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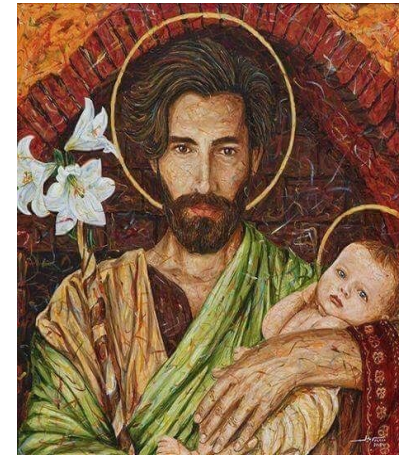
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**Parish Information**

**Mass Times**  
*Weekday*  
Tues/Wed/Fri. 8:30AM / Thurs. 12noon  
*(Rosary Recited before these masses)*

*Weekend*  
Sat. 5:00PM / Sun. 10:00AM

**Office Hours**  
Tues. & Thurs. 10 am to 3:30 pm

**Parish & Community Groups**  
C.W.L. / Annette Dunford  
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*Music Ministry /*  
Tina McCarthy & Amy Melanson

*Cemetery Board /*  
Bob Condon 705-772-6071

*Hall Rental /* Contact Parish Office

**St. Joseph's School /** 705-652-3961,  
Principal, Wayne Clarke

**Reception of Sacraments**  
Marriage / arrange min. 6 months prior  
Baptism / call parish office  
Reconciliation / Sat. 4PM-4:30PM  
Home Communion upon request.

**Epiphany of the Lord**

Merry Christmas! Happy Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord!

I so love the liturgy of the Church. When we hear the word "liturgy," we often think of Mass; however, the church's liturgy is so much more than Mass. Liturgy is the public work of the church, which includes Mass, the celebration of the sacraments, and the liturgy of the hours among other public acts of prayers. The liturgy of the hours is the daily prayer of the church that clergy and many religious are required to pray. Some beautiful antiphons and readings come from the liturgy of the hours that many people never pray or hear.


Today includes one of my favorite antiphons of the year, which is prayed during evening prayer on Sunday night: "Three mysteries mark this holy day: today the star leads the Magi to the infant Christ; today water is changed into wine for the wedding feast; today Christ wills to be baptized by John in the river Jordan to bring us salvation." What a beautiful statement connecting these three great mysteries. Jesus reveals himself through these three events to show the world that he has come to bring us in communion with God. When we read the story of the Magi, the church invites us to not only think of this moment in Christ's life but to connect it to these other moments to allow Jesus to reveal himself in our lives as well.

I pray you have time in the remaining Christmas season to reflect on how the Lord reveals himself in your lives.

God Bless Fr. Randy

**"I rejoiced when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122.1**

We welcome all visitors and parishioners who have come to worship here today on this the **Epiphany of the Lord**. To our visitors, you may come as a stranger to us, yet you are known to Our Lord, Jesus Christ. In His name, we pray you will find peace, hospitality, and friendship with us. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, we are glad you're here and hope that you come back again. The doors of our parish and our hearts are open to you. Please be in touch. If you are a resident in this area, we hope that you will continue to grace us with your presence and register with us. You may call 705-652-3231 or stop by the parish office to register. If you are a visitor, we thank you for partici-



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## WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

### Feast of Epiphany

January 5– January 11

#### Mass Intentions for this Week

**Tuesday, January 7 8:30 am**

+Margart Yasyszczuk by Bernard & Lise Leahy family

**Wednesday January 8, 8:30 am** +Wayne Carlow by Carmella Lemoire family

**Thursday January 9, noon** + Wayne Carlow by Bernard Sullivan family

**Friday January 10** +Jack Holland by Bernard & Lise Leahy family

#### Epiphany Sunday

**Saturday Vigil January 11, 2025 5pm**

For the People of the Parish  
+Frank Condon by Shelly & Family

**Sunday January 12, 2025 10 a.m.**

+John A (1988), +John A (2008), John A 2011 by Conlin family

+Jack Holland by Bob & Maureen Sullivan

#### Looking Ahead

##### Parish Meetings & Community Events

**January 7** CWL monthly meeting 1p.m. Parish hall

**January 14** Sacramental Classes Reassumes held at the church this week.

**January 21** K of C monthly meeting Parish hall 7p.m.

**January 24** K of C hosting a Card Party at the parish hall all are welcome, further information see poster or speak to Derek Leahy



Quilter you resume quilting on January 13th & 14th as well on January 27 & 28.

#### Pope Francis January Intentions

##### For the Right for Education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their rights to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

#### Liturgical Ministry

**Sat. 5:00pm mass**

**Sun. 10:00am**

##### mass

##### Lector

Jan. 4/5

Bob Condon

Bernard Leahy

Jan. 11/12

John Gennaro

Brian Moloney

##### Eucharistic Minister

Jan. 4/5

Wendy Tedford

Annette Dunford

Jan. 11/12

Michael Korkus

Sinead Ryan

##### Ushers

Jan. 4/5

Murray Carlow

John Sullivan

Jan. 11/12

Barry Condon

Ray Carlow

##### Cleaners

Week of Jan. 6

Jean Heffernan & Rosemary Towns

Week of Jan. 13

Dorothy Perdue & Bernice Heffernan

##### Counters

Jan. 7

Pawel & Ingrid Zbieranowski

Jan. 14

Daryl Fitzgerald, Dorothy Perdue, Carrie Conroy

The **BLESSED MOTHER** Candle burns this week : **World Peace**



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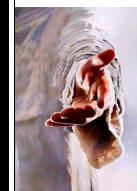


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#### Parish Stewardship Collection—past week

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#### Praying for and with our Loved Ones



Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently died and those who remain in the silence of our hearts. We also keep in prayer those in Nursing Homes, Retirements Residence or are shut-in/hospitalized. In special way, let us pray for the health and well being of:

**Joe Ross, Jonathan Noyce, Maryann Clancy, Marie Moher, Paul Yasyszczuk, Kevin Sullivan.**

(Persons on the above list will be listed for 3months, if further prayers are needed, or to add/remove someone from the list, please contact the office or Fr. Randy.)

#### Epiphany Blessing

The Epiphany household blessing is a centuries-old tradition that invokes God's blessing on all who enter one's home. All you need for an Epiphany blessing is chalk, which is available at the back of the church in a basket.

You take it home some then calls down God's blessing on the house and everyone who comes into it, and an inscription is made above the door in chalk. The inscription reads: the first two digits of the year + C + M + B + the last two digits of the year. The initials C, M and B represent the names of the magi — Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar — and also signify the Latin phrase **Christus mansionem benedicat**: "May Christ bless the house."

**My prayer for all is those who enter your home may find Christ present there and find peace.** Fr. Randy

Rosary prayed by parishioners for parishioners in Dec. 425!

#### Jubilee Year-Pilgrims of Hope

##### Traveling St. Joseph Statue

I would like to introduce for this Jubilee Year a "Pilgrim Statue of St. Joseph" - which I invite parishioners/families to sign up to take it home for a week (Sunday to Sunday). Accompanying the statue will be a little booklet of suggested prayers, although each is free to pray however they choose. After having the statue, return it following the week-end masses, so the next parishioner/family can take it. Also, you are welcome to write down a prayer petition you would like others to pray for you.

Sign up sheet is located by St. Theresa Statue (west back side of church). Hopefully we can begin it this next week on the Baptism of the Lord.

St. Joseph was a good father and husband to Jesus and Mary. Joseph isn't just the father of Jesus; he is the spiritual father of the entire church and protects everyone who is part of it. His role is to guide and protect anyone who is part of the family of God.

#### Thursday's pray for Vocations

Let us pray for our Teachers and all those who are involved in Education



#### Euchre Tournament

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**Prayer for the New Year:** Come, Holy Spirit. Spirit of the Risen Christ, be with us today and always. Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter. Be our Strength, our Courage, and our Sanctifier. May this new year be a time of deep spiritual growth for us, A time of welcoming your graces and gifts, A time for forgiving freely and unconditionally, A time for growing in virtue and goodness. Come, Holy Spirit, Be with us today and always Amen St. Joseph Pray for us.

**Celebrating Children at St Joseph's** To parents of young children, may we suggest . . . RELAX! God put the wiggle in children. They are welcome in God's house! Sit toward the front where it's easier for them to see and hear. Quietly explain the parts of the Mass to them; pray and say the responses. Children learn behavior by copying you! Feel free to briefly take your child out of Mass if you must, but please come back! The way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the church, to God, and to Jesus. Let them know that they are at home in God's house. To members of the parish . . . A smile of encouragement and a kind word are always welcome to parents with small active children. Jesus LOVES the little children! (There are some Children books on East side of the church under St. Antony's Statue)