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Saint Joseph

Roman Catholic Church

The Epiphany of the Lord ~ January 2, 2022

*AFTERNOON OF **CHRISTMAS JOY —JAN. 9** (See p. 6)

*SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL **OPEN HOUSE —JAN. 5** (See p. 5)

PASTOR:

Msgr. David C. Hubba PAROCHIAL VICARS: Rev. John Z. Radwan Rev. Christian G. Scalo DEACON: **George Montalvo PASTOR EMERITUS:** Rev. George M. Reilly

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 7:30am, 9am, 10:30 am, 12 noon DAILY Weekdays 7:00 am

& 8:30 am Saturday 8:30 am

HOLY DAYS

as announced

Miraculous Medal Novena Monday, 7:00 pm in Mary's Chapel

Eucharistic Adoration

First Wed. of Month 9 am-5 pm in MC

SACRAMENTS

Confession: Saturday, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Baptism

Contact the Parish Office

Marriage

Arrangements should be made with a priest at least one year in advance.

Homebound/Hospital Call Parish Office

Christian Initiation of Adults-RCIA

Contact Parish Office

PARISH REGISTRATION

Contact Parish Office

Sunday, Fanuary 9 3 PM An*Afternoon of Christmas Joy A concert of Christmas Music by the Saint Joseph Music Ministry Saint Joseph Church 300 ELM ST. ORADELL, NJ 07649/WWW.SJCNJ.ORG

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James Stewart and Donna Reed in "It's a Wonderful Life"

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

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

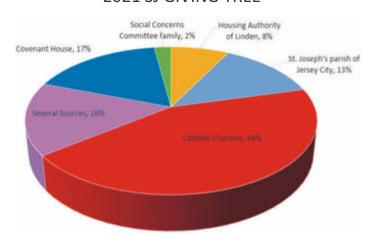


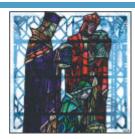
THANK YOU FOR GIVING TO THOSE IN NEED THROUGH OUR "GIVING TREE"

A heartfelt thank you to all the many parishioners who contributed to our annual Christmas "Giving Tree." This

year, parishioners donated over \$8,000 worth of gift cards (to such businesses as Shoprite, Target, Amazon, Kohls, Stop 'n Shop and Walmart). Because of your generosity, Saint Joseph Parish has been able to help a number of organizations (see chart below) make Christmas a little happier for families in need. Thank you for making a difference.

2021 SJ GIVING TREE





IT'S STILL NOT TOO LATE **ADD YOUR GIFT**

TO THE GIFTS OF THE MAGI Your donation at Christmas means a great deal to Saint Joseph Church. Our parish depends upon your financial support, especially

at Christmas, to meet its larger expenses.

Your gift to Saint Joseph's Christmas Collection may be made up to and including January 9, the last day of the Christmas Season. Please memo your check or offering envelope "CHRISTMAS **COLLECTION**" or **DONATE ONLINE**.

(See below for instructions on how to make your donation ONLINE.)

DONATE TO SAINT JOSEPH ONLINE



To make a **donation** through our **electronic** giving program, simply

go to our parish website sjcnj.org Click on "Donate." You can choose



how much you will donate and your contribution will be made automatically, safely and securely, from your debit or credit card.

If you wish to continue to **donate on a regular** basis, click on "Sign Up Today" and follow the instructions to register.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Ravenna, on Italy's east coast, was ideally situated to interact with Byzantium, the capital of

the Roman Empire's eastern rule. That connection gave rise to the Byzantine art that notably beautifies the city's churches. Sometime in the 500s a mosaic in one of those churches mentioned

Balthassar, Melchior and Gaspar, names that have become traditionally attached to the mysterious travelers we now call the Magi or the Wise Men or the Three Kings. (Since then, Balthassar has lost an "s" and Gaspar has turned into Caspar.) Even before the Ravenna mosaic, there was an Egyptian reference to the three mysterious journeyers, with a different name assigned to Balthasar.

We really know very little about the magi, whose appearance in Matthew's gospel has left the door wide open to many speculations. We can't even be sure that there were three of them. That number has been assumed because of the three gifts they presented to the infant Jesus. Some biblical commutators have even speculated that the magi would have struck the Jews as unsavory characters associated with fraudulent and superstitious practices forbidden by the first commandment, or even as allies of demonic forces.

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And yet, the 60th chapter of the book of the prophet of Isaiah mentions a future time when the wealth of the nations, including gold and frankincense, would be brought to Israel. Psalm 72 is also worth paying attention to. Speaking of the Messiah, it says that

The Kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts;

the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute.

All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.

The account of the Magi's visit is usually interpreted as an indication that Jesus would have a universal impact. This view is reinforced by the conclusion of Matthew's gospel, where Jesus, as he departs from his apostles, tells them to "Go ... and make disciples of all nations"

For this article I relied on Michael Patrick Barbers's *The True Meaning of Christmas* (Ignatius Press). I'm not smart enough to come up with all its insights—but, I like to think, smart enough to know good material when I see it.

Msgr. David Hubba

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION —JANUARY 5 (9am-5pm)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on **Wednesday**, **January 5** in **Mary's Chapel** from **9:00** am—**5:00** pm.

The Legion of Mary invites you to attend at whatever time you are able.

EVENING ADORATION —JANUARY 14 at 7:30 pm

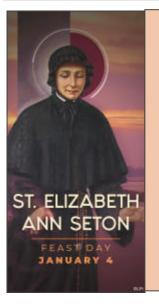
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will also be held at Saint Joseph Church at **7:30 pm** on **Friday**, **January 14, 2022.** Please join us.

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"How sweet the presence of Jesus to the longing, harassed soul!

It is instant peace, and balm to every wound."

..—Elizabeth Ann Seton



Saturday	January 1, 2022
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5:00 pm *NO MASS*

SundayJanuary 2, 20227:30 amPeople of the Parish9:00 amFrederick Burns10:30 amTherese McGovern12:00 pmFilippo Avanoso

Monday
7:00 am
8:30 am

January 3, 2022
Robert Statesir
Therese McGovern

TuesdayJanuary 4, 20227:00 amEdward Kurzega8:30 amThomas Corbi

Wednesday January 5, 2022

7:00 am Herb Schlomann (Living)

8:30 am Connor G. Walsh

(5th Anniversary Remembrance)

Thursday 7:00 am Robert Schell Brian S. Kardos

Friday January 7, 2022 7:00 am Rosina Raschilla 8:30 am William P. Lisa

Saturday January 8, 2022 8:30 am Ralph Scarano, Jr. 5:00 pm *Marge Hoock*

(Anniversary Remembrance)

SundayJanuary 9, 20227:30 amPeople of the Parish9:00 amTherese McGovern10:30 amJean Olenick

(1st Anniversary Remembrance)

12:00 pm Therese McGovern



BREAD & WINE INTENTION

The bread and wine for the week of January 2, 2022 is offered in loving memory of Connor G. Walsh

5th Anniversary Remembrance

as requested by his parents.

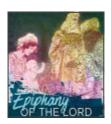
PRAYER REQUESTS

Let us remember all those who are ill:

Fr. George Reilly, Josephine Luby, Maureen Clancy, Annette Linder, Mimosa Elyan, Angelo Shingelo, Dennis Maloney, Ed Grube, Craig Schmultz

Let us remember all those who have died. Let us remember those serving in our military:

1st LT Harry Aquino USAF, Capt. Christopher Bascomb, Chaplain (Capt.) Father AJ De Silva USAR, 1st LT Ellen Dougherty, GY Sgt. Brian P. McCarthy USMC, 1st LT Michael McPherson, Capt. Michael Shuler, PFC David Solinas, Jr.



STEWARDSHIP GIFTS

"... 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 Stewards 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.

SOME 2022 CALENDARS STILL AVAILABLE

Thanks to the generosity of **Boulevard Funeral Home and Cremation Service** in New



Milford there may still be some calendars available at the doors of the church.

We would like to thank **Boulevard Funeral Home**, **Beaugard-McKnight Funeral Home** in River Edge, and **Catholic Cemeteries** for their generosity in donating our calendars this year.

A happy and helathy New Year to all!

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH STAFF



M.O.M. Ministry of Motherhood



The **Ministry of Motherhood** started as a small group of mothers who met monthly and prayed together. It has grown into a larger group of moms who support and encourage one another while deepening their own personal relationship with God.

It is designed for **ALL mothers** (expectant, new, experienced and grandmothers), and offers opportunities to grow in faith and friendship

and to be consistently renewed in the love of Christ.

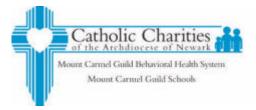
We use our Catholic feasts, seasons, prayers, and

devotions as gifts to draw us closer to God throughout the year. This is a flexible group, understanding the many demands on mothers today.

For more information, please contact **Maureen Hunt** and **Jeannie Tenaglia** at **ministryofmotherhoodsjc@gmail.com** You can also visit **instagram.com/ministryofmotherhood_sjc/**



CAN YOU PREDICT THE EVENTS OF 2022 WITH ACCURACY?



Who would dare to make such a claim?

Here we are the beginning of a new year and no one knows what the future will bring ... unprecedented joy or deep sorrow?

Many families and individuals have the resources to cope with whatever comes along.

Catholic Charities reaches out to those who have very limited resources.

Help us to continue our mission by contributing to our **Donation Bin** (located in the **parking lot of the**

Parish Office/Rectory on Harrison Street).

We need used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, knickknacks and children's books

Thank you and God bless.



SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL

will host an

Open House

for Pre-K 3-8th Grade

Wednesday, January 5

Tours are available during school hours
(8am - 2:45pm) and in the evening at 7pm.
No appointments are needed,
however, if you would like to make an appointment
or would like additional information,
please call 201-261-2388.

Please note: due to Covid-19 protocols all adult visitors are required to show vaccination status or a recent (within 72 hours) negative Covid-19 test.

All visitors, regardless of vaccination status, are required to wear a mask.

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2022 KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

Saint Joseph/Ascension KofC is sponsoring the Local competition on Saturday January 22, 2022.

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the Council Level competition.

All participants will be recognized for their participation in the event. Each respective age division winner will proceed to the district competition.

All participants are required to provide proof of age (copy of birth cert.) and written parental consent. Age eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of January 1, 2022. For additional information contact: Bob Osterlof at 201-370-3404. kofc3814@gmail.com

Date: Saturday January 22, 2022

Time: 2:30 P.M. Registration, 3:00 P.M. START

Place: St. Joseph School Gym, Elm Street Oradell New Jersey.



GIVE IT A SHOT!



Is your child interested in participating in the **Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship**on **Saturday, January 22**?

Please contact **Bob Osterlof**, PGK St. Joseph/ Ascension Council 3814 at **201-370-3404** or **Ed De Azevedo** at **201-314-7670** with any questions ... and to get a copy of the **Parental Concent Form** your child will need.

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SPEND AN
"AFTERNOON
OF CHRISTMAS JOY"
WITH US
—JANUARY 9



The Christmas season

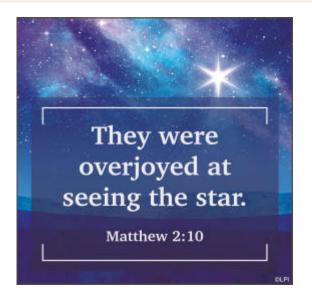
doesn't officially end until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on **January 9** this year.

Come join us for "An Afternoon of Christmas Joy" on that very day! (See our bulletin cover.)

The members of our parish music ministry will be showcasing their talents when they perform selections from a variety of styles of Christmas music, including traditional, religious, contemporary and popular.

Be sure to keep **Sunday**, **January 9 at 3:00pm** open (and **invite your family and friends** too!) so that you can come and enjoy some wonderful music in our church.

We'll help you bring the bright spirit of Christmas right into the dark days of winter!





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