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*The Epiphany of the Lord*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Merry Christmas to you and your family on this Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

## DEACON'S DESK

Recently, I watched some television programs, mostly about sports and, of course, I had to endure a lot of commercials. I was amazed that many commercials focus on the individual life and freedom, and pets, even during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. There are not many of them related to family union and gathering, which I am a little disappointed about, because we all know how essential the family is in shaping our lives and formation. Family is the anchor that keeps us together in times of happiness and challenges. It is the place we can return to, seeking strength, protection, and energy to overcome our difficulties.

This Sunday, the Church invites us to reflect on the great example of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. In them, we see a family rooted in love, faith, sacrifice, and trust completely in God, even amid uncertainty and difficulties. The Holy Family reminds us that family unity does not come from having an easy life, but from choosing patience, commitment, and faith in God. Both Mary and Joseph listened to God, and together they protected the baby Jesus, especially when they faced danger. Their example calls us to courageously protect our own family, spiritually, emotionally, and physically, by following their footsteps, especially in the world today, where the value of family has gradually lost its core in the individual lifestyle.

On this Sunday, we pray for families of our parish: those filled with joy, those facing conflict, and those experiencing loss or separation. May the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph inspire us to strengthen the bonds, to speak with kindness, to act with compassion, and to seek peace and unity even when it is difficult.

Sincerely in Christ,

Deacon Joseph Ho



Prayers of the congregation are requested for the repose of the soul of: **Judith Cattani.**

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And may perpetual light shine upon them.*

### + Intentions for the Week +

**Monday, January 5, Saint John Neumann, Bishop**

9:00 Anne Gearity

**Tuesday, January 6, Christmas Weekday**

8:00 Pat and Dorothy D'Andrea

**Wednesday, January 7, Christmas Weekday**

9:00 John Soxie (Anniv)

**Thursday, January 8, Christmas Weekday**

8:00 Kathy Long

**Friday, January 9, Christmas Weekday**

9:00 Steve Marinik

**Saturday, January 10, Christmas Weekday**

8:00 Rita Eynon

4:00 Donald Dawson and Don Dawson

**Sunday, January 11, The Baptism of the Lord**

8:30 For the Parish

10:30 Joe Cattani

**Please pray for:** Cailyn Wagner; Linda Mencke; Dan Curran; Fr. Lanning; Gerri Popovich; Bruce Betz; Frank Stepic; Nancy Thorn; Bobbie Corrigan; John Dawson; Natalie (Partee) Hallis; Mackenzie Miles; James Tunney; Eileen Jamieson; Mandi Petonic; Mercedes Aemilia Scullion & her Da; Bernadette Andrews; Roberta Werner; James Faddoul; Herbert Hastings; Lynda Arth; The Bartko Family; Vicki Gannon; Lydia Caroline Milligan; Ellen Burch; Barbara Waitkus; Rob Geszler; Betty Logue; Evan; Janice Thomas; Mary Burich; Michael Coyne; McKayla Coyne; Tom Seltel; John Keys; Mary Mertus; Leslie Ann Kosenta; Greg Harrison; Carol Brown.

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*Maureen McLaughlin*



Names current as of 12/23/25

*On behalf of Father Philip,  
Father Joe and the Parish Staff, we  
would like to wish everyone a  
Blessed Christmas season and a  
Happy New Year!*



**The next cooking class demonstration  
topic is "To be decided"!**

Presented by: Fr. Philip Racco

**Saturday, January 10th in Dempsey Hall  
from 10:00 AM – Noon**

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**Scripture Classes** resume on Monday, January 5,  
2026 at 7:00PM and again on Tuesday morning,  
January 6th at 9:15AM.



The next Baptism Class will be held on Sunday, January  
11, 2026 at 1:00PM in the Community Room in the  
church. Call the Parish Office to register.

**Christ Present in Action Committee Sandwich Making**  
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Saturday, January 31	7:15 AM to 7:30 PM
Sunday, February 1	8:15 AM to 7:30 PM
Monday, February 2	6:15 PM to 9:00 PM

Please know that what you will gain from attending the Light of the World Parish Retreat will far outweigh your investment in time and commitment.



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