

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

January 8, 2017

"LORD, EVERY NATION ON EARTH WILL ADORE YOU." PSALM 72

The Epiphany of the Lord

Celebrating 165 years of living faith since the foundation of our parish in 1851.

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Sandro Botticelli's *The Adoration of the Magi*
(1481-82)

Here is what the Catechism has to say about the feast that we celebrate this weekend:

528 The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (*magi*) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be

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king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Savior of the world only by turning toward the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament. The Epiphany shows that "the full number of the nations" now takes its "place in the family of the patriarchs," and acquires *Israelitica dignitas* (are made "worthy of the heritage of Israel").

To read the Catechism of the Catholic Church online, go to usccb.org and search "Catechism."

January 9th Baptism of the Lord

Monday the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes. In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves," He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world." Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.



‡ ANNOUNCED MASSES ‡

Saturday, January 7

5:00 p.m. 25th anniversary, Immacolata Bruzzese, requested grandson Thomas M. Bruzzese

Sunday, January 8 ***The Epiphany of the Lord***

9:00 a.m. For the Christmas Flower donors

11:15 a.m. Available

Monday, January 9 ***The Baptism of the Lord***

8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Joseph Church

Tuesday, January 10

8:00 a.m. Memorial, Louise L. Silva, requested, daughter Shirley

Thursday, January 12

8:00 a.m. Available

Friday, January 13 ***Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church***

8:00 a.m. Available

Saturday January 14

5:00 p.m. 49th anniversary, Annibale Iapaolo, requested, Thomas M. Bruzzese

Sunday, January 15

9:00 a.m. Memorial, Bea M. Greene and Marion Maytum, requested, granddaughter Jessica

11:15 a.m. Available

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday January 14

5:00 p.m. Olivia, Grace, Kirsten, Jessica

Sunday, January 15

9:00 a.m. Joseph, Laura, Catherine, Lily

11:15 a.m. Sam, Abby, Michael, Abigail

LECTORS

Saturday, January 14

5:00 p.m. Jonathan Samit

Sunday, January 15

9:00 a.m. Jim Vandermillen

11:15 a.m. Jeff Harrington

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, January 14

5:00 p.m. Jan Carrara

Sunday, January 15

9:00 a.m. Carmen Roy

11:15 a.m. Dan Harrop

**“LITTLE CHRISTMAS BRUNCH”
For All Volunteers
In the Rectory today
immediately following the
11:15 Mass**



Marian Devotions will be held one Sunday at St.

Joseph Church every month for the entire year of 2017 in honor of

*The 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of our Blessed Mother to the children of Fatima
January’s Devotions will be held January 15th, 2017*

ABOUT MASS INTENTIONS

It is the longstanding tradition of the Church that each Mass have an intention, for either a living person, a person who has died, or a particular intention. **The value of ONE Mass is beyond our imagining**, and the practice of having a Mass offered on someone else’s behalf is a reminder of our profound interconnectedness as members of the Body of Christ. Perhaps there is a deceased relative, a living friend or family member in need, or even an intention that you hold in your heart.

The Mass Book for 2017 is now available. Please call the rectory at 421-9137 to reserve anniversary or memorial Mass dates, or dates for special intentions



Because the flu season is now upon us, we have temporarily suspended the reception of the Precious Blood of Jesus from the cup, as well as the sign of peace, at all Masses. We will resume both once the danger of flu has passed, most likely at Easter time.



I wish to extend a sincere thanks to the members of the Choir, soloists, instrumentalists, servers, ministers, decorators and cleaners and all who helped make the Christmas Liturgies a special occasion at St. Joseph’s Church. Please be assured of my prayers and best wishes for a Happy New Year.
Msgr. Bastia

**Raffle Donations
for the St. Joseph Day Brunch**

The parish invites members of the St Joseph community to consider offering a gift to raffle at the next **St. Joseph Day Brunch which will be held on**

Sunday March 19, 2017.

All raffle proceeds will directly benefit the parish and your gift is tax-deductible.

Please Save the Date!



With a new year beginning it might be a good time to consider using **Parish Giving**, which allows you to make your weekly contributions (including second and special collections) to St. Joseph Church by electronic funds transfer from your bank or by credit card. No more writing checks or missing making your donations while you’re away—which is especially important since our parish’s bills don’t take vacations!

To sign up for this free service and to begin making secure transactions over the Internet, please go to our website (www.saintjoesprov.org) and follow the Parish Giving link, or go to www.parishgiving.org



Please join us in saying the Rosary on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the chapel following the 8 a.m. Mass.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u> (4th Sunday of Advent)
Envelopes	\$2,428.00	\$3,005.00
Loose:	\$ 320.00	\$ 120.00
Electronic giving	\$ 696.00	\$ 738.00
Children:	\$ 5.00	\$ 1.00
TOTALS:	\$ 3,449.00	\$3,864.00
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u> (Nativity of the Lord)
Envelopes	\$1,699.00	\$2,364.00
Loose:	\$ 145.00	\$ 215.00
Electronic giving	\$ 147.00	\$ 738.00
Children:	\$.50	\$ 8.00
TOTALS:	\$ 1,991.50	\$3,325.00
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u> (Solemnity of Mary)
Envelopes	\$4,415.00	\$2,619.00
Loose:	\$1,710.00	\$ 387.00
Electronic giving	\$ 852.00	\$1,125.00
Children:	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00
TOTALS:	\$6,978.00	\$4,132.00

Christmas: \$3,312.00

Solemnity of Mary: \$765.00