	<i>Carmelo & Barbara Two Together Forever</i>
<i>In Loving Memory of Patricia & Terry Buchanan by the Wolfrom Family</i>	Space is Available	<i>Pray to the Infant Jesus of Prague. In Loving Memory of George & Mary Wal- lace; sons George, Bill, Bruce, Michael and grandson Eric Kohlroser</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of our parents, Jack & Sue Tiso and Anthony & Florence Persichilli by Charles, Joe, Margie, Pam & Susan</i>

Russell Abbrecht, Laureen Aversa, Ellen Burmeister, Ryan Callahan, Liam Casey, Ben Cole, Dave Crispell, Ed Dannen, Betty Djerf, Iris D'Agostino, Dave Franze, Ernest Fudge, Lois Giambrone, Dorothy Gorman, Trish Graig-Tiso, Brandon Grasso, Chris Hall, Victoria Hall, Catherine Hand, Rosemarie and Erwin Hildenhausen, Laurie Hoy, Jenny Jarrette, Don Kearney, Amada Lumbaca, Helen Morelli, Gerry Nilsen, Janet Oakes, Florence Palmer, Danny Payette, Fr. Raphael, Joel Rivera, Mary Ellen Rury, Catherine Ryan, Christie Ryan, Michael Ryder, Zoila Santa, Anne Shea, Bert Shafer, Marie Stutman, Sheila Madera, Karen Louise Thomas-Malloy, Fr. Phil Tran, Sonja Turner, Jamie Umhey, Bob Walsh, Phyllis Walsh, Catherine Whitelaw, Greg Zaff.

Please pray for our men and women in military service.



Please call or email the SJ rectory to add or remove someone's name from the prayer list.

Spiritual Bouquets cost: \$100 dollars for the year [Oct 1, 2024 – Sept 30, 2025]. If interested, please contact Pam (845) 688-2642 or phammond@hvc.rr.com

A special note of gratitude to my St. John / St. Francis de Sales parish community...

I feel blessed to be part of this wonderful and generous parish family and I am honored to serve as your pastor. I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone for all you do for our parish and our local community, especially during the Christmas season.

I want to express my sincere gratitude for your donations to our increased giving campaign, our new fundraising goals and for all your Christmas gifts. Your generosity is overwhelming and greatly appreciated.

May God bless you and your families throughout the new year.

*With deepest gratitude & warmest wishes,
Fr. Kiely*



WINTER FOOD DRIVE

Collection of Food for Families in Need

The winter months can be hard for our local families.

We will collect Canned, Boxed and Snack Food from January 11th through January 31st.

Together we can make a *difference*
by donating food to families in need.

Please place your food donations items in the boxes located in St. John's lobby. We will deliver to Family of Woodstock and our Church Community. **Thank you for your generosity!**

Give blood. Every 2 seconds someone in the U. S. needs blood.
American Red Cross Blood Drive at St. John's Church, Saturday, January 18, 2025 from 8am to 1pm.



To schedule your appointment please visit www.RedCrossBlood.org and use Sponsor Code: woodstockrcc or call 800-RedCross, or scan QR Code.



Ladies Sodality Christmas Luncheon

The Ladies Sodality held its annual Christmas Luncheon at the Phoenician Steakhouse early in December. Attendees included parishioners and Sodality guests, parish secretary Jeanine Meisler, and Dennis Yerry, the music director at St. Francis de Sales. Dennis' mother, Sue Yerry, was a long-time beloved member of the Ladies Sodality. It was a joyful Christmas celebration and a fun time for all!



Ladies Sodality 2025 Officers

In November, the Ladies Sodality elected new officers for the 2025 term. Pam Hammond and Patti Payette stepped down after many years of service as president and vice president. In the new year, Sodality members will welcome Lorenza Vesely as president, Barbara Vanblarcum as vice president, Liz Quinn (continuing) as secretary, and Sharon Umhey as treasurer.



Best wishes to the new officers and to the continued good work of the Ladies Sodality! [Photo, left to right: Pam Hammond, Marge Tiso (Chaplain), Liz Quinn, Barbara Vanblarcum, Lorenza Vesely, Sharon Umhey, and Patti Payette]

Ladies Sodality Donates New Computer

At the end of 2024, the Ladies Sodality purchased a new computer for the Phoenicia rectory. The old computer was beyond repair and took too long to operate simple tasks. The office computer and printer are used frequently by office volunteers, the Ladies Sodality, the Religious Education program, and other ministries serving the church. Fr. Tom Wilhelm, who resides in the Phoenicia rectory two weeks out of the month, also uses the desktop PC. Thank you, ladies Sodality, for donating the computer and to parishioner Mike Ruane for setting it up!



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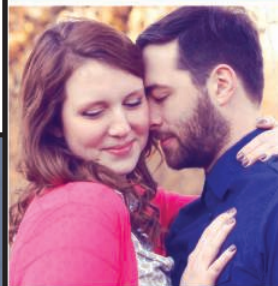
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