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Our Mission Statement: We, the Eucharistic community of the Lord at Saint Joseph's and members of the Body of Christ, are varied in background, culture, age and economic class. We are a welcoming parish consisting of longtime Catholics, new and returning Catholics and the young, all seeking knowledge of our faith, its teachings and traditions. We are a faith community empowered by the Holy Spirit and dedicated to helping others. We are committed to celebrate the sacramental life of the church; to listen, proclaim, practice, teach and evangelize the word of God; to minister to each other, the poor and those in need.

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm **Parish Office:** 973-696-4411 **Religious Education:** 973-696-4411

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We Invite You to Celebrate the Eucharist

Saturday Eve: 5:30 pm

Polish Mass: Every Sunday at 9:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 am, 12:00 noon & 7:00 pm (Spanish Mass)

Weekdays: Monday, 7:00 pm
Tuesday - Friday, 8:00 am

Holy Days: Will be announced in the bulletin and from the pulpit.

Parish Membership

Our parish family invites all of its members to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. Every family moving into our parish is requested to register. Please contact the parish office for the form. If you are going to move to another parish or change your address, please notify the parish office.

Parish Staff

Fr. Artur Zaba, Pastor
Fr. Martin Bradtke, Parochial Vicar
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Sr. Ellen Byrnes, F.S.P., Pastoral Associate
Rev. Mr. Stephen Marabeti, Deacon
Rev. Mr. Joseph Parlapiano, Deacon
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Ms. Denise Dixon, Director of Music
Mrs. Kathleen Miller, Director of Religious Education
Mr. John Petracca, Maintenance
Mr. Rich Williams, Maintenance

Novena: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction 6:30 pm followed by the Mass at 7:00 pm and Novena to our Lady of the Miraculous Medal every Monday.

Adoration: Every Tuesday from 8:30 am to 8:00 pm, every Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30-9:30 am.

The Sacrament of Baptism: The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Sunday, with the exception of major holidays. Baptisms during Mass or at any other Time are to be arranged with the Pastor. A parent preparation program is held monthly. Parents are asked to contact the parish office for information about Baptisms two months in advance.

Reconciliation: Saturday, 5:00 pm to 5:20 pm

Communion & Sick Calls: Anointing of the Sick is offered every third Sunday of the month after the noon Mass. When any member of your family becomes ill or is confined to the home and unable to come to the Celebration of the Eucharist, please contact the parish office so that arrangements can be made for Communion to be brought to the house. If it is an emergency situation, please call 973-974-0213.

Matrimony: Ideally, arrangements for weddings should be made at least one year in advance. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

Grief Ministry: Meets twice per year, mutual sharing and support in strictly confidential setting. Call Sr. Ellen at 973-696-4411.

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Maria McMann ----- 973-896-4353

Warming Bee

Antoinette VanWyck ----- 973-694-1818

Women of Faith

Vicki Pignone ----- 201-410-6869



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD ✕ JANUARY 7, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

Saturday	9:00 AM	Intention Known to God
	5:30 PM	Emma O'Shea (1 st Anniv) – DeGuzman Fam
		Adam Shakoor – Mulhearn Fam
Sunday	8:00 AM	Joan Murphy – P Folenta Julita Mariblanca – Blewitt Fam
Mass in Polish	9:00 AM	For the Living & Deceased Polish Community
	10:00 AM	Anthony Lacatena–Sorrentino Fam Ray Kerwin – Deacon Joe & Cathy Parlapiano
	12:00 PM	Babs Custer–Eucharistic Ministers Mario Foti – U&G Daidone Joseph & Elsie Tasin–Breaky Fam
Monday	7:00 PM	Colette Parisi – Fr. Art
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Victoria Kovach – Fr. Art
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Charles Arney – Fam
Thursday	8:00 AM	James J Quinn – D Dixon
Friday	8:00 AM	Antonio & Pilar Misa (44 th Wedding Anniv)
Saturday	5:30 PM	Mario Foti- J&J Garcia Ray Kerwin – R&M Williams Ryszard Mieczkowski – Fam & Friends
Sunday	8:00 AM	Walter Jaslanek–L Thierry & Fam Kim-Michelle Garner – B&M Murphy Juan Mariblanca – Blewitt Fam
Mass in Polish	9:00 AM	For the Living & Deceased Polish Community
	10:00 AM	Ronald & Peggy Fisher – Deacon Steve Joseph Chisari – M Chisari
	12:00 PM	Ray Kerwin – K Bower & W Arvidson Marianne Broderick – Rasa Fam Walter & Nicolina Breakey – Breakey Fam



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah speaks poetically of the coming of the Lord. He describes how “darkness covers the earth” but light and glory appear over God’s chosen people.

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

Paul tells the Ephesians that the Jews and Gentiles are now co-heirs of the promises God has made. He explains that both groups are now members of one body through Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus’ birth, three astrologers from the east came to Jerusalem and inquired about the newborn king of the Jews. King Herod became greatly angered, and asked the astrologers to bring him more information about the child once they had found him, so that he too could pay homage to the infant. However, Herod’s true plan was to kill Jesus. The wise men were warned in a dream not to return to him and they took a different route to return home.



Sunday

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

Monday

Is 55:1-11 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday

1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Friday

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

Saturday

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

SHARING OUR TREASURE

December 24, 2023:	\$ 6,040
Simbang Gabi:	\$ 414
Christmas Flowers:	\$ 260
Candles:	\$ 174
Attendance	396
December 25, 2023:	\$ 16,725

Today we recall the magi, who, drawn by the star, journeyed from distant lands to find the newborn king of the Jews and present him with their finest gifts. We each make our own journey to the Lord, and when we come to celebrate the Eucharist we offer our finest gifts — our prayers, our lives, our future.

The magi were truly wise, for not only did they set out at once for Judea, once they saw the star at its rising, they also changed their plan to return to Herod after finding the child. They had an epiphany, as it were, after encountering the Messiah, after finding him in a place they could not have anticipated when they’d left their homes.

JANUARY LECTOR SCHEDULE

January 6-7	January 13-14
5:30 PM Gale Tedeschi	5:30 PM Ellen Corbiere
8:00 AM Gina Deppert	8:00 AM Mary Boyle
10:00 AM Tina Vatrano	10:00 AM Rob Colfin
12:00 PM Cristina Hucalla	12:00 PM Tony Rafael
January 20-21	January 27-28
5:30 PM Ashley LoMonaco	5:30 PM George Yost
8:00 AM Paul DePinto	8:00 AM Dan Blewitt
10:00 AM Tina Vatrano	10:00 AM Liz O'Connell
12:00 PM AnneMarie Abad	12:00 PM Mark Karrs

HISTORY OF THE GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree was started as a Christian Service project in the 1990's under the leadership of Fr. Hogan. At that time, Joyce Stager was instrumental in organizing this event each year, and the number of families that have benefited from the project has steadily increased through the past 25 years.

Members of our present Christian Service Committee contact our local schools to identify potential families in need. This year our parish bestowed Christmas blessings upon 23 local families thanks to your generosity. The appreciation of these families is always heartwarming, making this project one we hope to continue in future years. Thank you to all our parishioners who helped make this project a success!

Thank you to Lois Moeller, Mary Bono and Kathy Petrow and thanks also to our Christian Service members who assisted with the distribution of ornaments at Masses. God Bless!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

GRADES K – 4

Jan 7 Classes Resume
Jan 14 No Class

For more information, please call 973.696.4411

GRADES 5 – 8

Jan 21 Grade 7 Class Mass

Parish Office 973.696.4411

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



Do you know the story of Samson? The life of Samson shows us the importance of relying on God's strength, not our own power; following God's will, not our own stubbornness; and seeking the Lord's wisdom, not our own understanding. The

Columbiettes and Knights of Columbus are hosting another Family Movie Night on January 13th at 7 PM in Halloran Hall. All Parishioners are welcome and admission is free.

NEW COORDINATOR FOR LECTOR MINISTRY

After several years as our Coordinator of the Lectors' Ministry, **Maria Maggi** is stepping down. She has given untold hours, energy and love to this primary ministry in the life of the Church. She has been a huge gift to our parish because of her deep spirituality and also, because of her association with Catholic Book Company, she has been able to keep our parish current with liturgical updates.

At every Mass, God becomes present in two major parts of the Liturgy... in the 'Word' and in the 'Eucharist'. Therefore, the need to proclaim the Sacred Word well is extremely important. Maria has been more than attentive in monitoring, overseeing, scheduling and training those who proclaim the Word. She herself often filled in for those lectors not able to attend on a certain date.

Words of thanks seem inadequate for her outstanding service and for all that Maria has given to her ministry, as well as all of us. She has been a blessing to our parish and we thank God for all the unseen things she has done and for the people whose lives she has touched. May God bless her abundantly for her selfless service to St. Joseph Parish. We are pleased to announce that **Ellen Corbiere**, who has been a lector and worked closely with Maria, is assuming the responsibility of parish Coordinator of Lectors' Ministry. We are grateful for her willingness to serve in this capacity.

**FILIPINO SIMBANG GABI OR
MASSES OF THE NIGHT**

The Filipino Simbang Gabi has been in the Diocese of Paterson for 7 years and it is the 7th time it has been held at St. Joseph Parish.

The Diocesan Commission for Catholic Filipino Ministries (DCCFM) thanks Fr. Artur for supporting the Filipino community and allowing the 7th night of the Simbang Gabi to be celebrated at St. Joseph Parish. Fr. Art was the celebrant.



5 FIRST SATURDAYS OF THE MONTH

Dear Parishioners,

We are thrilled to announce a new initiative at our parish that we believe will bring us closer to our faith and community. Starting in 2024, we will be observing "5 First Saturdays of the Month" as a special time of devotion and prayer.

Here are the dates and details for these special Saturdays:

- January 6, 2024
- February 3, 2024
- March 2, 2024
- April 6, 2024
- May 4, 2024

Each of these Saturdays will begin with a Mass at 9:00 AM. Following the Mass, we will engage in a spiritually enriching program that includes the Patriotic Rosary and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a community and deepen our devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

We invite all of you to join us on these special Saturdays to adore the Blessed Virgin Mary and strengthen our connection with our faith and parish family. Your presence and participation will make this initiative truly meaningful.

Let us come together in prayer and unity, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as we embark on this spiritual journey.



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