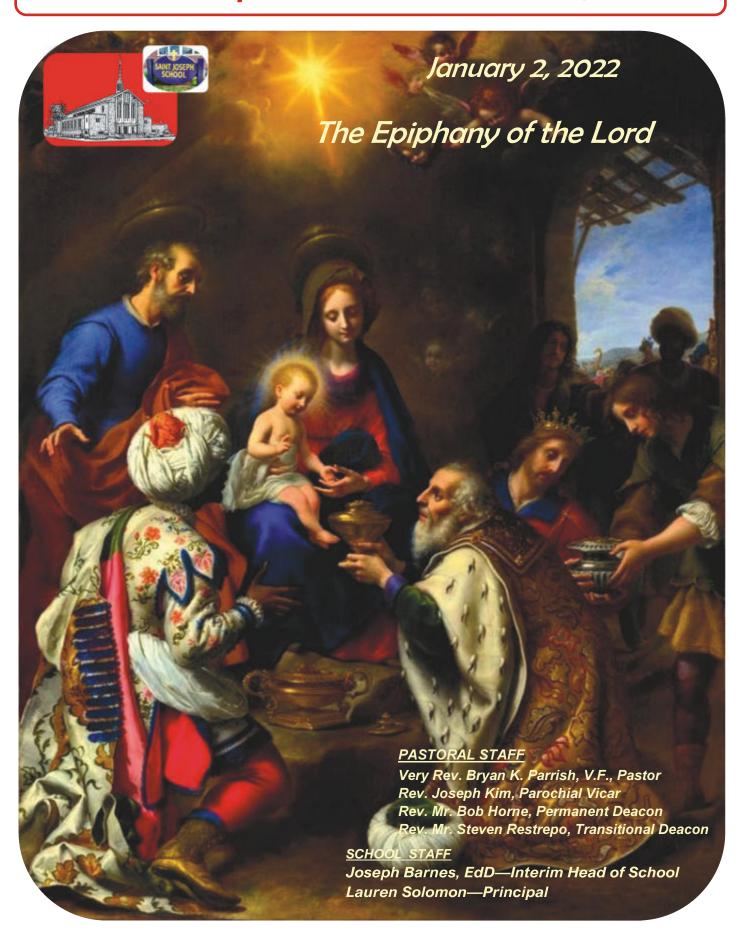
### Saint Joseph Parish- Needham, MA



### SAINT JOSEPH PARISH—PASTOR'S CORNER

#### Dear Friends:

As we enter this New Year, we are grateful for the Lord's many gifts and blessings to us. Instead of preoccupying our minds thinking about what we don't have, or what we think we should have, or wish we had, we are thankful for the many ways the Lord blesses us, not only this past year but every day of our lives. God is good and he never stops giving.

I am particularly grateful for all who helped make our Christmas celebrations so special here at Saint Joseph Parish. I extend my gratitude to our music ministry, who gave so generously of their time and talents to lift our spirits in praise of the Lord. Our church has been beautifully decorated by a generous team, who have helped to beautify our sanctuary and make it a festive place of prayer and worship. I am grateful to all who participated in our Masses as Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers and ushers. The Justice and Peace Committee once again coordinated the Jesse Tree project and should be thanked for their compassionate outreach to those less fortunate. On behalf of the priests of the Archdiocese, I am also grateful to all of you have contributed to the Clergy Trust (clergytrust.org), to assist with the health and retirement needs of the priests in good standing of the Archdiocese of Boston. As one shining example, the late Msgr. McGann was supported by Clergy Trust throughout his 22 years as a Senior Priest of the Archdiocese of Boston.

To all, I wish you God's many blessings throughout the New Year ahead!

God bless,

Father Bryan Parrish





### January 2 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

The readings today stress the importance of light — Christ's light. Isaiah states, "...upon you the Lord shines." The Magi followed the light of a star that led them to Christ, the Lord, an encounter that changed their lives. Do you believe that the Lord looks upon you and shines forth from you? Has each encounter you have had with Christ brought about a change in you, in your way of living? When you humbly and honestly follow Christ and live in his light, "nations shall walk by your light." People will notice something different about you. So on this Epiphany - let your Christ Light shrine!

# Jesse Tree Project THANK YOU

Thank you to all who helped make this year's Jesse Tree collection so successful. Toys were collected and delivered to parishioners at Most Holy Redeemer in East Boston and gift cards for the Needham Community Council. We want to acknowledge our parishioners who supported this activity, which has been going on for more than 25 years.

Many thanks to all who participated!



### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

By appointment and on Saturdays from 2:30 to 3:30 pm in the former baptistry, in the upper church



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"Say the word,

and my soul shall be healed."

Faith Formation Classes will resume for the second semester as follows:

Grades K-6 January 2, January 3,

and January 5

Grades 7 & 8 January 10 and 11

Grades 9 & 10 January 9

On January 9-

Grade 6 will be hosting the 9: 30 AM Mass.

Please Join us

Registration is ongoing for the 2021-2022 year!

### Propagation of the Faith of Boston, Inc World Mission Sunday



Dear Fr. Bryan,

With this letter comes the prayerful thanks of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for your parishioners' donation of \$2,117.00 received from the second collection for World Mission Sunday, 2021.

Each year, on World Mission Sunday, the faithful of Saint Joseph Parish, join with Catholics throughout the World to support missionaries. Your prayerful generosity allows those serving the Church in the spread of the Gospel to provide both spiritual and practical help to the poor and marginalized of the world, offering the hope and love of our Lord.

With prayerful gratitude,

Maureen Crowley Heil Director Programs and Development Pontifical Mission Societies



Please be reminded that all persons are required to wear a mask during Mass.

### Join Our Youth Choir



The music ministry is recruiting singers from the ages of 10-15 to form a youth choir for our 9:30 AM family mass on Sundays. This is a great opportunity for our youth to not only become more involved in the liturgy, but also to develop their musical skills and an appreciation of different styles of music through choral singing. Due to Covid19, we will be maintaining a maximum of 20 singers until further notice.

Rehearsals will be held on Saturdays from 10:30-

Rehearsals will be held on Saturdays from 10:30-11:15 AM, and on Sundays at 9:00 AM before the family mass. For more information, contact our music director, Carlo Serrano, at cserrano@saintjoes.com.

### St. Francis House Warm Winter Clothing Drive January 15-23, 2022



St. Francis House in the heart of downtown Boston is the largest day shelter in Massachusetts, providing

adults experiencing homelessness and poverty with food, clothing and shelter 365 days/year. Every week St. Francis House provides an average of 250 guests with a clean change of clothing. The Justice and Peace Committee is sponsoring our annual winter clothing drive for St. Francis House from January 15-23.

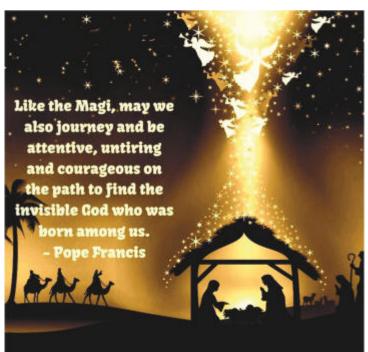
More details to follow. Thank you



What is the significance of Epiphany in Christianity?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (paragraph 528) says,

The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the firstfruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Savior of the world only by turning towards the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament. The Epiphany shows that "the full number of the nations" now takes its "place in the family of the patriarchs", and acquires Israelitica dignitas (is made "worthy of the heritage of Israel").





Over the coming months, Catholics from around the world will be participating in the Synod on Synodality.

What does that mean?

Here in Boston it means that we will be gathering, as parishes and as a diocese to pray together and to invite the Holy Spirit to help us to listen deeply to one another, and we will talk together about how best to do that.

So, for instance, a parish council may get together and ask "How can we as a parish council do a better job of letting the voices of all our parishioners be heard, even those who are not a part of an inner circle or who might be marginalized for whatever reason?"

The archdiocese and the church around the world will be engaging in the same sort of conversation. We pray that the Lord will open our hearts to Him and to all of our people



### The Holy Father's Prayer Intention 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.

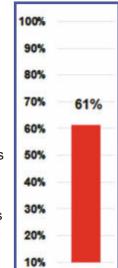
| Stewardship                             |            |           |            |  |
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| Offertory: Week 25<br>December 19, 2021 | Received   | Goal      | Variance   |  |
| In Church & By Mail                     | \$14,918   |           |            |  |
| Online-Weekly                           | \$ 3,812   |           |            |  |
| Online-Monthly                          | \$ 2,950   |           |            |  |
| TOTAL for Week                          | \$21,680   | \$15,500  | \$6,180    |  |
|   |            |           |            |  |
| TOTAL Year to Date                      | \$ 340,693 | \$387,500 | (\$46,807) |  |

## Our Grand Annual Appeal 2021

The appeal supports our day-to-day needs, such as clergy and liturgical expenses, building maintenance, the Faith Formation program and various pastoral ministries. We ask that you prayerfully consider a gift to this year's Grand Annual Appeal.

If you did not receive the information, extra copies are available at the doors of the church, as well as on the parish website:

www.stjosephparishneedham.com



| Grand Annual<br>2021/2022 | Received  | Goal      | Still to Go |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Number of Gifts           | 154       | 350       | 196         |
| Amount                    | \$116.350 | \$190,000 | \$73, 650   |

The Pro-Life Rosary is prayed before the 9:30 am Mass every Sunday. Please join in prayer for respect for all life, especially pre-born babies.



Adoration in the lower church every Friday following the 6:50 a.m. Mass. Adoration concludes with Reposition at 12 noon.



| 25        | Mass Intentions                   |  |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|--|
| الراق     | onuss ontentions                  |  |
| Saturday  | y, January 1                      |  |
| 9:00      | Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  |  |
| 11:00     | Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  |  |
| Sunday,   | January 2                         |  |
| 7:30      | Virginia Mary DeCoste– Memorial   |  |
| 9:30      | Jenny Ching– Memorial             |  |
| 11:00     | Mary Payer– Memorial              |  |
| 5:00      | The People of Saint Joseph Parish |  |
| Monday    | , January 3                       |  |
| 6:50      | Mary O'Connor- Memorial           |  |
| Tuesday   | , January 4                       |  |
| 6:50      | Msgr. John McDonough              |  |
| Wednes    | day, January 5                    |  |
| 6:50      | Elzbieta Welz– Memorial           |  |
| Thursda   | y, January 6                      |  |
| 6:50      |                                   |  |
| Friday, J | lanuary 7                         |  |
| 6:50      | Geraldine Freiler– Memorial       |  |
| Saturda   | y, January 8                      |  |
| 8:30      | Marion Delaney- Memorial          |  |
| 4:00      | Robert Cole– Memorial             |  |
| Sunday,   | January 9                         |  |
| 7:30      | The People of Saint Joseph Parish |  |
| 9:30      | William Dickson– Memorial         |  |
| 11:00     | Adrienne Garrido- Memorial        |  |
| 5:00      | Mary Lorraine Walsh– Memorial     |  |

### Rose for Life

Each week, roses are placed beside the statue of the Blessed Mother as reminders to pray for the unborn.



This week, the roses are donated In memory of Msgr. Francis McGann, all those who work to restore respect for life

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#### **PARISH STAFF**

St. Joseph School Development Office
Mary Beth Cox, Director

### **Music Ministry**

Carlo Serrano, DMA, Music Director Adult Choir & Children/Family Choir

Daryl Bichel, Organist

### **SACRAMENTS**

### BAPTISM:

To request the Sacrament of Baptism for your child please fill out the form found on the parish website at: <a href="http://www.stjosephparishneedham.com/baptism">http://www.stjosephparishneedham.com/baptism</a> or If you do not have online access or have a question, please contact the Parish Office at 781-444-0245.

### RECONCILIATION (Confession):

Saturday from 2:30pm to 3:30pm and by Appointment.

### **MARRIAGE**:

Contact one of the parish priests for scheduling. A preparation period of at least six months must be allowed between initial contact and the date set. Couples are required to attend a Marriage Preparation Program during this time.

### SAINT JOSEPH PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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### **HOLY MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm

Sunday 7:30 am

9:30 am (Family)

11:00 am 5:00 pm

Daily Mass 6:50 am (Monday to Friday)

8:30 am (Saturday)

### **Church Prayer Hours**

Lower Church

Mon – Fri 6 am to 6 pm Sat – Sun 7 am to 5 pm