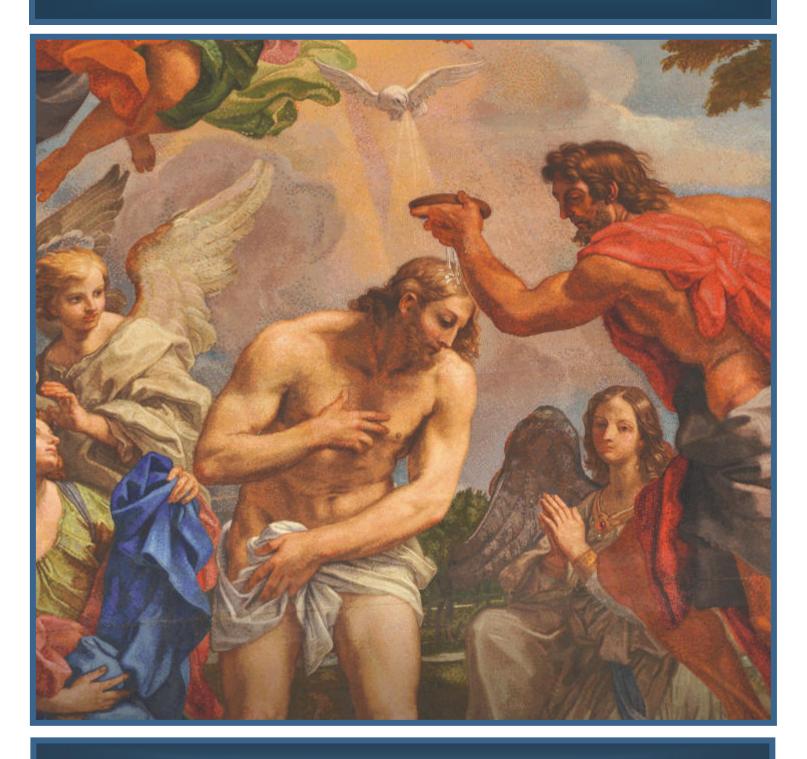
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SANCTUARY LAMP, ALTAR CANDLES, **HOSTS & WINE**

The Sanctuary Lamp this week will burn in memory of Verne Zafra. gift of Aurora Zafra.

The Altar Candles this week will burn in memory of

aift of.

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

gift of.

Mass Intentions

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

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

MONDAY, January 10th, Weekday

Antonio Rendina (4th Anniversary) 7:00 AM

8:30 AM Magdelena Raymundo

12:10 PM Virginia and Edward Hancharik

TUESDAY, January 11th, Weekday

Michele Nydegger 7:00 AM

John Tronzano (2nd Anniversary) 8:30 AM

WEDNESDAY, January 12th, Weekday

Josephine Traglin 7:00 AM

8:30 AM David Francione (4th Anniversary)

THURSDAY, January 13th, Saint Hilary, bishop and doctor of the Church

John D. Gordon 7:00 AM 8:30 AM Loretta Fabisiak

FRIDAY, January 14th, Weekday

7:00 AM Gloria McLoughlin 8:30 AM Verne Zafra

SATURDAY, January 15th, Weekday

Memorial Mass 8:30 AM 5:00 PM For All Firefighters

SUNDAY, January 16th, Second Sunday in Ordinary

7:30 AM Ann McMurrough Cole 9:00 AM Giuseppina Giuliano 10:30 AM People of the Parish 12:00 PM Rose Nave Echo

Memorial Mass January 15th

Patricia Smeraldo 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...

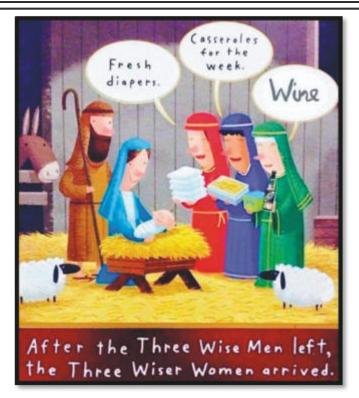
Warmest welcome Our parish has been blessed in countless ways. Each of you has much to offer and much to gain by living the Catholic life and by experiencing the closeness of Christ in Saint Philomena Church. Many of you know Ellen and Jack Audett, as you see them every week at Mass and during the week as well. Jack is a physician, and was baptized as a child in a Protestant denomination. Ellen's influence and mostly God's grace began a process of conversion, and on December 23, just in time for Christmas, Dr. Jack Audett made a profession of Faith in the Catholic Church, and was received joyfully into the Church! What a special Christmas gift that was for all involved!



As I indicated at that weekday Mass, things like this do not just happen. Jack studied the Catholic Faith very seriously and made an intellectual, spiritual and personal conversion that is beautiful to behold. That day he did what you and I do very often, even every day... He received the Holy Eucharist, the Presence of Jesus Christ.

On behalf of all of us I congratulate Dr. Jack and Ellen. May the Church always be a firm rock on which to build the house of faith and discipleship!

Practicality Last week we celebrated the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, when wise men arrived and presented somewhat unlikely gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the infant Jesus and his mother. In no way am I making light of the Gospel or the visit of the Magi. They are important figures in the Lord's infancy. The nations of the world are represented by the Wise Men. But I thought you might like this cartoon (which I printed here a few years ago), depicting the visit of Three Wiser Women, with their far more practical gifts. It's cute.



It can be hard to know what to give a person. Practicality is always a good guide. What would you rather have, myrrh or a nice chardonnay?

Congratulations! Here is something very special. Peter Candia is a longtime parishioner whom many of you know, especially the 7:30 am Sunday Mass community. Peter is an extraordinarily generous volunteer at St. Barnabas Medical Center, and has been so for some 15 years. The Hospital has honored Peter by acquiring from Washington the *President's Lifetime Achievement Award*. I asked Peter to allow me to inform our parish about this very special recognition.

Peter is holding the Award, and he also received a pin and me-

dallion. This is in recognition of his giving 10,313 hours of volunteer service to St. Barnabas! If my calculations are





correct, that is some 430 complete days! Think about that! Peter, we are all proud of you and amazed at your

enormous gift of kindness to the hospital! We congratulate you! And Peter shows no signs of slowing down. Even in the pandemic he volunteers at home with projects that help the hospital.

~ Msgr. Fuhrman

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)

Live Streamed Masses

Sunday, January 16th, the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, 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

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.

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.



After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. — Lk 3:21-222

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 62001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Readings for the week of January 09, 2022

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

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/

Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/

Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a,

8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/

Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/

Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/

Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor

12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

MEMORIAL CANDLES

The Divine Mercy Candle will burn in honor of **Rev. Msgr. Robert Fuhrman**, gift of the Coelho Family.

The Blessed Mother Candle will burn in memory of Frank Majuri
gift of Donna Majuri.

The Saint Philomena Candle will burn in memory of **Verne Zafra**, gift of Aurora Zafra.

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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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

Dolores Maglio

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 Grizarry, 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.



The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy Excerpts from the Diary of Saint Faustina

"Accept with gratitude everything I give you through the superiors, and in this way you will please Me more." (Diary 1381)



Reflections on Stewardship

"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit... " (LUKE 3:16)

The Catholic Catechism states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

Stewardship of Treasure

December 25-26, 2021

Income from Envelopes Income from Online Giving Less Diocesan Assessment Gross Income for Parish Expenses **	\$ \$ \$	7,822.00 3,199.00 <u>2,649.00</u> 8,372.00
January 1-2, 2022		
Income from Envelopes Income from Online Giving Less Diocesan Assessment Gross Income for Parish Expenses **	\$ \$ \$ \$	9,007.00 3,774.00 <u>2,649.00</u> 10,202.00
Christmas Collection Solemnity of Mary	\$ \$	95,386.00 3,424.00
2021/2022 Year to Date Income from Parishioners Extraordinary Repairs	\$ \$	419,511.00 61,644.00
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"When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"How to Build a Culture of Life"
(respectlife.org/culture-of-life)

2022 March for Life

Our Lady of the Mountains Council, Knights of Columbus and St Philomena Parish are chartering a bus to the National March for Life in Washington DC on Friday, January 21, 2022.

The bus will leave from St Joseph's Hall behind the church at 6:45 AM. Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 AM in the Church, prior to departure. Cost is \$35.00 per person (or free will offering), \$15 for students (Please make checks payable to K of C 3533). Please bring sandwiches for lunch and dinner. Water and snacks will be provided. We will return from Washington D.C. by about 10:00 PM.

To reserve your seat, and further information, please call **Dan Kraft** at (973) 992-6132. Space is on a first come, first served basis.

Calling The Youth!

St. Philomena's High School Youth Ministry Meet Saturdays at 3 pm

In the Youth Room (Upstairs from the Daly Parish Center)
Concluding with the 5 pm Mass in the Church

Jr. Youth Ministry

Meet the First Saturday of the Month at 3 pm ~ St. Joseph Hall Concluding with the 5 pm Youth Mass in the Church

We also need adults to accompany us.

If you can join us at least one Saturday a month, it will be really appreciated. Please contact Sr. Niky, C.S.JB. (973) 992-0994 Ext. 140 st.philomenasyouth@gmail.com

Thank you!

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

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.



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