



- **Daily Mass** every Thursday at **9:30am** (**Rosary @ 9:10**)
- **A mass celebrating the Holy Mother of God** —11:30am Jan. 1st
- **Bible study** in the parish hall **Thursdays 10-15 -11:30** . It will resume after the New Year's on Thursday January 8th.
- **Women's' Club Meetings** meet regularly each **Second Monday** of the month /11am . **Cleaning the church** will be Monday January 5th beginning at 10:30. Please consider giving a helping hand.

### Women's Club NEWS

- The basket of Cheer raised \$525.00 which was donated to the church. Again, congratulations to Judy Vara, this year's winner.
- Money raised through donations for Christmas was \$690.00 which will be enough to cover Easter decorations as well. Thank you for your generosity.
- A small Christmas gift of thanksgiving was given to Father Guzman, John Rodgers, and our Altar Servers. We appreciate your service to our parish community.
- We will be cleaning the church THIS Monday January 5th at 10:30am. We encourage anyone to come help.
- Throughout the upcoming year we will be asking for donations of basic items for parish use. January we are asking for rolls of paper towels. Please drop off your donation in the parish hall

### Summary of Feast Days in January

**January 1:** Mary, Mother of God

**January 3:** Holy Name of Jesus

**January 6:** Epiphany of the Lord

**January 10:** Baptism of the Lord

**January 25:** Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

This month is a time for Catholics to deepen their faith through reflection on the significance of name of Jesus and various saints commemorated.



Submissions for bulletins must be made by Tuesday to: [stjcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:stjcoordinator@gmail.com)

Or to Bob Renaud~ [brenaud65@gmail.com](mailto:brenaud65@gmail.com)



# ST. JOSEPH

Catholic Church



### MASS SCHEDULE:

**Thursday – Weekday Mass 9:30 am (Rosary 9:10am)**

**Saturday( Anticipated Mass) 4:00pm**

**Sunday 12:30pm**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation 3-3:45pm Saturdays**  
(or by appointment)

**All other sacraments please call parish office to inquire.**

**Rev. Agustin L. Guzman, CO, Pastor**

**Phone:** 803-329-1008 (St Mary Catholic Church, Rock Hill)

**Emergency:** Home 803-327-2098 Cell: 803-627-5297

**John Rodgers, Office/Business Manager**

**Office Phone** – 803-377-4695 (St Joseph)

**Office Hours:** Wednesday 10 am to 2 pm (John Rodgers)

Thursday 9 am to 10:30 am & Saturday pm (Fr Agustin)

**Website:** [josephchester.org](http://josephchester.org) **Email:** [stjcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:stjcoordinator@gmail.com)

**110 W End St, Chester SC 29706**



January 4, 2026

Solemnity of the Epiphany

#### UPCOMING FEAST

**05 St. John Neumann**  
**06 St. Brother Andre Bessette**  
**07 St. Raymond of Penafort**  
**08 St. Angela of Foligno**  
**09 St. Andrian of Canterbury**  
**10 St. Gregory of Nyssa**  
**11 Bl. William Carter**

### Let Us Pray

... that we learn to use the gifts that we've been given to bring honor and praise to the Lord.

#### MINISTRY (Sat./Sun.) SCHEDULE :

**LECTOR:** Sat. B. Renaud/V. Paragon

**E.M:** Sat. S. Robinson/S. Robinson

**LECTOR:** Sun M. Lifsey /R. Whisonant

**E.M:** Sun. J. Rodgers/K. Hutto

#### LAST WEEK OFFERING:

Envelopes	\$655.00
Loose	\$109.00
<b>Total: Under Budget</b>	<b>\$764.00</b>
<b>Other:</b> candle ,refurb, special	<b>\$2459.00</b>
<b>Weekly Budget:</b>	<b>\$1847.00</b>

St. Joseph online Donation:

<https://www.osvhub.com/stmarysrh/funds/st-joseph-church-chester-donations>

**IF YOU ARE ABLE, PLEASE CONSIDER INCREASING YOUR WEEKLY GIFT**

#### ORATORY CENTER FOR SPIRITUALTY

If you would like to have more information about the center or the programs it offers, you may visit the Oratory in Rock Hill

[www.rockhilloratory.org](http://www.rockhilloratory.org)

[oratorycenter@gmail.com](mailto:oratorycenter@gmail.com)

## Why Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh?

Gold, frankincense, and myrrh were given to baby Jesus by the Magi (Wise Men) not just as expensive gifts, but for their profound symbolic meanings, representing Jesus as King (gold), God/Priest (frankincense), and suffering Savior (myrrh), foreshadowing his life, deity, and sacrificial death. These were customary gifts for royalty or deities, signifying the wise men recognized Jesus's divine identity and purpose from birth.

**Gold (Kingship):** A precious metal, gold signifies royalty and earthly power, recognizing Jesus as the promised King.

**Frankincense (Divinity/Priesthood):** An aromatic resin used in temple worship, frankincense honors Jesus's divine nature and his role as High Priest.

**Myrrh (Humanity/Death):** A bitter resin used for embalming and anointing the dead, myrrh points to Jesus' human suffering, sacrifice, and future death for humanity's sins.

**Practical Value:** The gifts were valuable and could have supported the Holy Family, especially during their flight to Egypt .



Study Sessions will resume on Thursday January 8th.

**PLEASE JOIN US. IT'S A TIME TO SHARE, TO GROW, AND TO INCREASE OUR LOVE FOR GOD FOUND IN HIS WRITTEN WORD. ALL ARE INVITED!**

- Wise men still follow the Star -



### Holy Humor



**2026 Calendars AND Collection Envelops** can be found in the side entrance of the church. Several remain. Please pick yours up. Thank you.

### Coffee With the SAINTS

*"As Christ has His work, we too have ours; as He rejoiced to do His work, we must rejoice in ours also."*

St. John Neumann

St. John Neumann pray for us!

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Mass 4:30pm Dinner 6:00-9:30pm



Proceeds benefit the Oratory Endowment Fund

All are welcome!

\$35 adults

\$10 child under 11

Ticket sale weekends

Jan. 3 - 4 & 10-11



Help Needed

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This Month's Remembrances

George & Mary Snyder	Jack Paragon
Amelia & Arthur Renaud	Janice Moore
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Gerald Glanton	Minnie Johnson



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- *We pray for the Church; that she may draw light and strength from the intercession of Mary and Joseph.*
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- *We pray for all the suffering souls in Purgatory especially those most in need of God's mercy and those with no one to pray for them.*
- *We pray for the conversion of all sinners including ourselves.*

See the Remembrance Book to include deceased loved ones for each month

\* Our sick or recently deceased can be added to our above lists at any time.

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Maggie Wilson	Beth Gaddy
Jay Williams	Tootie Juliano
Alex Whisonant	Jim Anderson
Gina McCanless	Maggie Robinson
Roger Ramsey	John Jacobs
Gabby Rowsam	Sam St. Croix
Jacqueline Botta	Ella Phillips
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