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Epiphany of the Lord January 2, 2002



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In Residence

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Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 pm Vigil Mass Sunday 8:30 am, 11:00 am Monday 8:00 am Wednesday 8:00 am Thursday 8:00 am Friday 8:00 am 1st Saturday 8:00 am

Eucharistic Holy Hour

Friday after 8:00 am Mass (Virtual/In-Person)

Sacraments

Confession, Saturday 8:30-10:00 am
Baptisms, by appointment.
Marriages, contact Pastor at least
6 months in advance.

Welcome New Parishioners!

Registration forms are on our parish website

Bulletin articles

Deadline is Friday, one week before Sunday date. Sun Jan 9 submissions due by Fri Dec 31 Sun Jan 16 submissions due by Fri Jan 7 Denise Young: bulletin@stjosephbeltsville.org



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 myrth. — Mr. 2010-1

Francisco de Baltimor y la Novi Maria, 1998-1998 COS

Prayers for healing,

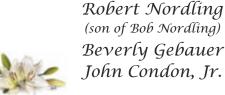
Please pray for the special needs of our Parish Community, for those listed here, and for requests listed in the Parish Book of Prayer.

John Czerkowicz
Niana Jeoffroy
Karen Allen
Barbara Alderman
Sue Young
Tom Schilke
Ellie Sines
Carolyn Lank
Gary Gebauer

To have someone included in this list, please email the bulletin editor at bulletin@stjosephbeltsville.org.

Names are listed for four weeks, unless otherwise informed.

Prayers for our beloved dead,



Give them light, O Lord, that they may go safely into Eternal Life.



Mary's Room

is open for prayer 1/2 hour before/after Mass. Maximum capacity is 6 persons at a time.



Saturday (1/1) 8:00am First Saturday & Solemnity of Mary

(not holy day of obligation) [Fr Johnson];

+Robert Nordling (Dee DeHaven & Denise Young)

Saturday (1/1) 5:00pm Vigil [Fr Binoj];

+Lisa Mossi (The Bagnall Family)

Sunday (1/2) 8:30am Epiphany of the Lord [TBD];

Pro Populo

Sunday (1/2) 11:00am [TBD];

+Robert O'Brien (Paul and Dorothy Herda)

Monday (1/3) 8:00am [TBD];

+Muriel Hanson (The Hanson Family)

Wednesday (1/5) 8:00am [TBD];

Rebecca Hunter (living) (Frank & Susan Hunter)

Wednesday (1/5) 2:15pm School Mass [TBD];

+Sr Georgene Faust (Carolyn Schmitt)

Thursday (1/6) 8:00am [TBD];

+Mary Frances Peña (The Peña Family)

Friday (1/7) 8:00am [TBD];

Sisters of St Paul Charities, Vietnam (The Peña Family)

Saturday (1/8) 5:00pm Vigil [TBD];

+Edward Kirk (Leslie Keizer)

Sunday (1/9) 8:30am Baptism of the Lord [TBD];

+Lisa Mossi (Angela Colburn)

Sunday (1/9) 11:00am [TBD];

Pro Populo

To request a Mass for your friends and family please come by the parish office during office hours (Tuesday - Friday, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm) or send your request by mail.

When sending a request, please mail to St. Joseph Church, 11007 Montgomery Rd, Beltsville, MD 20705 and include:

- Your Name, Phone Number, and e-mail
- The name of the person you would like the Mass offered for (please notate if they are **living** or **deceased**)
- If you'd like the first available Mass, or Mass offered on a particular date (the Mass intention book fills up quickly)
- Mass stipend (suggested donation is \$10)
- The address where you would like the Mass card mailed We will contact you to confirm your request. Thank you!

All Masses listed take place in the church, and all are livestreamed on Zoom except for First Saturdays at 8:00am. Presider listed for each Mass subject to change with notice.

Holy Father's Intentions for January

For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



Many Thanks



to all who contributed to the Christmas Flower Fund in memory of their loved ones, which helped to beautify our sanctuary as we celebrated the birth of our Savior. Synod is a greek word (synodos) meaning a meeting or assembly. The two Greek words that make up synod are syn meaning together and hodos meaning way or journey. The entire Catholic Church is called to participate in the upcoming Synod of Bishops! In preparation for the international



Synod of Bishops in 2023, Pope Francis wants your input on the topic of "For a Synodal Church, Communion, Participation, and Mission." You are invited to join Fr. Rob for a parish listening session late January. More details to follow.



PICK OF THE WEEK

January 2, 2022

ST. ANDRÉ OF MONTREAL
This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of lovel



Mission Appeal

Expansion of the DeMatha Elementary School, Assam, India
On 8th and 9th January, Fr. Binoj Mathew, O.SS.T. (Order of the Most
Holy Trinity and of the Captives) comes to us for Mission Appeals.
Preaching at all Masses, Fr. Binoj will ask our help for the expansion of
the educational work of his community in Kamrup (Assam) India. Most of
the Christians in this part of the country belong to tribal communities
and often they are unable to get proper schooling for their children due
to poverty and financial backwardness. Trinitarians in India hope to
expand the DeMatha Elementary School to a higher educational level
with boarding facilities, a Monastery, playground, and an auditorium.
Please be generous in contributing to the appeal of Fr. Binoj, so that the
school's motto "Educate to Liberate" can be realized.



Stewardship					
		December 12		November	
Offertory	\$	8,541.00	\$	39,293.00	
Budget			\$	35,000.00	
Difference			\$	4,293.00	
Debt Reduction	\$	1,800.00	\$	7,538.00	
Mortgage (payment 15 of 60)			\$	11,225.00	
Difference			\$	- 3,687.00	

We depend on your generosity each week to pay our bills and keep our parish alive and thriving. You can also give to the parish through our online giving portal (one time or recurring payments accepted), which is found on the parish webpage under the 'Give' tab: (stjosephbeltsville.org/give)



Dear Parish Family,

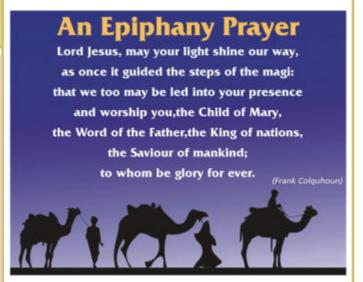
Today, the Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ, is one of the oldest Christian feasts. "Epiphany" comes from a Greek verb meaning "to reveal". Over the centuries, it has celebrated various events that reveal Christ and manifest Him to the world: His birth, the visitation of the gift-bearing Magi, His baptism in the Jordan River and His first miracle in Cana. Today, the Feast of the Epiphany primarily recalls the visitation of the Wise Men to the Christ Child, when His Kingship of all peoples and nations is recognized.

There is a fascinating Epiphany custom that has its origin in Austria, Germany and Switzerland. In fact it became so popular that is now a part of our Catholic heritage around the world today. The parish priest would visit homes and, using blessed chalk, mark the lintel of the front door with an inscription like this:

20 * C+M+B+22

This transcription signifies 2022 for the year; C for Caspar, M for Melchoir, and B for Balthasar (the names of the three wise men). The star (*) symbolizes the star that guided the magi and the three crosses symbolize the Trinity. It can also be said that the C+M+B means *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless this house."

Faithfully in Christ, Father Rob



Social Concerns

Much Needed Items for our Pantry:

Pasta/pasta sauce dry beans/canned beans
Pancake mix/syrup Cereal Oatmeal

Ketchup Mustard rice canned veggies canned fruit Tuna

canned meats (chicken/spam/chili)

We appreciate and accept any donations of food that are both unopened and unexpired, as well as gift cards to Aldi, Costco, Giant and Dollar Tree, and online donations through our site www.stjosephbeltsville.org/give; then click Monetary Donation; and choose Food Pantry as the fund.

Thank you for your continuous generosity. If you have any questions please contact me at

kaylamariebohorfoush@gmail.com

Catholic Charities Legal Network Seeking Volunteer Lawyers

Catholic Charities Legal Network counsels and provides legal representation to low- income and poor residents throughout the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. and relies heavily on volunteer lawyers to fulfill its mission. If you are a lawyer in active status who wants to make a real difference in the lives of families and individuals struggling in our community, please reach out to Dan Collopy at (301) 615-0949 or daniel.collopy@cc-dc.org to discuss how you can help. The Legal Network handles most civil practice areas and criminal expungements.

For Single Catholics

22nd Annual Epiphany Party at
St Raphael Church,
1513 Dunster Road, Rockville, MD 20854; Saturday
January 8 starting at 7pm.
Includes Ledo's lasagna dinner, salsa dance lessons,
complementary wine and beer, DJ, and more!
Send \$21 check donation by Dec 28 to
SCS Epiphany Party,
St Raphael, 1590 Kimblewick Rd., Rockville, MD 20854,
or \$23 by credit card at
http://www.paypal.com/biz/fund?id=AJLD5F4VY43NE;
\$27 cash, card or check at the door.
For more info, call 240-426-5589

Rosary Makers has begun in-person monthly meetings every first Monday of the month after the 8am mass from



8:30am - 9:30am at the Cry Room. Everyone who is interested to participate and become a Rosary Maker is welcome.

Religious goods cart - Looking for someone who can run the religious goods cart. If interested email Johanna Stefanelli at johannastefanelli@gmail.com or call or text 301-448-6884.

The **St. Joseph Clothing Ministry** is currently in need of Men's clothing sizes Small/Medium/Large. We ask items be gently used without any stains, missing buttons, etc.



If you have items you would like to donate, please contact Karen Konar at konars@hotmail.com.

Please do not leave items anywhere on the church property, including outside of the Clothing House without first coordinating with Karen.

Collection Basket Fundraiser: With the COVID virus still among us, we are going to introduce long-handled collection baskets. They will be held at each end of the rows of pews by the ushers. The intention is that we reduce contact of the baskets with the

parishioners. The cost of a pair of these baskets is \$69.90. In order to reduce costs as much as possible,



we are requesting at least 3 of our parishioners to donate a pair. We have already received one pair. If you are interested in donating, please email Desryn Duncan at desrynd@aol.com for more information.

Men's Prayer & Breakfasts with Father Rob

Are you searching for something more out of life?



Saturday, January 8, 7:00 am at St. Joseph Church Next talk will be given by Fr. John Barry, Pastor of Resurrection Church in Burtonsville - topic TBA.

All men are invited to come to the School Multipurpose Room for breakfast after the Holy Half Hour.

Please RSVP to Fr. Rob: pastor@stjosephbeltsville.org

Please see the flier on Flocknotes for details and all of our 2021-22 meeting dates.



Faith Formation

Mrs. Helene H. Stever, Director of Faith Formation reled@stjosephbeltsville.org • 301-937-7183, ext. 418

RCIA Rite of Welcoming

We ask for your prayers for those preparing to receive the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation at the 2022 Easter Vigil





Ask Fr. Rob

We encourage kids from the parish (School and Religious Education Program) in grades PreK-12, to submit a question for Fr. Rob to answer. Student questions should be sent to

reled@stjosephbeltsville.org.

Fr. Rob will answer one question each week.

Question: Alexa, 5th Grade: When you were a child did you have a real or artificial Christmas Tree? Did you have color or white lights? Do you have a favorite ornament?

Answer From Fr Rob: When I was a very young child, we had a real tree with colored lights and I always liked the smell of a real tree. As I got older, my parents had an artificial tree with white lights. It's hard to pick one favorite ornament but I especially enjoy the ones that were personally made as a gift to me.

Papal Prayer for Catechists: Pope Francis designated his monthly prayer intention last month for catechists. You can find a short video message HEEE (online bulletin). I encourage you to join the Church around the world in praying for catechists. Be assured that we are offering the Holy Father's daily intention on behalf of each of the catechists at St. Joseph Parish: Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Show you care... Donate a Pair!

A Sock Drive sponsored by the parish 2022
Confirmation Candidates from Saturday, January
15-Saturday, January 29. Donations of men's black and white athletic socks are being collected to benefit S.O.M.E. men's homeless shelter in Washington, DC.. A Collection Box will be located in the vestibule of the church and the parish school.



All women are invited to participate in a 9 week Bible Study group, starting Mon, Jan 3rd, 7:00pm on *Zoom*. We will be using a nine week workbook: *Beholding Your King*, studying Christ as revealed and prophesied in the Old Testament Click or type this link to order:

https://shop.walkingwithpurpose.com/collections/study-guides/products/beholding-your-king-study-guide

For inquiries or to register contact Sarah Garcia

† School News

Become part of the St. Joseph's Regional Catholic School community!

Merry Christmas from the faculty and staff of St. Joseph Regional Catholic School! Jesus is the Reason for the Season!



The Youth Rally and Mass for Life is scheduled for January 21, 2022.

This year's event will be virtual, livestreamed on our YouTube channel from the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in downtown Washington. Limited seating for the in-person event will be available to local students. Please check back for details, or contact youthrally@adw.org for more information.



The Youth Rally and Mass for Life occurs each year in conjunction with the annual National March for Life held on (or near) the anniversary of the 1973 Roe v. Wade court decision making abortion legal in this country.

The Rally strives to encourage the youth participating in the national March for Life in their witness as disciples of Christ and promoters of the Gospel of Life. It is the largest annual archdiocesan event, which in many ways has grown to become a national (even international) event with pilgrims traveling from as far away as the US Virgin Islands and Australia.

Join us in prayer that as a nation, we may stop wandering in the wilderness of the culture of death and may enter into "life in abundance" (Jn 10:10) through our faith in Jesus Christ and our proclamation of the Gospel of Life!

As the Church continues to minister to all survivors of abuse, the



Archdiocese of Washington is sponsored a retreat for survivors. The Archdiocese will offer a women's retreat on February 18-20, 2022, for women who has been abused in any way by anyone. This retreat is an occasion for survivors to reflect on God's plan for their lives and for healing

through prayer and the sacraments.

For more information go to https://adw.org/the-way-retreat/.

To register, email mcdonald@adw.org or call Deborah

McDonald at 301-853-4466.



Unscramble these words from today's Gospel:

wise men child born	king Mary star gifts worship dream
wsie mne	<u>wise men</u>
bmo	
knig	
derma	
cildh	
wrsohpi	
Mrya	
gfsti	
srta	



GOSPEL

Isn't God amazing? He made all the stars and planets to move, so every night the sky looks a little different. When God created the world, he planned exactly when the wise men would see the star. He wanted them to find Jesus.

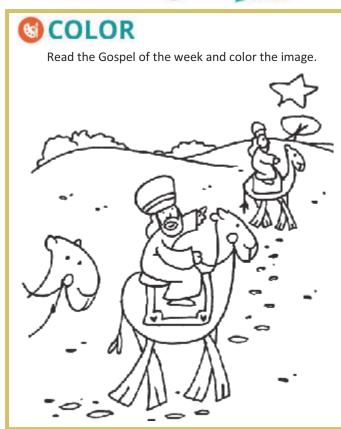
PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for making the planets and stars so the wise men could find Jesus.



Visit a planetarium to learn more about the star of Bethlehem.





Epiphany of the Lord • Matthew 2:1-12



Draw a picture of stars and planets shining in the night sky.

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