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St. Joseph Parish Bulletin

January 8, 2012

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 8 (Epiphany of the Lord)

Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

7:30am Grace Desimone
 9:00am Rene Cirrincione
 10:00am (Aud.) Thomas Hamilton
 10:30am Faith Abbott McFadden
 11:45am Carlo Ammirati
 1:00pm Walter H. Miller,
 The People of St. Joseph Parish,
 John Annunziata, Wounded Warriors,
 Al Lawrence, Francis Cirillo,
 Eamon Tubridy, Mary Lyons
 Jean and Joseph Onorato

Monday, January 9 (The Baptism of the Lord)

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

8:00am Edward Kennelly
 9:00am George O'Donnell
 8:00pm Novena Mass

Tuesday, January 10

1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1:9-20/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

8:00am Josephine Rhodes
 9:00am Joseph Marim

Wednesday, January 11

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39

8:00am Doris and Carney Families
 9:00am Theresa Zolfo

Thursday, January 12

1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45

8:00am Anne Colahan Vaughan
 9:00am John Hassett

Friday, January 13 (Hilary, bishop and doctor of the Church)

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12

8:00am Linda Sala
 9:00am Geraldine DiFranco

Saturday, January 14

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/Mk 2:13-17

8:30am Tom Lee
 5:00pm Rosemary Gallagher, Eugene Culligan,
 Fernando Hoctor, William McLaughlin,
 Mary Lou Honerkamp Lorenz,
 Sandra Besendorfer

Sunday, January 15 (Secomnd Sunday in Ordinary time)

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

7:30am Grace Morris
 9:00am Leonardo Marchetta
 10:00am (Aud.) The People of St.Joseph Parish
 10:30am Kathleen Kennedy
 11:45am Antonio Nigro
 1:00pm William McLaughlin, Ann Vaia,
 Annabel Carbone, Ralph Torino,
 Harry Golden, Lucille Tilitz,
 Ben Mesiano
 5:30pm Veronica Lescow



And there came wise men from the East....

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, January 14

5:00pm A. Hristakis, J. Mmind, V. Minda

Sunday, January 15

7:30am K. Guarino, J. Noyes, M. Noyes
 9:00am E. Fullhardt, J. O'Reilly, M. O'Reilly
 10:00am(Aud) A. Duic, C. Noonan, C. Noonan
 10:30am M. Crapotta, J. Morrell, M. Morell
 11:45am C. Biscardi, S. Biscardi, J. Biscardi
 1:00pm P. Cicchetti, N. Gillette, P. Gillette
 5:30pm E. Chester, F. Fealey, J. Fealey

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

If anyone is sick among you, ask the community to pray..." Please pray for: Page Accetta, Robert Auricchio, Deborah Auricchio, Virginia Bertonis Jennifer Blake, Ryan Bradley, Kathy Burns, Lorraine Cagliostro, Patrick Cancroft, Donald Deegan, Regina Dowling, Daniel Hogan Cheatham, Gina Corleto, Sheila Dollard, Regina Dowling, Tony Endre, Michael Feeney, Mary Fitzsimmons, Edward Flaherty, Keith Fox, Patricia Gilvary, Joseph Gottlieb, John Graham, Evelyn Hemersbach, Mary-Gwen Imbornoni, Charlotte James, Shirley Jessen, Edward Johnson, John Kelly, James Lasko, Madison Claire Lewinger, Kathy Mahr, Judy Marsh, Donald McCabe, Bobby Menges, Margie Martin, Ruth Mattern, Marguerite McCarthy, George McCrann, Fred Motolovich, Rohan Motwani, James Mulhearn, Angela Munnely, James Melzone, Matthew Noah, Dr. Ann Newman Smith, Marissa O'Brien, Joe Oliva, Cecelia Ortiz, Cristina Ozohanic, Marianne Piscopo, Baby Whitney Posillico, Kevin Quill, Brian Rey, Elodia Rich, JoAnn Russo, Kathleen Smith, Alan Sorrentino, Emma Tynan Quinn, Stephanie Ryan, Liz Sarno, Charlie Schmitt, Little Julia Schwartz, Catherine Vogt, Eleanor Waluk, Kyle Wehrum.

DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Norma Goodwin Paul Amore
Mary B. Balboni Carol Ann Willers
Antonette DeLuca

VIRTUS TRAINING

All parish volunteers must be **VIRTUS** trained. There will be two training sessions here at St. Joseph (in the St. Agnes Room). The dates for VIRTUS training are Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 7:00 PM or Saturday, January 21, 2012 at 9:00 AM. You are only required to attend one session. Please pre-register at www.virtus.org. When you go to the website, please click on Registration on the left side, when prompted for an organization, use drop-down menu to go to Rockville Centre Diocese, create a user name and password and pick a session from the drop down. .

8 January 2012

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. In the United States, Catholics observe this solemnity on the first Sunday after January 1, the feast of Mary the Mother of God. Most elsewhere, however, the Epiphany is still celebrated on the traditional date, January 6, which gave us the tradition of Twelfth Night, bringing to a close the Twelve Days of Christmas. In general (and unfortunately) Americans do not attach as much significance or give as much attention to the Epiphany as do Latin Americans and Europeans – indeed, as do most Catholics throughout the world. The Epiphany is a celebration that transcends national borders, embracing many cultures, each with its own take on the Three Kings – from Scandinavia to the Low Countries to the Iberian Peninsula; from South American and the Caribbean across the Pacific to the Philippines and India, it is celebrated with many local and colorful traditions. In many countries it remains a national holiday. (Just this past year, it was restored in Poland, celebrated with parades and “star singing”, following decades when it was proscribed by the Communist regimes.) Often in those cultures, the Epiphany, “Little Christmas,” not December 25, is the day for gift giving, in imitation of the kings who brought their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ Child. In some Hispanic traditions, children leave out a box of hay to feed the Magi’s camels. In return, the kings leave candies and sweet pastries for the children. In other variations, such as in the Philippines, children leave out their shoes, which are filled with treats or coins. Italians celebrate the Epiphany with La Befana – an old woman who flies on a broomstick (but she is NOT a witch) to fill the children’s socks with candy and gifts if they have been good or a lump of coal if they have been naughty. She is a good housekeeper and is said after her visit to sweep the floor with her broom. She is usually depicted covered with soot, since she enters the house through the chimney. (Anyone else we know like that?) Rumanians celebrate with horse races! Nearly all celebrations are accompanied by special pastries – “Three Kings Cakes” with almonds, or “Three Kings Breads” flavored with citron.

There is one particular Epiphany tradition that I have known since my childhood and have seen evidenced in travels in Central Europe. In September 2000, the Great Jubilee Year, I was leading a parish pilgrimage to *The Passion Play* in Oberammergau, Bavaria. We stopped in Innsbruck, Austria, and the group was escorted on a guided tour of the city. We were standing in front of Innsbruck’s magnificent Cathedral of St. James when my eye was caught by an inscription chalked on the wooden door of the cathedral. It immediately

brought back a flood of memories, because as a child I had regularly seen the same inscription over the door of my grandmother’s house in Queens. Looking around the square in front of the cathedral, I noticed the same markings over many of the doors of both private residences and businesses. The inscriptions in Innsbruck that year read: **20 K + M + B 00**.

The custom comes from the Epiphany. The inscription begins with the first two numbers of the calendar year (in the case I recall, **20**) and concludes with the last two numbers of the year (in that Jubilee Year, **00**.) The initials, separated by the crosses, stand for the three kings, or the Magi, who traveled to Bethlehem guided by the star to find the promised Savior of all nations: **K** for Kaspar (sometimes spelt Caspar or Gaspar), **M** for Melchior, and **B** for Balthazar. It is the custom in Europe that children travel from house to house on the Epiphany, in imitation of the Magi, knocking on doors and asking the way to Bethlehem. For those families who receive them with hospitality, a blessing is promised to that home and family for the following year. In the United States, among many immigrant communities that continued the tradition (my memories of my grandmother’s home,) the Epiphany was the time when the parish priest visited and blessed the house, marking the inscription over the door with blessed chalk. It is this kind of Catholic tradition, among others, that helps to build that sense of Catholic identity that our children need so much in our secular society, reminding us that our homes are Catholic homes, that we are, in a personally defining way, Catholic people.

I would recommend the custom to families in our parish. This celebration of the Epiphany might be a wonderful time for parents and grandparents to gather with children near the door of the house to read again Matthew’s gospel account of the journey of the Three Kings to Bethlehem and to pray together for the Lord’s blessings on this new year while placing the traditional formula over the entrance to their home. (This year the inscription would read **20 K + M + B 12**.) To that end, we have had cards printed with the inscription, accompanied by a prayer of family blessing. These cards are available at the doors of the church this weekend and can be taken home to be placed over your door. All who enter that home will see this sign of a Christian family’s faith over the doorway. And it is a reminder to all of us to open our hearts to travelers, the homeless, the needy and the destitute, since the Epiphany is our celebration of the Christ who was born to all people, regardless of nation or race.

And may you and your families have yourselves a Merry “Little Christmas”!

Msgr. Swiader

NEWS FROM ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL



Welcome Back!! Happy New Year to All!
 There will be a PTA meeting on Monday, 1/9/12 at 9:30AM in the St. Agnes Room.

Our Pathways program will begin the Second Semester on Friday, 1/13/12.

School is closed on Monday, January 16, 2012 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

PRAYER GROUP MEETING

The Tuesday Morning Prayer Group meets in the Convent Center, at 10:00 a.m. All Are Welcome!

ST. JOSEPH'S MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our first meeting of the New Year will be on Tuesday, January 10, 2012, at 7:30pm in the Convent Center. We meet every Tuesday evening from 7:30pm to 9:00pm and invite the men of the parish to come to our meetings each Tuesday and fellowship with:

- Christ
- The Community
- Each other

For further information call Jack McGowan at 741-8420.

THE RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE



The Church's Teaching on Life: "We are fully aware of the difficulties confronting the public authorities in this matter, especially in the developing countries.... The only possible solution to this question is one which envisages the social and economic progress both

of individuals and of the whole of human society, and which respects and promotes true human values. No one can, without being grossly unfair, make divine Providence responsible for what clearly seems to be the result of misguided governmental policies, of an insufficient sense of social justice, of a selfish accumulation of material goods, and finally of a culpable failure to undertake those initiatives and responsibilities which would raise the standard of living of peoples and their children." (*Humanae Vitae*, Pope Paul VI, para. 24)

How to Get Help: Looking for answers? Pro-Life Long Island hosts LIFE ISSUES on CableVision, Ch 20, in Nassau County on Tuesdays at 9 PM. This program discusses information on development, post-abortion healing, embryonic stem cells, adult stem cells, and cloning.

**STEWARDSHIP
A Way of Life**



Stewardship Reflection
 Gift giving is an important part of this season! In today's gospel, the kings bring gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh and offer it to Jesus. What are the gifts that we can offer to God? During this New Year, let us try to share our time, talent and treasure by offering our services to one of the ministries. As Mother Teresa has said, "In this world we cannot do great things but only small things with great love." We encourage you to consider one of our ministries in this New Year.

Sr. Louise Cullen – Stewardship Coordinator

We salute and thank all those who work on the Food Drive each month. We also thank you for the many sacrifices that you make to help others. May God bless you and those you love for your generosity.

Sacrificial Giving

The following is a comparison of the weekly collections for 2010 and 2011

	Sunday, December 18	
	2010	2011
This figure is		\$26,782
not available		
	Sunday, December 25	
	2010	2011
\$19,095		\$11,575
	Christmas Day	
	2010	2011
\$ 204,224		\$153,074*
	January 1, 2012	
	2011	2012
\$30,624		\$28,423

**Christmas Donations are still arriving.*

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
First Eucharist Enrollment Planning Meeting**



There will be a meeting on Tuesday, January 10th at 10AM for Parents of 2nd Graders who wish to assist with the First Eucharist Enrollment Mass and reception which will take place on Feb. 5th. The meeting will take place in the Religious Education office.

St. Joseph Parish Directory

Rectory: 747-3535 Rectory Office / Receptionist · Ext. 10
Pastor: Reverend Msgr. James P. Swiader · Ext. 13
Associate pastor: Reverend Gregory F. Breen · Ext. 11
Reverend Msgr. Brian J. McNamara, in residence
Deacon Jack McKenna
Adult Faith Formation: Sr. Kathleen Corr, OP, Director · Ext. 12
Music and Liturgy: Mr. Joseph Cangialosi, Director · Ext. 29
Youth Ministry: Mr. Philip Malloy, Director · Ext. 30
Facilities' Manager: Mr. Frank Mondo · Ext. 18; Bulletin: Mrs. Adrienne Kucz waj · Ext 27

St. Joseph School: Dr. Eileen Kilbride, Principal · 747-2730
Mrs. Regina Cioffi, Assistant Principal
Religious Education: Mrs. Susan Mirabella, Director · 741-7787
Parish Human Services: Sr. Virginia Maguire, OP, Director · 747-7120
Stewardship: Sr. Louise Cullen, RSM, Director · 741-5632

Parish Trustees: Mrs. Joyce Abamont · Mrs. Ellen Emery
Pastoral Council: Mr. Christopher Adams · Mrs. Joan Afflerbach · Mr. Joseph McCarthy ·
Mrs. Ann Paulson · Mr. Richard Russell · Mrs. Dorry Tompsett ·
Parish Emergency Anointing number (when the Rectory Office is closed): 516-434-1516

**WHAT DO THE SCRIPTURES
SAY TO US EACH WEEK?**



**YOU ARE INVITED TO DISCUSS,
LEARN, PRAY
WITH SUNDAY SCRIPTURES**

**TUESDAY MORNINGS 9:45 - 10:45
ST. AGNES ROOM
MATERIALS (AND COFFEE!) PROVIDED**

INFORMATION: S. KATHLEEN 747-3535 EXT 12

St. Joseph's Parish
Adult Faith Formation Board

Presents

BABETTE'S FEAST

This Oscar-winning film (Best Foreign Language Film, 1987) unites artistic, sensual and sacred passions. It relates the story of the minister's daughters in a tiny protestant community on the desolate coast of Denmark that is committed to a life of self-denial. After some missed opportunities for happiness, the two sisters devote their lives to their father's legacy, until one day a mysterious refugee from France appears on the scene. The change wrought by Babette is gradual, but ultimately culminates in a sumptuous feast, which effects a conversion of hearts and minds in the austere community.

Sunday, January 22
2:00 p.m. in the St. Agnes Room

This is the second of our 2011-2012 series

Movies for a Sunday Afternoon

Admission is FREE; All are Welcome

A Discussion will Follow the Showing
and Light Refreshments will be Served

For more information call Dick Russell (747-2559)

HUMAN SERVICES

“And behold the star...came and stopped over the place where the child was.”
Matthew 2:9

Today’s celebration of the Epiphany highlights the star that led the Magi to the Christ child. The three Scripture Readings for the Epiphany reveal that Jesus came for all people. God’s revelation of grace and light are extraordinary and expansive! God’s love has no boundaries. Thank you for the many ways that you follow the star and share that light, reverencing the earth and all its people!

MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

Our food collection this weekend will be donated to Long Island Cares. The food that you donate will help to restock the shelves of many food pantries throughout Long Island.

CAREER TRANSITION - Members of St. Anne and St. Joseph parishes have been attending this group for the newly unemployed. Networking among various people seems to be the most successful way for them to get an interview. In tough times it helps to pull together. Today’s economic downturn has affected the employment circumstances of many in our parish community. In light of the importance of networking, the group has created a Talent Bank which highlights the specific job titles and skills of the members looking to be employed.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

As a new year begins, you are invited to visit the website of the Career Transition Group to find out the specific positions that members of this group are seeking. Then perhaps you or someone you know could direct them to a person that would interview them. Networking is so critical in finding a position. Your connection might be the link for someone finding a job!

Visit their website at: <http://protalentbank.blogspot.com>

CATHOLIC CHARITIES’ SENIOR HOUSING:

Mary’s Manor Enriched Housing in Inwood is accepting applications for housing for those who are 65 years of age and older, SSI eligible (Supplemental Security Income) and who need minimal supportive care in the activities of daily living. For additional information please contact Eileen Armstrong-Larney at 516-371-1376.



SNOW REMOVAL FOR SENIOR CITIZENS -The Garden City Village Court in conjunction with the Garden City Police Department is conducting a pilot program, where individuals assigned community service, can remove snow in the winter for senior citizens looking for assistance. To arrange for this service, please call Detective Richard Pedone at 465-4116.

Sister Ginny

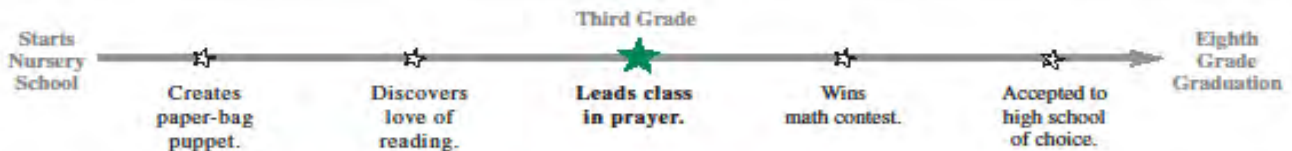


All Classes will meet as scheduled this week.



Calling 6th, 7th and 8th Graders who would like to be a Junior Lector - We are having training sessions for new Junior Lectors beginning on Thursday, January 12th at 4pm in the Auditorium. If you are interested please call the Religious Ed. Office and leave your name and phone number. The Junior Lectors serve at the 10am Family Mass.

Join us for our Open House for Nursery through Grade 8. Sunday, January 29, from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon. For details, call (516) 747-2730.



We guide each child from "let's-pretend" to prepared. In grades 1 through 5 at Saint Joseph School, your child develops skills for future success in a well-rounded educational program where reading, computer, music, art, physical education, and foreign language classes in small-group settings reinforce the value of hard work and personal responsibility.



Teachings of the Catholic faith instill in your child a lifelong respect for others while a range of stimulating after-school activities offer vital new growth opportunities.

To learn more about how to give your child these advantages for life, contact Principal Eileen Kilbride, Ed.D., at (516) 747-2730, or visit our website at www.advantageforlife.org



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2011-2012 Limited Car Raffle

Sponsored by the St. Joseph School PTA

Only 1,000 tickets will be sold. Prize winners will be drawn at the always exciting Goods and Services Auction on March 23, 2012. (Need not be present to win)

The grand prize winner will have their choice of a *2 year lease on a Mercedes Benz E350 convertible or \$25,000 cash* (or 50% of net ticket sales if less than 700 tickets sold). Second prize is winner's choice of \$2,500 cash or a St. Joseph School tuition credit for the 2012-2013 school year. Taxes and additional fees on all prizes are the responsibility of winners.



Raffle Tickets are \$100 each or 3 tickets for \$250.
6 for \$500 Whale of a Deal 13 for \$1,000

Please order your tickets by completing and returning the order form below. If you have any questions please feel free to call Lorraine Levano @ (516) 742-3744 or e-mail onave114@optonline.net

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ADDRESS: _____
TOWN AND ZIP CODE: _____
TELEPHONE #: () _____ E-MAIL _____

of Tickets _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____
Credit card # (Master/Visa) _____ Exp date _____
Billing zip code _____

Kindly make check payable to St. Joseph Catholic School PTA. Mail form and check or credit card info to:

Lorraine Levano
7 Prospect Ave.
Garden City, NY 11530

Your numbered ticket(s) will be mailed to you within 2 weeks. Since this is a limited raffle, requests received after 1,000 tickets are sold will be returned to you.

The St. Joseph PTA thanks you for your generous contribution to this most important fundraiser. We are a Catholic School of Excellence, due to your continuing support.