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Sunday Masses 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM

& 11:30 AM

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8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM

(Christmas and New Year's have special schedules)

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**SICK CALLS:** Phone the Rectory,  
215-672-3020.

**REGISTRATION:** All Catholics who live within the parish boundaries should register. Boundaries: South of Street Road from Lower State Rd., to Norristown Rd., to County Line, to Blair Mill Rd., to Moreland Rd., to Maple Ave., to Horsham Rd., to Limekiln Pike, to Lower State Rd. & back to Street Road.

If you are not registered, we cannot serve you in ways which require us to know you. Please call the Rectory (215-672-3020.) We will welcome you as part of our community of faith.

**PARISH ACTIVITIES:** Catholic Youth Organization, CCD School of Religion, Choir (Adult and Children's), Home & School Association, Men's Group, Miraculous Medal Novena and Rosary, Respect Life Committee, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, Senior Citizens, and Women's Group. (Notices for these groups are posted inside this bulletin.)



THEY OPENED  
THEIR TREASURES  
AND OFFERED HIM GIFTS  
OF GOLD, FRANKINCENSE,  
AND MYRRH.

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# THE Epiphany of the Lord

JANUARY 2, 2022

## GIFTS

Gifts are everywhere at this time of year. Christmas gifts. Hostess gifts. Hidden gifts. Wrong-size gifts. Unexpected gifts. Unwanted gifts. Unreciprocated gifts. And in today's readings we hear about even more gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. But we know intuitively (or, one hopes, eventually!) that gifts are symbols of something much deeper and less tangible. The gift of God's Son is, of course, at the heart of our Christmas festivities. We are not—and never—alone, because "God is with us." (Thus the name Emmanuel.) But wait, that's not all! The liturgy reminds us over and over that this is a "holy exchange." As Christ came to share in our humanity, we come to share in his divinity. The full significance of that mystery is a gift we have yet to unwrap completely.

## WHAT KIND OF GOD IS THIS?

Christmas is a season of abundance. Christmas cookies and carols. Parties and presents. Mangers and mistletoe. The same is true in our church. Within a period of nine days we celebrate Christmas, the Holy Family, Mary Mother of God, and today the Solemnity of the Epiphany. Truly an embarrassment of liturgical riches. (And we are not finished yet!)

However, for many people, Christmas is already over. Trees litter the curbside or make their way back to the attic. Presents are put away or returned. We prepare to go back to school or work. But as Christians we have barely dipped our toes into the profound mystery of a God who walks among us. What kind of a God is this whose kingdom is not limited by our borders, fears, expectations, or imaginations? Today's psalm reminds us, "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you." Diversity and inclusion are not new to God's agenda.

## TRADITIONS UNCOVER MEANING

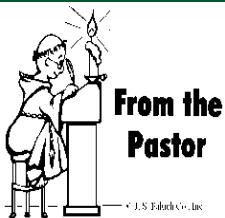
Two traditional rituals, one liturgical and one domestic, help underline the meaning of the Epiphany. The Proclamation of the Date of Easter is an option for inclusion at Mass today. This text which formally announces the dates of the upcoming major feast days reminds us that Christmas is best honored in the context of the whole story of salvation that culminates in Easter. Or as writer Nathan Mitchell reflects, the wood of the crib becomes the wood of the cross.

The second tradition connected to Epiphany is the blessing of the door of one's home with chalk. It includes a prayer for protection for all who enter therein. One explanation of this tradition ties it to the Passover in the Book of Exodus: the marking of the doorposts with the blood of the lamb kept the Israelites safe. This tradition too offers a connection between Christmas and Easter.

As we continue to mine the richness of this season we hum along with the angels, *Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

## TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 60:1–6  
Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–11, 12–13  
Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6  
Matthew 2:1–12

**A Note From The Pastor**

My Dear Parishioners,

Happy New Year! I hope that you had a peaceful celebration of Christmas and the New Year. I also want to thank all those who made our celebrations as beautiful as they were. I especially want to

thank our musicians, vocalists and all those in the Music Ministry, our Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Thank you as well to our Altar Society (all those who care for the altar by washing the linens also providing, caring for, and watering the plants and flowers). I especially want to thank those who regularly help to clean and decorate our church. Your work has truly beautified this sacred space. Thanks also to those who contributed to our "Christmas Flowers" collection. You and your loved ones are remembered in prayer throughout the season. Now is also a good time to thank those that operate "behind the scenes" by seeing to it that our weekend celebrations run smoothly. This list also includes our ushers, sacristans, collection counters, and the "Scrip Sellers" in support of our school.

The list of volunteers and those to thank extends beyond our Sunday celebration. I want to also thank all those who work in the formation and education of the people at St. Joseph. This includes the superb faculty, staff and volunteers at St. Joseph/St. Robert School, in the CCD program and Adult Faith Formation, and RCIA. As pastor I am grateful for the advice provided by the Finance Council. I also appreciate the parish nurses and those associated with the Health and Help Ministry, and St. Joseph HOPE committee, Food for the Poor, and the rectory volunteers. Thank you for all you do to make St. Joseph a loving and hospitable place. I am grateful to all those who assist with the running of the parish facility including our rectory and maintenance staff.

The Christmas season ends next week. Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, which is the manifestation of the Lord's glory to all the nations, and then next Sunday we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord and then the following Tuesday we begin the period known as Ordinary Time. While we will have to say goodbye to the Christmas decorations and the Nativity scene, we will try to keep the poinsettias going for as long as possible. By the way, I want to thank Carla Venditti and Karen Baranowski for watering the flowers. They truly made our celebrations a fitting tribute to the Glory of God. Your "Christmas Flower envelopes" with your intentions written on them have been on the altar since Christmas. Thank you for supporting the Christmas decorations through these donations.

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**Masses For The Week**

Saturday	<u>Jan. 1, 2022</u>	
	5:00 p.m.	Donald Mahon
Sunday	<u>Jan. 2, 2022</u>	
	7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	9:30 a.m.	Betty Mumbauer
	11:30 a.m.	Elizabeth Velas
Monday	8:00 a.m.	St. Joseph Mem. Soc.
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Betty Mumbauer
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Edwin Gomez
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of Melvin Soria, Sr.
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Kathleen Wickham
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Linda Generale
Saturday	<u>Jan. 8, 2022</u>	
	5:00 p.m.	Rose & Sam Langetti
Sunday	<u>Jan. 9, 2022</u>	
	7:30 a.m.	Dec'd. members of the Higgins Family
	9:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	11:30 a.m.	Iside Maieron

**Please Pray For**

Those who are ill: Jose Rosario, Jackie Senechal, Don Higgins, Stanley Travis, III, Nancy Angelino, John Roley, Sr., James Martin, Baby Jordan Evans, Mary Vincelli, Fran Mirabella, Michael DiTore, Theresa Romaniello, Sarah Sutton, Michael Pham, Brian Stec, Thomas Henderson, Michael McCarthy, Louis Cerritelli, Gianna Farris, Kim Bell, Frances Bungard, June Faust, Russel Heim, David Jones, Ralph Lawson, Laura Lippincott, Mary Lishman, Dave McKay, Daniel McKinny, John Montgomery, Rod Nordlin, Ronan Power, Marie Trotter Rickman, Joanne Slouskey, Jack Streisky, Jack Wilhelm.

**This Week In Our Parish****Monday, January 3, 2022**

\*Rectory &amp; Offices Closed

\*Adoration – 8:30 a.m.

\*Rosary &amp; Benediction – 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, January 5, 2022**

\*Children's Choir Practice – 5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

**Thursday, January 6, 2022**

\*Adult Choir Practice – 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

**Bulletin Submittals**

Requests may be emailed to [sjc18976@verizon.net](mailto:sjc18976@verizon.net). All requests are subject to Pastor's approval and space availability.

**Readings For The Week**

**Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

**Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

### The Epiphany of the Lord January 2, 2022

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!

Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

— Isaiah 60:1

**A Note From The Pastor (continued)**

We practically sold out of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Christmas tree ornaments. They were truly beautiful. I need to let you know about the Anniversary mugs that were on sale at the Christmas Bazaar. Someone pointed out that the imprint began fading away when washed. The defect was pointed out to the manufacturer and they are remaking the mugs. If you purchased one of the defective mugs you will be able to get a free replacement.

Finally I want to take the opportunity to gratefully acknowledge all of the kindnesses, gifts, and food sent to the parish and to me personally over the past few weeks. Your care and concern are truly the heart of this parish. I also want to thank you for your support of our Christmas collection. We do not have the final tallies yet, but that collection remains one of the most important ones in helping us meet our financial obligations throughout the year. Thank you for your sacrifices on behalf of our parish.

May God Bless You in the New Year,  
Fr. Bordonaro

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**

**MARRIED COUPLES** – Resolve to “Live your best life in love” in 2022. Why not give yourselves some time together by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? In-person experiences in the new year are: February 11-13 and April 22-24 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more info visit: <https://www.wwme-philly.org/>.



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**Reflect on the Readings Journey Toward God**

In our celebration of the Epiphany, two interwoven themes are present in the readings today. God is beginning something new, and God gathers all of humanity to participate. For Isaiah, God’s bright light, manifested in the people of Israel, attracts and summons people from many nations to Jerusalem. In the letter to the Ephesians, God’s grace makes the Gentiles co-heirs and co-partners in the gospel. Matthew tells the story of the fulfillment of God’s promises to Israel through the birth of Jesus, and simultaneously leading foreigners to share in these same promises. With the birth of Jesus, God chose a particular people, in a particular time and place, to enter most directly into the human story. Today’s readings teach that God did this in order to gather all people, all cultures, into unity with God. Like the magi, we are drawn into a journey toward God, becoming co-partners in God’s work.—Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**Epiphany Sunday**

Celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany as we view the heartwarming film entitled, *The Fourth Wise Man* starring Martin Sheen. Based on Henry van Dyke’s classic, *The Story of the Other Wise Man*, this fictional story set in Biblical times is told in gently comic terms. The Fourth Wise Man takes with him three precious gifts to present to the Messiah. For 33 years he pursues Jesus, only to miss Him at every turn. Along the way, he uses his gifts to help people in dire need. He now has nothing to present to the Messiah when he finds Him. Find out what happens when he finally encounters the new King. Don’t miss this deeply moving experience which “**manifests**” what true faith really means! For further information, contact [angela@padrepio.org](mailto:angela@padrepio.org).

**Sunday, January 2, 2022 12:00 Noon – 1:15 p.m.**

National Centre for Padre Pio, 111 Barto Rd, Barto, PA

[www.padrepio.org](http://www.padrepio.org) 610 845 3000

*Feel free to bring a comfy pillow for the pew and a snack to enjoy if you so desire.*

**Little Minutes**

Little drops of water, little grains of sand,  
make the mighty ocean and the pleasant land;  
so the little minutes, humble though they be,  
make the mighty ages of eternity.  
—Julia A. Fletcher Carney



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## Treasures from Our Tradition

This week Christmas Day is observed in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 B.C. Julius Ceasar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called “pontiffs” were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named “The Last Year of Confusion.” The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years.

Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia’s Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end!

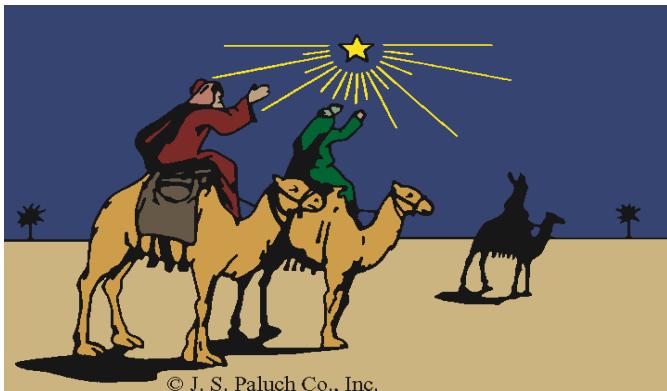
—James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Prayer of the Week The Epiphany of the Lord



### PRAYER

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.



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## Reflection question: ???

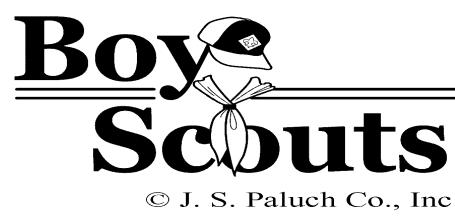
*What can I do this week to come to know God better?*

## St. Joseph On-Line Giving

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1. Visit the church website at [www.saintjosephchurch.us](http://www.saintjosephchurch.us)
2. Click on the [ONLINE GIVING] button
3. Click on the Create Profile button
4. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.



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It is with great sadness we announce that we have come to the end of Boy Scout Troop 137 at St. Joseph Parish. Due to declining enrollment and lack of adult leadership, we are forced to shut down the troop. We are so grateful for the opportunity we and the scouts have had by having our meetings here on parish property. There are many great memories over the past 50+ years that this troop has been here. Thank you for giving the scouts this amazing opportunity.

Gratefully,

Troop 137

Boy Scouts of America



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## Moving Out of Parish

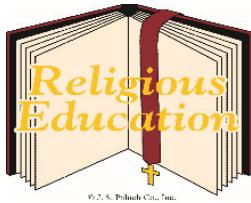
Have you moved, changed an email address, added a family member, no longer have a land line or changed phone numbers? Help us keep our records updated by notifying the Parish office. 215-672-3020 or [sjc18976@verizon.net](mailto:sjc18976@verizon.net).

## Outstanding Young Christian Artist Competition

We're thrilled to announce the return of the Outstanding Young Christian Artist Competition high school division! The competition will be held Saturday, January 29 at Cairn University. Winners will perform with the Cairn University Symphony Orchestra at a later date. The competition is open to instrumentalists and vocalists. Participants will prepare one movement of a concerto, an opera or oratorio excerpt, or other complete composition for soloist and orchestra. The selected piece must have orchestral parts in print and available. Music must be memorized. To learn more or to register, visit [cairn.edu/ovca](http://cairn.edu/ovca). Contact Ephraim Schafler at [eschafler@cairn.edu](mailto:eschafler@cairn.edu) with questions.

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# January

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**Tuesday, January 4**

Confirmation Registration and Sponsor Referral Forms due (*Confirmation class*)

**Thursday, January 6, 6:30 p.m.**

Teachers' meeting – Valley Road School Building

**Tuesday, January 11, 6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.**

Reconciliation Practice (*3<sup>rd</sup> grade*) Drop off and pick up at Church

**Wednesday, January 12, 7:00 p.m.**

Sacrament of First Penance (*3<sup>rd</sup> grade*) – Church

**Tuesday, January 18**

“Protecting God’s Children” classes presented – all grades

# February

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**Tuesday, February 8**

Signed Progress Reports to be returned  
Confirmation Service Projects due

**Monday, February 21, 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

Confirmation Retreat  
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

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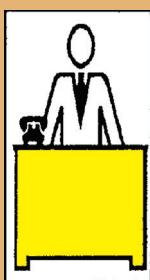
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