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**SANCTUARY LAMP, ALTAR CANDLES,
HOSTS & WINE**

The Sanctuary Lamp this week will burn in memory of
Joan Brennan,
gift of Carol Anne Hughes.

The Altar Candles this week will burn in memory of
Neil McNulty,
gift of the Tonero Family.

The Hosts and Wine to be used at the Masses this week
gift of .

Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, January 1st, The Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God**

9:00 AM Ann Hovaniak
5:00 PM Leonore Z. Hornung

SUNDAY, January 2nd, The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 AM People of the Parish
9:00 AM Giovanni Cocca
10:30 AM Pietro Poto
12:00 PM Lucille Caruso

MONDAY, January 3rd, Christmas Weekday

7:00 AM Norma B. Rodriguez
8:30 AM Linda Arena
12:10 PM Raymond Magnus Seary

**TUESDAY, January 4th, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton,
religious**

7:00 AM Marion and Joe Murphy
8:30 AM Dr. Kevin Morris

WEDNESDAY, January 5th, Saint John Neuman, bishop

7:00 AM Ned Pumphrey
8:30 AM David F. Linfante

THURSDAY, January 6th, Christmas Weekday

7:00 AM Joe McLaughlin
8:30 AM Anthony DeVitto

FRIDAY, January 7th, Saint Raymond of Peñafort, priest

7:00 AM Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
8:30 AM Noe Debuque

SATURDAY, January 8th, Christmas Weekday

8:30 AM Memorial Mass
5:00 PM For All Police Officers

SUNDAY, January 9th, The Baptism of the Lord

7:30 AM Eugene Howland
9:00 AM People of the Parish
10:30 AM Sabatino and Assunta Ciatti
12:00 PM Anne McGovern

Memorial Mass January 8th

Mary Leigh Bertino and Mary Begasse

Spiritual Book Club

Meets every Tuesday morning from 9:30 to 10:30 am
in the convent. Come join us!

From the Pastor's Desk . . .

Happy New Year! Once again I wish all who read this and all our parishioners and loved ones a very happy and healthy new year!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR
2022!**

Among our resolutions must be victory over COVID, and increase in what the Scriptures call “loving mercy” or “merciful love” for all in our lives. On this Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord we stand in awe and gratitude. This Feast teaches us that Jesus came for all the nations, for all people. He is the Truth.



The Magi of the Gospel were given the revelation that they should go and find Jesus, and they offered the gifts that they brought, honoring the Messiah even in his infancy. This was the first “opening up” of the Lord to the Gentiles.

Time passes The dawn of the new year might be a melancholic thing, as we note the passage of the precious gift of time. But we should be optimistic and thankful for whatever new opportunities and experiences we may have in 2022. Recently I was shocked at the flight of time, when I made a surprising discovery. If you were around in 1978 you may remember the death of Pope Paul VI, on August 6 of that year. The Conclave that followed saw the election of Cardinal Albino Luciani, Archbishop of Venice, to the papacy. He chose the name John Paul I (to show continuity with his two predecessors, John XXIII and Paul VI). Luciani was elected on August 26 and, as you surely know, he died unexpectedly a mere 33 days later, on September 28, concluding one of the shortest reigns in papal history!

Look at this photo of Pope John Paul I being greeted by Cardinal Karol Wojtyla, Archbishop of Krakow. Little did anyone know that within a few short weeks, Wojtyla would become Pope John Paul II and would be Pope for 26-1/2 years, one of the longest reigns in history!



This is all part of our Catholic legacy. Oh, and what is it that shocked me as I wrote above? The discovery that *I am older now than John Paul I was when he died!* He was only 65.

In this photo, Cardinal Wojtyla was only 58. He became one of our greatest popes and died on April 2, 2005 at the age of 84. He was canonized a saint on April 27, 2014.

Lights! Just before Christmas we cleaned our chandeliers, thanks to the generous gift of a parishioner, for which we are very thankful. That alone is a big job but in addition we changed every one of the upright lightbulbs in the chandeliers. Many were burned out but we changed them all, even the good ones! The new bulb is a bit brighter and gives a warmer light, and now they all match and will hopefully last a long time.

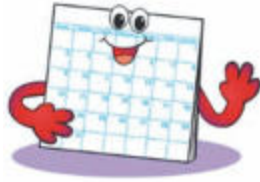


I remind you that the lightbulb was invented right here in New Jersey by Thomas Edison, in Menlo Park, a mere 24 miles from Saint Philomena Church! He filed for a patent in 1879. Mr. Edison may not have had Google but his mind sure worked well!
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We have 24 chandeliers in the church. Each has eight upright bulbs, so we changed close to 200 bulbs! I thank the donor and also Mr. Edison.

Mass Schedule As we have announced for almost two years, we are now discontinuing the 12:10 pm Mass, except for Mondays. I just want to remind you.

On Mondays we will continue with the 12:10 Mass, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Then at 6:30 pm, the Saint Jude Novena is prayed and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is celebrated. So the Mass schedule will be 7:00 am and 8:30 am Monday to Friday, with the 12:10 on Monday only. The weekend schedule remains as it has been.



I am always very thankful for the many people who go to Mass every day, or as often as they are able. Your presence inspires and encourages me! More importantly, it places you in the Presence of the Lord and your fellow disciples!

~ Msgr. Fuhrman



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. — **Mc 2:10-11**

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1978 CCD.

Live Streamed Masses

Sunday, January 9th, the Baptism of the Lord, the 9:00 AM Mass will be Live Streamed.

The 8:30 AM daily Mass will be Live Streamed Monday through Saturday.

Masses are live streamed via youtube! (and will be shared onto Facebook), search for "The Church of St. Philomena, Livingston, NJ". Mass will also be posted on our website: www.stphilomena.org.

For those not on Facebook, we now have our official youtube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0K7GPK2yoUkOwG3fcigqOQ>

SPEND TIME WITH OUR LORD EACH WEEK



Eucharistic Adoration takes place each Monday immediately following the 12:10 pm Mass and concludes at 6:30 pm with the Novena to St. Jude. and Benediction.

**The Sacrament of Penance
Saturdays at 11:30 AM and 4:30 PM.**

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive your Body and Blood. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. Stay close to me, Jesus, so that I may be close to all our sisters and brothers, especially those who are most in need of your loving care. Amen.

Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

- Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
- Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/ Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/ Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/ Jn 3:22-30
- Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/ Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/ Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

MEMORIAL CANDLES

The Divine Mercy Candle will burn in honor of **Rev. Gerald Buonopane**, gift of the Coelho Family.

The Blessed Mother Candle will burn in memory of **Judith A. O'Connor** gift of Donna Majuri.

The Saint Philomena Candle will burn in honor of **Rev. Matthew Eraly**, gift of the Coelho Family.

If you would like a Candle to burn in memory of a living or deceased beloved one, please stop by the rectory and make your request. (Cost \$15)

PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING OUR COUNTRY AROUND THE GLOBE IN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY SERVICES, ESPECIALLY THOSE FROM OUR PARISH:

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Reflections on Stewardship

“...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” (MATTHEW 2:11)

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ’s wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

Margaret Rizzo

FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE ILL

AT HOME OR IN THE HOSPITAL
AND FOR THEIR CAREGIVERS:

Steve Abdo, Susan Allanson, Pat Ambio, Meghan Amorim, Patty Arnold, Eileen A. Azzinaro, Laurissa S. Azzinaro, John Bagasse, Linda Belardo, Christopher Browne, Kelly Burke, Patty Calabrese, Michelina Campanile, Anthony Caruso, Stacy Cavello, Dr. Alfred Christopher, Maria Cipolla, Vincent Cipolla, Jorge da Costa, Gary DaVila, Mike DeCastro, Deborah DeMarzo, John DeRosa, Laura Dowe, Lyra Dowe, Joey Foglio, Tina Galante, Ben Fressola, William Garrett, Joseph Genovino, Michelina Giuliano, Ismael Grizzary, Gino Ghirelli, John Groome, Kerry Groves, Anthony Iannone, Haley Jacob, Elizabeth Johnson, Glenn Kaplinsky, Susan Amy-Kelly, Jack Kruger, Stephanie Lopez, Ken Lordi, Cheryl Mactal, Peter Malloy, Eugene Marra, Henry Masias, Theresa McGurk, Pat Miller, Angie Martinez, Matty Molinaro, William O’Neill, Sr., Chris Parnau, Suzanne Rapa, Maria Rella, Philip Riccio, Sylvia and Ray Sanchez, Patricia Sarasohn, Kathy Sasse, Gabriella Scalera, David Smeraldo, Gabrielle Spano, Justin Tchao, Salvatore Tino, Jr., Frank Tumminia, Anthony Trapanese, Steve Tumminello, Nancy Valdivia, John Farro Vitale, Rosaria Viviani, Nicole Wallace, Jon Weinstein.

Stewardship of Treasure

December 18-19, 2021

Income from Envelopes	\$ 8,421.00
Income from Online Giving	\$ 2,739.00
Less Diocesan Assessment	\$ 2,649.00
Gross Income for Parish Expenses **	\$ 8,511.00

Add’l Immaculate Conception	\$ 45.00
Add’l Collection for Retired Religious	\$ 1,036.00
Saint Augustine, Newark	\$ 415.00

2021/2022 Year to Date

Income from Parishioners	\$ 296,829.00
Extraordinary Repairs	\$ 61,644.00

2020/2021 Year to Date

Income from Parishioners	\$ 295,452.00
Extraordinary Repairs	\$ 59,920.00

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The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

Excerpts from the Diary of Saint Faustina

“It is through the light of Your mercy that I have come to understand how much You love me.”

(Diary 1487)

Welcome to our parish!

Please call the Rectory, 9 am through 3 pm, Monday to Friday, and we will be glad to send you a census form to join the Parish. Please call also for a change of address or if you are leaving the Parish. That will help keep our records updated.

We invite you to celebrate . . .

The Eucharist

Saturday: 8:30 AM, & 5:00 PM (Anticipated Sunday Mass)
Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, and 12:00 NN
Weekdays: 7:00 AM and 12:10 PM (Monday only)
8:30 AM (Monday to Saturday)

Eucharistic Adoration:

Every Monday 12:40 to 6:30 PM
Novena to St. Jude and Benediction 6:30 PM

Reconciliation:

Saturday – 11:30 AM, 4:30 PM or anytime upon request.

Ministry to the Sick:

For those of advanced age and those seriously ill or hospitalized, contact the Rectory. Holy Communion will be brought to the home of any person permanently or temporarily homebound.

Marriage:

Contact the Rectory at least one year before your wedding for ample preparation. Marriage is for a lifetime, not just a day.

A Prayer to Saint Joseph

Defender of Life

Dearest St. Joseph,
at the word of an angel,
you lovingly took Mary into your home.
As God's humble servant, you guided
the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem,
welcomed Jesus as your own son
in the shelter of a manger,
and fled far from your homeland
for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector,
you never hesitated to sacrifice
for those entrusted to you.
May your example inspire us also
to welcome, cherish, and safeguard
God's most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves
to the service and defense of human life
—especially where it is
vulnerable or threatened.
Obtain for us the grace
to do the will of God in all things.
Amen.

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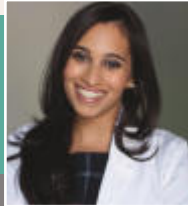
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