

# *Saint Joseph Catholic Church*

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## The Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2018

CCD Information – Please contact the Rectory Office

St. Joseph Parish Outreach – 301-475-6533

Parish Secretary – Mrs. Nancy M. Russell

Office Assistant – Mrs. Pam McCutchen

Saturday Evening Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses: 8:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday

Confessions: 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Saturday and Sunday following the 6 p.m. Mass.

Baptisms: Please call the Rectory to make arrangements. Parents must be practicing Catholics in this Parish or able to provide a letter of permission from the the proper parish for Baptism here. Godparents, if not St. Joseph parishioners, must provide a letter that they meet the requirements: a practicing Catholic, at least 16 years old, have received Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion and, if married, in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church.

Marriages: Please contact the Pastor prior to making wedding arrangements.

Sacrament of the Sick: Those hospitalized or home-bound to receive the Sacraments, call the Rectory.

Rectory Office Hours 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday



# Father's Thoughts

My Dear Parish,

We celebrate today a certain Holy Day called the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord—"The Epiphany" for short. The scripture reading we hear at Mass recalls the Magi coming from the east (having seen Jesus' star) and worshipping the child Jesus. This moment at the beginning of Our Lord's earthly life should also be a cause of great rejoicing for us who in many ways are similar to the Magi.

Like the Magi who arrived at Bethlehem from far away, we come to worship the Lord from many backgrounds. Our parishioners are from a wide diversity of ethnic and cultural backgrounds: black, white, Latino, Asian. And individually, each one of us has a story of the journey we've travelled to arrive, at last, at the feet of the newborn King.

The Magi seek Jesus with a unified voice: "We have come to worship Him." Our faith, too, while personal and intimate is also a gift we share. We see this most clearly when we pray as one at Mass on Sunday. We also see our unity as followers of Christ in the love we have for one another, especially those who are most in need. None of us seeks Jesus alone. He's the one we are all waiting for.

The Magi who after rejoicing to find Jesus and worshipping him returned to their homes, as the scripture says, "by another way." This "other way" for us is the new life we live in faith knowing that the world is different and that our relationship with God is different. His being born to save us produces in us the same eagerness not to go back to our former ways, but to lead inspired lives.

On this Feast of the Epiphany, may we worship our savior in unity, charity and joy.

With paternal affection,

*Fr. Drew*

**Mass Intentions for January 8<sup>th</sup> through January 14<sup>th</sup>**

Monday	10:00 a.m.	Daniel & Douglas Brown and Joshua Holton
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Mary L. Tennyson
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Tony Gentile (Living)
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Michael Adams
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Larry Bracey
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Mary L. Tennyson
	5:00 p.m.	Maurice Chapman & Susan B. Thompson
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Fidelis & Kevin Russell
	10:00 a.m.	Earthquake Victims in Haiti (2010)
	6:00 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

**Mass Schedule for January 13<sup>th</sup> and January 14<sup>th</sup>**

	<u><b>Lectors</b></u>	<u><b>Altar Servers</b></u>
<b>Saturday, 5:00 p.m.</b>	Carolyn Chase	Liam Haley
<b>Sunday, 8:00 a.m.</b>	Sarah Richardson	
<b>Sunday, 10:00 a.m.</b>	Matthew Quinn	Benjamin Chase

**Please pray for those who are sick in our parish** especially Joe Lee Somerville, Antoinette Nelson, Sandy Branson, Roy Hauck, Winnie Merson, Ann Young, Sara Custer, Thelma Russell, Gary Lewis, Yvonne Lennon, James Nelson, Elizabeth Adams, Alan Burch, Mary C. Holt, Bernadette Herbert and Thomas Lionel Herbert.

<b>Offertory, December 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Envelopes \$3,259.00	Loose \$2,059.00
<b>Christmas Offering</b>	Envelopes \$5,769.00	Loose \$5,659.00
<b>Offertory, December 31<sup>st</sup></b>	Envelopes \$2,323.00	Loose \$2,372.00
<b>Solemnity of Mary Collection</b>	\$888.00	

Thank you for your generosity.

**St. Joseph's Parish Outreach** has rescheduled the January meeting. The meeting will now be held on Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

**Mother Catherine Academy News:**

- Applications for the 2018-2019 Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program is now open for new families. The deadline to apply for assistance is Monday, February 5, 2018.  
<http://adw.org/tuition-assistance>.

**Yearly Contribution Statements** will be mailed this month. Please contact the Rectory if your address has changed so we can update your file before printing. Thank you!

**Join us to pray the Rosary** – The Blessed Mother said at Fatima that anyone who prayed the Rosary for 5 first Saturdays, she would be with you and you will die a happy death. The Rosary will be recited after the 8 a.m. Mass on Saturday Jan 6, Feb 3, Mar 3, Apr 7, and May 5. All are welcome to join us at St. Joseph's Church.

***The Next Christ Life Series will start in January*** at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church with “Discovering Christ”. This seven week experience consists of a great meal, worship, dynamic teaching and small group discussion about the meaning of life in Jesus Christ. “Discovering Christ” is for anyone, from the daily Mass goer to the unbaptized person who has never entered a church, and all in between. The dates of “Discovering Christ” are January 28 – March 25 and it is held on Sundays from 5 pm – 8 pm (including dinner) in the IHM Fellowship Hall located at 22375 Three Notch Rd., Lexington Park, MD 20653. There is no cost for you. However, pre-registration is required to have an accurate number for dinner preparation. For more information or to register call 301-863-8144.

### **Upcoming Events & Reminders**

***Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>*** – Preparation class for anyone in need of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at 7 p.m. in the Church.

***Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>*** – Catechism with Father Drew in the Church at 11 a.m. CCD at 6:45 p.m.