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**Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday, January 5, 2025**

Pastor

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St Joseph Parish

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Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 5: 15 pm

Sunday: 11:00 am

Daily: M, T, Th, F., 8:00 am
Wed. 12: 10 pm

Confession: Saturday, 4:00-4:45 pm
or by appointment

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-12:00
pm | by appointment from 1:30-
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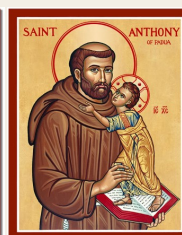
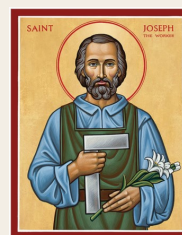
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Confession: by appointment

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Karrie Kardos

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Happy New Year! The Year of Our Lord 2024 is behind us and the Year of Our Lord 2025 is ahead of us. This Sunday we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. Epiphany literally means “manifestation” and refers to Christ being made manifest to the nations. The particular event which the Epiphany celebrates is the arrival of the Magi in Bethlehem. The Magi, who came from a distant country, are representative of the whole world coming to know Christ.

It is customary to make resolutions for the New Year. The fresh start is a good opportunity to get back on track, particularly with health. This is also a prime opportunity to get back on track with our spiritual health! If I were to make one recommendation for a new year’s resolution, it would be this: pray the rosary every day! The rosary was given by the Blessed Mother to St. Dominic as an easy and meditative prayer for us to pray. The Blessed Mother has continually requested we pray it, as at Lourdes and at Fatima. Through the rosary, our parish should be a

powerhouse of prayer that transforms our families and our community.

Through the rosary, we spend time honoring Jesus and meditating on his life through the eyes of the person who loved him most, his mother. The rosary is a very adaptable prayer: it can be said in the car while we drive, at work or home while doing chores, or, if we have a little more time, very slowly and deliberately.

A not too long ago, the TV program 60 Minutes presented a piece on the most recent miracle from Lourdes: the healing of a nun who suffered for many years from a painful and debilitating condition. Sister Bernadette Moriau, after a visit to Lourdes, experienced a scientifically inexplicable recovery. These are the things that happen when we stay close to the Blessed Mother. I do not know what miracles God has in store for us this year, but I am certain that he has something special planned.

Happy New Year, and May God Bless you,
Fr. James

Scripture Readings

For the Week of January 5, 2025

Sunday

The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Monday

1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday

1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday

1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday

1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2; 14 and 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22

Friday

1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday

1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday

Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29-1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

“WISDOM IS SEEING WITH GOD’S EYES.”

– POPE FRANCIS

SCRIPTURE AND THE TRADITION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH PROVIDE AN ABUNDANCE OF WISDOM, THOUGH IT CAN OFTEN BE CHALLENGING TO APPLY IT TO OUR LIVES. TO HELP YOU LEARN TO GATHER AND LIVE WITH GREATER WISDOM, WE WILL BEGIN

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OR STJOSEPHSHARONFAITHFORMATION@GMAIL.COM.

YOU WILL NOT ONLY BENEFIT PERSONALLY FROM BEING PART OF THIS STUDY; YOU WILL ALSO HELP US TO GROW IN FELLOWSHIP AS A PARISH AS WE GROW CLOSER TO CHRIST TOGETHER.

**USHER
TRAINING**

Sunday, January 19, 2025
After 11:00 Mass

Usher Training – Those wishing to serve as an usher (including those who are currently assisting in this ministry) are asked to attend a training session on Sunday, January 19, 2025, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. We welcome those who are at least in sixth grade and above to participate. For more information, please contact Melissa Joseph, DRE, at 724-981-3232 or StJosephSharonFaithFormation@gmail.com.

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 6

† 8:00 am • St. Joseph
Jim Black
(Ann Sheasley)

Tuesday, January 7

† 8:00 am • St. Joseph
Wanda Nigborowicz
(John Nigborowicz)

Wednesday, January 8

† 12:10 pm • St. Joseph
Jim Black
(Ann Sheasley)

Thursday, January 9

† 8:00 am • St. Joseph
Robert S. Mayo
(Dr. & Mrs. Robert Weiner Family)

Friday, January 10

† 8:00 am • St. Joseph
Melanie Giordano
(Mom & Dad)

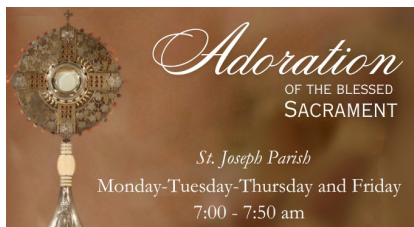
Saturday, January 11

† 5:15 pm • St. Joseph, Vigil
Bill Lasche
(Dr. & Mrs. Robert Weiner Family)

Sunday, January 12

† 8:30 am • St. Anthony
Living Members of St. Anthony
and St. Joseph Parishes

† 11:00 am • St. Joseph
Mr. & Mrs. John Seger
(Mary Beth Jones)



Weekly Reminders

For the Week of January 5

Jan. 5 • St. Joseph
Faith Formation, Confirmation
Class and OCIA Resume.

Altar Flowers

St. Joseph • Reservations begin 1-19-2025

2025 Altar Flower Donor Program is a program offered at St. Joseph Church that provides an opportunity to honor a loved one and is based on a first come, first served sign-up list. A weekly altar flower bouquet is delivered from Petals and Stems and an announcement of the memorial is placed in the church bulletin.

The cost is \$50 and is to be collected at that time of reservation. To reserve your date, you may stop in the parish office between 9:00 am-12:00 pm M-TH or you may call the office to schedule an afternoon appointment.

Due to the high demand of this program, reservations are limited to one weekend per donor. After March 2025 if any dates remain, a second weekend can be reserved by the same donor. Signup reservations will begin on **Monday, January 19, 2025**.

2025 AVAILABLE ALTAR FLOWER DATES

Jan. 26	July 6, 13, 20, 27
Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23	Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
March 2	Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28
May 18, 25	Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26
June 1, 8, 22, 29	Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23

Candles

St. Anthony • Week of January 5

The Blessed Virgin Mary Candle at Saint Anthony Church is lit for Stephen Pustinger by Aunt Karrie & Uncle Marty.

St. Anthony Candle Reservations.

There are many available devotional candles that still remain throughout 2025 to have your loved one honored. The cost per candle is \$5 and fee is due at the time of reservation. Please stop by St. Joseph Office during office hours to reserve your candle.

Please Pray For

Ford Bartle, Liam Rueberger, Peggy Heldorfer, Gene Pacsi, William Haroldson, Helen Donnelly, Msgr. Andrew Karg, Lois Trimble, Adele Ontko, Delbert Ontko, Beth Bottenfield, Rich Pannutti, Ed Doughty, Jean Hetrick, Barbara Burdick, Frances Rice, Marie Peterson, Ed Gursky Sr., Ed Gursky Jr., Joe Biro, Chuck H., Mary Ellen Luensman, Lorraine Penhos, Walter Zuhosky, Loretta Krutsch, Lisa Dawson, Marcie Mondoc, Dennis Staul, Carol Thomas, Barbara LeMon, Levi Bowser and Joe Ference.

Children's Liturgy of The Word

CLOW

Feedback Requested! We would like to hear from our families about their interest in reintroducing Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays. During CLOW, the children are dismissed from the main assembly with an adult leader and assistant to listen to the readings and Gospel using a biblical translation that is simple, but not childish. They hear a reflection that can help them apply the readings to their lives, and they practice using the responses and prayers used in the Liturgy of the Word. The children return to celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist with their families and the general assembly. This ministry will require the help of several volunteers – adults and teens are welcome. Volunteers will need to complete the required Child Protection clearances. If you would like to have CLOW at Mass and/or are willing to help facilitate this program, please contact Melissa Joseph, DRE at 724-981-3232 or Stjosephsharonfaithformation@gmail.com.

St. Joseph News and Announcements



Featured Item: "Cereal"

Please place your donation in the shopping cart located in the Gathering Space or at the Clepper's entrance.

Upcoming Featured Items

Peanut Butter * Canned Vegetables * Paper Towels

For qualified individuals, upcoming December Food Pantry distribution dates are Friday, January 3rd and 17th from 9:30-11:00 am.

Don't forget to purchase your Comedy Night tickets! Gather your friends and family for a fun filled night of laughter, good food and company! To purchase tickets stop by St. Joseph Church office Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am –12:00 pm or go online to our secure website, VANCO or call the church office at 724-981-3232 to make other arrangements.

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St. Anthony News and Announcements

Epiphanies

The journey of our lives to Christ is rarely a straight path. Especially for those who were baptized into the Catholic faith as babies, we often need to find our own way by winding roads and paths until we arrive at and embrace faith as our own. Merriam-Webster defines "epiphany" as "a usually sudden manifestation or perception of the essential nature or meaning of something." Almost always, this entails a "Aha!" moment, which changes the course of the story.

I experienced this in my own life in the middle of the Covid pandemic. When the world began to shut down, I finally knew that I was not alone, and that I never had been. You see, I found myself newly pregnant for the fifth time with no living children, after having experienced loss after loss. In my pain and struggle, I had turned from God the previous fall when it seemed door after door had closed for the opportunity to have a child.

But while the world was radically changing, I had an incredible moment which can only be described as an epiphany from the Holy Spirit: I became acutely aware that I was not alone, nor had I ever been alone. Struggling with feeling alone was something that had plagued me throughout my life. And now, suddenly, in the middle of a world that was radically shifting toward being apart, I came to believe that I was not alone, had never been alone, and will never be alone. How radical!

It is also radical that, in the course of human history - of salvation history - God would reveal Himself to all of humanity. After all, God was the God of Israel. And yet, God planned to reveal Himself in the form of a helpless baby to all nations. Juxtapositions abound with God, and somehow they all make sense. Today, as we celebrate the Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord, may we always be open to the seeming contradictions that God places in our lives and be willing to learn from them.

By Mary Thissen

The Epiphany of the Lord TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This week Christmas Day is observed in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 B.C. Julius Ceasar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called "pontiffs" were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named "The Last Year of Confusion." The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years.

Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia's Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end! —James Field

Ministry Schedule – January 11/12

St. Joseph • 5:15 pm (Saturday)

Lector K. Bonomo
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion S. Delp, M. Orchard, K. Muller
Altar Servers D. Eller, A. Jordan
Greeters B. Charles

St. Anthony • 8:30 am (Sunday)


Lector J. Slanitz
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion C. Zeigler, L. Kubyako
Altar Server M. Podolan
Offertory Counters Group 4

St. Joseph • 11:00 am (Sunday)

Lector M. Joseph
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion S. Cleary, J. Sherbine, M. B. Jones, P. Emery, V. Mulligan
Altar Servers T. Joseph, C. Joseph
Greeters M. Rodriguez, E. Rodriguez

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The 1st quarter Ministry Schedule, January 11 through–March 27, 2025 is available to view online via the Web Terminal. Please log onto your profile to view and/or print your schedule. For those who do not have internet access, please call the church office for assistance after January 2, 2025.



Ministry Scheduler Pro

Baptism: A pre-baptism class is required before scheduling a baptism. Please call 724-981-3232 to schedule a class and your baptism date.

Matrimony: Please contact the pastor for marriage preparation at least one year in advance of the wedding.

Prayer Line: For intentions, please call 724-981-3232.

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- Desire to make an impact in generations to come?
- Desire to help our young people discover their God-given purpose?
- Desire to raise up our youth in their gifts and talents to bless those around them?

WAYS TO BE INVOLVED

Weekly High School Youth Nights will begin the end of January 2025, but we need YOUR help!



Contact Gabby Herndon
YouthForChrist@dioceseoferie.org



WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

Join a conversation on life, faith & purpose.
Every Wednesday Night starting January 29, 2025 through May.
January 29, 2025 | 6:00-7:30pm | Notre Dame Church
 High School Youth | 9-12th Grade | All Shenango Valley Youth

Dinner - Games - Conversations |
Bring your friends - you don't have to be Catholic. All are welcome!

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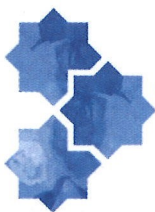
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