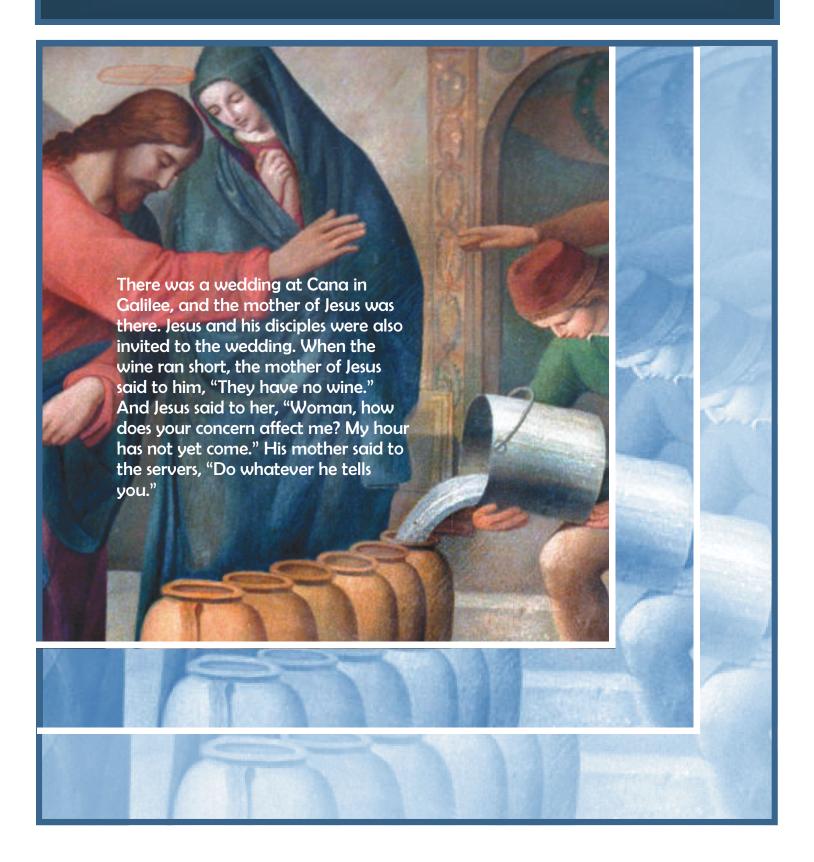
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## SANCTUARY LAMP, ALTAR CANDLES, HOSTS & WINE

The Sanctuary Lamp this week will burn in memory of Tony and Josephine Pepe, gift of the Santasieri Family.

The Altar Candles this week will burn in memory of

gift of .

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

George Zepko,

gift of the Dusko Family.

## Mass Intentions

#### SATURDAY, January 15th, Weekday

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

#### SUNDAY, January 16<sup>th</sup>, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

## MONDAY, January 17th, Saint Anthony, Abbot

7:00 AM Warren Kaiser 8:30 AM Peter Diskin

12:10 PM Antoinette Cecere, M.D.

## TUESDAY, January 18th, Weekday

7:00 AM Ummachan Joseph and Jos Joseph 8:30 AM Daniel Limongelli (1st Anniversary)

### WEDNESDAY, January 19th, Weekday

7:00 AM George Zepko (8th Anniversary)

8:30 AM Giovanni Raimato

## THURSDAY, January 20th, Saint Fabian, pope and martyr,

Saint Sebastian, martyr

7:00 AM Paul J. McCarthy 8:30 AM Jackie and James Fisher

#### FRIDAY, January 21st, Saint Agnes, virgin and martyr

7:00 AM Ruth Cruz

8:30 AM Protection for Babies in the Womb and their

Families

## **SATURDAY, January 22<sup>nd</sup>,** Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:30 AM Memorial Mass 5:00 PM Jack Healy

#### SUNDAY, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Edward DeVenezia

9:00 AM Kathy Ann Joyce Anderson 10:30 AM Anne and Edward McGovern

12:00 PM People of the Parish

#### Memorial Mass January 22nd

Neil McNulty, Eugene Rocco and Mary Perkins

## 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 . . .

**Winter** The season has its challenges, for sure. Freezing temperatures, icy roads, commuting delays and so much more make for adventures we might prefer to miss. But winter is also an important and beautiful season, a season when nature is in a sense restored and renewed.

Kind deeds and caring words can warm the winter months. Someone said that the snowflake is winter's butterfly! Beautiful and unique, one snowflake multiplied by trillions results in winter's great beauty.



This is one snowflake, magnified and photographed with a special camera:



Humor is also helpful to keeping warm!



I hope we can all see what is good in winter, what is beautiful and fun. Snowstorms always make me feel like a kid again. Sacred Scripture praises God for the wonders of nature:

"Dew and rain, bless the Lord; Frost and chill, bless the Lord; Ice and snow, bless the Lord." (Daniel 3:68-70)

From the Missions To help us all appreciate what life is like in various parts of the world, I like to pass on to you information I receive through email or other sources that I have through the Propagation of the Faith. Our friend Bishop Dennis Agbenyadzi of the Diocese of Berberati in the Central African Republic wrote to me last week on a business matter and included the following: The situation of insecurity in our area continues due to the activities of armed rebel groups, who continue to create panic. They plant land-mines indiscriminately in localities 40 miles north-south of Berberati. We experience an influx of civilians who have run away from areas which have become so dangerous. Nevertheless, we had the Christmas celebrations in peace. No incidents have been recorded so far. Please keep us in your prayers.

Bishop Dennis is a man of deep faith and spiritual maturity. He visits us each year, usually in the summer. He stavs in touch throughout the year and counts on our prayers. He is a native of Ghana but has served as a missionary in the CAR for decades, and as a bishop since 2012. That country is beset with those violent militia groups that



have killed and maimed many. His voice is prophetic and his witness is courageous!

**Thankful** Imagine Bishop Dennis' words again: "We had the Christmas celebrations in peace." You would think that goes without saying. But in countries torn by violence, hatred and war, and by anti-Catholic persecution, nothing can be taken for granted.

One of the things that gives me great satisfaction as a priest is the experience of good liturgical worship in the holy seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time. On Christmas Day in the afternoon, after our eighth and final Christmas Mass, I stood alone in the Church and felt joy that we provided a good and holy, intelligent and complete experience of Catholic Faith and worship. Many people, in fact every person, contributes to this! As in the Missions, nothing is perfect, but when the Church gathers in Christ, life is good! Now we are back in Ordinary Time and will be so until Ash Wednesday, which this year falls on March 2. I am always thankful when I see our parish filled with such good people, pilgrims on the same journey as I am, hopefully heaven-bound, all of us!

~ 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 23rd, the Third 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:

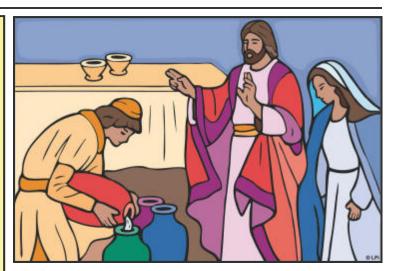
For those of advanced age and those seriously ill or hospitalized, contact the Rectory. Holy Communion will be brought to the home of any person permanently or temporarily homebound.

#### 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.



There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him,

"They have no wine." = 1n 2:1-3

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#### Readings for the week of January 16, 2022

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

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/

Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/

Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/

Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11,

12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/

Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/

Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor

12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

## MEMORIAL CANDLES

The Divine Mercy Candle will burn in memory of

gift of

The Blessed Mother Candle will burn in honor of Rev. Denis Surban gift of the Coelho Family.

The Saint Philomena Candle will burn in memory of **Mafalda Ganges**, gift of Sharon and Bob Levinson.

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:

Theresa McGurk, Ben Fressola and Ronald Bushwell

#### 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, 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, Regina Klemens; Jack Kruger, Stephanie Lopez, Ken Lordi, Cheryl Mactal, Peter Malloy, Eugene Marra, Henry Masias, 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

"O Love of God, Living Fountain, pour Yourself out upon us, Your unworthy creatures." (*Diary 1307*)



## Reflections on Stewardship

"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." (1 CORINTHIANS 12:7)

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan? How are you helping to build God's kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you. Take time to discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit). Experience the supernatural Peace and Joy God desires for each of us.

## Stewardship of Treasure

January 8-9, 2022

Income from Envelopes	\$ 6,093.00
Income from Online Giving	\$ 2,037.00
Less Diocesan Assessment	\$ 2,649.00
Gross Income for Parish Expenses **	\$ 5,481.00
Add'l Christmas Collection	\$ 985.00
Add'l Solemnity of Mary	\$ 25.00
Communicating God's Word Coll.	\$ 1,969.00
Saint Augustine, Newark	\$ 51.00
2021/2022 Year to Date	
Income from Parishioners	\$ 428,626.00
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Income from Parishioners	\$ 445,615.00
Extraordinary Repairs	\$ 59,920.00
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## Word of Life

"There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem. In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is always and radically incompatible with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image."

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops "Living the Gospel of Life," © 1998 USCCB.





Dear Members of St Philomena Parish Community,

What a marvelous shower of gift cards! What a marvelous shower of care and generosity!

The Pierre Toussaint Food Pantry is so grateful!

Each year your community stretches to include those who are most in need in your Giving Tree. We are so grateful for the great spirit of compassion that continues in your community. These have been such difficult times for everyone but especially those depending on food partries to sustain their families. Every family wants a little Christmas! Each year you continue to help us offer support and hope to those in need! Please rejoice in the many lives your goodness has touched!

We pray that God will bless you abundantly during these Holidays and into the New Year!

Gratefully,

Sister Linda Klaiss, SSJ

Coordinator of Pierre Toussaint Food Pantry

## Faith Formation News. . .



Recently Lifenet speaker, Omar Rodriguez, came and discussed love and chastity to 8th graders in the parish Faith Formation Program.

## **Open Your Home to Our Lady**

Welcoming a beautiful statue of Our Lady of Fatima into your home is a very special way to show your love for Mary and to pray the Rosary with your family, especially your children.



A sign-up sheet to request the Statue is located in the vestibule of the Church. Mary would love to spend this time with you. You may pick-up the statue anytime after the 5 PM Mass on Saturday and return it by 5 PM the following Saturday. Mary is contained in a light blue duffle bag properly marked. It will be in the Library Room off the vestibule near the rest room. You are asked to sign-up only once every three months enabling the Lady of Fatima to be shared with others in the parish.

#### 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.

#### **HOW TO REPORT ABUSE**

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse.

Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at 201-407-3256.



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