

Church of the Sacred Heart



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Together we foster a welcoming spirit of unity while honoring our diversity which leads to a graced harmony among us since Christ is the center of all we are and do.

The Epiphany of the Lord ~ January 2, 2022

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: “Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.” Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, “Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God’s love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being.” Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important. We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved. ©LPi

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*SACRED HEART CHURCH
PARISH INFORMATION*

PARISH OFFICE

103 Fourth Street, Riverton, NJ 08077-1205

Monday through Friday

8:30 am — 12:00 noon & 1:00 pm — 4:00 pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

Family Center, 102 Fourth Street, Riverton, NJ 08077-1206

Tuesday through Friday

12:30 pm — 4:30 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays

2:30 pm — 3:30 pm (in the Sacristy)

GENERAL INFORMATION

NEW PARISHIONERS

Are always welcome, please register at the parish office.

MOVING?

Please notify us if you are moving out of the parish or changing your address or telephone number.

BAPTISMS

Please call the rectory as soon as possible to make arrangements.

Parish registration must be confirmed and eligibility certificates for Catholic Godparents must be presented. Godparent and sponsor certificates may be obtained by those who have received all Sacraments in the Catholic Church. **CALL LESLIE AT 829-0090 x 10.**

MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made at the rectory at least **ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE.** Please contact us to receive guidelines for the celebration of marriage.



**PLEASE PRAY
FOR OUR DEARLY DEPARTED
AND THEIR FAMILIES**

Warren Ferry, Connie Kelley, Eleanor Tilmont, Veronica Yansick, Joseph McDonough, James Sargent, III, Joan Harding, Charles Rosica, Michaelene Sutton, Christine Kowalski, Raymond Tubic, Jr., Michael Schneider, Pat MacCord, Dennis Mundy, Jennie Giampaolo, Edward Diamond, Walter Biernacki, Bernice Dunn, Hon. Terrence McStravick, Henry Sincavage, Theresa Cotter, Cecilia Angst, Jimmy Morrissey, Joanne Lavin, Mildred Greisamer, Patricia McGinnis, Suzanne Allen, Leo Kilcourse, Margaret Conlow, Alice Anderson, JoAnn Kline, John Baxter, Rosalie Mascio, Charles O'Malley, Vincent Perkins, Chief Ed DeLussey, Christian Gonzalez, Phyllis Jung, Daniel Campbell, Florence Klein, Caroline Shontz, Helen McGee, Rita Leone, Joseph Vanak, Helen Gilbert, Marie Bloomquist, Marie Rota, Joanne Nesemeier, Pat Pellegrino, Rick Dudzic, Jeanne Max, Liane Stafford, Debra Burns, France Carmondy, Mary Ann Lattore, Jim Nachman, Sarah Jane Zimmermann, Patrick O'Neill, Sr., June Gill, Sophie Maduzio, Vincent Trola, John McInerney, Jr., Maria Bozicek, Russell DiLeo, Rick Muraresku, Baby Daniel Evans, Gerald Mulchay, Mary Vandy, Robert Happe, Ralph Pepe, Carol Hosey, Mary Gillette, Michael Vagnoni, Eric Johnstone, Margaret Hefler, Ruth Yearly, Joan Lynch and Jean Duschek



Monday, January 3, 2022

8:00 am **Joan Lynch**
r/o Adam & Nancy
Haraburda

Michael Ragan

r/o His Wife, Sue and
Family

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

8:00 am **Joseph Eife**
r/o Joseph Young

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

8:00 am **Communion Service**

Thursday, January 6, 2021

8:00 am **Joan Lynch**
r/o The Murphy Family

Friday, January 7, 2022

8:00 am **Joan Lynch**
r/o The Campbell Family

Saturday, January 8, 2022

8:00 am **Vincent Perkins**
r/o His Wife, Mary

4:00 pm **Joan Lynch**
r/o Maria & Kimberly
Kelly

Sunday, January 9, 2022

7:30 am **Elise Fries**
r/o Her Husband, Bill

9:30 am **Donald Jordan**
r/o Suzanne Cairns Wells

11:30 am **Joan Lynch**
r/o Judi Rossi

**Please remember to be reverent
in Church before the Blessed
Sacrament.**

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns This Week



In Loving Memory of
James V. Hall

At the Request of
His Wife, Judy & Family



**PLEASE PRAY FOR
OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

Linda Agosti, Patricia Baxter, Margaret (Peg) Brooks, Doug Budroe, Bert Cahill, Jr, Tom Cairns III, Angela Cheesman, Dorothy Clinton, Diana Comerford, Sharon Connor, Esther DiLeonardo, Tanya DiMaio, Rosemary DiTaranto, Deacon Joe Donadieu, Ruth Donadieu, Diane Donnelly, Fr. George Dudak, Kathy Ellis, Elizabeth Falkiewicz, Marianne Ford, Stephanie Forker, Nicole Funkhouser, Marianne Gasper, Glenn Godwin, Joe Gross, Marlie & Megan Guicheteau, Jamie Hall, Maddie Harris, Eric & Sasha Hayes, Mary Hayes, Gerald Higgins, Glenn D. Jackson, Vernon Jenkins, Madison Jones, John Jordan, Marie Kenkelen, Marybeth Kennedy, Ellena Klein, Regina Kurtz, Matthew Laverty, Willow Laverty, Joe Leahy, David MacWilliams, Molly Maerten, Travis Martin, Bill Max, William McGonigal, Ashley McKeon, Mary Meeks, Amanda Milewski, Melissa Milewski, Mary Moynahan, Shawn Mulvihill, Rick Muraresku, Marty O'Halloran, Millie Opperman, Judy Palait, Mary Theresa Pepper, Joseph & Mary Ellen Raday, Chris Reteneller, Kate Salamon, Marty Schlindwein, Michael Stanley Schneider, Linda Sekula, Charles & Susan Sharpe, Bill & Theresa Sherwin, Ed Siemietkoski, Gwen Smith, Rob M. Smith, Joanne Soden, Carol Spence, Nicole Stavely, Millie Flannery Strohm, Tim Svitak, Eileen Thress, Amy Tuccillo, Paul Ugolick, Gigi Urbano, Donna Van Hoy, Bob Venango, Jennifer Wark, Dennis Willoughby and Jamie Willoughby

If you or a family member would like prayers during Mass from our parishioners please call the parish office.



Care of the sick: If a family member is sick or homebound and would like to receive Communion please contact Dawn Vermes at 856-979-5107.

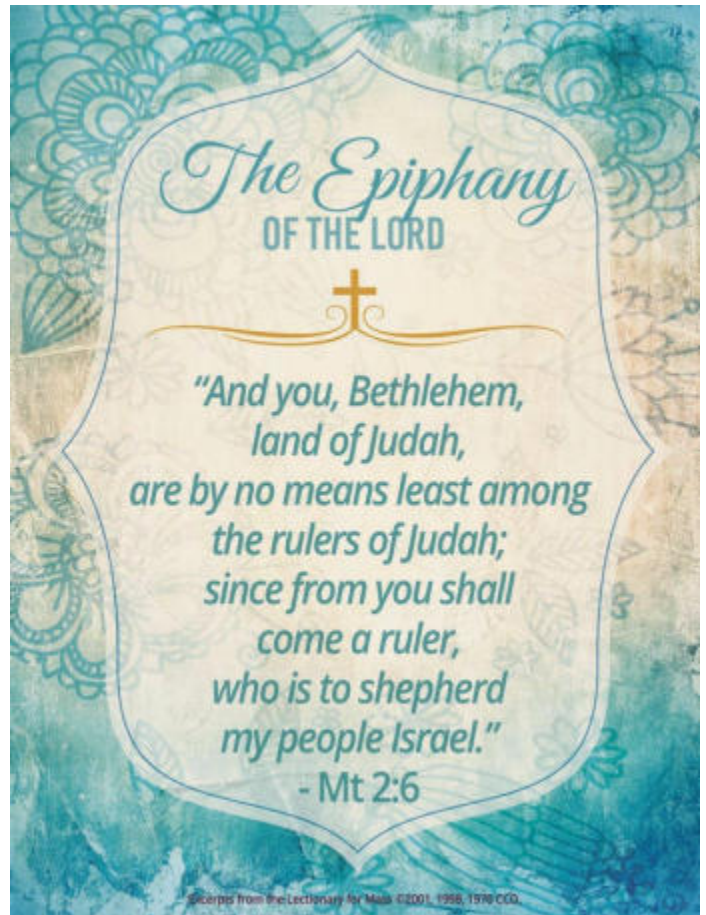
WEEKEND MUSIC — JANUARY 2ND

- 105 As with Gladness Men of Old
- 107 We Three Kings
- 108 The First Noel
- 106 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



Hymns for the 9:30am Mass with the Guitar Group

- 107 We Three Kings
- 87 O Little Town of Bethlehem
Wonderful Counselor
- 92 O Come, All Ye Faithful



**The Rectory Offices will be closed on
Monday, January 3rd**



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

December 19, 2021

\$9,062.00

Electronic giving for December 2021

\$9,899.00

Thank you very much to all of you who have been kind enough to drop off or mail in your weekly offerings.

Please remember Sacred Heart in your Last Will and Testament

Father Chuck's Homily:

What is the meaning of today's Gospel? Why was the visit of the magi so important to Matthew, yet not really of interest to Mark Luke and John? Today we read of the Epiphany – the visit of the magi – the wise men – the magicians – the kings – depending on when you grew up and the translation used – the visit to Jesus and their offering of gifts to the Holy Family.

Why did Matthew include this story, and not the others – well there are any number of theories – first, that only he had the story – remember that until they were written into the Gospels they were all oral traditions, told at gatherings of disciples. The second is that each wrote for differing communities at different times with different needs, and that this story spoke to the conditions in his community in a way it did not for the other three. We know that Matthew was writing for a mixed group of Christians – both Jewish converts and Gentile converts. We can deduce from some of the material peculiar to his gospel some of the problems he may have been encountering. One of those seems to have been that was some dissension between the Jewish converts and the Gentile converts, and perhaps even about whether there should even BE Gentile converts. We know this was a problem early on in the Church – whether or not to accept Gentiles as Christians and how to do so. So what happens in the story of the magi? Wise men from the east come to Israel seeking the newborn king of the Jews. They read the clues in the Old Testament – or what we call the OT – and figure out what the signs will be, recognize the signs and set out to find him. When they do find him, they give him homage, they present him with gifts in keeping with his status, and they go back to their homeland(s). What does this say to the people of Matthew's community? 1) that from the very beginning of his life he was recognized and accepted by those outside of the Jewish Community; that they were allowed by Mary and Joseph to visit in their home. This is a big clue for Matthew's community – rarely if ever would a Jew invite a Gentile into their home – there was too great a chance of coming in contact with someone who was unclean and then rendered unclean as well. 2) that these Gentiles were also protected by God when they were warned in a dream about Herod. So Matthew's message to his people seems to have been: If these Gentiles traveled for great distances to meet Jesus, if they believed that he WAS the king of Jews, even though they were not Jews and had no reason to even care, if Jesus Mary and Joseph accepted these people – these Gentiles – without question in to their home, then shouldn't we accept those who come to know him and recognize him and accept him? As equals in the faith?

Flash forward 2000+ years and what does that say to us today? Well the situation is somewhat different in the Church today, we aren't arguing Jewish and Gentile converts, but we do have our divisions – are we judging others and their worthiness to be here? Are WE holding ourselves up as the 'good' Catholics and those others as 'bad' Catholics? Because they're too 'conservative', too 'liberal', they don't agree with us in some way, because of some quality of theirs? instead of looking at them for what they are – fellow Catholics who have recognized and realized who Jesus is. The year 70 or the year 2021 the message is the same – Jesus came to save – to save us all – whether we are average every day shepherds, or exotic kings from the east, convert or cradle Catholic, if we see him and recognize him and realize who he is that's all he requires of us. And as to whether or not we're worthy or get it right – leave that up to him.

Happy New Year and Happy Epiphany!

Today we are reminded that Jesus came to everyone, lived for everyone, and died for everyone. Everyone who knows Him and accepts Him. From the first moment of his life he attracted non-Jews. The only one HE excluded were his opponents – and even if they had realized the error their ways he would have welcomed them. In today’s world we are ever more divided politically, philosophically, socially, and culturally. All unnecessarily as far as I am concerned. Let us resolve for this year to be less exclusive and more welcoming, and bring a little more peace to our corner of the world, hopefully inspiring others to do the same.

Things are settling back to ‘normal’ – whatever that is these days. After the hustle and bustle and drama of the past few weeks, things are much calmer. At least until the bills start coming in!

I want to thank everyone again who helped make the Christmas here at SH such a spiritual, beautiful time. Father Tito, the deacons, servers, musicians and singers, decorators, ministers, lectors, and of course the 1000+ people who filled the pews. It showed the parish at its best. Thank you. Thank you as well for your very generous Christmas offerings. We should have a final total shortly.

The School Roof project is moving forward. Once we have coordinated with Orchard School the work should begin quickly. Goralski Roofing won the contract. We are finally moving forward with the renovation of the front entrance of the rectory. Then we will have a full study of the bell tower done and bid out that project as well. We also have some roof issues in the rectory (and a hole in the upstairs ceiling) that will also be addressed, as well as the small area of fire damage on the wall of my sitting room. It won’t all be practical – we are scheduling a Mission, our regular retreats and maybe even a few guest speakers on matters religious and spiritual. 2022 is shaping up to be a busy year.

Next week I hope to discuss the Pope’s recent revisions to the regulations for the ‘extraordinary form’ that have caused such discussion and debate.

Again, thank you, for your support, spiritual, practical and personal. Thank you to everyone who offered Christmas wishes and for the gifts that were given, I keep you all in my prayers.

Father Chuck

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

January 8th - January 9th ~ The Baptism of the Lord

	4:00pm	7:30am	9:30am	11:30am
Father/Deacons Preaching	Father	Deacon	Deacon	Father
Cantors	Linda Mundy Choir		Nancy Forte	Nicole Peak
Lectors	Joe Young	Barbara Gennello	Mike Hadley	Bob Collinsgru
Extraordinary Ministers	Bridget Hagstoz Joe Threston	Marie Russo Eleanor Trautman	Jerry Higgins Betty Weinert	Kathy Taggart Alyse Taggart

Wise Men Still Seek Him

Star or GPS



Travel in yesteryear was not as comfortable as it is for us today. Although many of us may complain about the traffic or waiting for planes, trains or buses. The magi were willing to take this journey because they were seekers. Following the star, seeking something beyond themselves.

Today's travel is aided not by stars but by a GPS. We had an interesting experience with an older one of the first GPS. It may have not been too familiar with a "Round About" in Italy. Mike and I ventured to make our way by rental car from our daughter and son in law's home in Vicenza, to Assisi. When we approached Padua there was what we refer to as a circle. The GPS told us to turn left on the "round about". After going in circles several times, we realized that this little device was as confused as we were. Since it was not telling us when to get off the circle, we took a guess and continued straight ahead.

We did not have a star but we are able to tell directions by the sun. We also stopped at the first rest area to get an old fashion dependable map. Although we could not understand Italian, we could follow the towns on the map to make sure we were going in the right direction.

This Christmas season, as all others, the magi have a message for us. Although they were wise and learned men, they were humble enough to realize that there was something more and that they did not have the fullness of revelation. We journey not on camel but through the hills and valleys of the terrain of life and we need direction.

The direction that only truly comes from that whom our heart seeks.

We too, need to be humble seekers. But we know where our answers lies. The star came to rest above the Baby Jesus. Today we who are seekers do not follow the star, we follow this baby. This Baby who is Emmanuel God With Us, our Savior, our Shepherd, our Wonderful Counselor, our Prince of Peace

Although the Magi brought gifts to the baby, these gifts proclaimed who this child is in preparation for the fulfillment of all revelation. We are baptized into His Identity. Frankincense for He is the Eternal High Priest, Myrrh for He is the Prophetic direction to the Father through the cross, and Gold for He is the King of kings.

Fran Stinsman

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton | January 4



The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805. After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in

1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint." ©LPi




**TO THE PARENTS
OF OUR YOUNG
CHILDREN, MAY
WE SUGGEST...**

- Relax! God put the wiggle in children. Don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!
- Feel free to sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear.
- Quietly explain the parts of the Mass and actions of the priest, altar servers, choir, etc.
- Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.
- If you have to leave Mass with your child, feel free to do so but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."
- Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

- The presence of children is a gift to the Church! They are members of our community, and a reminder that our parish is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to the parents.



Diocesan Youth Conference



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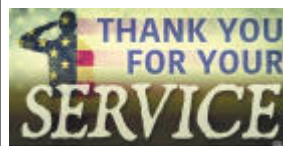
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A PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY



Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior... Amen.

Catholic Daughters are on the road again. A trip planned is to see *David* at Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, for more information and reservations regarding the trip please call Marie Russo at 856-829-1999. **Cost is \$135. Deposit is requested by Monday, January 17, 2022.**

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A trip to Doolans in Spring Lake, NJ is scheduled for St. Patrick's Day, Thursday, March 17, 2022. Trip includes one hour open bar plus extra wine hour, complete luncheon, choice of one of three entrees, dessert, coffee/tea plus a show and transportation, snacks and gratuities including driver tip. The is \$105 pp. Deposit upon registration is due by January 7th and the balance due by February 1st. Call Marie at 856-829-1999.

The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life." If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life. One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?" That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it. The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary. In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others. Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Catholic Daughters will be collecting baby items again for 1st Way of Burlington co. Let's help these moms who chose life! Items needed are baby clothing, baby blankets, diapers, formula, baby cereal, baby towels, shampoo, etc. They only accept donations for the babies. The only adult clothing they will accept is maternity clothing. Please place donations in the side altar closest to the ramp. We thank you in advance for your generosity!

Saint John Neumann, Bishop | January 5



Neumann was born in Prachatice, Bohemia (modern-day Czech Republic), then within the Austrian Empire. He attended school in Budweis before entering seminary there in 1831. Two years later he transferred to the University of Prague, where he studied theology. He was interested in astronomy and botany. He intended to be ordained, but his bishop, in 1835, decided there would be no more ordinations, as Bohemia had a high number of priests already. Neumann,

who spoke eight languages then wrote to other bishops in Europe, but they all replied that they also had too many priests already. He was inspired by the missionary writings of Bishop Frederic Baraga in America, and because he had learned English by working in a factory with English-speaking workers, Neumann wrote to bishops in America, requesting to be ordained in the United States. In 1836, he arrived in the United States with very little money, and was ordained to the priesthood there. He was assigned by the Bishop of New York to work with recent German immigrants in mission churches in the Niagara Falls area, where he visited the sick, taught catechism, and trained teachers to take over when he left. After four years of service there, he realized his own need for support and came to realize the importance of communal activity in his work. He thus applied to the Redemptorists. He was accepted, and entered the novitiate of the order in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In January, 1842, he took the vows to enter the order in Baltimore, Maryland, and became the first Redemptorist in the New World. After six years of difficult but fruitful work with the order, he was appointed the order's provincial superior in the United States. Neumann was naturalized as a citizen of the United States in Baltimore on February 10, 1848. In March 1852, Neumann was consecrated in Baltimore, as Bishop of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was the first to organize a Catholic diocesan school system and increased the number of Catholic schools in his diocese from one to two hundred. He also introduced the School Sisters of Notre Dame to the New World to assist in religious instruction and staffing the orphanage. In 1853, he established Saint Peter's Parish in Riverside, New Jersey. Neumann was not a popular bishop and received criticism. He had to deal with the Know Nothings, a political group determined to deprive foreigners and Catholics of their civil rights; the group burnt down convents and schools. Discouraged, Neumann unsuccessfully wrote to Rome and asked for someone else to take his place. Neumann wrote in many Catholic newspaper and magazine articles. He also published two catechisms and a Bible history in German. There were also many teaching orders brought in by him. In 1860, Neumann died due to a stroke at the age of 48 while walking down a street in Philadelphia. After his death people began to talk of how great he had been.



A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held February 4 – 6, 2022. Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco). Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.

Location: Holiday Inn - Princeton - Princeton, NJ
Contact: Ruth & Tom De Falco
Contact Phone: 732-904-9636



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Please check www.FHOP.org for registration, directions and for our other offerings! All programs will be offered online and in person unless otherwise indicated.

**The Beauty of the Trinity
 In the Baptism of Our Lord
 Monday, January 10th ~ 9:30am –1:00pm**

The Trinity means relationship. As the Christmas Season concludes on January 9th with the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, we notice how the Trinity is fully present during Jesus’ baptism. Using this Gospel passage and Richard Rohr’s book, *The Divine Dance*, we will reflect on how we are in relationship with the Trinity. Donation: \$25, includes lunch; Zoom: \$20

**The Certainty of Being Loved
 5 Wednesdays ~ 1:00—2:30pm
 January 19th, February 16th, March 16th, April 13th and May 11th**

Blessed Pierre Claverie, once bishop of Oran, Algeria, was my brother. Assassinated during the civil war which engulfed that country during the 1900’s, he was beatified in 2018 in Oran, along with 18 other religious who lost their lives. They are the first Catholics to be honored in this way in an overwhelmingly Muslim country. Martin McGee’s *The Certainty of Being Loved* retraces the life and thought of Pierre, who has become a source of inspiration to many as they wrestle with questions of how to share experiences and ideas with others, especially Muslims, who are different from us. Is dialogue truly possible among peoples of different cultures and religious? Can we acknowledge our differences and find them enriching rather than alienating? We will use Father McGee’s book as a guide as we listen to Pierre’s answers to these questions and many more. Led by Anne-Marie Gustavson-Claverie. Donation: \$100, includes \$25 book.



RETROUVILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE - Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of February 11-13, 2022 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

This January 22nd, the Church in the United States observes the Annual “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.” We are called to observe this day through prayer and penance. Visit the website: respectlife.org/January-22.

 If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, compassionate help is available. Visit HopeAfterAbortion.org.



RESPECT LIFE

The Cathedral of Saint Mary of The Assumption hosts:
Mass January 14, 2022



*Day of Prayer
for the legal protection of the Unborn Children*

9:30 a.m. | Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Roldan

*Mass will finish in time to walk over to the **Rally for Life** which will be held at the State House Annex at 11:00 am*

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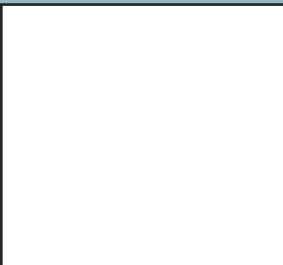
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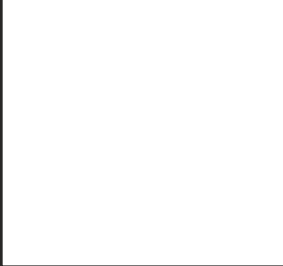
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