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*The Baptism of the Lord*  
*El Bautismo del Señor*

JANUARY 9-16, 2022 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SS. JOSEPH AND MICHAEL PARISH, UNION CITY - BAPTISM OF THE LORD



**January 9-16, 2022**

<p><b>Sunday, January 9</b> (Eng.) 9:00 AM  (Esp.) 11:00 AM (Esp.) 12:30 PM</p>	<p><b>BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b> †Mary Mussi †Margaret Tighe Por la salud de Rubi Restrepo †Daniel Alvarado</p>
<p><b>Monday, January 10</b> (Eng.) 8:30 AM (Bil.) 7:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Weekday</b> †Loretta and †William Yanashusky †Arlene Cox</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, January 11</b> (Eng.) 8:30 AM (Esp.) 7:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Weekday</b> †Mary Mussi †Juan Miguel Rosales Jr.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, January 12</b> (Eng.) 8:30 AM  (Eng.) 7:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Weekday</b> †Sandra Oglesby †Kathy Wilson Intentions of our parishioners</p>
<p><b>Thursday, January 13</b> (Eng.) 8:30 AM (Esp.) 7:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Weekday</b> †Mary Mussi †Maria Fernandez</p>
<p><b>Friday, January 14</b> (Eng.) 8:30 AM (Esp.) 7:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Weekday</b> †Mary Mussi †Silvero Peña †Isabel Diaz y †Antonio Breton</p>
<p><b>Saturday, January 15</b> (Eng.) 5:30 PM (Esp.) 7:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Weekday</b> †Anne Marie Molinari †Mirta Rodriguez Por la conversion de Pablo, Diego, y Isaac Imanagua</p>
<p><b>Sunday, January 16</b> (Eng.) 9:00 AM (Esp.) 11:00 AM (Esp.) 12:30 PM</p>	<p><b>2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> †Carol Lee and †Paul Keabajian †Irene Torrens †Edgardo Sanchez †Victor Sanchez †Victor Rivera, Sr. †Samantha Montalvo</p>

<p><b>ALTAR BREAD</b> <i>For the repose of the soul of</i> <i>†Ann Marie Molinari</i></p>
<p><b>SANCTUARY LAMP</b> <i>For the repose of the soul of</i> <i>†Mary Ann Molinari</i></p>
<p><b>MASS CANDLE</b> <i>For the repose of the soul of</i> <i>†Irene Molinari</i></p>

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**  
Jean Marie Benedicks, Jose Bravo, Eva Cabrera  
Alfonso Delgado, Mauro, Favuzzi, Maria Fernandez,  
Victoria Fung, Dilia Palencia, Rubi Restrepo, Enrique  
Solis, Zoraida Vargas, Sister Joan Marie Verdi,  
Sherey Villacis

If you would like to have a name added, please  
contact the parish office at 201-865-2325.

Si desea agregar un nombre, comuníquese con la  
oficina parroquial al 201-865-2325.

**Your Sacrificial Giving**  
**January 1-2, 2021**

5:30PM	\$213
7:00PM	\$29
9:00AM	\$493
11:00AM	\$720
12:30PM	\$619
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Mailed In	\$131

**WEEKEND TOTAL: \$2,205**  
We thank you for your continued generosity.  
Les agradecemos su continua generosidad.

**Readings for the Week**  
**Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11, Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7,  
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22  
**Monday:** 1 Sm 1:1-8, Mk 1:14-20  
**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, 10:1, Mk 2:13-17

**Second Collection / Segunda Colecta**  
January 8-9, 2021  
Catholic Campaign for Human Development  
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NOTE: MASS INTENTIONS MAY BE MODIFIED, POSTPONED OR CANCELLED DUE TO UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

**JANUARY 9-16, 2022**

**GOSPEL MEDITATION  
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING  
OF SCRIPTURE  
JANUARY 9, 2022**

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear

**MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO  
FOMENTAR EL ENTENDIMIENTO PROFUNDO  
DE LA ESCRITURA  
9 DE ENERO 2022**

¿Qué punto de referencia usas al tomar decisiones? Muchas veces, el impulso toma el control y las decisiones se toman basándose únicamente en la emoción y el deseo. Todos sabemos que este tipo de decisiones a menudo nos pueden meter en problemas. Cuando una persona tiene un sentido seguro de quiénes son y una comprensión real de lo que es importante y valioso, la probabilidad de elecciones impulsivas y rápidas disminuye. El bautismo nos da lo que necesitamos para tomar decisiones bien informadas y con propósito. Con este simple gesto, Dios nos reclama como suyos y nos proporciona la identidad y el propósito que necesitamos para vivir la vida de manera adecuada.

Es tremendamente reconfortante cuando realmente aceptamos esta revelación y nos damos cuenta de que ya no tenemos que preguntarnos por el propósito de nuestras vidas o luchar para encontrar nuestro camino. Se nos ha dado la respuesta de quiénes somos en Dios. Ya no tenemos que andar a tientas, tropezar con nosotros mismos o caminar sin rumbo fijo. Temas relacionados con el carácter sagrado de la vida, el significado de la muerte, la protección de los más vulnerables, el cuidado de los débiles y los pobres, ofrecer hospitalidad a quienes buscan un hogar, el propósito y el lugar de trabajo adecuado, cómo crear una vida justa, el orden social, el cuidado de la creación y la comprensión de nuestro papel como heraldos y mayordomos son solo algunos de los maravillosos dones que trae el bautismo. Cuando tomamos decisiones basadas en cosas como estas verdades centrales del Evangelio, realmente actuamos como el mismo Cristo, revelando a los demás las nuevas creaciones que somos. Así vivimos nuestro bautismo.

Es difícil caminar contra corriente. Sin embargo, eso es precisamente lo que el bautismo nos llama a hacer. Aunque somos pecadores, necesitados de misericordia y lejos de la perfección, estamos llamados a ordenar nuestra vida y tomar decisiones basadas en la sabiduría y la guía del Dios Todopoderoso. Él es el único que puede reclamarnos como sus hijos e hijas. Defender nuestros principios no nos hará populares. Pero ¿quién dijo que el cristianismo es un concurso de popularidad? El bautismo nos llama a defender lo que va en contra del secularismo. Parados en línea con otros pecadores, tenemos nuestra ancla para sostenernos en las tempestades de la vida y Dios está muy complacido. Seguir adelante. No hay nada que temer.



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HOW TO JOIN

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Talk to David Tarantino after English masses.

# Happy New Year 2022!

Dear Parishioners,

**WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR 2022!**

When we look back this past year, we had many difficult times due to the pandemic. We lost loved ones, our jobs, our homes, and our ability to gather, but one fact remains true. God is with us and God loves us always, all the time!

We have begun this new year with the Feast of Mother God, interceding with her powerful guidance. We are celebrating the Epiphany of the Lord this weekend, God's revelation to the gentiles. I wish you "Happy Epiphany of the Lord".

As we are closing the happy season of Christmas, I thank all of you who have helped us for the great celebration of Christmas, particularly those who bring their collection every week, especially for the flowers and Christmas gift for our Church, priests, deacons, the choir, altar servers, lectors, eucharistic ministers, the Sunday Restaurant volunteers and the parish staff.

I would like to express my deep gratitude to Sir Patrick Allen and his wonderful crew, Raymond, Eduardo and Leo Casamayor who spent their time and talent decorating our Christmas manger.

As I was unable to take my vacation for the past three years, I will be taking some vacation time and will be traveling to India to be with my families from January 3<sup>rd</sup> to January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022. During my absence, Father Fernando Echeverri will be here helping all of us, with the permission of the Archdiocese of Newark.

During the first three weeks of January we will listen, read, and pray for the listening session that we are going to have in the beginning of February 2022 in preparing for the Synod.

Once again, I wish you all a healthy and happy new year. I will keep you and your families in my prayerful wishes. Please keep me in your prayers for my safe travel. Les deseo a todos un feliz y saludable año nuevo.

Yours in Christ,  
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