

The Catholic Community of

OUR LADY OF LORETO CHURCH

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of Loreto is a Catholic Community brought together by the belief that Jesus is Lord. We are called to share in His mission to bring about the Kingdom of God in our midst by proclaiming the Good News of Jesus in word and deed. Therefore, we pledge ourselves to build a community where all are welcomed, loved, needed, and appreciated. We will recognize and affirm the gifts and talents of one another while proclaiming the ideal of shared ministry. We make this pledge in confidence that the Lord will assist us and bless us as we strive to realize this vision.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Daily

Tuesday & Thursday, 8:00 a.m. Mass

Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mass



SACRAMENTS

Baptisms:

Parish registration for baptism is required. Pre-baptism instruction is required. Please call the parish office for appointment. 203-757-6112

Reconciliation (Confession):

Saturdays 3:30 p.m.

Weddings:

Contact the parish office six months in advance. 203-757-6112

Sick Calls:

Please contact the parish office if you are homebound, in the hospital or in a nursing home. 203-757-6112

Right of Christian Initiation of Adults

(RCIA)-The process of initiating the unbaptized into the Catholic Faith and to bring uncatechized Catholics into full participation in our Faith.

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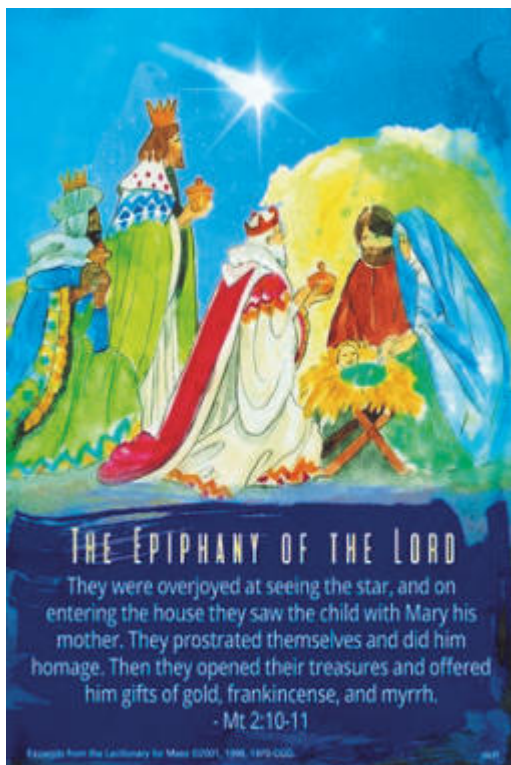
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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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.
- Mt 2:10-11

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 3:30pm



SATURDAY, Jan 2, Vigil, Epiphany of the Lord

4:00 p.m † Arlindo Mendonca
by wife, Maria

SUNDAY, Jan 3, Epiphany of the Lord

11:00 a.m. † Marilyn Gerace
by Barbara and Ned Lawlor

TUESDAY, Jan 5, St. John Neumann

8:00 a.m. † Amy Russo
by Denise and Carmine DiSapio

THURSDAY, Jan 7, St. Raymond of Penyafort

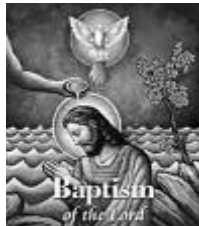
8:00 a.m. † Alice Buccitti
by Barbara Carrington-Lawlor

SATURDAY, Jan 9, Vigil, Baptism of the Lord

4:00 p.m † Marilyn Gerace
by Louis and Beverly Ponzillo

SUNDAY, Jan 10, Baptism of the Lord

11:00 a.m. mass of healing
Danielle Bottass (living)
by Sandy Robillard



Church News

- ◆ Online giving is up and running! Please carefully consider signing up for this program! It is convenient and safe! Visit our website for more information.



- ◆ The 2021 Mass Intention book is now open! Please call the office to schedule your masses and/or sanctuary candles.
- ◆ Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!
 - * We appreciate your cooperation and patience with all the safety guidelines.
- ◆ Thank you for continuing to send in your offertory contributions! We appreciate the support.
- ◆ The dispensation from the Sunday mass obligation has been extended through Tuesday, February 16, 2021, which is the eve of Ash Wednesday.

~ Have a blessed week ~



We extend our sincere sympathy and prayers to the family in the passing of...

Captain Pamela Shortell

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



Parish Collections

Due to the early bulletin printing submission deadlines, offertory amounts will be printed as they become available. Thank you for your understanding.

Dec 19/20, 2020
Offertory: \$ 1,361



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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Wise Men See God in the Simple Things

If you're on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: "God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace." There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God's and Herod's. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn't entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which.

After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn't say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey.

But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I'll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod's charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe.

The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it's enough to remember this: God's plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let's have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration.

- Tracy Earl Welliver

Year of Saint Joseph: December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021

On the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Pope Francis proclaimed that the next 12 months will be a Year of Saint Joseph. The pope made the announcement on the 150th anniversary of Pope Pius IX's proclamation of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. In addition to an Apostolic Letter from the Holy Father entitled *Patris Corde*, an official decree was promulgated by the Apostolic Penitentiary establishing the Year of Saint Joseph so that every member of the faithful, following Saint Joseph's example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God's will.

The decree added that to mark the year the pope had granted special indulgences to Catholics who recite any approved prayer or act of piety in honor of Saint Joseph, noting the current health emergency and extending the indulgence in a particular way to the elderly, the sick, the dying, and all those who for legitimate reasons are unable to leave the house. To reaffirm the universality of Saint Joseph's patronage in the Church, the decree also encouraged prayers and pious acts during the year on days specially connected to Saint Joseph, including: the Solemnity of Saint Joseph the Husband of Mary, the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker, the Feast of the Holy Family, Saint Joseph Sunday in the Byzantine tradition, and the 19th of each month and every Wednesday (days dedicated to the saint in the Latin tradition).

May we use the next 12 months in particular to "grow in devotion to the Patron of the Universal Church" (*Redemptoris Custos*, Pope Saint John Paul II).

THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH PRAYER

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

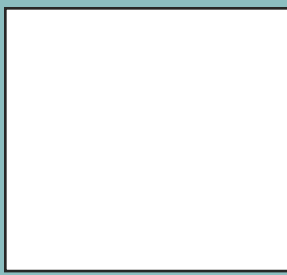


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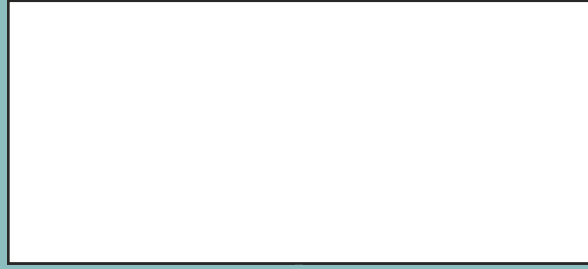
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